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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

Sometimes it is moving to read about the lives of various individuals in the Old Testament and meditate upon God's interaction with them. As we do so it can be interesting to read of God's initial call in their lives.

When God called Abraham, we read he followed God even though he did not know where God was leading him.

When God called Moses to lead his people out of the land of Egypt we read of the humility of Moses and of his dependence upon God.

In the call of Samuel, we read how Samuel needed help in discerning God's call.

When David was called and chosen to be the king of Israel, we read how God looked upon David's heart when he called him.

Isaiah would experience God's call during a time of loss.

In the passage which speaks of the call of Jeremiah, we read of how God had a plan for Jeremiah's life even before Jeremiah was born.

In meditating upon God's call in the lives of these Old Testament individuals we can be inspired to follow God in faith wherever he may lead, as people dependent upon him, with the help of others, and with a heart that is right with him. As we do so, we can know God's call may come even in a time of loss, and that he has a plan for our lives.

As we trust in Jesus, may we daily be sensitive to his leading and calling in our lives.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

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Special Days of October 2019

Some of the special days celebrated in October are:

- National Children's Day — Oct 3
- World Communion Sunday — Oct. 6
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday — Oct 6
- Columbus Day observed — Oct 14
- United Nations Day — Oct 24
- Reformation Sunday — Oct 27
- Reformation Day — Oct 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in thanking our 150th celebration committee:

Kathy Pearson, Keri Thomsen, Brad Bousquet, Mona Tanksley, Patty Miller and Susan Mulder.

Many thanks to:

Tom Wallerstedt for the altar flowers,

Judee Dix for the centerpiece flowers,

Bryan Bohn and the choir,

Mia Linder and Cindy Blanc, those who donated pictures and shared stories.

And a big thank you to Tess and Vanessa who put up with 150th committee!

~ 150th Celebration committee

REMINDER: Please sign up to have your family pictures taken for the new directory. Please contact Mona Tanksley @ 402-380-0459



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will plan to sing the second Sunday of every month. October 13th, November 10th, and December 8th will be the Christmas Program. The Pay It Forward plate will be passed around during each of these dates.

The teachers for the 2018-19 year are as follows:

Preschool & Kindergarten - **Angela Rennerfeldt**

1st - **Angela Bittner**

2nd - **Sara Wallerstedt**

3rd - **Connie Larson**

4th - **Clendon Rost**

5th and 6th **Andrew & Ashten Rennerfeldt,**

6th - **Beverly 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 20th.



BAPTISMS

We welcomed into membership Gus Franklin Johnson through holy baptism on Saturday, September 7 at 5:30 p.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. His parents are Jordan and Heidi Johnson. His sponsors are Mackenzie & Dan Kahlandt and Jennings & Natalie Johnson. Gus was born January 15, 2019. He joins three sisters, Georgia, Ivy and Margot and a brother Graham. His grandparents are Mark and Jill Johnson of Oakland, NE; Nancy Hanna of Phoenix AZ; Mike and Jenn Hanna of Leigh, NE. Great-grandparents are Vernon and Emma Hanna of Cimarron, KS, and Frank and Janice Johnson of Oakland, NE. **WELCOME GUS!!!**

We welcomed into membership Reuben Jennings Johnson through holy baptism on Saturday, September 7 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. His parents are Natalie and Jennings Johnson. He joins two brothers Dean and Jeremiah. His sponsors are Selena Johnson and Dan and Mackenzie Kahlandt. Reuben was born June 18, 2019. His grandparents are Mark and Jill Johnson and Craig and Kathy Woltman and Trudy Jepsen. Great-Grandparents are Frank and Janice Johnson; **WELCOME REUBEN!!!**

We welcomed into membership Jordan Ann Guenther through holy baptism on Sunday, September 22 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Jordan was born on July 22, 2019. Her parents are Jeremy and Natalie Guenther. Her sponsors are Brandon and Emily Motis and Jenna Bromm. Her grandparents are Anton and Nancy Bromm and Brian and Ann Guenther. Great-grandparents are Del and Sandy Slatt and Albert and Irene Guenther. **WELCOME JORDAN!!!**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation has begun. It will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening.



FRIDAY NIGHT PUB.

Luther's Pub dates are October 4th, October 11th, December 13th, January 10th and January 24th. We are looking for volunteers to help us chaperone. Please contact Connie Larson (402)380-5101 or Tess Johnson (402)380-5660.

YOUTH GROUP

We are meeting every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A meal is provided. It is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community. There is a sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room for anyone who wishes to donate for the meals.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Men's Bible Study is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Growing Together - Small Group meets after church at 11:00 a.m. - Please contact Nancy Johnson (402) 620-5324 if you have questions.



Phyllis Meyer and Sandy Slatt



THE SEWING GROUP MEETS

- Monday & Tuesday mornings
at 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



October 23rd @ 2:00 p.m. @ First Ev. Lutheran Church



-OCTOBER-

October 2.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m.Hannah
October 7.....Executive Meetings 9 a.m.
October 9.....Group Meetings 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Clean KitchenRuth

W.O.W.!

- School is not the only thing that is starting; the WOW groups will begin a new Bible study series, The Twelve Disciples, a Life Guide Bible Studies by Douglas Connelly. Imagine Jesus having the task of picking twelve men to be his closest followers. The workbooks have arrived and will be in the church annex following Sunday worships. The cost is \$8 and checks need to be made to First Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- One of the main projects for the year is **Back Packs** for the Orphan Grain Train. The amazing quilt ladies will again be sewing the backpacks and members will fill them with school supplies to be shared in the USA and throughout the world! The Executive Committee will be stuffing the back packs in October, so the items need to be **turned in by the October meeting**. The items needed: backpack, 2-3 spiral notebooks - any size, 2 or more pencils, 2 or more pens, pkg. of construction paper, crayons, ruler, glue sticks, blunt scissors, washable markers. Anyone who prefers not to shop is encouraged to donate money, which will be used to fill in the gaps of items and assist with payments for shipping. Checks can be made to WOW or to the Orphan Grain Train.

- Also, the Heartland District Women of the Word Annual Retreat will be **Saturday, November 2, 2019 - "Let the Little Children Come Unto Me" at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Smithfield, Nebraska. The Speaker is: Jean Clayton, author of Sipping the Proverbs. Other presentations:** Representatives from The Nebraska Family Alliance and MOPS, Dr. Stuart Embry on his work in Haiti, Sex Trafficking awareness. **Hands-on Service Project:** Operation Christmas Child
- We would like to thank everyone who purchased fruit from us this summer. Once again, our project was successful and we know it would not be possible without the great support from all who assisted us. A special thanks to Cal Anderson who provided the equipment to make our work easier on delivery day! As in past years, all proceeds are donated to support local organizations. This year we are making cash donations to Golden Oaks, the Women's Club Miracle on Main Street project, the area Wednesday night youth gathering at First Lutheran, and providing assistance with utility bills through the City of Oakland. Thanks again for your great support.

~ Group Ruth, Women of the Word, First Lutheran Church



PRAYERS OF CONCERN



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Jody Faith, Kevin Lundvall, Judy Nelson, Ethan Johnson, Leah Deihl, Ed Anderson, Clara Frahm, Karen Johnson, Jerry Seick, Tammy Case, Pat Moseman, Larry Dean Anderson, Joan Meade (Hilda Benne's sister-in-law), Frank Johnson, Rojane Linder, Krissa Schonert, Denise (Hall) Salzbrenner, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel, Mel Swenson, Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson; our service men and women, and all those deployed to foreign countries, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Hannah Brudigam,
Elfie Nelson,
Greg Johnson
- 2 - Jared Mulder,
Ian Lundquist
- 3 - Dustin Lindstrom,
Jennifer Anderson
- 4 - Laurine Karstens,
Michael Popma,
Doug Satee,
Marissa Mulder,
Hannah Deemer
- 7 - Judy Hall,
Alysha Peterson,
Grant Wallace
- 9 - Trenton Elsasser,
- 10 - Sonia Bedrincek,
Alan Schinck,
- 12 - Ethan Johnson,
Arla Ogden,
Laurie Schold,
P.D. Stibor
- 13 - Andrew Brudigam,
Janelle Seagren
- 14 - Pamela Linder,
Jacob Deemer,
Colton Thomsen
- 15 - 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)Guenther,
Emerson Andersen
- 24 - Mitchell Case, Tracy Denton,
Jeffrey Troupe, Paula Denton,
Jonathan Dixon, Kenneth Elsasser
- 25 - Alivia Bittner
- 26 - Cal Anderson, Roger Peterson,
Angela Rennerfeldt, Cory Schold
- 27 - Karen Blanc, Aiden Jorgensen
- 28 - Kyle Blomenkamp
- 31 - Stephanie (Rokusek) Brudigam



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Jeremy and Kalie Holtz
- 2 - Nathan and Jennifer Anderson
- 3 - Richard & Susan Mulder
- 4 - Tim & Rosa Schmidt
- 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 9, 2019 at 7:05pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Sam Schmidt, Mike Blanc, Linda Jones, Kathy Pearson, Clendon Rost, and Susan Mulder.

Devotions were given by Nathan Anderson

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussed. Month to date income exceeded expenses by \$41.25. Year-to-date expenses exceeded income by \$-5,832.24 (Deficit). There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor presented his report for the month of August.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

1. Safe: Brad is pursuing installation.
2. Marque Sign: The sign has been ordered with an 8-week lead time before work is started.
3. 150th Year Celebration: Nathan commended the celebration committee for their exceptional planning and execution. Every aspect of the celebration solicited positive and encouraging comments. The committee estimated attendance at around 350.
4. Basement Window. Nathan reported that the window had been repaired.
5. Fire Extinguishers. Mike will follow up with Heartland Fire Protection to arrange procurement of the fire extinguishers.

New Business: None

Oct Communion Assistant: Clendon Rost

Oct Meeting Devotion: Mike Blanc

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting; 7 Oct, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Mike Blanc, Secretary

September Attendance	
7 & 8273
14 & 15173
21 & 22186
28 & 29141

September Finances	
Commitments	\$18,864.00
Designated:	
Sunday School	\$ 14.00
Marque	\$ 100.00
Endowment	\$ 2,000.00
BackPack Prog.	\$ 100.00
150 th Celebration	\$ 50.00
Memorial	\$ 350.00
T-Shirts	\$ 960.00
Coffee Fund/Books	\$ 208.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Wed. Night Youth	\$ 650.00
Misc	\$ 478.00
TOTAL	\$24,774.00

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>LUTHER'S PUB AFTER FOOTBALL GAME</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE WEDDING</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY CHOIR SINGS</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING COLUMBUS DAY</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9AM, 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>LUTHER'S PUB AFTER FOOTBALL GAME</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30AM YOUTH SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICES BAPTISM</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP UNITED NATIONS DAY</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR SINGS REFORMATION SUNDAY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN REFORMATION DAY</p>		

Upcoming Duties - Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Servers, Acolytes and Video

Oct 6 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Theo, Jess, Brooks & Benson Bland

- Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Joe, Wendi and Braylon Anderson

- Head Usher/Communion - Roger Moderow

- Communion Helper -Clendon Rost

- Reader- Patty Miller

- Sound - Tess Johnson

- Organist - Bryan Bohn

- Acolyte - Anisten Rennerfeldt

- Video - Adilen Rennerfeldt

Oct 13 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher -Derrick, Angela, Adrienna, Clara, Alivia Bittner

- Coffee, Greeting & Usher -

- Coffee - Carole Johnson

- Reader - Selena Johnson

- Head Usher - Larry Johnson

- Sound - Tess Johnson

- Organist - Billye Pearson

- Acolyte - Adilen Rennerfeldt

- Video - Anisten Rennerfeldt

Oct 20 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher Andrew & Steph Brudigam

- Coffee, Greeting & Usher Delaney, Ron & Hannah Brudigam

- Coffee - Carla Corwine

- Usher - Jared Krutilek

- Head Usher - Dr. Charlie Seagren

- Sound - Dan Tanksley

- Organist - Bryan Bohn

- Acolyte - Nolan Magnusson

- Video Lillian Ehlers

Oct 27 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Sandy and Del Slatt

- Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Natalie, Jeremy and Jordan Guenther

- Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Nancy and Tony Bromm

- Head Usher - Clare Wiltse

- Reader - Brayden Selk

- Sound - Dan Tanksley

- Organist - Bryan Bohn

- Acolyte - Corbin Guill

- Video - Nolan Magnusson

Nov 3 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Lisa, Scott, Grady and Faith Gatewood

- Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Dave, Tammy, Hannah, Joshua Deemer

- Head Ushers - Roger Moderow and Sam Schmidt

- Reader - Sandra Johnson

- Sound - Dan Tanksley

- Organist - Bryan Bohn

- Acolyte - River Wallerstedt

- Video - Corbin Guill

Thank you for your help in these important areas!!

If you can't be here, please find someone to take your place.



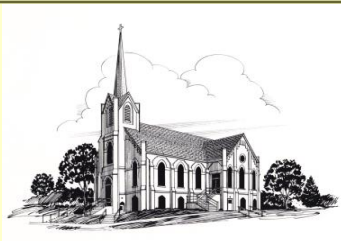
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