



PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



May Worship Schedule

May 5	9:00 AM	St. John's - confirmation Sunday
May 12	9:00 AM	Immanuel w/Communion - graduate Sunday
May 19	9:00 AM	St. John's - quilt Sunday
May 26	9:00 AM	Good Hope w/Communion - beginning of summer joint services



Summer worship time will be 9:00 AM unless otherwise designated. Check the online Good Hope - Parish 3 calendar for updates at www.parish3.com

June 2 - Immanuel
 June 9 - St. John's w/Communion & Sheryl Hanna's 90th birthday
 June 16 - Immanuel
 June 23 - Titonka Comm Service (time?)
 June 30 - St. John's w/Communion

August 4 - Immanuel
 August 11 - St. John's w/Communion -Outdoor Service (10:30 AM)
 August 18 - Good Hope
 August 25 - Immanuel w/Communion

July 7 - Good Hope
 July 14 - Immanuel 125th w/Communion
 July 21 - St. John's - Woden 125th (time?)
 July 28 - Good Hope w/Communion

September 1 - St. John's

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 Website: www.parish3.com

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YouTube services: Iowa Lutherans

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 St. John's

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302 2nd St, Woden, IA 50484

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Office Hours: Mondays 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM @Immanuel

Tuesdays 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM @ St. John's

Wednesdays 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM @ Good Hope

Pastor's COLUMN

May 2024

Affirmative Faith

This spring 2 young people are going to be affirming their faith—they will stand up and join the church. It's humbling to watch teenagers join into something that's been going on for generations. We ask young people to learn and to confess the ancient faith laid out in the Apostle's Creed. We don't ask them to say it alone—we ask them to affirm the faith along with us. We'll pray for these young people and ask God to bless them and guide them. We trust that God is going to show up and be with them in the good times and the bad. My goal in Confirmation is to show kids what a life of faith is like and encourage them, if they are ready, to affirm that faith.

20 something years ago, when I was a brand-new pastor, I got to work with a neat group of 5 young people in Confirmation. We would meet every Wednesday afternoon. The kids came right after school. The bus dropped them off. On warm afternoons we'd throw a football around for 15 minutes before heading inside. The kids always appreciated having a snack and a chance to goof off for a few minutes.

The kids always had something to say. Most of the time the kids focused on the topic of the day—but sometimes they had other issues and they needed to be heard. We talked about school and family. We talked about hard stuff. I remember the day we were outside right about to start class. We saw a dog hit by a truck as it was running across the road. These 5 kids had so many real questions about real life issues that day and every day. And they wanted to ask their questions out loud.

What I learned from that first group has stayed with me.

Kids are looking for places in their life where they belong.

Kids are not looking for a bunch of requirements to keep.

Kids are looking for a place where they can tangibly contribute and grow.

Over the years I've gotten to lead groups of five kids and groups with 90 students in confirmation. The lessons from my first group stay with me. Kids need to connect to other people in church and make real contributions to the life of their church.

As a pastor I feel like people shouldn't just confirm or affirm faith as teenagers. The reality of the Christian life, as I see it, is that people grow close to God and then wander away from God. I see people coming home to God again and wandering away again. Human nature is amazingly consistent. And the Good News is that God searches us out like shepherd. God is always working to bring us close and guide us. Real honest to God faith is a lifetime of living counting on God's grace and mercy. The Good News is that Jesus comes towards us in this world.

This whole Easter season we have taken time during every worship service together around water and God's promises. We have taken time this whole Easter season to say yes to God, to publicly affirm our faith. We trust that God is up to something in our lives, not just as teenagers, but every day.

May we all continue to say yes to God's love and grace revealed in Jesus.

Peace and thanks for your partnership.

Pastor John Heille



10-MINUTE BIBLE STUDY



Two books in the Bible, the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, are often treated as separate stories. These two books were written by the same person. They are really two parts of the same continuing story of God's activity. Luke tells all about what Jesus was up to when he was here on this earth. Acts picks up the story; God was still moving now in the lives of Jesus' disciples.

A fascinating way to see this story continue is to read the very end of Luke in the very start of Acts.

Read Luke 24:36-43

Jesus showed up for his friends. They weren't ready or prepared in any way, but God was going to be there for them and with them.

What do you imagine it was like for Jesus friends to see him alive?

What questions would you like to ask Jesus if you were together with his friends?

Read Luke 24:44-53

Jesus plan was to keep moving—resurrection was just the beginning. God was up to something new—and he told his friends to wait until the power of the Spirit came for them.

What exactly did Jesus promise to give his friends?

What does it mean to wait for God like the disciples were asked to wait?

Read Acts 1:1-5

Luke wrote about Jesus life in Luke and now in Acts he was continuing to tell the story about God's activity among Jesus' first followers.

What loose ends were left at the end of the Gospel of Luke?

Why did Jesus want them to wait together?

Read Acts 1:6-11

Jesus made some promises—that the disciples would have power in the Spirit and they would be witnesses. And then he was gone.

What does it mean to be witnesses?

What does it mean to have power from the Holy Spirit?

Why did the angels tell the disciples to stop looking up for Jesus in the sky?

Immanuel Servant Schedule

Communion/Paraments

(helpful instructions will be posted in the sacristy, the NW corner room)
Shane Beenken (Apr-May-Jun)
Arvid Boyken (Apr-May-Jun)

Sanctuary Banners

Organists

Readers

May 12 - David Post

Titonka Care Center Live-Streamers

May 5 - David & Marsha Bergstrom
May 12 - Jim Post
May 19 - Kevin & Gail Hamilton
May 26 - open

We are in need of additional volunteers to set up the TV for worship streams at the Titonka Care Center. Please contact any current streamers for information or help.



May 12 is Graduate Sunday at Immanuel.
Come and congratulate our graduates!

Immanuel: Aleah Larson
St. John's: Hunter Brandt
Dylan Meyer
Sydney Nyguard

St. John's Servant Schedule

Ushers

Gary Hayungs
Denny Buns

Communion

Cassie Schutjer

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Ruth Buns

Readers

May 5 - Deb Schimmelpfennig
May 19 - Wendy Harms



S U N D A Y

Janessa Brandt will be confirmed on May 5 at St. John's



Parish Three
Council Meeting
May 13
7:00 PM
at Immanuel



May 19 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 - Tyler Schmidt
- May 6 - Benjamin Ricklefs
- May 10 - Aleah Larson
- May 12 - Sherri Post
- May 16 - Robin Meyer
- May 18 - Charlie Swingen
- May 20 - Nancy Brandt
- May 22 - Shirley Boyken
- May 27 - Dennis Schmidt
- May 27 - Mary Eden
- May 29 - Tatum Luedke
- May 31 - Nicole Hedington

ST. JOHN'S

- May 1 - Amy Stohr
- May 2 - Jennifer Tweed
- 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 - 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



**Thank you for all the birthday cards.
- Elsie Planz**



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



July 13 - 14, 2024
Immanuel is counting down the time - it's only 2 months until the big 125th celebration!
All are invited! See details in the following pages and online at www.parish3.com





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.

Go to www.parish3.com

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.

Newsletters are also posted on the website under "Newsletters & Calendars".

Thank you received from Mosaic:

Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for the generous donation to Mosaic from your soup lunch fundraiser. Your part in making a difference in lives we serve is unseen. We are blessed to have your support.

Noland Stewart,
Mosaic Community Relations
Manager



cheep, cheep!

Wow! The total raised for ELCA World Hunger (God's Global Barnyard) throughout Lent in piggy bank donations was **\$2,403.59!**

***BZZZZZ
Moo!***

Thank you for your generosity!

***baaaahhhhaahha
OINK!***



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 leave a message on the office phone (641) 926-5798.

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.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
JULY 13TH & 14TH, 2024

"His Faithfulness Continues to All Generations."



110 340th Street | Titonka, Iowa 50480

Saturday, July 13th – 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Join us for Family Activities, Food, Fun, Fellowship and Music!

Pork Loin and Sweet Corn Meal Served from 5-7:00 P.M.

(Free Will Donation to Benefit Go Serve Global Safe-T Homes)

Music with **The Malek Fishermen Band** from 7-9:00 P.M.

(Local Polka Band from Duncan, IA)

Sunday, July 14th – 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our Worship Service

and

A Time for Fellowship Following the Service

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Please visit our Parish Three website at Parish3.com
for additional information including t-shirt order information
and an online scrapbook!

IMPORTANT RSVP INFORMATION!

In order to help us plan for the Saturday evening meal, we would appreciate if you would **please RSVP by June 1st, 2024.**

Simply scan the QR code below with your smart phone and you will be directed to a link to respond.



You may also send an email to:
immanuelutheran125@gmail.com

Or

Send Us a Note
To Our Mailing Address at
110 340th Street
Titonka, IA 50480

Or

Call Our Parish3 Office
(641) 926-5798

****Please include how many will be attending and include names if you are responding for family members who have received a "Save the Date" card.**

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