

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches

March Worship Schedule

9:00am Shared Sunday Worship

March 7th - 9 am St. John's
March 14th - 9 am Immanuel
March 21st - 9 am St. John's
March 28th - 9 am Immanuel

7:00pm Shared Evening Lenten Service

March 3 - at Immanuel
March 10 at Good Hope
March 17 at St. John's
March 24 at Immanuel

April 1 at Good Hope Maundy Thurs.

April 2 - Good Friday - St. John's

Immanuel Men's Soup Supper **will not** be held this year. If you would like to make a donation, you can send it to Immanuel Lutheran Church Titonka, IA 50480



St. John's Men will **not** be hosting the Pancake Supper this year. Funds from the supper have always gone to our missionary, Elizabeth Johnson. You can send your donation to St. John's Lutheran Church P.O. Box 95 Woden, IA 50484. You will still be helping to support our commitment of \$1500 for the year. Thank you!

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Pastor's COLUMN

March, 2021

Dear Friends In Christ,

As I write this article it is only the middle of February. I find my mind drifting toward thoughts of spring. Actually, my mind wanders to the memories of past springs of working the ground for a new crop. Sometimes, after turning up the sound, I even bring up YouTube videos of older tractors plowing so I can enjoy the ritual of spring from my easy chair.

As I reminisce, I can hear our old Ford tractor roar while feeling it pull down when the plow was dropped into the ground. The air was filled with the wonderful fragrance of the freshly turned soil.

Looking toward spring brings another ritual into our lives, Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is silent, devoid of the roar of a tractor. Ash Wednesday takes our minds to the dust of the earth.

“You are dust and to dust you shall return.” Those words are spoken as the ashes are applied to foreheads in the shape of a cross.

This early spring ritual brings us face-to-face with this thing called sin. Sin is such a nuisance. Admitting to it is even more of a problem. Everyone considers himself or herself to be good. Ash Wednesday opens the door to a season of being honest with ourselves. None of us is as good as we would like to think. In reality, we have to admit that we are sinners.

Sin raises another problem. Sinners die. You are dust and to dust you shall return is a reality for all of us.

At the time of death, I smell the fresh earth. I stand at the head of many graves.

Standing there, waiting for the family and friends to gather for the final words, I can smell the sweet fragrance of the freshly turned earth.

Looking at the grave and the dirt, I am reminded of those words, “You are dust and to dust you shall return.”

Many thoughts come to mind as I wait. I think of Adam and Eve and the first sin. Because of that sin we are here today, wrestling with the grief that comes with death. I think of Jesus Christ, coming to suffer on the cross. He too died and was buried. Our traditions would have us speaking those words over his body, “Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.” Watching the family and friends gather under the tent around the grave, I realize these words will be spoken over each of these people, too. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, they are going to die. I will too.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of a six-week journey. It is a good time to reflect on those words, “You are dust and to dust you shall return”. It is a time to reflect on our need for God’s grace and love through Jesus Christ. The journey of Lent will take us to the deepest of depths, the suffering and death of Jesus.

However, the story of Lent does not end with dust. Make the journey, trust in God’s promises, and look forward to the rest of the story.

In Christ,

Pastor Kim



MINUTE BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Series

*O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
(Gradual for Lent, based on Hebrews 12:2)*

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing.

Our Bible Study for this month looks at each weeks' theme and Bible basis.

March 3rd Sleepy Eyes

Read Mark 10:35–40 and 14:29–31.

How do these earlier events serve to make the failure of Peter, James, and John to watch and pray with Jesus more dramatic?

How does this highlight the unique role of Jesus at this decisive moment?

March 10th Denying Eyes

Read Mark 4:14–20.

What type of soil do the apostles of Jesus prove to be when they fall away from Him on Holy Thursday?

What would they subsequently need in order to become good, fruitful soil? See Luke 24:44–49

March 17th Murderous Eyes

Read John 11:45–53.

Why were the Jewish leaders concerned about Jesus continuing His active ministry?

How did God make good use Caiaphas's ruthless plan?

March 24th Worldly Eyes

Read John 18:33–38.

What does Jesus reveal about the nature of His kingdom?

How does Pilate's postmodern question "What is truth?" reveal what really matters to worldly minded rulers?

Immanuel News

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners

Doug & Lisa Swingen

Readers

March 14- Jim Post

March 28 - Shelley Kardoes

Servant Schedule

Ushers - John Kurtzleben & Paul Buns

Communion -Lisa Steffen

Bulletin Board-Lynne Larson

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Mona Buns

Readers

March 7 - Deb Schimmelpfennig

March 21 - Wendy Harms

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 14th from 2-4pm at Good Hope in Tintonka. A parent needs to attend with the student. First Communion will then be offered at the Maundy Thursday Service on April 1st at Good Hope. 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 14th

Looking ahead - **St. John's WELCA** will be having their spring meeting on April 8th at 7 pm at St. John's. This is different than the book reads, since it is last year's book. If anyone has an item for the agenda, they can email or call Wendy at dwharms@wctatel.net or 565-3656 by Friday, March 26th.

ST. JOHN'S

IMMANUEL

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



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 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 26 - Cory & Heidi Larson
March 27 - Mark & Georgia Ricklefs

THANKS FROM THE HEART

St. John's Lutheran Church
Words cannot express how grateful we are for your kindness, support and generosity during this difficult time. You are amazing people and we are touched beyond words. Thank you!
Jolene and Brock Bahling & family

We are so grateful for your generous gift of \$4160.00 to LSI. Thank you for supporting our mission to provide hope and healing to Iowa families? Across the state, LSI can provide critical education and resources to parents of young children, because of you. There are many stories of hope and success that are possible because of you. Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service.
Lutheran Services in Iowa/LSI

March 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

March is National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we are grateful for the many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving our communities across the state!

Maybe you have never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you have had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves by overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at 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 and facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Path to Hope and Healing

Mike remembers feeling angry and depressed, and his family was at risk of falling apart. When he decided to start Therapy Services with LSI, he questioned the decision. Therapy wasn't easy and when he missed an appointment, he didn't want to go back.

But through working with his LSI therapist, Sherry, for the past several months, he has found ways to grow and heal. During each session, Sherry is there to listen without judgement, and she provides a listening ear for anything Mike wants to talk about. At the end, Mike is always given a type of homework or a lesson to think about until they meet again.

While they originally began meeting in person, Sherry has continued to be available through virtual therapy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The virtual sessions ensure Sherry and Mike can continue meeting regularly, on a flexible schedule and from the safety of their own homes.

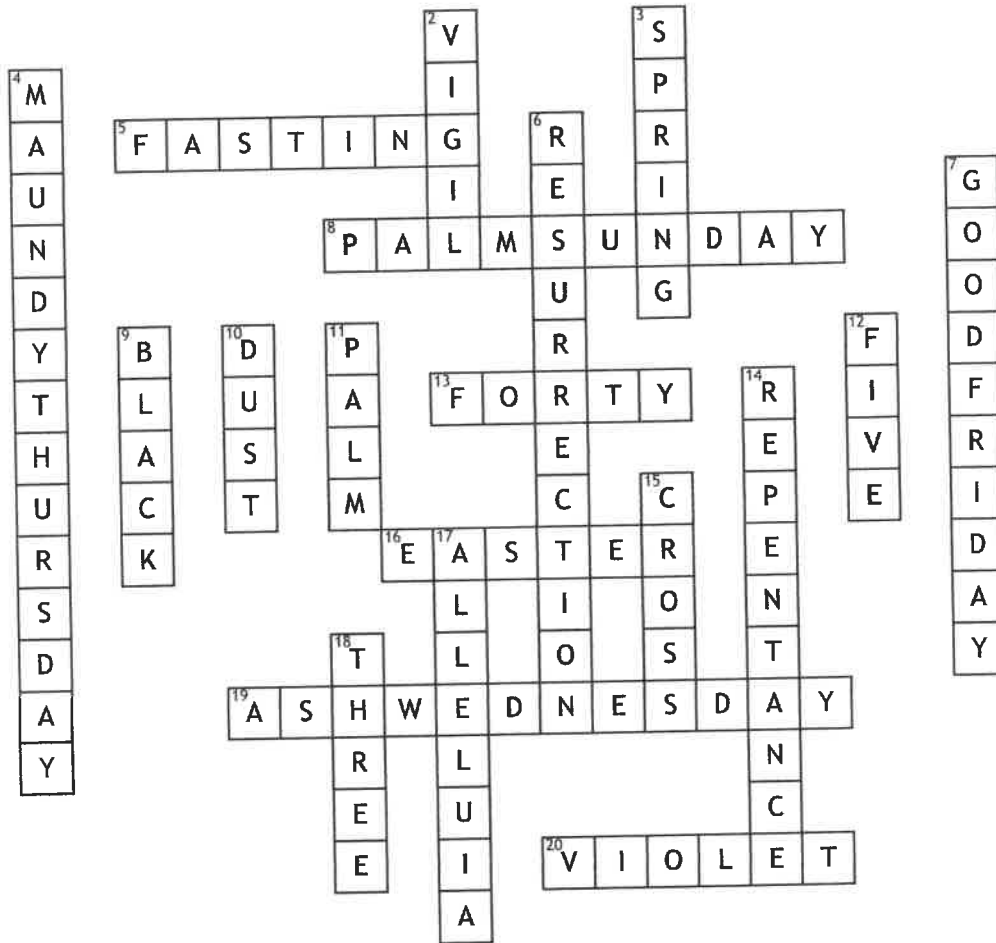
"Thank God for working through LSI in-person and through telehealth, and especially for Sherry, who helps people like myself who have been lost for years. If I hadn't chosen LSI, I wouldn't have met my therapist who has truly helped me keep my family and stay alive," Mike says. "I look back at the progress I have made and see some light peeking through to the end."

Registration for Summer
Camp 2021 is open at Riv-
erside Bible Camp. You
can go online to register at
RiversideLBC.org

Lenten Season

Answers to
last months
Crossword

P A S S I O N T I D E



Across

- 1. What comes after Lent (2 words no space)
- 5. What is often practiced by individuals during the Lenten Season?
- 8. Holy week begins with? (2 words no space)
- 13. How many Days are observed in Lent? (Not including Sundays)
- 16. Lent is "a time to reflect upon baptism, a time for rebirth and renewal in preparation for the celebration of _____."
- 19. What is the first day of Lent? (2 words no spaces)
- 20. What is the "Color" of the Lent Season?

Down

- 2. The day before Easter is called Easter _____
- 3. The word Lent means _____.
- 4. On this night Jesus instituted "a memorial" of his Passion in the Lord's Supper. (2 words no space)
- 6. Easter is the day acknowledging Christ's _____ (2 words no space)
- 7. The day of Christ's Crucifixion. (2 words no space)
- 9. The color representing Good Friday is?
- 10. "Remember: You are _____ and to _____ you shall return" (one word)
- 11. Ashes come from _____(s) that were blessed on _____ Sunday the year before
- 12. Sundays are "in" Lent but not "of" it. How many are there?
- 14. Lent is the season of _____
- 15. What is Drawn on your forehead by Pastor on Ash Wednesday?
- 17. What word is not said during the Lenten Season?

Name: _____

Date: _____



Spring Word Jumble

1. FLIAFDDO _____
2. RSHWSOE _____
3. MARW _____
4. RESTEA _____
5. ULLARBME _____
6. AYISD _____
7. TLERFYTUB _____
8. GGES _____
9. NRIBOAW _____
10. HTAHC _____
11. THEREWA _____
12. EOSNSA _____
13. PORTSU _____
14. EGNER _____
15. AIPLR _____
16. ILTUP _____
17. OESLWFR _____
18. MHRCA _____
19. HUNISSEN _____
20. JUEN _____
21. MYA _____
22. TIEK _____
23. BIRSD _____
24. SRGAS _____