



Notes from Nancy



“Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

Matt 28: 19-20 “The Message”

GO! This word occurs 1,165 times in the Bible. God’s leaders do a lot of going. Abraham was roused out of his comfortable home and told to go to a new country. The disciples, perhaps contentedly following Jesus, were told to go to every town and village and preach the coming of the kingdom. Gathered with Jesus after the resurrection, Jesus followers were told to go to all and preach and teach everything. The women at the empty tomb were told to go and tell.

We are still sent. We are still told to go. If we look at our congregation and we seem to be “dead in the water,” certainly the message of God is GO. And if we look at our lives and see not much happening, a kind of drift or sameness to it all, surely God’s message to us is to go.

When we go, things happen we move into what God has ready for us. We engage the spirit as guide. We climb out of old ruts and move down new paths. We cause change. We break into our future.

Sometimes God’s word to us seems complex. Sometimes it seems difficult to discern God’s will. Sometimes we wander and wonder. But the message is simple and clear:

“GO!” GO AND TELL.....GO AND TEACH.....GO!

**Jesus said and continues to say,
“You did not choose me but I choose you...”
John 15:16**

As chosen ones, we go!

Lord, send the fire of your Spirit to move us into the future you have set for us. Fill our hearts with a desire to go, our ears with the call to go, and our feet with the need to go and reach and teach each one. In the name of the one who was willing to go to the cross for us. Amen

Welcoming All, Growing Together in Faith, Sharing Christ’s Love

Synod Assembly Offering



As part of the yearly Synod Assembly, offerings are received from congregations and individuals to help fund ministries that are carried out in and through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and our synod. This year's Synod Assembly offering will be dedicated to the following three ministries:

Lutherans Restoring Creation (LRC) is a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the ELCA. We accomplish this by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all. LRC is driven by laity, pastors, lay professionals, synod leadership, and others who hold positions in the ELCA and its institutions.

Camp Tomah Shinga builds programs to grow faith in God as a ministry of the Central States Synod and the ELCA. Programming centers around the grace God provides us each day. Camp Tomah Shinga is a member of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Association of Kansas, or LOMAK, and strives to provide each camper the tools and opportunities they need to deepen their relationship with God. It has been serving the Central States Synod and beyond for over half a century.

The Hollis Renewal Center is a place for prayer, reflection, learning, and renewal. It provides "a time and place apart" for individuals, small groups, and organizations to pause and reflect on their mission. It embodies hospitality and gives guests the time and space to be transformed from a collection of individuals into a community. Hollis takes very seriously the gifts of time, land, buildings, and resources and uses them wisely to care for their sustainability into the future.

Donations will be collected this month for the Synod Assembly offering. Please mark your donation for "Synod Assembly Offering" and place in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church.

During the month of May, the Missions Team will be collecting monetary donations for Project Salina.

Project Salina collects donations to purchase and distribute food to area residents who struggle to afford food. One of the times of greatest need is summer. During the summer months, when school is not in session, providing 3 meals a day for children is often difficult for many families. Donations for Project Salina are divided between Ashby House, Emergency Aid/Food Bank, Salina Rescue Mission, Salvation Army and Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas.



Monetary donations are encouraged for three simple, yet very important reasons: 1) Project Salina can purchase in bulk and is tax exempt, making your dollar go even further. 2) Monetary donations allows for purchasing food throughout the year reducing the amount of storage space required. 3) Purchasing throughout the year allows for better tracking of expiration dates, ensuring all food gets used.

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Parsonage Update: After multiple offers, the parsonage is currently under contract. Gary Arpin, Terry Oehmke and Eugene Tillberg are handling the negotiations/sale.

Congregation Council Action from March 2022:

Motion approved to authorize Gary Arpin, Terry Oehmke, and Eugene Tillberg to sell the parsonage.

Motion approved to check with Foundation for funding for Megan Mong's seminary support.

Motion approved to celebrate Immanuel's 150th year in 2025, calling it the 150th plus 5.

Motion approved to decline participation in area churches Holy Week and Pentecost worship services.

Heading to the Lake this summer? **Wilson Lake Ministry** offers an interdenominational worship service on Sunday mornings (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend) at 9:30am at the Tatanka Lodge.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support during my heart surgery and recovery. I am 3 weeks post-op and feel great. Your kindness and generosity have helped me focus on my recovery. Thank you so much.
Amanda Mong

Thank you for your continued support of DVACK. Providing our specialized services for victims of Domestic Violence and sexual assault is vital to our community's quality of life. Without your support and generosity, these services would not be offered. (\$193.00 from Advent 2021)

We extend our sincere gratitude for your contribution to the Salina Food Bank. Your gift supports our efforts to provide for the need of those experiencing food insecurity and financial instability. (\$150.00 from Thanksgiving 2021)



LWR Personal Care kits

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits. On April 24 we quickly assembled 84 kits. After receiving belated donations, our final number of completed kits was 105!

Bethany College Organ Dedication & Hymn Festival through Hymns of Faith Sunday, May 8 at 4:00 pm Pearson Chapel

Dr. Hentus van Rooyen, Organ
Pastor Amy Truhe, Reflections
Event is free and open to the public.

Do you have an article for the Messenger?

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

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Sunday, May 1

Graduate Recognition

High school and college graduates will be recognized at worship on Sunday, May 1. Please let the church office know if there are graduates in your family.



Wednesday, May 4

5:30-7:30pm

5:30 pm Gathering & Dinner

6:00 pm Messy Activities

7:15 pm Worship

Join us at Messy Church this month as we see that we all belong to the same family of believers that began with Sarah and Abraham! 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 will begin at 6:00 pm, and worship will be done by 7:30 pm.

Mother's Day Flower Delivery

May 6-7

We will be delivering flowers for the Dillon's on Cloud again this year! If you are able to help, contact Mindy or sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board.



WELCA

Thursday, May 12 at 2:00pm

Please join the women of Immanuel for their monthly study of Lutheran liturgy and the importance of worship for our daily lives.



Sunday, May 15

Affirmation of Baptism

On this Sunday, Caidon Cooper, who has completed the requirements for confirmation, will affirm his baptism. Congratulations Caidon!

Altar Guild

Wednesday, May 18 at 5:15pm

Monthly meeting

