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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

The month of October will mark the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation.

The Reformation was of course, a wonderful working of the Spirit of God that caused the church to refocus on the central truths of the faith. These truths of course, would center around grace, faith, and Scripture.

The Church would be reminded that God does indeed operate by grace, whereby he offers salvation as a gift, through the death and resurrection of Jesus for our sins.

The Reformation would remind people that the gift of salvation which God offers in Jesus is received by faith, by trusting in Jesus to forgive one and be one's Savior and Lord.

The Church was also reminded that we base our faith solely on the teachings of Scripture. This truth reminds us that the Spirit of God never leads or guides one in a way that contradicts Scripture.

Wonderfully, these teachings which were freshly brought to the forefront in the Reformation can still be the central truths of our lives, as we daily live in God's grace, though faith in Jesus, while we base this faith on the solid foundation of God's Word.

May the truths of the Reformation be the foundation of our lives.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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### Special Days of October 2017

Some of the special days celebrated in October are:

- World Communion Sunday — Oct. 1
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday — Oct 8
- National Children's Day — Oct 8
- Columbus Day observed — Oct 9
- United Nations Day — Oct 24
- Reformation Sunday — Oct 29
- Reformation Day — Oct 31



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHOIR HAS RESUMED.** If you would like to be part of our musical ministry, choir practice is every Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.



**FRIDAY NIGHT PUB.** The "Luther's Pub" date for the remainder of the year will be: September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup> November 23<sup>rd</sup> (pending playoffs), December 8, January 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<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 10<sup>th</sup> at the Oakland City Park. It was a fun time had by all.

We will plan to sing the second Sunday of every month. October 8th, November 12th and December 10th 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 2017-2018 Sunday School year are as follows:

- ☞ Preschool: Angie Rennerfeldt & Ashten Rennerfeldt
- ☞ Kindergarten: Jen Anderson
- ☞ 1st Grade: Keri Thomsen
- ☞ 2nd & 3rd Grade: Clendon Rost
- ☞ 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Andy Rennerfeldt
- ☞ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Bev Peterson (last Sunday of the month)
- ☞ Music: Jill Johnson & Cindy Blanc



Thank you to those listed above for their hard work and sacrifices.

Mark your calendar ~ We plan to have our fall outing at the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch on October 8th. Rain date for the 22nd of October.

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

~ Angela R. Rennerfeldt

## BIBLE STUDY NEWS

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**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. to provide a meal, side dish or dessert every Wednesday night for 25-30 students throughout the school year. 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.

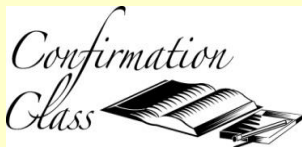
The Wednesday Night Youth group would like to give a big thank you to the WOW Group Ruth for the very generous donation of \$400. This will go a long way to providing meals as needed or updated to our room upstairs. Thank you for being so kind!!

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

**Growing Together - Small Group Dates** - To be determined - Please contact Nancy Johnson (402) 620-5324 if you are interested in joining their group.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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- Confirmation will meet at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday and a meal will be provided.

## THANKS YOU'S

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- ✠ Thank you to Jon and Janelle Seagreen for all of their hard work in our Youth Group Room upstairs! It looks amazing!!!
- ✠ Thank you to Byran Bohn for once again leading our choir and our choir for singing as they begin a new season!
- ✠ Thank you to Burt County Brass Quintet for the gift of their music on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The members of the quintet are Gary Fugman and Jim Groth, (**trumpets**), Lisa Mutzenberger, (**French horn**), Viktor Sundleaf, (**trombone**) and Matt Smoot, (**tuba**). The Quintet will perform October 29 at 9:00 am at the Hooper Lutheran Church, December 3 at 6:00 pm at the Oakland Swedish Heritage Center, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Army Corps of Engineers in Omaha and December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Bancroft Neihardt Center and 4:00 pm at the Lyons Library. All are invited!

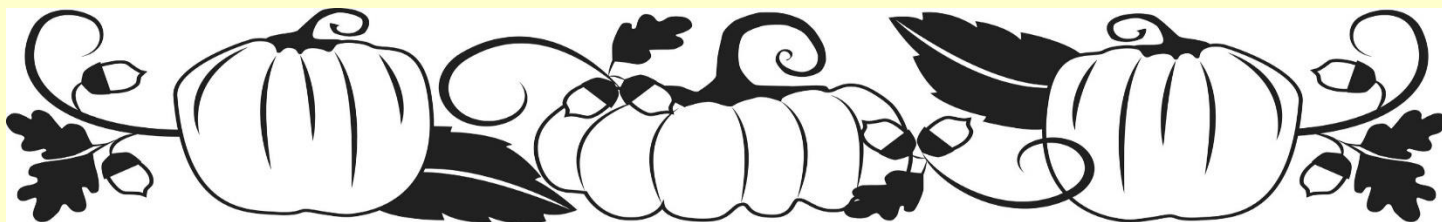
## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Hannah Brudigam, Elfie Nelson,  
Greg Johnson
- 2 - Jared Mulder, Ian Lundquist
- 3 - Dustin Lindstrom, Jennifer Anderson
- 4 - Laurine Karstens, Michael Popma,  
Doug Satree, Marissa Mulder, Hannah Deemer
- 7 - Judy Hall, Alysha Peterson, Grant Wallace
- 9 - Trenton Elsasser, Darrold Hoffman
- 10 - Sonia Bedrincek, 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)Guenther, Emersen Andersen
- 24 - Mitchell Case, Tracy Denton,  
Jeffrey Troupe, Paula Denton,  
Jonathan Dixon, Kenneth Elsasser
- 25- Alivia Bittner
- 26 - Cal Anderson, Ewald Dahlquist,  
Roger Peterson, Angela Rennerfeldt,  
Cory Schold
- 27 - Karen Blanc, Aiden Jorgensen
- 28 - Kyle Blomenkamp
- 31 - Stephanie Rokusek



## 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



## New Addresses:

**NEW ADDRESSES:** Earl and Dorothy Miller  
Rolling Hills Ranch  
4324 N. 132<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Omaha, NE 68164  
(402)391-1055

Patsy Andersen  
3315 N. 147 Court  
Omaha, NE 68116



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska**

The church council met September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Greg Johnson, Sam Schmidt, Sandy Husar, Jim Pelan, Linda Jones, Jon Seagren, Mona Tanksley, Tom Meyer and Susan Mulder. Also in attendance were Pastor Eldal and visitor, Beverly Peterson.

After devotions were given by Jon, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Pastor presented his report for the months of July and August.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussed noting that through August, expenses exceeded income by \$4317.52. The report was accepted.

Beverly Peterson addressed the council regarding the sound system reporting that some members are having problems hearing even with the use of the new hearing devices. She asked that we look into what can be done to alleviate this problem. She also complimented the youth on the work projects that they have done in our community this summer. The council discussed various options for improving the sound and decided that we will order a new headset for Pastor to use in hopes that that will improve the audio. We will also have the ushers close the folding doors between the sanctuary and annex to keep the sound from drifting.

Old Business: It was reported that some Sundays we have run out of rolls to serve after the service and Sandy agreed to adjust our order. Problems have been encountered with filling the big coffee pot and a discussion ensued regarding installing a new sink with a faucet that has a spray nozzle. Pastor reported that the Dorcas ladies have discussed adding some cabinets and counters in the north room to improve the storage needs. Linda agreed to discuss the plans with Lela Heineman.

The Property Committee reported that the tree on the north lawn of the church that was struck by lightning needs to come down. Greg and Jim have agreed to take it down this week.

New Business: Kylie Penke will now be part of the worship committee representing the Praise Service. The Praise service was discussed stating that we are trying to get more people involved. We have been trying various types of services as a way to reach out to all members. The ideas talked about at this meeting will be shared with the Evangelism Committee.

The Evangelism Committee met this evening and they have compiled a calendar of youth events. This was distributed and published in the newsletter. If anyone is available to help with youth events, sign up sheets are available on the bulletin board. Other items discussed were the milestones for the youth, the idea of getting a welcome banner at the back of the church, the idea of getting a young couples group together, the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation and getting more helpers for the pub after ball games.

Pastor reported that the annual LCMC meeting is October 8-11 in Minneapolis and he will share the annual reports he brings back from that meeting. He asked if anyone else was interested in going, to let him know. It was decided that we will have a dinner on October 29, Reformation Day, to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. Linda, Sandy, Susan and Mona will organize the meal and more information will be available as we get closer to the date. Jon and Janelle Seagren were thanked for all of the work they have done on the upstairs Sunday School room. There being no further business, the meeting closed with all saying the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting will be October 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Devotions for next meeting - Mona Tanksley


Communion Helpers - Sept. 30 - Arla Ogden  
Oct 1 - Susan Mulder

Mona Tanksley, Secretary

September Attendance	
2 & 3 .....	110
9 & 10 .....	121
16 & 17 .....	143
23 & 24.....	146

September Finances	
Commitments	\$11,790.00
<b>Designated:</b>	
Sunday School	\$ 22.00
Memorial	\$ 100.00
Hurricane Harvey	\$ 25.00
Misc	\$ 164.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,201.00</b>

# October 2017

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



Phyllis Meyer and Vivian Forks



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



**-OCTOBER-**

October 4.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 AM  
October 9 .....Executive Meetings 9 AM  
October 11 .....Group Meetings 9 AM, 2 PM, 5PM  
October 22.....Devotions @ O.H. 2:30 PM

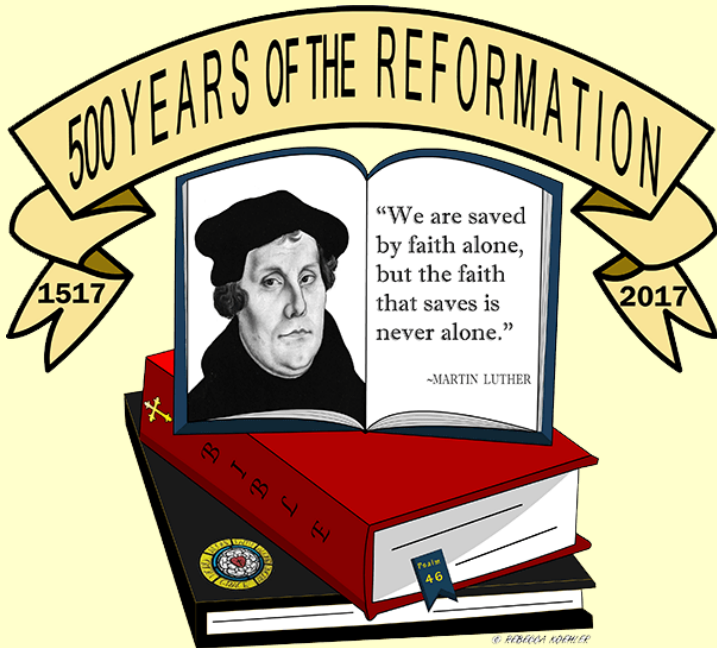
Devotions..... Hannah  
Bingo.....Ruth  
Clean Kitchen .....Hannah

**WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)** are collecting:

- We are no longer accepting summer clothing. We will resume in the fall, for fall and winter clothing. Please watch for the notice.
- **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.
- **Ladies Day Out** - We have had a few outings enjoyed by all, with some shopping movies and eating great lunches. If you'd like to join us please contact Connie Anderson at 402-685-5329.
- **WOW Groups will be putting together Hygiene Kits for the Orphan Grain Train.** A collection box is in the church annex. Any items are appreciated.  
Items needed:
  - Bath Towel (dark colors are preferred)
  - Wash Cloth (dark colors are preferred)
  - Bath size bar of soap
  - Adult size toothbrush
  - Sturdy comb
  - Stick deodorant
  - 6 bandaids (1/2" - 3/4 ") secured together



**Dorcas Society** October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights

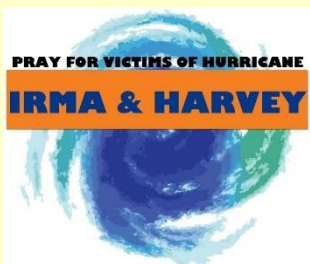


## Reformation Anniversary at First Lutheran Church

“My conscience is captive to the Word of God... Here I stand, May God help me, Amen!”

-Martin Luther,  
Diet of Worms, 1521

- During the month of October, we will be observing the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation
- Look for Luther Quotes at First Lutheran
- Sermon Series: The Small Catechism-A Modern Guide for Families
- A Gift of Luther’s Small Catechism
- A German Anniversary Meal - **More information to follow**



If you would like to donate to the victims of Hurricane Irma or Hurricane Harvey, you can send your donation to: Lutheran Disaster Assistance Fund, C/O St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 8300 C Avenue North East, Marion, Iowa 52302. Please make a note that your Donation is for either Hurricane Harvey or Hurricane Irma.

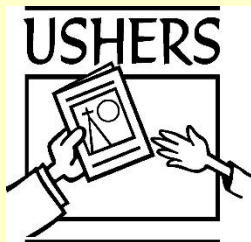
## PRAYERS OF CONCERN

### IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Joan Johnson, Krissa Schonert, Jerry Seick, Janice Johnson, Roger Maller, Nancy Poppe, Mel Swenson, Joe Keaschall, Alejandro Zeller, Pat Jorgensen, Oliver Nimmo, Moe Johnson, Nancy Moate, Stacy Long, Arizona Riecken, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, Delwin Benne, and Grace Meints, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.







**October 2017 Ushers**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Roger Moderow, Sam Schmidt, Gordon Olson
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Norm Case, Larry Johnson, Ian Lundquist and Merle Karstens
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Norm Case, Dr. Charlie Seagren, Tim Magnusson and Mike Selk
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Norm Case, Clare Wiltse, Rick Mulder and Jared Mulder
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Dr. C. Seagren, Larry Johnson, Jim Pelan & Norm Wallerstedt



**October 2017 Greeters**

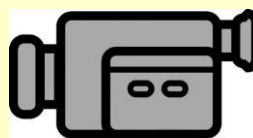
- 1<sup>st</sup>: Shirley Olson and Carole Johnson
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Connie Larson and Karen Karstens
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Annie, Ellen, Nolan & Carolyn Magnusson  
and Katie, Brayden & Chloe Selk
- 22<sup>nd</sup>: Susan Mulder and Marissa Mulder
- 29<sup>th</sup>: Danielle, Bailey and Loudon Pelan and Tess Johnson

**ACOLYTES**



- Oct 1 - Aiden Jorgensen
- 8 - Ayden Lierman
- 15 - Mia Linder
- 22 - Ellen Magnusson
- 29 - Carson Thomsen
- Nov 5 - Jonathan Dixon

**VIDEO**



Video

- Oct 1 - Connor Guill
- 8 - Aiden Jorgensen
- 15 - Ayden Lierman
- 22 - Mia Linder
- 2 - Ellen Magnusson
- Nov 5 - Carson Thomsen

**ORGANIST**



- Oct 1 - Bryan Bohn
- 8 - Billye Pearson
- 15 - Ruth Wallerstedt
- 22 - Billye Pearson
- 29 - Bryan Bohn
- Nov 5 - Bryan Bohn



**SOUND**

- Oct 1 - Dan Tanksley
- 8 - Tess Johnson
- 15 - Jim N./Dan T
- 22 - Jim Pelan
- 29 - Tess Johnson
- Nov 5 - Dan Tanksley

**COFFEE SERVERS**

**DATE**

- Deanna Ray and Teresa Rogers Sunday, October 1
- Karen Rosenboom and Amy Rost Sunday, October 8
- Tammy Schinck and Laurie Schold Sunday, October 15
- Janelle Seagren and Mona Tanksley Sunday, October 22
- Linda VonEssen and Tamera VonEssen Sunday, October 29
- Sarah Wallace and Tess Johnson Sunday, November 5



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

# CHRISTIAN HUMOR TO TICKLE YOUR LIFE



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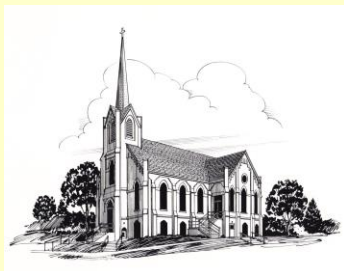
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