

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 7	9:00 AM	St. John's
April 14	9:00 AM	Immanuel w/Communion
April 21	9:00 AM	St. John's
April 28	9:00 AM	Immanuel w/Communion



July 13 - 14, 2024

Immanuel is counting down the time -
it's only **3 months** until the big celebration!

There will be a meeting after the worship service
on April 14 to provide updates and discuss open
items. Plan to attend.

3:00

Learn more about the Western Iowa Synod, the services they provide and local opportunities by subscribing to the monthly newsletter, the **Waterlife Journal** at www.wisynod.org.

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

Pastor's COLUMN

April 2024

Easter and ripples.

If you have ever thrown a stone into a lake you know what a ripple looks like. The bigger the stone and the quieter the water the clearer the ripples. The farther from shore a person throw the stone the farther out they see the ripples as they spread across the water.

As a dad with three young girls I used to love to go to the lakeshore with my daughters. It was fun on a calm evening to go and skip some stones. Sometimes we just heaved a big rock out watched the ripples after the splash. We saw how the ripples spread in the light of sunset. Sometimes we could see the ripples bounce into and off other ripples.

I think of Easter morning as the biggest event in history. And I imagine Easter as the point impact at center of ripple that is still spreading. The moment when Jesus stepped out of the tomb God moved. And the waves of Easter have been spreading for 2000 years.

Jesus' resurrection had a big impact and that impact is still being felt across the world today. For us the joy is helping spread the story and watching the waves of God's grace and mercy spread. The flow into this world that needs Jesus as much now as ever before.

Easter is for everyone,
Deep down the Easter story is about God making something new happen. Some people 2000 years ago said that a man overcoming death was impossible even for God—but the Good News is God doesn't care what we think is possible or impossible. As church celebrating the day Jesus

rose from the dead is our biggest day—it's our biggest celebration.

As we celebrate Easter this year I'm thinking about the way Easter can ripple across time and space.

After Easter Jesus spoke to the fears and locked hearts of his friends. Even on the night of Easter Jesus friend we're afraid. And Jesus spoke to them in their fear—
Peace be with you.

He says it again to us in our fears and worries—Peace be with you.

This month after Easter is a great time to look for the ripples of new life in the world. On Easter night Jesus offered his friends peace and then he sent them out on a mission from the Father.

We join in with those ancient spreading wave of mercy and grace.

We don't go alone. Jesus sends the Spirit with us as we go into the world announcing forgiveness for sins and a new chance for sinners.

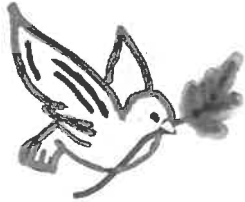
Some say, no. Some say there's got to be a limit to God's power and mercy and grace. But in Jesus resurrection we see the truth—the limits are gone for God.

There is no limit to the love, grace, mercy, and power of God who made heaven and earth and who brought the Lord Jesus Christ back to life after 3 days in the grave.

The joy we find is spreading the Good News—and watching it ripple across the world.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor John Heille



10 MINUTE BIBLE STUDY



10 Minute Bible Study April 2024
Jesus after Easter appearances

The Biggest story in the Christian scripture is Easter. The 4 Gospels tell great stories about Jesus meeting his friends again after rising from the dead. John 20-21 is filled with after Easter moments when fear and doubt were replaced with joy and .

Read John 20:1-2

Mary Magdalene went to Jesus tomb and found it empty. Jesus came back to live—but no one realized it yet.

What do you make of Mary's initial reaction?

Read John 20:3-8

Mary had news to share and she looked to tell the other disciples.

Peter and another disciple headed straight for the tomb. They had to see for themselves.

What did the disciples find?

What didn't the disciples find at the tomb.

Read John 20:9

What does it mean to say the didn't "understand the scripture"?

Read John 20:10-15

Jesus was talking with Mary Magdalene and she didn't recognize him.

What do you imagine was going through Mary's imagination as she talked with this man who she thought was the gardener?

Read John 20:16-18

Mary Magdalene didn't recognize Jesus until he called her by name.

How does hearing Jesus call Mary's name change how she looked at everything?

How does Mary Magdalene's story change how you see the world?

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

April 14 - Sherri Post

April 28 - Susan Post

St. John's Servant Schedule

Ushers

Alan Larson

Ryan Hobbs

Communion

Lynne Larson

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Lynne Larson

Readers

April 7 - Doris Haugland

April 21 - Pat Gibbs

Titonka Care Center

Live-Streamers

April 7 - Dave & Marsha Bergstrom

April 14 - Wally & Sue Heyer

April 21 - Allen & Susan Post

April 28 - John & Emogene Kurtzleben

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.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion Workshop for kids and a parent/other adult Sunday, May 5th from at 1:00 p.m.

First communion is open to children when their parents say they are ready.

Please let Pastor John know ASAP if your child will be attending!



The Parish 3 Council Meeting will be Monday, April 8th at 7:00 PM at St. John's.



IMMANUEL

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

ST. JOHN'S

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



April 10 - Jay & Clarice Mayland

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

It's new: our **Senior Recognition!** This month we are honoring Immanuel and Parish Three's "most senior" member:

Elsie Planz.

Elsie will be **101** on April 8, 2024. Elsie lives with her daughter in Joaquin, TX. Her eyesight is poor, but her overall health is pretty good.

Help her celebrate by sending a card or greetings to:

**Elsie Planz
PO Box 390
Joaquin, TX 75954**



St. John's Women of the the ELCA will hold their spring general meeting on Thursday, April 4 at 7 PM.



Remember your donations of new and used men's clothing for the Church of the Damascus Road's re-entry program.

Used: men's coats, gloves, hats, sweatshirts and sweatpants (XL-3X), shirts (XL-5X), belts (all sizes), shoes (tennis shoes, black dress, non-slip and work boots), towels, washcloths, and plastic hangers

New: socks (size 6-12), underwear (L-3X)

Collection boxes are at Immanuel and St. John's - by April 14.



The Western Iowa Synod Assembly will be held April 19-20 in Council Bluffs.

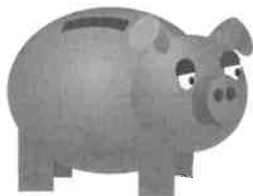
Pastor John will be attending along with the following lay voting members from our churches:
Becky Crone and Jim and Karen Post.

Bible Studies will begin again on April 1 and April 15 at 6:30 PM at Immanuel. The topic will be the Jesus

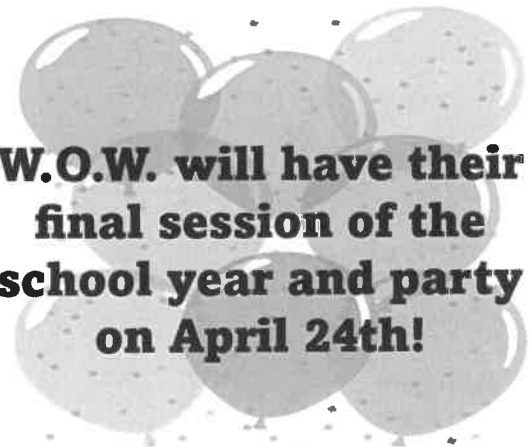


after resurrection appearances as recorded in the 4 Gospels. All are welcome!

Remember to bring your piggy banks to worship by April 7th. Proceeds go to ELCA's God's Global Barnyard.



W.O.W. will have their final session of the school year and party on April 24th!



A follow-up to St. John's annual meeting:

Why do we support the Titonka Care Center vs others?

At St. John's annual meeting, the question was asked why St. John's only supports the Titonka Care Center and not some of the other local nursing homes. The reason St. John's has been supporting the Titonka Care Center is because they are a small, independent nursing home that relies heavily on local support and donations to keep their services going. The Titonka Care Center is a 37 bed nursing home. Good Samaritan, in Forest City, is part of the nation's largest non-profit skilled nursing care corporation. The Britt and Garner nursing homes are part of the ABCM corporation, which has 31 locations across Iowa. Donations to other local nursing homes are welcome at any time. If you would like to donate to one of these nursing home, please leave a check in the offering plate and note *benevolence* on the memo line, or give your check to John Kurtzleben, Benevolence Secretary.

Wendy Harms, St. John's Secretary

Immanuel 125th News:



Immanuel Lutheran Church 125th Celebration T-Shirts

Orders for Immanuel's 125th anniversary T-shirts will be taken at Immanuel and on line in April. Shirt sizes, colors and prices vary. Pick up an order form at Immanuel or watch the www.parish3.com web site soon.

In order to help plan the Saturday meal, we'd appreciate RSVPs for your family. Cards with more details will be in your church mailboxes in April.



Youth Night

On Sunday, April 14th the Youth Group will be meeting at the church at 4:15 p.m. to leave for the Grotto at 4:30 p.m. They are planning to stop and eat on the way before they arrive in West Bend. They will not need money for supper.

If anyone would want to volunteer to drive please check with pastor.