



# PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



## Sunday Worship Schedule

June 5th at St. John's at **9:00 am**  
June 12th at Immanuel at **9:00 am**  
June 19th at St. John's at **9:00 am**  
June 26th at Good Hope at **10:30am**

## Memorial Day Services

On Monday, May 30th at 10:00a.m. a Memorial Day Service will be held at the Woden Community Center with fellowship to follow. Remember those that gave it all for our freedom.

On Monday, May 30th at 10:00a.m. a Memorial Day Service will be held at Good Hope in Titonka with fellowship following the service. All are welcome to join!



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What's coming next for the church?

It's no secret that the church in North America is changing—and it's no secret that the churches I serve as a pastor are changing too. I wonder with all the change: What is God inviting us to do next?

In the 1990's, Rick Warren, a pastor in California, thought about the future church. He looked ahead, and he looked back to 2 key passages from the gospels.

The great commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:37-40 NRSV

The Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:19-20 NRSV

Warren's book *the Purpose Driven Church* was a best seller—and in it he helped name 5 key purposes for the church. Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, Mission.

As I wonder what's next I find myself thinking about worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission. To be honest, I've got some ideas—but having only been here for a few months it seems like a good plan to ask what other people dreamed about doing as a part of the church.

Over the next month, I'd like to hear your thoughts and dreams—what are your hopes and visions for Immanuel, St. John's, and Good Hope? As a pastor serving here for 3 months I've been blessed to meet some great people who love to be church together. I hope to hear your thoughts about what's coming next. In order to get the conversation and the dreaming started, I'm planning to host 4 conversations:

- after worship on Sunday, May 29 at Good Hope.
- after worship on Sunday, June 5 at St John's.
- after worship on Sunday, June 12 at Immanuel.
- at 7pm on Wednesday, June 16 at Immanuel.

You are invited to attend one, two, three or all four of these conversations—the opening question will be the same every time: *What ministry would you like to be part of in the next 1 to 60 months?*

Bring your dreams and join in the conversation:

Thanks, Pastor John Heille





## Minute Bible Study Pentecost



The story of Pentecost fills the second chapter of Acts.

God started moving in an unexpected way when Jesus rose from the dead. The open tomb was the beginning of God's new activity. It wasn't the end. Jesus made a promise before he died. He told his friends that they would receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 tells the story of the Spirit's arrival from the human point of view.

Pentecost was an old religious festival. People came to Jerusalem every year to mark the barley harvest. It was a celebration. People remembering God's faithfulness and God's blessing in their lives year after year. And in the middle of the celebration God did something new.

**Read Acts 2:1-4:**

**What do you imagine it sounded like when the wind rushed through the room?**

**Why do you think everyone in the room received a ton of fire? What does it mean that the Holy Spirit comes to the whole church but also to each individual believer present that day?**

God was doing something brand new.

They came to Pentecost knowing what they expected. But then everything turned in a beautiful new direction. Pentecost brought people from around the ancient world together to Jerusalem. They came out of tradition. And they came full of hope that they could experience God's activity in that place.

**Read Acts 2:5-13:**

**People were gathered from all over. And in this moment they all could understand each other. What do you think it would be like to understand people who speak a different language that you can't understand?**

**Our world is full of divisions, but the Holy Spirit is able to overcome all divisions. How does this story give you hope for the future of our world?**

**How would you respond to those who sneered in verse 13?**

Saint Peter step forward. The night when Jesus was betrayed he denied even knowing Jesus. But now full of the Holy Spirit he boldly told everyone around him the good news and announced God's power for all the world.

**Read Acts 2:14-21**

**Peter responded to the jeers and sneers. What do you think of his response to the unbelief?**

**Peter focused in on an old promise from a prophet about dreams and visions. Do you believe God still uses dreams and visions today to lead the church forward?**

## IMMANUEL

June 1 - Daniel Boyken  
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June 5 - Heather Fredrickson  
June 6 - Kinsley Harms  
June 7 - Shawn Plymesser  
June 11 - Kevin Ullmann  
June 15 - Sherry Smithart  
June 19 - Matthew Swingen  
June 23 - Steve Boyken  
June 24 - Kent Ullmann  
June 30 - Carl Giesking  
June 30 - Allen Post



## ST. JOHN'S

June 3 - Patrick Gibbs  
June 5 - Paige Buns  
June 5 - Tracie Foley  
June 6 - Sheryl Hanna  
June 7 - Matthew Krull  
June 8 - Travis Albers  
June 8 - Larry Burma  
June 9 - Kristi Korte  
June 12 - Kaitlynn Feuring  
June 13 - Dan Haugland  
June 13 - Gary Hayungs  
June 14 - Cory Squier  
June 15 - Josh Mehsikomer  
June 16 - Julie Larson  
June 16 - Jaycee Scholl  
June 17 - Shirley Vokoun  
June 19 - Don Fritz  
June 23 - Danielle Buns  
June 23 - Kathy Trenary  
June 28 - Shannon Doege  
June 30 - Crystal Anderson



## IMMANUEL

June 9 Arvid & Sheri Boyken  
June 9 Adam & Barb Parker  
June 12 Merle & Betty Ricklefs  
June 21 Tim & Heather Ricklefs  
June 22 Doug & Lisa Swingen  
June 24 Travis & Nicole Shillington

## ST. JOHN'S

June 2 Joe & Laura Hanna  
June 8 Daniel & Pamela Kloser  
June 13 Mike & Deb Schimmelpfennig  
June 14 Brad & Ruth Buns  
June 14 Bruce & Phyllis Schutjer  
June 17 Matt & Jessica Doden  
June 24 Larry & Kim Flatebo  
June 25 Dan & Laura Webber  
June 26 Erik & Julie Larson



**This year's Indian Days proceeds will be donated to the Titonka Care Center for a new concrete patio, patio cover and gazebo as specifically requested by the residents. The Care Center is asking for volunteers to serve the noon meal following the parade on Saturday, June 25th.**

**Please consider calling the Care Center at (515) 928-2600 to volunteer.**

# Immanuel Servant Schedule

## Communion/Dossal/Banners

Kyle & Maddie Post

## Reader

June 12th - Jim Post

## Parish 3 Council Meeting

Monday, June 13th

7:00p.m. at Immanuel

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for such a special day on my retirement. And thank you for the gift. I am so deeply moved by your love and generosity. Bess and I are slowly settling in. I finally opened a box and found the cards from my retirement day. Thus, the tardiness of sending my thank you. Blessings on you as you continue your ministry under the leadership of Pastor John.

Thank you,  
Pastor Kim Peterson



# St. John's Servant Schedule

## Ushers

Denny Smith & Rick Schutjer

## Communion

Lisa Steffen

## Bulletin Board

Kallista & Natalie Larson

## Altar Cloths & Flowers

Ruth Buns

## Reader

June 5th -- Deb Schimmelpfennig

June 19th - Wendy Harms



**RiseFest is a two-day Christian Music Festival that will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> in Sheldon, IA. The festival features the nation's top Christian artists and speakers, as well as seminars, activities for kids of all ages, ministry outreach, camping, and much more. If interested, more information can be found at: [riseministries.com/risefest/](http://riseministries.com/risefest/)**

## What's God inviting us to do next?



You are invited to share ideas and dreams for future ministry.  
Talking together can help us start to see what God is calling us to do together.  
You are invited to come to any of the following future ministry conversations:

after worship on Sunday, May 29 at Good Hope.

after worship on Sunday, June 5 at St John's.

after worship on Sunday, June 12 at Immanuel.

at 7pm on Wednesday, June 16 at Immanuel.

To get the conversation going we'll be asking the question:

*"What ministry would you like to be part of in the next 1 to 60 months?"*

We'll ask this question as we think about 5 different parts of life together as church:

Worship

Fellowship

Discipleship

Ministry

Mission

These conversations are open to anyone in any of the 3 churches—and you are invited to come to one or more conversations to share your thoughts, ideas, and dreams.

\*Note: the question is not:

*What ministry would you like have somebody do for you?*



Beginning June 5, every Sunday following morning worship service, Carole Tuecke is going to organize a combined choir for the summer. We will practice each Sunday at the church that is holding service. Practice will last 30 – 40 minutes following the morning service. The plan is to sing at least once at each church during the summer. Please consider being a part of this.

We have some great musicians within our churches!

## 2022 Assembly Highlights



**Wednesday evening pre-assembly event:** Bible study by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

**Thursday evening pre-assembly event:** Diversity and stigma training by Rosecranz Jackson Center

**Friday evening:**

- Opening worship was assisted by first-call pastors, Pr Andy Nelson, and music was led by Deacon John Weit, Assistant to the Bishop, Executive for Worship, ELCA Churchwide
- The Credentials and Elections Committee reported registrations of 191 voters and 31 visitors; total of 222 attendees
- Passed resolutions\*:
  - #3 WIS Constitution: Nominating Committee
  - #4 Cooperation with neighboring synods

**Saturday morning:**

- Passed resolutions\*:
  - #2 Adopt the 2022 Revised Budget and 2023 Proposed Budget
  - #1 2023 Compensation and Care Guidelines
  - #7 WIS Constitution - Congregational Representation at Synod Assembly
  - #5 Updating the WIS Constitution and Bylaws
- Received greetings from:
  - Deacon John Weit, ELCA Churchwide representative, who detailed the many local, national and worldwide projects that are funded by our Mission Support giving
  - Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton by video
- Recognition of 11 Western Iowa candidates for candidacy and 6 ordinations
- Recognition of 26 ordination anniversaries and 6 congregation anniversaries
- Bishop Lorna Halaas presented the bishop's report
- Received offerings of \$7,979 supporting "Feeding the Hungry in Western Iowa Synod" and "LSI-Refugee and Immigrant Services". Thank you!
- Elected 19 persons to synod committee positions\*. Thanks to those willing to serve!

**Saturday afternoon:**

- Went out to serve! Dressed in our blue "God's Work. Our Hands." tee-shirts (thanks, Harlan Asmus!) we divided into 15 service groups who did a variety of activities for non-profits in Sioux City.
- Final closing activities:
  - Announced the 2023 Synod Assembly to be held April 14-15, 2023 in a location TBD
  - Finished with a closing litany and prayers

\* Resolutions and other reports are available on the synod website [www.wisynod.org](http://www.wisynod.org).

## **Message from Lutheran Services in Iowa**

### **Happy Father's Day!**

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day. Through our Early Childhood Services, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. And through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, our licensed foster dads are there to help guide them.

This is only possible through your support of LSI! If you would like to make a gift, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

*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](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### **Therapy Provides a Solid Foundation**

Dana and Jack have lots to look forward to. They are planning their wedding, Jack is hard at work finishing his college degree, and they share a growing baby boy, Levi.

But while they wanted to keep their sights set on the future, Jack struggled to cope with some of his past.

As an Army veteran, Jack found himself struggling with addiction after he returned home, and he found it difficult to process some of the emotions that came with it. He wanted to break free from those struggles and get help. Dana had been meeting with her LSI therapist, Andrea, for several years already and wanted her to connect with Jack too.

Now, after meeting with Andrea, Jack has learned to cope with his past in healthy ways. He has since been able to break his addiction and he now feels clear-headed whenever he needs to cope through the challenging days.

Jack and Dana also attend couples counseling with Andrea and through their sessions, they are able to ensure they have a happy, healthy home for Levi.

The couple says Andrea and LSI have been a "breath of fresh air," and they feel more empowered and in control of their life.

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