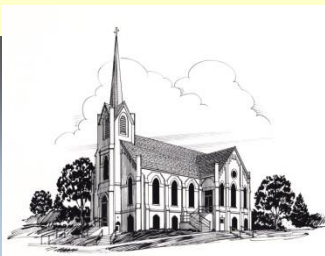


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

On a recent Sunday the lessons from Scripture seemed to be especially poignant and encouraging. As we read them they were hopefully morsels of spiritual food for our souls.

Some of these morsels were: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end."

"Great is Thy faithfulness." "The Lord is my portion." "Weeping may tarry for the night but joy comes in the morning."

How good to know God's love and mercy never come to an end. We can know that he will always be faithful to the promises in his Word. As we lean on his love, mercy, and faithfulness he can be our ultimate portion in life, he can be the one who ultimately satisfies our souls. And this ministry to our souls can give us joy, even after times of weeping.

As we trust in Jesus, may he be the one who satisfies our souls as we rely on his love and his faithfulness and we experience his joy.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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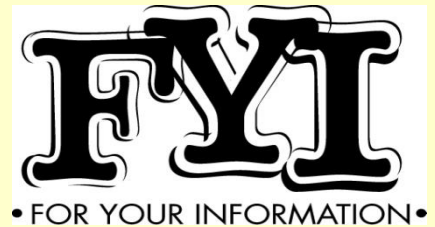


July & August 2014 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in July & August are:

- Independence Day — July 4
- Purple Heart Day — August 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is collecting donations for earthquake relief in Nepal. You can donate by mail to: Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061 or by Phone: 800-597-5972 (Please note NEPAL EARTHQUAKE FUND on your check.)

We are starting to look for Sunday School Teachers for next fall. If you would be interested, please contact Angie Rennerfeldt.

THANK YOU to The Burt County Brass Quintet for playing at church during morning worship on June 28.

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church is looking to hire a part-time Media/Office Assistant with strong communication and organizational skills. The intern hired for this position will need to be familiar with social media tools and be willing to work with a team dedicated to outreach through the use of social media. If you are interested please contact Cheryl Denker.

This summer (July-August) we will not have assigned Ushers and Greeters. We will have anyone who wishes to help fill in. There will be the normal head ushers present to help direct.

On Sunday, June 7, we dedicated our new green paraments. We would like to thank Karen Ahrens for making them and the Delores Colson family for the monetary donations to purchase them.

SEWING MEETINGS are off for the summer. They will begin again in the fall. **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!!

NEW SUMMER YOUTH GROUP will be meeting every Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:30 pm. Snacks will be provided. It will open it to all current Junior High and Senior High school kids in the community. There will be sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room for anyone who wishes to donate for the treats.

Thank you to all of the helpers this summer for Vacation Bible School, thank you to the parents for bringing your children, thank you to the Youth Leaders from Camp Luther for leading our VBS Program, and Thank you to Alissa Bousquet for coordinating it all!

There are no Church Council Meetings in July, but will meet August 3rd.

We would like to congratulate Ed and Betty Hanna as the king and queen of the Swedish festival Karl Lundquist for organizing the Swedish festival. A great time was had by all!!

Growing Together



Growing Together Bible Study Series

We have started our journey through the book of Mark. If you're wondering how this works, it's really quite simple. We read through small segments of scripture and ask a few basic questions. Here are sample questions from Mark 1: 9-13.

"What affirmation did Jesus receive?"

"How would you describe a desert?"

"What spiritual trials and victories did Jesus experience?"

"How could your trials/struggles prepare you for service?"

The good news is there is still time to join us on:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 7:00 pm

2nd & 4th Tuesdays - 3:45pm

All discussions are at church and last 1 hour. You only need your favorite Bible translation and a willingness share what you're discovering as you open God's Word. If you're unable to join us, would you pray for us? We are asking for our group to grow and our focus remain on God glorifying conversation. Hope to see you there!

IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE

INCLUDE: Jim Jorgensen, Jason Penke, Pat Hanselmen (Florence Erickson's daughter), Sandy Abney (Hilda Benne's sister), Don Johanson, Karen Johnson, Tara Wallesen, Sandra Johnson, Wilma Neitzke, Don Andersen, Landon Johnson, Lillian Mueller, Norman Johnson, Laurie Canarsky, Donna Johnson, Gary Rosenboom, Kaylee Fujan, Vernelle Nelson, Bill Dix, Allen Schrock, Charlie Ray, Rich Tomasek, Oliver Nimmo, Delwin Benne, Joseph Vandry, the family of Ruth Wise, the family of Delmar Paulson and all of our servicemen and women, our shut-ins and our youth ministry.



Candace Johnson and Laurie Schold - July

Janice Johnson and Sharon Peterson - August



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-JULY-

July 1 Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m..... Mary

July 6.....Executive Meeting 4 PM

July 812:00 PM - July Brunch— Mary has Program,
Hannah serves brunch

July 26 Devotions @ O.H. 2:30 PM Ruth

Clean Kitchen Ruth

-AUGUST-

August 5.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m.Hannah

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST !!!!!!!



Dorcas Society is invited to attend the WOW Brunch on Wednesday July 8 at 12:00 PM.

Dorcas Society – July 29 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights

Dorcas Society – August 26 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Tom Olson, Bill Dix, Annie Magnusson,
Georgia Johnson
- 3 - Ostern Heineman, Joan Johnson
- 4 - Larry Shelley
- 6 - Phillip Hall, Phyllis Meyer
- 7 - Cindy Blanc, Bradley Denker, Gordon Olson
- 10 - Dolores Anderson, Michael Blanc,
- 11 - Jack Carstensen
- 12 - David Schold
- 13 - Zakk Lierman
- 14 - Clinton Johnson
- 15 - Jenna Bromm, Jace Frahm
- 16 - Travis Lindstrom, David Mallette, Delwin Slatt
- 17 - Tonya Hemmer, Rhett Kloth
- 19 - Dillon Johnson, Kendra Moseman,
Aaron Tomasek
- 20 - Arla Landholm, Christina Morley
- 21 - Betty Krutilek
- 22 - Dan Olson, Joanne Peterson, Arick Tomasek,
Betty Dixon
- 23 - Patricia Moseman
- 24 - Jon Seagren
- 26 - Alissa Bousquet, Carole Johnson
- 27 - Justin Stevenson
- 28 - Corbin Guill, Harley Nelson
- 30 - Steven Satree
- 31 - Kimberly Guill, Marysa Moseman

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10 - Vicki & Jeffrey Nelson
- 12 - James & Tamera VonEssen
- 14 - Janelle & Evan Muller
- 15 - Johnnie & Melinda Johnson
- 16 - Donald & Joan Wolf,
Mike & Molly Miller
- 18 - Scott & Valerie Lindstrom
- 21 - Charles & Debbie Krutilek
- 22 - Eric & Tara Miller
- 26 - Jill & Mark Johnson
- 27 - Donald & Lura Johanson
- 29 - Chris & Laurine Karstens
- 31 - Travis & Keri Thomsen

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Donna Baldwin, Jakob Krutilek, Kiley Nelson,
Ed Forks
- 2 - Carl Osterndorff, Tawsha Peterson, Max Blanc
- 3 - Audrey Unwin, Jodi Peterson
- 6 - Jill Johnson, Justin Trout, Kiley Blanc
- 7 - Alan Johnson, Delwin Swanson, Morgann Kloth,
Charlotte Hyslop
- 8 - Tanner Heineman, Ryan Jones
- 9 - Karen Ahrens, Curtis Mallette
- 11 - Jana Lindstrom, Shirley Olson, Cody Peterson,
Natalie Dixon
- 12 - Samantha Canarsky, Jon Holmes, Lee Peterson
- 13 - Sandra Slatt, Kelli Johnson
- 14 - Jill Stucky, Kylie Penke
- 15 - Gavin Johnson
- 16 - Rex Landholm, Mia Thomsen
- 17 - Dean Brudigam, Hayden McCartney
- 19 - Charles Frahm
- 20 - Gabrielle Linder, Marjorie Maller, Mary Strom,
Ava Johnson
- 21 - Morgan Corwine, Andrew Rennerfeldt
- 23 - Mark Carlson, Betsey Florell, Lyndsey Johnson,
Robert Moseman, Kameron Shelley
- 24 - Caleb Bousquet, Clara Frahm,
Anisten Rennerfeldt, Merle Richards
- 25 - Roger Bailey, Karen Johnson, Elisabeth Linder
- 26 - Ramona Benson, Tess Johnson, Brian Jones,
Gerald Larson, Vincent Lindstrom, Joan Wolf
- 27 - Bryan Frahm,
- 29 - Donna Villwok

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Diana & Peter Kruse
- 2 - Ewald & Patricia Dahlquist, Lee & Sharon Peterson
- 3 - Ronald & Delaney Brudigam, Edwin & Betty Hanna,
Franklin & Janice Johnson, Joseph & Jane Stucky
- 8 - Don & Candace Johnson, Tanner & Tricia Heineman
- 9 - Boyd & Ruth Blomenkamp
- 11 - Tom & Sandra Mallette
- 12 - Ed & Connie Anderson, Julie & David Jones,
Nancy & Robert Wonka
- 15 - Delwin & Hilda Benne
- 16 - Larry & Karla Shelley, Gary and Karen Rosenboom
- 18 - Delbert & Joanne Peterson,
Jason & Amanda Huntington
- 19 - Norm & Sally Johnson
- 25 - Carl & Julie Easton
- 29 - Tony & Nancy Bromm, Chad & Elisabeth Linder
- 30 - Jeffrey & Judith Troupe, Tom & Phyllis Meyer
- 31 - Merlin & Rosemary Anderson



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oakland, Nebraska
June 1st, 2015**

The church council met June 1, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with the following persons present: Cheryl Denker, Jan Wiltse, Rachel Wise, Kylie Penke, Carl Magnusson, Greg Johnson, Jon Seagren, Sam Schmidt, Roger Moderow, Jim Pelan, Mona Tanksley and Pastor Eldal.

Pastor presented his report for May highlighting his activities for the month.

It was noted that the financial report was not available at this time.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion was made by Jon to accept them. Motion seconded by Sam and carried.

The Evangelism Committee report was given by Rachel who reported on their recent meeting. They are looking at ways to welcome new members and visitors. An information packet will be sent to these people. Information on our church will also be included in the city welcome packets distributed to new residents. A "sign in" sheet was shown that will be placed in the pews for all to sign in addition to being used as a replacement for the communion cards. The first youth outreach event was held in May with 15 young people attending. These events will be held the first and third Wednesdays through the summer. Kylie Penke reported on the Right Now media that is available to all members of our congregation via the internet. In addition to videos, there are Bible studies available for all age groups. The email distribution list has been compiled and the Spire will soon be sent via email in addition to being sent in the mail. Cheryl, Rachel and Pastor met recently to write a job description for the part time position that we have discussed hiring. A motion was made by Rachel that we move forward to hire a part time media specialist based on the information given. Motion seconded by Greg and carried. A personnel committee has been formed to handle the details of hiring the person for this position. The committee consists of Pastor, Cheryl, Kylie, Rachel, Jon, and Greg. This position will be announced in church and a notice placed in the Spire.

The Music Committee noted that choir has ended for the season. The choir and musicians will meet at Pop and Doc's for a meal on June 12. It was reported that the pianos have been tuned recently.

The Property Committee report was given by Jim who noted that Sean Linder will soon be working on the sprinkler system. It was also noted that there are some areas in the lawn in need of re-seeding. The mowing service was discussed. Dan Tanksley has been contacted about painting the parking stalls on the south side of the building. It was decided to have him paint the ones on the west side of the church at the same time. The television for the multipurpose room was discussed and Jim will check regarding cost of the wiring.

Old Business: We continue to work on the membership list to update all the information.

New Business: Pastor reported that a community church service will be held on Sunday, June 21 at the park as part of the Swedish Festival. He noted that the Burt County Brass will perform at our service on June 28. It was decided that there would not be a worship service on Saturday evening, July 4. We discussed the idea of doing a fund raiser by selling fruit and details were given by Mona. This information will be given to the WOW groups to decide whether to proceed with it.

Communion Helpers: July 5 Mona Tanksley
 August 1 Arla Ogden
 August 2 ?

The meeting adjourned with all saying the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be August 3 at 7:30 pm.

Mona Tanksley, Secretary



June Attendance

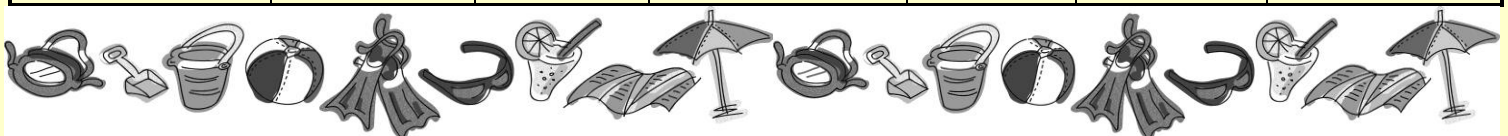
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June Finances








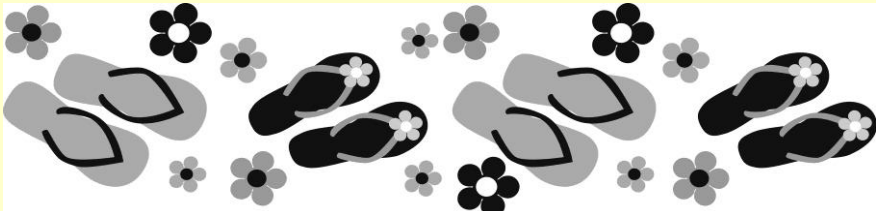
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| Commitments | \$12,594.40 |
| Building Use | \$- |
| Designated | |
| Memorial | \$310.00 |
| Misc | \$185.00 |
| TOTAL | \$13,089.40 |

July 2015

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|  | | | 1 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 7:00-8:30 PM YOUTH GROUP 7:00PM GROWING TOGETHERGROU P | 2 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS | 3 NO SERVICES | 4  |
| 5 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP | 6 NO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING TIL AUGUST 4:00PM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING | 7 7:30PM A.A. MEETING 3:45PM GROWING TOGETHER GROUP | 8 12:00PM WOW JULY BRUNCH HANNAH - PROGRAM RUTH - SERVES 7:00-8:30 PM YOUTH GROUP | 9 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS | 10 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE | 11 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE |
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| 26 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP 2:30PM DEVOTIONS @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS...RUTH | 27 7:30PM A.A. MEETING | 28 2:00 PM O.H. DORCAS SOCIETY 7:00-8:30 PM YOUTH GROUP | 29 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS | 30 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS | 31 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS | 31 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS |



August 2015

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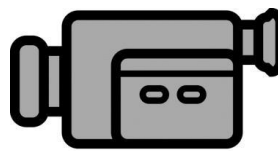
5th: Job Ebgers, Roger Moderow
 12th: Jim Nelson, Norm Case
 19th: Dr. Charlie Seagren, N. Case
 26th: C. Wiltse, N. Case

August 2015 USHERS :

2nd: Job Ebgers, Roger Moderow
 9th: Jim Nelson, Norm Case
 16th: Dr. Charlie Seagren, Norm Case
 23rd: C. Wiltse, Norm Case
 30th: Dr. Charlie Seagren, Norm Case



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| July | 5 | Jacob Deemer |
| | 12 | Jared Krutilek |
| | 19 | Megan Bousquet |
| | 26 | Lane Peterson |
| Aug | 2 | Ian Lundquist |
| | 9 | Braeden Case |
| | 16 | Zoe Linder |
| | 23 | Colton Thomsen |
| | 30 | Selena Johnson |
| Sep | 6 | Wyatt Seagren |



Video

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| July | 5 | Katie Miller |
| | 12 | Jacob Deemer |
| | 19 | Jared Krutilek |
| | 26 | Megan Bousquet |
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| | 30 | Colton Thomsen |
| Sep | 6 | Selena Johnson |



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| July | 5 - Billye Pearson |
| | 12 - Billye Pearson |
| | 19 - Ruth Wallerstedt |
| | 26 - Bryan Bohn |
| August | 2 - Bryan Bohn |
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| | 16 - Ruth Wallerstedt |
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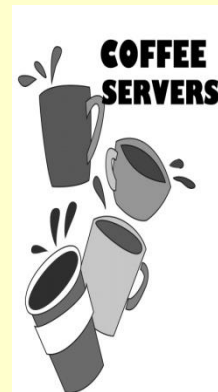
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| July | 5 - Dan Tanksley |
| | 12 - Tess Johnson |
| | 21 - Jim/Dan |
| | 28 - Jim Pelan |
| August | 2 - Dan Tanksley |
| | 9 - Tess Johnson |
| | 16 - Jim/Dan |
| | 23 - Tess Johnson |
| | 30 - Jim Pelan |

SERVERS

DATE

COORDINATOR

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Karen Rosenboom, JanelleSeagren | Sunday, July 05, 2015 | Tess Johnson |
| TaraMiller, Jodi Peterson | Sunday, July 12, 2015 | Cheryl Denker |
| Sandy Husar, SandraJohnson | Sunday, July 19, 2015 | Jan Wiltse |
| Angela Rennerfeldt, KarenJohnson | Sunday, July 26, 2015 | Patty Miller |
| Karen Karstens, JudyNelson | Sunday, August 02, 2015 | Tess Johnson |
| BeverlyPeterson, MonaTanksley | Sunday, August 09, 2015 | Cheryl Denker |
| AudreyUnwin, AnnieMagnusson | Sunday, August 16, 2015 | Jan Wiltse |
| TammyDeemer, MelindaJohnson | Sunday, August 23, 2015 | Patty Miller |
| SuzieNelson, Arla Ogden | Sunday, August 30, 2015 | Jan Wiltse |
| AnnaBelleOlson, ShirleyOlson | Sunday, September 06, 2015 | Tess Johnson |



Thank you for your help in these important areas. If you can't be here, please find someone to take your place.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR TO TICKLE YOUR LIFE



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