



The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church

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Spring Cleaning

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'
Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'
(Revelation 21:5)*

Believe it or not, spring is on the way! Alleluia! Time to throw open the windows and air out our musty homes. Clean and scrub and prepare to begin anew. Do you have a spring-cleaning ritual at your house? In these weeks following Easter, as we walk our journey as resurrected children of God, our lives can also stand a good spring cleaning.

I recently had a young couple inquire where to find mom and dad friends. I replied, "Come to church." The response came back, "We are usually busy Sundays. When we aren't, we go." I have come to realize how true that is for many of us. Church just doesn't seem to be a high priority any more. The world intrudes and our lives become cluttered with a thousand other distractions. And so, it becomes difficult to keep our minds off of worldly things and on spiritual things.

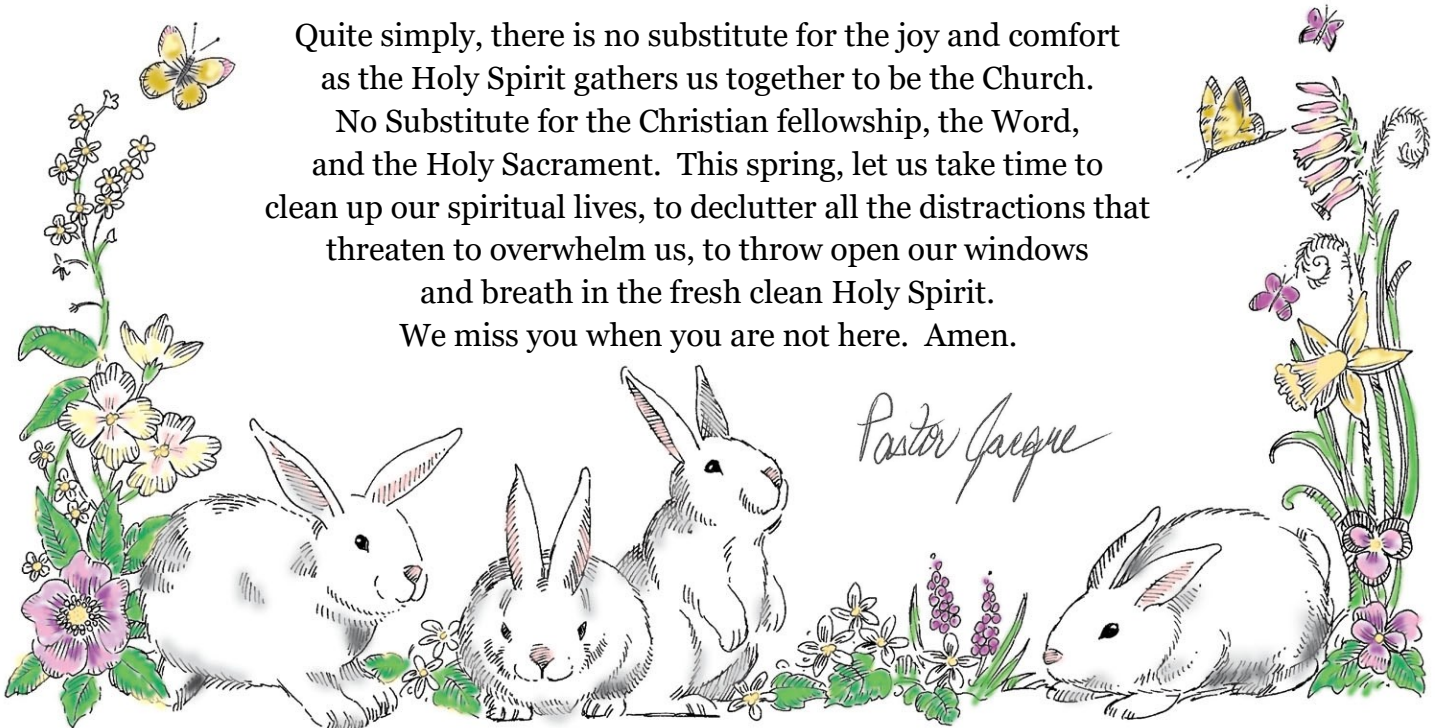
Now I'm not saying we have to come to church Sunday morning to "find" God. Our Lord is everywhere – in the pastures and at the lake and at the ballpark and in our own backyards and even watching over us as we sleep in. But one has only to visit our shut-ins to realize how deeply important that Sunday morning fellowship is when we can't have it anymore. As I take communion to our homebound and witness their joy at receiving this gift of Christ given just "for you," I feel how much we take our ability to come to worship for granted.

Quite simply, there is no substitute for the joy and comfort
as the Holy Spirit gathers us together to be the Church.

No Substitute for the Christian fellowship, the Word,
and the Holy Sacrament. This spring, let us take time to
clean up our spiritual lives, to declutter all the distractions that
threaten to overwhelm us, to throw open our windows
and breath in the fresh clean Holy Spirit.

We miss you when you are not here. Amen.

Pastor Jaeger



Welcoming All. Growing Together in Faith. Sharing Christ's Love

Synod Assembly Saturday, June 3

Traveling the Way Of Jesus



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 **Campus Ministry Team of the Central States Synod**. The Central States Synod has four active campus ministries:

- * Bethany College, Lindsborg
- * Lutheran Campus Ministries at Kansas State University
- * LuMin St Louis
- * Westwood House at University of Kansas

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.



Share Shed

As warmer weather approaches, we will need to stock the Share Shed with summer items, i.e. clean summer clothes of all sizes, hats, rain gear, sun screen, insect repellent, deodorant, etc. Items may be left in the Shed or dropped off in the church office.

A BIG thanks to Kathy & Shane Herron and Kathy & Terry Oehmke for the Share Shed sign!

THANK YOU!

How wonderful to have a church family! We want to thank each of you for the phone calls, cards and flowers sent after my spine surgery. All were greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Pastor Jacque for being there during the surgery!

Blessings, Pam & Steve Michel

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped assemble Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits. On April 16 we assembled 60 kits. After collecting more towels, our final number of completed kits was 70! Thank you for your generosity! The kits will be shipped to the LWR warehouse this fall.

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.

Please mark your donations for "Project Salina" and place in the offering plate or mail to the church.

Congregation Council Action from March 2023:

Approved recommendation to purchase an urn pall with Memorial funds.

Approved motion for Dorothy Hanna to serve as a 2023 Synod Assembly delegate.

Approved motion of Mutual Ministry Team consisting of Karla Arpin, Connie Beisner, Shane Herron and Eugene Tillberg.

Approved motion to name new community outreach/resource shed to "Share Shed".

Joint Council Meeting Tuesday, May 2 * 7:00 pm

Immanuel is hosting the next joint council meeting with St John's and Redeemer. Council members are expected to attend. Please contact Janet Ireton if you are unable to attend.



Wednesday, May 3 5:30-7:00 pm *The Holy Spirit*

Join us at Messy Church where all ages are invited to get messy together through games, crafts and activities, music, and Biblical storytelling. Pizza dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 pm, activities begin at 6:00 pm.

Mindset Shift Webinar Thursday, May 4 * 6:30-7:30 pm

There are four identified "mindset shifts" that need to be made when it comes to the topic of stewardship in these strange days. Along with these shifts come some behaviors that can encourage and empower generosity in individuals and communities of faith alike! Webinar hosted by The Reverend Tim Brown, Director of Congregational Stewardship for the ELCA. Please contact Dorothy Hanna or Pastor Jacque if you would like to participate.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Bible Study Beginning May 7 at 11:00 am

Join Pastor Jacque as she shares her experiences from her recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land.



Tuesday, May 9 at 1:30 pm

Join us at church for our monthly meeting!
WELCA will not meet in June, July or August.
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12.



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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Mother's Day Flower Delivery May 12 & 13

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.



Altar Guild

Wednesday, May 17 at 5:15 pm
Altar Guild Members, please attend this meeting so that communion set-up schedule can be completed through the summer months. Altar Guild will not meet in June, July or August. Monthly meetings will resume on September 20.

Pentecost Sunday, May 28

Everyone is invited to wear **RED** on this Sunday as we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension! Also on this day, we will begin using Setting 3 from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) book.



Congratulations to Emma Greenemeyer for her Affirmation of Baptism on Easter Sunday!

Graduate Recognition

Please let the church office know if there are any recent high school and/or college graduates in your family.

VBS at Redeemer

Redeemer Lutheran Church is hosting Vacation Bible School May 30-June 2. The evenings will begin at 5:30 pm with a meal and end at 7:45 pm. Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to attend these four evenings of Bible stories, games, crafts, and food! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board. If you would like to help in any way – food, decorating, leading groups, leading a session, please contact Debbie Beckman (785) 452-5662.



Harvest Blessing & Picnic June 4 at 6:00 pm

Watch for more information!

May Worship Volunteers as of 04/21/2023

	May 7	May 14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	May 21	May 28 <i>Pentecost</i>
Greeter	Karen & Terrell Olson			
Usher	Terrell Olson			
iPad	Rick Gibson	Rick Gibson		
Acolyte	Terrell Olson			
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector	Karen Olson		Eugene Tillberg	Janet Ireton
Children's Sermon				
Communion Assistant		John Swisher		
Altar Guild Set-up	Connie Beisner	Corlene Lange		
Altar Guild Clean-up				
Fellowship Hosts	Stoppel's			

June Worship Volunteers as of 04/21/2023

	June 4	June 11	June 18 <i>Father's Day</i>	June 25
Greeter				
Usher				
iPad				
Acolyte				
Cantor				
Assisting Minister				
Lector				
Children's Sermon				
Communion Assistant				
Altar Guild Set-up				
Altar Guild Clean-up				
Fellowship Hosts				