

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches

Summer

**WORSHIP
TIMES**

July 5th - St. John's 9:30 am
July 12th - Immanuel 9:30 am
July 19th - Good Hope 9:30 am
July 26th - St. John's 9:30 am
Senior recognition for graduates - Parish 3

We are looking for funds yet for Erika Merino, the student we have sponsored since she started kindergarten. She is in her first year of college and is asking for our continued support. We pay \$250/year for Erika and have received only \$25. Please send your money to Becky Crone or drop in the offering plate and mark it for Erika! Thanks your help is appreciated!



Parish Three Council
Meeting July 14th at
7:00 pm at
Immanuel.



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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Dear Friends In Christ,

“I don’t know!” is a most frustrating answer. We are used to being able to create schedules. Schedules allow us to plan, to know what is going on.

Today we try to schedule and plan, but the most accurate answer to the schedules is simple, “I don’t know.” Personally, I live by the calendar. By looking at my calendar, which incidentally is color coordinated, I know who, what, when, and where. Not knowing is creating anxiety.

Living in the shadow of COVID-19 is frustrating. Planning is frequently reduced to “I don’t know.” When do we plan confirmation? What about the couples who have been making arrangements for their weddings for over a year? There are people who have completed years of education and fulfilled all of the requirements for ordination. When can the ordination be planned? The bishop says, “I don’t know.”

What is going to happen with gathering for worship? When and how will we receive Holy Communion? What about singing? When will we return to normal? The only answer I can give right now is, “I don’t know.”

Knowing give us a control. Not knowing means a loss of control. The loss of control is a harsh and painful reminder that we are not God.

A good question for our reflection is, “What can God teach us from this time?”

I’ll offer a couple of suggestions. Patience is at the top of the list. Patience means letting go of our control. It often means trusting God to act in God’s time. Patience is a very difficult virtue to learn. It is learned through practice. When the very honest answer is, “I don’t know,” ask yourself what you have to do to be patient.

A second suggestion is learning to love our neighbors as Jesus taught us to do. Living by the calendar means looking for a spot when you have time for others. We can learn about the inconvenience of loving others. Jesus’ love for us took him all the way to the cross, and that love was inconvenient. Are we willing to be inconvenienced and even uncomfortable for others? Something as simple as wearing a mask is saying that you care for others.

“I don’t know” is not the answer any of us want. However, an honest “I don’t know” may point us away from ourselves to the One who does know.

In Christ,

Pastor Kim Peterson



Minute Bible Study
Ecclesiastes 3

*"There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the
heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

1. What do we know about the seasons? Can we state a specific beginning and ending time?

2. Our calendars are based on the gift of time. Have you ever lost all sense of time when visiting with a friend? This is a season.

What do you think would happen to our relationships with God, family, and others if we thought more in terms of seasons rather than time?

3. **Read through Ecclesiastes 3:2-8.** The word time is referring to the seasons of life, times when we cannot define the beginning or the end. Often these are times over which we have very little control.

Reflect on times in your life when the calendar lost its power over you. These were the times of seasons, with no real beginning and no real end.

"I don't know" leads us into the seasons of life. These seasons have no clear beginnings and no clear endings.

Saint Augustine was an early father of the Church. He served as Bishop of Hippo (now Annaba, Algeria) from 396 to 430. He made the following statement:

***"You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our heart is restless
until it rests in you."***

4. During this time of Pandemic and "I don't know," how is your heart restless?

5. What will it mean to rest your heart in God?

Immanuel News

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners
Ron & Deb Schmidt

Readers

July 12– Sherri Post

Servant Schedule

Ushers - Brad Buns & Lyle
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Communion - Paulette Dahle

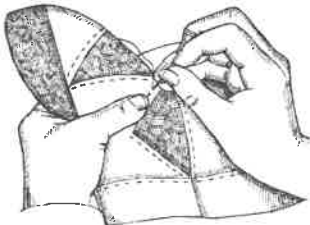
Bulletin Board - Kallista & Na-
talie Larson

Altar Cloths & Flowers
Linda Smith

Readers

July 5 - Wendy Harms
July 26 - Gary Hayungs

We will need some quilts delivered to Riverside Bible Camp for their auction. These will need to be delivered in July. Please contact Phyllis if you are willing to deliver a few quilts. We need to call ahead!



QUILTING GROUP



Due to the increase in the Covid 19 in our area, the Board of Education and council President has decided to cancel Bible School for July 13th and 14th. We will see when a time will work to explore our theme of "Raindrops to Rainbows" and work it in at that time.

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—Kathleen Albers
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—Fred Hoffman
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—Norma Jean May-
land
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 3—Roger & Phyllis Schmidt
July 11—Marlin & Nancy Brandt
July 16—Steven & Anita Eden
July 19—Kent & Mary Ullmann
July 26—Bruce & Debbie Kamp
July 27—Bruce & Millie Culbertson



The quilts will be displayed at St. John's from July 5th through July 26th.. If you would like to view them, the church will be open before and after church services on July 5th and 26th.



Olivia Holly Gibbs
Kallista Ann Larson
Levi Nicholas Wood
Mackenzie Kay Wood

As you start your new journey,
May the Lord lead the way ~

Upholding, sustaining
With each passing day

While you walk this new road,
May God be your guide

As you follow His path
And with Him abide.

Joshua 1:9 - *Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (NIV)*

Dear Graduates,

As you celebrate this time of passage in your life you will find that you have to make many decisions and choices. You will discover a whole new world. You will feel fear and you will discover joy. Sometimes they will occur at the same time.

Some days will drag on and seem like they will never end. Other days will seem to fly by. Some times you will want to stay in the moment and at other times you will pray for the next moment to come quickly.

As you begin your journey please know that your God and your church family go with you. Know that you will never be alone and that no matter what you face you will always be welcomed and loved in your home church family.

Please keep us informed of the joys that you experience and be sure to let us know when you move from place to place.

And....remember....God Loves You and So Do We!

Colossians 1:10 - *And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. (NIV)*

Olivia Holly Gibbs

Daughter of Patrick & Valerie Gibbs

St. John's Lutheran Church

This summer Olivia plans on working at HyVee.

After graduation she plans go to University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls and majoring in Social Work.

Graduating from Forest City High School

She will have her graduation celebration on July 11th at her home from 4pm-7pm.



Mackenzie Kay Wood

Daughter of James & Tracy Wood

St. John's Lutheran Church

Mackenzie plans on spending time with family and friends

Mackenzie will join the Army reserves and go to NIACC for her nursing degree then continue at Mankato State to become an OB nurse.

Graduating from West Hancock

She had her graduation on June 13th at the Britt Country Club.

Kallista Kay Larson

Daughter of Erik & Julie Larson

St. John's Lutheran Church

This summer Kallista plans on working and spending time with family and friends. After graduation she plans to go to Grand View in Des Moines to study biology/pre-med.

Graduating from Forest City High School

Her party is scheduled for Saturday, July 18th at the TSB Community Room in Forest City (101 US 69, Forest City) from 4pm-7pm. If we are unable to have the party due to COVID-19 you are welcome to send cards to our home address at 760 320th Street, Britt, IA 50423.



Levi Nicholas Wood

Son of Amy & Nate Juhl, Nick Wood

St. John's Lutheran Church

After graduating on June 20th Levi plans on traveling and working this summer. Levi plans on attending college for business and real estate but undecided where at this time.

Graduating from Forest City High School

His graduation reception will be July 25th at TSB Bank downstairs gathering room, Hwy 69 in Forest City.



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

We are recognizing seniors from Parish 3 on Sunday, July 26th at worship services at St. John’s. Quilts will be awarded that Sunday.

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