

# THE SENTINEL

OCTOBER 2014

## Meology

Victoria Osteen, wife of Joel Osteen and co-pastor of the Lakewood mega church, has once again stirred up controversy. In a sermon she delivered in August, she said the following:

“When we obey God, we’re not doing it for God. . . . we’re doing it for our self. Because God takes pleasure when we’re happy. Do good ’cause God wants you to be happy. When you come to church, when you worship Him, you’re not doing it for God, really. You’re doing it for yourself because that’s what makes God happy.”

As soon as her sermon hit the internet, Christians took to social media to express their dismay at her comments. But what is the real problem with her comments?

One could point to this idea that God’s chief task in the universe is to make and keep us happy. She doesn’t define what she means by happy, but she does buy into the concept that God guarantees us health, wealth, and smooth sailing. And if we are happy in that sense, God is happy too. How anyone can honestly read the Bible and believe that is beyond me. The Bible presents us with people of faith who have difficult lives in being faithful to God. God never promises us happiness in this life in the sense she understands it. In fact, just the opposite. Jesus is very clear about the difficulty we may experience in taking up our cross and following Him in our lives.

One could question her understanding of worship as finally not being about God, but rather worship as a way of gaining something for oneself. What does God want from us? In worship the focus is on God: who God is, what God does, and what God will do in the future. We should leave self-interest at the church door; we are there to acknowledge the greatness and glory of God.

I believe the real problem here underlying all the others is that she is caught in the spirit of our age — a wide spreading narcissism. A narcissist, based on the Greek myth of the youth Narcissus who fell in love with his own reflection in a pool of water, sets the focus not only on the self, but the self is placed at the center of life, and others, even God, exist for the convenience of the individual. Instead of theology (the study of God) we are given Meology (the study of me, it’s all about me).

Pastor Rich

### COMING EVENTS:

**GOLF TOURNAMENT  
NOV. 1**

**CRAFT FAIR NOV. 8**

**SALUTE TO VETS NOV. 9**

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR  
AND  
YOUTH ORCHESTRA  
ACTIVITIES**

## November Event: Salute to Veterans



Remembering our vets.

For the third year, plans are under way to honor veterans in our Central Family and veterans among our friends and families. The special service is set for 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 9.

We have the names and

service notes for many of our veterans, but if you have someone you want to add this year please submit information using the Veteran's Information Form, which will be available in the narthex beginning Oct. 5. Please give or send the form to Anne

Monson by November 1 for inclusion in the program.

Invite your friends and family to join us for this special event before the morning worship service and to stay and worship with us at 10:30 a.m.

## Great Beginning for Youth Choir and Orchestra

Some two dozen parents and youth attended the first gathering of Central's Children's Choir and Youth Orchestra on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Our young instrumentalists brought their horns and flutes, etc., to give a close-up preview of their talents for the younger kids and parents.

Children's Choir director Amy Kjorlien introduced

the group to a variety of singing games and a taste of coming activities. First order of the day: pizza served by Anne Monson and helpers.

Singers and players will meet for 45 minutes on Sundays right after the service. First to snack — then rehearse.

Amy, assisted by Sheryl Lewis and the kids' parents, are planning lots of music

and fun activities.

Larry McCain, with help from Clay Barse, Mark Johnson and others, will share their musical know-how with the young players.

If you missed the first meeting, don't worry, there's a place for you. Get in touch with Amy, 214.686.4264 or amy\_e\_2@yahoo.com. Larry may be reached at 214.675.7986 or larrymccain@sbcglobal.net.

**CHURCH COUNCIL  
REMINDER**  
Budget requests due  
at October 12  
Council meeting.

## White Rock Center of Hope — and Help

While some of us were enjoying our coffee this morning, others in our neighborhood were at White Rock Center of Hope (Garland Road between Easton and Peavy) seeking help with utility and rent payments or prescription medicine.

Besides this assistance, WR

also provides groceries, clothing (up to five outfits per person) and bus passes. All this is possible because of donations from churches in the area (Central is one of them) and other organizations and individuals.

Shopping early for the holidays ahead? Look for bargains and collectibles at the WR Resale Store, open 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday - Wednesday and Friday & Saturday. Thursday hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you have large items to donate, call to schedule a pickup at 214.324.2020.

WR's mission: "It's about working together, restoring dignity, caring for God's people and helping neighbors."

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25**  
**Thanksgiving Service with  
Bethany & First United**  
(Location to be  
announced)



## October Music and Worship Highlights

We will use Setting II from *Lutheran Book of Worship* for the first three Sundays of October. Our October 26 Reformation Worship will be based on the Morning Prayer Liturgy, and will include several Martin Luther hymns, as well as the singing of *Te Deum* (*We Praise You O God*), one of the greatest Canticles of the church.

Our Children's Choir, under the direction of **Amy Kjorlien**, is off to an enthusiastic start. We look forward to their participation in worship soon. You'll also be hearing from our new Youth Orchestra in the near future!

-Larry McCain

## Help Needed!

When you fill out the Spiritual Gifts form in November, please prayerfully consider signing up for Altar Guild and/or Communion Assistant for the coming year.

For 2015, we need four more members to serve in Altar Guild and two more to fill the role of Communion Assistant (serves wine).

You will be committing to two Sundays in the month of your choice.

Altar Guild requires 30 minutes before church to prepare the elements and place them on the altar and 30 minutes after the service to collect, wash/dry and put everything away. Communion Assistant requires no additional time. Training for

both will be provided as needed.

In November, Julie Adkins and Lisa Barse will handle Altar Guild. December-Anne Monson and David Hopson.

Communion Assistants in November include Judy Koble and Phillip Cannatti; December-Diane McCain and Anne Monson.

## Serving on October Sundays

In October, the following will take part in the morning worship services:

Altar Guild: Judy Nash and Eva Evans.

Communion Assistants: Alesia and David Pearson

Acolytes: 5-Peder Johnson and Katherine Koble

12-Joseph Nixon and Leon Heymeier

19-Nicole Krampitz and Emma Fisk

26-Isabelle Barse, Allison Cannatti, Alden Barse and Wesley Cannatti (Reformation Sunday)

Ushers: Clay Barse, captain; Bill Paschetag, Dirk Heymeier, Thad Thigpen.

Greeters: Vivian Curry and Nancy Nulisch

Lectors: 5-Marlys Wing

12-Karla Buie

19-Eva Evans

26-Joan Pritchett

Children's Sermon: open



Altar flowers will be supplied by:  
5-Mike and

Arianne Theiss for their 12th anniversary

12-Alesia, David and Wyatt Pearson for Noah's birthday

26-Larry and Diane McCain — 23rd anniversary

Patti and Ted Steinke — 26th anniversary

**SAVE THIS DATE:  
Nov. 15  
for holiday cleaning!**

Grab your favorite cleaning and polishing supplies and head over to the sanctuary to make it all shiny and bright for the coming holidays. Nothing difficult or strenuous is required. Simple tasks: dusting, polishing silver and brass, wiping down marble surfaces, chasing dust bunnies with Swiflers and removing gum wrappers and Cheerios from hymnal racks.

Bring a friend. Come for 30 minutes or 3 hours. Every little bit helps. Little hands welcome. The more the merrier and the sooner we will finish. Please come lend a hand.

SUNDAY AT

STARBUCKS

SEPTEMBER 28

& OCTOBER 12

ALL HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH ARE

ENCOURAGED TO

JOIN US AT THE

STARBUCKS IN

CASA LINDA

(BUCKNER &

GARLAND RD.) AT

9:00AM FOR

COFFEE (OR HOT

CHOCOLATE) OR A

BREAKFAST TREAT

AND FELLOWSHIP.

WE WILL DISCUSS

CURRENT EVENTS

AND HOW GOD IS

WORKING IN THE

WORLD AND OUR

LIVES. WE WILL

LEAVE AT 10:15 TO

GO TO THE SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE.



## Pumpkin Carving Sunday, October 26



Our traditional after-church pumpkin carving event continues this year.

Join us at the picnic tables near the playground after church. All ages are invited.

Pumpkins and carving tools will be provided. Just bring your imagina-

tion!

Please let Jennifer Nixon know if you are coming so we have enough pumpkins for everyone who would like to carve one.

## ELCA National Gathering Information

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held Wednesday, July 15-Sunday, July 19, 2015 in Detroit, Michigan. This triennial youth gathering happens every three years and 40,000+ Lutheran youth and adults gather to worship, fellowship, and serve Jesus Christ and the people of the community.

It is open to all youth in

8th-12th grade. The cost for registration is \$325. We are asking for a \$200 non-refundable deposit that will be due Sunday, November 16.

The National Youth Gathering is a wonderful opportunity for the youth to experience world class speakers and musicians while learning more about God and the world.

We will have an informational meeting after church Sunday, October 12, to discuss details and provide more information and also to talk about upcoming fundraisers (the first of which is coming up Saturday, October 25).

We hope you will consider joining us for this great opportunity.

## Craft Fair Saturday, November 8



We are currently taking reservations for vendors for a Craft Fair and Silent Auction which will be held in the Fellowship Hall Saturday, November 8 from 9:00am-4:00pm. Vendors of all sorts are needed,

but space is limited so let your friends know and get your forms in early.

The cost is \$40 for members of Central Lutheran, and \$50 for non-members. Tables can be rented for \$10 each.

Applications can be picked up in the church office or you can email Jennifer Nixon at [joeandy9800@yahoo.com](mailto:joeandy9800@yahoo.com)

and request one to be sent to you. We are also working to get a link placed on the church website.

All proceeds from the Craft Fair will benefit the youth trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit next summer.





## October Membership Dates

If you became a member (or if you were baptized) in October of past years, your name is listed in church records as follows:

8-Larry Anglin, Carol Paschetag

17-David Hopson, Joyce Smith, Arianne, Carola and Mike Theiss, Elizabeth

Thrash, Connie Van Cleve

18-Gay Inkrote, Pamela Scott

20-Tina Smith

22-Jennifer Nixon, Clay, Isabelle and Lisa Barse



23-Jacqueline Amacker, Jeff Jones

24-Theresa Brown

26-Barbara LeBlanc, Jacob, Kathy and Stan Nagel, Gretchen, Isabel, Sarah and Thaddeus Thigpen.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2-Lilly Townsley

Betty Hoffman

3-Scott Hauser

6-Bill Paschetag

7-Brandon Coleman

13-Marilyn Hyde

15-Kim Pierce, Noah Pearson

17-Elizabeth Thrash

18-Beth Garcia, Ella Oxley, Randall Quill

22-Rich Pounds

23-John Wrobbel, Shanley Silvey, James Quill Jr.

24-Amelia Hauser

25-Vernon Pecht

28-Vivian Curry, Marilyn Guenther, Amy Garcia

29-Sarah Thigpen, Caleb Moore

31-Brooke Monaghan, Ed Fiducia

## Baptism Record

October was the baptism month for the following:

7-Allison Cannatti

8-Adeline Monaghan

12-Chad Staffeld, Aven Stewart

16-Cameron Farley

18-Dan Sefko

20-Heath Staffeld

22-Alden Barse

24-Mary Ridgway

25-Vernon Pecht

26-Estrella Thomas

27-T. J. Lymenstull II

31-Derek Krause, Cyndi Staffeld

Also, Kathy Nagel, Betty Hoffman, LeRoy Wing and Tim Wrobbel.

## Confirmation

Confirmed in October of other years:

3-Ozelle Samples

6-Chad Staffeld

8-Larry Anglin

15-Robert Brown, Nicholas Moody,

Brady Pierce

23-Jacqueline

Amacker,

Yvonne Muirhead,

Aven Stewart, John

Wrobbel

25-Jordan Soose, Blake Jutton



27-Mick Atkins

28-Meredith Whisler,

Isabelle Barse, Nicole

Krampitz, Joseph

Nixon, Lilly Townsley

29-Michelle Farley,

Samantha Krause,

Lesley Raef

30-Nathan Wrobbel

31-Karen Goldsberry,

Jeff Jones, Jennifer

Jutton, Clay Penland,

Lauren Plunk

Also this month: Karla Buie.

## Anniversary Time for These Couples

Kathy and Stan Nagel will observe their 36th wedding anniversary on Oct. 21.

Ted and Patti Steinke will celebrate their 27th on the 24th.

It's 26 years for Ann and David Graham on Oct. 1.

Marking 23 years on the 26th will be Music Director

Larry and Diane McCain.

Julie and Jack Atkins exchanged vows 20 years ago on the 2nd, and Alan and Maren Nagorzanski celebrated their 20th on the 29th.

Joy and Rick Bruick were wed 18 years ago on the 12th; Amy and Ric Garcia

were married 17 years ago on the 4th. David and Julie Fisk, 14 years on the 6th; Mike and Arianne Theiss, 12 years on Oct. 12; April and David Matthews, 11 years on the 4th; Niles and Andrea Walters, 9 years on the 29th.

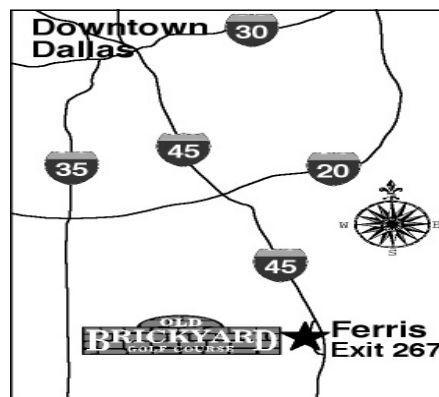
# Central Lutheran Church's 2014 Fall Golf Tournament Saturday, Nov. 1

**Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM**  
**Please check in at the pro shop 30 minutes prior.**

**\$40.00 Fee**

**Price includes unlimited range balls, green fee, cart,  
prizes and a cheeseburger lunch!!!**

*The Old Brickyard is regarded as one of the most unique and fun to play golf courses in the area, located in Ferris on Interstate 45, just 15 minutes south of downtown Dallas.*



**Send a check to Ted Steinke today and reserve your spot in this very special event. The tournament is limited to 40 players, so sign up today!  
Family and friends are welcome!**

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*Purpose of The Sentinel, monthly newsletter for members, friends and prospective members, is to inform and share news about the ministries and activities of CLC and the people who worship here.*

*-Reba Liner, Editor*

## Briarwood Fall Festival

You're invited to family day at Briarwood, 670 Copper Canyon Rd., Argyle, from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2. There'll be games for children of all ages, treats, face painting, raffles, tours of the Retreat Center and Mission Center.

A cookout takes place from 4 to 6 p.m.  
The annual advisory board meets at 4 p.m.

## Here and There

Thanks to my Central Family (what a wonderful family!) for the phone calls and all the lovely cards and well wishes for me. I appreciated every one.

-Theresa Brown

Thanks to Alesia Pearson, Lisa Barse and Jennifer Cannatti for their work in organizing and directing our youth for ushering duties during the three summer months.

Performing an outstanding job: Alden and Isabelle Barse, Amelia Hauser, Noah and Wyatt Pearson, Jenna and Garrett Nagorzanski, Brandon Johnson, Allison and Wesley Cannatti, Sarah and Isabel Thigpen, Nate and Ben Bruick and Peder Johnson. Also, bigger kids Rick and Joy Bruick and Phillip Cannatti.

-Don Smith.

**Beginning Confirmation** studies this year with Pastor Rich:

Alden Barse, Reed Buie, Allison Cannatti, Joel Green, Peder Johnson, Ethan Kram-pitz and Jenna and Garrett Nagorzanski.

The group meets on Wednesday evenings.

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**Containers** are placed in the narthex for the following: White Rock Center of Hope (Garland Road between Easton and Peavy) - canned and boxed goods for the pantry.

Bar codes from Campbell's Soup and/or Box Tops for Education, benefiting the

Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Arizona.

Cancelled stamps for a company that employs handi-capped individuals who pre-prepare the stamps for collectors.

On the **rack** in the narthex: Post cards for sending friendly greetings to a member or visitor.

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*"Things turn out for the best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."* From Mario Montejo's collection of interesting sayings.

**Sunday School, Adult Forum at 9:00 a.m.**

**Services at 10:30 a.m.  
Communion 1st, 3rd, 5th and  
Festival Sundays**