

Dear Friends of Titonka and Woden

Regarding our trip from Titonka (from my apartment) to Texas. We left on Monday August 26th. All of my boxes and things were in the back of granddaughter's Satartea's truck with us behind in Betty Ann's car. We reached Joplin MO. that night. The motel clerk said that Jimmy could park the truck under an overhang because it was raining and lightening, so things would be protected. The next night we arrived at Satartea's trailer 8 miles from Joaquin, Texas. After three days, we were in our apartment (central air) but outside it was hot! I was so sorry to hear that dear sweet Joy Boyken had passed away. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

Elise Planz & Rebekah

PS. – Jimmy & Jenna got married Saturday after dating for 4 our years and Jimmy's return from Afghanistan. Now he plans to go to army ranger schooling.

Elsie Planz Box 390 Joaquin, TX 75954

Titonka Methodist Church Creamed Chicken over Biscuit Dinner is Sunday, Sept. 29th

From 11:30 – 12:30 Freewill Offering and for in town delivery call 928-2525.

Synodical Women's Organization!

32nd Annual SWO Convention will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at

Menomonee Falls, WI at the Holy Cross

Lutheran Church. Check the board by bathrooms at St. John's for more information.

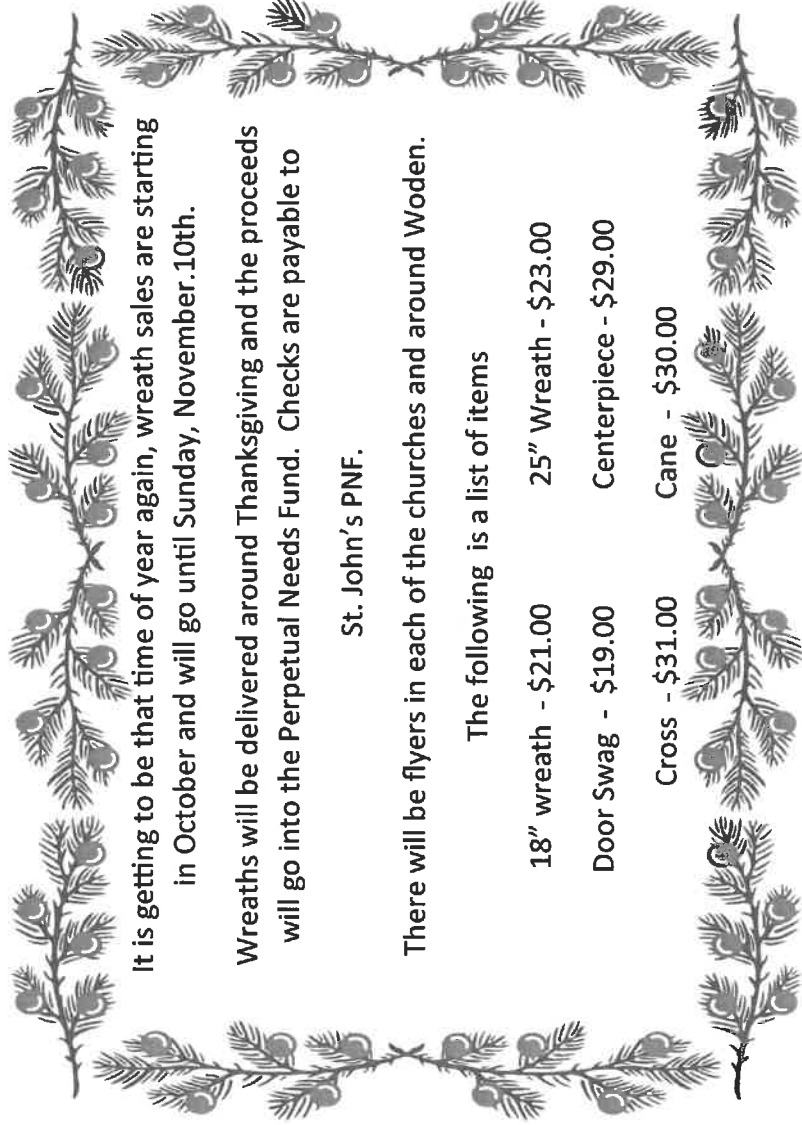
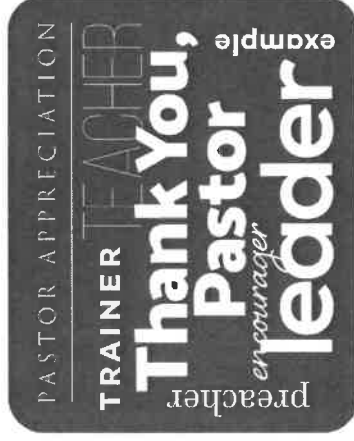
Announcements



PASTOR
Appreciation

Understanding Grief and Loss Groups will be on 6 consecutive weeks in Mason City starting on Sept. 27th through November 1st from 10:00 am to noon or evenings October 15th to November 19th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Call 641-428-6208 or 1-800-297-4719 to preregister. This is a 6 week free program for adults grieving a death. There is a limited space for this class. Mercy One North Iowa Hospice is offering the class.

OCTOBER 13



It is getting to be that time of year again, wreath sales are starting in October and will go until Sunday, November.10th.

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

St. John's PNF.

There will be flyers in each of the churches and around Woden.

The following is a list of items

18" wreath - \$21.00 25" Wreath - \$23.00

Door Swag - \$19.00 Centerpiece - \$29.00

Cross - \$31.00 Cane - \$30.00

Offering envelopes are in the back of the church at St. John's to be used for 2020! Please pick up your boxes of envelopes.

Servant Schedule

Ushers - Kent Ullmann, Tracy Stohr, Ron Schmidt, Eric Eden

Communion/Dossal/ Banners

Matt & Meaghan Swingen

Readers

October 6 – Wendy Harms
October 27 - Sherri Post

Servant Schedule

Ushers - Daryl Beenken & Denny Smith

Communion - Kim Flatebo

Bulletin Board - Pat Hobbs

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Ruth Buns & Jenny Tweed

Readers

October 13 - Julie Larson
October 27 - Val Gibbs

Teachers Needed for WOW!!! We are using rotational material so you only have to volunteer once a month or once every 6 weeks! Call Aleysha Brandt or Phyllis Schutjer if interested.



Parish Three Council
Meeting

October 8th 7:00pm

at
Immanuel.

St. John's women will have a short meeting after church on Sunday, October 27th in fellowship hall.

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 - Jon 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 Schutjjer
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



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

Oct 17 - Daniel & Nicole Boyben

MINUTE BIBLE STUDY

The Community of Strangers

Psalms 39:12

12 “Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and give ear to my cry;
do not hold your peace at my tears.
For I am your passing guest,
an alien, like all my forebears.

The people of Israel experienced a variety of journeys where they were the strangers in a land, from Abraham, to the people of Israel in Egypt, to the journey to the promised land, and even into the exile in Babylon.

What do you think it means for you to be a “Passing guest”?

“Hear my prayer, O Lord . . .” How could this be your prayer as you walk through life? What do you want or expect from God?

What do you think it means for others around you who are “passing guests”?

Ephesians 2:19-20

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

From the Message Paraphrase: 19-22 That’s plain enough, isn’t it? You’re no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You’re no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He’s using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he’s using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Why are we no longer strangers?

Where do we belong?

Where do others belong?



October 2019

Pastors' Article

Dear Friends In Christ,

There was a period of time when I was doing interim work for a couple of churches in the Chicago area. From where we lived that meant a ninety-mile drive four days a week on Interstate 80.

I learned a lot about community on the interstate. It wasn't long before I began to recognize certain trucks making their way to Chicago with their deliveries. I had not the slightest idea who the driver was but I recognized each vehicle.

I discovered and appreciated certain signals the truckers made for each other and for the cars around them. For example, flashing your lights was a signal that it was safe to make a lane change or that you were giving that truck room to maneuver.

After awhile I began to feel like I was a part of that community. I suspect they began to recognize my van. I felt safe and not alone amongst the strangers.

There was another side of the community that saddened me. I saw a young couple, maybe in their early twenties, probably stopped for drugs. One standing handcuffed a distance in front of the car, the other handcuffed standing a distance behind the car. The community racing by on I-80 at 70-75 mph did not stop or even slow down. Another community, the law enforcement, would care for them.

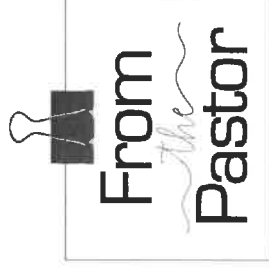
I frequently reflect on that year and half of driving. What is community? Can strangers be a community? And of course, I ponder what it means to be a Christian Community.

What if we see ourselves as just another vehicle on the journey of life? Would people, without really knowing us, feel a certain sense of community? Would they, do they, look to us and see a place where they do not feel alone? When they are near us do they experience learning each other's language such as flashing your headlights to indicate that it is safe to make change?

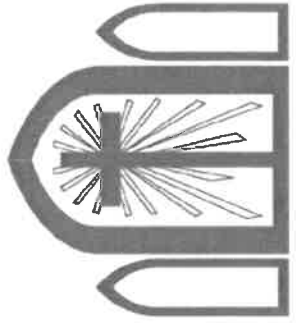
All of us touch many lives as we make our way through life. There are the friends, the acquaintances, the people we speak to in passing, and then there those who just watch. Like us watching other vehicles on the highway. What do they see when they are around us? I hope they see and experience God's love and grace that we have received through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessings on your journey of life.

Pastor Kim Peterson



I am planning a New Member Class in October – date to be announced.



PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

October 6th – Immanuel at 9 am

October 13th – St. John's at 9 am

October 20th – Immanuel at 9 am

October 27th – St. John's at 9 am

November 3rd & 17th - Immanuel at 9am

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



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



.....Address Changes

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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