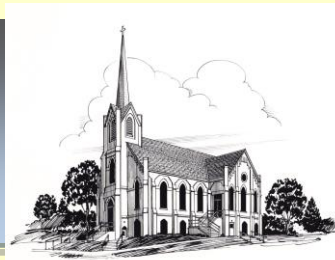


# THE SPIRE



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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In our gospel lesson for the first Sunday of September we read of Jesus bringing healing to two individual's lives, one was a Phoenician girl and the other was a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. These healings are a reminder that Jesus would come to minister to hurting people.

Sometimes life has a way of weighing us down and we may at times feel like we need a remedy. When we experience these times, Jesus can come and begin to heal our lives.

One of the places we may experience this healing of Jesus is in worship and the other ministries of this church.

As we enter the fall many of the ministries of this fellowship will begin again and many of us will return to the schedule and routines that we follow for most of the year. When we do so, one of the goals of this fellowship can be that we have fresh encounters with Jesus in which he sets us free from whatever burdens we may carry, and we freshly sense his healing and peace in our lives.

May God minister his healing and peace in a special way as many of the ministries of this church begin again.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

ason is a special season of

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### Some of the special days celebrated in September are:

- Labor Day — Sept 6
- Patriot Day — Sept 11
- National Grandparents Day — Sept 13
- First day of Autumn — Sept 22



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The rolls for coffee on Sunday, August 22 were in honor of Vince Lindstrom's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Happy birthday Vince!!!**

**The coffee and rolls** on Sunday, August 8 were in honor of Don and Candace Johnson's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! **Happy Anniversary Don and Candace!!**

**Please join us in congratulating all our seniors** that received scholarships Ashten Rennerfeldt and Marissa Mulder. We look forward to watching them grow in their faith and witnessing all the future holds for them. God bless these young people as they begin a new journey in their life!

### **BAPTISMS**

We welcomed into membership **Payton Jaymes Parcel** through holy baptism on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Payton was born on February 14, 2021. Her parents are Austin and Nicole Parcel. Her sponsors are Trevor Enstrom, Emmy Bousquet, Jason and Ashley Parcel. Her grandparents are Lonnie and Denise Enstrom and Jeff and Lisa Parcel. WELCOME Payton!!

We welcomed into membership **Sandra Lynn Mieth** through holy baptism on Sunday, August 29, 2021. Sandra was born on January 14, 2021. Her parents are Dylan and Ashlie Mieth. Her sponsors are Kayla Mieth and Phillip Mieth. Her grandparents are Tim and Sheri Slatt and Bruce and Carla Mieth. WELCOME Sandra!!

We welcomed into membership **Layne Mark Meier** through holy baptism on Saturday evening, July 17, 2021. Layne was born on April 29, 2021. His parents are Caleb and Shayna Meier. His sponsors are Justin Morton and Emma Konken. **WELCOME LAYNE!!!**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our Sunday School kickoff will be at the Oakland football park area around 11:00 am on Sunday September 12, 2021. We will have two bouncy houses and will provide lunch. Looking forward to seeing you there, if it works!

We are excited to kick off the Sunday School year with a special children's sermon by Pastor Mark on September 19, 2021. He has a special treat for our early elementary children. Please attend if you can. Then, Sunday School will resume classes on September 19 at 10:30 in the church basement. After music and snack, we will disperse for classroom time.

We plan to sing in front of church the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month. We will not sing in September.

Thank you, and anyone who may want to teach a class please let me know.

Angela Rennerfeldt  
First Ev. Lutheran Church  
Sunday School Superintendent

**CONFIRMATION BEGINS** – we will be holding an introductory meeting on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. A letter has been sent to confirmands and their families regarding confirmation.

**YOUTH GROUP** - **We will start** meeting again Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. It is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community.

**NEW MEMBERS**

We welcomed into membership Norman and Jayne Bihr on Sunday, August 29, 2021 and Glenice Eastburn and Gloria Wedegren on August 14, 2021. May God bless them as they become part of our fellowship!!

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

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will meet Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. They are looking at the book of Genesis. For more information contact Nancy Johnson or Pastor Mark.



**September - Joan Magnusson and LeAnn Jorgensen**

**SEWING MEETINGS** - are meeting every Monday & Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**QUILTERS** - The quilters have gone fishing!!! They will be out of business until Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, ladies, once again for your gift of love given through your quilts!!



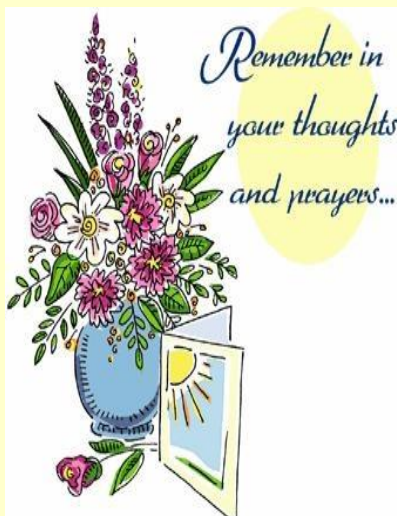
**Dorcas Society - Postponed until further notice.**



**WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)- MEETINGS TO RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021.** There are two units with approximately 40 total members. Both groups meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Group Hannah meets at 9:00 a.m. and Group Ruth meets at 5:00 p.m. Each meeting includes an inspirational Bible study lead by Pastor Mark, good fellowship, food and a brief business meeting.

**All of the women** of the congregation are invited to participate in these groups. You are always welcome to visit any of the groups. It is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow members, praise God, and share fellowship.

## PRAYERS OF CONCERN



**IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:** Teresa Egbers, Connie Peterson Arlene Carper, Regina Culbertson, Tim Dame, Larry Starman, John Mead (**Hilda Benne's nephew**), Lauren Sigmun (**Janice Johnson's granddaughter**), Barbara Ashton, Janice Johnson, Laurie Canarsky, Paul Anderson, Haylee Werth (**Doc & Bev Peterson's Great Granddaughter**), Denise Hall Salzbrenner (**Phil and Judy Hall's daughter**), Landon Johnson, Jane Stucky, Jackie Kirkpatrick (**Julie Gershon's mother**), Bill Johnson, Suzanne Johnson, Bill Dix, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel (**Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law**), Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman (**Julie Gershon's nephew**), the family of Rojane Linder, our service men and women and all those deployed to foreign countries, rescue workers, and law enforcement officers and our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.





# SEPTEMBER



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### 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, Josh Wallerstedt
- 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, Barbara Ashton, Boyd Blomenkamp, Cole Blanc, Karen Rosenboom
- 24 – Jay Lindstrom, Ryan Peterson, Macklynn Onken
- 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
- 19 – Bill & Sandra Johnson
- 23 – Dillon & Kelli Johnson
- 24 – Timothy & Sheri Slatt, Lance & Jeanette Blanc
- 26 – Austin & Nicole Parcel
- 27 – Lonnie & Denise Enstrom Dan & Mackenzie Kahlandt

### Bible Quiz

How many times in the Old Testament do people cross a body of water on dry ground?

- A. once
- B. twice
- C. three times
- D. four times

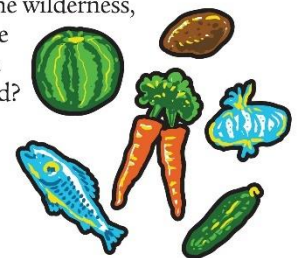


Answer: C (See Exodus 14; Joshua 3; 2 Kings 2.)

### Bible Quiz

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?

- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers



Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)



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The church council met Aug 9, 2021 at 7:02pm. Members in attendance were Nathan Anderson, Mike Blanc, Susan Mulder, Kathy Pearson, Clendon Rost, Keri Thomsen and Melanie Johanson, and Brad Bousquet.

Devotions were given by Keri Thomsen

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was not available at the time of the meeting. Susan Mulder planned to coordinate with Audrey Unwin to receive the report and distribute it to the council via email.

Pastor Mark provided copies of his report for the months of June and July.

Karen Blanc attended the meeting and presented a plan to replace the current hymnals with the Celebration Hymnal. Kathy Pearson planned to address the hymnal replacement with the Worship Committee at their Wednesday meeting.

Committee Reports: Brad Bousquet, property committee, addressed the condition of the front cast iron steps. Mike Blanc and Brad will research options for repair or replacement.

Old Business: Video System; The House Right Company completed installation however, several punch-list items have surfaced with initial use of the video system. Nathan will coordinate with Pastor Eldal to address these items with The House Right Company.

New Business: None

Sep Communion: Melanie Johanson

Sep Devotions: Susan Mulder

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Sep 6, 2021 at 7:00pm

Mike Blanc, Secretary



#### July Finances



|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Commitments       | \$ 10,405.00       |
| <b>Designated</b> |                    |
| Building Ministry | \$ 19,023.54*      |
| Building Use      | \$ 50.00           |
| Sewing/Quilting   | \$ 4,227.45*       |
| Technology        | \$ 422.75*         |
| Scholarship       | \$ 2,113.73*       |
| Supplies          | \$ 109.00          |
| Wed. Youth Group  | \$ 200.00          |
| Misc              | \$ 96.00           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$36,647.47</b> |

\*Outreach

#### August Finances

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Commitments       | \$ 20,147.15       |
| <b>Designated</b> |                    |
| Memorial          | \$ 570.00          |
| Supplies          | \$ 178.00          |
| Misc              | \$ 111.00          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>\$21,006.15</b> |

# September 2021

| SUN  | MON   | TUE  | WED   | THU | FRI   | SAT   |
|--|---|--|---|-----|---|---|
| 29<br>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE   | 30<br>NO SEWING GROUP   | 31<br>NO SEWING GROUP                                  | 1<br>9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY<br>9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS  | 2   | 3   | 4<br>5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE   |
| 5<br>9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE  | 6<br>No SEWING GROUP<br>7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING<br><br><b>LABOR DAY</b> | 7<br>NO SEWING GROUP                                   | 8<br>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION and YOUTH GROUP STARTS  | 9   | 10  | 11<br>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE<br> |
| 12<br>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE<br>11:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF@ OC FOOTBALL CONCESSION AREA<br>GRANDPARENTS' DAY | 13<br>8:30AM-12:00 SEWING GROUP   | 14<br>8:30AM-12:00 SEWING GROUP<br>7:30PM A.A. MEETING | 15<br>9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY<br>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP STARTS   | 16  | 17  | 18<br>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE  |
| 19<br>9:30AM REVERE SERVICE  | 20<br>8:30AM-12:00 SEWING GROUP   | 21<br>8:30AM-12:00 SEWING GROUP<br>7:30PM A.A. MEETING | 22<br>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION<br> | 23  | 24  | 25<br>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE  |
| 26<br>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE   | 27<br>8:30AM-12:00 SEWING GROUP   | 28<br>8:30AM-12:00 SEWING GROUP<br>7:30PM A.A. MEETING | 29<br>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION  | 30  |  |   |

## CHURCH DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

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### Sunday, September 5, 2021

|  |                                 |
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| Coffee, Greeting & Usher – Connie, Javar, Myesha and Elijah Larson |                                 |
| Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow                        | Reader – Brayden Selk           |
| Sound Dan Tanksley   | Screen - Tess Johnson           |
| Acolyte - Mia Thomsen  | Video - Piper Tanksley          |
| Sat. Night Pianist- Ruth Wallerstedt                               | Sun Morning Accomp.- Bryan Bohn |

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### Sunday, September 12, 2021

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Steve and Connie Rokusek |                                      |
| Head Usher - Larry Johnson                          | Reader – Sandy Husar                 |
| Sound - Tess Johnson                                | Screen - Grant Seagren               |
| Acolyte - Grace Wallerstedt                         | Video - Mia Thomsen                  |
| Sat. Night Pianist - Billye Pearson                 | Sun Morning Accomp. - Billye Pearson |

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### Sunday, September 19, 2021

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Rick, Susan and Marissa Mulder |                                 |
| Head Usher - Brad Bousquet. Dr. Charlie Seagren           | Reader - Beverly Peterson       |
| Sound - Dan Tanksley                                      | Screen - Adilen Rennerfeldt     |
| Acolyte - Sonia Bedrinecek                                | Video - Grace Wallerstedt       |
| Sat. Night Pianist -Danny Bedrnicsek                      | Sun Morning Accomp.- Bryan Bohn |

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### Sunday, September 26, 2021

|  |  |
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| Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Terry & Julie Johnson |  |
|  | Dillon, Kelli, Scarlet, Ava & Landon Johnson |
| Head Usher - Clare Wilste                        | Reader - Sandra Johnson                      |
| Sound - Travis Thomsen                           | Screen - Brayden Selk                        |
| Acolyte - Joseph Findlay                         | Video - Sonia Bedrinecek                     |
| Sat. Night Pianist - Carter Anderson             | Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn             |

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## CHURCH DUTIES FOR OCTOBER 2021

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### Sunday, October 3, 2021

|   |  |
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| Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Lela Heineman, Carl Osterndorff, Larry Osterndorff |  |
|   | Amanda Huntington, Jovi Huntington and Ostern Heineman |
| Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow                                   | Reader - Patty Miller                                  |
| Sound - Dan Tanksley  | Screen - Anisten Rennerfeldt                           |
| Acolyte - Joseph Findlay  | Video - Tate Penke                                     |
| Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt   | Sun Morning Accomp. Bryan Bohn                         |

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### Sunday, October 10, 2021

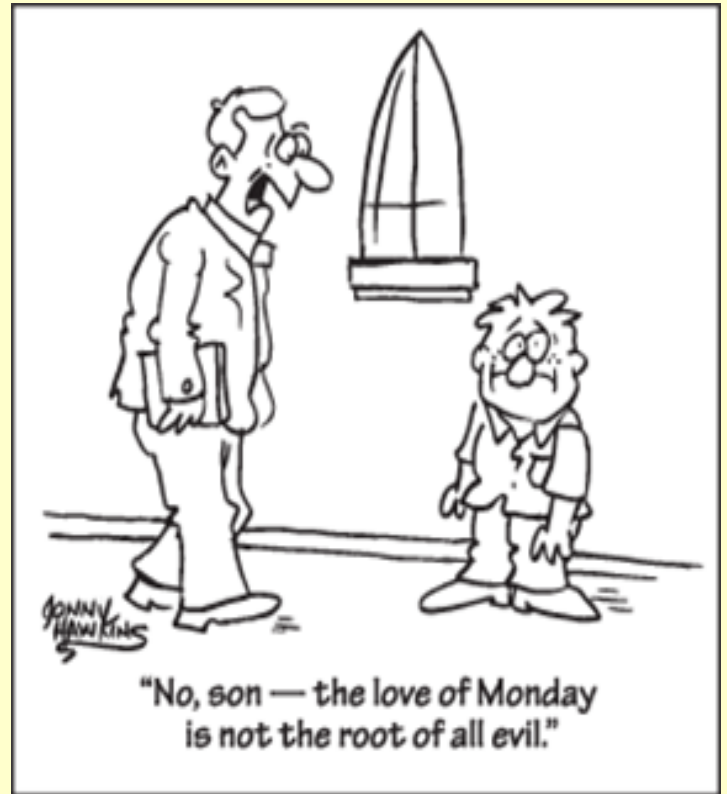
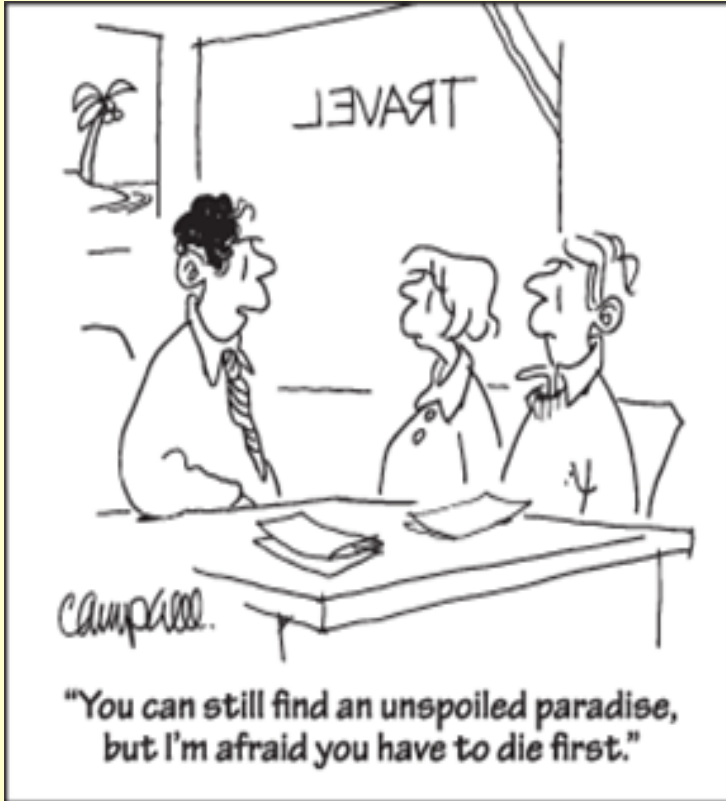
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| Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Tony, Casey, Colton & Marysa Moseman and Bob & Jane Moseman |                                      |
| Head Usher - Larry Johnson   | Reader - Mona Tanksley               |
| Sound - Tess Johnson   | Screen - Lillian Ehlers              |
| Acolyte - Tate Penke   | Video - Brody Tanksley               |
| Sat. Night Pianist - Billye Pearson  | Sun Morning Accomp. - Billye Pearson |

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### Sunday, October 17, 2021

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Coffee, Greeting & Usher                        | Scott and Val Lindstrom and Jay and Diane Lindstrom |
| Head Ushers - Brad Bousquet/Dr. Charlie Seagren | Reader Linda Jones                                  |
| Sound - Travis Thomsen                          | Screen Gretchen Seagren                             |
| Acolyte - Brody Tanksley                        | Video Colton Tanksley                               |
| Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrnicsek           | Sun Morning Accomp.- Bryan Bohn                     |

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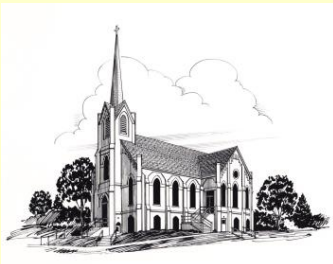
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