

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



Summer
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

June Sunday Worship Schedule

June 2	9:00 AM	Immanuel
June 9	9:00 AM	St. John's w/Communion
June 16	9:00 AM	Immanuel
June 23	10:30 AM	Buffalo Creek Community Center in Titonka
June 30	9:00 AM	St. John's w/Communion

July 7 - Good Hope
 July 14 - Immanuel 125th w/Communion
 (10:00 AM)
 July 21 - St. John's - Woden 125th
 (9:30 AM)
 July 28 - Good Hope w/Communion

August 4 - Immanuel
 August 11 - St. John's w/Communion
 Outdoor Service (10:30 AM)
 August 18 - Good Hope
 August 25 - Immanuel w/Communion

September 1 - St. John's

Summer worship time will be 9:00 AM unless otherwise designated.

Note: the Good Hope - Parish 3 calendar was recently updated. It's posted at www.parish3.com under "Future Worship Services".

Carole Tuecke will again be directing a combined choir for the summer. Practices will follow each worship service, and will last 30 - 40 minutes. Thanks for enriching our worship services!

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Does anything surprise people anymore?

I heard that question a while back. It feels like a good question for our days. We live in a world of instant information and global news coverage. Artificial intelligence and fast Internet searches give quick ready answers for many everyday questions.

Wondering what to do for supper—people look up recipes on the Internet.

Wondering how to replace a broken car part—people look up how to videos.

So many questions seem to have fast answers these days. But then I look at the world and I still see mysteries that haven't been explained. Reading scripture, I am reminded that even our God is full of surprises. Sure, some people around us may think every question has been answered. Some might say every mystery has been figured out. But as I look at the world, and read the stories of Jesus' ministry, I am reminded God can still surprise us with grace and mercy and new life. As I read the gospels, I see the many ways that Jesus surprised people 2000 years ago.

A story full of surprises,

One book about Jesus is full of surprises. The book called the Gospel of Mark was written on purpose, to tell the world the Good News about Jesus. The book's first sentence tells us why it was written. "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Mark was written to tell people who never experienced Jesus personally what it was like to be surprised by the Good News that Jesus had to share. The people who met Jesus were surprised by God's presence in their lives.

This summer many churches are going to dive right into this great book we call Mark. The Gospel of Mark is very short—a person could read it from start to finish in just a couple of hours. As I read Mark, I let that first sentence sink in deep. Mark is telling the Good News. Centuries later Mark still tells us what it was like to meet Jesus. This book we call Mark is full of the good news from the very first sentence right up to the end.

There's one more thing to know about the Gospel of Mark: this little book is full of surprises. Don Juel, a New Testament scholar from the last century, called Mark "the master of surprises." Some people who are especially familiar with the story might sadly think to themselves, "I know the story, I know how it ends." But that wasn't the way it was for people meeting Jesus in Galilee, Samaria, and Judea 2000 years ago. Everyone who met Jesus was surprised by God moving towards them.

Just read Mark's stories one at a time. Pay attention to the reaction of the people. Jesus met ordinary people. And they all seemed surprised to meet God in the presence of this man from Nazareth. When Jesus, the carpenter's son, healed people were surprised. When Jesus cast out demons the people, even Jesus' own family, were surprised. The demons seemed to know Jesus very well. The evil spirits asked Jesus what he wanted with them. Mark tells so many of people surprised to meet God in their lives. When Jesus taught with power and authority—the crowd was amazed.

This summer many churches will be spending a great deal of time in Mark. Take in the stories and rejoice in the good news. Listen to Jesus' teachings and pay attention to the controversies that Jesus created. Remember the compassion Jesus had for the hurting.



10-Minute Bible Study



the Gospel of Mark

This summer we're going to spend a lot of time in the Gospel of Mark on Sunday mornings. There are a couple key verses and stories from the very start of this gospel that help set the tone for the rest of the story.

Mark 1:1-11

This book wasn't written by accident—Mark was written to tell us the Good News. What does that phrase “Good News” or the word “Gospel” mean for Mark?

What does Good News mean for us?

How does John's promise about someone powerful shape what you think is coming next in the story?

Mark 1:12-13

There's a conflict at the heart of this book—Jesus is in a conflict with Satan. The tempter came along to test/tempt Jesus. Satan didn't succeed at his mission.

How does the story of Satan confronting Jesus in the wilderness shape your understanding of Jesus and the Good News that he came to share?

Mark 1:14-15

John the Baptist came along and people thought he was special—but John said he was just getting the way ready for Jesus. After John's arrest Jesus started to speak about the kingdom coming

How does Jesus works about the “Kingdom” help you to understand his mission?

Mark 1:16-20

Jesus invited others to join him in mission pretty quickly. He asked fishermen to lay down their nets and come to follow him. He said they would start to fish for people.

What about Jesus' call would have persuaded these first followers to leave their family and boats behind?

Mark 1:21-28

People were amazed at what Jesus had to say. But even more amazing were the miracles. The conflict between Jesus and evil was clear. Jesus spoke and the demon inside a suffering man knew exactly who was talking.

What does it mean for us to say that Jesus has a conflict with the forces of evil?

How does hearing this story about Jesus' power help us today?

IMMANUEL



- June 1 - Daniel Boyken
- June 1 - Chad Ullmann
- June 5 - Heather Fredrickson
- June 6 - Kinsley Harms
- June 7 - Shawn Plymesser
- June 11 - Kevin Ullmann
- June 15 - Sherry Smithhart
- June 19 - Matthew Swingen
- June 23 - Steve Boyken
- June 24 - Kent Ullmann
- June 30 - **Butch Giesking** (see below)
- June 30 - Allen Post
- June 30 - Duane Boyken

ST. JOHN'S

- June 3 - Patrick Gibbs
- June 5 - Paige Buns
- June 5 - Tracie Foley
- June 6 - **Sheryl Hanna** (see below)
- 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

June's **Senior Recognition**: this month we are honoring Immanuel and Parish Three's "most senior" man: **Butch Giesking**.



He'll be **97** years young on June 30! Happy birthday, Butch! If you'd like to send him a card, his address is: Summit House, 600 1st St NW, Britt, IA 50423



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

Let's celebrate!

You are invited to **Sheryl Hanna's 90th birthday celebration**

on Sunday, June 9 at St. John's after the worship service.

If you can't attend, send her a card at P. O. Box 93, Woden, IA 50484.

Immanuel Servant Schedule

Communion/Paraments

(helpful instructions are posted in the sacristy, the NW corner room)

Shane Beenken (Apr-May-Jun)
Arvid Boyken (Apr-May-Jun)

Sanctuary Banners

Organists

Readers

June 2 - Jim Post
June 16 - Shelly Kardoes

St. John's Servant Schedule

Ushers

Denny Smith & Rick Schutjer

Communion

Linda Smith

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Aleysha Brandt

Readers

June 9 - Val Gibbs
June 30 - Gary Hayungs

Care Center Live-Stream Volunteers

June 2 - Wally & Sue Heyer
June 9 - Allen & Susan Post
June 16 - John & Emogene Kurtzleben
June 23- Jim Post
June 30 - David & Marsha Bergstrom



Parish 3 Council Meeting

Monday, June 10
7:00 PM at St. Johns



You are invited to a bridal shower in honor of **Sydney Fredrickson**,
bride-to-be of Maxwell Miller, on June 23, 2024 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM
at the Buffalo Creek Activity Center (former Tintonka school).
There will be a short program at 2:00 PM. The couple is registered at TheKnot.com.

REGISTER FOR

Bible School

St John's One-Day Bible School

St. John's will be holding Bible School on Monday, July 8th from 9 am to 3 pm. This is for all St. John's and Immanuel children, as well as all community children. If your child would like to attend Bible School, you are very much welcomed. You can contact St. John's office at 641-926-5798 or call Phyllis at 641-860-0415 to let us know if your child would be attending. Please leave contact information as well. Hope to see you there!

The quilters were very busy this year and in total made 118 quilts, 25 Afghans and 3 walker bags! The breakdown is as follows:

25 Baby afghans

4 Riverside Bible Camp Auction quilts: 2 large, 1 medium, 1 baby

1 large quilt: Heart of BBQ Auction Fundraiser

10 baby quilts

10 lap quilts

45 large quilts (8x10 or 8x11 squares)

32 medium quilts (7x8, 7x9, 8x8, 8x9, or 9x9 squares)

13 medium quilts (5x8 or 6x9 squares)

2 youth quilts made and delivered in the winter of 2024

1 additional baby quilt given for a winter baptism of 2024

3 walker bags made for care centers



All of these quilts are donated to local agencies and groups, to our baptized and our high school graduates.

Thank you to everyone who cut and sewed quilt tops at home, who tied quilts and those who bound them. All were made with love!

Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Fund

A fund has been established to financially help the immediate need of the Titonka Care Center. No funds will be distributed until the care center has exhausted all its available funds and will only be made to cover necessary operating expenses. All donations will be held in a separate account for the purpose of sustaining the continued operation of the care center for the benefit of the residents and community. Financial assistance is needed at this time to hopefully allow the care center to operate until such time that a new entity can assume operational control of the care center. A record of all tax-deductible donations will be maintained. All donations should be made payable to the Titonka Care center Hail Mary Account and given to Allan Boyken at the Heyer Spear Insurance Office or to Lanita Kardoos. Allan & Lanita are the only signatories on the account. Allan's mail address is P. O. Box 249, Titonka, Iowa 50480-0249

Pastor John, Becky Crone, Vicky Nelson and Karen Post attended this year. Ask any of them for details!

ASSEMBLY
2024



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2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY SPECIAL EDITION

Two days, two places,
remembering blessings,
celebrating strengths,
dreaming possibilities...



2024 WESTERN IOWA SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Stir Us Up To Be

BRAVE - AUTHENTIC - FREE
DISRUPTIVE - DISCIPLES

We are the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA

One of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. We have 3.3 million members with 8,900 worshipping communities.

We believe –

Ephesians 2:8-9 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so no one can boast.”

Living Lutheran –

Luke 10:27 “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.”

We engage the Bible as the written Word of God.

We understand the authors of the Biblical canon to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. The words themselves are not dictated by God. We approach the texts with curiosity, believing it is holy work to wrestle with the text.

We celebrate and value diversity -

Because all people are created in the image of God, we celebrate people in all their diversity as good.

We use expansive language for God - Scripture speaks of God as verbs, nouns, inanimate objects, and as forces of nature. As people of faith we continue to understand the mystery of God in a variety of ways not limited to male terms.

We are church together-

“For God so loved the world.” John 3:16 God’s love and gift of grace to all humanity is what unites us. We respond to God’s love by living what Jesus demonstrated, working for justice and bringing healing, compassion, and love to all the world.

Congregations and synods share pulpits and sacraments with the Episcopal Church, the Moravians, Presbyterians, the United Church of Christ, the Reformed Church, and the Methodists.

We also are also good neighbors with Catholic, Muslim, Jewish, and other faith groups.

We are the Western Iowa Synod - ELCA

115 congregations, building relationships and living our baptismal promises.

We are God’s love made real.



Heart of BBQ Champ
Justin Schaben
preparing roast pork



Community Meal
with Council Bluffs
Residents



Offering for
Youth Travel &
Iowa Pig Project



Yvonne Schade, Audrey



Erin Moe, Jody

Every gender, every race, all are covered by God’s grace.



Stir us up
to be...

BISHOP LORNA HALAAS



We have heard powerful proclamation of God's Love Made Real at this year's assembly. We have witnessed youth and young adults sharing their faith in brave, authentic, disruptive ways. We can focus on what we don't have. Or we can invest our energy in welcoming and appreciating the youth in our midst, encouraging them to lead along side of us, trusting them to shape the church that will proclaim the message of love and grace today and tomorrow. They have learned from us and bring new life to an age old truth that has guided the Church throughout history: God loves us more than we can ever realize or understand. Listen to what the Spirit is saying through them.

Noah Elder told us about pie as we considered the sweet call of the Spirit to rostered ministry. Is God calling you?



Rev. Debra McKnight, the founding pastor of Urban Abbey stirred us up to be aware of the Spirit moving and ministering in our communities.

Iain Chester, Executive Director of Innovation, ELCA, shared a greeting from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and updated us on shared ministries.

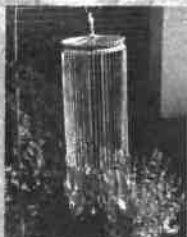


Aaron Shoppa, Ian Hertenstein, Tucker Haitz and Eric Haitz shared their experiences with the ELCA Youth Leadership Summit.



Paul Erbes from Morningside University spoke on Opportunities for Stewardship at the Assembly Pre-Session.

Vicar Paige McGrath preached at worship, stirring us to recognize that disruption brings new life.



Living God, you speak and your Spirit moves, stirring up change, bringing disruption, and transformation....creating a world out of chaos, bringing life to dry bones, life giving water and resurrection to the dead. Nourish us with your presence and stir us up to be brave, authentic, free, disruptive, disciples proclaiming the power of your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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June 2024 Newsletter



July 13 - 14, 2024

It's almost here - next month is Immanuel's big 125th celebration! All are invited! See details online at www.parish3.com.

Help us plan the Saturday evening meal by sending an RSVP by June 1.

Remember
to **RSVP**