

PARISH THREE

Immanuel and St. Johns Lutheran Churches



Fall Worship Schedule

September 4	9:00a.m.	Immanuel
September 11	9:00a.m.	St. John's w/Communion
September 18	9:00a.m.	Immanuel
September 25	9:00a.m.	St. John's w/Communion
October 2	9:00a.m.	Immanuel
October 9	9:00a.m.	St. John's w/Communion
October 16	9:00a.m.	Immanuel
October 23	9:00a.m.	St. John's w/Communion
October 30	9:00a.m.	Immanuel

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What's new?

A couple years ago, right at the start of the Covid 19 pandemic, one phrase was repeated over and over, again and again—*these are unprecedented times*. As a reader of history, I've found people have used this word *unprecedented* many times in the past and no doubt people will use this word again in the future.

During the Civil War people called their moment in time unprecedented. They recognized that they were living through something brand new. The war was literally a war against other Americans—dividing communities, churches, and families—sometimes the war between the states was literally a fight between neighbors and brothers. The war was unprecedented...

In the middle of the Great Depression people spoke about the unprecedented economic upheaval. They watched as massive waves of unemployment and foreclosures threatened many families. The Great Depression was unprecedented...

During the turbulence of the 1960's people used that word *unprecedented* again to talk about changes that seemed to sweep across the nation.

It starts to seem like every generation will inevitably face new and challenging circumstances. But in so many ways the basic human condition and our need for God's love and mercy remain the same in every generation. In Ecclesiastes I am reminded that what seems new and shocking to us isn't much of a surprise to God at all...

Ecclesiastes 1:9-14 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

⁹ What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.

¹⁰ Is there a thing of which it is said,
“See, this is new”?

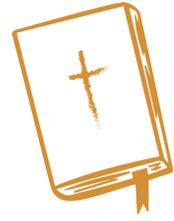
It has already been
in the ages before us.

¹¹ The people of long ago are not remembered,
nor will there be any remembrance
of people yet to come
by those who come after them.

In the middle of challenge and change I am reminded that God is always faithful—and God's love will not end. Human institutions and relationships can end—but God's love and grace go with us in the middle of the changes.



10 MINUTE BIBLE STUDY



Ecclesiastes—finding meaning in meaninglessness

One of the most beloved chapters in the Bible is Ecclesiastes 3. These words are read at funerals and even at weddings.

Look up Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

What does it mean to think about life as full of different seasons?

What *time* do you feel like you are living in today?

How do the seasons of our lives overlap with other people?

What are the times and seasons that people have to walk through alone?

Look up Ecclesiastes 3:5-8

What has changed in your life in the past month?

What has changed in the past year?

What are the changes you can control?

What changes are beyond your control?

There is a deep honesty in the book of Ecclesiastes, this is the wisdom of an old man looking backwards. A whole lot of what he sees as he looks back seems pointless and even futile—but one thing will remain after we are gone—God's faithfulness.

Look up Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

What does it mean to say that God will remain faithful?

What would be the advice you would give to an 18 year old just starting out?

What advice would you give to someone who had just retired?

IMMANUEL

Sept 1 - Jenee Eden
Sept 2 - Verla Bartelt
Sept 2 - Steven Meyer
Sept 8 - Jim Post
Sept 9 - Travis Stohr
Sept 11 - Russell Bruns
Sept 14 - Michael Fredrickson
Sept 20 - Judy Spear
Sept 21 - Gary Brandt
Sept 21 - Leslie Stohr
Sept 24 - Lilith Francel
Sept 26 - Sydney Fredrickson



ST. JOHN'S

Sept 1 - James Kennedy
Sept 1 - Cameron Krebsbach
Sept 2 - Dennis Squier
Sept 3 - Alan Larson
Sept 5 - Amanda Gross
Sept 7 - Lisa Steffen
Sept 12 - Deven Showalter
Sept 13 - Audrey Hanna
Sept 17 - Isabal Haugland
Sept 17 - Dan Weber
Sept 17 - Terell Wilson
Sept 19 - Emma Henken
Sept 21 - Heather Brandt
Sept 21 - Griffin Doden
Sept 21 - Cody Doege
Sept 21 - Clay Hobbs
Sept 21 - Kallista Larson
Sept 24 - Brian Steffen
Sept 25 - Joel Bilyeu
Sept 26 - Emogene Kurtzleben
Sept 26 - Hatley Schutjer
Sept 27 - Logan Hobbs



Sept 6 - Brad & Wendy Harms
Sept 7 - Weston & Shelby Harms
Sept 16 - Lloyd & Verla Bartelt
Sept 23 - Greg & Debra Poyzer
Sept 30 - Scott & Sherry Smithart

Sept 12 - Gary & Cheryl Schutjer
Sept 15 - Jim & Lisa Steffen
Sept 22 - Denny & Mona Buns
Sept 23 - Gary & Dianna Hayungs
Sept 23 - Jacob & Karrie Smith

Immanuel Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners

Brad and Wendy Harms

Readers

Sept. 4 - Susan Post

Sept. 18 - David Post



Parish Three Council Meeting

September 12th

St. John's at 7:00pm



Confirmation classes will begin on

September 14th at 6:15p.m.

at Immanuel

St. John's Servant Schedule

Ushers

Thomas Buns & Jim Steffen

Communion

Becky Crone

Bulletin Board

Phyllis Schutjer

Cassie Schutjer

Altar Cloths & Flowers

Melissa Brandt

Readers

Sept. 11 - Pat Gibbs

Sept. 25 - Deb Schimmelpfennig



St. John's WELCA

General Meeting

Thursday, September 1st

at 7:00pm

Highlights From VBS

Vacation Bible School at St. John's was a wonderful success! We had 13 children that attended. They started their day with learning the theme for this year from Proverbs: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart". The VBS leaders and Pastor John helped the kids with various activities involving the theme including storytelling, arts, crafts, games, music and a snack.



Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a success: Phyllis Schutjer, Aleysha Brandt, Sharon Ewald, Deb Schimmelpfennig, Alyza Schimmelpfennig, Sheryl Hanna, Becky Crone, Karen Squire, Karen Larson, Wendy Harms, Val Gibbs, and Pastor John!



WOW will start up again on Wednesday, September 14th from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at St. John's! We will continue to meet every Wednesday.

If you could teach a Wednesday night or two, please let us know. We need teachers!!!



St. John's, Immanuel and Good Hope recently purchased a T.V. for the Titonka Care Center so that worship services can be live-streamed to the residents. We will need 1 or 2 volunteers every Sunday to go to the Care Center to set up the live-stream for the residents.

To volunteer send your name, phone number and email address to parishthre@wctatel.net or there will be a sign-up sheet at worship services.

This is a great way to participate in our church's ministry and to make a difference to people in our community!



3 Church Youth Night

Who? Students 6th grade and up

When? Sunday, September 11, 2022 @ 6:00p.m.

Where? St. John's Lutheran Church, Woden, Iowa

What? We will be doing a service project or two that night. Please wear clothes you can get dirty—maybe even get paint on.

Bonus: Carole Tuecke's popcorn balls are planned as the treat.

Youth nights will happen the 2nd Sunday of every month at 6 p.m.

Message from Lutheran Services in Iowa

Direct Support Professionals Week

Do you know someone who is a caregiver to a loved one? It is a role that is both demanding and meaningful. During September's National Direct Support Professionals Week, we celebrate all the ways in which professional caregivers help children and adults achieve their goals and build meaningful lives.

One way LSI empowers Iowans is through our Services for People with Disabilities. From 24-hour support to occasional respite care, the LSI team lifts up Iowans with disabilities as they find the confidence and independence they need to thrive in their communities. Through our innovative Host Homes program, caregivers can also become mentors to individuals with disabilities, welcoming them into their private family home where they can receive more one-on-one care and encouragement.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support crucial programming like LSI Services for People with Disabilities, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

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 LSI (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 and [Facebook.com/LSI.Iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.Iowa).

A New Home for D.

D. wanted to become more connected to her community, while still ensuring she could receive the care she needed on a daily basis. Through LSI, D. has been able to enroll in the Host Homes program, which provides 24/7 care for individuals with disabilities and mental illness who thrive in a one-on-one setting instead of a busier group home environment.

D. was able to move into a private family home with her Host Homes mentor, Anita, and they have built a friendship and a shared social life. Anita is there to support D. as she works on her personal goals, while D. is still able to get the care she needs.

Currently, one of D.'s goals is to exercise and become more active in the community, so the duo enjoys shopping and walking around the local mall to stay active. Back at home, the two can work on skills – like hygiene and cooking – that make D. feel more independent and confident.

“I like helping D. and seeing her progress and growth in her daily living,” Anita says.

“When you and the person in your care begin living like a family, when they are able to trust you and open up, then you know you're getting somewhere.”

**LSI does not identify the people we serve, except in well-vetted circumstances. The names and some personal details we use in this story have been changed.*

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