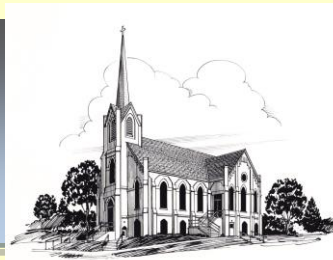


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In John chapter six, Jesus speaks of himself as being the Living Bread that came down from heaven.

As we meditate upon this passage we can be reminded that as the Bread of Life Jesus is the only one who can satisfy our souls and bring inner peace and fulfillment to our lives. We can also be reminded that as the Bread of Life Jesus can live in us and dwell in our lives by faith. He can be with us every moment and we can have close fellowship with him. Lastly, as the Bread of Life Jesus can give our lives meaning and purpose as we serve him and minister to others; and that meaning and purpose can extend into eternity as he gives us life eternal.

Soon many of the ministries of this fellowship will begin again for the fall and the goal of these ministries will be that we be fed spiritually, that in every way Jesus might be our Bread of Life.

As we partake in these ministries may our souls be fed and may Jesus daily be our Bread of Life as we trust in him.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

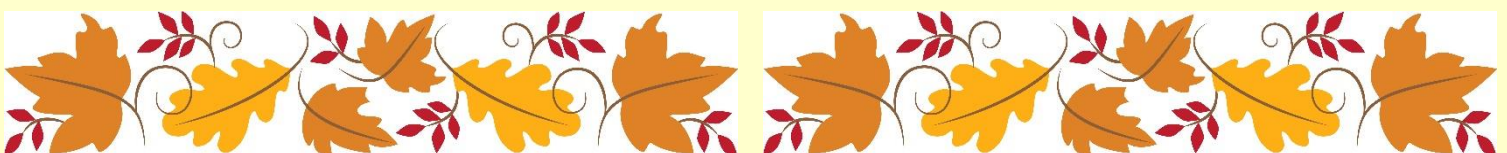
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Some of the special days celebrated in
September are:

- Labor Day — Sept 3
- National Grandparents Day — Sept 9
- Patriot Day — Sept 11
- First day of Autumn — Sept 23



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please join Vernelle and Harley to celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary at the Golden Oaks on September 2, 2018 from 2-5 p.m. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY VERNELLE AND HARLEY!! WHAT AN AMAZING MILESTONE!**

CHOIR RESUMES. If you would like to be part of our musical ministry, choir practice is every Sunday, beginning Sep 8th at 8:30 am. (before church)

FRIDAY NIGHT PUB. We have started Luther's Pub again. The dates will be September 14th, September 21st, October 12th, October 19th. The Pub will be for all home games. We are looking for volunteers to help us chaperone. Please contact Connie Larson (402)380-5101 or Tess Johnson (402)380-5660.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be starting again on September 9th with a potluck luncheon in the park. All families are welcome!!!

Our first day of Sunday School in the classroom will be September 16th.

The children will sing on the second Sunday of each month during the Praise Service starting October 14th.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

CONFIRMATION BEGINS - Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 12th. It will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening. A letter is being sent to confirmands and their families regarding confirmation.

YOUTH GROUP is 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. There is a sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room for anyone who wishes to donate for the meals.

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.



JOAN MAGNUSSON AND JULIE EASTON - September



SEWING MEETINGS begin again on September 4th at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting every Monday & Tuesday morning
at 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cleaning out the closets?? Or hitting the rummage sales and see some cheap bedsheets? The Sewing Group would love to have any old drapes, mattress pads, blankets, etc. They can use most anything!! All help is welcome, no one is turned away. **ESPECIALLY HELP TIEING... JUST REMEMBER ANYONE CAN TIE A KNOT!!!**



Dorcas Society September 26th at Oakland Heights @ 2:00 p.m.



September 5.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 AM
September 10.....Executive Meeting 9 AM
September 12.....Group Meetings 9 AM & 5 PM
September 23.....Devotions @ O.H. @ 2:30 p.m.
Bingo.....Hannah
Devotions.....Ruth
Clean Kitchen.....Hannah



WOW!!!

- **GROUP RUTH** would like to thank all who purchased fruit during our recent fund raise. We sold 185 cases. The proceeds will go to local projects to be determined at our September meeting.
- **CLOTHING** donations have ceased for the summer. We will let you know when fall and winter starts.
- **FOOD BANK DONATIONS** - We continue to collect non-perishable products but did you know if you would prefer to give a monetary donation it is as simple as leaving a check at our local bank.
- The Women of the Word collected and filled **55 bags** that will soon be taken to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk for distribution. This was an amazing accomplishment!!! Thanks to all those who generously contributed items or cash for shipping! A **BIG thank you to the sewing ladies**, who made the bags for the items! Those backpack bags truly made this project a success!

- Speaking of WOW, the kick off meeting will be **Wednesday, September 12**. Please consider joining in on this group! There are two choices: **9:00 am and 5:00 pm**. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except August. We will be studying **Christianity and World Religions; Questions We Ask About Other Faiths** by Adam Hamilton. There will be a participant's book for \$10 and at each meeting a 10 minute video followed by group discussion led by Pastor Mark. The 6 lessons cover: Questions People Ask, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity. We may fill in the rest of the year with requested other religions. Hopefully at the end of our study, we will take a field trip to actually see some places of worship! The revised edition of this series will not be available until October, so our first meeting will be "Jeopardy on Religion" featuring Pastor Mark answering questions we submit concerning religion. We will write down these questions anonymously at the beginning of the meeting. He will draw these and answer. It is a chance to have a question that one has been pondering answered. Pastor is all brushed up and ready for questions after his county fair competition!
- Also, the **Heartland District Women of the Word Annual Retreat will be Saturday, September 22** in Beatrice from 9 am - 3:30 om at the Cornerstone Lutheran Church. The Theme for the day is "I Once Was Lost, But Now Am Found." Presenters are: Bonnie Lacy - author from Osceola and Pastor Tom LoVan - Lutheran Asian Ministries, Sioux City. (He spoke to our WOW brunch in July, but will have a different topic.) The cost is \$18 and can be paid at the door. If you can attend, please contact Joan Magnusson by September 11th. Joan is planning on driving and will register those who wish to attend.

THANK YOU's:

- Curt Hine, Gary Fugman and Mike Blanc for leading the services during in Pastor Marks absence during the month of August.
- Women's Groups for the brunch that was held for all the women of the church!
- A special Thanks to Cal Anderson for using his equipment to unload the fruit. Thanks to all those who worked in the rain to get the orders distributed. It was another successful year!!
- **We received a Thank You from Dr. Stuart Embury** for our gift to his work in Haiti. We collected \$886 from our Lenten lunch offerings. Dr. Embury write that they have set up a program to feed 400 children one meal a day. These children are the poorest children on the island of LaGonave off the coast of Port au Prince. One hundred percent of the donation will be utilized in Haiti as they have essentially no over-head. He extends their heartfelt gratitude for his wonderful gift. Thank you to all that donated to this cause.





PRAYERS OF CONCERN

IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:
 Bob Case, Judy Nelson, Cheryl Denker, Don Binkley (Angela Bittner's father) Marlene Anderson, Elroy Nelson (Ruth Wallerstedt's brother), Krissa Schonert, Bill Johnson, Gary Elsasser, Denise (Hall) Salzbrenner, Dee Blanc, Jess Kroger, Ron Keogh, Chloe Coates, Deloris Nielsen, Roger Maller, Blaise Hartwell, Derek Bittner, Jan Nelson, Candace Johnson, Merna Pierce (sister-in-law of Carole Johnson), Tony Kochel, Mel Swenson, Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, the families of Patricia Dahlquist, Dick Lowe and Duane Petersen, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Reg Linder
- 4 - Tate Penke, Danielle Pelan
- 5 - Curtis Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Jerri Case
- 8 - Linda Jones
- 9 - Judy Groene
- 10 - Casey Moseman
- 11 - Jason Penke, Britney Stevenson
- 12 - Luke Blanc, Ayden Lierman, Ava Rennerfeldt,
- 13 - Chad Christofferson, Dr. G.E. Peterson,
Brayden Selk
- 14 - Julie Johnson
- 15 - Jim VonEssen
- 17 - Karl Lundquist, Jayden Wobken
- 18 - Nicole Parcel, Julie Lindstrom, Ben Wallace
- 19 - Adam Wallace
- 20 - Vicki Nelson, Samantha Popma
- 21 - Connie Peterson
- 22 - Suzanne Blanc, David Jones, Jim Nelson,
Don Wallen, Kenneth Pearson, Preston Rost
- 23 - Larry Osterndorff, Judy Nelson, Barbara Ashton,
Boyd Blomenkamp, Cole Blanc, Karen Rosenboom
- 24 - Jay Lindstrom, Ryan Peterson
- 25 - Jane Stucky, Bobby Larson, Bruce Linden
- 26 - Lance Blanc, Mackenzie Kahlandt, Paula Stevenson
- 27 - Nancy Bromm
- 28 - Janna Kloth, Jovi Huntington, Derek Bittner
- 30 - Candace Johnson, Connie Rokusek, Blayke Olson,
Kay Elsasser

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 - Mike & Mattie Nelson
- 3 - Russell & Connie Peterson
- 5 - Mark and Jodi Peterson,
Nathaniel & Betty Dixon
- 6 - Bill & Karen Ahrens,
Harley & Vernelle Nelson
- 7- Bill & Judee Dix
- 10 - David & Tammy Deemer
- 12 - Gerron & Kristin Elsasser
- 17 - Roger & Elaine Peterson
- 19 - Bill & Sandra Johnson
- 23 - Dillon & Kelli Johnson
- 24 - Timothy & Sheri Slatt,
Lance & Jeanette Blanc
- 27 - Lonnie & Denise Enstrom
Dan & Mackenzie Kahlandt





**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
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The church council met Aug 6, 2018 at 7:04 pm. Members in attendance were Nathan Anderson, Sam Schmidt, Sandy Husar, Mike Blanc, Carole Johnson, Tom Meyer, Karl Lundquist, Keri Thomsen, Susan Mulder, Linda Jones and Jim Pelan. Also attending the meeting was Norman Wallerstedt.

Devotions were given by Susan Mulder. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Year to date expenses (Jan-Jul) exceeded income by \$11,324.25 (deficit). Month to date income exceeded expenses by \$1,675.63. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated. Pastor presented his report for the months of June and July. There were no committee reports discussed.

Old Business - North Kitchen Project: Nathan commended Linda Jones for the time and dedication given to overseeing the project. Linda reported that the project was nearing completion with only a couple trim items remaining. Final accounting for the project would be done following payment on the remaining items.

New Business - Norm Wallerstedt addressed inspection of the elevator. Mike will look into information regarding current inspection and certification of the elevator for continued safe operation.

Sept Communion Assistant: Tom Meyer

Sept Meeting Devotion: Keri Thomsen

Next Monthly Regular Monthly Meeting: September 10, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Mike Blanc, Secretary



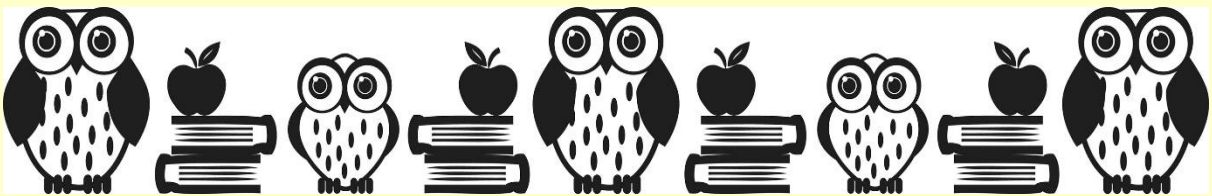
July Attendance	
30 & 1	121
7 & 8	128
14 & 15	109
21 & 22.....	88
28 & 29.....	124

July Finances	
Commitments	\$ 15,070.00
Designated	
Building Use	\$ 200.00
Kitchen Reno.	\$ 165.00
Memorial	\$ 1,720.00
Supplies	\$ 168.00
Scholarship	\$ 1,095.00
T-Shirt/Scholarship	\$ 1,206.00
Misc	\$ 220.00
TOTAL	\$19,844.00

August Attendance	
4 & 5.....	117
11 & 12	114
18 & 19.....	106
25 & 26.....	142

August Financials	
Commitments	\$11,985.00
Designated	
Bathroom Reno.	\$ 2,000.00
Supplies	\$ 133.00
T-Shirt/Scholarship	\$ 50.00
Memorial	\$ 860.00
Misc	\$ 138.00
TOTAL	\$15,116.00

September 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
2 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	3  LABOR DAY	4 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	5 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	6 6:30 P.M. BOYS SCOUT MEETING	7	8 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
9 8:30 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP 11:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF - Potluck @ The Park GRANDPARENTS DAY	10 9:00 AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	11 7:30PM A.A. MEETING PATRIOT DAY	12 9AM & 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	13	14 LUTHER'S PUB AFTER HOME FOOTBALL GAME UNTIL 11PM	15 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
16 8:30 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	17	18 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	19 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	20	21 LUTHER'S PUB AFTER HOME FOOTBALL GAME UNTIL 11PM	22 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
23 8:30 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 1ST DAY OF FALL	24	25 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	26 2:00 PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ O.H. 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	27	28	29 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
30 8:30 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL						

Sept 2018 Ushers



- 2nd: Still Vacation - Church Council Members
- 9th: Roger Moderow and Sam Schmidt, Carl Lundquist and Ian Lundquist
- 16th: Larry Johnson, Jason Penke and David Schold
- 23rd: Dr. Charlie Seagren, Tom Meyer and Jason Klausen
- 30th: C. Wiltse, Tony Moseman and Gordon Olson

Sept 2018 Greeters:

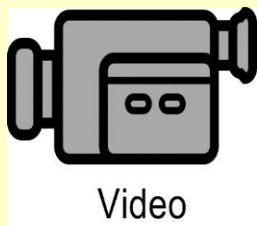


- 2nd: Still Vacation - Church Council Members
- 9th: Roxanne Lundquist and Patty Moderow
- 16th: Kylie Tate, Tye and Travis Penke, and Laurie Schold
- 23rd: Phyllis Meyer and Heather, Garrett and Gracie Klausen
- 30th: Casey, Colton and Marysa Moseman and Shirley Olson



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| Sep | 2 | Mia Linder |
| | 9 | Ellen Magnusson |
| | 16 | Carson Thomsen |
| | 23 | Jonathan Dixon |
| | 30 | Hannah Deemer |
| Oct | 7 | Kara Peterson |
| | 14 | Johnna Peterson |

Please be aware although confirmation has been completed, it is still a requirement for the confirmand to acolyte and run video through-out the remainder of the summer season.



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| Sep | 2 | Gabi Linder |
| | 9 | Ayden Lierman |
| | 16 | Ellen Magnusson |
| | 23 | Carson Thomsen |
| | 30 | Jonathan Dixon |
| Oct | 7 | Johnna Peterson |
| | 14 | Kara Peterson |

In September, when the new confirmands start, they will be trained for their duties and will start performing them the first Sunday of October.



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|-----|------|----------------|------|------------------|
| Sep | 1 - | Billye Pearson | 2 - | Billye Pearson |
| | 8 - | Bryan Bohn | 9 - | Bryan Bohn |
| | 15 - | Bryan Bohn | 16 - | Ruth Wallerstedt |
| | 22 - | Judy Nelson | 23 - | Bryan Bohn |
| | 29 - | Judy Nelson | 30 - | Billye Pearson |



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| Sep | 2 - | |
| | 9 - | Tess Johnson |
| | 16 - | Jim/Dan |
| | 23 - | Jim Pelan |
| | 30 - | Dan Tanksley |

COFFEE SERVERS**DATE**

Sharon Peterson and Deanna Ray	Sunday, September 9, 2018
Teresa Rogers and Karen Rosenboom	Sunday, September 16, 2018
Amy Rost and Elisa Schmidt	Sunday, September 23, 2018
Tammy Schinck and Laurie Schold	Sunday, September 30, 2018
Janelle Seagren and Sandra Mallette	Sunday, October 7, 2018
Linda VonEssen and Tamera VonEssen	Sunday, October 14, 2018



**Thank you for your help in these important areas.
If you can't be here, please find someone to take your place.**

As you may already know, most of the kitchen renovation has been completed and there are now new instructions in the kitchen for the coffee servers on Sunday mornings. It is now easier to do than ever before! With the push of a button in 5 minutes you can have 3 gallons of coffee, which you can choose in half gallon increments. We now have a new push cart to take the coffee containers to the back of church. There are two windows to place the trays of goodies and coffee containers with warmers in so the congregation will make a single line going down the middle of the annex and branch off to each side. This should allow the line to flow faster.

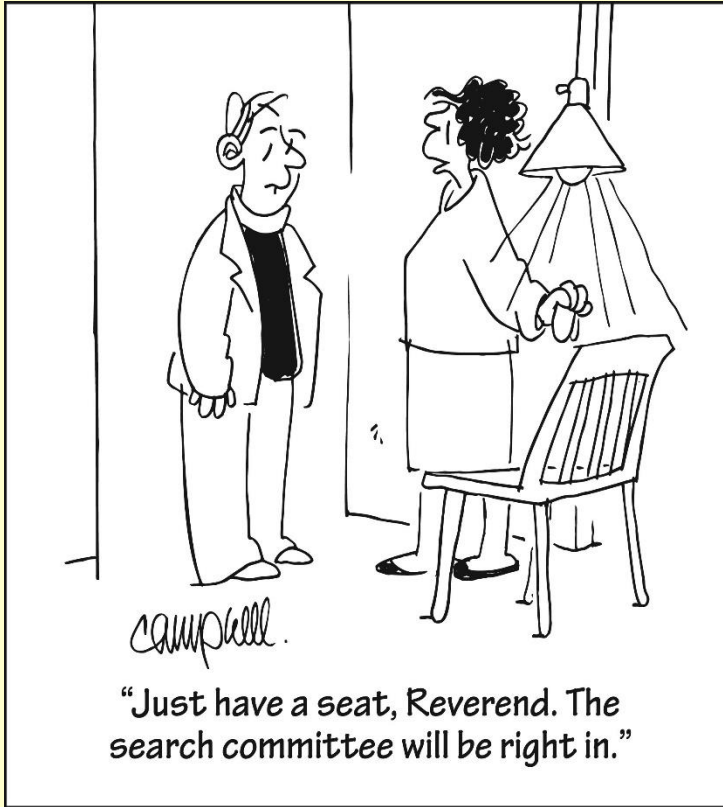
Youth and Family Focus for the Month of September -

Come as you are - You can change inside!

2 Peter 1:5-7

⁵For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, ⁷and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love.

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