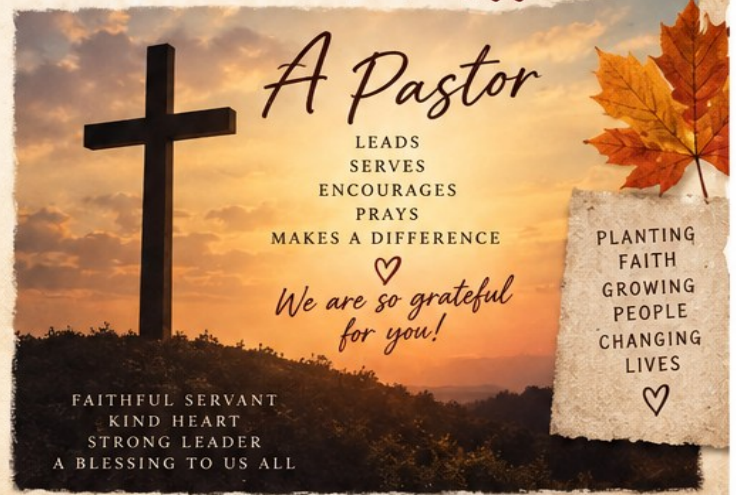




♥ PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH ♥

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. First Christian Church is blessed to have Pastor Bob Schofield, his wife Camee, and two girls as part of our family at FCC. Be sure to let them know how much they are loved and appreciated by dropping them a card, or doing something extra special for them.

Thank you, Pastor Bob! ♥



TRUNK OR TREAT

— at First Christian —

Come join us, the evening of **October 31st**, for a fun, family-friendly trunk or treat event at First Christian. Trunks will be set up in the FCC parking lot. Lots of yummy treats will be given out! The whole family is invited to wear costumes and get into the Halloween spirit. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served, so no need to have dinner before you come. This is a community wide event so invite your friends and neighbors. Candy donations would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the church office.



HOT DOGS
SERVED



HOT CHOCOLATE
SERVED



CANDY DONATIONS
APPRECIATED

Bring your family • Invite your friends • All are welcome!

KIDS' CUPBOARD CHALLENGE



The Kids' Cupboard 9 month church challenge is asking for donations of



Peanut Butter in October.



AMIM

Ashland Men in Mission

'The 1st SAT am each month'

Ashland NE

Men in Mission prayer breakfast meeting will be held

October 3rd at

Riverview Community Church

Come enjoy breakfast, prayer, fellowship. All men who would

like to strengthen their

walk with Jesus to be a better husband, brother, neighbor and church member are welcome. Coffee is on at 6:30 AM with breakfast to follow.

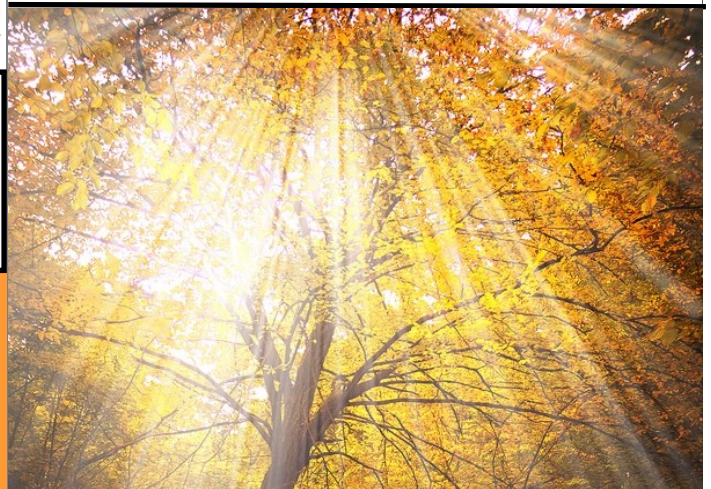


Thank you for your continued support of the Ashland Food Pantry. Every donation helps in the fight against hunger in our local area. As colder weather sets in, families often have to choose between heating their homes or buying food. No one should have to make that choice.

Donations requested for October are:

toilet paper, pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned pineapple canned peaches, canned mandarin oranges, canned tuna/chicken, canned soups

The food pantry is located in the American Lutheran Church.



Let your hope make you glad.

Be patient in time of trouble

And never stop praying.

Romans 12:12



Joyce L. Buckingham

Joyce L. Buckingham, 82 of Ashland, NE passed away Thursday, September 17, 2026 at her home. She was born November 29, 1943 in Lincoln, NE to Louie and Fern (Ziegenbein) Hauschild.

Joyce worked as a manager for Sapp Brothers Inc. for many years before retiring. She was a member of First Christian Church in Ashland. She was united in marriage to Bradley Buckingham on March 17, 1984 in Colorado. Joyce was an animal lover who enjoyed shopping, the great outdoors, sharing a meal with family and friends, and she especially loved spending time with her grandchildren and attending their activities.

Joyce is survived by her, children, Marty (Bridget) Harrington, Kim (Tony) Petersen, Tami (Steve) Petersen and Donnie Harrington; stepchildren, Christopher (Sarah) Buckingham, Gidget (Richard) Burrows; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Marilyn Boston,

Debbie (Monte) Akers, Susie (Monte) Petersen; sister-in-law, Delise Hauschild; many nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory of Joyce Buckingham

A Loving Wife • Mom • Sister • Aunt • Grandma • Great-Grandma • Dear Friend

Some people leave this world having quietly touched more lives than they ever realized. **Joyce Buckingham was one of those very special people.** Joyce was a woman with a caring heart and a deep love for her family. She was a devoted wife, a loving mom, a treasured sister and aunt, and a dear friend to so many. But perhaps some of her greatest joy came from being surrounded by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her family was truly one of the greatest blessings of her life. Joyce had a special place in her heart for animals of all kinds. Whether they were big or small, furry or feathered, Joyce saw something to love in each of them. Her compassion for animals was simply another reflection of the kindness and tenderness she carried in her heart.

Joyce also found happiness in the simple things that make life so meaningful. She loved to cook and prepare food for the people she cared about. She enjoyed camping, spending time outdoors, and making memories with those she loved most. She treasured time with her sisters—the conversations, laughter, stories, and special bond that only sisters can truly understand.

Joyce didn't need grand occasions to be happy. Give her family gathered together, something good cooking, animals nearby, a camping trip to look forward to, and people she loved around her, and she had what mattered most. Those are the memories that will remain.

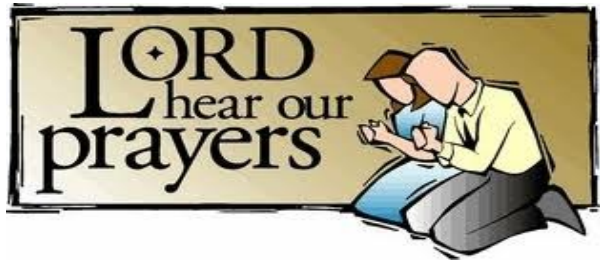
We will remember Joyce through the meals she prepared with love, the family gatherings, the camping adventures, the animals she cared for, the laughter shared between sisters, and the countless moments spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. There will be an emptiness because Joyce is no longer physically beside us, but there will also be so much of her that remains. **Love like Joyce's doesn't simply disappear.** It lives on in her family. It lives on in the stories that will continue to be told. It lives on in the traditions she helped create. It lives on in every memory that brings a smile through the tears. And it lives on in the hearts of everyone who was blessed to know and love her.

Joyce, thank you for your caring heart. Thank you for the meals, the laughter, the adventures, and the memories. Thank you for loving your family so deeply and for showing all of us how precious time together truly is. You were deeply loved, and you will be deeply missed.

Rest peacefully, Joyce.

Your work here is finished, but the love you gave will continue through the generations of the beautiful family you leave behind.

Forever loved. Forever remembered. Forever in our hearts.



CJ & Mary Anderson Willa Laughlin
Jason McClure Darlene Breemes
Joyce Buckingham's Family
Dick DeLancey's Family
Ashland-Greenwood Staff & Students
Members & Friends @ Oxbow Living Center
Meadows of Ashland Nursing Home,
Golden Apartments,
Our Military and military families,
All First Responders, &
All Law Enforcement Personnel

Gossip is the
devil's radio.
Are you his D.J.?



Those Serving In October

ELDERS

Dave Anderson
Robin Fosbender

DEACONS

Pat Gramkow
James Hamm
Dan Lambert
Cindy Lambert

DEACONESS

Camee Schofield
Lilly Harrington

GREETERS

Daryl Cyr
Shirley Cyr

OCTOBER 4th

- Exodus 20:1-4
- Psalms 19
- Matthew 21:33-46
- Psalm 80:7-15
- Isaiah 5:1-17

OCTOBER 11th

- Exodus 32:1-14
- Psalm 106:1-6
- Matthew 22:1-14
- Psalm 23
- Isaiah 25:1-9

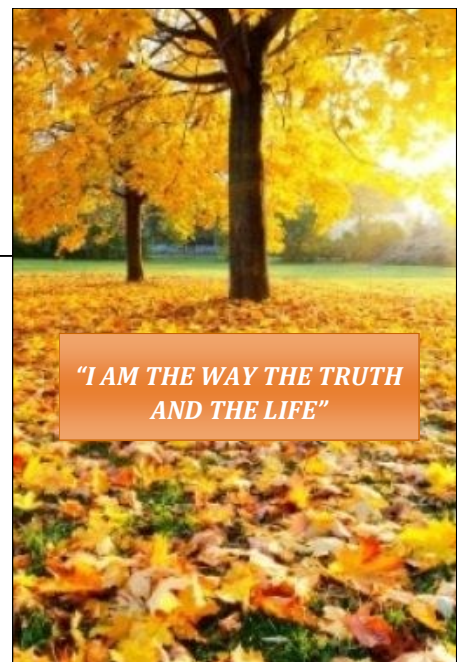
DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

OCTOBER 18th

- Exodus 33:12-23
- Psalm 99
- Matthew 22:15-22
- Psalm 96:1-9
- Isaiah 45:1-7

OCTOBER 26th

- Leviticus 19:1-2
- Psalm 90:1-6
- Matthew 22:34-46
- Psalm 1
- Deuteronomy 34:1-12



*"I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH
AND THE LIFE"*



Richard D. DeLancey

Richard D. DeLancey, 94, of Ashland, NE, entered into rest on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at Oxbow Living Center in Ashland, NE. He was born March 17, 1932 in Fullerton, NE to Merle and Edna (Wilber) DeLancey. He graduated from Fullerton High School in 1951. Richard served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War until he was honorably discharged in 1954. He moved to Ashland in 1956. On September 22, 1956, Richard was united in marriage to Janice Root in Ashland, NE. Richard had a 31-year career with Burlington Northern, retiring in 1988 as a supervisor.

Richard was a member of First Christian Church in Ashland, NE, American Legion Post #129 and a 59-year member of the Ashland Fire Department. He served as Mayor of Ashland from 1990-1994, where he was instrumental in starting the downtown improvement project and bringing Keno to Ashland. He was the first person to call the Keno numbers.

Richard enjoyed woodworking, fishing, working in his garage and lending a hand to anyone in need.

(A moving message from Pastor Bob)

Our church has another hole in its heart today. Dick Delancey has gone home. And I'm not sure I can put into a Facebook post everything this man meant to FCC Ashland—or everything he meant to me.

Dick lived a life worth remembering. He proudly served our country in the United States Army. He served this community as Mayor of Ashland. He was a husband, a father, a family man, a servant, a fixer, a storyteller, a giver, and a friend. But more than anything, Dick loved. He loved his country. He loved Ashland. He loved his church. He loved his kiddos. He loved his God. And goodness, did he love Jan.

During my years at FCC, I listened to hundreds of Dick's stories...and I'm pretty sure I listened to some of those stories hundreds of times! But here's the thing... **I was captivated every single time.** Because when Dick told you a story, you weren't just hearing about the past. You were getting a piece of history from somebody who had actually lived it.

Dick knew every inch of our old, storied church building. I'm convinced there wasn't a pipe, wire, wall, door, furnace, light switch, strange noise, or mysterious problem in that building that Dick didn't know something about.

And somehow...**Dick could fix just about ANYTHING.**

Dick was also one of the most giving men I have ever known. One day Dick gave me a push mower. That was Dick. No big production. No need for recognition. He simply told me: **"It needs to be used!"** That little sentence actually says a whole lot about the way Dick lived his life. If he had something that could help somebody—use it. If he knew something that could help somebody—share it. If there was something that needed fixed—fix it. If somebody needed you—show up.

One of my favorite memories of Dick has nothing to do with him being Mayor, serving in the Army, fixing something at church, or telling one of those incredible stories. It was just Dick and Jan. Toward the end, after worship was over and most everyone else had gone home, Dick and Jan would sometimes be two of the last people left in our fellowship hall.

They would just sit there together. Eating a few snacks and goodies. Talking. Enjoying one another.

And one Sunday Dick looked at me and told me that sitting there with Jan was **"one of his favorite things to do."** I don't think I will ever forget that. Because after all the things Dick had done, all the places he had been, all the stories he could tell, and all the titles he had held... One of his favorite places in the world was simply sitting beside the woman he loved.

That was Dick.

Our FCC family has experienced a lot of loss lately, and I won't pretend it doesn't hurt. It does. There are empty seats. There are voices we won't hear on Sunday morning. There are stories we wish we could hear one more time. There are people we would give anything to walk through those church doors again. And now there is another hole in the heart of FCC Ashland.

But this is where our faith has to speak louder than our grief. Because while we will miss Dick here, **we celebrate where Dick is now.** The God Dick loved throughout his life is the God who now holds him for eternity. The body that grew tired is tired no more.

And I have a feeling heaven gained one heck of a storyteller...and if something up there needs fixed, Dick has probably already found the toolbox.

Jan and the entire Delancey family, please know how deeply you are loved. Thank you for sharing Dick with all of us.

And Dick... Thank you for the stories. Thank you for the laughs. Thank you for everything you fixed. Thank you for your service to our country and our community. Thank you for loving our church. Thank you for showing us what generosity looked like.

And thank you for reminding us that sometimes one of life's greatest blessings is simply sitting beside the person you love, sharing a snack, and being together. We are going to miss you, my friend. But because of Jesus, we don't say goodbye forever. We'll see you again. Fair winds and following seas, Sailor. Rest well, Dick.

You weren't DONE until GOD said you were done.

And now God has called you home.

FUTURE FCC PROPERTY MEMBER

Lawn Expert in Training!

Mowing Pro in the Making!

Looks like Joe Cyr was giving James Hamm and Biff Schofield a little advice on the proper way to mow and take care of those Property Committee chores!

It's never too early to start training the next generation of FCC volunteers.

Judging by the supervision going on here, James and Biff better pay attention—Joe looks like he knows exactly how the job should be done!

OCTOBER Community & Ministry Events

THURSDAY
OCTOBER
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2026

Ashland Mobile Food Pantry
Providing food and essentials to families in our community.

TUESDAY
OCTOBER
6
2026

Ashland Ministerial Association Meeting
at the Congregational Church

THURSDAY
OCTOBER
8
2026

FCC's Turn for **Oxbow Living Center Service**

FCC's OPEN-DOOR Pantry

Take what you need
Leave what you can

**OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY
7 DAYS A WEEK**

"Freely you have received, freely give."
Matthew 10:8



Ann Vest	2nd
Jarod Holz	9th
Michael Coslow	10th
Carrie Holz	11th
Nicole Cyr	17th
Pennie Hayes	18th
Mike Schwab	18th
Trisha Smith	20th
Mary Anderson	21st
Audra West	25th
Clint Pettit	30th

*Eric & Jody vonRantzell
October 10th
Kathy & Randy McFarland
October 19th*

*Happy
Anniversary*

*Have a
blessed
fall season!*
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FCC's Important Events to Remember

FCC ASHLAND
REAL PEOPLE. REAL FAITH. A GREATER STORY.

QUESTIONS GOD ASKS!

Find Deeper Faith. Bigger Perspective. A Closer God.

REAL QUESTIONS. A DEEPER FAITH.

GOOD QUESTIONS LEAD TO GREATER FAITH.

WORSHIP
CONNECT
SERVE
GO

COMING SOON!
TIME AND DAY TBD

LED BY
PASTOR BOB

SIGN UP ONLINE
OR ON OUR WEBSITE
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SAME PEOPLE. NEW CONVERSATIONS. A CLOSER GOD.

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ASHLAND, NE

BIBLE STUDIES at FCC!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
Adult Bible Study
Join us for a time of study, discussion, and encouragement as we grow deeper in God's Word together.
All are welcome!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Women's Bible Study
A time for women to study God's Word, encourage one another, and grow in faith together.
All are welcome!

GROW DEEPER. CONNECT STRONGER. WALK CLOSER WITH CHRIST.

First Christian Church
ASHLAND, NE

17th Street Ministry

SERVING • CARING • SHARING • SHOWING CHRIST'S LOVE

NEXT OUTREACH EVENT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026
Golden Apartments
Ashland, NE

PREPARE MEALS | SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS | BUILD RELATIONSHIPS | SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE

Together We Can Make a Difference!

Kindness Feeds More Than Just Hunger

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." MATTHEW 25:35

FCC ASHLAND
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT SPECTACULAR!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SATURDAY, OCT 31ST
6-8PM
AT FCC ASHLAND
IN OUR WEST PARKING LOT!

HOT DOGS | HOT CHOCOLATE | CHIPS | CANDY | FUN | FELLOWSHIP!

SAFE | FAMILY FRIENDLY | COMMUNITY | ALL ARE WELCOME!

FCC

Board Meeting

Every Second Monday of the Month
6:00 PM
FCC Basement

All Are Invited!

PRAY • PLAN • SERVE • GROW • TOGETHER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Ashland, NE

STEAK SUPPER

Good Food. Good Fellowship. All Are Welcome!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
5:00 - 8:00 PM
1702 BOYD STREET
ASHLAND, NE

We will be serving:
STEAK
HAMBURGERS
BAKED POTATOES
CHIPS
BROWNIE ROLLS
AND A SALAD

Come Hungry!

\$20.00 STEAK DINNER
\$15.00 HAMBURGER DINNER
\$10.00 KIDS MEAL

Great Food. Great Fellowship. A Stronger Community.



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*If you've had a change of address or
phone number, please let the office know.
Other info that needs updated is a current
email address. If you would like to be added to
the birthday, anniversary or
newsletter list contact the office.*

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OUR WEBSITE

Sundays • 10:30 AM
First Christian Church • Ashland, Nebraska



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How Being A Christian Is Like Carving A Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. *(John 15:16)*

Then He washes all the dirt off of
you. *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the
seeds of doubt, fear, hate and greed.
(Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face.
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside of you
to shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

