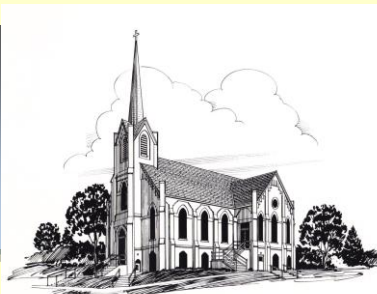


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In several of the Gospels a young man comes to Jesus at one point and asks him "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He asks a question that perhaps many people ask at some point in their lives.

I suspect many people ask this question because Scripture says God has put eternity in our hearts. God seems to have put an instinct in us, which is that somehow we were made for more than this life, that somehow we were created to live forever.

This inner instinct is reinforced by many promises in scripture which speak of eternal life and the promise of a heavenly home. Yet, it is most resoundingly confirmed in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

This was such an amazing event that it astounded the disciples and changed their lives forever. It would also change the lives of over five hundred other people who saw the resurrected Lord.

And of course, it can forever change our lives. For we have the promise that as we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we can share in his victory over death and we can live in the assurance that God has a heavenly home for us.

This promise can give our lives meaning because we know that the love and kindness we give and receive in this life can be remembered through eternity, and the relationships we have in Christ can go on through eternity.

The resurrection of Jesus and his promise of eternal life can also give us hope in the present. For the same power that raised Jesus from the dead can give us new beginnings in this life, as we trust in him.

Thus, as we remember the resurrection of Jesus may we delight in the meaning and hope it can give us in him.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

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April 2015 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in April are:

- ☞ Maundy Thursday — April 2
- ☞ Pastor Mark's Birthday – April 3
- ☞ Good Friday — April 3
- ☞ Easter — April 5
- ☞ Administrative Professionals Day — April 22

SPRING CLEANING?? Don't forget the sewing group. They love blankets, sheets, mattress pads, material embroidery floss or sewing thread and live bodies to help!

There are Easter Lilies available through Sue's Flower shop. If you would like one, please fill out a form with \$16 to Tess in the office or just let Sue know. Thanks!

The 3rd Graders who received their Bibles on March 29 were: Lillian Ehlers, Cason Stevenson, Anisten Rennerfeldt and Kyler Case.

Join us on Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 p.m., Good Friday @ 7:00 pm, Easter Sunday at 8:30 am or 10:30 am and for Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m.

There is still time to sign up for Camp Carol Joy Holling. If you are interested please contact Pastor Mark or Tess in the office for details.

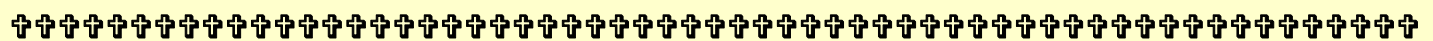


We welcomed into membership Derek, Angela, Adrianna and Clara Bittner and Pete Schmidt on Sunday, March 15, 2015 at First Ev. Lutheran Church. WELCOME Derek, Angela, Adrianna and Clara!! WELCOME Pete!!



We welcomed into membership Bentley Mae Olson
through holy baptism on Saturday Evening, February 28, 2015 at
First Ev. Lutheran Church. Her parents are Paula and Clay Olson.
Her sponsors are Holly and Brian Tietz and Lee Morris. Bentley was
born June 2, 2014. **WELCOME BENTLEY!!**

We welcomed into membership Hannah Lynne Florell through holy baptism on Saturday Evening, March 7, 2015 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Her parents are Luke and Betsey Florell and she joins two brothers, Brock and Emmett. Her sponsor is Sarah Meier. Hannah was born September 12, 2014. Hannah's Grandparents are Jay and Diane Lindstrom and Great Grandparent Vince Lindstrom. **WELCOME HANNAH!!**

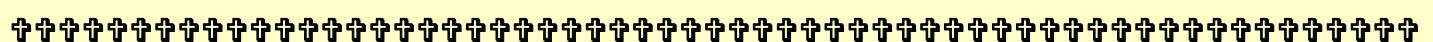


We thank in a special way, Jack Carstensen for the beautiful wood carving of the Lord's Prayer in our fellowship hall. The carving is given in loving memory of his wife Karen.

This carving was made by Gerald Christiansen of North Newton, Kansas. He is 83 years old and is the father of Jack's son-in-law. Gerald is also a good Lutheran.

Carving the Lord's Prayer has become an enjoyable hobby for Gerald. He spends at least 60 hours in making each one and we are blessed to be a recipient of his work.

Gerald was featured in an article in Lincoln Kansas newspaper and we have copies of this article for you to take and read. We thank Jack again for this memorial gift.





Joan Magnusson and Jacque Eldal

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



April 1.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m.Mary
 April 2-5.....Holy Week
 April 3.....Pastor Mark's Birthday
 April 5Easter
 April 6.....Executive Meeting 9 AM
 April 8Group Meetings 9 AM, 2 PM, 6PM
 April 12.....Devotions @ O.H. 2:30 p.m. ...Hannah



Sunday School sang on March 29th (PALM SUNDAY) and the 3rd Graders received their Bibles were: Cason Stevenson, Lillian Ehlers, Anisten Rennerfeldt and Kyler Case. After church they had an Easter egg hunt. After the egg hunt, they read the Easter story and had snacks and did an Easter craft.

There will be no Sunday school on Easter morning, April 5th. Sunday School will resume on the April 12th. We will not sing in the month of April. The next time we sing is on Mother's Day, May 10th.

If anyone is interested in helping teach Sunday School next year please let me know.

Thanks, Angie



Dorcas Society - April 29 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:
 Bill Taylor, Laurie Canarsky, Dorothy Braeder, Paige Peterson, Arlene Carper, Donna Johnson, Judy Hall, Donna Larson, Gary Rosenboom, Kaylee Fajan, Vernelle Nelson, Marlice Sebade, Bill Dix, Fauniel Paulson, Allen Schrock, Charlie Ray, Robert Johnson, 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 March 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Roger Moderow, Mona Tanksley, Jim Pelan, Sam Schmidt, Greg Johnson, Jan Wiltse, Carl Magnusson and Kylie Penke. Pastor Eldal was also in attendance.

Vice President Roger Moderow called the meeting to order and the minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Jim Pelan to accept them. Motion seconded by Carl Magnusson and carried.

The Evangelism Committee reported that James and Audrey Unwin were unable to attend the meeting tonight, but will plan to come next month to discuss finances and the Outreach Committee. We discussed having a demonstration of the website the Sunday after Easter. We also talked about having computers set up after the service so those interested could have a “hands on” time as well as have questions answered. Kylie Penke offered to help with this demonstration and we will announce this in both the bulletin and the Spire. Jan Wiltse reported that Kids Against Hunger are seeking volunteers to help package meals in Tekamah on March 28. A sign-up sheet will be posted. She also reported that Thrivent members are entitled to a \$250 action grant that can be designated for education, fundraising or service projects.

The Property Committee representative, Jim Pelan, reported on his discussions regarding the excess heat in the secretary’s office and possible solutions to the problem. Since the heat will soon be off, it was decided to table this subject until fall and move forward at that time. The toilets in the women’s restroom have been fixed. Also discussed were ideas on stopping the draft coming in around the windows. The idea of remodeling to install a coffee bar was discussed and no decision will be made until we find out what options are available. We will seek the advice of a local contractor to get an idea of what would be involved. Pastor showed a picture that has been given to the church by Jack Carstensen in memory of his wife, Karen. The property committee will arrange to get this displayed. Pastor reported that the lights have burned out on the sign outdoors and the company from whom we purchased the sign is no longer in business. A motion was made by Kylie, seconded by Jan to have the property committee deal with this by either fixing it themselves or finding someone who can. Motion carried.

Old Business: It was reported that Sandra Johnson has been calling the ladies scheduled to serve Sunday coffee as a reminder of their responsibility. Cheryl and Mona will set up a time soon to go over the list of members to make sure it is current. Roger reported that we could use some more head ushers and once we have a full group, he will schedule a meeting to go over details of what is involved.

New Business: The model of the church is now encased in glass and Ed Anderson has volunteered to make a table on which we can display this replica. Kylie noted that the youth group needs more room for Sunday School and there was a discussion on moving them to one of the corner rooms upstairs. It was decided to not have communion on Easter Sunday, rather it will be the Sunday after Easter. The service times for Easter were discussed as was the breakfast to be served between services that day.

Communion helpers - April 11 - Arla Ogden

April 12 - Greg Johnson

Devotions for the April 6 meeting - Greg Johnson

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kylie to adjourn. Motion seconded and carried.

The meeting ended with Kylie doing devotions and all saying the Lord's Prayer.

Mona Tanksley, Secretary.

March Attendance

28 & 1.....	211
4	83
7 & 8.....	158
11	81
14 & 15	176
18.....	79
21 & 22.....	135
25.....	67
28 & 29.....	239

March Finances

Regular	\$10,646.00
Lenten.....	\$921.55
Designated	
Building Use.....	\$120.00
Coffee Fund.....	\$144.00
Holy Week.....	\$25.00
Sunday School.....	\$35.24
Memorial.....	\$395.00
Misc.....	\$767.84
Total.....	\$13,054.63



April's Birthdays

- 2 - Mark Johnson, Jamison Johnson, Peter Kruse
- 3 - Mark Eldal, Sandy Husar, Janice Johnson, Marian Moseman, Clara Bittner
- 4 - Janelle Muller, Bernice Persson, Elaine Peterson, Janelle Guill-Muller
- 5 - Spencer Wanek
- 6 - Zachary Denton, Dona Nelson, Anden Schold, Sierra Kloth
- 8 - Austin Jorgensen
- 9 - Johnnie Johnson, Rachel Peterson, Nolan Magnusson
- 10 - Robert Andrews, Larry Ashton, Tara Miller, Taryn Kloth
- 11 - Brad Heineman, Donna Johnson
- 12 - Merle Karstens, Bonnie Larson, Marty Nelson, Clay Olson, Ivy Johnson
- 13 - Kara Peterson, Johnna Peterson
- 17 - Braeden Case, Roger Moderow, Jean Satee, Robert Johnson
- 18 - Ann Anderson, Jacob Dixon
- 19 - Jennifer Ahrens
- 20 - Jane Moseman, Robert Miller, Sabrina Rost
- 21 - Brad Bousquet, Roberta Sieck, Wayne Uman
- 22 - Brian Magnusson, Deanna Ray
- 23 - Cole Christofferson
- 24 - Ashley Denton
- 27 - Judee Dix, Nathan Johnson, Nancy Johnson
- 28 - Nathan Larson
- 29 - Myrna Swanson



April's Anniversaries

- 1 - Dan & Mona Tanksley
- 10 - Tim & Annie Magnusson
- 12 - Kevin & Julie Wuestewald
Brad & Lela Heineman
- 15 - Bill & May Taylor
- 23 - Bob & Jerri Case
- 25 - Richard & Mary Strom
- 27 - Mike & Cynthia Johnson

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be June 8th - 12th. Alissa Bousquet is once again going to coordinate VBS. She is requesting volunteers. 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 greatly appreciated. The three leaders from Camp Luther will help organize and lead in song.

In addition we will also need host families for the three young people. They will be here from Sunday evening, June 7 through Friday night June 12.

Please find the registration form below and a medical consent form will need to be filled out for each child as well. These forms maybe found in the multipurpose room. If you have any further questions please contact Alissa at 402-380-2301.

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 _____

APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 8:00 PM N.A. MEETINGS 8:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE MAUNDY THURSDAY	3 7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE PASTOR MARK'S Birthday CHOIR SINGS GOOD FRIDAY	4 NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE
5 8:30 & 10:30 AM EASTER SERVICES 9:30AM BREAKFAST CHOIR SINGS EASTER	6 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 9:00 AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	7 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS	8 9AM, 2PM & 6PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:00-8:00 CONFIRMATION 8:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE	9 8:00 PM N.A. MEETINGS	10	11 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
12 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM BIBLE STUDY	13 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	14 8:30:00 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS	15 6:00-8:00 CONFIRMATION 8:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE	16 8:00 PM N.A. MEETINGS	17	18 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
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26 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 11:00 AM BIBLE STUDY CHOIR SINGS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	27 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	28 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS	29 2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING 8:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE	30 8:00 PM N.A. MEETINGS		

THIS MONTH USHERS

April 2015 Ushers

Maunday Thur Ushers: Norm Case, Zakk Lierman and Job Egbers

April 5th 8:30 - J. Egbers and N. Case, Zack Lierman, Loren Swanson

April 5th 10:30 - C Seagren, Greg Ray and Tim Slatt

April 12th - J.Nelson and N. Case Andy Rennerfeldt and Dave Schold

April 19th - R. Moderow, C. Seagren, Jim Pelan and Tim Slatt

April 26th - C. Wiltse, N. Case, Carl Osterndorf and Larry Osterndorf



April 2015 Greeters

April 5th 8:30 - Jessica Swanson and Jean Swanson

April 5th 10:30 - Deanna Ray and Mary Alice Pearson

April 12th - Angie, Ashten, Anisten, Adilen & Ava Rennerfeldt & Laurie Schold

April 19th - Danielle, Bailey and Loudon Pelan and Sherri Slatt

April 26th - Lela Heineman and Laverne Osterndorf



April Acolytes

5 - Ian Lundquist

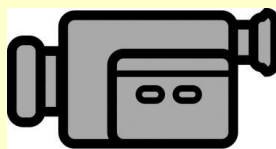
12- Braeden Case

19 - Zoe Linder

26 - Colton Thomsen

- CONFIRMATION WEEKEND

May 3 - Selena Johnson



Video

April Video

5 - Lane Peterson

12 - Ian Lundquist

19 - Braeden Case

26 - Zoe Linder

3 - Colton Thomsen



April Organists

5- Bryan Bohn (Easter)

12 - Billye Pearson

19 - Ruth Wallerstedt

26 - Bryan Bohn



April Sound System

2- Dan Tanksley

3 - Tess Johnson

5 - Dan Tanksley

12 - Tess Johnson

19 - Dan Tanksley

26 - Tess Johnson

Coffee Servers

Carole Johnson, Sandra Johnson,

Betty Dixon, Julie Johnson,

Linda Jones, Julie Jones

LeAnn Jorgensen, Debbie Krutilek

Amy Krutilek, Judee Dix

Coordinators

Tess Johnson

Cheryl Denker

Jan Wiltse

Patty Miller

Tess Johnson

Date of Service

Sunday, April 05, 2015

Sunday, April 12, 2015

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Sunday, April 26, 2015

Sunday, May 03, 2015



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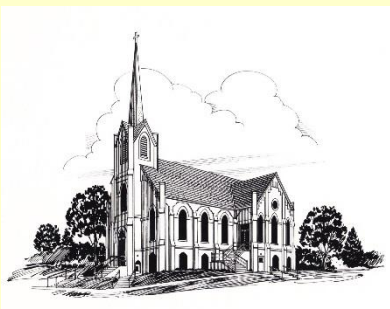
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- Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m.