



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
ROCKWELL CITY, IOWA**

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**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
KNIERIM, IOWA**

CONGREGATIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

**“UNITED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST IN THE
LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION.”
[ROMANS 6:5]**

DUAL PARISH ESTABLISHED IN 2003

From Pastor Chadric A. Dietrich

I was reading from Trinity's, *Parish Visitor*, printed in April of 1927. In it was a little snippet entitled: A prescription for how to kill your church. It listed various ways. 1.)Don't come to church. 2.)Be sure to find fault with the pastor and the other members. 3.)Never accept an office on the church council. 4.)Don't encourage anyone who serves on the council or committee. 5.)Criticize everything that those who volunteer do or say. 6.)Don't ask strangers to come to church, and if they do come ignore them. 7.) When everything is running smoothly, try to start a ruckus. 8.)Don't boost the congregation but continually threaten to quit. 9.)Never sit in the front pew, sit in the back and whisper about everyone else. 10.)Before doing anything always ask: "What do I get out of it?"

With this in mind, the newly elected president of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, the Reverend Matthew Harrison, has begun his presidency with a three-part emphasis: "Witness, Mercy, Life Together". Performed simultaneously and in conjunction with one another, these three constitute what the Christian Church is and what she does. It is through this emphasis that God's kingdom comes among us and is extended in this place, among our two churches in the country. Let us look at them briefly.

WITNESS: A witness is one who recounts the facts observed. The disciples bore witness to the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. As Christians we are to preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified to the ends of the earth, that repentance and forgiveness of sins would come about. A witness is also one who willingly sheds his blood, that is he is willing to die for the message he is proclaiming. As baptized children of God, we have promised to bear witness, even to the point of death, to salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, according to Scripture alone, on account of Christ alone.

MERCY: Because the witness of Jesus Christ to the world points to the truth and ever present reality that He loves us, we have the privilege of showing that love to our neighbor. Because we have been loved, shown by the forgiveness of all our sins and with the promise of heaven, we respond to those around us in the same way. We acknowledge, recognize, value, listen to, forgive, have compassion upon, speak up for and act in mercy toward our neighbor because that is how God has demonstrated His love toward us.

Life Together: Our life together, as we live as members of Immanuel and Trinity, is to speak with faith and conviction to all people about what God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus: saving people from their sins. In this corrupt world, we need to be concerned, both about what we teach and confess, that the devil would have no power over us and about all those who have not heard and those who have rejected the promise of Jesus, that all would be saved and enjoy the gift of God's grace.

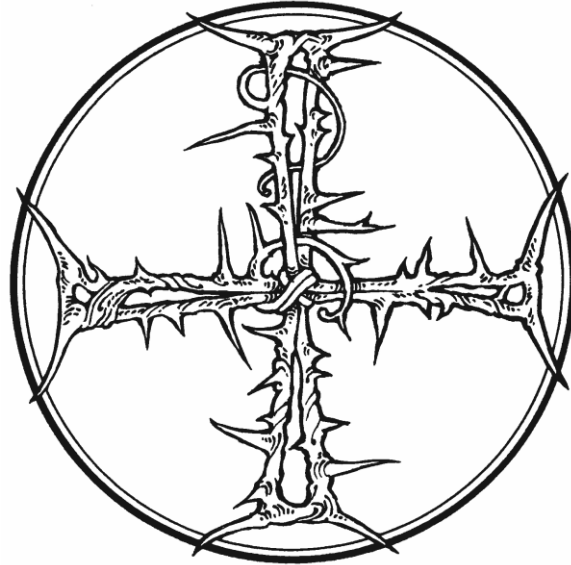
This three-part emphasis will also be the focus of our meditation during the season of Lent and Easter.

Lenten and Holy Week Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 9th at Immanuel at 7pm

Lenten Midweek Services
Wednesday, March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13 at Immanuel at 7pm

Lenten Midweek Suppers
At 5:30pm



Palm Sunday / Confirmation Sunday, April 17th
Confirmands
at Trinity: Libbie Lowry at Immanuel: Sadie Swank and Taylor Reiss

Maundy Thursday, April 21, at Immanuel at 7pm

Good Friday, April 22, at Trinity at 7pm

Easter Vigil, April 23 at Immanuel at 7pm

Easter Sunrise, April 24 at Trinity at 7am

Easter Breakfast at Trinity at 8am

Easter Service at Immanuel at 10:15am

MARCH 2011 CALENDAR

****We are trying a new format to make the font larger****

Wednesday – March 2 – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel

5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity

6:00 p.m. 5th and 6th grade Confirmation at Immanuel

7:00 p.m. 7th and 8th grade Confirmation at Immanuel

Thursday – March 3 – 12:30 p.m. Trinity Ladies Aid @ Pizza Ranch

Saturday – March 5 – 5:00 p.m. Evening Service at Immanuel

Sunday – March 6 – 8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel

10:00 – Sunday School at Immanuel

10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

Wednesday – March 9 – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel

5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity

6:00 p.m. 5th to 8th grade Confirmation at Immanuel

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Immanuel (No supper)

Sunday – March 13 – 8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel

Voter's Meeting after service at Immanuel

10:00 – Sunday School at Immanuel

10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

Wednesday – March 16 – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel

5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper at Immanuel

6:00 p.m. 5th to 8th grade Confirmation at Immanuel

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel (Confirmation questioning)

Dual Parish Meeting after service at Immanuel

Friday – March 18 – 7 p.m. – WE are God's Family at Good Shepherd, Fort Dodge

Saturday – March 19 - 8 a.m. – WE are God's Men and WE are God's Women, Good Shepherd, FD

Sunday – March 20 – 8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel

10:00 – Sunday School at Immanuel

10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

Wednesday – March 23 – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel

5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper at Immanuel

6:00 p.m. 5th to 8th grade Confirmation at Immanuel

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel (Confirmation Questioning)

Thursday – March 24 – 1:30 p.m. LWML at Immanuel

Sunday – March 27 – 8:45 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Immanuel

10:00 – Sunday School at Immanuel

10:15 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity

Wednesday – March 30 – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel

5:00 p.m. Midweek at Trinity

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper at Immanuel

6:00 p.m. 5th to 8th grade Confirmation at Immanuel

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service at Immanuel (Confirmation Questioning)

IMMANUEL

Greeters: Alyson, Meghan and Joshua Dietrich
Altar Guild: Courtney Melohn and Meghan Dietrich
Ushers: Kim Martin and Dave Swank

TRINITY

Kitchen Chairman: Judy Egli (January, February, March)
Altar Guild: Joyce Becker & Brenda Strutzenberg

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH

1 – Exodus 15:1-21	21 – Numbers 14:1-45
2 – Exodus 15: 22-16:36	22 – Numbers 16:1-22
3 – Exodus 17:1-16	23 – Numbers 16:23-50
4 – Exodus 19:1-25	24 – Numbers 17:1-13
5 – Exodus 5:12-23	25 – Numbers 20:1-29
	26 – Numbers 21:1-22:1
7 – Exodus 24:1-25:9	
8 – Exodus – 31:18-32:35	28 – Numbers 22:2-41
9 – Exodus – 33:1-23	29 - Numbers 23:1-30
10 – Exodus 34:1-16	30 – Numbers 24:1-13
11 – Exodus 34:27-35	31 – Numbers 27:12-33
12 – Exodus 40:1-38	
14 – Numbers 3:5-13	
15 – Numbers 10:11-36	
16 – Numbers 11:1-35	
17 – Numbers 12:1-15	
18 – Numbers 13:1-25	
19 – Numbers 13:26-33	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Hunter Jud
1 – Keyton Strutzenberg
1 – Monte Egli
4 – Lucille Gray
5 – Alyson Dietrich
5 – Brandon Strutzenberg
5 – Joshua Schofield
7 – Alex Wiemers
10 – Abby Swank
10 – Maxine Rosendahl
11 – Neal Blaas
13 – Marilyn Jud
13 – Bruce Strutzenberg
14 – Sadie Swank
16 – Caleb Juhl
17 – Lorraine Quade
18 – Trey Griffin
20 – Denise Klocko
21 – Carter Hawkins
27 – Mike Juhl
28 – Michelle Martin
28 – Ellie Melohn
30 – Brenda Strutzenberg
30 – Samuel Peterson
30 – Charles Carlson

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

7 – Rick and Coral Jud
19 – Paul and Iola Zimbeck

Saturday Evening Service



March 5th At 5:00p.m.
At Immanuel, Rockwell City

“Working/Young Women’s Group”

Monday March 14th

at 6:30pm at Immanuel

We are reading from the book

“A Woman God Can Lead”

We are discussing *Huldah and Miriam*.

Feel free to join us at any time.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 9am

At Immanuel, Rockwell City

**WE ARE STUDYING
THE BOOK OF CONCORD**

That we would better know what makes Lutherans “Lutheran”

Formerly the “Lenten Breakfast” Is Now The “Lenten Lunch”

Beginning at noon at the RC Senior Citizen Center

March 16th sponsored by St. Paul Lutheran

March 23rd sponsored by St. Francis Catholic

March 30th sponsored by the Church of Christ

April 6th sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran

April 13th sponsored by United Methodist

We Will Be Able To Eat The Meal With The Seniors

WE! Godly Relationships in the Home and Church
Iowa District West Family Ministry

Featuring: Dr. David and Kathy Ludwig

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WE are God's Family!

Couples celebrate the "Power of WE"

Friday evening, March 18, 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per couple

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WE are God's Men!

Men explore spiritual leadership

Saturday morning, March 19, 8 a.m.-noon

(Iowa District West Men's Ministry Breakfast)

Cost: \$10

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WE are God's Women!

(New event!)

Women celebrate friendships and service

Saturday morning, March 19, 8 a.m.-noon

Cost: \$10

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WE gather at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1436 21st Avenue North, Fort Dodge Introducing Dr. David and Kathy Ludwig

Dr. David Ludwig combined a background in both theology and psychology by getting an MDiv from Concordia Seminary in 1965 and a PhD from Washington University in 1966. His creative blending of these two disciplines has spanned over 40 years as a university professor, a licensed psychologist and Lutheran minister. During this time Dr. Ludwig has written seven books and numerous professional articles while speaking internationally on the spiritual growth of relationships within oneself, family, and church.

Central to Dr. Ludwig's thinking is a deep understanding of the organizing spiritual force to life. Relationships organized around shared responsibilities and joy (around a "WE") built on the promise of God's design for humans offer a loving alternative to an increasing "ME oriented" culture. Dr. Ludwig's popular books and videos offer practical application to developing healthier personal and family relationships, including the insightful concepts of: "Painters and Pointers," "Freeze dried Mood Particles," "Spiritual DNA," and "Parenting as a WE."

Dr. Ludwig and his wife, Kathy, have traveled extensively, giving presentations on family relationships. This message of the healing power of WE has been shared with congregations and audiences in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Thailand, Taiwan, Korea and England. Dr. Ludwig has developed the **Power of WE Center** at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, NC. His latest book and video, "*The Power of WE*," can be ordered at its web site: www.thinkwe.com and a new DVD on "Parenting" is available through Lutheran Hour Ministries or the web site: www.parentingfamilies.com.

Kathy developed her profession as a Lutheran school teacher and tutor. She has been very active in LWML (at the local, district, and national levels), in her church and in local community service organizations. She also does women's retreats. Dave and Kathy have been married for almost 50 years and have 3 sons and 7 grandchildren.