

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches

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These will be outdoor services unless inclement weather. Communion Sunday's may be different.

SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:00 A.M.

May 16th Good Hope

May 23rd St. John's

May 30th Immanuel

June 6th Good Hope

June 13th St. John's

Jun 20th Immanuel

*June 27th Indian Days
Good Hope 10:30 a.m.*

July 4th St. John's

July 11th Immanuel

July 18th Good Hope

July 25th St. John's

August 1st Immanuel

August 8th Good Hope

August 15th St. John's

August 22nd Immanuel

*Aug 29th Service at the Park
10:00 a.m.*

Sept. 5th Labor Day – Good
Hope

May Worship Schedule

9:00am Shared Sunday Worship

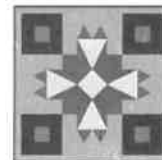
May 2nd Immanuel

May 9th St. John's

May 16th Good Hope -all 3 shared

May 23rd St. John's - all 3 shared

May 30th Immanuel - all 3 shared



May 9th is Quilt Sunday at St. John's. Stop by and see the beautiful quilts made this past year!

Addresses for each of the churches

Immanuel Lutheran
P.O. Box 405
Titonka, IA 50480

St. John's Lutheran
P.O. Box 95
Woden, IA 50484

If you are not attending church, please remember to send your offering to your respective church.

Pastor's Page

Dear Friends In Christ,

Last month I shared with the councils that I plan to retire within the next year. That time has come in my life. No matter how much I love being here and being your pastor, I would like to begin a new chapter in life while I am young enough to do so. However, some questions are being asked.

When?

I am not sure. But within the next year.

Where am I going?

I am building a house in Dodgeville, WI. That is where I am from. I am not sure how permanent my daughters are in Northwest Iowa, so I will return to Dodgeville. My brother and many other family are in that area.

What about Good Hope & Parish Three?

I know that I cannot take care of things after I leave but I want the best for you. You are good places to serve. It is a privilege to be your pastor.

The Bishop's Office is finding that the 2-3 year time between pastors is not working. The hope is that I will work with the Council to fill out the paperwork and that someone might be available to you by the time I leave.

I ask you to keep myself, along with Parish Three and Good Hope in your prayers as we look to the next step in our mission.

EASTER

He has risen! Sin, Death, and the Devil have been defeated. We can proclaim, we can shout from the mountain tops to the graveyards, "He is risen!"

A question comes to mind. Do we want Jesus to be risen from the dead? Do we want that grave to be empty?

Do we ever go back to the tomb of Jesus looking with the attitude that Jesus is raised from the dead but we cannot let go of those memories, good and bad. We tend to go scrounging around in the tomb hoping to find them, and even embrace them. Sadly, when we scrounge for those memories, we miss the joy and the living hope of Christ that comes with the resurrection. There is that part of us that looks at the folded linens, hear the proclamation of the angels, and then we scrounge around in that tomb looking for those things that we just cannot let go of.

We are dust, there is no avoiding that fact. But we are dust with hope in Christ Jesus. When Jesus goes to the cross, go with Him. Allow Him to take Sin, Death, and the Devil and let Him deal that evil trio. And when Easter comes, rejoice with resurrection and let that tomb be empty.

Pastor Kim Peterson

Minute Bible Study

Psalm 46

At this time our country is filled with a variety of emotions. Those emotions are bringing about fear and anger alongside hope for change and even a sense of just wanting to get back to feeling safe.

It is important that we look to God and trust God in the midst of all these emotions.

I am inviting you to study in a different way this month.

1. Open your Bible to **Psalm 46**.
2. Begin with prayer giving God thanks for the day, then asking Him to guide you in your study.
3. Now read through the Psalm *slowly*, listening to *each* word.
4. After reading, sit back and think about what you have read.
 - a. When does it feel like the earth shakes beneath your feet?
 - b. When the earth shakes beneath your feet, what does God say to you in Psalm 46?

Repeat.

5. Again, read the Psalm slowly, deliberately.

- a. Listen to God speak. Give yourself a few minutes to listen.

Repeat.

6. **Read the Psalm a third time.** Once more reading each word carefully.
 - a. Then sit back, close your eyes and *listen* to God speak.
7. After listening for a third time turn to God with prayers of thanksgiving and prayers for others and finally for yourself.
 - a. Close your devotion by saying the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer.
8. Give yourself time throughout the day to reflect on your time spent with Psalm 46. Watch these verse come off from the pages of the Bible and come alive for you.

Summer Worship

On May 16th we will begin our summer worship schedule with outdoor worship services on non-communion Sundays.

Weather permitting, we will gather outdoors, so bring your lawn chair. Communion Sundays will need to be inside.

Immanuel News

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners
Matt & Meagan Swingen

Readers

May 2nd- Susan Post
May 30th - David Post

Servant Schedule

Ushers -
Gary Hayungs
& Denny Buns

Communion
Thelma Meyering

Bulletin Board
Pat Hobbs

Altar Cloths & Flowers
Karen Brunsen

Readers
May 9th - Pat Gibbs
May 23rd-Deb Schimmelpfennig

Money taken in for the Sukup Safe-T Home project was \$1415 at Immanuel and \$1150 at St. John's. St. John's added an equity payment from K & H and the Sukup project totaled \$3280.

ATTENTION! St. John's quilters are asking for anyone that has old sheets or blankets and you don't want them, to donate them to the ladies for their quilting projects. The ladies are in need of many items as such.

Parish Three Council Meeting May 11th 7pm.
@ Immanuel

Lent offerings totaled \$1200. Each Food Bank received \$400. At this time a thank you was received from the Kossuth County Food Pantry.

ST. JOHN'S

IMMANUEL

May 1 - Amy Stohr
May 2 - Jennifer Tweed
May 4 - Pastor Kim Peterson
May 5 - Alivia Brandt
May 5 - Tyler Kloser
May 6 - David Burma
May 8 - Janice Doege
May 8 - Michelle Miller
May 8 - Deb Schimmelpfennig
May 10 - Rebecca Mutzenberger
May 11 - Dean Harms
May 12 - Tara Holland
May 13 - Tracy Muth
May 14 - Jason Doege
May 14 - Kimmie Peterson
May 16 - Brad Haugland
May 16 - Kurt Larson
May 16 - Neriah Swearingen
May 17 - Kim Flatebo
May 19 - Ruth Buns
May 20 - Brett Doege
May 20 - Russell Johnson
May 20 - Rick Schutjer
May 23 - Lucas Hanna
May 26 - Bradley Buns
May 26 - Adderly Hanna
May 28 - Heidi Buns
May 30 - Rachel Kurtzleben



May 1 - Thomas Ullmann
May 1 - Shelby Harms
May 3 - Chance Stohr
May 4 - Pastor Kim Peterson
May 4 - Doris Isebrand
May 4 - Tyler Schmidt
May 6 - Benjamin Ricklefs
May 10 - Aleah Larson
May 12 - Sherri Post
May 16 - Robin Meyer
May 20 - Nancy Brandt
May 27 - Dennis Schmidt
May 27 - Mary Eden
May 29 - Tatum Luedke
May 31 - Amanda Bruns
May 31 Nicole Hedington



May 3 - Jim & Emily Allmon
May 6 - Travis & Sara Albers
May 26 - Ron & Paulette Dahle
May 27 - Jim & Tracy Wood

May 30 - Tony & Shelly Kardoes



Since Parish 3 does not offer youth group activities, because of low number of students, Kyra Gibbs has been participating in the Forest City Immanuel Lutheran youth group. They are planning a trip to go backpacking in Colorado in August. To help defray the cost for the families they are doing special fundraisers. One of the fundraisers is going on now – May 3. It is a silent auction. The items are in the basement of Immanuel (FC) church or you can see them on their facebook page. If you would like to help out by bidding on some items you can send a message on Facebook to Immanuel Lutheran Church, email Ann at ann@immanuelfamily.com or call and leave a message for Ann at the church 641-585-3152. She will post updates on Facebook for where the bids are so you know if you need to bid again.

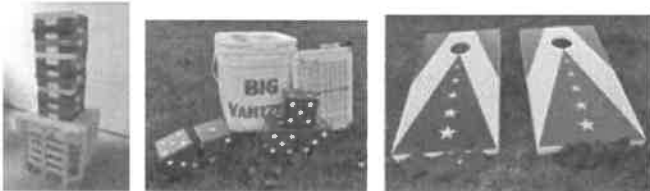
Outdoor Activities

- Fishing Rod + Lure
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- Giant Jenga Yard Game
- Big Yahtzee Yard Game
- Homemade Cornhole Set

Details

Mitchell 300x Garcia 6'3 rod 24 ton graphite 12# test
 Zebco 606 10# test 5'6 rod
 Berkley Fusion 7' heavy rod Penn Fierce reel w 25# big game line
 container doubles as stand

 includes bags



Food & Dishes

- Baking Basket
- Redhead Creamery \$50 gift card
- 1 Dozen Lefse
- 1 Pan of Scotcheroots
- 1 Dozen Cinnamon Rolls
- Appetizer Trio Dishes
- Jalepeño 3 Section Serving Dish
- Small Serving Bowl Caddy w/ 2 Bowls

Details

3 available, go to 3 highest bids
 2 available, go to 2 highest bids (Dave Melby)
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Home Items

- Pullout Couch
- Entertainment Center
- Desk
- Sony Turntable Stereo
- Rocker

Details



Creative Gifts

- \$50 Floral Arrangement
- Handmade Paper Bead Necklace
- Handmade Button Necklace
- Quilted Table Runner
- 52x44 Quilt

Details

2 available, will go to 2 highest bids



Student Services (In Forest City)

- Painting Commission - Olivia Eastvold
- 3 Grocery Deliveries - Laura Harms
- Party Planning - Olivia Gayther
- Full Car Detail - Dalton Thorson
- Meal + Dessert - Keevan Jones
- 4 hr Lawn Mowing - Carson Strukel
- Evening of Music - Kyra Gibbs
- 1 week of Dog Walking - Gabe Ramirez
- 4 hr Stick Collection + Raking - Parker Gayther

Details

11x14 painting of bidder's choice (no people)
Should happen before Laura leaves for college
provide w/ budget and funds. Should happen before Liv leaves for college

bidder's choice of menu, home cooked by Keevan

at church (could be in sanctuary or outdoor bonfire), guitar and voice
1 walk per day, 7 consecutive days

Memorial Day Services will be held at the Bingham Cemetery
Memorial Day Monday May 31st
Services will start at 10 AM
Join in honoring those that serviced our country.

Paper products will be collected for FAVA that morning.
toilet paper, paper towels, tissues

Poppies will also be available that morning.

Thank you
Deb Schimmelpfennig



LSI bulletin

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2020, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to more than 1,097 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI 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.

Wrapping Care Around Iowa Children

Martha and Marti first became foster parents in September of 2018, after their biological children expressed that they wanted to provide foster care as a family. They decided to become licensed through LSI Foster Care and Adoption and soon after, they welcomed a sibling group of three into their home.

"Our kids really wanted to look into foster care as a way to be able to help others as a family," Martha says. "Everybody had to sacrifice and pour in, and everybody was needed and brought something to the table."

The siblings stayed with the family for almost two years, until the opportunity came for them to find a forever home through adoption. Over the years, the siblings had become bonded to Martha and Marti, as well as their extended family and friends. The siblings are currently in the process of officially being adopted by a family close to Martha and Marti, so they can continue to stay connected to the important relationships they built in foster care.

The family has found a passion they can all share, and it's making a difference in the lives of Iowa children.

"We always explain fostering as 'good' and 'hard.' You never want to take one away from the other, because it's both. It's the hardest thing we've ever done, but it's the best thing we've done," Martha says. "We've had the privilege of having the kids in our home and you have the responsibility and the privilege to take care of them in their time of need."