



PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 7th 9:00a.m St. John's (Quilt/Graduate Sunday)
 May 14th 9:00a.m. Immanuel w/Communion
 May 21st 9:00a.m. St. John's
 May 28th 9:00a.m. Good Hope w/Communion



Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 29 at 9:30a.m. @ Woden Comm. Center
 Everyone is welcome to join in honoring our service people. Service will be followed with fellowship.
 (Sponsored by the Woden Legion Auxiliary)



Summer WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M.

June 4 - Immanuel
 June 11 - St. John's w/Communion
 June 18 - Good Hope
 June 25 - Good Hope w/Communion
 (QuasQuiCentennial)(10:00a.m.)

August 6 - Good Hope
 August 13 - Immanuel w/Communion
 August 20 - St. John's (Outdoor Service)
 August 27 - Good Hope w/Communion

July 2 - Immanuel
 July 9 - St. John's w/Communion
 July 16 - Good Hope
 July 23 - Immanuel w/Communion
 July 30 - St. John's

September 3 - Immanuel
 September 10 - St. John's w/Communion

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Pastor's COLUMN

May 2023

Saying thanks and thinking ahead towards summer and beyond.

Thank you

After Lent and Easter I want say thanks,

Thanks for all the people who are willing to share their gifts with their churches.

Thanks especially to the people who serve and have served on the church councils. These people focus on the details and their diligent work keeps 3 congregations going strong.

Thanks for the talented people who helped us have a great Lent and Easter.

Thanks to our musicians Nancy Beenken, Anita Eden, Emogene Kurtzleben, Karen Post, Carol Tuecke, and Joyce Welch. Thanks to Kelly Carlton and Rachel Kurtzleben for organizing so many details and bulletins.

Thanks for all the people who help decorate, for the folks who serve communion, for the ushers, for the leaders of the school kids in Titonka and WOW at St. John's. Thanks for all the people serving behind the scenes—so many hands are at work from the people who serve food at Bible Study to the people who help clean up the messes.

The list of people to thank is a whole lot longer than just this page.

Thinking ahead.

When I started ministry here in Iowa we took time to share stories about the history of our 3 churches.

Then in the month of June 2022, we took time to talk about future ministry.

The conversation started with a question:

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

In the next two months I'm going to be asking this question again.

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 the future God is inviting all of us into as church. The culture we live in is changing—and our mission as church is to go into this culture with the Good News. To help us get talking this year I am going to invite you to think about the core values of Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines IA. This church is growing fast—and what really intrigues me isn't the growth of this church but their core values.

Hope's Core Values are straightforward:

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.

This summer as we think about our future we will use these 5 core values to help shape our conversations and how we want step together in ministry in the future.

Thanks for your partnership and encouragement.
Pastor John Heille



10 MINUTE BIBLE STUDY



Acts 2 – Pentecost

Read Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost was an old religious festival. Every year people gathered 50 days after Passover in Jerusalem. It was a tradition, a harvest festival. People came from all over the world to celebrate God's faithfulness over the generations. And in the middle of this traditional religious gathering God moved.

What do you imagine it would be like if people came to church expecting a traditional celebration only to feel God's presence moving them in new ways?

Read Acts 2:5-13

The list of people who came to Jerusalem for Pentecost helps us get a sense for how far God's spirit can reach into our world. This was a gathering of Jewish people from many cultures who lived in different empires like Persia and Rome. And as they gathered together they felt God move.

The people asked a question, “what does this mean?” How do you answer that question?

Read Acts 2:14-21

Peter, an early leader of the church, tried to answer the question by pointing backwards to the scriptures. He pointed to the old prophet Joel. He pointed to the promise of God's power from generations before.

Why do you think Peter pointed backwards?

Read Acts 2:22-36

Peter was preaching a great sermon. He was pointing back to scripture and explaining who Jesus was. Peter understood that God was creating a brand new future in Jesus.

How do you see the new future taking shape?

Read Acts 2:37-40

Peter's words reached many people's hearts. God was doing something new and many people would experience both God's grace and a deep feeling of conviction. God was up to something new and that meant acknowledging the past.

Read Acts 2:41-47

The church came to life that first Pentecost. And the good news hasn't stopped spreading in our world.

What evidence do you see of the spirit's movement in our life together as church?

Where do you see God calling the church and the future?

Immanuel Servant Schedule

Communion
Brad & Wendy Harms

Banners
Organist

Readers
May 14th - Susan Post

Care Center
Live-Stream Volunteers

May 7 - Jim Post
May 14 - Gail & Kevin Hamilton
May 21 - TBD
May 28 - TBD



Parish Three
Council Meeting
May 8th
7:00pm.
@ Immanuel

St. John's Servant Schedule

Ushers
Gary Hayungs
& Denny Buns


Communion
Cassie Schutjer

Altar Cloths & Flowers
Ruth Buns

Readers
May 7th - Val Gibbs
May 21st - Gary Hayungs



May 7th is Graduate Sunday
at St. John's
Come and congratulate
our graduates!



May 7th is
Quilt Sunday at St. John's.
Come and see the
beautiful quilts
made this past year!



IMMANUEL

May 1 - Thomas Ullmann
May 1 - Shelby Harms
May 3 - Chance Stohr
May 4 - Pastor Kim Peterson
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



for the Birthday Wishes

**Thank you for all the birthday cards and
for the flower bouquet from the church.**
- Elsie Planz

ST. JOHN'S

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 - 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 30 - Tony & Shelly Kardoes

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



Did you know Parish 3 is live-streaming worship services?

To view them online, go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "Iowa Lutherans". Click "Subscribe" on the Iowa Lutherans YouTube page to view live-stream and past recorded services.

Pastor John is also posting short videos during the week as previews to the upcoming Sunday services. Check it out!

The Sunday bulletin is also now posted on the top of the Parish 3 homepage to make it easier to follow along with the live-stream service.

<https://www.parish3.com/>



Parish 3 collected \$1,506 in Lent offering this year, surpassing last years total by \$296!

This money will be donated to Kossuth, Hancock and Winnebago County Food Banks.

Thank you for your offering donations!

Fundraiser
Update



The total raised for ELCA World Hunger through the piggy bank donations was \$1448.84!

Thank you to everyone who participated!



Parish 3 and Good Hope need 1 or 2 volunteers every Sunday to go to the Titonka Care Center to turn on the live-stream for the residents.

To volunteer: send your name, phone number and email address to parishthre@wctatel.net or there will be a sign-up sheet at worship services.

This is a great way to participate in our church's ministry and to make a difference to people in our community!

Snow Birds: Even if you head south in the winter, we can easily accommodate that and only schedule you for the months you're in Iowa.

News from the Titonka Care Center

Thank you to the community for your generosity in supporting projects at the Titonka Care Center.

Due to your generosity at last summer's fundraiser (meal after Indian Day parade) we were able to completely finance the cement work and construction of an outdoor shelter. The concrete work is complete and the construction of the shelter is slated start March 28. By the time you are reading this, the shelter should be well on its way to completion.

Another project currently in process is painting. The entryway, front room, hallways and dining room have gotten a facelift. The dining room hallway will be freshened up next. Again, generous donations are making this possible. Stop in and see how great it looks.

We also have been able to replace the tables in the dining room thanks to proceeds from the Good Hope Women's lasagna dinner. Thank you for thinking of us!

The updates and repairs at the Titonka Care Center are ongoing. After 50 years in existence, replacement and repairs become necessary. There is a wish list of items needing to be done. If there is a group you belong to and are looking for a project to help fund, feel free to stop at the Care Center and talk to Corey about the list. Some are big projects and some are smaller ones.

We will be again be hosting the fundraiser dinner following the Quasquicentennial parade on Saturday, June 24, 2023. This year's proceeds will be used to replace doors and windows. This is a big project, but a very necessary project. We will be looking for many volunteers to make this a success.

We are currently looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to our local residents still in their home, just needing a home cooked meal. There has been some interest from neighboring communities to also use this service. That, too, will require volunteers to deliver.

Our resident count is slowing increasing. We have room for several more residents. If you or someone you know is looking for a place to recuperate after illness or injury or needing to make the move to a care facility, come take a look. We think you will like what you see!

Again, thank you for your generosity in supporting the community owned Titonka Care Center. It is very much appreciated.

Titonka Care Center Board of Directors

Paul Larsen, Laura Phelps, Sherri Post, Brian Bartelt and Maddie Post

Message from Lutheran Services in Iowa

May 2023, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate and empower all the strong, loving women in your life. At LSI, we provide mothers, and soon-to-be mothers, with the education and resources they need to build the brightest future for their children.

LSI's Foster Care and Adoption Services work to bring families together and to help them throughout the process of becoming licensed for foster care and approved for adoption. Our Family Centered Services uses a strengths-based approach to keep Iowa families together by equipping parents with skills they need to be successful, independent and healthy.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember that your support helps empower Iowa moms. If you are looking for a way to help these moms, or to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Senior 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.

Staying Connected to your Roots

LSI Foster Care and Adoption is proud to be part of the Native Families for Native Children (NF4NC) project, which is a collaborative effort between the four native tribes of Nebraska, human services agencies and private agency partners in Nebraska and Iowa. As part of the project's efforts, we recruit, train, license and support Native American families in accord with the traditions, needs and resources of their communities.

Rebecca and Kirby expanded their family when they adopted their son in January. The couple had the opportunity to work with the Omaha Tribe and were able to participate in the second Customary Adoption in the State of Iowa.

Through their Customary Adoption, the family completed a culture plan with the tribe and will be able to keep their newly adopted son connected to his cultural roots with the Omaha Tribe. The new family also was able to keep their son connected to his biological siblings, so he can continue to be involved with them. LSI is proud to help connect families, like Rebecca and Kirby, with the resources they need to continue to grow their families and build the brightest future for Iowa children.

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