

# THE DOVE



## Leap to Faith (Or Three Great Danes)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. - Hebrews 11:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Nancy and I have a friend, Lucinda. She and her partner, Steve, went back to visit New England toward the end of August.

She is best known for being the owner of T Rex, a Great Dane (*Great Dane #1*) who accompanies her around Sausalito. She makes a living being an artist. (*As an aside, if any of you have \$12,000.00 she painted a beautiful three panel piece of the waters of the bay I would love to own. Maybe my birthday. Shameless, I know.*) Anyway, Lucinda has an artist's view of her surroundings.

That helps to explain a curious photograph she posted on Facebook from her trip to New England. It is her pointing to two signs. One sign is a yellow diamond shape road sign which says, "DEAD END". Next to the road sign is a green and white rectangular street sign which says, "JESUS Valley Road". (See the picture below)

I thought the photograph rather humorous so I asked her about it. She told me she thought there was some type of message there. Maybe, "There's a dead end but with Jesus you can plow through the dead end." Not bad. Not bad.



About the same time her photograph appeared on Facebook I started reading a book. The title of the book is **The Making of the Atomic Bomb** by Richard Rhodes.

At the beginning of the book, Rhodes reviews the life of the remarkable Danish physicist Niels Bohr (*Great Dane #2*). Rhodes mentions the profound influence the Danish Theologian Soren Kierkegaard (*Great Dane #3*) had on Bohr's view of life and science.

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Sunday Service  
9:30 a.m.

Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.

Bible Class  
11:10 a.m.

Lucinda's photograph and Rhodes' book got me to think more about Great Dane #3, Soren Kierkegaard.

Kierkegaard wrote of a concept he called a "Leap to Faith". Very simplistically it means something like, "One can think about all the teachings of the Christian faith and whether to believe them or not. However, ultimately eventually one has to take a leap to faith, a leap to belief".

Perhaps using the two road signs in Lucinda's photograph, "When one comes to a dead end, one can only take that leap to faith or that leap to Jesus."

Sounds corny doesn't it

Yet as one reads the New Testament letter of Hebrews, especially chapter 11, one sees a small catalogue of people who did just that. They reached a dead end in their own lives but trusted that God's promises would overcome those dead ends. They took that leap to faith (Or as many people put it, "Leap of Faith").

Still corny?

I am often amazed at our own lack of faith.

Many of us look back at a time and world we thought once existed. It is no longer there. We feel things are at an end. We wonder where is God?

At least I have these feelings at times.

But then there is that small event or that one person who reminds me things are not at an end. God is here. God is active. The "Dead End" disappears.

"Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ!" (Romans 8:39)

Christ's Peace

Pastor Adams

## In The Word

### **October Theme An Upside Down Community**

October 4 (Oktoberfest) – You are not alone  
Mark 10:2-16

October 11 (Pastor out of town) – A Great  
Reversal  
Mark 10:17-31

October 18 – Serving One Another  
Mark 10:35-45

October 25 – The Unwelcomed are Welcomed  
Mark 10:46-52

### **Ladies Bible Study**

Please join us on Tuesday, October 13th  
at 7PM in Luther Lounge.

Bring a food item and/or beverage to  
share.

### **Women's Friday Morning Bible Class**

Fridays 10:00 a.m.  
"Praying the Psalms"  
Come join us!

**"Brown Bag"  
Meal Program For Fireside**

**October Menu**

**"Chicken Noodle Soup"**

**We are preparing 51 bags  
for seniors and families!**

**Soup mix already purchased.**

**We need**

**Monetary donations for fresh  
veggies and fruit and Kirkland  
canned chicken.**

**Delivery date: Tuesday, October  
13th**

**Thank you for feeding our  
neighbors!**

**BIRTHDAYS**

10-13 David Green

10-13 Sebastian Stein

10-24 Marion Ball

10-25 Bob Atkins

10-26 Jane Green

10-27 Doug Sides

**ANNIVERSARIES**

10-16  
Bob Atkins & Nancy deVillers

10-20  
Mark & Laureen Schneeberger

**Treasurers Report  
August 2015 - Year to Date**

	<b>August</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>
<b>Approved Budget Income</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$119,800</b>
<b>Actual Income</b>	<b>\$10,878</b>	<b>\$102,242</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>	<b>-16,853</b>	<b>-126,130</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>-5,975</b>	<b>-23,888</b>

Peter Pardini  
Treasurer

# October

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>KEY:</b> K-Kitchen LL-Luther Lounge N-Nursery PH-Parish Hall PL-Parking Lot S-Sanctuary	<b>KEY:</b> PC-Pilates Class SD-Stage Door VL-Violin Lessons LL-LoLa MB-Musical Bloom			<b>1</b> 8a-4p MB (N)	<b>2</b> 10a Women's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 8:30-9:30a PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) <b>OKTOBERFEST</b> 5p (PH)
<b>4</b> 9:30am-Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	<b>5</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 2:45-4:45 VL (LL)	<b>6</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3-6 VL (S) 3:30-4:30a LL (K)	<b>7</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH)	<b>8</b> 8a-4p MB (N)	<b>9</b> 10a Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> 8:30-9:30a PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)
<b>11</b> 9:30am-Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	<b>12</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 2:45-4:45VL (LL)	<b>13</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 10:30am Fireside Meal Program 3-6 VL (S) 3:30-4:30a LL (K) 7p Ladies Bible Study	<b>14</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH)	<b>15</b> 8a-4p MB (N)	<b>16</b> 10a Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 8:30-9:30 PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)
<b>18</b> 9:30am-Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	<b>19</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 2:45-4:45VL (LL)	<b>20</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3-6 VL (S) 3:30-4:30a LL (K) DOVE article deadline	<b>21</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH) 7p Church Council Mtg.	<b>22</b> 8a-4p MB (N)	<b>23</b> 10a Women's Bible Study	<b>24</b> 8:30-9:30 PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)
<b>25</b> 9:30am-Worship Service 11:15a Adult Bible Study	<b>26</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 2:45-4:45VL (LL)	<b>27</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 9:30-12:30 SD (PH) 3-6 VL (S) 3:30-4:30a LL (K)	<b>28</b> 8a-4p MB (N) 2-6:30pm VL (S) 6-8p SD (PH)	<b>29</b> 8a-4p MB (N)	<b>30</b> 10a Women's Bible Study	<b>31</b> 8:30-9:30 PC-SD 9:30-12:30 SD (PH)

2015

# SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 2015

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janice Hellman Vicki McGowan	Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr	Betty Erickson Mary Ann Griller	Jeanine Hillebrandt Marlene Rice
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Nancy Adams Sally Erickson	Don & Beverly Erbel	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger	Betty Erickson Vicki McGowan
<i>Coffee Hour Supplies for October : Jeanine Hillebrandt</i>				
<u>Counters</u>	Don Erbel Vicki McGowan	Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear	Sally Erickson	Don Erbel Ulla Kerr
<u>Flowers</u>	Beverly Erbel	Sally Erickson	Marlene Rice	Rusty Rush
<u>Greeters</u>	Peter Pardini	Vicki McGowan	Rick Kenney	Ulla Kerr
<u>Lay Ministers</u>	Communion Assists.	Marlene Rice	Communion Assists.	Beverly Erbel
<u>Ushers</u>	Jim & Sharon Sides	Keith & Jackie Stoneking	Don & Beverly Erbel	Gary Glover John Moorhead
<u>Lay Readers</u>	Art Strassburger	Beverly Erbel	Beverly Erbel	Mary Ann Griller

*(If you cannot serve on your assigned date, please find a substitute and inform the Church Office, 388-2065)*

# SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 2015

	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Janice Hellman Vicki McGowan	Dorlane Krausse Ulla Kerr	Betty Erickson Vicki McGowan	Jeanine Hillebrandt Marlene Rice	MaryAnn Griller Vicki McGowan
<u>Coffee Hour</u>	Don & Beverly Erbel	Sally Erickson	Lee & Janet Rosevear	Betty Erickson Vicki McGowan	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger
<i>Coffee Hour Supplies for November: Ulla Kerr</i>					
<u>Counters</u>	Dave Erickson Marlene Rice	Vicki McGowan Lee Rosevear	Don Erbel Ulla Kerr	Sally Erickson	Dave Erickson Marlene Rice
<u>Flowers</u>	Beverly Erbel	Rusty Rush	Marlene Rice	Sally Erickson	<i>Cornucopia</i>
<u>Greeters</u>	Jeanine Hillebrandt	Peter Pardini	John Moorhead	Ulla Kerr	Laureen Schneeberger
<u>Lay Ministers</u>	<i>Communion Assts.</i>	Gary Glover	<i>Communion Assts.</i>	Marlene Rice	Rick Kenney
<u>Ushers</u>	Rick Kenney Vicki McGowan	Don & Beverly Erbel	Ulla Kerr Laureen Schneeberger	Keith & Jackie Stoneking	Jim & Sharon Sides
<u>Lay Readers</u>	Nancy Adams	Rick Kenney	Janet Reese	Cynthia Smith	Beverly Erbel

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