



St. John & Immanuel Lutheran Churches Tecumseh / Sterling

**Newsletter
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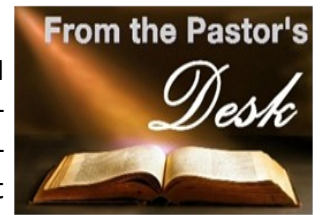
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Be Strong and Courageous

Graduations can be a very exciting time and a very scary time. I remember when I graduated from high school and then Vo-Tech school and then college and then seminary. High School was the completion of the education that had begun at kindergarten. It also represented a change from childhood into adulthood. While I could not wait to get out of high school, it was also scary because of the responsibilities that came with being an adult. The completion of my education in Vo-tech, college and seminary were also significant steps. Vo-Tech prepared me for a career in Electronics, college & seminary prepared me for the ministry.



Each of those graduations represented an accomplishment and a new challenge(s). All of them were exciting and scary at the same time. It takes courage to start a new chapter in one's life. Courage is not the absence of fear but moving forward regardless of the fear. John Wayne put it this way, "**Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway.**" Our Lord Jesus knows a little something about courage. As He prayed to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, He prayed, "**My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.**" (Matthew 26:39). Jesus knew what was coming. He knew the suffering that He would endure on the cross for you and me. In that moment He prayed for the Father's will be done. He took on and defeated the forces of evil in this world – sin, death and Satan. In the face of the challenges of this world, Jesus is our source for strength and courage as He has already overcome all our challenges at the cross and rose on Easter morning to show that victory to you and to me. And He is with you wherever you go, even, "**to the end of the age.**" (Matthew 28:20).

God knows the challenges that awaits you as you go your way through this life, no matter if you are graduating or continuing in the job/career that you are in or perhaps are starting something new. In the face of those challenges, the Lord promises to be with you. The Lord speaking to Joshua says, "**Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.**" (Joshua 1:9). Jesus knows the challenges that come with each new chapter in life and He promises to be with and help you through every challenge. He calls to you to put your trust in Him. To believe that He has already won the victory for you! **So be strong and courageous for Christ is with you wherever you go!**

In the Joy of Christ's Easter Victory!

Pastor Kohlmeyer

ST. JOHN AND IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

Hey, Parents...

Parents, please make sure the Church office knows when your graduate is going off to college. We would like to have their address and email to we can keep them in touch with what is going on in Church.

Preschool News

Well, we are almost to the end of another Preschool year. We have worked really hard and have learned so much! We have been practicing so much to get ready for our end of the year program/graduation .

We have four preschoolers that are moving on up to Kindergarten.

We will end our Preschool year with a camping/summer theme. This will include a couple of lessons called God's Happy Campers.

We continue to work on our letters and numbers along with many other skills. Our last morning will be May 18th and it will be spent having fun at the park. Our Program will be the night of May 19th.

We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!!

Mrs. Walters



Senca Food Pantry Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the drive. We collected a lot of useful items for the Pantry.



St. John's Lutheran VBS

June 6th-9th, 2022

Ages: 3 years old – finishing 5th grade

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Join us at Jerusalem Marketplace VBS, where we'll explore what it was like to walk with Jesus during his last week on earth!

Please register online by May 27th at
vbsmate.com/stjohntecumseh
or by calling the church at 402-335-3816

*Kids can still register in person the week of VBS



FREE Jerusalem Marketplace
T-shirt for everyone who registers!

*Thursday evening, June 9th will be the closing program & meal

Easter Egg Trunk Hop





MISSION CENTRAL

Plan now to take a group from your congregation out to visit [Mission Central](#) 2 miles east of Mapleton, Iowa to hear from these missionaries. [What in the world is Mission Central? Click here to read about this not normal place.](#)

Missionary visits:

May 14, 2022, 1:00, [Rev. Adam Lehman](#) and family, Puerto Rico

May 26, 2022, Ascension Service with Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer: 3:00 Bible study, 5:00 dinner, 6:30 worship service

June 18, 2022, 1:00, [Rev. Steve Oliver and family](#), Taiwan

June 25, 2022, 1:00, [Matt Wasmund and family](#), Korea

July 9, 2022, 1:00, [Barbara Rebentisch](#), Taiwan; 1:30, [Rev. Carl Hanson and family](#), South Korea; 1:50, [Rev. JohnCarlos Ramirez and Caitlin Ramirez](#), Dominican Republic

July 23, 2022, 1:00, [Rev. Vance and Linda Becker](#), Kenya; 1:30, [Rev. Dr. Jonathan and Deaconess Cheryl Naumann](#), Dominican Republic

August 21, 2022, 10:00, [Britt and Micah Odemba](#), Kenya

October 1, 2022, 1:00, [Rev. Matthew Wood and family](#), Indonesia; 1:30, [Rev. Charles St. Onge and family](#), Montreal

ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS & GREETERS

Birthday Celebrations

- 2 Clayton Grove
- 4 **Joyce Thies**
- 5 Sheila Borchner,
Sierra Goracke
- 10 Cody Bartels,
Zac Borrenpohl
- 11 Steve Bartels,
Patti Holthus
- 15 **Syndey Cast**
- 17 Sharon Pollard
- 18 Luann Carmine,
Jeff Dean
- 19 Paula Carnagey
- 21 **Richard Buehler**
- 27 Kalem Saunders
- 29 Deb Brinkman, Sam Kuhl,
Connor Pfeiffer
- 30 Katherine Miller
- 31 **Kody Goracke**

Anniversary Celebrations

- 23 **Ken & Ardis Wentz (58 yrs)**
- 30 **Jacob & McKenzie Saathoff
(7 yrs)**
- 30 **Rick & Joyce Thies (41 yrs)**

Baptismal Birthdays

- 1 **Natalie Dean**
- 4 **Roxann Albrecht**
- 8 **Ron Buehler**
- 12 David Borrenpohl
- 13 Richard Bane
- 14 Wanda Hitzmann, **Sarah Dean**
- 19 Cheryl Grove
- 20 Kalem Saunders,
Joyce Thies
- 23 Lisa Bartels,
Terryn Saathoff
- 25 Stephanie Lowther
- 26 **Bradley Goracke,
Kody Goracke**
- 28 Sheila Borchner, Patti Holthus
- 29 Clayton Grove
- 31 Fred Pooch

*Immanuel Members in **Bold***

Greeters

- May 1 Duane & Betty Krause
Shirley Bartels
- May 8 Cliff Lacey
Ron Bodfen
- May 15 Loretta & Duane Kuhl
Rick & Joyce Thies
- May 22 Sam & Elaine Kuhl
Jim Williams
- May 29 Kevin McKinney
Sharon Williams



MONTHLY SERVANTS OF GOD

St. John's

Altar Guild

Loretta Kuhl & Lin Hoke

Elder of the Month

Kirk Bartels
(402) 921-0774

Trustee of the Month

Marcus Griess
(402) 209-2283

Immanuel

Flower Committee

Teresa Hynes & Heather Thies

Elder of the Month

Jim Williams
(402) 866-4586

Acolytes

- May 1 Andrew Kholmeyer & Madalyn Kholmeyer
- May 8 Melissa Lowther & Cameron Lowther
- May 15 Reese McDonald & Cadenz McDonald
- May 22 Wesley Schmid & Sophia Schmid
- May 29 Jackson Haughton & Treyton Holthus

Acolytes

- Rody Goracke
&
Sierra Goracke



Pastor office hours: Please call for appointment
Secretary office hours: Monday—Friday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm

May 2022

(C) = Services with Holy Communion

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Office: 335-3816 Parsonage: 335-9117						
1 Third Sunday of Easter (C) Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am (C) Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am	2 Pastor's Family Day	3 Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	4 Preschool Chapel 9:00 am Joint Bible Study (St. John's) 7:00 pm Joint Elder's Meeting (St. John's) 8:00 pm	5 Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm	6	7
8 Fourth Sunday of Easter Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am Contemporary Service [St. John's] 10:30 am Mother's Day	9 Pastor's Family Day	10 Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3 Circuit Meeting (St. Peter's) 9:00 am	11 Preschool Chapel 9:00 am Joint Bible Study (St. John's) 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Fifth Sunday of Easter (C) Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Sunday School [St. John's] 9:30 am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am (C) Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am	16 Pastor's Family Day	17 Newsletter Deadline Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3 Priscilla's Meeting 4:00 pm	18 Preschool End of year Picnic at the Park Joint Bible Study (St. John's) 7:00 pm	19 Preschool Graduation & Program (St. John's) 6:30 pm	20	21
22 Sixth Sunday of Easter Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Women of Immanuel [Immanuel] 9:30 am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am	23 Pastor's Family Day	24 Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	25 Joint Bible Study (St. John's) 7:00 pm	26 The Ascension of our Lord	27	28
29 Seventh Sunday of Easter (C) Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am (C) Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31 Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3				

Pastor on Vacation

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