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By Rev. Mark Eldal

Recently, in a Sunday morning Gospel Lessen we read of Jesus asking his disciples who they believed him to be. Peter responded with his wonderful confession of faith in which he stated that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

Jesus then said flesh and blood had not revealed this insight to Peter but rather his father in heaven.

This passage is interesting because it reminds us that ultimately faith in Jesus is a gift that comes through the working of the Holy Spirit in one's heart and life. It means that when I entrust my life to Jesus and ask him to be my Savior and Lord I am able to do this because God in his mercy has brought me to this place of faith.

Jesus then goes on to state in this passage that upon Peter's confession, upon this gift of faith, he would build his church. It would be through faith in Jesus that God would establish his kingdom and bring people into an eternal relationship with himself.

The exciting calling we have as the church is to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus in such a way that the Holy Spirit can work in the hearts and lives of people and bring many into a relationship with Jesus.

As we trust in Jesus, may we find delight in inviting others to entrust their lives to him.

God bless,

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September 2017 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in September are:

Pastor Mark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to check out our bulletins board for updates in the coming weeks for volunteering opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE! LCMC Heartland District Women of the Word Annual One-Day Retreat -"Its OWL About Relationships!" on Saturday, September 30, 2016 at the First St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 501 N. Burlington Ave., Hastings, NE @ 9 am - 3 pm. Speakers: Sue Brown - Humor & Love; Pastor Andrea Paulson - Ministry to Jamaica and Dan Rutt - Horizon Recovery & Revive Ministry.

We would like to thank the anonymous donor, who provided the pictures of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus as a boy and having them framed for our basement. They really beautify our church.

<u>CHOIR RESUMES.</u> If you would like to be part of our musical ministry, choir practice is every Wednesday, beginning Sep 7th at 7:00 pm.

FRIDAY NIGHT PUB. We will be starting Luther's Pub again September 16th. The Pub will be for all home games. We are looking for volunteers to help us chaperone. Please contact Connie Larson (402)380-5101 or Tess Johnson (402)380-5660.

The coffee and rolls on Sunday August 21st were in honor of Pat Moseman's 91st birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAT!!

Financial Peace University starts Sunday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. Cost of materials is \$109. See Bryan Bohn for more information or go to www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1042940 to register.

The Oakland Community Food Pantry is an agency of the Food Bank of Siouxland, which provides food for under 20 cents a pound. During the months of April, May, and June, the Food Pantry served 63 different families, representing 179 individuals. Thanks for your support and donations! Contact Cory Martin (402-687-2631 or cmartin@skyww.net) if you would like more information or are interested in volunteering.

THANK YOU's:

For the gift of their voices during the church services at morning worship:

- s Mona Tanksley on July 2nd.
- Mia Linder and Cindy Blanc for her accompaniment on July 23rd.
- Morgan and Alex (Ruth Wallerstedt's grandchildren) on July 30th.
- Alex, Sam, Mia and Zoe Linder for the gift of their voices and Bryan Bohn for his accompaniment on August 6th.
- © Becca Bedrnicek on August 13th.
- 3 Tom Meyer on August 27th.

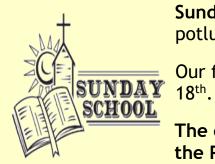


For leading the services~

© Curt Hineline and Mike Blanc the weekend of July 23rd & 24th.

- → Ruth Wallerstedt for so graciously lining up all our special music during the summer!!
- Thank you to the Women's Groups for the brunch that was held for all the women of the church!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School will be starting again on September 10th with a potluck luncheon in the Park. All families are welcome!!!

Our first day of Sunday School in the classroom will be September 18th.

The children will sing on the second Sunday of each month during the Praise service starting October 10th.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

CONFIRMATION BEGINS - Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 13th. It will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening. A letter is being sent to confirmands and their families regarding confirmation.

YOUTH GROUP will now be meeting <u>every</u> Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. starting August 24th. A meal will be provided. It is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community. There is a sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room for anyone who wishes to donate for the meals.

The Youth Group completed projects this summer that were "service" to any members of the community. The projects included cleaning out a garage, helping to clean a yard, pull weeds, do a little landscaping, moving large items, wash windows, or small "fix-it" types of projects. They are hoping to continue this during the fall and winter. They will set up dates based upon the needs. If you are interested please contact Tess 402-380-5660 or you can also call or text Rachel Wise at 402-380-3031.

Men's Bible Study is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Koinoina Bible Study is the 3rd Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Growing Together - Small Group Dates - To be determined - Please contact Nancy Johnson (402) 620-5324 if you are interested in joining their group





SEWING MEETINGS begin again on September 5th at 8:30 a.m. Meeting every Monday & Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cleaning out the closets?? Or hitting the rummage sales and see some cheap bedsheets? The Sewing Group would love to have any old drapes, mattress pads, blankets, etc. They can use most anything!! All help is welcome, no one is turned away. ESPECIALLY HELP TIEING... JUST REMEMBER ANYONE CAN TIE A KNOT!!!



Dorcas Society September 27th at Oakland Heights @ 2:00 p.m.



September 6......Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 AM September 11.....Executive Meeting 9 AM September 13......Group Meetings 9 AM, 2 PM, 5 PM

Bingo......Hannah Clean KitchenRuth

- > Thanks to all who sold or purchased fruit. We sold over 200 cases!
- > We are no longer accepting summer clothing. We will resume in the fall, for fall and winter clothing. Please watch for the notice.
- FOOD BANK DONATIONS We continue to collect non-perishable products but did you know if you would prefer to give a monetary donation it is as simple as leaving a check at our local bank.
- ➤ Ladies Day Out Our next Ladies Day Out will be to see the movie "The Glass Castle" on Monday, August 28. If you would like to go to the movie and have a great lunch, please contact Connie Anderson at 402-685-5329.
- > WOW Groups will be putting together Hygiene Kits for the Orphan Grain Train. A collection box is in the church annex. Any items are appreciated. Items needed:
 - Bath Towel (dark colors are preferred)
 - Wash Cloth (dark colors are preferred)
 - Bath size bar of soap
 - Adult size toothbrush
 - Sturdy comb
 - Stick deodorant
 - 6 bandaids (½" ¾") secured together

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Reg Linder
- 4 Tate Penke, Danielle Pelan
- 5 Curtis Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Jerri Case
- 8 Linda Jones
- 9 Judy Groene
- 10 Casey Moseman
- 11 Jason Penke, Britney Stevenson
- 12 Luke Blanc, Ayden Lierman, Ava Rennerfeldt, Brayden Selk
- 13 Chad Christofferson, Dr. G.E. Peterson,
- 14 Julie Johnson
- 15 Joshua Mulder, Jim VonEssen
- 17 Karl Lundquist, Jayden Wobken
- 18 Nicole Parcel, Julie Lindstrom, Ben Wallace
- 19 Lorna Olson, Adam Wallace
- 20 Vicki Nelson, Samantha Popma
- 21 Connie Peterson
- 22 Suzanne Blanc, David Jones, Jim Nelson, Don Wallen, Kenneth Pearson, Preston Rost
- 23 Larry Osterndorff, Judy Nelson, Barbara Ashton, Boyd Blomenkamp, Cole Blanc, Karen Rosenboom
- 24 Jay Lindstrom, Ryan Peterson
- 25 Jane Stucky, Bobby Larson, Bruce Linden
- 26 Lance Blanc, Mackenzie Kahlandt, Paula Stevenson
- 27 Nancy Bromm
- 28 Janna Kloth, Jovi Huntington, Derek Bittner
- 30 Candace Johnson, Connie Rokusek, Blayke Olson, Kay Elsasser

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Mike & Mattie Nelson
- 3 Russell & Connie Peterson
- 5 Mark and Jodi Peterson, Nathaniel & Betty Dixon
- 6 Bill & Karen Ahrens, Harley & Vernelle Nelson
- 7- Bill & Judee Dix
- 10 -David &Tammy Deemer
- 12 Gerron & Kristin Elsasser
- 17 Roger & Elaine Peterson
- 19 Bill & Sandra Johnson
- 23 Dillon & Kelli Johnson
- 24 Timothy & Sheri Slatt, Lance & Jeanette Blanc
- 27 Lonnie & Denise Enstrom
 Dan & Mackenzie Kahlandt





PRAYERS OF CONCERN

IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE: Jerry Seick, Janice Johnson, Roger Maller, Nancy Poppe, Mel Swenson, Joe Keaschall, Alejandro Zeller, Pat Jorgensen, Oliver Nimmo, Moe Johnson, Nancy Moate, Stacy Long, Ron Badje, Arizona Riecken, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, Delwin Benne, and Grace Meints, the families of Ed Hanna, Fauniel Paulson Marie Crom and Ron Badje our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.



First Evangelical Lutheran Church Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Greg Johnson, Carole Johnson, Sam Schmidt, Linda Jones, Jon Seagren, Jim Pelan, Mona Tanksley and Pastor Eldal. After devotions were given by Mona, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Pastor presented his report for June listing his activities up to the present time.

The treasurer's report was not available at this time.

<u>The Property Committee</u> reported that the air conditioner has been installed and the old one has been serviced. It was reported that Nathan Anderson has talked with Bryson Peterson regarding the rental of the lift that will be used on the exterior painting project and a lower price has been negotiated. The painting project is scheduled to begin in mid-July. The downspout has been fixed and additional dirt filled in around it. The broken window wells have been removed. It was reported that the digital part of the organ is not working and that repairs are to be done this week. It is planned to get on a schedule to have the organ serviced annually. Lastly it was noted that the southwest corner of the sanctuary has some areas that need some touch up paint.

<u>New Business:</u> The coffee pot used for Sunday mornings is not working well and purchasing a new one was discussed. It was reported that the Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter requesting a donation for the July 3 party in the park. At this time, we chose to pass on making a monetary contribution. Some people from Sweden have asked to come and photocopy our church membership records. They will take this historical information back to their country and have it available to those researching emigration data. We will receive a copy of the records they photocopy on a flash drive. It was noted that the youth group will be doing yard work in the community this Wednesday. Jim reported that he has trimmed a tree on the north lawn of the property that appears to have been struck by lightning.

<u>The Evangelism Committee</u> had no report, though it was reported that a schedule listing youth events will be made and published in the Spire.

The next meeting will be September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Communion Helpers: July 2 - Karl Lundquist

August 6 - Greg Johnson

September 3 - Carole Johnson

Devotions for next meeting - Jon Seagren

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mona Tanksley, Secretary

July Attendance

July Finances

 Commitments
 \$ 13,959.00

 Designated
 \$ 20.00

 Memorial
 \$ 120.00

 Building Use
 \$ 120.00

 Supplies
 \$ 391.00

 Misc
 \$ 153.00

 TOTAL
 \$14,643.00

August Attendance

August Financials

Commitments \$12,370.00

Designated

Supplies \$ 179.00

Wed. Night Youth \$ 50.00

Memorial \$ 110.00

Misc \$ 263.00

TOTAL \$12,972.00

September 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
September 1	Oth Contact Contact	/ ng	ember 11 th	TRIOT	1	5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	LABOR DAY	5 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	6 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	7	8 LUTHER'S PUB AFTER HOME FOOTBALL GAME UNTIL 11PM	5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30AM PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP 11:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF - Potluck @ The Park	9:00 AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	12 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	9AM, 2PM, 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	14	15	5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	18	19 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION 7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE	21	LUTHER'S PUB AFTER HOME FOOTBALL GAME UNTIL 11PM	5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	25	26 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	27 2:00 PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ O.H. 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	28	29 LUTHER'S PUB AFTER HOME FOOTBALL GAME UNTIL 11PM	30

Sept 2017 Ushers

Sept 3rd - Church Council Members

Sept 10th - Scott Lindstrom and Travis Lindstrom

Sept 17th - Chad Linder and Ian Lundquist

Sept 24th - Calvin Moseman and Jacob Deemer

Sept 2017 Greeters

Sept 3 - Church Council Members

Sept 10th - Val Lindstrom and Jana Lindstrom

Sept 17th - Elisabeth, Zoe, Mia and Gabriella Linder

Sept 24th - Marian Moseman and Sandy Husar



USFUERS

<u>Acolytes</u>

Sep 3- Jonathan Dixon

10 - Ashten Rennerfeldt

17 - Marissa Mulder

24 - Connor Guill

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8 - Ayden Lierman

Video

Sep 3- Carson Thomsen

10 - Jonathan Dixon

17 - Ashten Rennerfe

24 - Marissa Mulder

Oct 1 - Connor Guill

8 - Aiden Jorgensen



Video



Sep 3 - Bryan Bohn

10- Billye Pearson

17 - Ruth Wallerstedt

25 -Bryan Bohn



Sep 4 - Dan Tanksley

11 -Tess Johnson

18 - Jim/Dan

25 - Jim Pelan

COFFEE SERVERS

DATE

Earlene Paulson and Kathy Pearson

Danielle Pelan and Kylie Penke

Beverly Peterson and Luryn Andersen

Elaine Peterson and Sandy Mallette Deanna Ray and Teresa Rogers

Karen Rosenboom and Amy Rost

Tammy Schinck and Laurie Schold

Inpulle Congress and Mana Tankele

Janelle Seagren and Mona Tanksley

Linda VonEssen and Tamera VonEssen

September 3

September 10

September 17

September 24

October 1

October 8

October 15

October 22

October 29



Thank you for your help in these important areas.

If you can't be here, please find someone to take your place.

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First Evangelical Lutheran Church Youth Activities Calendar

8/28/17 Version



16th, 23rd, 30th, Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:30-8:30 13th Praise Service 25th PUB

FEBRUARY '18						
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7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Jr/Sr High Youth Group/Confirmation 6:30-8:30 11th Praise Service-Sunday **School Sings** 22nd Jr/Sr High Pizza

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6th, 13^{th*}, 20th, 27th Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:30-8:30 *Confirmation Starts 10th Praise Service 8th, 22nd, 29th PUB 17th Sunday School Kick Off-**Sunday School Begins** 28th Jr/Sr High Pizza

	MARCH '18						
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7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Jr/Sr High Youth Group/Confirmation 6:30-8:30 11th Praise Service 22nd Jr/Sr High Pizza 25th Palm Sunday-Sunday School 30th Good Friday

OCTOBER '17							
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4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Jr/Sr High Youth Group/Confirmation 6:30-8:30 8th Praise Service-Sunday **School Sings** 13th PUB 26th Jr/Sr High Pizza

	APRIL '18						
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4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Jr/Sr High Youth Group/Confirmation 6:30-8:30 8th Praise Service 26th Jr/Sr High Pizza

1st Easter Sunday

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6th, 8th, 15th, 29th Jr/Sr High Youth Group/Confirmation 6:30-8:30 12th Praise Service-Sunday **School Sings** 30th Jr/Sr High Pizza

	MAY '18						
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2nd ,9th, 16th, 23rd Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:30-8:30 13th Praise Service 21st-25th Vacation Bible School

	DECEMBER '17						
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6th, 13th, 20th, Jr/Sr High Youth Group Confirmation 6:30-8:30 10th Sunday School Christmas **Program-No Sunday School** the 17th, 24th, or 31st 8th PUB

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Jr/Sr High Youth Group 7:00-8:30 10th Praise Service

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3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st Jr/Sr High Youth Group 6:30-8:30 7th Sunday School resumes 14th Praise Service 5th, 19th PUB 25th Jr/Sr High Pizza

JULY '18									
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Jr/Sr High Youth Group 7:00-8:30

8th Praise Service

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