



# PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches

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## April Worship Schedule

9:00am Shared Sunday Worship

April 5th & 19th at St. John's

April 12th & 26th at Immanuel

7:00pm Shared Evening Lenten Service

April 1 at Good Hope

April 9th - Maundy Thursday-at

St. John's

April 10th - Good Friday - Good Hope

April 12 - Easter Sunday

Communion at each service

7:00am Service at St. John's

9:00am Service at Immanuel

10:30am Service at Good Hope



WOW and Confirmation will be from 6:00pm to  
6:45pm during Lent

April 26th is Confirmation at Immanuel

## ALSO NOTE!!

If we are unable to have worship because of man-  
dates by the state, then everything is cancelled.

# Pastor's COLUMN

April, 2020

Dear Friends In Christ,

In this time of crises, I am choosing to “*Be still and know that God is God*”.

The opportunities are there for a wide range of emotions, from feeling overwhelmed to panic. I’ve been caught up in some of those emotions. With those emotions I found myself exhausted, and unsure of what to do next?

I chose to listen to the words of Psalm 46 “*Be still and know that God is God*”. I know God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Yes, we are in trouble at this time, however, remember that our troubles are not greater than God. Look for the blessings in your life because God continues to bless us and care for us.

When the uncertainties and fears, this Pandemic can become overwhelming, I remember that even when the mountains shake and the seas roar and foam, all God needs to do is speak. When He speaks the earth melts. We are being encouraged to not watch the news and be careful of what we read online. There are many voices calling for our attention. Listen to the accurate voices such as the CDC and World Health Organization. Most importantly we need to stop and listen to the voice of God.

I invite you to join me, to see the works of the Lord and what He has done on this earth. Look around at the beauty of nature. Look to the cross of Christ. Listen to God’s Word and what God promises us.

I encourage you to read Psalm 46 and Luther’s Hymn, “A Mighty Fortress” which based on this Psalm. Let God speak.

In this time of crises, I am choosing to “*Be still and know that God is God*”. I encourage you to do the same.

In Christ,

Pastor Kim Peterson



## OTHER PASTORAL MATTERS

### How is the Governor's Proclamation affecting Parish Three and Good Hope?

The ordered shutdown is affecting everything we do and raising many questions. Ignoring the orders could result in legal actions against us. So what are we doing?

- 1. We are being encouraged to practice self-isolation**, which I am doing. However, I am available by phone to visit. I saw a picture a pastor shared of a necessary council meeting. Each council member sat at a separate table to maintain the six-foot separation.
- 2. Decisions are being made with the leadership of the church.** It is important that we work together. Wise decisions and ideas come from the thinking of many.
- 3. How will we practice worship?** We are working at making a sermon available online. I also plan to offer a print version of my sermon. We'll let you know when we get this worked out.  
**First Lutheran Church, Albert Lea** offers a full Lutheran Service each Sunday, Check your TV listing for the time and station. I encourage you to tune in to their service.
- 4. What about Funerals?** We are not allowed to have a funeral with more than ten people. Likewise, with the visitation. At this time, we are looking at providing graveside services where more people may gather outside. Another option would be cremation with plans for a service at a future date.
- 5. Finances** – The expenses of the church continue. Please continue to send your offerings to the church. Good Hope people can drop theirs off at Titonka Savings Bank drive through.
- 6. Community** – watch for those in need. We are looking into ways to check on those living alone. We have funds to provide some assistance if necessary. Pray for each other. Support our local businesses by ordering take out. The Titonka grocery store can arrange deliveries. If there is a problem getting groceries, contact me.
- 7. Thank you – what a wonderful day it will be when we can get back to “normal”.** Give thanks to God for what we have rather than looking to see what we do not have.

Pastor Kim is providing worship via ZOOM at 9:30 Sunday Mornings. At this time check his FaceBook page for the link. We are also recording the service and then placing it on the church webpage. We'll find other ways to share that link so you can join the service.

Webpage - <http://www.parish3.com/sermons.html>

# Immanuel News

## Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners  
Matt & Meagan Swingen

### Readers

April 12- Susan Post  
April 26 - David Post

St. John's women will have their  
general meeting at a later date!

We are sending out a calendar  
and newsletter with dates and  
times; however, at this time  
everything is tentative. If we  
are unable to have worship  
because of state mandates,  
then everything is cancelled.

# St. John's News

## Servant Schedule

Ushers - Alan Larson & Ryan  
Hobbs

Communion - Karen Larson  
Bulletin Board - Lynne Larson

**Altar Cloths & Flowers**  
Leslie Emhoff

### Readers

April 5-TBD  
April 12 - TBD  
April 19- TBD

### Acolytes

April 5 - Hunter Brandt  
April 12- Sydney Nygaard  
April 19- Dylan Miller

Pledge  
Sunday



**Don't forget your offerings!** Our  
expenses continue! You can mail  
your offerings to:

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

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

# ST. JOHN'S

# IMMANUEL



**April 1 - Steve Peterson**  
**April 2 - Ashley DeGues**  
**April 14 - Hannah Spear**  
**April 17 - Bonnie Doden**  
**April 18 - Aleysha Brandt**  
**April 19 - Coda Stone**  
**April 21 - Luke Haugland**  
**April 25 - Troy Albers**  
**April 25 - Violet Korte**  
**April 27 - Emily Allmon**  
**April 28 - Zadin Henken**  
**April 30 - Jace Young**

**April 1 - Mary Franzen**  
**April 3 - Neoma Boyken**  
**April 5 - Nikita White**  
**April 8 - Elsie Planz**  
**April 9 - Amber Rurup**  
**April 13 - LuAnn Brandt**  
**April 14 - Anita Eden**  
**April 14 - Brad Harms**  
**April 20 - Nicole Shillington**  
**April 27 - Nathan Kardoes**  
**April 27 - Robert Schmidt**  
**April 29 - Brian Bruns**



**April 4 - Dan & Cathy Haugland**  
**April 24 - Doug & Michelle Hanna**

**April 10 - Jay & Clarice Mayland**

Parish 3 Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm. Where or how you will meet is TBA later.

The Stohr Benefit has been postponed as well as Woden Vegas Night. They hopefully will be rescheduled sometime in July or August. Keep watching for information later!