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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

This early fall we have been going through a sermon series based on the Book of Daniel entitled "Stand." We have, or will look at, the themes of "Stand Out," "Stand Up," and "Stand Fast."

In "Stand Out," we saw from the lives of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that we can stand out for God when we honor him in our lives. As we stand out for him, we can do so with kindness and grace towards others.

In "Stand Up" we were reminded that we can stand up for our faith, and not be afraid to be publicly identified with Jesus Christ and his ways. We were also reminded that we may go through "fiery furnaces" but as we do we can know that God can be with us. As God walks with us in the "furnace" we can know that a faith that is tested discovers a God who can be trusted.

In "Stand Fast" we will see from the life of Daniel the importance of finishing well, of being faithful to God to the end of our lives.

As we "Stand," may our lives honor God, may we not be afraid to be known as followers of Jesus, may we know God can be trusted, and may we continue in the faith to the very end.

God bless,  
Pastor Mark

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### October 2016 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in October are:

- World Communion Sunday — Oct. 2
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Day — Oct. 9
- National Children's Day — Oct. 9
- Columbus Day observed — Oct. 10
- United Nations Day — Oct. 24
- Reformation Sunday — Oct. 30
- Reformation Day — Oct. 31



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SAVE THE DATE!** LCMC Heartland District Women of the Word Annual One-Day Retreat - "The Proverbs 31 Woman...Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!" on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Word of Hope Lutheran Church - Ashland, Nebraska 9 am - 3 pm. The Presenter: Vicky Nielsen with Special Music: Patti Schofield Mission Emphasis: Orphan Grain Train & Youth for Christ.

**Be sure to check out our bulletin board updates in the coming weeks for volunteering opportunities.**

**Please join us in welcoming back our Choir!** If you would like to be part of this musical ministry, choir practice is every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.



**FRIDAY NIGHT PUB.** The "Luther's Pub" date for the remainder of the year will be: October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>. We have a few volunteers signed up to help us chaperone. If you would be interested in helping the signup sheet is located in the multipurpose room. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Larson (402)380-5101 or Tess Johnson (402)380-5660.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School kickoff was held on Sunday, September 11th at the West Point Bowling Alley. It was a fun time had by all. We had 70+ in attendance. We will plan to sing the second Sunday of every month. October 9th, November 13th and December 11th will be the Christmas Program. The Pay It Forward plate will be passed around during each of these dates as well.



The teachers for the 2016-2017 Sunday School year are as follows:

- ☞ Preschool: Angie Rennerfeldt and Jodi Peterson
- ☞ K & 1st Grade: Clendon Rost
- ☞ 2nd & 3rd Grade: Jen Anderson
- ☞ 4th & 5th Grade: Keri Thomsen
- ☞ 6th Grade: Andy Rennerfeldt & Bev Peterson (last Sunday of the month)
- ☞ Music: Jill Johnson & Cindy Blanc

Mark your calendar ~ We plan to have our fall outing at the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch On October 16th. Rain date for the 23rd of October.

Looking forward to another fun Sunday School year! Thank you for sharing your children with us!

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*  
[Proverbs 22:6](#)

~ Angela R. Rennerfeldt

## BIBLE STUDY NEWS

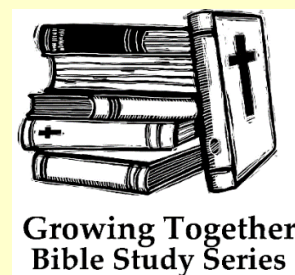
**YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A meal will be provided. It is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community.

**YOUTH GROUP MEAL SIGN UP SHEET** - We have added a Youth Group Meal Sign Up Sheet to the bulletin board. We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal, side dish or dessert every Wednesday night for 25-30 students throughout the school year. If we do not have volunteers for every week, then we may provide chicken or pizza and just look for volunteers to help serve, provide side dishes or desserts. If you cannot provide a meal, but are willing to contribute funds to help cover the cost of meals please let Pastor Mark or Tess know of your willingness to donate funds. For planning, we would like to have volunteers sign up for meals, side dishes, dessert or donations at least a month in advance.

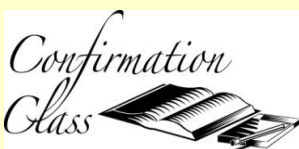
**Men's Bible Study** is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Koinoina Bible Study** is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

**Growing Together - Small Group Dates** - Our Growing Together group has resumed for the fall. We continue to work through the book of Mark. We are digging into God's word and looking how to apply his important lessons into our daily living. All are welcome to join us. We are meeting at church on Oct 19 from 5:00 - 6:00. If you have questions or would like to join us, contact Nancy Johnson at 402-620-5324 or [njohnson40299@gmail.com](mailto:njohnson40299@gmail.com)



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES



**October 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - NO CONFIRMATION** - Confirmands are welcome to come to Youth Group at 6:30 p.m.

**October 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation** will meet at 6:30 p.m.

## THANKS YOU'S

- ✝ Thank you to Bailey Pelan and Adilen Rennerfeldt for the gift of their voices on Sunday morning, September 11, 2016.
- ✝ Thank you to our Music Team for the gift of their voices and guidance on Sunday morning, September 18, 2016.
- ✝ To our Youth and Congregational Members who have worked on our Youth Group Room upstairs.
- ✝ Thank you to Byran Bohn for once again leading our choir!

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Hannah Brudigam, Elfie Nelson,  
Greg Johnson
- 2 - Jared Mulder, Ian Lundquist
- 3 - Dustin Lindstrom
- 4 - Laurine Karstens, Michael Popma,  
Doug Satee, Marissa Mulder, Hannah Deemer
- 7 - Judy Hall, Alysha Peterson, Grant Wallace
- 9 - Trenton Elsasser, Darrold Hoffman
- 10 - Alan Schinck, Heather Trout
- 12 - Ethan Johnson, Arla Ogden,  
Laurie Schold, P.D. Stibor
- 13 - Andrew Brudigam,  
Janelle Seagren
- 14 - Pamela Linder, Lois Messerschmidt,  
Jacob Deemer, Colton Thomsen
- 15 - Margaret Benne, JoAnn Brudigam  
Celeste Rost
- 16 - Joseph Stucky, Will Andersen
- 18 - Jeffrey Baldwin,  
Billye Pearson
- 21 - Kyler Case, Tyler Jorgensen
- 22 - Joshua Dixon, Kaleb Andersen
- 23 - Hannah Hyslop, Emerson Andersen
- 24 - Mitchell Case, Tracy Denton,  
Jeffrey Troupe, Paula Denton,  
Jonathan Dixon, Kenneth Elsasser
- 26 - Cal Anderson, Ewald Dahlquist,  
Roger Peterson, Angela Rennerfeldt,  
Cory Schold
- 27 - Karen Blanc, Aiden Jorgensen
- 28 - Kyle Blumenkamp
- 31 - Stephanie Rokusek



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Jeremy and Kalie Holtz
- 3 - Richard & Susan Mulder
- 4 - Tim & Rosa Schmidt
- 5 - Jeff & Jean Richards
- 8 - Larry & Earlene Paulson
- 9 - Ashley & Christopher Biskup
- 10 - Gary & Gail Elsasser
- 13 - Roger & Dona Nelson,  
Phillip & Judy Hall
- 14 - Cal and Sara Anderson
- 17 - Mitch & Natalie (Johnson) Anderson
- 21 - Calvin & Marian Moseman
- 23 - Dean & Jo Ann Brudigam
- 29 - Gary & Tammy Case







## First Evangelical Lutheran Church Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Greg Johnson, Sandy Husar, Rachel Wise, Sam Schmidt, Carl Magnusson, Cheryl Denker, Mona Tanksley, Kylie Penke, Jon Seagren, Karl Lundquist and Pastor Eldal. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected to note that the meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30

Pastor presented his report for August activities. There was no treasurer's report available.

**Old Business:** Kylie Penke was present to discuss the removal of the wall between two Sunday School rooms upstairs. As discussed previously, a bigger room would allow space for the high school and junior high to meet together. Plans are to have the room set up so media could be used for their studies. In discussing the removal of the wall, it was decided to start work on it Wednesday, September 14. Volunteers will meet at 6:00 p.m. to begin work and after the youth have had their meal they will assist in removing debris. While the room is under renovation we will look into the electrical needs i.e. outlets and light fixtures. There is need for some more bag chairs and Kylie noted that there is money in the youth account to pay for the purchase of these. In other business Greg reported that Tom Meyer has agreed to fill out the term of Kylie Penke who has resigned from the council. There was discussion about purchasing a fireproof safe in which church records would be stored. Sam has done some initial research and it was felt we needed to know where this would be housed so we would know what size to purchase. It was decided to table this until the next budget year. There was discussion again about the covering for the window wells. Jon will do some research about other possibilities.

The window screen is being repaired, but there was no report about the southwest door replacement.

**New Business: Property Committee:** It was reported that the parking spaces on the street have been repainted by Dan Tanksley.

**The Evangelism Committee** met tonight and Rachel gave an update on their activities. The Praise service will be held the second Sunday of each month. It is planned for children to provide special music and there will be a children's sermon as part of that service. The Sunday School kick off will be September 11<sup>th</sup> with plans for bowling at West Point. A visit to Harvest Moon is planned for October 16<sup>th</sup> by the Sunday School. Signup sheets will be posted for volunteers to sign up to help with providing food for the Wednesday night youth meetings. Plans are to have the pizza luncheon for teens again this school year the last Thursday of the month.

**The Worship Committee** . There was discussion about placing Bibles in the pews that a donor has offered to purchase. The idea of having children's Bibles available was also mentioned. Consideration is being given to purchasing racks to place under each pew for storage of Bibles/hymnals. Options were discussed and we will look to see what is available. It had been reported that the Normil Foundation was interested in making a donation towards the purchase of something for the church. Pastor will contact Betty Starr and give her a list of items she might be interested in purchasing, those being the hearing devices, an AED and the safe. The LCMC conference is October 2-5 in Denver. Pastor Eldal and Nancy Johnson will attend as representatives from our congregation.

The meeting adjourned with Pastor leading the group in the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Devotions - Mona Tanksley

Communion helpers - October 1 - Arla Ogden  
October 2 - Karl Lundquist

Mona Tanksley, Secretary

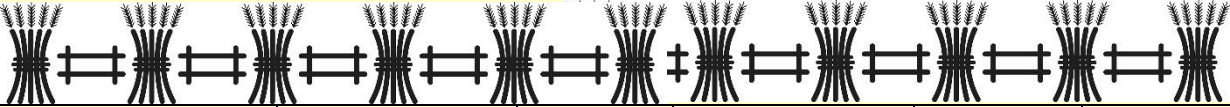

### September Attendance

3 & 4 .....	110
10 & 11.....	159
17 & 18 .....	131
24 & 25.....	160

### September Finances

Commitments	\$12,309.49
<b>Designated:</b>	
Sunday School	\$ 32.00
Wed.Nite Youth	\$ 1,230.43
Misc	\$ 345.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,916.92</b>

# October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
<b>2</b> 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>WORLD            COMMUNION            SUNDAY</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS	<b>4</b> 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<b>5</b> 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP 7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>6</b> 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	<b>7</b> LUTHER'S PUB AFTER FOOTBALL GAME	<b>8</b> 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
<b>9</b> 9:30AM PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>NATIONAL            CHILDREN'S DAY            PASTOR/CLERGY            APPRECIATION            SUNDAY</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING  <b>COLUMBUS            DAY</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<b>12</b> 9AM, 2 PM, 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION 7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>13</b> 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
<b>16</b> 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:00PM KOINONIA MEETING	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<b>19</b> 9AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION 7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE 5PM GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY	<b>20</b> 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	<b>21</b> LUTHER'S PUB AFTER FOOTBALL GAME	<b>22</b> 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICES
<b>23</b> 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>24</b>  <b>UNITED            NATIONS DAY</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<b>26</b> 2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ O.H. 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP 7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE	<b>27</b> 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
<b>30</b> 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>REFORMATION            SUNDAY</b>	<b>31</b> <b>REFORMATION            DAY</b>  <b>HALLOWEEN</b>					



Phyllis Meyer and Vivian Forks



**THE SEWING GROUP MEETS**  
every Monday & Tuesday mornings  
at 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



**-OCTOBER-**

October 2.....Devotions @ O.H. 2:30 PM  
October 5.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 AM  
October 10 .....Executive Meetings 9 AM  
October 12 .....Group Meetings 9 AM, 2 PM, 5PM

Devotions.....Ruth  
Bingo.....Ruth  
Clean Kitchen .....Hannah



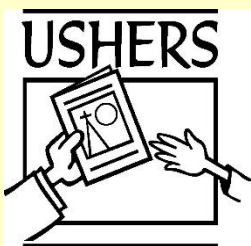
**Dorcas Society      October 26 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights**

## PRAYERS OF CONCERN

### IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Ed Anderson, Jean Korte, Zadden and Beckett Nebuda (Alicia and Jeff Nebuda's babies), Patsy Andersen, Millie Sandquist, Alissa Bousquet, Jess Kroger, Clara Frahm, Ron Badje, Arizona Riecken, Doug Carlson, Stacy Long (Marilyn Petersen's daughter), Marilyn Bures, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Janelle McClusky (Donna Preston's Daughter), Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, Oliver Nimmo, Delwin Benne, and Grace Meints, The Families of Delores Carlson and Jace Nebuda, all of our servicemen and women, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.





### October 2016 Ushers

2<sup>nd</sup> - S. Schmidt, R. Moderow, Gordon Olson & Job Egbers  
 9<sup>th</sup> - N. Case, Terry Johnson, Dillon Johnson  
 16<sup>th</sup> - N. Case, Dr. C. Seagren, Jason Klausen & Clay Olson  
 23<sup>rd</sup> - N. Case, C. Wiltse, Chad Linder & Garrison Dodge  
 30<sup>th</sup> - Dr. C. Seagren, C. Wiltse, Jiri Bedrnicek & Jared Mulder



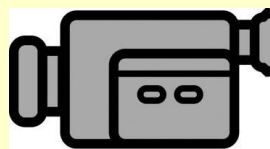
### Oct. 2016 Greeters

2<sup>nd</sup> - Shirley Olson and Mary Alice Pearson  
 9<sup>th</sup> - Julie Johnson and Kelly, Landon, Ava, and Scarlett Johnson  
 16<sup>th</sup> - Heather, Garrett and Gracie Klausen and Arla Ogden  
 23<sup>rd</sup> - Elizabeth Zoe, Mia & Gabrielle Linder  
 30<sup>th</sup> - Rebecca, Sam, Sonia, & Daniel Bedrnicek and Susan Mulder



### ACOLYTES

Oct 2 - Ashten Rennerfeldt  
 9 - Marissa Mulder  
 16 - Connor Guill  
 23 - Aiden Jorgensen  
 30 - Ayden Lierman  
 Nov 6 - Mia Linder



Video

### VIDEO

2 - Wyatt Seagren  
 9 - Ashten Rennerfeldt  
 16 - Marissa Mulder  
 23 - Connor Guill  
 30 - Aiden Jorgensen  
 6 - Ayden Lierman



### ORGANIST

Oct 2 - Bryan Bohn  
 9 - Billye Pearson  
 16 - Ruth Wallerstedt  
 23 - Bryan Bohn  
 30 - Bryan Bohn  
 Nov 6 - Bryan Bohn



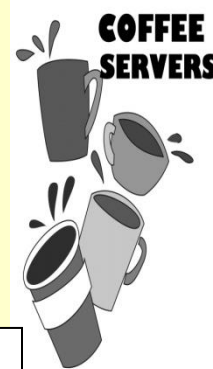
### SOUND

Oct 2 - Jim Pelan  
 9 - Tess Johnson  
 16 - Jim/Dan  
 23 - Dan Tanksley  
 30 - Tess Johnson  
 Nov 6 - Dan Tanksley

### COFFEE SERVERS

### DATE

Danielle Pelan and Kylie Penke	Sunday, October 2
Beverly Peterson and Elaine Peterson	Sunday, October 9
Jodi Peterson and Sharon Peterson	Sunday, October 16
Deanna Ray and Kathy Pearson	Sunday, October 23
Teresa Rogers and Karen Rosenboom	Sunday, October 30
Amy Rost and Tammy Schinck	Sunday, November 6



**Thank you for your help in these important areas.  
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