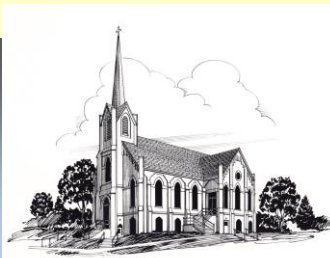


# THE SPIRE



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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

This past weekend we observed Trinity Sunday at church.

In observing Trinity Sunday we remembered God is three in one and that there can be mystery to this, which can remind us that there can be mystery in our faith at times. God has revealed much about himself and our world. In fact, he has revealed all that we need to know to understand our world, what he has done for us, and how we can enter into a relationship with him through faith in Jesus. Yet, as Paul writes in II Corinthians 4, perplexity can arise in our lives. However, when it does we can freshly entrust our lives to Jesus and know that he will be with us.

The thought of God being three in one can also remind us of his awesomeness and power. It can fill me with humility and cause me to freshly surrender my life to him.

When we think of the triune God, we can also know God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit live in unity and right relationship with one another. Following this example we too can seek to live in right relationship with others.

As we contemplate the members of the Trinity, we know that in some ways they play different roles in our lives. Although the Bible says all things were made through Jesus, we also think of the Father as the one who created heaven and earth. We know Jesus would enter our world to be our Redeemer, and we know the Holy Spirit would come to be a helper to us in the Christian life. We can be reminded that just as they minister to us in different ways, so God has given us different gifts and abilities and we can minister in various ways to others.

Thus, as we meditate upon God as being three in one, may we trust him even when we may be perplexed, may we be in awe of him, may we live in right relationships with others, and may we use the gifts God has given us to minister in our world, as we trust in Jesus.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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### June 2015 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated  
in June are:

- Flag Day – June 14
- Father's Day – June 21
- Summer Begins – June 21

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday May 3rd<sup>h</sup>, we honored our Graduating Seniors during our Sunday Service. This year's seniors are: Ashleigh Carr and Job Egbers. Congratulations!!!



There will not be services on June 21 due to the Community Services during the Swedish Festival.

The Swedish Heritage Center will be holding a luncheon on Sunday June 7, honoring the Artist of the Month - Dona Nelson. It will be from 11:00- 1:00 p.m. Free Will Donation.

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.)



On Sunday, June 7, we will be dedicating 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.



Annual Music Outing .....ALL music people are invited to Pop-n-Docks in Decater on June 12th at 5:30 or 6:00 for supper.

Thank you to our Choir and Bryan Bohn for another great choir season!!



**NEW SUMMER YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting every 1st and 3rd 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 wished to donate for the treats.



## Growing Together Bible Study Series

### Growing Together

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! Here are the dates and scripture we will be discussing in June.

- Wed, June 3 - 7:00 pm      Mark 2:1-3:6
- Tues, June 9- 3:45pm      Mark 2:1-3:6
- Wed, June 17-7:00 pm      Mark 3:7-3:35
- Tues June 23 - 3:45 pm      Mark 3:7-3:35

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!



Thank you to our much appreciated teachers for a wonderful Sunday School year:

Preschool: Angie Rennerfeldt & Jodi Peterson

K and 1st: Keri Thomsen

2nd & 3rd grade: Susan Mulder

4th grade: Jen Anderson

5th & 6th grade: Andy Rennerfeldt

6th grade (last Sunday of Month): Bev Peterson

Music: Jill Johnson

Piano: Cindy Blanc

Superintendent: Angie Rennerfeldt



A special thank you to them for their hard work and sacrifice to the children of First Lutheran Church.

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

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING DONATIONS!**



We have found a wonderful outlet in Fremont, Nebraska - Uniquely Your Stability Support, Inc. It is a community-based agency that addresses the dynamics of homeless prevention and moving out of homelessness. They so graciously accepted your donations and in turn “give” out to those in need. They will accept men, women and children’s clothing and shoes. They thanked us over and over.

Karen Rosenboom and Patty Miller, WOW Coordinators



June 3.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m. ....Hannah  
 June 7.....2:30 p.m. Devotions @ O.H. ....Hannah  
 June 8.....Executive Meeting 4 p.m.  
 June 10.....Group Meetings 9 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM  
 Clean Kitchen ....HS Youth



Group would love to use most anything!!

**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!!



Janice Johnson and Sharon Peterson

**Dorcas Society June 24 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights**



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 - Kurt Schneekloth  
 4 - Laurie Carlson, Gary Case  
     Lindsay Jorgensen, Sheri Slatt  
 6 - Colton Moseman, Bill Johnson  
 7 - Anthony Moseman  
 11 - Daniel Tanksley, Marcee Tomasek, Laura Egbers  
 13 - Lillian Johnson  
 14 - Florence Erickson  
 15 - James Jorgensen  
 17 - Terry Johnson  
 18 - Patty Miller  
 19 - LeAnn Jorgensen, Angela Bittner  
 20 - Robert Miller  
 21 - Aaron Johnson  
     Delbert Peterson  
 22 - Diana Kruse  
 24 - Renae Johnson, Molly Miller  
 25 - Donna Denton, Susan Mulder  
 26 - Braydon Wobken  
 28 - Rachel Kruse  
 29 - Ruth Trout  
 30 - Andrew Denker, Jon Johnson,  
     Michael Johnson, Jared Krutilek

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 - Dorothy & C. Earl Miller  
 3 - Andrew & Angela Rennerfeldt  
 6 - Mitch and Michelle Case  
 7 - Lois & Darrell Schneekloth  
     Tiffany & Kenneth Johnson  
     Paul & Jan Kruse  
 8 - Gregory & Deanna Ray  
 10 - Myrna & Delwin Swanson  
 12 - Denny & Arla Ogden  
 15 - Raymond & Jean Satee  
 16 - Tony & Kimberly Wanek  
     Carla & Robert Corwine  
 17 - Janet & Clare Wiltse  
 18 - Beverly & Dr. Gayle Peterson  
 19 - Judy & Gerald Groene  
     Karl & Roxanne Lundquist  
 20 - Ed & Vivian Forks  
 22 - Terry & Julie Johnson  
 23 - Dale & Linda Jones  
 24 - Roger & Marjorie Maller  
     Larry & Tess Johnson  
 26 - Cynthia & Max Blanc  
 28 - Jon & Janelle Seagren  
 30 - Robert & Karen Johnson

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

Don Johanson, Karen Johnson, Tara Wallesen, Sandra Johnson, Wilma Neitzke, Don Andersen, Landon Johnson, Lillian Mueller, Norman Johnson, Duane (Duke) Wagner, Laurie Canarsky, Paige Peterson, Donna Johnson, Gary Rosenboom, Kaylee Fujan, Vernelle Nelson, Bill Dix, Allen Schrock, Charlie Ray, Rich Tomasek, Oliver Nimmo, Delwin Benne, Joseph Vandry, and all of our servicemen and women, our shut-ins and our youth ministry.





**First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska**

The church council met May 4, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. with the following persons present: Cheryl Denker, Sam Schmidt, Carl Magnusson, Mona Tanksley, Greg Johnson, Kylie Penke, Rachel Wise, Jan Wiltse, Jim Pelan, Roger Moderow, Sandy Husar and Pastor Mark Eldal.

The meeting began with Rachel giving devotions. Pastor presented his report for the month of April discussing his activities. The minutes of the April meeting were read and a motion was made by C. Magnusson to accept them. Motion seconded by K. Penke and carried.

**The Evangelism Committee** report was given by Rachel Wise who reported on the committee's recent meeting. She stated that for youth activities a family event was held last Sunday for the third graders and their families. There are some activities planned for youth during the summer. It was noted that the confirmation class indicated that they wanted to continue to meet on Wednesday evenings. More information will follow when plans are finalized. There was discussion on having some training for the greeters when welcoming visitors and/or new members. Our church will have information placed in the city welcome packets inviting those new to the area to worship with us. The idea of having a video on our church website was discussed. Social ministry was discussed and ways to use social media to reach people. Also discussed was having someone available to work as a media intern.

Cheryl reported on a recent meeting with staff to discuss job roles and job descriptions. The idea of hiring another person to serve as a backup/media intern was discussed. Cheryl and Rachel will meet and determine a budget, write a job description, determine hours needed and compile a list of duties for which this person would be responsible. This will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Cheryl reported that Ruth Wallerstedt has agreed to line up special music for the summer services.

**The Property Committee** report was given by J. Pelan who noted that the manger has been taken down and stored, the closet door and faucets have been repaired and the fence surrounding the air conditioning unit has been fixed to allow better air circulation. He also presented two quotes for a television set for the multipurpose room. Next we will check into the cost of wiring the TV set. A quote of \$1600 has been received from Sean Linder for a sprinkler system that would water the grass on the north side of the parking lot. A motion was made by Sandy Husar, seconded by Carl Magnusson that we purchase the sprinkler system for \$1600 and then reseed the area with grass seed. Motion carried. In other business it was reported that the broken window well cover has been repaired and the cracks in the sidewalk have been ground down. The parking space lines on the south side of the church are in need of painting. We will check with Dan Tanksley to see about getting this done. We discussed Sunday School rooms and the idea of combining the junior high and high school classes and options to have a room large enough for a class this size.

**Old Business:** Clothing items have been collected and these items will soon be delivered. Cheryl will check with the food bank to see who is to pick up the items we have collected. We continue to work on updating the list of members.

**New Business:** It was reported that the computer in the office is not working well so it was decided to check into the cost of a new one.

**Communion helpers:** June 6 Arla Ogden  
June 7 Cheryl Denker

**Devotions for June 1 Meeting** - Sandy Husar

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

Mona Tanksley, Secretary

May Attendance	
2 & 3.....	268
9& 10 .....	228
18 & 19.....	123
25 & 26.....	128
30 &31.....	144

May Finances	
Commitments	\$15,119.85
Building Use	\$-
Designated	
VBS Snacks	\$ 50.00
Sunday School	\$-
Memorial	\$1,041.00
Misc.	\$ 429.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,640.26</b>



# June 2015



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6:30PM EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	2 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	3 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP 7:00PM GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY	4 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	5	6 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
7 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	8 4:00PM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING	9 7:30PM A.A. MEETING 3:45PM GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY	10 9:00AM, 2:00PM, 6:00PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS	11 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	12 <b>11:15AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM</b>	13 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9-11:45 am</b>						
14 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15	16 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	17 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP 7:00PM GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY	18 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	19	20 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
21 <b>NO SUNDAY SERVICES - COMMUNITY SERVICE</b> 6:00PM KOINONIA MEETING <b>FATHER'S DAY SUMMER BEGINS</b>	22	23 7:30PM A.A. MEETING 3:45PM GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY	24	25 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	26	27 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
28 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	29	30 7:30PM A.A. MEETING				

# THIS MONTH USHERS

## JUNE 2015 USHERS :

7<sup>th</sup>: J. Ebgers, R. Moderow, Kevin Wuestuwald and Clair Wiltse  
 14<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Charlie Seagren, N. Case Jon Seagren and Garrett Seagren  
 21<sup>st</sup>: No Services - Swedish Festival  
 28<sup>th</sup>: C. Wiltse, N. Case Osterndorf and Heineman families



## JUNE 2015 GREETERS:

7<sup>th</sup>: Julie Wuestuwald and Jan Wiltse  
 14<sup>th</sup> : Janelle Seagren and Bev Peterson  
 21<sup>st</sup> : No Services - Swedish Festival  
 28<sup>th</sup>: Osterndorf and Heineman families



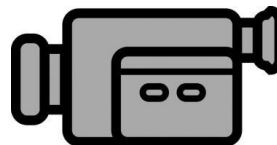
7 - Bryan Bohn  
 14- Billye Pearson  
 21 - NO SERVICE  
 28 - Bryan Bohn



7 - Dan Tanksley  
 14 - Tess Johnson  
 21 - NO SERVICE  
 28 - Jim Pelan



7 - Rylee Stevenson  
 14 - Ashley Denton  
 21 - NO SERVICE  
 28 - Katie Miller  
 5 - Jacob Deemer



Video

7 - Brady Jorgensen  
 14 - Rylee Stevenson  
 21- NO SERVICE  
 28 -Garrison Dodge  
 5 - Katie Miller

Jane Moseman	Sunday, June 07, 2015
Susan Moseman	Sunday, June 07, 2015
Susan Mulder	Sunday, June 14, 2015
Diane Pietzmeir	Sunday, June 14, 2015
<b>NO SERVICE</b>	Sunday, June 21, 2015
Roxi Lundquist	Sunday, June 28, 2015
Connie Larson	Sunday, June 28, 2015
Karen Rosenboom	Sunday, July 05, 2015
Janelle Seagren	Sunday, July 05, 2015



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





## Position Description

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Media/Office Assistant

## Description

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.

## Responsibilities

- Maintain up to date lists of tasks and send out reminders (coffee, acolytes, ushers, greeters, video, etc.)
- Update church records (membership, marriage, death, confirmation, communion, etc.)
- New member packets
- Memorial/gift thank-you's
- Back up sound and video as needed
- Back up on social media
- Assist with funerals as needed
- Support bulletin and Spire as needed
- Input information onto power point for use on Sunday services as needed

## Requirements

Individuals applying for the position should be familiar with MS Office tools and social media tools.

## Hours

It is anticipated the individual would work 10-15 hours per week. The schedule will include two mornings per week from 9-12 with the other hours scheduled as needed.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!** **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:45 a.m. Alissa Bousquet is going to coordinate VBS again. We are requesting volunteers and no help is turned away!!! The Theme this year is **“Proclaim His Name”**. It will be led by three young people from Camp Luther. We will still need helpers to assist the leaders from Camp Luther. These will include: teachers, kitchen help and crafts.

All helpers will be great appreciated. The three leaders from Camp Luther will help organize and lead in song. If you need a registration form and a medical consent form (needs to be filled out for each child), please contact Tess in the office (402)685-5764 or on her cell (402)380-5660.

**The Camp Luther Leaders will be here from Sunday evening, June 7 through Friday night June 12, would it be possible to provide a noon or evening meal? (brought to them or invite them into your home.) Please contact Alissa at 402-380-2301.**

**The Vacation Bible School Program will be on Friday Morning, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.**

**VBS Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Finished: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



## Camp Luther VBS Health History And Emergency Contact Form

Please complete and return with registration form  
ONE for PER camper

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

VBS Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of VBS: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist/Orthodontist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Carrier (or attach card): \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Medical Conditions or Allergies:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any current medications and why being taken:  
(Must be in original container, these will be collected and distributed per instructions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary restrictions we need to know about? (If yes, please send a snack or contact your VBS coordinator)

Up to date on immunizations? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_

This health history is correct and accurate as far as I know, and the person described herein has permission to engage in all prescribed camp activities except as noted. I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the camp director to order X-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for this person. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the camp director to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named. I allow this person's picture/video to be taken for use in promotion and publicity efforts of Camp Luther of Nebraska, Inc. unless this statement is crossed out.

**Signature of parent or Guardian (or self if over 18)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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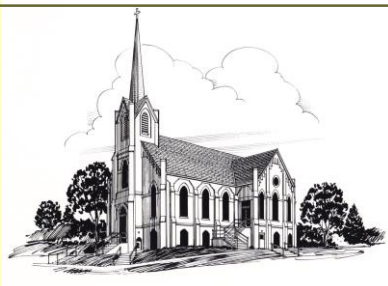
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