

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



- Dec. 5th** 9:00am at Immanuel
7:00pm at St. John's (Advent)
- Dec. 12th** 9:00am at St. John's (Sunday School Program)
6:30pm at Good Hope (Sunday School Program)
- Dec. 19th** 9:00am at Immanuel
7:00pm at Immanuel (Advent)
- Dec. 24th** 5:00pm at St. John's w/ Communion
6:30pm at Immanuel w/Communion
7:30pm at Good Hope w/Communion
- Dec. 25th** 9:00am at Good Hope (Christmas Hymn Sing)
- Dec 26th** 9:00am at St. John's

Following the holidays, we will turn our attention towards the new year!
Remember to complete your year-end reports for the annual meetings. Annual meetings will be January 16th at Immanuel and January 23rd at St. John's.

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Pastor's COLUMN

December 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have learned to appreciate the gloaming of the day. My understanding of gloaming is the little while when it is not quite dark but not quite light.

The gloaming is often rather brief. You must be ready for it. There is something peaceful about looking out the window and watching this event of nature take place every day as the sun disappears below the horizon.

December makes me think of a gloaming for the end of the year. It is winter but not quite winter. It is Christmas but not quite Christmas.

And it is Advent. Advent is the wonderful season of transitioning, of now and not yet, like the gloaming of the day. It is a gift from the church that draws our eyes away from the secular world of Christmas to the celebration of God's Word becoming flesh.

It is the now as we celebrate the coming of God's Son into this world. Advent is often viewed as a season of getting ready for the coming Christ child. It is sometimes known as the "Winter Lent" when we consider our sinfulness and our need for a savior.

In the Apostle's Creed we confess:

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

In this gloaming of December and Advent, we look forward to Christ in another way. Advent is **the not yet** as we look forward to Jesus' second coming.

In the meaning to this part of the Apostle's Creed, we also confess:

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

We are living in the gloaming of the seasons, of the church year, and in our lives with Christ. We are there but not quite there.

Look for and enjoy the gloaming of each day, each year, and your time with Christ. Pause and enjoy this peaceful time.

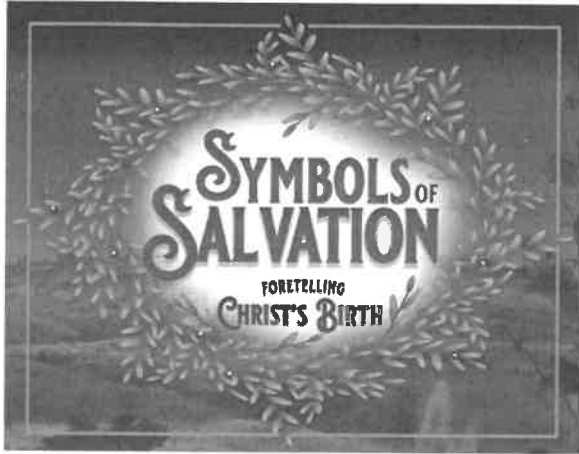
In Christ,
Pastor Kim Peterson



ADVENT

This year our theme for Advent will be

*“Symbols of Salvation,
Foretelling Christ’s Birth”.*



Our services will be
Sunday Evenings
at 7 p.m.

THE FIRST SUNDAY EVENING ADVENT SERVICE WILL BE

OLD TESTAMENT CHRISTMAS

At this service, we will look at the burning bush and the Lord’s address to Moses. This picture is even more meaningful because it was the pre-incarnate Christ who stood before Moses and spoke through the burning bush, foreshadowing the incarnation itself, which is the focus of Christmas.

The lesson for this service will be

Exodus 3:1–14

The background for the Israelites being in Egypt is primarily in **Genesis 41-50**. Read a chapter each evening as part of your devotions.

As you prepare for this service read **Exodus, chapters 1 & 2**.

Exodus 1:7 Why were there getting to be so many Israelites in Egypt?

Exodus 1:8-10 What was the problem with the new king (pharaoh) of Egypt?

Exodus 1:13-14 What becomes the status of the Israelites?

Exodus 2:1-10 Why was Moses not killed as a baby? Who raised him?

Exodus 2:11-15 Why did Moses flee to Midian?

Exodus 2:23-24 How did the peoples’ lives change when the king died?

When things changed, what did God do for the Israelites?

ST. JOHN'S

IMMANUEL

Dec 1 - Hailey Kofron
Dec 1 - Steven Schutjer
Dec 2- Levi Wood
Dec 4 - Danielle Kurtzleben
Dec 5 - Tyler Doden
Dec 10 - Evan Hobbs
Dec 16 - Abigail Brandt
Dec 18 - Sherri Kunkel
Dec 19 - Carmen Fjetland
Dec 20 - Andrew Hanna
Dec 23 - Nicholas Doden
Dec 23 - Wendy Harms
Dec 25 - Natalie Hankins
Dec 28 - Alyza Schimmelpfennig
Dec 31 -Nancy Buns



Dec 2 - Millie Culbertson
Dec 4 - Shelly Kardoes
Dec 5 - Karen Post
Dec 9 - Matthew Schmidt
Dec 10- Amanda Post
Dec 13 - Jennie Alphs
Dec 15 - Chase Stohr
Dec 19 - Nancy Axness
Dec 19 - Kevin Brandt
Dec 20 - Marcia Ullmann
Dec 24 - Gerald Rurup
Dec 24 - Doug Swingen
Dec 27 - Owen Harms
Dec 28 - Matt Escobar
Dec 30 - Allison Ullmann
Dec 31 - Betty Ricklefs



Dec 8 - Wayne & Jeanne Tollagson
Dec 11 - Denny & Linda Smith

Dec 20 - Gerald & Janice Meyer
Dec 27 - Ron & Deb Schmidt

Confirmation Schedule

December 1st - 7pm at Good Hope (pizza party and in-person class)

December 8th - 6pm St. John's Confirmation Students W.O.W Practice at St. John's

December 12th - 9am Church Readings for Christmas Program

December 15th - 7pm Zoom

December 22nd - No Class

December 29th - No Class

Immanuel News

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners

Greg & Julie Finer

Readers

December 5th - Jim Post

December 19th - Shelly Kardoes

Servant Schedule

Ushers

Clay Hobbs/Jason Doege

Communion

Deb Schimmelpfennig

Bulletin Board

Diana Hayungs

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Deb Schimmelpfennig

Readers

Dec. 12th - Confirmation Students

Dec. 26th - Deb Schimmelpfennig



Parish Three Council Meeting

December 14th at 7:00pm at Immanuel



We filled 78 school bags this year!

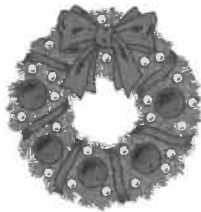
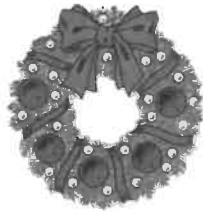
Great work and thank you and
for helping out!



Annual Meetings

January 16th - Immanuel
meeting after church

January 23rd - St. John's
meeting after church



Wreaths for St. John's - Memorial

****In memory of Loren & Donna Roberts and
Kenny & Betty Buns from Mona & Denny Buns**

****In memory of Bob Durbin and Stella Hayungs
from Gary and Diana Hayungs**

****In memory of Thomas Larson from Karen
Larson**

****In memory of Dick & Pat Schutjer and Robert
& Elaine Rezac from Bruce & Phyllis Schutjer &
family**

****In memory of Leonard & Nancy Steffen and
Douglas & Dore White from Jim & Lisa Steffen**

****In memory of Bruce & Doryce Hanna and Lori
Hanna and Gussie Swingen from Doug & Lisa
Swingen & family**



The sharing tree will be up soon. Please be sure to stop by St. John's church to pick an angel from the tree and buy a toy for a child in need.

Please note the date that the toy will need to be returned!!!



Hat and mitten boxes are located at Immanuel and St. John's. ■

Collection will continue through December for the Immanuel Project! Donations are appreciated to help keep someone warm that is in need!



Thank you to those that purchased wreaths this year for your home or for the church. The money will be used to help a family in need.

-The PNF committee



St. John's Lutheran Church
Woden, Iowa

invites you to join us for our:

Annual Christmas Cookie Sale,
Raffle, and Breakfast

Saturday, December 4, 2021

Breakfast: 6:30 - 9:00 AM

Cookie Sale: 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Woden Community Center

208 Main Ave

Woden, Iowa 50484

Raffle tickets: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00



*Ladies remember to bring 3 dozen Christmas cookies to the community center throughout the day Friday, December 3rd or before 7am on Saturday, December 4th. *

The Western Iowa Synod of the ELCA

The Ministry We Do

Living our Baptismal Promises...

the ministry we share
and
the story we tell



We are grateful for your partnership...

We thank God for your continued generosity...

We rejoice in the ministry we share as the Western Iowa Synod...

120 Congregations	153 Rostered Ministers (pastors & deacons)	18 Synod Authorized Ministers
5 Ordinations Lisa Johnson Evan McVann Anna Wolf Denise Berns Matt Polsdofer	1 South Sudanese Congregation Thanksgiving Lutheran Council Bluffs	1- 100 years 2- 125 years 5- 150 years Congregational Anniversaries celebrated
11 Current Seminary Students	17 Serving on Synod Council	\$15,000 In support of Campus Ministry in Iowa
\$7,295.99 Raised at the Barbeque for the Fund for the Future Endowment	\$18,000 "Pay the Weigh" funds raised to feed hungry people in Western Iowa	\$7,172.84 Offerings shared to support kids attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering In 2022
7 Rostered Minister & Families attended "a week of wellness" Lutheran Lakeside	6 Conferences Abundant Fields Hands of Hope Living Waters Rivers of Grace Seeds of Faith Winds of Hope	\$27,160.94 Given to ELCA World Hunger ministries
\$36,063.22 Gifted to our Companion Synod in Tanzania	\$11,763.24 Given to support the work of Lutheran Services in Iowa	\$10,000 Given to Wartburg Seminary & Lutheran School of Theology Chicago

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