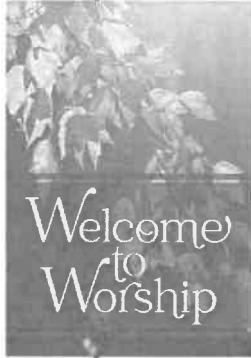


# PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



October 3rd – St. John’s at 9 am

October 10<sup>th</sup> – Immanuel at 9 am - communion

October 17<sup>th</sup> – St. John’s at 9 am

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Immanuel at 9 am -communion

October 31st - St. John’s at 9 am

November 7th and 21st - Immanuel

November 14 and 28th - St. John’s

**No Parish Three Council Meeting in October**

**November 9th - Joint Council with Good Hope at Good Hope at 7 pm**

**WOW** for kids is at St. John’s on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00.

**WELCA Women - St. John’s**

Sunday, November 14th will be the Thank-offering at St. John’s for WELCA. You will turn in your offerings during church on that Sunday



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](mailto:parishthre@wctatel.net).



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# Pastor's COLUMN

October 2021

Dear Friends In Christ,

On behalf of Bess and myself, we want to say thank you to everyone who made our wedding day special. We so enjoyed everyone's presence. And we have spoken often of how much we appreciated all the "behind the scenes" work. We have enjoyed the variety of pictures posted on social media. Thank you for sharing.

Our desire was to make the day special not just for us but for the community as well. Also, we want to say thank you for the many cards and gifts.

## OTHER STUFF

I marvel at the beauty of the plains of Iowa as I drive out in the countryside. Some visitors say that all they can see is beans and corn. But for the person in Iowa, that is a marvelous sight.

Every part of the country has its unique beauty. Growing up in Wisconsin I was surrounded by the beauty of dairy cattle in pastures on hillsides. The hill sides were kept clean as the cattle grazed. Internship took me to Pendleton, Oregon. Pendleton is in Northeast Oregon which along with Southeast Washington is wheat country. Their style of farming is much different from the farming of the Midwest. The Palouse country (as that area is called) is nothing but wheat for as far as you can see. The sight of all that wheat is phenomenal as the dry winds blow waves across the wheat fields.

These days I enjoy God's gift of this area. What a privilege to watch the crops nearing the end of their season. As the season of harvest nears, I think of all those involved in agriculture. From those of you who do the field work as you prepare your equipment, to the elevators and truckers, and many others. Keep each other in your prayers.

Prayer for Agriculture (from the Lutheran Book of Worship p. 45)

"Almighty God, we thank you for making the fruitful earth produce what is needed for life. Bless those who work in the fields; give us favorable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

God has blessed me by calling me to live and serve in this area.

Again, I say simply, "thank you".

In Christ,

Pastor Kim Peterson

Confirmation Students

Orientation on Oct. 6th Attend the one most convenient for you.

6:30 @ Good Hope

7:30 @ Parish Three - St. John's



# Immanuel News

# St. John's News

## Servant Schedule

**Communion/Dossal/ Banners**

Greg & Julie Finer

## Readers

October 10 – Shelley Kardoes

October 24- Sherri Post

## Servant Schedule

**Ushers** - Ron Dahle &

Ervin Tegtmeier

**Communion** - Kim Flatebo

**Bulletin Board** - Aleysha Brandt

**Altar Cloths & Flowers**

Kathie Krull

## Readers

October 3 - Wendy Harms

October 17 - Val Gibbs

October 31 - Gary Hayungs



It is getting to be that time of year again, wreath sales are starting in October and will go through Sunday, November 7th. You can call Phyllis at 926-5247 to order.

Wreaths will be delivered around Thanksgiving and the proceeds will go to the Perpetual Needs Fund. Checks are payable to

St. John's PNF.

There will be flyers and order forms in each of the churches.

The following is a list of items with prices

18" wreath - \$24.00 25" Wreath - \$26.00

Door Swag - \$22.00

Centerpiece - \$31.00

Cross - \$33.00

Cane - \$32.00

# ST. JOHN'S

# IMMANUEL

**Oct 3 - Josh Gerdes**  
**Oct 3- Chelsey Peterson**  
**Oct 3 - Tiffany Peterson**  
**Oct 4 - Shannon Brandt**  
**Oct 5- Pr. David Bergstrom**  
**Oct 6 - Erik Larson**  
**Oct 6 - John Steffen**  
**Oct 7 - Hunter Brandt**  
**Oct 7 - Thelma Meyering**  
**Oct 7 - Carrie Snieder**  
**Oct 8 - Lyle Doege**  
**Oct 9 - Travis Tollagson**  
**Oct 11 - Jessica Wellik**  
**Oct 12 - Paulette Dahle**  
**Oct 12 - Colleen Schmidt**  
**Oct 13 - Stephanie Schutjer**  
**Oct 14 - Ava Larson**  
**Oct 19 - Marje Peterson**  
**Oct 22 - Terra Tweed**  
**Oct 23 - Brandon Beenken**  
**Oct 23 - Tracy Wood**  
**Oct 23 - Haley Wood**  
**Oct 25 - Daryl Brunsen**  
**Oct 27 - Harper Doden**  
**Oct 28 - Scott Schmidt**  
**Oct 29 - Lynne Larson**  
**Oct 29 - Linda Smith**



**Oct 2 - Ashley Escobar**  
**Oct 3 - Tracy Stohr**  
**Oct 5 - Barb Parker**  
**Oct 5 - Roger Schmidt**  
**Oct 5 - John Schutter**  
**Oct 5 - Tom Schutter**  
**Oct 5 - Lisa Swingen**  
**Oct 6 - Michael Ubben**  
**Oct 8 - Andrew Senne**  
**Oct 15 - Greg Post**  
**Oct 16 - Michael Post**  
**Oct 17 - Kyle Post**  
**Oct 18 - Debra Schmidt**  
**Oct 21-Greg Finer**  
**Oct 22 - Susan Post**  
**Oct 30 - Richard Mayland**



## OCTOBER Anniversaries

**Oct 9 - Rusty & Thelma  
Meyering**  
**Oct 9 - Pat & Val Gibbs**  
**Oct 12 - Daryl & Karen Brunsen**  
**Oct 14 - Laurence & Bonnie Doden**

**Oct 17 - Daniel & Nicole Boyken**

*Offering envelopes are in the back of the church at St. John's to be used for 2022! Please pick up your boxes of envelopes. If you don't want a box of envelopes or decide you do want a box and don't get one for 2023, please let Becky know.*

We now have a time for our conference meeting on Sunday, October 3rd. It will be at 2pm over zoom. Please also invite a few people from your congregations to join us for these conversations. Please let me know if you can participate or if you have people in your congregation that can participate. Even if you are not available, if you still have a few people able to do so that would be wonderful and appreciated.

Tentative Agenda: More details to come regarding nominations and resolutions. Zoom link will be sent out as the date gets closer.

Devotion

Treasure Update

Introduction of Nancy Schroeder as the new lay coordinator in our conference

What is one sweet thing that God has been a part of recently in congregations or communities?

Conference nominations in preparation for Synod Assembly April of 2022

Resolutions in preparation for Synod Assembly April of 2022

Blessings,

Pastor Cole R. McCormick

Trinity Lutheran

Estherville, Iowa

## Hancock County Health System Flu Vaccination Clinic Schedule

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, October 5	Community Health - Garner (Drive Thru)	7:30 am-5:00 pm
Wednesday, October 6	Klemme Senior Citizen Center (Walk-In)	10:00 am -11:00 am
Thursday, October 7	Britt Medical Clinic Garage (Drive Thru)	7:30 am-5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 12	Community Health - Garner (Drive Thru)	7:30 am- 5:00 pm
Wednesday, October 13	Corwith Community Center (Walk-In)	1:30 pm- 3:00 pm
Thursday, October 14	Britt Medical Clinic Garage (Drive Thru)	7:30 am- 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 19	Kanawha Medical Clinic (Walk-In)	1:00 pm- 3:00 pm
Monday, October 25	Crystal Lake Senior Center (Walk-In)	8:30 am- 9:30 am
Monday, October 25	Woden Community Center (Walk-In)	10:00 am - 11:00am
Monday, October 25	Wesley Medical Clinic (Walk-In)	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 pm

- Flu & COVID-19 vaccinations are available every Friday in October from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Community Health’s office in Garner, 545 State Street
- No appointment is necessary, walk-ins are welcome
- Bring your insurance and/or NEW Medicare card with you

For more information call: 641-923-3676



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# NORTH IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2021-2022

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE

**Proof of income** – all income must be from the same time period.

- Most recent 30 days of income or most recent federal income tax return.
- Include check stubs, award letters from social security, etc.
- FIP / child support / pension / dividends / all other income sources.

**Social security number verification**

**Names & dates of birth for all household members**

**Most recent heat & electric bill**

## ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME GUIDELINES

### -INCREASED INCOME LIMITS-

1 Household Member	\$ 25,760
2 Household Members	\$ 34,840
3 Household Members	\$ 43,920
4 Household Members	\$ 53,000
5 Household Members	\$ 62,080
6 Household Members	\$ 71,160

PRINTABLE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AT:

[www.nicao-online.org](http://www.nicao-online.org)

Apply online at <https://portal.liheapia.net/>

**OCTOBER 1, 2021 FOR SENIORS 60+ AND/OR DISABLED PERSONS**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2021 FOR ALL OTHER ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS**

Due to Covid-19, we are taking steps to make sure we can continue to serve households and maintain the health and safety of our staff and community. Because this is a continuously evolving issue, the following is effective until further notice.

- 1) The in-person requirement has been waived. Applications are accepted by mail, email, online, or by telephone.

(Closed on Major Holidays) COUNTY AND SERVICE DAYS	ADDRESS	PHONE Toll Free 800-873-1899
<b>BUTLER</b> <i>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday &amp; Friday</i>	Outreach Office 219 N. Mather St. – Clarksville, IA 50619	641-243-7573
<b>CERRO GORDO</b> <i>Monday thru Friday</i>	Family Resource Center 100 1 <sup>st</sup> St NW Suite 140 – Mason City, IA 50401	641-423-7766 800-873-1899
<b>FLOYD</b> <i>Monday thru Friday</i>	Outreach Office 404 N Jackson – Charles City, IA 50616	641-228-2893
<b>FRANKLIN</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	Outreach Office 123 – 1st Ave. SW – Hampton, IA 50441	641-456-3431
<b>HANCOCK</b>	Call the Cerro Gordo County Outreach Office	1-800-873-1899
<b>KOSSUTH</b> <i>Thursday</i> <i>Office closed from 9/1/2021 - 11/1/2021</i>	Outreach Office 117 East Call St. – Algona, IA 50511 <b>9/1/21-11/1/21 Contact Cerro Gordo County</b>	515-295-2531 <b>1-800-873-1899</b>
<b>MITCHELL</b>	Call the Floyd County Outreach Office	641-228-2893
<b>WINNEBAGO</b> <i>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Friday</i> <i>Office closed from 9/1/2021 - 11/1/2021</i>	Outreach Office 135 School St. – Forest City, IA 50436 <b>9/1/21 - 11/1/21 Contact Cerro Gordo County</b>	641-585-5863 <b>1-800-873-1899</b>
<b>WORTH</b>	Call the Floyd County Outreach Office	641-228-2893

*This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel, among others. DEADLINE TO APPLY IS April 30, 2022.*



## October 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

**Leaving a Legacy** Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI 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 visit [LSIowa.org/church-relations](http://LSIowa.org/church-relations) or 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](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

**One Backpack and a Simple Act of Kindness** The start of fall classes can be difficult for any child – especially as youth of all ages adjust back to “normal” following a year of virtual classes and Zoom meetings. But for kids who have experienced trauma, back-to-school season can bring additional stress: anxiety about meeting new people; worry that their family may not have enough grocery money for lunch every day; insecurity if they come to school without some of the fun supplies other kids have.

Thanks to donations of backpacks, crayons and pencils, glue, and more, LSI is ensuring Iowa youth have access to the school supplies they need to succeed. And because of this, kids are empowered with the ability to choose their own supplies that show off their own styles and personalities so they can feel confident as they return to classes.

After having a tough day, Marisol was feeling sad and was told she and her guardian would be stopping by the LSI office for some school supplies. She wasn't in the mood for a visit but after arriving at the office, she found a bright spot in her day: her LSI worker was there to help her pick out a new backpack of her own. She was delighted after finding her favorite, and eagerly walked around the office to choose more back-to-school items she could place in her backpack.

Thanks to these contributions, Marisol's day was turned around by a simple act of kindness and a new backpack.

### Understanding Grief & Loss

#### **Support Group**

Understanding Grief & Loss is an adult support group that will provide grief education and support to individuals who have experienced the death of a family member or friend.

Five Thursday Evenings

October 14 – November 11

6:00 – 7:30 PM

MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Center

Conference Room

232 2<sup>nd</sup> Street SE, Mason City

There is no charge for this group, but space is limited.

To register, please call

MercyOne North Iowa Hospice

641-428-6208 or 800-297-4719



The Kossuth County Food Pantry extended their appreciation for the continuous support that we have given them from Parish 3

## September/October 2021

Dear  
Friends,

It is hard to imagine a life without our loved ones. It is probably safe to say we don't like to think about it even in situations where there is advance notice, such as the case with a serious illness. Life, however, has a way of taking our blinders off and forcing us to consider the unimaginable, the thing we do not want to happen. You are living it right now. The brain can only comprehend so much information at one time. This helps explain why we don't consider the other losses we will experience while grieving until they happen.

These other losses, often referred to as "secondary losses", can catch people by surprise. It is not so clear, especially soon after a death, how many ripple effects we can feel. Many bereaved we spoke with in the past often referenced the following observations:

w I didn't know how much he/she did around the home, can I maintain the current housing arrangement?

w Loss of companionship – social supports can change

w Mom/dad was my "cheerleader"

w Who is in charge of the family, especially after the death of the second parent?

w How do I support my family who is also grieving?

Now is a good time to consider the various resources available within your community or region. Food banks or a mobile pantry can help with groceries. Elderbridge Agency on Aging has information on multiple services available to senior citizens including home repairs, medical needs, or financial assistance. Salvation Army or community action groups can direct you for rental or heating assistance. Ask someone at your bank to help draft a new budget or assist with payment schedules if you are new to the responsibility of paying bills. If you are still working, consider utilizing the Employee Assistance Program through your company to access free counseling services.

It is hard to be vulnerable and ask for help but remember it is not a weakness. You don't have to struggle alone, and we are not meant to do everything by ourselves.

Wishing you a peaceful fall season.

*Autumn & Joyce*

Bereavement Coordinators

Sunday, October 10th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Let Pastor Kim know you are grateful to have a pastor and you are grateful for what he has done over the years!

