

New England Messenger

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Birthdays

October 8	Don Eberly, Becky Scheidegger
October 9	Lola Denney
October 12	Carolina Hansen
October 17	Maddix Bernbeck
October 19	Wilma Dopson, Bonnie Barth, Jack Best
October 20	Cara Sovereign
October 22	Ryker Poeschl
October 23	Lynn Schellpeper
October 24	Dallas Miller
October 26	Steph Rolf
October 27	Avery Dahlkoetter
October 28	Jenny Dahlkoetter

*Wishing you a very special day filled
with God's blessings!*

These are the birthdays that are part of the permanent records at church. If one has been missed, please let Pastor Linda know so that she can add the name to her list of birthday special prayers. Thank you.



November Newsletter Deadline:
10/27 /20

Calendar

Pastor Linda's office hours are generally Mondays and Wednesdays **9 am to 1 pm**. The pantry is available during those hours as well. Remember, you're always welcome to call Pastor Linda if you would like her to visit. 402-910-4009



October 3	9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Diaconate Meeting 10:30 am Worship with Communion
October 7	1:30 pm Work Group Meeting
October 10	9:15 am Sunday School 9:30 am Trustee's Meeting 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship
October 17	9:00 am Church Council Meeting 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship
October 24	9:15 am Sunday School 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 am Worship
October 27	4:00 pm Chapel at Stanton Health Center
October 31	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

**Thank you to the sponsor
for this month: Wilma Dopson**

The cost to sponsor a month's newsletter is \$55.00. **The newsletter is in need of sponsors.**

Thank-you for all your generous support.

Blessings on this new day of God's creation!

The warmer days of summer are coming to an end for this year. The sun is coming up later in the cooler mornings and setting a little sooner in the evenings. What an amazing God we praise for giving us the beauty and uniqueness of each season. On the church calendar, we are still in the After Pentecost season of the year. The gospel lessons during this very long "green" season cover Jesus' teaching ministry. Again and again, we are hearing the stories that help us to live among others as Jesus did.

I've been asked several times lately why I always preach about love. My answer to this is in the scripture that most of us have committed to memory. John 3: 16 says, "For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Jesus' life lessons were to help us to understand the magnitude of that great love and what it looks like to live in love among others.

How can this even be possible in today's world I've been asked and I've also been reminded that we need to take care of ourselves because if we don't, no one else will. I will continue to preach what Jesus told us was more than a suggestion; living our lives in love among others is a commandment. When Jesus was questioned about the greatest commandments according to the Law of Moses, he answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Living by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", has so much more meaning when we understand that statement through Jesus' life and Jesus' understanding of the commandments. Even though, as Christians, we can quote these words about love, it's harder to love others when we don't even love ourselves very much at times. Jesus gives us the answers through his many life lessons. This is the After Pentecost season when Jesus is teaching and re-teaching and it's our season to listen.

In the gospel of John, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Jesus has raised the bar. With this command he also promises to pour out the love of God into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, thus enabling us to love beyond human capacity. No longer are we called to love others as we would like to be loved or as we are able to humanly love. Jesus calls us to love others with self-sacrifice - to actually consider others before ourselves. Jesus said that no greater love can be expressed than the willingness to lay down our lives for another person.

Loving to this extreme is exactly what Jesus did. In showing us the greatest gift of self-sacrifice through the cross, Jesus teaches us how to love like God loves. And, through his resurrection, Jesus shows us that such love has given us the hope of everlasting life. So, to answer the question of why I continually preach about love – love is what makes the world go around so to speak. I look in the mirror each morning and I see a person who God loves beyond measure. Jesus reminds us to know that love, let it become a part of who we are and then share the love unconditionally.

As we're moving through the After Pentecost season, I pray that each of us love God, love others and through our words and actions, all preach love – not a suggestion but a commandment!

God's peace and love be with you! Pastor Linda

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

If you know someone in the hospital, or the nursing visit, please let us know by phone or e-mail - 53fraumohr@gmail.com

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Church website at stantonnecucc.org.

STANTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

The monthly Mobile Food Pantry distribution continues to be temporarily suspended. This decision will be revisited again at the first of the year.

For now, anyone living in Stanton County is welcome to use the Stanton Country Pantry housed at our church if they are in need of food. Hours are generally 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays or other times, if arranged with Pastor Linda.

Donations have been really good and right now our shelves are well stocked and we have quite a bit in reserve. Thank you for your support!

Worship Restrictions Continue

Because we want to protect **everyone** who gathers for worship, we will continue to follow certain restrictions for gathering. We will continue to social-distance in the worship space. We will not have ushers, greeters or liturgists. The screen will be used and there will be no printed bulletins. The offering plate will continue to be at the back of the sanctuary and communion will be served using pre-filled cups. All meetings will be held in the fellowship hall for

better social distancing. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as they are appropriate.

You are invited to **attend as you feel comfortable**.

Pastor Linda will continue posting her sermons on the church website – stantonnecucc.org and on her Facebook page – Linda Mohr.

Norfolk Veterans Home Foundation is partnering with the Norfolk Veterans Home

Raising funds to help pay for a new handicap accessible van to transport up to 14 Veterans.

Contributions towards this goal are very much appreciated!

Contributions are tax deductible and will have a positive impact on the lives of those who call the Norfolk Veterans Home their home.

Please make checks payable to the Norfolk Veterans Home Foundation and mail to:
P.O. Box 528, Norfolk, NE 68702

THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

Offerings to our Church: When you cannot attend, it may be mailed to our financial secretary, Karen Beyke, 1516 4th Street, Stanton, NE 68779. She may be reached at [402-649-8993](tel:402-649-8993). Please leave a message. Thank you!

Date	8:30 Attendance	10:30	Collections
Aug 29	13	30	\$897.00
Sept 5	12	26	\$1782.00
Sept 12		48	\$841.00
Sept 19		48	\$

*If you believe everything you read.....
Then start with the Bible.*

Think before you speak...is it TRUE?

...is it HELPFUL?

...is it KIND?

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL THANKS YOU!!

Sunday School started on September 12th with a lunch to follow after the church service. Thank you for the donation of the hot dogs and the buns. Also, thank you to the church for the chips, forks, napkins, and cups for the lunch. We had ten kids at Sunday School with three new kids and two new families. Thank you to everyone for helping to keep Sunday School running. Thank you to the kids, parents, Rev. Linda, SueAnn, and Katelyn who helped to make this year feel a little more like normal. The school year runs from September through April.

We look forward to seeing the children's smiling faces at Sunday School!

Thank you!

Lynette Mandl, Sunday School
Superintendent

October Liturgists

October 3	John Mandl
October 10	Jim Dorsey
October 17	Delores Geu
October 24	Lois Kingsley
October 31	Bob Chilcoat

October Technology - Screen

October 3	Tami Barth
October 10	Lynette Mandl
October 17	Barbara Hansen
October 24	Lynette Mandl
October 31	Jack Best



TRUSTEES MEETING



The September 5 meeting of the Trustees Was called to order at 9:30 by Chairperson Robert Chilcoat. Members present were Robert Chilcoat, Janet Roenfeldt, Howard Schuetz, Mark Chamberlain, Joyce Goshorn, Michael Eberly, Jim Dorsey, Bob Schellpeper, Gary Benson, and Pastor Linda.

The minutes were presented as written in the newsletter. Treasurer's report Was handed out and moved by Howard Schuetz and seconded by Michael Eberly to accept. Motion carried. After discussion of the new church signs motion was made by Jim Dorsey and second by Howard Schuetz to participate in their expense of \$682.00. Motion carried. Pastor Linda presented her monthly report. Copies of the report are on the table at the back of the church for anyone interested. The snow blower and the extra bricks in the shed are no longer needed so the Trustees have decided to sell them. We will put them on Facebook. The Veterans Home in Norfolk is requesting donations for a handicap van. Anyone wishing to donate see the notice in this letter. Next meeting will be October 10 at 9:30. October 17 at 9:00 will be the Church Council Meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Gary Benson, second by Jim Dorsey. Motion carried.

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Davidson, Scott & Jeanette CoChair
Schellpeper, Bob & Lynn CoChair

Ashker, Rory & SueAnn
Bernbeck, Tony & Davanna
Dahlkoetter, Phyllis
Dahlkoetter, Todd & Shelley
Dorsey, Jim & Barbara
Goshorn, Joyce
Poeschl, Paul
Poeschl, Ted & Kim
Reese, Lawrence
Remm, Jane
Roenfeldt, Janet
Rolf, Steph & Jerett
Schuetz, Howard & Julia
Tejkl, Loren & Marceline
Throener, Judy

HONORARY

Chilcoat, Shirley