



PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches

June 6th at Immanuel at **9:00 am**

June 13th at St. John's at **9:00 am**

June 20th at Immanuel at **9:00 am**

June 27th at Good Hope at **10:30am**

Bring your own lawn chair. If inclement weather, services will be moved inside. Services will be inside for communion Sundays.

Happy Father's Day



June 20th



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Pastors Page
June, 2021

Dear Friends In Christ,

Sometimes professors at the seminary like to make statements which create discussion. One professor walked into class and made a statement about Jesus that had everyone wondering. Rather than the usual one-hour lecture that is all he said. The result, all of the students went to their Bibles to study and see if he was right or wrong.

I was at a lecture where a professor said she did not think people were very concerned about eternal life these days. Of course, I had to put some thought into that statement. I have to disagree. I frequently hear people express concerns and attitudes about eternal life.

One concern is about what has happened to a loved one after death. The mother of a child (even adult children) wants, needs assurance that her child is safe with God. Her eyes are filled with fear, even panic.

Another concern is about receiving eternal life. The elderly person reflects back on eight or nine decades of life, thinking that life has been wasted. The fear is of not being qualified for eternal life, for heaven. Such people often think the only way into heaven is by how good they have been.

A third concern is the attitude of the young person who feels like he or she has simply failed. Such people think that God could not possibly want them in heaven. And so, these people go about life filled with sadness attempting to live the best life they can.

And a fourth concern, is an attitude that a person just goes to a better place.

Some of these people have been a part of and attended Church, Sunday School, and Confirmation all of their lives and somehow, they have missed the Message of the Good News.

When we die, God looks not at us. He looks at His only Son, our Lord who died on the cross for us so that we could have eternal life with God the Father in heaven.

How good we are is in response to God's love for us through Jesus Christ. And when we fail, God invites us to come before Him, confess our sins, and hear the wonderful words of forgiveness because of Jesus' death on the cross.

The task of the Christian Church is to spread the Good News to other people that Jesus Christ died for their sins so that God would welcome us into his eternal heaven. Have you heard that Good News? Have you believed it? If not, hear it now. You are forgiven because of Jesus Christ. You are given eternal life as a gift because of Jesus Christ. Even the ability to believe is a gift from God.

There is a lot of concern out there about eternal life. Believe in God's love through Jesus, welcome it into your life, and then be sure to tell another person who needs to hear it too.

In Christ,

Pastor Kim Peterson

Minute Bible Study The Gift of Grace

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV Bible translation)

"⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

The Lutheran Church is known for proclaiming God's grace. As Martin Luther wrestled with the view that God was a harsh and judging God he learned about grace as he studied the Bible. He discovered that God is actually a God of love and grace.

1. Look up Grace in the dictionary. A definition might be something like "the free unmerited favor of God". Write out the meaning in your own words.

2. The next word is "saved". If a person is drowning, that person needs to be saved. Our government is currently working on saving the economy. If a person is afraid of not going to heaven what would being saved mean to that individual?

3. The Third key word is "faith". The book of Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 1 defines faith for us. "¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

(ESV) Another translation speaks of faith as being "a handle on that which we cannot see." With this thinking, does God's grace and God's salvation depend on what we can see, feel, think, smell, hear, or touch (explain why you might say yes or no)?

4. Why is all of this a gift and not a result of our works (of how good we are)?

5. Looking at Verse 10, why do we want to do good works (good things in this life)?

Some Jocularly!!!

One day little Tommy was walking with an older neighborhood kid named Billy Bob and he got curious.

"Billy Bob," Tommy asked, "How come everyone calls you by your first name and your middle name instead of just Billy?"

"Well," Billy Bob answered, "When I was little like you, I used to get in trouble a lot, and when I did my mom always called me by both names. I guess after a while, it just stuck."

"Oh no!" Tommy cried. "I'd better straighten up then!"

"Why's that?" Billy Bob asked.

"I don't want to end up being called 'you naughty kid' for the rest of my life!"

Immanuel News

Reader

June 6 Jim Post

June 20 - Shelley Kardoes

Communion/Dossal/Banners

Matt & Meagan Swingen

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Ushers - Denny Smith & Rick Schutjer

Reader

June 13 -- Wendy Harms-

Communion

Kathy Trenary

Bulletin Board

Pat Hobbs

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Karen Brunsen

St. John's is planning Vacation Bible School for Thursday, July 29th from 9:00 - 3:00 pm. This is a one day

Bible School. The theme is "Raindrops to Rainbows". We would like all children to register ahead of time; therefore, we can plan food, crafts and any supplies we may need. You can call Aleysha Brandt 651-983-0576 or Phyllis Schutjer 641-860-0415 or call the church at 926-5798 and leave a message and your phone number. We will need some volunteers for snacks and lunch and possibly help with children. Again you can call the above people or the church office and leave a message.



Parish Three Council Meeting
June 8th at 7:00 pm at

Neighborhood Food

Bank -

The Neighborhood Food Bank of Forest City would like to thank the Parish 3 for the generous donations of \$400, \$29.18 and \$58.45 for a total of \$487.63. The money will be used to provide food for the needy in our area.

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 Mehnikomer
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 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 Smithart
June 16 - Dean Boyken
June 19 - Matthew Swingen
June 23 - Steve Boyken
June 24 - Kent Ullmann
June 30 - Carl Giesking
June 30 - Allen Post



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 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

Announcements

The funds to sponsor Erika Merino were \$385. Erika will receive \$250 for her education and the balance of \$135 went to the general fund to help where it may be needed for Oaxaca.



Money collected for the backpack/food bank program was \$400 from St. John's and \$490 from Immanuel. There was also Thrivent funds used for \$250. A few of the items purchased were Chef Boyardee Variety meal packs, Kellogg's Jumbo Asst. Cereal, Bunny Snacks, Sensible Food Crunch Dried Snacks, Veggie Straws, Goldfish Crackers, Trail Mix Snacks, Granola Bars, Kraft Mac/cheese, Pop Tarts, Instant Oatmeal cups, & Rice Krispie treats. These items are all individually wrapped. Thank you for your support and we hope this has made a difference for some families.



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.

Dear Convention delegates & visitors,

The Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organization Convention will be held Saturday, June 19, 2021, at First Lutheran Church, 226 N. Putnam Street, Algona, Iowa.

Theme - *Just Love*

Convention Verse – 1st Corinthians 16:14 (NIV) “*Do everything in love.*”

Convention Hymn – “We Are Called” (#720 in the cranberry ELCA hymnal)

Speaker: Keynote – Bishop Lorna Halaas

Bible Study- Power of Prayer - create your own prayer/gratitude journal.

Delegates (voting members):

You are encouraged to review the information on nominees, and review the proposed budget. These items will be emailed to you prior to the convention, so you will be informed and ready to vote at the appropriate times. Therefore, *it is important that you include your email address when sending in your registration forms*

The day of the convention, when you register, you will receive a packet with your voting cards enclosed. Have the cards out and ready to use when needed during the business meeting.

Each church unit is asked to send one delegate to the convention; if a church has not specified voting delegates, one will be appointed by the board, from the delegates that have registered. We have several positions to fill on the board this year, so will need voting members.

In-kind Offering: Algona Crisis Center – Information was in the SCRIBE. (See page 8 in the May SCRIBE.)

Offering: Our convention offering will be divided as follows – 50% to Women of the ELCA Churchwide; 25% to Seminarian Scholarship fund; 25% to the LSI Spiritual Director fund raiser.

Hotels: AmericInn (600 Hwy 18, phone # 515-295-3333), Brookstone Lodge and Suites, (1909 US 18, phone # 515-200-0030), and Super 8 Motel (210 East Norwood Dr, Pho# 515-295-7225).

Meals: Morning coffee, lunch, and take-home treats are included in your registration fee.

Directions to the Church: (Due to construction, directions have changed from those previously given.)

• From Hwy 18, go **south** onto Finn Drive (next to Snap-On), turn **east** (right) onto State Street, turn **north** (right) onto Putnam Street. The church will be on the right after three blocks.

From Highway 169 South: Turn **east** (right) onto State Street (at the 2nd Stoplight), then turn **north** (left) onto Putnam Street. After three blocks, the church will be on your right.

The Convention committee has planned a wonderful day of fun and fellowship. We are so excited to be getting back together in person. We encourage you to come to enjoy the friendships with women of your Western Iowa Synod and to be up lifted by the experiences of the day. Masks will be required as warrants at the time of the convention.

Your Convention Committee,

Women of the Western Iowa Synod Board

If you would like a registration form contact the Parish 3 office. Registration fee is \$35.00 per person until June 11th and \$40.00 at the door. The convention is June 19, 2021 at First Lutheran Church 226 N. Putnam Street, Algona, IA 50511

June 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

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

Finding Paradise

Perseverance is a familiar quality for Mon, who after spending decades living as a refugee from an early age was recently able to place roots in Iowa and succeed in building a life for his family.

After living in a Nepali refugee camp for almost 24 years, Mon's family was able to resettle in the U.S. When they arrived in Iowa, they moved directly into a tiny apartment. But the single room was not sufficient for their family – especially once their youngest daughter was born. They stayed in the apartment for four years, but Mon was determined to create a better home for his family.

Mon secured housing for his family through the Habitat for Humanity program, and through LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services, he was able to get on track and save and earn money towards his goal of homeownership. With guidance from staff in LSI's Match and Save financial program, he was able to open a savings account and develop a monthly savings plan.

Mon and his family moved into their new home last year, and he said LSI and Habitat for Humanity were critical steps in helping him learn about U.S. finances and savings – lessons that will pay off during his journey as a homeowner.

"I felt very sad when I left my country," Mon says. "I felt as if I lost my paradise. But when I got the key and when I entered my house, I felt that I regained my lost paradise. So that was the happiest moment in my life and right now, I, my family, and kids are super happy to live in this new house."