



# PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches

*Summer*



## WORSHIP TIMES

August 1st at Immanuel at **9:00 am**

August 8<sup>th</sup> at Good Hope at **9:00am**

August 15<sup>th</sup> at St. John's at **9:00 am**

August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Immanuel at **9:00 am**

August 29<sup>th</sup> at St. John's at **10:30am**

St. John's will need teachers for WOW on Wednesday evenings from 6 pm to 7 pm. You don't have to teach every week. If we have 6 volunteers you will teach once every 6 weeks. Call the church office or call Aleysha or Phyllis

Parish Three Council Meeting August 10th at Immanuel at 7:00pm



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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August, 2021

Dear Friends In Christ,

Word has pretty well gotten around that Bess Wilkin and I plan to exchange wedding vows on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

You have walked with myself and the community walked with Bess through the difficult times of long illness and then the death of our spouses. Now we would like you to celebrate with us as we begin a new chapter in life.

#### **The plans!**

Bishop Halaas will be with us on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note, worship will be at 10:30 at Good Hope. Also participating in the service will be Pastor Todd Harsock and Vicar Edward Pease.

We will exchange vows near the end of the Worship Service, then the service will end with Holy Communion.

Following the Worship Service, everyone is invited to join us for a reception in the basement.

For the reception we will provide pulled pork sandwiches, angel food cake, and drink. We would like to have good old church pot-luck, so we invite you to bring a *meatless* hot or cold vegetable or salad.

#### **OTHER PLANS**

Where will we live?

We will live in Bess's house. That way, as I get myself out of the parsonage, the parsonage can be prepared for a new pastor.

How are my retirement plans going?

I am afraid my usual answer is "I do not know." If the Bishop finds a pastor for you, then retirement will be sooner rather than later.

How is it going on building our house in Wisconsin?

Slowly! We are at the mercy of the architect and the contractor.

But that is ok. We have a place to live and a place to store my "stuff".

Thank you for all of the congratulations and sharing in our excitement as we enter into this new chapter in our lives.

Pastor Kim



## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

I have been searching for a time to offer a new member class. Sundays are not working too well, so I am scheduling a class for **Wednesday evening, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m.** at Good Hope. Please contact Pastor Kim if you will be attending.

## **A MINUTE BIBLE STUDY**

### ***Lamb of God?***

In Holy Communion we celebrate Jesus as the Lamb of God.

What does this mean? Our Minute Study takes a look at the answer to this question.

We are introduced to the sacrifice of a lamb at the time of the Exodus. What are the people to do with the Lamb in **Exodus 12:1-7?**

**Exodus 12:13** What will the blood of the lamb mean to the people?

**John 1:29** How was Jesus the perfect Lamb?

How does **Isaiah 53:7** describe the Lamb?

**Hebrews 2:14-18** Jesus, our Lamb became flesh. How is that different from sacrificing the lambs? What does this mean for us?

**Romans 5:19** – what is the gift we receive through the obedience of Christ, the Lamb?

Hear the invitation to come to Holy Communion. Receive the body and blood of the Lamb, and be blessed by God with the forgiveness of your sins and life eternal.

# Immanuel News

## Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners  
Ron & Deb Schmidt

## Readers

August 1- Sherri Post  
August 22- Susan Post

## Looking ahead

**September 12th church will be at Good Hope at 10:30 and at the end of worship Pastor Kim and Bess Wilkin will exchange wedding vows. Everyone will be invited to the church basement for a reception of pork sandwiches, angel food cake and a drink. This will be like an old fashioned potluck and everyone is asked to bring a meatless hot or cold vegetable or salad.**

**Congratulations Pastor Kim!**

Thank you for your quilt donations! Mercy  
One Birthing Center

# St. John's News

## Servant Schedule

Ushers - Bruce Schutjer &  
Rusty Meyering

**Communion** - Emogene Kurtz-  
leben

**Bulletin Board** -Kallista & Natalie  
Larson

**Altar Cloths & Flowers** -Thelma  
Meyering

## Readers

August 15-- Doris Haugland  
August 29-- Pat Gibbs

St. John's Annual Church  
Cleaning

August 16th- 20th

Group 1 - Downstairs

Group 2 - Upstairs

*Lend a  
helping  
hand*



# ST. JOHN'S

**August 3 - Julie Pigman**  
**August 4—Caleb Gerdes**  
**August 6—Val Gibs**  
**August 7 — Ryan Hobbs**  
**August 9—Kathy Krull**  
**August 9—Ervin Tegtmeyer**  
**August 10—Pam Kloser**  
**August 13- Thomas Buns**  
**August 13—Ron Dahle**  
**August 13- Ruth Haugland**  
**August 13—Doug Hanna**  
**August 14- Brandy Juenger**  
**August 15- Logan Kunkel**  
**August 15—Jacob Schim-  
melfennig**  
**August 17- Melissa Brandt**  
**August 17 Marie Stohr**  
**August 17—Jeanne Tollagson**  
**August 21—Parker Feuring**  
**August 21—Wayne Tollagson**  
**August 22—Daryl Beenken**  
**August 25—Bruce Schutjer**



# IMMANUEL

**August 1—David Post**  
**August 1—Laura Stohr**  
**August 2—Diane Bruns**  
**August 3—Ellie Eden**  
**August 5—Deborah Poyzer**  
**August 5—Landon Sexton**  
**August 11—Beuford Stohr**  
**August 16—Rozzie Stohr**  
**August 17- Marlin Brandt**  
**August 17- Meaghan Swingen**  
**August 20—Emily Cox**  
**August 26—Kandice Beenken**  
**August 26—William Brandt**  
**August 31—Lynda Krause**



**August 2—Don & Kathy Krull**  
**August 5—Clay & Pat Hobbs**  
**August 6—Alan & Lynne Larson**  
**August 9—Jordan & Jessica Wellik**  
**August 15— Dylan & Aleysha Brandt**  
**August 18—Lyle & Janice Doege**

**August 1—Greg & Ann Brandt**  
**August 7—Gerald & Karen Rurup**  
**August 8—Travis & Roxanne Stohr**  
**August 13—Allen & Susan Post**  
**August 14—Scott & Amy Luedke**  
**August 19 Michael & Kathleen Ubben**  
**August 21—Cliff & Nancy Axness**  
**August 30—David & Sherri Post**

Come join us on Saturday, August 21st outside the Woden Community Center for an evening meal from 5 pm to 7 pm. This is a fundraiser for the community center as we have not been able to have a Vegas night for two years. We will be serving pork loin sandwich, baked beans, chips and water or lemonade. You may purchase other drinks throughout the evening. The cost is \$10 for adults, children 4 to 10 years is \$8.00 and children under 3 is free. There will be a band from 7 - 10 pm - Bob and the Raiders. This is outside the Woden Community Center on the street, if inclement weather, it will be held inside. There will be to-go boxes available for the meal.

June 26, 2021

Dear friends and sponsors,

Greetings from Cameroon!

It has been way too long since my last newsletter, and for that, I sincerely apologize. Already another academic year has come to a close at the Lutheran Institute of Theology in Meiganga. Each year seems to go by faster than the last!

The year closed with the usual flurry of activities in June – final exams, “soutenances” (oral defense) of final papers for graduating students, and graduation.

This year we had seven graduates from the “licence” program (equivalent of a B.A.) and one graduate from the master’s degree program.

One of the great joys for me this past year has been having a larger number of female students (seven) at the Institute. I have been meeting regularly with them for conversation, prayer, and mutual support. They are incredibly strong women, and they give me hope for the future of the church.

#### **Family news**

Our family is doing well. The company that Eric works for just transferred him to Ngaoundéré, so he will be much closer to Meiganga now (about 100 miles instead of 400!). Our daughter Schekina just finished her first year at the Catholic University of Central Africa in Yaoundé, where she is studying finance and management.

David and Etienne just finished kindergarten. They are both doing well in school and are growing up very quickly. David’s 6th birthday was in April, and this year he wanted to celebrate with his friends at school, so we did. Etienne will be six in August.

#### **Remembering Jim Noss**

We were deeply saddened in May to learn of the death of Jim Noss, former ELCA missionary to Cameroon and member of one of our sponsoring congregations (Mt. Calvary in Eagan, MN). Although he “retired” from missionary work over a decade ago, he was a regular visitor and tireless volunteer for the ELCA’s work with our partners here in Cameroon and in the Central African Republic. In recent years, he had also done work for the ELCA in South Sudan and in Haiti. He and his wife Karen were two of the people who encouraged me to pursue this calling to missionary work, and for that, I am eternally grateful. May he rest in peace.

#### **News about home assignment:**

The ELCA decided to cancel in-person home assignment again this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic. I am very sorry that I will not have the opportunity to visit you in person this year. The ELCA is encouraging us to find ways of doing “virtual” visits, however. I am working on putting together a video about my work here, which I will make available to all my sponsoring congregations. I plan to be in the U.S. during the month of August. During that month, I will be available for virtual visits in whatever format works for your congregation. I could do a virtual adult forum by Zoom, for example. Or perhaps you have other ideas. Please send me an email at [elisajo@msn.com](mailto:elisajo@msn.com) to set something up.

We remain extremely grateful for your ongoing, faithful support, especially in the midst of the pandemic and all of the challenges that have come with it. We truly hope that we will be able to thank you in person next year!

+ Grace and peace +

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

Dear Friends,

Every season comes with its own reminders that certain people are no longer with us. Summer is no exception since there is no vacation from grief. Come to think of it, that is an interesting idea. What if you could find a week or a location where grief didn't creep its way into your thoughts and feelings? What might that look like?

It's fun to entertain the idea, but it isn't very realistic. That is okay. Consider instead sending off a floating candle on the lake during vacation, make your loved one's favorite food for those summer gatherings, or share some cake if it would have been their birthday. We see many families are given memory garden stones. If you haven't done so already, place it outside and create your own memory garden space.

However you choose to remember your loved one(s), remember to give yourself grace too!

Stay cool and hydrated!

Thinking of you,

*Autumn & Joyce*

### Resource

#### 10 Things to Read When You're Grieving

Find the online post here:

[www.pbs.org/newshour/art/read-youre-](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/art/read-youre-)

### 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 middle of 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!!

St. John's Board of Education and Teachers

## **August 2021, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story**

### **Back to School Month**

School is right around the corner! This time of year can be exciting and stressful for many of us, but adjusting back into a classroom routine can be especially difficult for kids and teens with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental and behavioral health services for children and families across the state. Our therapists provide virtual and in-person therapy sessions with children, while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services (BHIS) team collaborates with families in their home or in a community setting to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

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

### **Helping Families Adjust to a New Normal**

Uriyah felt overwhelmed by anxiety.

During the pandemic, it was hard for him to even leave his room, talk to his family, and attend school. When classes moved online, he felt comfortable completing his homework and attending classes virtually. But when it was time to return to school for in-person classes, he would not attend. His mom, Holly, wanted him to be able to finish the school year virtually, but she needed help navigating the transition with his school.

That's when she learned about LSI's STEP IN community program. Through the service, LSI social workers are there to build on a family's strengths and ensure children and parents have what they need to thrive and create a brighter future. Children and teens in the program work with their LSI team to develop coping skills, conflict resolution, and healthy communication. The LSI team helped Uriyah feel more comfortable engaging with his family, and Holly had the support she needed to work with the school, advocate for her child, and ensure Uriyah could finish the school year online.

Now, Uriyah has felt a weight lifted off his shoulders, and he successfully graduated out of LSI programming. The last year has created unprecedented stress and anxiety for many children and teens, but Uriyah now feels more comfortable and confident moving forward.

### **Western Iowa Synod's Inaugural Heart Of BBQ Challenge**

**On Sunday, August 8th At The Lizard Creek Event Center In Fort Dodge**

**(\$15.00 Per Person/\$30.00 Per Household)**

**Games @ 2 p.m. Supper begins at 5 p.m.**

The Heart of BBQ Challenge is one way your congregation can help grow the Fund for the Future. The contest will give congregational teams the chance to see who has the best ribs in the synod. The contest will follow rules similar to Kansas City Barbecue Society rules. Each competition team will submit three samples of ribs consisting of three bones per sample. All three submissions can be the same, or the team can create three entries with different flavor profiles. As an added feature, the challenge will also include a Pie/Dessert Auction. **Congregations can donate pies and/or desserts for this event.**

**The Fund for the Future** is an endowed fund to help first call seminarians in the Western Iowa Synod service their educational debts. Seminary debt makes it hard for first call pastors to take a call in smaller parishes. Even with parsonages, salaries are stretched to pay for the normal everyday expenses and are stretched even further when the first call pastor has school debt to service.