



# PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



November 3rd & 17th - Immanuel at 9am

November 10th & 24th - St. John's at 9am

December 1st, 15th & 29th - Immanuel at 9 am

December 8th & 22nd - St. John's at 9 am

## Advent Schedule

December 1st - Immanuel - 7 pm

December 8th - St. John's - 7 pm

December 15th - Good Hope - 7 pm



Confirmation class at St. John's is on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:15

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

Children's  
CHURCH



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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Dear Friends In Christ,

I have been participating in a Grief Support group sponsored by Hospice. A comment often made is that as a pastor I could probably lead the group. That I have done. However, like everyone else I need others with whom to share my personal grief. The advice and counsel of others who specialize in grief care is invaluable for anyone, including a pastor.

Each week includes an assignment. We are to write. Write about our feelings, keep a journal, write a letter to someone far away who does not know about the death of our loved one, even write a letter to the one who has died. We are not allowed to just think about what happened and how we are feeling. We are encouraged, even pushed, to identify those feelings and face them.

At the support group I have learned that writing is important. To my dismay, writing on the computer does not work so well, the writing must be handwritten. This is a challenge for me because my handwriting has become little more than a scrawl with many abbreviations.

As I have learned about the importance of putting our thoughts and feelings in writing, I began to wonder about practicing thanksgiving by writing.

As we enter into the month of Thanksgiving I offer to you an idea for giving thanks. I encourage you to take up writing, handwriting with pen and paper. What should you write?

Start with writing down one thing you are thankful for. Do this each day. On the first day, many of us will list our families.

Now for the hard part. Write down why you are thankful for what you have listed for the day. Thinking about the example of family, write down what it is about your family that you are thankful for. You might come back to your writing several times throughout the day. You will be surprised at how much is behind being thankful for family, for spouse, for children. Writing will help you lift up what is in your heart.

For the final part of this exercise, include your thanksgiving thoughts in your prayers.

Do this each day for the month of November, and then on Thanksgiving Day look back over your list.

I much prefer writing with my computer. However I have to admit that there is a time to bring out the pen and paper to write our feelings, our thoughts, and even our prayers.

Have a blessed thanksgiving month,

Pastor Kim Peterson



## THANK YOU

I was blessed with gifts and cards for Pastor Appreciation Day. Your thoughtfulness means a lot to me. I am privileged to be called to serve you. Thank you.

Pastor Kim

## MINUTE BIBLE STUDY

Thank you God for being You!

### Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.<sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.*

1. When beginning your prayers, what are the first thoughts that come to mind?
  - a. Prayers for help?
  - b. Prayers for family?
  - c. Prayers for those who are sick?
  - d. Prayers for peace?
2. Looking at these verses from Deuteronomy 4, which are also part of the Jewish Shema, how does their prayer begin? (Vs.4).
3. Vs. 4 What is said about who God is?

4. Vs. 5 What does loving God with your whole self say about the place of God in your life?

5. Have you ever tried beginning your prayers with something like, "Thank you God for being You". Thank you for all that you do in my life?

The Lord's Prayer teaches us how to begin our prayers thanking God for being our God.

"Our Father, who art in heaven," Martin Luther asks what does this mean? *"With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father"*

6. Look through this and reflect on why we would thank God, for example "God tenderly invites us."
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.

Prepare for Thanksgiving by giving some serious thought about what you are thankful for and *write* those thoughts down. You will be amazed and blessed by doing so.

# Immanuel News

# St. John's News

## Servant Schedule

### Communion/Dossal/Banners

Matt & Meaghan Swingen

### Readers

November 3 - Susan Post

November 17 David Post

## Servant Schedule

Ushers - Daryl Brunsen & Pat  
Gibbs

Communion - Doris Haugland

Bulletin Board - Phyllis Schutjer

Altar Cloths & Flowers  
Kathy Trenary & Ruth Haugland

### Readers

November 10 Rusty Meyering

November 24 - Wendy Harms

### Acolytes

November 10- Cody Doege

November 24 - Ava Larson

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

November 12th 7:00pm at  
Immanuel.

Individuals are needed to help teach WOW - starting in January. If enough individuals help, you may have to teach only once every 6 weeks. Contact Phyllis or Aleysha if you can help starting in January.

# 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 Schim-  
melfennig**  
**Nov 21 - Pam Hanna**  
**Nov 22 - Nancy Beenken**  
**Nov 27 - Michael Schim-  
melfennig**  
**Nov 28 - Maurice Buns**  
**Nov 28 - Verlaine  
Swingen**  
**Nov 29 - Jason Bos-  
worth**



# 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**

The Titonka Public Library will be hosting a free genealogical program on Saturday, November 2, from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Buffalo Creek Community Center.

Theresa Liewer is our instructor. She was the president of the Iowa Genealogical Society and is one of their volunteer instructors.

Bars and coffee will be provide.

If any questions please contract the Titonka Public Library .

# Announcements

Bible camp for Confirmation students will be on November 8 - 10. They will leave around 5:00 or 6:00 pm. on the 8th and will be ready to be picked up at noon on Sunday, the 10th. Drivers are needed for transporting students back and forth. (More specific times and details will be later.) If you can transport students, talk to Pastor Kim.



Words cannot express how thankful we are for all the love and support that we have received over these last few months. We appreciate all the cards, gifts and prayers that we have received. God truly has been looking out for our family. Jeff and Marsha Watkins and family



Corn and Cash

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



Immanuel Corn & Cash

November 3 & 17th.

**Wreath orders must be turned in by Sunday, November 10th.** 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. 10th. This wreath can be used in memory of someone or in honor of someone. The cost of the 25" wreath is \$23.00 and must be paid for when ordering.



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



Sunday, November 3, 2019



The WOW Christmas Program will be on December 8th at 9:00am service at St. John's.

St. John's will not be hosting a Thanksgiving meal this year, due to low numbers of attendance.

Planning ahead:.....

Saturday, December 7th

St. John's Annual Bucket of Cookies and Breakfast

Woden Community Center

Breakfast 6:30-9:00

Cookie Sales Start at 7:30am - 9:00 or unless

cookies are sold out



The Sharing tree will be going up in November. Please stop by and get an Angel from the tree and buy a toy for a child in need. There will be a sign up sheet for food donations as well.

# **WE REFUSE TO BE ENEMIES**

**Daoud Nassar, Palestinian Christian farmer  
and Director of the Tent of Nations  
to speak at Boman Fine Arts Center, Forest City, IA**

Located on the Nassar family's 100-acre farm and orchard outside of Bethlehem in the West Bank, **The Tent of Nations** has become an international peace center attracting thousands of visitors annually. International visitors, including many Israelis, join together to plant trees, harvest olives and fruit, teach at the Women's Education Center, lead activities in Summer Children's Camps, and work together in pursuit of a just peace through non-violent action. **Please join us to hear Daoud's story.**

**Wednesday,  
November 13,  
7:00 pm  
Location: Boman  
Fine Arts Center,  
Forest City, IA**



Woden Vendor  
Show at the Com-  
munity Center from  
9:30 to 2:00 pm.  
on November 2nd.  
Many vendors in  
attendance.

Daoud is being welcomed to Iowa by the Southeastern, Northeast, and Western Iowa synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), and under the auspices of Friends of Tent of Nations North America (FOTONNA). Hosted by Waldorf University, Forest City. For further information, contact: Pastor Rod Hopp (515-450-3704).

St. John's members-- remember to pick up your envelopes for 2020 in the back of the church. If you have been missed or do not care to have envelopes for 2021, talk to Becky Crone. Remember your monetary gifts are needed for the church.



Sign up to serve coffee after church at St. John's! The sheet is on the bell tower!