



SCHEDULE

Sept. 6 - Good Hope 9:30 inside

Sept 13 - Immanuel 9:30 inside

Sept. 20th - St. John's 9:00 inside with communion

Sept. 27th - Immanuel 9:00 inside

Oct. 4th St. John's 9:00 am

Oct. 11th - Immanuel 9:00 am

Oct. 18th - St. John's 9:00 am

Oct. 25th - Immanuel 9:00 am

Nov. 1st - St. John's 9:00 am



St. John's and Immanuel will return to their regular schedule starting on Sept. 20th



Parish Three Council Meeting
September 8th at St. John's
at 7:00pm

General meeting on
Thursday, September 3rd
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.

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Pastor's COLUMN

September 2020

Dear Friends In Christ,

2020 has been a challenging year. I have seen half serious jokes wondering what troubles will next month bring. It seems like every month brings a new challenge, even a new fear. Who would have ever dreamt of a storm moving across Iowa with wind gusts as high as 140 mph.

Some have even suggested that 2020 be a four letter word.

It has been a difficult year, we cannot deny that. When things are difficult it is easy to become lost in the darkness where all we can see are the difficulties. Too often people turn toward God with anger and blame rather than thanksgiving.

We must remember that God has also been very good to us in 2020. God has showered us with many blessings. In the Apostle's Creed we confess "I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." Luther then gave us an understanding of what this simple statement means.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

During these days when one thing after another seems to go wrong, spend some time reflecting on these words. Make a list and start thinking about how God blesses us each day, even during 2020.

In Christ,

Pastor Kim Peterson



MINUTE BIBLE STUDY

How does God take care of us?

Psalm 145:15-16

Where do we look for what we need?

Deuteronomy 8:3-4

What did God do for the people of Israel when they wandered in the wilderness?

What do we need beside food for the body?

Psalm 103:13

What does God do for us?

Psalm 36:6

Who does God preserve?

Psalm 147:4

What about the stars in heaven? What does God do with them?

If God cares for everything, even the stars in heaven, how much more will God care for us? If God cares for us how might we respond to God rather than questioning and being angry at God?

Luther says in the catechism our response should be to, "Thank, praise, serve, and obey Him?"

Psalm 116:12

What does the Psalmist ask?

Why?

Psalm 118:1

Why give thanks to the Lord?

John 4:12

What does Jesus mean for us when we are struggling?

John 17:3

What is eternal life?

John 3:36

What is needed for eternal life?

Sometimes we become lost in the darkness of troubles. Turn your heart to our Lord and give thanks. Life will not seem to be so difficult with this change of heart.

Immanuel News

Servant Schedule

Communion/Dossal/ Banners
Ron and Deb Schmidt

Readers

September 13 - David Post
September 27 - Wendy Harms

St. John's News

Servant Schedule

Ushers - Tracy Hanna & Jim Steffen

Communion - Becky Crone

Bulletin Board - Aleysha Brandt

Altar Cloths & Flowers
Kathy Trenary

Readers

September 20 - Ron Dahle

Acolytes

September 20- Ava Larson

Announcements

Women's Retreat Cancelled!

The Women's Fall Retreat at Twin Lakes Christian Center, rural, Manson, scheduled for September 9, 2020, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19. We have rescheduled it for Wednesday, September 8, 2021. We hope and pray we will be able to gather at that time next year. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy! God bless all of you!

- Judy Lang, Dorcas Cluster Chair



Offering boxes for the 2021 church year will be available starting on August 30th at St. John's. You can pick up your box at the back of the church.



WOW will not start until October. We would like to give the children an opportunity to adjust to the school schedule. We are looking at starting on Wednesday, October 7th. Remember to donate for the school bag supplies!

ST. JOHN'S

IMMANUEL

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 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 - LeRoy Bruns
Sept 20 - Judy Spear
Sept 21 - Gary Brandt
Sept 21 - Leslie Stohr
Sept 24 - Lilith Francel
Sept 26 - Sydney Fredrickson



Sept 12 - Gary & Cheryl Schutjer
Sept 14 - Tom & Karen Larson
Sept 15 - Jim & Lisa Steffen
Sept 22 - Denny & Mona Buns
Sept 23 - Gary & Dianna Hayungs
Sept 23 - Jacob & Karrie Smith

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

WOW - SCHOOL KITS

The St. John's WOW kids will again be packing back packs with new school supplies for children overseas who are less fortunate. They will be shipped through Lutheran World Relief. The supplies will go into the backpacks which Deb Schimmelpfennig and Phyllis Schutjer have made. We try to send at least 60 every year. We need your help to fill them!!! Supplies can be dropped off at St. John's or Immanuel.

The following is what is needed for each kit:

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

One (1) pencil sharpener

One (1) blunt pair scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

Five (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with rubber band

Five (5) unsharpened pencils with erasers; secured together with rubber band

One (1) box of crayons – 16 or 24 count

One (1) 2 ½ inch eraser

Please donate only new items

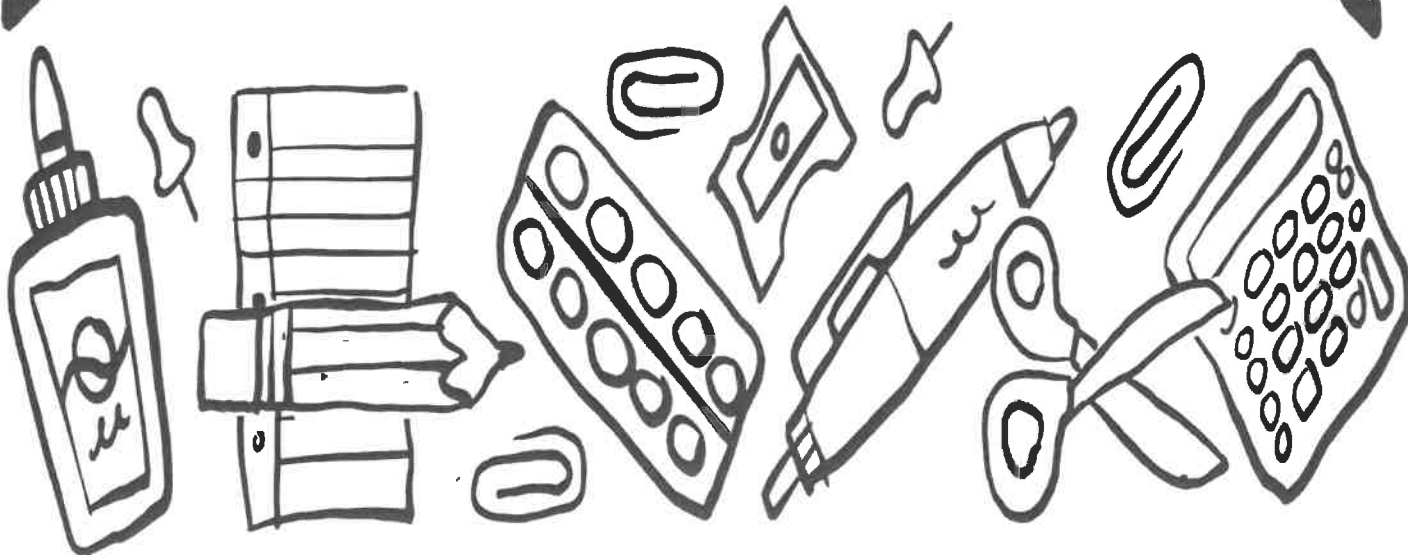
Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or a group's name

Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, including camouflage

Thank you for helping to bring joy to the children who receive a new backpack filled with new school supplies!!!

Remember to help out and donate for the supplies!

We will be filling bags in October this year!



MISSION CHALLENGE

Sukup Safe T Homes has had a donation of \$56,000 for matching funds to build Safe T Homes.

The cost of each home cost \$7,000. The challenge has been made to Parish Three and Good Hope to raise \$7,000, which with the matching funds doubles to \$14,000, or the purchase of two homes.

We have been blessed in this area. Let's make a difference for those who have the need for a home. Make your donation to this project through our local churches. We already have \$2,000.

The Match is must be made by Sept. 15th.

Co-founded in 2011 by an Iowa farmer anda missionary in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, GoServe Global is a non-denominational faith-based organization that provides humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable in communities around the world.

www.goserveglobal.org

Please donate for the Safe T Homes by September 7th so we can send in the money in order to meet the match!!

If you would like to donate to those that are in need from the disaster in Iowa, you can give a check to the church and note that is what it is for and it will be sent on to Lutheran Disaster Response.

