



# PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



November 1st, 15th & 29th - St. John's at 9am

November 8th & 22nd - Immanuel at 9am



Confirmation  
CLASSES

Confirmation class online on Wednesdays



WOW for kids - packets are available to do  
at home. If interested, call Phyllis at 926-5247



Sunday, November 1, 2020

This year is the 60th anniversary of Rev. Virtus Stoffregen's  
ordination. His address is:

Rev. Virtus Stoffregen

610 Longcastle Dr

Greencastle, IN 46135

Good Hope has a camera and is making a video recording of the Sunday  
services. It is being posted on YouTube - in the search type, Good Hope  
Lutheran Church, Titonka, IA



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# Pastor's COLUMN

November, 2020

Dear Friends In Christ,

What do you do when you are in quarantine?

One task for me was learning how to spell quarantine. Did you know there are two a's? I always thought there were two e's. Now I can quit doubting my spell checker.

Time can be spent sitting back in your easy chair looking at the ceiling checking for cob- webs. Don't see any? That's good.

Quarantine can be boring, so you look around, thinking about what you could be doing. Were all of those dust bunnies located and vacuumed? Don't see any? That's good too.

Time can be spent thinking about going, going anywhere and talking to someone, even someone from the other political party.

Time could even be devoted to feeling sorry for one's self. This is definitely not good.

We've been in a sort of quarantine since March. Social distancing, masks, no touching, staying out of crowds, meetings and classes via zoom, the list goes on and on. And the quarantine is becoming exhausting.

Psalms 96 is a good devotion for us as we wrestle with our quarantines.

Psalms 96 begins with "Sing to the Lord a new song."

What was the old song like? Most likely all of the things we cannot do while in quarantine.

The old song is often good. It is a favorite tune we can sing without thought, and it always lifts the heart.

However, no matter how good the old song was, sometimes it is time to sing a new song, even if we do not want a new song.

Sometimes that new song is like being introduced to a new song in worship. We wonder who thought that awful tune could possibly be a hymn we would want to sing, or even could sing. Still, eventually that hymn becomes a familiar old song,

A new song often happens when the unexpected happens. At that time, we are actually gifted with the chance to sit back and think.

As we think about the new song in our lives, we might reflect on the question, "What is God calling me/us to do?"

The old song, the way things were, is a great song. However, our lives are changing, giving us new songs. Give thought to those songs, and give thanks.

Pastor Kim



## Minute Bible Study

Psalm 96

A New Song.

Vss. 1-3

1. To whom will the new song be sung?
  
2. Who will sing the song?
  
3. What will this song say?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  
4. Vs. 4 Why would we want to sing this new song?
  
5. Vss. 5-9 What makes the LORD different from all of the other gods?
  
6. Where do we worship the LORD?
  
7. Vs. 10 What should the song say to the nations?
  - a. How will the LORD judge the nations?
  - b. What do you think this means?
  
8. Vss. 11-12 Who will sing this and what will their song sound like?
  
9. Vs. 13 Should we fear the LORD'S judgement?

# ST. JOHN'S

**Nov 4 - Rusty Meyering**  
**Nov 5- John Kurtzleben**  
**Nov 7 - Connie Tegtmeyer**  
**Nov 9 - Marj Squier**  
**Nov 15 - Cheryl Schutjer**  
**Nov 16 - Brett Buns**  
**Nov 16 - Leslie Kofron**  
**Nov 17 - Gary Schutjer**  
**Nov 18 - Keandra Ingrahm**  
**Nov 18 - Landon Weber**  
**Nov 20 - Krystal Albers**  
**Nov 20 - Andrew Schimmelpfennig**  
**Nov 21 - Pam Hanna**  
**Nov 22 - Nancy Beenken**  
**Nov 27 - Michael Schimmelpfennig**  
**Nov 28 - Maurice Buns**  
**Nov 28 - Verlaine Swingen**  
**Nov 29 - Jason Bosworth**



# IMMANUEL

**Nov 1 - Cindy Beenken**  
**Nov 5 - Rande Giesking**  
**Nov 12 - Carolyn Bormann**  
**Nov 14 - Max Bormann**  
**Nov 14 - Georgia Ricklefs**  
**Nov 18 - Jaci Bruns**  
**Nov 18 - Heidi Larson**  
**Nov 19 - Mark Ricklefs**  
**Nov 25 - Adam Senne**  
**Nov 26 - Kenny Post**  
**Nov 27 - Adrien Stohr**  
**Nov 30 - Marlys Bruns**



**Nov 10 - Dean & Doris Haugland**  
**Nov 21 - Rick & Cassie Schutjer**

**Nov 24 - Greg & Julie Finer**

## No Breakfast or Cookie Sales

In an effort to follow Covid 19 pandemic safety protocols, St. John's women will not be holding their annual Christmas cookie bucket sale and breakfast this year. We look forward to hosting this event again in 2021!

Immanuel Women  
The 2020 annual booklet  
for Immanuel women  
will be used  
for 2021 year.

# Announcements



Val is checking into the sharing tree. Please watch and see if this is a possibility this year. If so, the tree will go up around Thanksgiving. Please stop by and get an Angel from the tree and buy a toy for a child in need. There may be a sign up sheet for food donations as well so check that out too!!



Corn and Cash

Remember to support St. John's during this harvest season



Immanuel Corn & Cash

November 8 & 22nd.



We will be collecting mittens and hats during the whole month of November and December. There will be a collection box at Immanuel Church! They will be distributed to children in need.

**Wreath orders must be turned in by Sunday, November 8th.** Delivery will be around Thanksgiving. Order forms are at each church, at Woden businesses or you can call Phyllis at 926-5247.



Anyone wanting to pay for a 25" wreath to **decorate the church** can do so by signing up with Phyllis before Nov. 8th. This wreath can be used in memory of someone or in honor of someone. The cost of the 25" wreath is \$24.00 and should be paid for when ordering.

# Immanuel News

## Servant Schedule

### Communion/Dossal/Banners

Greg & Julie Finer

### Readers

November 8 - Susan Post

November 22 - David Post

# St. John's News

## Servant Schedule

Ushers - Daryl Brunsen & Tom Larson

Communion - Doris Haugland

Bulletin Board - Diana Hayungs

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Shannon Doege

### \*\*\*Parish Three Council Meeting

November 10th 7:00pm at

Immanuel

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 pm. Watch for more details on where the service will be held!

St. John's members-- remember to pick up your envelopes for 2021 in the back of the church. If you have been missed or do not care to have envelopes for 2022, talk to Becky Crone. Remember your monetary gifts are needed for the church.

September 25, 2020

Dear friends and sponsors,

I hope this letter finds you well.

This has certainly been a strange season, with the pandemic disrupting all our lives. We had been looking forward to coming back to the U.S. for home assignment this summer, but like so many other things, those plans had to be cancelled. We missed seeing all of you, our faithful sponsors, as well as family and friends in the U.S. We are grateful that no one in our family, in Cameroon or in the U.S., has been infected with covid-19 so far, and we hope that you and your loved ones have been spared as well. The pandemic has not been nearly as severe here in Cameroon as in the U.S. in terms of percentage of population infected. We continue to take precautions, of course.

At the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga, we were able to restart the second semester June 1 and finish July 31 with an outdoor graduation ceremony in our courtyard. We had 28 graduates from our baccalaureate and license programs. (In the French system, the baccalaureate degree is the equivalent of a high school diploma and the license is the equivalent of a bachelor's degree.) Of those in the license program, 6 were already ordained pastors who came back to continue their studies and now will go back to parish ministry. All the rest of the baccalaureate and license graduates will begin a 2-year internship as "candidates for pastoral ministry" before being approved for ordination. All of the graduates are men. We do have three women students at the Institute, just not in the classes that graduated. I am happy to say that in the incoming classes of baccalaureate and license, there will be four new women, so we will more than double our number of women students! It has been only eight years since the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon started ordaining women (in 2012, the same year I came to Cameroon), so I guess it is not surprising that it has taken time to in-

crease our number of women students. I have been a bit impatient about that, so it is good finally to see some progress. The new academic year will start in October.

Eric, the kids, and I were able to spend some time together in Yaoundé in August. David and Etienne are getting excited for the beginning of primary school (kindergarten, or "class one" here) in October. Schekina passed her final exams at her secondary school in Yaoundé and has been accepted to the Catholic University of Central Africa (also in Yaoundé), where she plans to study finance and management. The first semester officially starts in October, but she is already there for a preparatory course. That's all the news for now. As always, we are profoundly grateful for your steadfast support and prayers. God's blessings to you all! (Pictures are on the bulletin board at St. John's.)

+ Grace and peace +

Elisabeth (with Eric, Schekina, David, and Etienne)

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## **November 2020, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

### **National Adoption Month**

November is National Adoption Month, a time to honor families who have opened their hearts and homes to children in need. For LSI, it is a time to celebrate the families we support through Foster Care and Adoption, and to raise awareness for the hundreds of Iowa children in need of a safe, loving home.

In 30 counties across western Iowa, LSI Foster Care and Adoption recruits, licenses, and supports foster and adoptive families to ensure every Iowa child grows up in a safe, stable environment.

But more work needs to be done. According to the most recent federal data, more than 100,000 children in the U.S. are waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. To learn more about supporting Iowa children in foster care, visit [LSIowa.org/Foster](http://LSIowa.org/Foster), or contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

*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 [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](http://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### **“There is Hope”**

As a young child growing up in multiple foster homes, Abby dreamed of a forever family. When she moved in with foster parents Joe and Dee, Abby knew she'd found the perfect family for her. Joe and Dee had already adopted two of their sons by the time Abby entered the family, and the children immediately bonded. When Abby was no longer able to reunify with her birth family, Joe and Dee decided to adopt her into their family.

“The kids bless our lives,” Joe says. “I wish people knew what kind of family you can have through foster care and adoption, and how much love these kids have to offer.”

Abby is now a 17-year-old preparing to graduate high school in the spring. She has found a forever family that encourages her to pursue her passions and with the support of her parents and siblings, Abby has found success as a high school wrestler, earning top awards and titles throughout her high school years.

Since being adopted into Joe and Dee's family, Abby has openly shared her story at National Adoption Month events