



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

March
2024

Greetings as we continue our Lenten journey towards Easter morning! Three more Sundays in Lent, then Palm Sunday also known as Passion Sunday, and finally Easter that, fittingly, falls on the last day of the month. Too often we like to jump from Palm Sunday to Easter, remembering the happy times, the celebration. But that last week of our Savior's life, that Holy Week, is seven important days long. It is a journey to the cross and beyond, a journey full of pain and betrayal, a journey that changed the world and each of our lives forever. So, this year we have planned a full week of services in order that we might all journey each day along with our Lord.

We will begin our week with a traditional Palm Sunday service as we all join the procession waving our palm leaves. On Holy Monday Jesus visits at Lazarus' home in Bethany and is anointed with costly nard by Lazarus' sister, Mary. We will post a brief Holy Monday service on our Facebook page that you may view at your convenience. On Tuesday Jesus explains that unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it cannot bear fruit. A Holy Tuesday service will also be posted on our Facebook page for your viewing. On Spy Wednesday, as Jesus speaks of His upcoming betrayal, our regular mid-week Lenten service will be held at 12:15 and will include a healing service. On the day of our Lord's Last Supper we will have a full Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm with a final stripping of the alter. Our Good Friday service will also be at 7:00 and will include the Solemn Reproaches. Then finally, gloriously, the day that our Savior saved the world, our Easter morning service will be at 9:30.

By the way, does Easter seem early to you this year? The date for Easter, around which the rest of our church year revolves, is not a random selection. The ancient tradition says Easter falls on the first Sunday on or after the first full moon following the spring equinox (March 21). So, technically, Easter can fall anywhere from March 22 to April 25. Lent is counted backward from Easter to get the date for Ash Wednesday and we count forward from Easter to decide the date of Pentecost. May these final days of Lent and the Holy Week bring you rebirth and rejuvenation, peace and comfort. Amen.

Pastor Jaegge



Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christ & Love



Lent may be a time of reflection, but it need not be one of inaction. You are invited to share love with our neighbors around the world by getting your hands busy making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits! The kits and generous financial gifts our congregation will make deliver hope to our neighbors in need around the world.

Items needed are:

- Lightweight bath towels (between 20"x40" - 52"x27")
- Bars of bath soap (4 oz bars, in original wrapping)

Kits will be assembled Sunday, April 14.

Synod Assembly

Two voting members (1 male & 1 female) are needed for the Synod Assembly June 6-8, 2024 at the Embassy Suites in Olathe, KS. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending!



Share Shed

Personal care items, shoes, and clothing items are always needed for the Share Shed. We are also in need of volunteers to help sort clothing. Donations may also be purchased from our Amazon Wish List <http://bit.ly/ImmanuelShareShed>



New Member Class

Please contact Pastor Jacque if you are interested in participating in this class!

Congregation Council Action

January 2024:

Approved recommendation from Mission Team for 2024 special offerings: Midweek Lent for DVACK; Thanksgiving Eve for Emergency Aid Food Bank; Midweek Advent for Salina Shares.

Do you have an article for the Messenger?

Please send information to office@immanuelsalina.org
Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month.

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Mutual Ministry Team

Each year the Finance Team, Mutual Ministry Team, and Council review and update the Definition of Compensation, Benefits, And Responsibilities for Ministers of Word and Sacrament Under Call for the pastor. This year the pastor's and congregation's duties, as approved by the council, are as follows:

1. During this time period (2024), the pastor will give special attention to the following:
 - (a) Preach, administer Sacraments, conduct worship, provide pastoral care & Constitutional duties
 - (b) Attend monthly ministry teams & council meetings, offering support and guidance
 - (c) Work with us to refine our goals, identify and utilize our member skills in service of God
 - (d) Support and encourage all members to participate so they feel connected
 - (e) Reach out to prospective new members
2. The congregation will encourage and support this pastor's ministry in the following ways:
 - (a) Commit to praying for her service among us
 - (b) Actively encourage members to use their gifts for the ministry of the church
 - (c) Strive to attend church regularly
 - (d) Strive to support the church financially as able
 - (e) Support & encourage one another

Online Giving Available!

Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

To get started, visit the church website at www.immanuelsalina.org, locate the "Donate Now" tab, and click the "Donate" button.



You may also scan this QR code with your cell phone and you will be taken directly to our giving site.

The first time you give, you may select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete giving history.

Thank You



Thank you to all who helped deliver Valentine flowers for the Dillon's on Cloud. Your generosity helped raise \$1,100 for our youth ministry!

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 12:15 pm

March 6, 13, 20

Our focus will be on the book of Isaiah.

Midweek Lenten offering will be given to Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK). A special basket will be in the narthex for these donations. Offerings may also be marked "DVACK" and mailed to the church.



Wednesday, March 6

5:30—7:00 pm

All ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts and activities, music, and Biblical storytelling. Walking tacos will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, activities begin at 6:00 pm.



March 10 * Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins
Don't forget to set your clock
ahead 1 hour on Saturday night!

WELCA

Monday, March 18 at 1:30 pm

Join us for our monthly meeting
and Bible study.



Altar Guild

Wednesday, March 20 at 5:15 pm

Monthly meeting

Pastor Jacque Reads

Each Wednesday afternoon, Pastor Jacque will post on the church's Facebook page a video of herself reading a children's book based on the next Sunday's Gospel text. Please watch and share these videos!



Summer Camp at Tomah Shinga

Registration is open!

camptomahshinga.com

Immanuel pays half of the Early Bird cost for our students to attend camp. Early Bird registration ends April 1, 2024.

PLEASE let Mindy know if you: register for camp (so the church can pay its share) and/or if you need additional financial assistance.



Palm Sunday, March 24

9:30 am Worship with Palm Processional and Holy Communion

Holy Monday, March 25

12:00 pm Posted on Facebook page

Holy Tuesday, March 26

12:00 pm Posted on Facebook page

Holy Wednesday, March 27

12:15 pm Worship in-person

Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 29

7:00 pm Worship with Solemn Reproaches

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
10:30 am Brunch hosted by Youth Group

Potted Tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. **Orders are due March 25.** The cost is \$14 each. You may pick up your tulips after worship on Easter Sunday, March 31. They must be picked up no later than April 3. Please use the enclosed Order Form to purchase your tulips.



Wired Word Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 11:00 am

Join Pastor Jacque each Sunday morning for an adult education opportunity that relates current events to Scripture creating thought-provoking, stimulating discussions every week!



Steve & Pam Michel invite you to their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration on Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 pm at Homewood Suites in Downtown Salina.

March Worship Volunteers as of 02/23/2024

	March 3	March 10 <i>Daylight Savings</i>	March 17	March 24 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	March 31 <i>Easter</i>
Greeter					
Usher		Tom Davis			
iPad					
Acolyte	Tom Davis				
Cantor	n/a	n/a	n/a	Pam Michel	
Assisting Minister				Pam Michel	
Lector	Kathy Yosai				
Children's Sermon	Liz Diehl		Liz Diehl		
Communion Assistant					
Altar Guild Communion Care	Carol Ann Sloo	Corlene Lange	Carol Ann Sloo		
Fellowship Hosts	Randy Olson				Easter Brunch

April Worship Volunteers as of 02/23/2024

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector				
Children's Sermon				
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Communion Care				
Fellowship Hosts				