



# THE SPIRE

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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

As we all know this has been an icy winter. I believe school and school activities have been cancelled several times in January and there have been a good number of days where it has not been the best weather in which to venture out. These days of inactivity may seem unproductive, yet in other ways these days may be a blessing.

For as we take a break from our usual activities we may have the opportunity to simply rest, spend time with family, and recharge our spiritual batteries. We may find ourselves conversing with loved ones, reading a Christian book or spending time with God in prayer, all of which can renew our spirits.

Jesus at one point encouraged his disciples to come apart with him to a quiet place and get some rest. We have a God who desires that we have times of rest and refreshment, and sometimes winter may provide these opportunities.

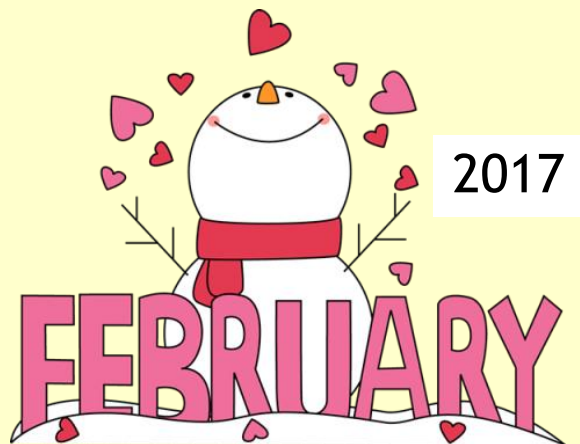
As we trust in Jesus, may we take advantage of these opportunities, and be blessed in so doing.

God bless,  
Pastor Mark

Mar 1 - 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
Ash Wednesday Service

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### FEBRUARY 2017 SPECIAL DAYS

Some of the special days celebrated in February are:

- Black History Month – February 1-28
- Groundhog Day – February 2
- Boy Scout Sunday – February 5
- Valentine's Day – February 14
- Presidents' Day – February 20
- Transfiguration Sunday – February 26

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank You** to everyone who came on Saturday morning, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to help "un-decorate" the church.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting of First Evangelical Lutheran Church** was held on Sunday, January 22, 2017 following the worship service. There was a soup dinner following the meeting and Church Council met after the soup dinner. Thank you to last year's new council members for providing the soups and items for this meal!

**Sunday School classes** resumed Sunday Jan.8th, 2017.

**Enjoy a soup, sandwiches and dessert lunch this Sunday, Feb. 5th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Swedish Heritage Center.** Free will donation. Also at 1:30 Oakland-Craig's vocal choir will be performing a concert. You won't want to miss this great entertainment!

**Please join us for Ash Wednesday Service** March 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM (No Luncheon Following)

**Please join us for Lenten Services** starting March 8 @ 6:30 PM (Luncheon will be served afterwards.)

**There are sub-sandwiches available** again for Super Bowl Sunday as a fundraiser, at a cost of \$4/sandwich. The forms are located in the multipurpose room and inside the bulletin. Please fill out and place in the offering plate.



### BIBLE STUDY NEWS

**YOUTH GROUP** meets every Wednesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm. A meal is provided. It is open to all current Junior High and Senior High students in the community. There is a sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room for anyone who wishes help serve or donate treats.

**FRIDAY NIGHT PUB.** We started "the Pub" again and it will be after home games. We are looking for volunteers to help us chaperone. Please contact Connie Larson (402)380-5101 or Tess Johnson (402)380-5660, if you are interested.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

**KOINOINA BIBLE STUDY** is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

**GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY** meeting times are TBD.. If interested please contact Nancy Johnson.

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmands will meet February 1, 8, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and after every Lenten services during the month of March.



**We extend our congratulations and ask for God's blessing on: Elisa Huebert and Sam Schmidt.** They were joined in holy matrimony at First Lutheran Church on January 14, 2017. Sam is the son of Tim and Rosa Schmidt and the grandson of late Pete and Lois Schmidt. Elisa is the daughter of Jay and Renae Huebert. **CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS SCHMIDT!!**



**We welcomed into membership Travis Earl Penke** through holy baptism, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. January 28, 2017 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. His parents are Jason and Kylie Penke. His sponsors are Bob & Kelly Abrahams, Russ and Krissy Ozenbaugh, Eric and Natalie Schilling. Travis was born December 7, 2016. He joins two brothers, Tate and Tye. His grandparents are Stan and Susan Penke of Oakland, NE and Doug and Gail Brand of Seward, NE; **WELCOME TRAVIS!!!**



Parents,

Sunday School will sing Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday School will pass around an offering plate for our pay it forward project so please give generously as we have some neat projects in place.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the third-graders will get their bibles on Wednesday night, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Johnson will provide a Bible lesson for the third-graders and their parents. We will have a supper afterwards to celebrate this milestone. If one of your third graders cannot be there, please let us know!

Please also mark on your calendars that the Sunday School will sing on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

Angie



Linda Carlson and Laurie Schold



**SEWING MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS**  
8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.



February 1.....Bingo @ O.H.           9:30 a.m. ... Hannah  
February 6 .....Executive Meeting    9 a.m.  
February 8.....Group Meetings   9 a.m., 2 p.m., 5p.m.  
Clean Kitchen .....HS Youth

The WOW Groups are no longer collecting coats. Thank you so much for your generous donations!!!





**Dorcas Society**  
**February 22nd @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights**



**IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:**

Clara Frahm, Arla Jean Landholm, Lois Messerschmidt, Moe Johnson, Jack Carstensen, Mel Wietzenkamp, Sharlene Grindle (Keri Thomsen's mom), Nancy Moate, Dean Brudigam, Stacy Long, Alissa Bousquet, Ron Badje, Arizona Riecken, Marilyn Bures, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, Delwin Benne, and Grace Meints, all of our servicemen and women, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.

# February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>9:30AM PRAISE/ COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday School Sings</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP &amp; CONFIRMATION 7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>Love</i> the LORD your God... and hold fast to him.</p>  <p>DEUTERONOMY 30:20, NIV</p> </div>			



First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met January 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Greg Johnson, Carole Johnson, Carl Magnusson, Tom Meyer, Sandy Husar, Rachel Wise, Jim Pelan, Karl Lundquist, Jon Seagren and Mona Tanksley. Also in attendance was Pastor Eldal. After devotions were led by Sandy Husar, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Pastor presented his report for December after which there was a discussion about changing the time of the late service on Christmas eve to 9:00 pm instead of 10:00 p.m. This will be discussed again later in the year. The youth pizza was held the fourth Thursday of the month and nearly 100 students attended.

The treasurer’s report was reviewed noting we have come close to meeting our expenses for the year. There is still at least one outstanding bill.

Jim Pelan expressed his thanks for allowing the service for Muriel Rabe to be held at our church.

**Old Business:** Jon Seagren reported on the progress of the remodeling project of the Sunday school room and noted that plans are to have the youth help with painting the room this Wednesday night. Greg Johnson reported on the status of the furnace/air conditioner installation noting that the installation will be done as soon as we get a few days of warmer weather. He also reported that Clay Olson came and solved the problem with the furnace recently when it was not working. Greg read a letter he had drafted to Betty Starr requesting funds from her foundation.

**New Business: Property Committee:** Jim Pelan presented an update on a proposal to repair the sign on the west side of the church. The price of \$1450 was quoted if we install the sign ourselves and the cost for the company to install it was \$2250. The property committee reported that the new door in the southwest entrance to the basement has been installed and a little trim work remains to be done. We are awaiting a bid from Larry Shelly for some painting on the southeast part of the church. There was a discussion about finding ways to decrease the glare on the video screen when it is used. Ideas considered are installation of some shades or replacing the screen with a television set. More research will be done regarding the options available. It was noted that the large coffee pot is not working and we will look into this. It was also noted that we now have three ping pong tables downstairs and one is broken. We will look into repairing this and possibly disposing of one. Greg plans to announce at the annual meeting that we will be having a cleaning day at church and would like to have a representative from each organization present to make decisions on what needs to be kept and what can be disposed of.

**The Evangelism Committee** reported that a praise service is planned for Jan 8 and for the 15<sup>th</sup> as there will not be a contemporary service that day. Coffee will be available for members at the beginning of the service. The committee met today and they reported they have been using Facebook to post items. Anyone interested in being part of the Evangelism Committee is welcome to join.

The annual meeting will be January 22 immediately following the worship service. The nominating committee has a slate of candidates to be elected to the council and outreach committee. Annual reports are due to be in by January 6. The budget and finance committee consisting of Carl, Jon and Sam, will meet in the near future to prepare the 2017 budget. If we know of any expenditures that will be increasing we are to let Carl or Jon know. The council will then plan to meet to review this budget after the Sunday service. There was discussion about possibly lowering the number of a quorum at the annual meeting due to low attendance at previous meetings. The Christmas decorations will be taken down Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. Pastor reported that he will be on vacation January 31-February 7. The next meeting will be after the annual meeting on January 22 and there will be no February meeting.

Communion Helpers Feb 11 - Arla Ogden  
Feb 12 - Carole Johnson  
Mona Tanksley, Secretary

<b>January Attendance</b>	
7 & 8 .....	156
14&15 .....	137
21&22 .....	188
28&29 .....	178

<b>January Finances</b>	
Regular	\$19,749.82
<b>Designated</b>	
Building Use	\$340.00
Mission Investment	\$ 20.00
Memorial	\$ 5.00
Annual Meeting- S.Embury	\$273.00
Supplies-Coffee	\$151.00
Sunday School	\$ 14.00
Misc.	\$816.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,368.82</b>

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska  
Annual Meeting  
January 22, 2017**



The annual meeting of the congregation of First Evangelical Lutheran Church was held January 22, 2017. A quorum was met with 71 members present.

President Greg Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:40 am and Pastor Eldal led us in devotions. Council members present at the meeting in addition to Greg Johnson were Carole Johnson, Jim Pelan, Carl Magnusson, Cheryl Denker, Rachel Wise, Jon Seagren, Tom Meyer, Mona Tanksley, Karl Lundquist and Sandy Husar.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, correcting the name of Jan Wiltse, and a motion was made by Darrell Denker to approve them. Motion seconded by Jon Seagren and carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Darrell Denker who reported that there are four nominees on the ballot for council positions with four to be elected. They are Jon Seagren, Susan Mulder, Linda Jones and Nathan Anderson. He also reported that Rick Mulder has agreed to serve on the Outreach Committee again. As there were no nominations from the floor for council or Outreach Committee positions, a motion was made by Charlie Seagren that nominations cease and we cast a unanimous ballot to elect those nominated. Motion seconded by Karl Lundquist and carried. Thanks was expressed to those who serve on these positions.

The Auditing Committee report was given by Jim Pelan who reported that the committee met, audited the books and found them to be in good order. A motion was made by Jon Seagren to accept this report. Motion seconded by Rachel Wise and carried.

**Reports:**

1. Pastor Eldal presented his report thanking those who help with the various activities in our congregation. He reviewed the pastoral acts and statistics that are printed in the annual report and expressed concern regarding the drop in average attendance. He also noted that we will be looking at the statistics for total membership to try and account for those who are baptized here, but live elsewhere. The memorials given in 2016 were noted. There were no questions or comments from those present.
2. The Outreach Committee report was given by James Unwin. He reported that there is \$27,711.15 to distribute to the entities listed in the annual report. He did note that some of the percentages to be given have changed from the previous year. There were no questions or comments.
3. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer's report was given by Audrey Unwin. She reported that there was a small loss in the general fund of \$1,145.10 as she reviewed the income and expenses for 2016. The fund report was reviewed and discussed.

A discussion arose regarding the church van noting that there are members who could benefit from this service. Jim Nelson questioned the status of the furnace and air conditioner installation and Greg replied he would discuss this later in the meeting. Ed Hanna noted that by keeping the sliding doors on the north side of the sanctuary closed it improved the acoustics making it easier to hear. Greg reported on the plan to purchase some hearing devices and we have applied for grant money to assist in this purchase. It was noted that the sliding doors are often left open allowing easier access between the rooms, however, this will be evaluated.

4. The Women of the Word Report - no comments.
5. The Property Committee - no comments.
6. The Worship Committee - no comments.
7. The Dorcas Society - no comments.
8. The Altar Committee - no comments.
9. The Funeral Luncheon Committee - Greg expressed thanks for the work of this committee.
10. The Sunday School Report - no comments.
11. The Vacation Bible School Report - no comments.
12. The Evangelism Committee - It was noted their activities have been going well.

**Old Business:** Greg reported that the furnace and air conditioners have not yet been installed and this has been addressed with the contractor. The council has expressed its concerns and was informed that the bid that was submitted last year will still be honored. Plans are for installation to be done as soon as there is a spell of warmer weather. The project will be paid for using funds available and replenished from Outreach funds over a period of time.

**New Business:** The 2017 mission support projects, with funds distributed equally, are as follows: LCMC, Oakland Ministerial Association, Oakland Food Bank, Dr. Stuart Embury and Lutheran Family Services. The proposed budget was presented by Jon Seagren, who answered questions that arose. A motion was then made by Melinda Johnson to approve the 2017 budget and the benevolence plan. Motion seconded by Cheryl Denker and carried.

Greg reported that next year plans are for the highway to be repaved and because of this, the slope of our sidewalk will be changed. He also reported that we have applied for a grant to pay for replacing the sign on the west side of the church which is in disrepair. He reported it has been noted that there is cracking of the stucco on the south side of the building. The council has discussed setting aside some funds for the future painting of the exterior of the building. Greg noted that a clean-up day is needed as we are running out of space for storage. Leaders from each group will be asked to help and we want input from all organizations that have items stored in the building. Decisions will have to be made on what to do with the excess items. Greg thanked the newly elected members who will be serving on the council and Outreach Committee as well as thanking Cheryl Denker, Rachel Wise and Carl Magnusson who are going off the council. Melinda Johnson thanked the entire council for their work. It was noted that there will be a short organizational meeting of the council following the soup luncheon.

A question was raised as to what the official name of our church is and it is First Evangelical Lutheran Church. There was also a request to print LCMC on our weekly bulletins as a way to keep us aware of it.

An offering was taken that will be given to Dr. Stuart Embury's ministry.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Nelson, seconded by Candace Johnson and carried.

The meeting ended with Pastor leading us in prayer following by all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mona Tanksley, Secretary



## PASTORAL ACTS – 2016

### BAPTISMS

**We welcomed into membership through holy baptism:**

- **Hadley Grace Diehl**, Saturday at 5:00 pm January 2, 2016 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Her parents are Joe and Leah Diehl. Her sponsors are Matt and Amy Vell. Hadley was born October 9, 2015 in Reno, Nevada. Her grandparents are Don and Candace Johnson. **WELCOME HADLEY!!!**
- **Kendall Annalise Bennett** on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. She was born on January 2, 2016 in Atlanta GA. Her parents are Mackenzie Milks and Freddie Bennett. Her sponsors are Chelsea and Owen Schernikau. Her grandparents are Georgia and P.D. Stibor. **WELCOME KENDALL!!!**
- **Emersen Donald Andersen** Saturday at 5:30 p.m. April 9, 2016 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. His parents are Kaleb and Luryn Andersen. His sponsors are Max & Paige Andersen. Emerson was born October 23, 2015 in Fremont, NE. His grandparents are Kent and Brenda Andersen and Marty and Jeanie Peterson. His great grandparents are the late Don Andersen and Patsy Andersen, the late Pete and Lois Schmidt, Ben and Linda Murray and Larry and Kathleen Petersen. **WELCOME EMERSEN!!!**
- **Daniel Thomas Bedrnicek, Sonia Jane Bedrnicek and Samuel Benjamin Bedrnicek** on Sunday May 29, 2016 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Their sponsors were Michael and Alyssa Quiggle. **WELCOME BEDRNICKEK FAMILY!!!**
- **Margot Hanna Johnson** on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. October 30, 2016 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Her parents are Jordan and Heidi Johnson. Her sponsors are Mackenzie & Dan Kahlandt and Jennings & Natalie Johnson. Margot was born April 28, 2016. She joins two sisters, Georgia and Ivy and a brother Graham. Her grandparents are Mark and Jill Johnson of Oakland, NE; Nancy Hanna of Phoenix AZ; Mike and Jenn Hanna of Leigh, NE. Great grandparents are Vernon and Emma Hanna of Cimarron, KS, Bonnie Goodrich of Oakland, NE and Frank and Janice Johnson of Oakland, NE. **WELCOME MARGOT!!!**

### CONFIRMATIONS

**TEN OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE** were confirmed in their faith on Sunday, April 24, 2016: Josh Deemer, Jared Krutilek, Megan Bousquet, Lane Peterson, Ian Lundquist, Zoe Linder, Colten Thomsen, Selena Johnson, Wyatt Seagren, and Callie Stewart. We're grateful for their faithfulness to be involved in this educational ministry. We're also grateful for their parents and Pastor Mark. Please join us in giving a special thank you to Jean Swanson for all of her help and guidance during confirmation.

### WEDDINGS

**We extend our Congratulations** and ask for God's blessing on Megan Corwine and Justin Loeffler. They were joined in holy matrimony at First Lutheran Church on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Megan is the daughter of Bob and Carla Corwin. **CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS LOEFFLER!!**

**We extend our Congratulations** and ask for God's blessing on Abby Linnerson and Chris Peterson. They were joined in holy matrimony at First Lutheran Church on June 11, 2016. **CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS PETERSON!**

**We extend our Congratulations** and ask for God's blessing on Brittney Peterson and Cody Workman. They were joined in holy matrimony at First Lutheran Church on July 16, 2016. Brittany is the daughter of Bill and Lori Peterson. **CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS WORKMAN!!**

## FUNERALS

### **We commended into God's Hands:**

#### **At the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oakland with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:**

Peter Schmidt – Funeral Service – February 1, 2016  
Harold Baldwin – Memorial Service – March 14, 2016  
Wilma H. Neitzke – Funeral Service – March 20, 2016  
Donald Andersen – Memorial Service – May 7, 2016  
Rodney Nelson – Memorial Service – May 21, 2016  
Bertha Mellor – Funeral Service – June 2, 2016  
Kent Bunderson – Funeral Service – June 8, 2016  
Donna Baldwin – Funeral Service – July 21, 2016  
Charles "Chuck" Frahm – Memorial Service – August 30, 2016  
Delores Carlson – Funeral Service – September 27, 2016  
Ila Engdahl – Memorial Service – October 15, 2016  
Donald L. Johanson – Memorial Service – December 9, 2016  
Delbert "Del" Peterson – Memorial Service – December 10, 2016  
Robert Moate – Memorial Service – December 31, 2016

#### **At First United Methodist Church in Oakland, NE with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:**

Viola Enstrom - Funeral Service – January 16, 2016

#### **At Uehling Auditorium, Uehling NE with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:**

Vernon Frandsen – Memorial Service – February 8, 2016

#### **At Premier Estates in Fremont, NE with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:**

Jane Kelly – Memorial Service – February 23, 2016

#### **At the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oakland with Rev. Dr. Brian High officiating:**

Greg "Rosie" Rosenboom – Funeral Service – March 2, 2016

#### **At Munderloh-Smith Funeral Home, Pender, NE with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:**

Michael Tott – Memorial Service - May 16, 2016

#### **At Elim Lutheran Church in Swaburg, NE with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:**

Joanne Bowman – Memorial Service – June 30, 2016

#### **At First Lutheran, South Sioux City, NE with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:**

Les Pressy - Memorial Services - November 11, 2016

#### **At Swedish Heritage Center in Oakland, NE with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:**

Merlin "Curly" Nelson – Memorial Service – November 15, 2016

#### **At the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oakland with Pastor Larry Jirsak officiating:**

Muriel A. Rabe – Funeral Service – December 27, 2016



First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met briefly after the annual meeting January 22, 2017 for an organization meeting. Greg Johnson called the meeting to order and in attendance were Tom Meyer, Susan Mulder, Nathan Anderson, Mona Tanksley, Carole Johnson, Sandy Husar, Linda Jones and Pastor Eldal. Greg thanked the new members for agreeing to serve on this council. A motion was made by Carole Johnson, seconded by Susan Mulder nominating Greg Johnson for president. Motion carried. A motion was made by Sandy Husar, seconded by Tom Meyer nominating Sam Schmidt for Vice President. Motion carried. A motion was made by Sandy Husar, seconded by Linda Jones that Mona Tanksley be elected secretary. Motion carried. There was some discussion about having a council member serve as treasurer to act as a liaison between the council and office personnel. We will have further discussion on this.

It was decided the meetings will continue to be the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Members were asked to think about which committee they wish to serve on and we will organize that at the next meeting.

There was some discussion about using the van again to bring members to church. We will move forward with repairing the lift in it and work towards getting some drivers.

Installation for council members will be Sunday, January 29. The next meeting will be March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Mona Tanksley, Secretary.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 - Lois Schneekloth, Javar Larson, Myesha Larson
- 5 - Raymond Satee
- 6 - Denise Enstrom, Carl Magnusson,
- 7 - Loudon Pelan
- 8 - Carolyn Magnusson
- 9 - Elizabeth Moderow, Sara Anderson
- 10 - Tammy Deemer, Amy Rost, Helen Murray, Betty Rogers
- 11 - Merlin Anderson, Leon Uman
- 12 - Karla Shelley, Daniel Tanksley, Dorothy Wallace
- 13 - Tom Mallette, Vernelle Nelson, Brittany Sznajder-Murray
- 16 - Dorothy Miller, Bryanna Olson, Perry Rogers, Sarah Wallace
- 17 - Joan Magnusson, Sharon Peterson
- 18 - Brian Stover, Sally Johnson, Dick Lowe
- 19 - Patrick Wonka
- 20 - Mona Tanksley
- 21 - Darrell Schneekloth
- 22 - Wyatt Seagren
- 24 - LaVerne Osterdorff, Adilen Rennerfeldt, Beverly Richards
- 25 - Joshua Deemer
- 26 - LaVerne Kellner
- 27 - Kathleen Pearson
- 28 - Don Johnson



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Jon and Chloine Johnson
- 12 - Alan and Tammy Schinck
- 19 - Delwin and Sandra Slatt
- 20 - Vern and Lucetta Jensen
- 21 - James and Audrey Unwin

# FEBRUARY 2017

## USHERS

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Sam Schmidt, Roger Moderow, Jarvis Guill and Connor Guill  
 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - Norm Case, Larry Johnson Andy Rennerfeldt and Ian Lundquist  
 Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - Norm Case, Charlie Seagren, Clendon Rost and Mike Selk  
 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Norm Case, Clare Wiltse and Dave Schold  
 Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - Jacob Deemer and Josh Deemer (Ash Wed.)  
 Mar 5 - Sam Schmidt, Roger Moderow,



## GREETERS

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Amy, Victor and Corbin Guill  
 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - Angie, Ashten, Anisten, Adilen and Ava Rennerfeldt  
 Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - Amy, Preston, Sabrina & Celeste Rost and Katie, Brayden & Chloe Selk  
 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Jan Wiltse and Laurie Schold



## ACOLYTES



Feb 5 Ashten Rennerfeldt  
 12 Marissa Mulder  
 19 Carly Stewart  
 26 Connor Guill  
 Mar 1 Aiden Jorgensen (Ash Wed)  
 5 Ayden Lierman

## VIDEO



Feb 5 Jonathan Dixon  
 12 Ashten Rennerfeldt  
 19 Marissa Mulder  
 26 Connor Guill  
 Mar 1 Carly Stewart (Ash Wed)  
 5 Aiden Jorgensen

## ORGANISTS



Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - Bryan Bohn  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Billye Pearson  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Wallerstedt  
 26<sup>th</sup> - Bryan Bohn  
 Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> - Bryan Bohn



## SOUND

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - Dan Tanksley  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Tess Johnson  
 19<sup>th</sup> - Jim Nelson/Dan Tanksley  
 26<sup>th</sup> - Jim Pelan  
 Mar 5<sup>th</sup> - Dan Tanksley

## FELLOWSHIP SERVERS THIS MONTH



Janice Case and Michelle Case  
 Delaney Brudigam and Carla Corwine  
 Tammy Deemer and Cheryl Denker  
 Paula Denton and Judee Dix  
 Betty Dixon and Julie Easton

Sunday, February 5  
 Sunday, February 12  
 Sunday, February 19  
 Sunday, February 26  
 Sunday, March 5

**Thank you for your help in these important areas.  
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