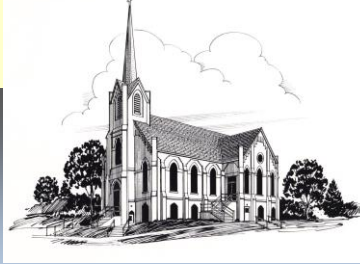


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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In Ephesians chapter four, Paul writes these words, "speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

In this passage and many others, Paul and other New Testament writers speak of growing in the Christian faith as we follow Jesus. Wonderfully, when one comes to faith, God's desire is not that we live in a static spiritual state, but rather that we grow in our faith, as he molds us and shapes us into the people he wants us to be.

As we grow in faith, we can grow in our knowledge of God as we get into the Scriptures and let them be food for our souls. This knowledge can then enable us to delight in all God can be and do in our lives.

This fall all of our ministries are active again following a staggered resumption after the worst of the covid outbreak.

We continue with our weekend worship, Sunday School, confirmation and youth gatherings but now we have also begun our women's group meetings along with our choir. We hope these activities, along with other ministries in church will provide opportunities to grow in faith and our knowledge of God and enable us to delight in what he can do in our lives as we trust in Jesus.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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### Special Days of October 2021

Some of the special days celebrated in October are:

- National Children's Day — Oct. 4
- World Communion Sunday — Oct. 3
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday — Oct. 10
- Columbus Day observed — Oct. 11
- United Nations Day — Oct. 24
- Reformation Sunday — Oct. 31
- Reformation Day — Oct. 31

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CHURCH – [firstlutheran152@gmail.com](mailto:firstlutheran152@gmail.com)

#### Volunteers Needed!!

First Ev. Lutheran Church needs volunteer support in several ways.

We need volunteers to run the computer and someone to run the sound system for Sunday morning services. You do not need to be a computer "geek" or even much of a computer expert, just need you to want to help us and be willing to learn. We do not need someone every week, we just need one or two additional people to help fill in every month. Ideally, we would like to have three or four people available to fill either job. These could be filled by high school youth. If you are a high school student, this could be an option that fits your schedule and your talents. Please contact Tess if you have questions or are interested in helping.

Another need is to provide meals for the youth group and confirmation. If you would like to sign up to provide any part of the meal, please contact Tess. If you just want to contribute to pay for a meal, that would also be greatly appreciated. We are trying to ensure meals are either individually wrapped or individually served to students. This requires a little extra planning and a little extra help this year.

Thank you all for considering these opportunities to help with our church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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It is with great pleasure to announce First Lutheran Sunday School has resumed classes!

We plan to have our fall outing Sunday School party at the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, Oct. 17th at 10:45am after our Church Service. We will plan to eat at the Pumpkin Patch from the time slot of 11:00am -12:00pm sharp! First Lutheran will pay for everyone's lunch, drink and dessert.

Zip lines are free to use with parental guidance this year as the Pumpkin Patch doesn't officially open to the public until 12:00 pm with workers present.

First Lutheran Sunday School acts as a foundation to give your children a basic understanding of what the Bible is about, the circumstances of the people in the Bible and how those might relate to kids later in life and an initial understanding of how Jesus said we should live. Pastor gave a sermon and we did a lesson last week on how to be a good friend. Proverbs 13:20 Choose your friends wisely. The wrong friends will get you into trouble and break you down, good friends will teach you new things and build you up. Proverbs 12:26 The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Hope to see you at the Pumpkin Patch!

Harvest moon pumpkin patch menu:

Hot dogs, brats, french fries, chips, nachos, hot ham and cheese, chicken strips, chili

Mark your calendar: We will plan to sing October 10th in church!

Thank you and Happy Fall! ~ **Angela Rennerfeldt**



**PUMPKIN  
PATCH  
OUTING**



## ALTAR COMMITTEE

Phyllis Meyer and Sandy Slatt



## SEWING GROUP

### THE SEWING GROUP MEETS

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

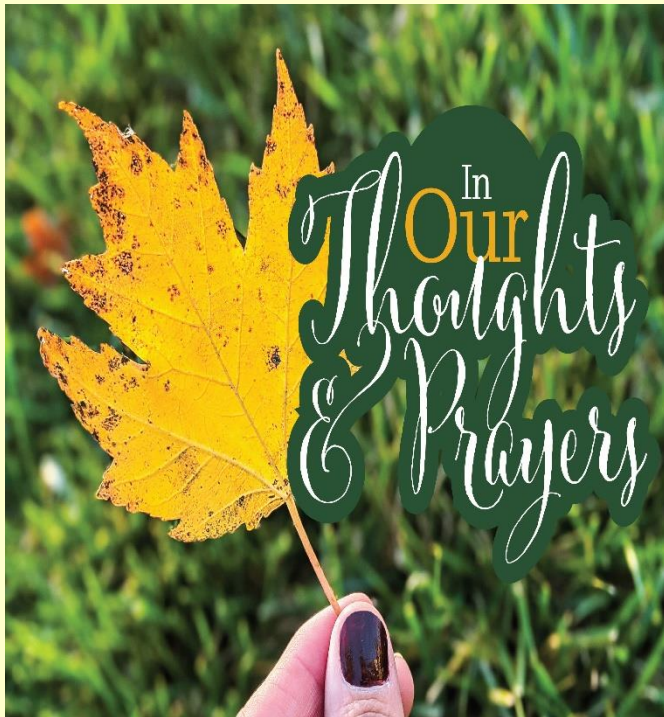


## W.O.W. GROUP

Oct 11 .....Executive Meeting 9 a.m.  
Oct 13 .....Group Meetings 9 a.m., & 5 p.m.  
  
Clean Kitchen .....



## PRAYERS OF CONCERN



Ray Satee, Norm Johnson, Bill Johnson, Derrick Bittner, Teresa Egbers, Connie Peterson, Arlene Carper, Regina Culbertson, Larry Starman, John Mead (**Hilda Benne's nephew**), Lauren Sigmun (**Janice Johnson's granddaughter**), Barbara Ashton, 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**), Suzanne Johnson, Bill Dix, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel (**Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law**), Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman (**Julie Gershon's nephew**) 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.



## 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
- 5 – Virgil Johnson
- 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, Emersen Andersen
- 24 – Kristin Elsasser, 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
- 5 – Tanner & Lynna Heineman
- 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
- 23 – Dean & Jo Ann Brudigam  
Jason & Heather Klausen
- 29 – Gary & Tammy Case



## ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, had leprosy. Who told his wife about a prophet in Samaria who might be able to cure Naaman? And who was that prophet?

- A. the king of Aram; Elijah
- B. Naaman's wife's sister; Isaiah
- C. an Israelite servant girl; Elisha
- D. a visiting emissary from Israel; Jeremiah



Answer: C (See 2 Kings 5:2-3, 8-10.)

## ?? ? Bible Quiz ? ? ?

After Jesus healed 10 men at one time, how many returned to thank him? What had been their ailment?

- A. five; blindness
- B. all 10; deafness
- C. one; possession by demons
- D. one; leprosy



Answer: D (See Luke 17:11-19.)



## First Evangelical Lutheran Church Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met Sep 6, 2021 at 7:01pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Mike Blanc, Susan Mulder, Kathy Pearson, Clendon Rost, Melanie Johanson, and Keri Thomsen.

Devotions were given by Susan Mulder.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report, presented by Susan Mulder, was reviewed, and discussed. The May, June and July Profit & Loss statements reflected month-to-date expenses exceeded income by \$1,528.15, \$1,993.43, and \$1,684.83 respectively. Month-to-date Profit & Loss for August was not available at the time of the meeting as well as year-to-date figures. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor Mark provided copies of his report for the month of Aug.

### Committee Reports:

Education Committee; Clendon Rost noted that Sunday School would be starting on the 12<sup>th</sup> with a kickoff in the park.

### Old Business:

Video System: The House Right Company is planning to send a technician from Norfolk to make system adjustments.

Hymnals: Kathy spoke to the worship committee and reported that the committee was in favor of a new hymnal as long as there was a Lutheran based hymnal available for use.

### New Business: None

Oct Communion: Mike Blanc

Oct Devotions: Mike Blanc

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Oct 4, 2021 at 7:00pm

Mike Blanc, Secretary

### September Finances

Commitments \$

#### Designated:

Masks Purchased \$

Coffee Fund \$

Misc \$

**TOTAL** \$

# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					 <b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
<b>3</b> 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>4</b> 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	<b>5</b> 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<b>6</b> 9AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	<b>7</b> 8:00PM N.A. MEETING	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
<b>10</b> 9:30AM YOUTH SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>CLERGY APPRECIATION</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP WOW EXEC. MEETING <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	<b>12</b> 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<b>13</b> 9:00AM & 5:00PM WOW GROUPS MEET 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	<b>14</b> 8:00PM N.A. MEETING	 <b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>GOING BEYOND SIMULCAST BIBLE STUDY</b> 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICES
<b>17</b> 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	<b>18</b> 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP	<b>19</b> 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<b>20</b> 9AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	<b>21</b> 8:00PM N.A. MEETING	 <b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE <b>WEDDING</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30AM REVERE SUNDAY 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>UNITED NATIONS DAY</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP	<b>26</b> 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<b>27</b> 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	<b>28</b> 8:00PM N.A. MEETING	 <b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICES
<b>31</b> 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY HALLOWEEN</b>	  					

## CHURCH DUTIES FOR OCTOBER 2021

### Sunday, October 3, 2021

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

### Sunday, October 10, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Tony, Casey, Colton & Marysa Moseman  
 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

### 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 Bedrnick      Sun Morning Accomp.- Bryan Bohn

### Sunday, October 24, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Phyllis & Tom Meyer and Linda Carlson & Jerry Benne  
 Head Usher - Clare Wiltse      Reader - Brayden Selk  
 Sound - Dan Tanksley      Screen - Grady Gatewood  
 Acolyte - Colton Tanksley      Video - Sonia Bedrnick  
 Sat. Night Pianist - Carter Anderson      Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

### Sunday, October 31, 2021 All Saints Sunday

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Clendon, Amy, Preston, Sabrina and Celeste Rost  
 Head Usher - Larry Johnson      Reader - Sandy Husar  
 Sound - Tess Johnson      Screen - Grant Seagren  
 Acolyte - Sonia Bedrnick      Video - Caleb Bousquet  
 Sat. Night Pianist - Billye Pearson      Sun Morning Accomp. - Billye Pearson

## CHURCH DUTIES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

### Sunday, November 7, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Greg & Deanna Ray and Doc & Bev Peterson  
 Head Usher - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow      Reader - Beverly Peterson  
 Sound - Dan Tanksley      Screen - Tess Johnson  
 Acolyte - Caleb Bousquet      Video - Landon Ehlers  
 Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt      Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

### Sunday, November 14, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mark, Jodi Lane, Kara & Johnna Peterson  
 Sharon & Lee Peterson  
 Head Usher - Larry Johnson      Reader - Sandra Johnson  
 Sound - Tess Johnson      Screen - Adilen Rennerfeldt  
 Acolyte - Landon Ehlers      Video - Lyndsey Johnson  
 Sat. Night Pianist - Billye Pearson      Sun Morning Accomp.    Billye Pearson



**Sunday, November 21, 2021**

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Derrick, Angela, Adrienna, Clara, Alivia Bittner	
Head Usher - Brad Bousquet/Dr. Charlie Seagren	Reader - Patty Miller
Sound - Travis Thomsen	Screen - Brayden Selk
Acolyte - Lyndsey Johnson	Video - Javar Larson
Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrnick	Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

**Sunday, November 24, 2021 - Thanksgiving Eve**

Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt and Larry Johnson	
Sound - Dan Tanksley	Screen - Tess Johnson
Acolyte - Javar Larson	Video - Myesha Larson
Accomp. - Bryan Bohn	

**Sunday, November 28, 2021**

Coffee, Greeting & Usher	Jim, Danielle, Bailey and Loudon Pelan	
	Gary and Joann Powell	
Head Usher - Clare Wilste		Reader - Mona Tanksley
Sound - Tess Johnson		Screen - Lillian Ehlers
Acolyte - Myesha Larson		Video - Carolyn Magnusson
Sat. Night Pianist - Carter Anderson		Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

**CHURCH DUTIES FOR DECEMBER 2021****Sunday December 5, 2021**

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Dave & Laurie Schold and Sam & Elisa Schmidt	
Head Usher - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow	Reader - Linda Jones
Sound - Dan Tanksley	Screen - Gretchen Seagren
Acolyte - Carolyn Magnusson	Video - Colton Moseman
Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

**Sunday December 12, 2021 - Sunday School Program**

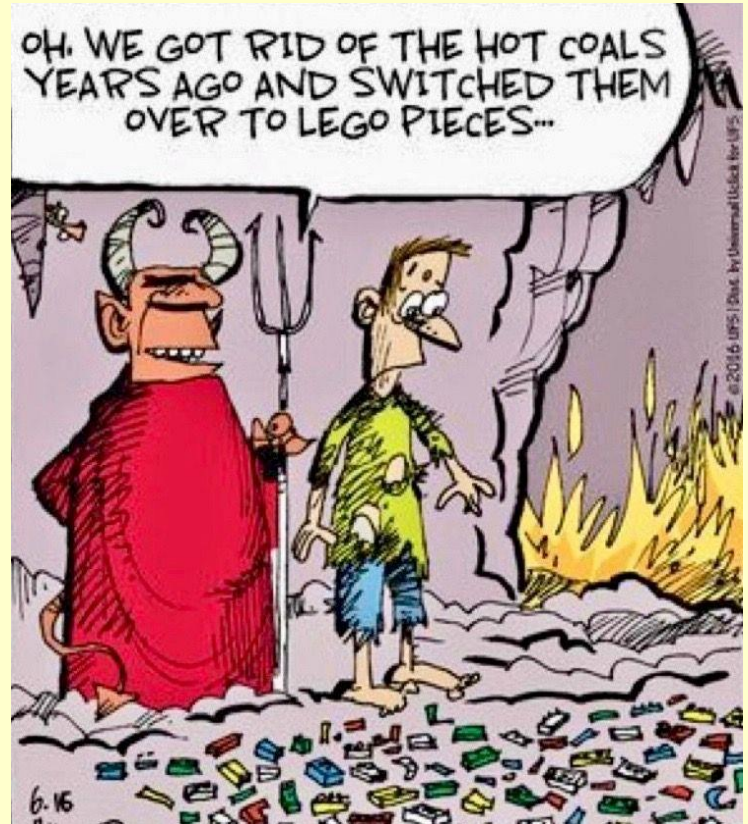
Coffee, Greeting & Usher -	
Head Usher - Larry Johnson	Sound - Tess Johnson
Screen - Grady Seagren	Acolyte - Colton Moseman
Video - Sage Sydow-Stock	Sat. Night Pianist - Billye Pearson
Sun Morning Accomp. - Billye Pearson	

**Sunday December 19, 2021 - Sunday School Program**

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mark & Jean Schafersmen and Cheryl & Darrel Denker	
Head Usher - Brad Bousquet/Dr. Charlie Seagren	Reader - Sandy Husar
Sound - Travis Thomsen	Screen - Grant Seagren
Acolyte - Sage Sydow-Stock	Video - Preston Rost
Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrnick	Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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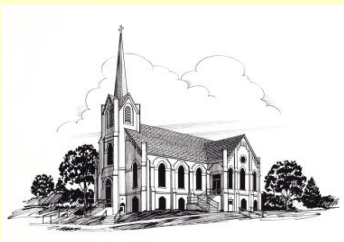
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