



PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



March Worship Schedule

9:00am Shared Sunday Worship

March 1, 15 & 29 at Immanuel
March 8, 22, at St. John's

7:00pm Shared Evening Lenten Service

March 4 - at Immanuel
March 11 at Good Hope
March 18 at St. John's
March 25 at Immanuel
April 1 at Good Hope

April 9 Maundy Thursday at St. John's

April 10 - Good Friday-at
Good Hope

Monday, March 2nd 4:30 - 7:00

p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran
Church - Rural Titonka

For generations the men of
Immanuel Lutheran Church
have prepared, cooked, and
served chili and oyster stew
for the nearby communities
around rural Titonka. The
proceeds from this meal are
donated to Exceptional
Opportunities and MOSAIC.
Let's keep this tradition and
support going! Free will
donation.

PANCAKE SUPPER



St. John's Men will have their annual Pancake Supper on March 9 from 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

They will serve all you can eat pancakes, sausage, pie, and a beverage.

There will be freewill offering with the proceeds going towards the sponsorship of our missionary, Elizabeth Johnson. Thrivent will be providing funds.

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Pastor's COLUMN

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Dear Friends In Christ,

As we enter the season of Lent we often think about the tradition of giving something up.

So, the big question comes around, "What am I going to give up for Lent?" Chocolate? That might work. I can live without chocolate for six weeks. Sugar? Let's see, there will be these dinners and soup suppers coming up at our churches with all of those delicious deserts. That could be a problem. Coffee? That is out of the question. What should I give up? That is a tough question.

When we think about giving something up, who are we giving up for? That's a harder question. Frequently giving something up for Lent is for MY benefit. Giving up sugar would sure kick start my desire to lose weight but is that the proper reasoning for making a sacrifice?

Let's think about the idea of sacrifice.

Initially, making even a simple sacrifice is meant to turn our eyes to the suffering of Jesus. Our daily suffering of the cravings for what we have given up should be a part of our devotional life where the focus is not on self but on Jesus. Don't forget, a sacrifice hurts or is at least an inconvenience.

Some other thoughts about making a sacrifice for Lent. Should we not be joining Christ in picking up another's cross? That is his command. With that thinking, we sacrifice something important to us for others. That sacrifice can easily be made by making a donation to World Hunger, Disaster Response, or to the Benevolence of the Church. It could be taking the time to visit someone that you just don't get around to visiting. Making a sacrifice is not an easy throwing an extra twenty into the offering plate. Do something like doubling the amount you place in the offering plate each week. Make the amount you sacrifice a real sacrifice.

Are we willing to sacrifice time? Attend Lenten Services and make Sunday Worship a priority in your life if you are not already doing so. If you are not doing daily devotions, begin doing so. Set aside fifteen minutes a day to read your Bible, a devotional, and to pray.

Speaking of prayer. Pray about what you intend to sacrifice? Ask God for guidance. Look to God for the strength you need to make this sacrifice. Even Jesus spent time in prayer as he prepared to allow himself to be sacrificed.

You will find that when you make a proper sacrifice you will be blessed because you will have been a blessing to others.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Kim



MINUTE BIBLE STUDY

Matthew 16:24-25 & Luke 10:25-37

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life[will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

When speaking of denying ourselves and taking up our crosses, Jesus is not talking about our own suffering. He is talking about taking on the suffering of others as our own.

When making a sacrifice for Lent, whose cross might you pick up as your own?

What sacrifice will you make to help that individual who is suffering?

Luke 10:25-37 is the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Starting with a willingness to take a chance to help a stranger, what other sacrifices (note he did not make just one sacrifice) did he make?

Reflect on verse 27. Do you think loving God could be part of the reason for making the sacrifice for the man in the ditch?

What did the Good Samaritan NOT receive for making this sacrifice?

Matthew 16:21 What sacrifice will Jesus make?

Describe his sacrifice.

What do we learn about sacrifice when we look to the sacrifice Jesus made.

Lent is the season to reflect on our need for the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Use the confession we speak as we prepare to worship to help you with your thoughts.

"Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. . . ."

Immanuel News

Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners
Doug & Lisa Swingen

Readers

March 1- David Post
March 15th - Wendy Harms
March 29th - Sherri Post

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Ushers - John Kurtzleben &
Paul Buns

Communion -Val Gibbs
Bulletin Board-Lynne Larson

Altar Cloths & Flowers
Mona Buns

Readers

March 8 - Gary Hayungs
March 22nd - Doris Haugland

Acolytes

March 8 - Cody Doege
March 22 - Ava Larson

First Communion Classes in preparation for First Communion will be offered to those who are in 5th grade and older who have not been confirmed. Class will be March 15th from 2-5pm at Good Hope in Titonka. A parent needs to attend with the student. First Communion will then be offered at the Maundy Thursday Service on April 9th at St. John's. Please contact the Church Office to let us know if you will be attending so we can order materials.

Thrivent Members!

Thrivent Choice Dollars must be designated by the end of March!



March 8th

St. John's Quilting in March is every Tuesday at 1:00pm and March 12th & 24th at 6:30pm

ST. JOHN'S

- March 3 - Cady Weber
- March 4 - Chris Gerdes
- March 5 - Katie Gross
- March 10 - Kyra Gibbs
- March 11 - Phyllis Schutjer
- March 17 - Matt Brandt
- March 18 - Natalie Wood
- March 20 - Donnie Juenger
- March 21 - Mona Buns
- March 21 - Cassandra Kennedy
- March 22 - Nicole Lorenson
- March 22 - Thomas Larson
- March 24 - Kerrie Smith
- March 25 - Diane Johnson
- March 27 - Colton Muth
- March 30 - Trever Mutzenberger



IMMANUEL

- March 2 - Bruce Kamp
- March 2 - Pamela Ubben
- March 3 - Ruth Boyken
- March 4 - Jason Senne
- March 4 - Collin Sexton
- March 5 - Bruce Giesking
- March 5 - Dustin Michaelson
- March 6 - Laney Shillington
- March 7 - Bruce Culbertson
- March 7 - Wendy Harms
- March 11 - Greg Brandt
- March 11 - Avery Luedke
- March 11 - Larry Sexton
- March 15 - Perry Mayland
- March 15 - Gerald Meyer
- March 15 - Rhonda Sexton
- March 23 - Velida Bruns
- March 25 - Amy Luedke
- March 28 - Jacob Finer
- March 29 - LeAlan Schmidt

- March 21 - Matt & Heather Brandt
- March 25 - Jason & Shannon Doege
- March 27 - Jason & Kaylin Bosworth



- March 18 - Fred & Sharon Hofmann
- March 26 - Cory & Heidi Larson
- March 27 - Mark & Georgia Ricklefs



Benefit for Travis Stohr on Saturday, March 28th 4 -10 pm at the Woden Fire Station. Meal - Pulled Pork Sandwiches, chips, beans, bars. Raffles available ahead of time and at the event. Silent auction and live auction the day of event. Help out a fellow community member! If you are able to donate bars for the event - contact Phyllis Schutjer @ 926-5247

Watch for information on Good Hope Men's Pork Loin dinner!



Woden Vegas Night will be April 4th at the Woden Community Center. Proceeds go to operational and improvements for the community center.