

Where You Have Never Gone Before

Joshua 3

New Seasons; New Places

I. _____ to _____.

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you." -Joshua 3:5

Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. -2 Timothy 2:21

II. _____ to His _____.

"When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the Levitical priests carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. But keep a distance of about two thousand cubits between you and the ark; do not go near it." -Joshua 3:3-4

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. -Ephesians 3:20-21

III. _____ His _____.

So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. -Joshua 3:14

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." -2 Corinthians 12:9

Follow _____ into _____.

For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God.

-Hebrews 4:8-10

Rest___ Consecrate___ Listen___ Follow___ Ark of the Covenant___

Welcome to Worship at Immanuel

Pastor Kevin Muyskens

July 11, 2021

Morning Worship: Whenever we face a new season in life it is normal for us to wonder how it will go. Will God be with me as I move into marriage, into a new job, into retirement, into singleness, into parenthood, etc.? Crossing the Jordan river was a huge step in the journey of Israel as God's people entered a new season of claiming and settling the Promised Land. They were coming to a place they had never been and were wondering whether the LORD would be with them as they moved into more settled regions. At this crucial stage the LORD makes his presence known with a miraculous crossing of the Jordan just as a generation earlier he had led Israel through the Red Sea. The LORD is the Lord of all the earth and there is nowhere and no season of life where he does not lead, guide, and provide for us.

The worship service will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at our host site: <http://immanuelsheldon.online.church>. It will be posted for later viewing first on Pastor Kevin's Youtube page, and by Tuesday on our church website, <http://immanuelsheldon.com/>; click on the top Media menu, then "Browse Sermons".

Evening Worship: Marriage and family are a gift from God. God gives us the seventh commandment as a way to guard our marriages and families. Our sexuality can be glue that binds husband and wife together or it can be a wedge that drives them apart. Confining sexual activity to the marriage relationship guards the marriage and therefore the family from the wedges of adultery or previous affairs. The 7th command, like the rest, provides a track upon which life goes well as God intended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday morning the Youth Group will recap their recent service trip with pictures, testimonies and stories. Be present to hear them share their experiences and encourage them to further radiate Christ's love.

Sheldon GEMS is in search of a GEMS Counselor for this coming year. Please contact Melissa Wiersma (712-348-5567) if you are interested or would like more information.

Kids Fest is getting closer (July 25-28)! Online registration is open until Monday, July 12 (tomorrow).

- Kids Fest is asking for donations of **packaged water bottles, juice boxes, and cases of name brand pop. Clean ice cream buckets** are also needed to use for a themed Bible activity. Bring in items to the Kids Fest table by Tuesday, July 20.
- Activity Needs: Looking to borrow a couple more sewing machines and some kids golf clubs. We are excited to have around 100 children already registered so these needs have grown. Please call Kristina if you are willing to loan these items (712-451-8100).
- If you are interested in helping serve meals or helping at the block party please check out the sign-up sheets on the Connections table.
- Just a heads up, the week of the event we will be collecting fresh fruit and vegetables to serve with the meal each evening.

Shop-With-A-Cop:

- Immanuel is partnering with Love INC and the Sheldon Police Department once again for Shop-With-A-Cop. This ministry provides back-to-school supplies, clothing, and backpacks to ensure children in grades kindergarten through 8th grade start the school year with the items needed for a successful year! A key piece of this ministry is connecting each participating child with a Christian volunteer to shop with for an evening! The Sheldon event will be held the evening of Monday, August 2 starting at 5:30 p.m. Call Love INC to volunteer or for more information- (712-324-9707).
- This year Immanuel will have a collection tote in the fellowship hall for items to be purchased and dropped off by Tuesday, July 20. We are collecting 1 inch three-ring binders with pockets, Crayola classic **washable** markers, Black Expo markers (regular and thin) and plastic pocket folders.

Connection Information: Autumn Dauer, Ministry/Missional Coordinator, can be contacted by phone (507-383-0744), email (ministrycoordinator@immanuelcrc.net), or standard mail (612 Union Ave, Sheldon IA 51201). Autumn and her husband Brody also have a church mailbox.

PRAYER PRAISES & CONCERNS

Pray for the summer-time preparations for our fall ministries. Preparations are underway for Sunday School, catechism, GEMS, Cadets, youth group, small groups and other regular ministries. Pray for wisdom in making plans and for willing volunteers to give effective leadership to these discipleship programs.

Pray for the Council as they meet this week. Ask the LORD to give them wisdom for the decisions they must make.

Offering Schedule: (baskets will be passed during the morning service)

Today: AM: Mission Faith Promise
PM: CSI
July 18: AM: Tuition Help Fund
PM: Christian Education Society

Ushers: Mark Dykstra, Greg Geels, Mart Peters

Praise Team:

Today: Heemskerk family
Pianist: Shannon Schreurs
July 18: Bart & Deb Peters, Sarah Vander Pol, Pastor Kevin
Pianist: Shonna Wassenaar

Nursery: (The library is available during the service as a private space for nursing moms)

Today: Krista H, Mollie S, Elijah S
July 18: Jena D, Landan H, Caitlyn F

Audio:

Today: Kyler H
July 18: Jarace

Video:

Today: David W
July 18: Sammie

PowerPoint:

Today: Dan W
July 18: Jackie H

Coffee Servers:

Today: Brian Wieringa family, Stacy Klein
July 18: Ryan & Jackie Freese, Lee & Arlene Scholten

This Week at Immanuel: July 11 – 17

SUN: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
WED: 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting followed by
Elders and Deacons Meetings

Save the Date: Dale & Karen Boer will be celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss in August and will be having an anniversary open house at Immanuel on Saturday, August 7 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Service Opportunities:

- Coffee Servers: On the Connections table there is a sign-up sheet for Sunday morning coffee servers for July and August. Please consider this as a simple way to serve the church with your immediate family, group of friends, couples, or small group.
- Cookie Bakers: If you are willing to be on a call list to make a batch of cookies for serving for church fellowship, please contact the church office (324-4523).