



# PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



## Sunday Worship Schedule

June 4th at Immanuel at **9:00 am**

June 11th at St. John's at **9:00 am**

June 18th at Good Hope at **9:00 am**

June 25th at Buffalo Creek Community Center  
in Titonka at **10:00am**

## Memorial Day Services

On Monday, May 29th at 9:30a.m. a Memorial Day Service will be held at the Woden Community Center with fellowship to follow. Everyone is welcome to join in honoring our service people.

On Monday, May 29th at 10:00a.m. a Memorial Day Service will be held at Good Hope in Titonka. There will be coffee fellowship following the service.



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## Thinking ahead.

On Sunday, June 4, 2023 I'm going to invite everyone to talk about our future ministry.

The conversation will start with a question used last summer:

What ministry would you like to be part of in the next 1 to 60 months?

The question might be the same; but the answers might very well be different.

My goal is to get all of us thinking together about God's future for us as church together. As we talk I'm going to encourage people to keep 5 Core Values in mind from Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines,

1. Jesus is life. The rest is details.
2. Lost people matter to God and so they matter to us.
3. We worship God, not tradition.
4. Following Jesus is a growing experience.
5. We are one body, united in Jesus Christ.

God has a future for us—and part of discovering that future is listening and praying—discerning who God is calling us to serve.

## Who is my neighbor?

One of the most meaning filled words in the New Testament is neighbor.

Luke tells the story of man who came to Jesus with a very specific question:

"How do I inherit eternal life?"

Jesus responded to the man's question, like Jesus often did, with a question of his own:

"What do you read in scripture?"

The man was quick to reply, "...love God ... and love your neighbor..." Jesus said the man was right. And the man asked Jesus another question, who is my neighbor?

Jesus replied telling story about hurting man and three different people who crossed his path. This story that many of us call the Good Samaritan, answered the question in a beautiful way. It is one of Jesus' most loved stories/parables. Look it up in Luke 10:35-

This question, "**who is my neighbor?**" Is a good for us as God's people today.

In a little over a year serving as a pastor in Woden and Titonka I've heard some people say that they have new neighbors. I've heard a few others say they feel like they don't know all their neighbors anymore.

I'll be asking for volunteers to join me later this summer doing a little door knocking and getting to know our neighbors. Many people coming of age in this generation are skeptical at best about churches and religion. There are very real gaps between our neighbors and us in the church. Part of our future together as church is going to be learning who are neighbors are and what places they kind of support they need from God and from God's people.

Thanks for your partnership in ministry,  
Pastor John Heille



## Minute Bible Study



Jesus people and their neighbors.

### **Read Luke 10:25**

A lawyer came to Jesus with a question—lots of people asked him to answer their question. Jesus was a rabbi and people came to him as teacher who might be able to help make sense of God and their lives. The man wanted to know what he had to do to inherit eternal life.

What do you think of this man's question for Jesus?

Do you think he thought he knew Jesus answer already?

### **Read Luke 10:26-29**

Jesus answered the man with an entirely different question—and an invitation to dig into the scripture. Jesus' answer didn't settle the matter quickly—instead he invited him to think about scripture and how people live out their faith.

Now the man had a new question for Jesus.

What do you think of the man's question in Luke 10:29

### **Read Luke 10:30-32**

Jesus told a story with layers of meaning. Robbers attacked a man—the beat him badly and left him. This poor man lay on the road struggling. Two religious officials a priest who offered sacrifice in the temple and a levite who led worship in the temple walked right past.

How does the story sound if you replace the word priest with pastor and the word levite with church organist?

### **Read Luke 10:33-35**

Jesus' story had villains, a victim, people who ignored, and an unlikely hero. The story only makes sense when we know that Jesus' people looked down on Samaritans.

What made this Samaritan a hero?

### **Read Luke 10:36-37**

Jesus' story didn't take long to tell—but it was so powerful. Now Jesus had a new question for the lawyer and an invitation to do the same thing as the Samaritan.

Who are the neighbors God is pointing his people, the church, towards today?

## IMMANUEL

June 1 - Daniel Boyken  
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June 5 - Heather Fredrickson  
June 6 - Kinsley Harms  
June 7 - Shawn Plymesser  
June 11 - Kevin Ullmann  
June 15 - Sherry Smithart  
June 19 - Matthew Swingen  
June 23 - Steve Boyken  
June 24 - Kent Ullmann  
June 30 - Carl Giesking  
June 30 - Allen Post



## ST. JOHN'S

June 3 - Patrick Gibbs  
June 5 - Paige Buns  
June 5 - Tracie Foley  
June 6 - Sheryl Hanna  
June 7 - Matthew Krull  
June 8 - Travis Albers  
June 8 - Larry Burma  
June 9 - Kristi Korte  
June 12 - Kaitlynn Feuring  
June 13 - Dan Haugland  
June 13 - Gary Hayungs  
June 14 - Cory Squier  
June 15 - Josh Mehsikomer  
June 16 - Julie Larson  
June 16 - Jaycee Scholl  
June 17 - Shirley Vokoun  
June 19 - Don Fritz  
June 23 - Danielle Buns  
June 23 - Kathy Trenary  
June 28 - Shannon Doege  
June 30 - Crystal Anderson



## IMMANUEL

June 9 Arvid & Sheri Boyken  
June 9 Adam & Barb Parker  
June 12 Merle & Betty Ricklefs  
June 21 Tim & Heather Ricklefs  
June 22 Doug & Lisa Swingen  
June 24 Travis & Nicole Shillington

## ST. JOHN'S

June 2 Joe & Laura Hanna  
June 8 Daniel & Pamela Kloser  
June 13 Mike & Deb Schimmelpfennig  
June 14 Brad & Ruth Buns  
June 14 Bruce & Phyllis Schutjer  
June 17 Matt & Jessica Doden  
June 24 Larry & Kim Flatebo  
June 25 Dan & Laura Webber

# Immanuel Servant Schedule

## Communion & Dossal

Brad & Wendy Harms

## Banners

Organist

## Reader

June 4th - David Post

# St. John's Servant Schedule

## Ushers

Denny Smith & Rick Schutjer

## Communion

Linda Smith

## Altar Cloths & Flowers

Aleysha Brandt

## Reader

June 11th - Doris Haugland

## Care Center

### Live-Stream Volunteers

June 4 - Wally & Sue Heyer

June 11 - John & Emogene Kurtzleben

June 18 - Allen & Susan Post

June 25 - Jim Post

July 2 - Gail & Kevin Hamilton

July 9 - Damien Strecker & Rachel K.

July 16 - Kyle & Maddie Post

July 23 - David & Marsha Bergstrom

July 30 - Wally & Sue Heyer



## Parish 3 Council Meeting

Monday, June 12th

7:00p.m. at St. Johns





### **St John's One Day Bible Camp**

Come join us on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a fun filled day with the Bible Camp program "Anchored". We will find out how we are anchored with family, friends, community, school, and faith. All children will enjoy a day of crafts, games, snack/meal and also explore how we are anchored through our discussions with stories.

To register your child(ren), you may call St John's church at 926-5798 or Phyllis at 641-860-0415 or Aleysha at 651-983-0576. We will need contact information for parents, names and ages of children and if they have allergies. Join us at St. John's in Woden for a day camp on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.



Carole Tuecke is organizing a combined choir for the summer for all three churches. We will practice each Sunday at the church that is holding service. Practice will last 30 – 40 minutes following the morning service. The plan is to sing at least once at each church during the summer. Please consider being a part of this.

We have some great musicians within our churches!



The quilters were very busy this year and in total made 121 quilts and 29 afghans!

Baby Afghans: **29**

Baby Quilts: **21**

Youth Quilts: **33**

Large Quilts: **60**

Lap Quilts: **7**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the quilts and donated supplies!



**The Titonka Care Center is asking for volunteers to serve the noon meal following the parade on Saturday, June 24th. The proceeds will go to replace a sliding door window in the front lobby so residents have an easy access to the west patio. Please consider calling the Care Center at (515) 928-2600 to volunteer.**

## **Message from Lutheran Services in Iowa**

### **June 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

#### **Happy Father's Day!**

At LSI, we strive to empower and celebrate fathers and father figures in every stage of their life. This Father's Day, take some time to celebrate and show appreciation to all the male role models in your life.

Through our Early Childhood Services, we provide fathers with the education and resources they need to become the best parents and caregivers they can be. In our Clinical Services Department, we support fathers and father figures by providing individuals with mental health counseling and the tools they need to create bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. In our Foster Care and Adoption services, we support male individuals through the process of expanding their families, or becoming a new parent altogether.

We are able to provide these services to fathers of young children with the generous support from people like you! Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

#### **Providing Support for First-Time Parents**

Brandon and Nevaeh first heard about LSI's Early Childhood services at the hospital, following the birth of their first child. As many first-time parents, they were looking for support and guidance through this exciting time in their life.

"I'm really glad that we took the leap and chose to participate in LSI's Early Childhood program. This program has taken a lot of stress off of us by providing us with resources that walk us through the developmental process, and to know where our baby is at through each stage," said Brandon.

Brandon and Nevaeh work with Erica, an LSI Family Support Worker in our Early Childhood department. "The home-visits with Erica have been extremely beneficial," expressed Brandon. "The resources and educational materials she [provides](#) us help us to understand the developmental milestones that we should be expecting at every stage of our child's life."

"Our baby is 10 months old now, and we are still learning a lot through LSI's Early Childhood program. Having support groups and people that you can reach out to with questions is essential," said Brandon. "To any first-time parents, I'd definitely recommend LSI's Early Childhood program."



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