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## Fall in Ephesians

Now we are starting in earnest. You had September to purchase [Sit, Walk, Stand](#) by Watchman Nee. Now that October is here we begin.

Ephesians is structured in three parts.

The first part focuses in on the work of Christ on our behalf. It lets us know how Christ has come for us, shed his blood for us and redeemed us. We are encouraged to first **SIT** in a resting position. *We are saved by Faith Alone.* We believe and receive what Christ has done for us. Therefore we are at peace because of God's all embracing grace.

The second part encourages us to **WALK**. *We are saved by Faith Alone in order that Faith may not remain Alone.* Ephesians tells us, "You are saved by grace through faith, apart from works of the law so that no man may boast." Then we are told, "God created good works for us to walk in them." Therefore walk in what God has done. It is still about grace.

Thirdly, we are encouraged to **STAND**. *"Our struggle is not against flesh and blood."* We are to Stand against Satan. Stand and see God work.

This is the basic structure of our study this Fall. If you do not have the book, still come. If you have the book and have not read the assignment, still come. We will read small portions of the book each week, discuss, and look at the pertaining portion from the book of Ephesians.

Now we start in earnest.

*Pastor Joel*



Mission Statement: To discover and respond to our call  
**TO KNOW JESUS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO SERVE JESUS**  
in unique ministries.

# The Shroud of Turin and Sudarium of Oviedo (perhaps) are “The Two Witnesses” of Revelation 11.

By Pastor Joel Berthelsen

*(Rerun with a few additional comments from the September 2015 Herald)*

11 I was given a reed like a measuring rod [ *The linen cloth has given us measurable data.* ] and was told, “Go and measure the temple of God [ “*Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days.*” John 2:19] and the altar, [ *a place of sacrifice... the sacrifice is measurable on the cloth* ] with its worshipers. [ *The shroud has inspired worship of the one who is depicted on it for centuries.* ] <sup>2</sup> But exclude the outer court; do not measure it, [ *The shroud can not replace faith... it does not give us all information.* ] because it has been given to the Gentiles. [ *Gentiles of faith have literally had it in their care for centuries now.* ] They will trample on the holy city [ *by Gentiles, not of faith.* ] for 42 months. [ *I believe it represents the 3 ½ years remaining from the 70 x 7s of Daniel 9. It does not represent any specific amount of time and cannot be used to calculate endings. It represents the time from the ending of sacrifices (ie. after the final sacrifice of Christ) until completion. We do not know all of what “completion” means. The Shroud has been witnessing this entire time.* ] <sup>3</sup> And I will appoint my two witnesses, [ *The Shroud of Turin and Sudarium of Oviedo.* ] and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, [ *The 3 ½ years spoken of earlier.* ] clothed [ *lit. wrapped around*] in sackcloth.” [ *Both are cloths, one fine, the other common.* ] <sup>4</sup> They are “the two olive trees” [ *(anointed in burial preparation... “anointed to serve the Lord.” Zechariah 4:14* ] and the two lampstands, [ *a great light declaring, “Not by might or by power but by my Spirit declares the Lord.” Zechariah 4:6* ] and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” [ *God is keeping them. Arsonists have tried to destroy them ( Oct 1, 1972; April 11, 1997; other? ) and skeptics have railed against them.* ] ” <sup>5</sup> If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. [ *Arsonists and skeptics have tried to destroy them. But the shroud devours them by confounding their attempts to destroy. The shroud destroys by surviving.* ] This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. [ *They will die knowing they have failed.* ] <sup>6</sup> They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; [ *Their witness is as great as Elijah’s.* ] and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want. [ *Their witness is as great as Moses’.* ] <sup>7</sup> Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. [ *The carbon 14 dating has been misused, causing many to declare the Shroud is dead... a fraud. Journalists in 1988 declared they were writing a postmortem.* ] <sup>8</sup> Their [ *The witnesses* ] bodies [ *plural... where there is one there the other is... they go together even when apart.* ] will lie in the city streets [ *October, 1988. Newspaper headlines around the world*

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*declared the shroud to be a fraud... (was the editorial also in Newspapers in Jerusalem?) The papers laid in the streets at doorways, ready to be picked up and read. ]*—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt— [ *Revelation was written around t a time when the faithful had to run from Jerusalem... as the faithful had to run from Sodom and Egypt. ]* where also their Lord was crucified. <sup>9</sup> For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. [ *Many people scratched their heads and said, “But so much about the cloth is consistent with the 1rst Century!” They continued to ponder and study. ]* <sup>10</sup> The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. [ *The skeptics celebrated. ]*

<sup>11</sup> But after the three and a half days the breath<sup>[b]</sup> of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, [ *The carbon 14 test was accurate for the thread it tested. Ray Rogers showed it dated cotton fibers along with the Shroud’s flax. Since the shroud was only made of flax we know the dating included later added/rewoven cotton fibers. The shroud has sprung to life! ]* and terror struck those who saw them. <sup>12</sup> Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on. [ *The witness of the Shroud and Sudarium is ascending in power and authority. ]*

<sup>13</sup> At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed.[ *The witness of the two witnesses will convince many. A percentage will reevaluate. ]* Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, [ *A significant number of people will “die to self” and take the risk of announcing they are taking the information seriously.]* and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven. [ *Great glory is coming to God because of the two witnesses. ]*

I invite your feedback.

*Pastor Joel Berthelsen*



# Things to Remember

GROW: KNOW & FOLLOW Jesus

## ALL NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

DEVOTIONALS are available on the lobby table, including the **Daily Texts 2015 devotional**, based upon the Moravian pattern of texts began over 200 years ago by Lutherans.

## SUNDAYS:

- **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9AM**    **October: “Sit Walk Stand”**  
In September, we studied “**Up In & Out**” (Up=Relationship with the living God; In=Relationships with the family of God; Out=Relationship with those who do not know Jesus) as an introduction. Now we will begin studying *Ephesians* with the Christian classic by Watchman Nee, “**Sit Walk Stand.**”
- **INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL continues ... First Sunday of the month!** Following worship on Sunday mornings (11:15 AM). We will continue with an intergenerational approach, having some of our more experienced members share with our children. We will also include Bible lessons and **FAITH FIVE** (a way of doing family devotions for all ages).

## TUESDAY MORNING: Beginning October 13

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE! WE ARE STILL FINALIZING THE TIME WITH THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE INVOLVED.**

**Please let Pastor Wendy know of your interest and your time preference.** (Pastor Wendy, 214-477-0429, [pastor.wendy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastor.wendy@sbcglobal.net))

- **Listen and Get to Know Jesus ... Reading and Studying the entire Bible over three years: Timothy Project Bible Study.**

Recognize the personal practical voice of Jesus in His word. Learn a simple thorough study method to fully understand Scripture. Practice praying. Get to know Jesus. No Bible experience needed. All newcomers welcome. Taught by Pastor Wendy. *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped for every good work.**”* 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (hence, the name: “Timothy Project”)

## THURSDAYS: **BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 8**

- **The Apprentice Series, 7PM:** Using Scripture, soul training exercises, comfortable conversation, we will continue on with the second book in the series: “**The Good and Beautiful Life.**” This is an awesome opportunity to deepen your prayer life, hear personally from Jesus in His word and allow Him to transform your words, thoughts, character, actions and habits into His image, will and ways.



## LCMC National Gathering: Dallas 2015: October 4-7

### Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ: October 4-7

**Theme: “Our DNA”**

The LCMC annual gathering will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center (7600 John Q Hammons Dr., Frisco, TX 75034). See the LCMC website for more information: <http://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering/233.html>.

**Pat Foster is coordinating volunteers for this events. Let Pat know of your interest in serving as a volunteer for one or more sessions. Some sessions and meals may be free for volunteers. Since this gathering is local, we encourage you to attend one or more sessions to be inspired, trained for our Lord’s work, and to become more familiar with one of our church bodies.**

## VIDEOS: NALC National Gathering, Dallas, August 11-14

### Theological Conference, August 11-12 (Braaten Benne Lectures)

Video Links of Lectures: <http://thenalc.org/2015bblectures/>

Highlight: Lensa Gudina, <https://vimeo.com/136270821>

Note: Very moving lecture ... Lensa’s father was martyred and her mother was tortured and jailed for over 10 years. Intro is by Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba. Please listen!

### Mission Driven Mission Intensive, August 12 (afternoon)

Video Links & Mission Driven booklet: <http://thenalc.org/missiondrivenvideo/>

The entire afternoon is worth your time to listen!

### NALC Convocation, August 13-14

Agenda & Video Links: <http://thenalc.org/2015nalcvideo/>

Highlight: Robert Spencer, <https://vimeo.com/136842625>

Note: The speakers all spoke about the relationship between Islam and Christianity and the present persecution. I highly recommend the lecture by Robert Spencer.



# Events Not To Miss

## ADULTS ORGANIZED FOR ACTION SENIORFEST – FEBRUARY 27, 2016

Here is a first look at our Senior Fest program for 2016. Our primary speaker will be Dr. Joel Heck, Professor of Theology at Concordia University, Austin. He will speak on the life and contributions of Martin Luther as we near the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

In this Senior Fest you will be able to choose three workshops to attend instead of two. Workshop topics will include:

"Famous Lutheran Musicians"

"Step into De-cluttering and Step out of Clutter"

"Driving Tips for Seniors"

"Senior Balance and Nutrition 2.0"

"Living with Dementia for Care Givers and Receivers"



### **Church Building Usage**

Just a reminder as we start our fall season in an effort to make sure that the building schedule is coordinated amongst the many groups that use our building, please schedule all events through the church secretary, Karine Samer (972-291-7902 or [hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net)). You can find a form to reserve the building, along with a detailed description of our procedure, at [www.hopelutheran.net/calendar](http://www.hopelutheran.net/calendar).

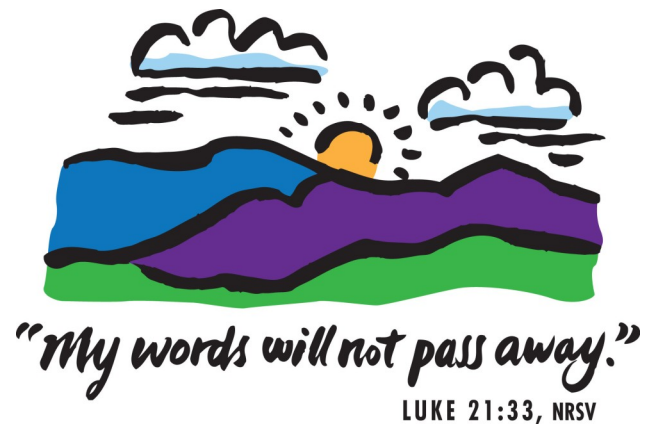


INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM:

From January, 2015 to the end of August, 2015:



Hope has taken in	\$106,203
<u>Hope has spent</u>	<u>\$ 90,259</u>
Net Income	\$ 15,944
Available for operations	\$20,613







**October Anniversaries**

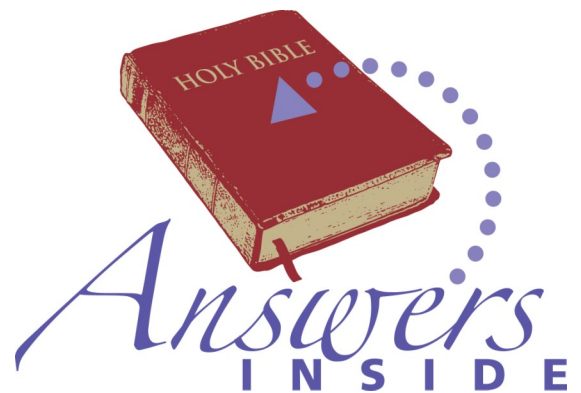
Grover & Lillian Radke	10/06
Al & Pam Armistead	10/10

**October Birthdays**

Lillian Radke	10/07
Mark Hill	10/08
Tammy Hill	10/09
Kathy Grace	10/16
Suzanne Dahl	10/19
Samantha Fain	10/20
Grover Radke	10/06
Lynn Halowec	10/22
Lila Barnett	10/27
Victor Gaultney	10/27

*Send Us Your Favorite or  
Most Significant Bible Verses*

Each month we are featuring, in the Hope Women's Page, Bible Verses that the ladies of Hope consider a favorite or as significant in their lives. We would like you to share your verses with our readers. Please send your verses to Karine Samer at [hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hopesecretary@sbcglobal.net) or leave it in her mail box at church.



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Our homebound members and friends enjoy visits, calls and cards. Please take a few minutes out for those who can no longer get out and about.







# OCTOBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 	13 Timothy Project Faith Circle 7:30 pm 	14	15 The Apprentice Series 7pm	16	17
18 Herald Deadline 	19	20 Timothy Project	21	22 The Apprentice Series 7pm	23	24
25	26	27 Timothy Project	28	29 The Apprentice Series 7pm	30	31 



Faithful Stewards

**Sunday Schedule:**

Sunday School ~ 9:00 AM

Worship ~ 10:00 AM

First Sunday of each Month:

Children's Sunday School ~ 11:15 PM

**Tuesday Morning:** Timothy Project

**Thursday :** The Apprentice Series 7:00AM

**Friday:** Hope Prayer Time at Church 10:00 PM





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