

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



February Worship Schedule

- Feb 6th 9:00a.m. at St. John's
- Feb 13th 9:00a.m. at Immanuel
- Feb. 20th 9:00a.m. at St. John's
- Feb 27th 10:30a.m. at Good Hope
Pastor Kim's Farewell

CALL COMMITTEE

On Sunday, January 30, 2022, Parish 3 congregations will vote on whether to extend a call to a new pastor recommended by the call-committee. The vote will be held after the 9:00a.m. worship service. Information about the pastor will be provided on January 30th, prior to the vote.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING PASTOR KIM'S RETIREMENT AND WISH HIM A HAPPY FAREWELL. THERE WILL BE A LUNCH AFTER 10:30A.M. WORSHIP AT GOOD HOPE ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH.

**CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR KIM!
WE WILL MISS YOU!**



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Pastor's COLUMN

FEBRUARY 2022

Dear Friends In Christ,

My dad had a fun sense of humor. He used to get my brother or I up on a ladder and then say, "If you fall, yell, so I can get out of the way." Another of his sayings was, "The fall doesn't hurt much. It's that sudden stop."

I recently took a tumble on the ice. I like to say the ground rapidly came up to greet me. That sounds much more graceful than falling. However, when I made the connection with the ground, it was fast, sudden, and it hurt. I might also add, embarrassing since there was no graceful way to fall.

For a couple of days now, I have found myself disagreeing a bit with my dad's wisdom and humor. That sudden stop did and does hurt. I also realized that I called upon many muscles I seldom if ever call upon to try to stop the fall in the first place. Twisting and turning while in mid-air, hoping to land like a cat, which I didn't. Fortunately, I think the only muscle I did not use in preventing the fall or attempting the multipoint landing was my head.

Incidentally, multipoint did not include feet either.

February brings us to the little hilltop where we can see spring in the distance. We can see something else that comes with spring, Easter.

Adam and Eve's fall into sin was anything but graceful. They fell hard, and when they fell hard, we fell hard too.

Looking for ways to land on our feet we twist and turn, eventually realizing there is absolutely nothing we can do to stop the fall. All of us take this tumble since all of us are sinners.

I might add that the tumble we take leaves us with many bruises to the soul. It even ends with death.

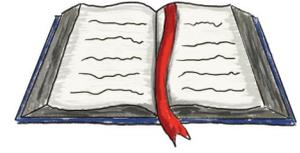
But thanks be to God, we have that sight on the horizon, Easter. The Father reaches out to us while we are down and out, sore and beaten up from the fall and the Father alone gives us life through Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Kim





MINUTE BIBLE STUDY



Romans 3:6

How would you define sin so that even a child could understand it?

In Romans 3:6, who has sinned?

When we sin are we worthy of God? Explain.

What happens to us when we are not worthy of God?

What is the cost to be justified?

Who makes the decision to save us?

Ephesians 2:1

What has the fall done to us?

Vs. 4 Why does God make us alive even though we are dead in our sins?

Ephesians 2:8-10

We have taken a serious tumble with sin, a tumble that results in death.

How does God save us?

What do we have to do?

What are we created to do?

When were these works prepared for us?

Falls are painful, on the way down and that sudden stop. Our fall into sin and death are really no different. Our lives are bruised and sore, ending in death. But the Good News is that God promises life out of His love and grace through Jesus Christ.



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

IMMANUEL

Feb 1 - Tessa Brandt
Feb 7 - Arliss Ullmann
Feb 10 - Mary Ullmann
Feb 13 - Steve Eden
Feb 14 - Alexander White
Feb 15 - Wayne Ebbers
Feb 15 - Merle Ricklefs
Feb 15 - Jenna Stohr
Feb 16 - Weston Harms
Feb 17 - Arvid Boyken
Feb 19 - Charlotte Eden
Feb 22 - Leona Schmidt
Feb 23 - Daniel Rurup
Feb 25 - Eric Eden
Feb 26 - Ryan Finer

ST. JOHN'S

Feb 1 - Levi Brandt
Feb 2 - Janessa Brandt
Feb 2 - Becky Crone
Feb 3 - Phillip Johnson
Feb 4 - Denny Buns
Feb 7 - Pat Hobbs
Feb 7 - Pam Juhl
Feb 7 - Alyssa Wood
Feb 11 - Degan Juenger
Feb 13 - Jason Kroll
Feb 14 - Joseph Hanna
Feb 21 - Kassie Bartlett
Feb 24 - Tracy Hanna



IMMANUEL

Feb 3 - Jim & Karen Post
Feb 4 - Beauford & Rozzie Stohr
Feb 16 - Russ & Diane Bruns

ST. JOHN'S

Feb 9 - Sherri & Brad Haugland
Feb 9 - Carrie & Kelly Snieder
Feb 22 - Nancy & Maurice Buns
Feb 24 - Terry & Kathy Albers

Immanuel News

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners

Allen & Susan Post

Readers

Feb 13th- David Post

Servant Schedule

Ushers

Pat Gibbs & Steve Gerdes

Communion

Wendy Harms

Bulletin Board

Emogene Kurtzleben &
Shannon Doege

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Tjode Mickelson

Readers

Feb 6th - Gary Hayungs
Feb 20th - Doris Haugland



Parish Three Council Meeting

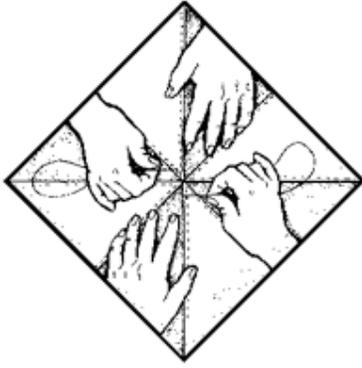
Thursday, February 10th

7:00pm at Immanuel

If you were not in attendance but would like a copy of the annual report from either church, you can email the office (parishthre@wctatel.net) and a digital copy will be sent to you. Otherwise, you can pick up a paper copy at each of the churches.



ANNUAL REPORT



ST. JOHN'S WELCA
QUILTING DAYS

**FEB/MARCH EVERY TUESDAY
@ 1:00P.M.**

FEBRUARY 9TH @ 6:30P.M.
FEBRUARY 22ND @ 6:30P.M.

MARCH 15TH @ 6:30P.M.
MARCH 28TH @ 6:30P.M.

**ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SEW
PIECES OF MATERIAL
TOGETHER FOR QUILTS AT
HOME CAN CONTACT PHYLLIS
FOR MORE INFORMATION
@641-926-5247**

Riverside Bible Camp Registration is Open!



Riverside Bible Camp offers a wide range of summer programs, from half week sessions for their youngest campers, to full week programs for campers entering 3rd grade all the way up through high school, and family camp. Riverside also has a beginner and intermediate ranch camp program, as well as an adventure camp focused on growing in faith through enjoying God's creation.

Riverside Bible Camp is located in Story City, IA. More information about the various camps can be found at:

<https://www.riversidelbc.org/summer-camp>

CHOICE DOLLARS



Remember to designate where you want your
Thrivent Choice Dollars
directed in February and March.



Update from Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots

Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots serves children living in poverty in Oaxaca, Mexico, to help ensure their full and continued access to an education. They believe in education as a human right and help the poorest of Oaxaca's children realize their dream of going to school. More information about the organization can be found at oaxacastreetchildren.org. For over a decade, St. John's has been donating to sponsor a student, Erika Esther García Merino. Below is a letter from Erika.

Dear Sponsors,

I'm sending you thanks for the support you gave me for the past school year. It was a great help (support) from you.

I'm sharing with you that last year, I was in the 2nd and 3rd semesters of my studies. It was a bit difficult because of the online classes, but from then on everything is going well, since I like the career I'm studying, a degree in nursing and obstetrics. I like it a lot; it is an area where I feel very comfortable. I'm doing well in school, getting good grades so that you can feel proud of me, since thanks to you, I've passed into the 5th semester and I'm doing well. The teachers I have are good teachers, and I only have one year more, and I will finish the university, and you will see that I will give it my best efforts.

In this time of pandemic that we have spent as a family, we have taken a lot of care. Thanks to God we are healthy. Little by little we are going out, but the important thing is that we are well. And that's what I wish for you, that you take care of yourselves. The only thing I hope is that it ends soon, since it is very difficult to be fighting day after day so that one doesn't become ill.

I wish that these days of Christmas go well for you and you can spend it marvelously. I wish you a pretty Christmas and a prosperous new year, and hope that all is well where you are.

I say goodbye to you and send you a big hug from a distance. Take good care of yourselves. My family sends you greetings and they love you a lot.

May God bless you,

Erika Esther García Merino

Queridos padrinos,

Les doy las gracias por el apoyo que me brindaron por el ciclo escolar ya que fue un gran apoyo de ustedes.

Les comenté que año pasado que curse en segundo y tercer semestre me fue bien aunque un poco difícil por las clases virtuales, pero de ahí todo bien ya que me gusta la carrera que estoy estudiando que es Licenciatura en Enfermería y obstetricia me gusta mucho ya que es un área en la que me acomodo, voy bien en la escuela sacando buenas calificaciones para que se sientan orgullosos de mi ya que gracias a ustedes estoy saliendo adelante, pase a quinto semestre tercer año y me está yendo bien los maestros que me tocaron son buenos maestros, ya solo me falta otro año más y termino la universidad y verán que le echare todas las ganas.

En este tiempo de pandemia que hemos estado pasando con mi familia no hemos cuidado mucho, gracias a Dios estamos bien de salud, poco a poco vamos saliendo pero lo importante es que estamos bien y eso espero de ustedes que se cuiden ya que está pandemia lo único que espero es que ya terminé pronto ya que es muy difícil estar así luchando día a día para que uno no se enfermó.

Les deseo que estas fechas de navidad se la pasen muy bien y que puedan pasarla de maravilla les deseo una bonita navidad y un próspero año nuevo y espero que todo esté bien allá.

Me despido de ustedes, les mando un gran abrazo a distancia y cuidense mucho, les manda saludos mi familia los quiero mucho y que Dios los bendiga.

Erika Esther García Merino

Message from Lutheran Services in Iowa

February 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, adults, and families!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families; in teens who are overcoming years of trauma and building bright futures; in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence; in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families; and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065. -----

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

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.

Experiencing Love Incarnate

Penelope had been in and out of residential treatment at various facilities across Iowa for a few years. Her most recent placement was at LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly, which provides 24/7 behavioral healthcare and support for children and teens.

Upon her arrival, Penelope was able to build a relationship with the new LSI Spiritual Life Leader, Pastor Kyle. The voluntary Spiritual Life program connects youth on Bremwood's campus to faith-based music and art, youth group, and chapel sessions. After Pastor Kyle had begun to settle into his new call with LSI, he began hosting a worship service each week for children on campus centered around the eucharist. Penelope enjoyed participating in worship and encouraged her peers to join in.

One day while talking with Penelope, Pastor Kyle asked her what got her so excited about worship and why she encouraged her peers to attend.

"Dude," Penelope responded. "It's because we get communion!"

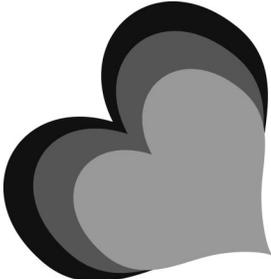
As Pastor Kyle continued the conversation with Penelope, the two discussed the importance of communion and how being fed through the bread of life empowered us to live amongst and for our neighbors.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day this month, Penelope's story about receiving the sacrament of communion helps us to remember that our love for one another is possible through the one who first loved us. No matter who we might receive valentines or sweet treats from on Feb. 14, we trust that all are embraced in love through Jesus Christ.

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