

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches

Summer



WORSHIP TIMES

July 4th - St. John's 9:30 am
July 11th - Immanuel 9:30 am
July 18th - Good Hope 9:30 am
July 25th - St. John's 9:30 am

Thank you so much for your donation of money, groceries or time to the Britt Area Food Bank. We operate completely on private donations, not government money, so all donations go towards the purchase of food and expenses. We have faithfully served all of Hancock County for over 30 years and thank you for your assistance as we strive to maintain a high level of service to our many clients. May God bless you and your generosity. Britt Food Bank

Parish Three Council Meeting
July 13th at 7:00 pm at
St. John's
Meeting with the bishop!



If you have had a change of address or are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please contact the office at 641-926-5798 or at parishthre@wctatel.net.

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Pastor's COLUMN

July, 2021

Dear Friends In Christ,

Normal is a great place to be. After a joint replacement, there is an anxiousness to return to normal. The anticipation is a return to the way the joint worked a couple of decades ago. The surgery and rehabilitation just cannot go fast enough.

What is normal for you? I find normal is often the routines of life. We get up in the morning, eat breakfast, shower, and get dressed. We go to work or school, and with the routine, we know what the day will be like. This past year has been challenging as we faced a new normal which we thought would be brief. The time has been difficult.

What is normal for your faith life? Do you find yourself saying prayers your parents taught you? Maybe these are the same prayers spoken over the generations.

We are gradually returning to what we consider to be normal in our worship services. We are singing hymns and enjoying the ritual we use for worshipping God: the liturgy. Words and music that have been a part of our lives have not been lost, or even faded from our memories. Our normal is coming back to liturgy we are familiar with, some of which has been passed down through the generations.

Most of the words of our liturgy are from the Bible. We use the word of God to worship God. Some, if not much, of our liturgy goes back to the early church, almost to the time of Christ. The normal connects to the whole Church on earth, past, present, and future.

For our Bible Study this month, I am including some of the Biblical References to the liturgy. Take some time to look up the passages and reflect on them.

In Christ,

Pastor Kim Peterson



Biblical Roots of the Liturgy

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GATHERING: Psalm 149:1; Joel 2:15-17; Isaiah 48:14; Matthew 18:20; Acts 2:1-13

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| Confession and Forgiveness | <u>1 John 1:8-9</u> |
| Kyrie: Lord, have mercy | <u>Luke 17:13</u> |
| Hymn of Praise: Glory to God | <u>Luke 2:14</u> |
| Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast | <u>Revelation 5:13</u> |
| Salutation (The Lord be with you) | <u>Ruth 2:4</u> ; <u>Luke 1:28</u> |

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Matthew 4:4; John 1:1-5; Colossians 3:16;

1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

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| Psalmody | Psalms |
| Second Reading | New Testament epistles |
| Gospel Acclamation (Lord to whom...) | <u>John 6:68</u> |
| Holy Gospel | Gospels |
| The Prayers | <u>1 Timothy 2:1-2</u> |

LITURGY OF THE MEAL: John 6:48-50; Acts 2:42

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| Offertory - Create in Me | <u>Psalm 51:10-12</u> |
| Offertory - What shall I render | <u>Psalm 116:10-17</u> |
| Great Thanksgiving | <u>Psalm 136</u> |
| Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus) | <u>Isaiah 6:3</u> ; <u>Matthew 21:9</u> |
| Words of Institution | <u>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</u> |
| Lord's Prayer | <u>Matthew 6:9-13</u> |
| Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) | <u>John 1:29</u> |

Immanuel News

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners
Ron & Deb Schmidt

Readers

July 11– Wendy Harms

Servant Schedule

Ushers - Brad Buns & Lyle
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Communion - Paulette Dahle

Bulletin Board - Kallista & Na-
talie Larson

Altar Cloths & Flowers
Linda Smith

Readers

July 4 - Val Gibbs
July 25 - Gary Hayungs

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

Thank you so much for the donation of quilts. We really appreciate it and the veterans appreciate it more. We recently had a family of five with both parents and two of the children living in a car. Two of the other children lived in the grandmother's tiny apartment and the oldest son lived in some program housing. We got them to a large apartment and they could all be together. Our grant allows us to purchase beds and sheets but we can't purchase blankets, bedspreads or pillows. We took them each a quilt that you gave to us. The little girl ran to her new bed and hugged her new quilt and cried her eyes out.. She was so happy that her family was together. That is why I come to work. Many, many thanks for helping us to help them with your donation of quilts. Blessings! Barb Ruiter and FAVA Team

ST. JOHN'S

IMMANUEL

July 1 Evelyn Arzaga
July 2—Don Krull
July 4—Taylor Gerdes
July 7—Natalie Larson
July 8—Wanda Snider
July 10— David Snider Jr
July 11—Diana Hayungs
July 12—Cody Schutjer
July 14—Paul Buns
July 15—Jim Wood
July 16 - Brittany
Mutzenberger
July 18—Jemma Juhl
July 21— Doris Haugland
July 22— Clinton Schutjer
July 22 Laura Weber
July 23—Kaylin Bosworth
July 23—Karen Brunsen
July 24—Avalyn Schim-
melpfennig
July 25— Braxton Foster
July 28—Jaydin Bosworth

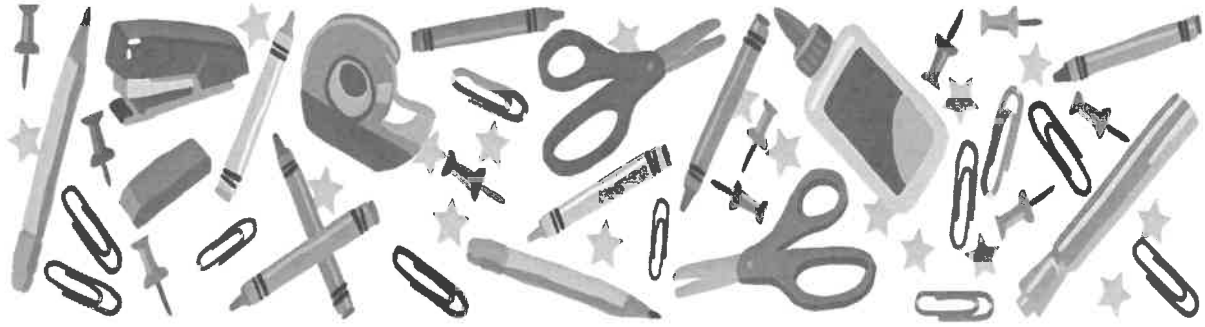


July 1—Julie Finer
July 2—Braden Ullman
July 3—Jonathan Stohr
July 7—Shane Beenken
July 11—Bonna Stohr
July 15—Nicholas Schmidt
July 16—Alexis Krukow
July 18—Lloyd Bartelt
July 19—Scott Post
July 23—Dylan Brandt
July 23—Anthony Kardoes
July 28—Paul Schmidt
July 29—Janice Meyer
July 30 - Aaron Stohr



July 5—Dean & Wendy Harms
July 16—Russ & Diane Johnson
July 25—Daryl & Nancy Beenken
July 30—John & Emogene Kurtzleben

July 3—Ken & Julie Post
July 11—Marlin & Nancy Brandt
July 16—Steven & Anita Eden
July 19—Kent & Mary Ullmann
July 27—Bruce & Millie Culbertson



BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING TIME!!!

As you probably know, our WOW students and our congregation gather school supplies, which will be put in backpacks and shipped overseas for students who do not have access to these items. We have the backpacks, so all we need is your help in purchasing the school supplies listed below. You can drop them off at the church anytime from now until the 6th September.

There are lots of good sale prices on supplies right now, so the sooner you purchase the better for everyone!!

Listed below is what we need for the backpacks.

No substitutions, please.

Four (4) 70 sheet notebooks – wide or college ruled paper- no loose leaf

One (1) 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side

One (1) pencil sharpener

One (1) blunt pair scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Five (5) black or blue ball point pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

Five (5) pencils; secured together with a rubber band

One (1) box of crayons – 16 or 24 count

One (1) 2” eraser

Thanks so much for helping with our mission project!! If you donate anything, we can count out the pens and pencils and rubberband them.

St. John’s Board of Education and Teachers

Vacation Bible School - we are not having a sign-up sheet for food this year. Instead, if anyone would like to donate money to purchase the food for snacks and noon lunch, you can give your donation to Phyllis or Aleysha . If you have any questions, ask Phyllis. Thank you!

July 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

God's work. Our hands.

As a social ministry organization of the ELCA, Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) is so thankful for your partnership in ministry! Thanks to you, we are able to provide education to parents of young children, empower Iowans with disabilities, and offer critical mental health care to community members of all ages. This month, we would like to give special thanks for those of you who have made LSI a focus on your congregation's "God's work. Our hands." project.

On a planned day in September, each congregation is encouraged to reach outside of the church and do good deeds in the community by participating in a project for "God's work. Our hands." This is a perfect opportunity to combine community projects with a special project for nonprofits like LSI, whether it's raising money or contributing in-kind gifts.

We thank you for your service! If you are interested in supporting the Iowa children and families served by LSI or would like to get involved in a "God's work. Our hands." project with LSI, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

Hali's New Life

Hali grew up in a home surrounded by addiction. Her own struggle with substance use and trauma continued for more than 20 years but when she learned she was pregnant with her son, Apollo, she knew she needed a change. After giving birth, Hali entered treatment and when she was ready to return home, LSI Early Childhood Services were there to provide support and walk alongside her. Her LSI worker, Gretchen, provided parenting education and resources, all while empowering Hali and making sure Apollo had a healthy home. Gretchen helped Hali keep track of Apollo's growth to ensure he hit all his important developmental milestones.

More than a year later, Hali is thriving. She is now in college and is also a sponsor to other women who are on the same path to recovery. At home, Hali is busy keeping up with Apollo as he is learning to walk, and she is excited to see him continue to grow.

"Gretchen has given me a lot of hope. She's always had my back," Hali says. "She's my go-to person for any resource

Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 29th 9 am to 3 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

A day of lessons, activities, crafts, science, games with snacks and a noon meal.

Register by calling St. John's Lutheran church 926-5798 or call Aleysha 651-983-0576 or Phyllis 641-860-0415 -leave messages

Everyone needs to pre-register-so we have enough food and supplies. Register by Tuesday, July 6th. Ages 3 to those starting 5th grade next fall.

Theme is "Raindrops to Rainbows"

Dear friends, in our e-newsletters we typically report good news, unfortunately in this issue, I have the saddest news to report. Over a short time period we have lost two individuals who have been instrumental in the success of Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots. Their loss will be felt for years to come, and they are irreplaceable friends of our organization.

Cliff Hinderman

Known to all in Oaxaca as Señor Cliff, where he was often the person most associated with Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots and Centro de Esperanza Infantil, where he was a volunteer for more than 30 years, Cliff passed away on June 16 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, his loss as a supporter, fund-raiser, and, above all, friend, is incalculable.

I met Cliff more than 20 years ago when I traveled to Oaxaca to attend the annual Three Kings Party at Centro de Esperanza and to begin volunteering with the organization. My first memory of Cliff is of him helping some of our children as they took turns blindfolded and swinging a stick at a giant piñata. It was clear that Cliff was having as much fun as they.

Since that evening, I spent considerable time with Cliff and learned about the many things he did to ensure the success of our organization. The list of Cliff's positive contributions to Oaxaca Streetchildren is lengthy, but one in particular stands out: his incredible ability to present and articulate the difficulties our children, young adults, and their families face living in poverty in Oaxaca. Cliff's perception, communication, and passion led to the recruitment of perhaps ten percent of our donor base - an incredible accomplishment that has changed the lives for hundreds of children.

During the months Cliff spent in Oaxaca each year, he was often first to meet visitors to Centro de Esperanza. Many knew little about our work when they arrived, but when they left they were excited and prepared to sponsor a child or be a regular donor.

Cliff often brought groups with him to Oaxaca who became enthusiastic supporters of our work. Likewise, Cliff wrangled the logistics that allowed his groups to bring huge amounts of school supplies, clothing, gifts, and more for our children. Beyond this, Cliff was always quick to respond when our families had urgent needs.

During his more than three decades as a volunteer, Cliff saw our organization grow, improve and expand our services. By last winter, when he made his last trip to Oaxaca in the middle of the pandemic, the number of children and young adults we serve had increased more than tenfold since his work began.

Mexican President of the CEI, Dra. Martha Canseco, expresses our loss far better than I:

"It is a cloudy and cool morning in Oaxaca, some of my friends love this weather. I do not. It makes me feel sad, or maybe I just knew somehow I was going to hear that Santa Cliff is not going to come this year. Cliff, I know you are in a beautiful place now, full of colors and happiness. We will miss you for sure. Our kids at Centro de Esperanza will be asking for you! What are we going to tell them? You will always be in our hearts, and the help, the time and joy you gave to all of our children in Oaxaca will never be forgotten, rest in peace."

They say that no one is irreplaceable. I am not sure I believe that. At Oaxaca Streetchildren we will feel Cliff's loss daily. I also know that hundreds of you know and love Cliff. We offer our condolences to you as well.

Lael Johnson

Lael Johnson, who was a member of our board in Mexico, was an individual of extraordinary generosity and compassion, and a great friend to Oaxaca's children. He passed away on April 28. For many years, whenever our center in Oaxaca had a need, Lael was the first to help. He was a man with a tremendous heart who sought to do everything he could to improve the lives of children. We will miss him greatly.

Dra. Canseco describes Lael's personality and contribution well:

"I was so lucky to meet Mr. Lael Johnson some years ago. His generosity, sympathy, kindness and noble heart were out of this world. He was always polite and spoke kindly. His love for the families he was helping made me feel so grateful. Sometimes I thought I was on a TV show when I was with him visiting the Oaxacan families and children he supported. He had many surprises for these families and I just cried. If something was needed, he was ready to help.

"He loved to talk to my husband Daniel. Even though Daniel did not speak English and Lael did not speak Spanish. It was a friendship that you could feel. Now, he is in a better place and I know he will be watching us and helping us up there! For sure, Daniel, me and everybody else will miss Lael Johnson in Oaxaca. He will be with us forever."

A few weeks before Lael passed away, I had an extended email conversation with him. Shortly afterward, he made a substantial donation to our work, with the simple explanation, "It just made me feel good." Lael, thank you for making so many others "feel good."