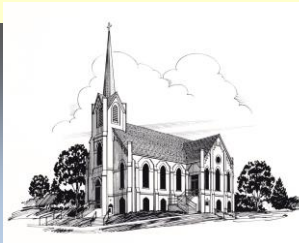


# THE SPIRE



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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

Sometimes it is interesting to think about what gives one's life meaning. Some people find meaning in their work, while others find meaning in building or making things, while other individuals find fulfillment in supporting a noble cause.

All of these things can, of course, bring meaning to a person's life, yet ultimately none of them have any enduring significance apart from what we celebrate at Easter. For without Easter, and with the passage of enough time, most of the things we found important will be forgotten. In fact, with the passage of enough time, even we, most likely, will be remembered no more.

Yet, because of the promise of Easter the things we do, and the lives we touch can have eternal significance. The love and kindness we give and receive can be remembered through eternity, and the relationships we have can go on through eternity.

The promise of Easter, of course, is that just as Christ was raised from the dead, so we too can be raised from the dead, as we trust in him. The good news of Easter is that as we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we have the promise of eternal life, and our lives then have eternal significance and meaning.

May the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ not only fill us with joy but may it give us a sense of the eternal significance of our lives.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

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### April 2018 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in April are:

- Easter – April 1, 2018
- Earth Day – April 22, 2018
- Administrative Professionals Day – April 25, 2018
- Secretaries Day – April 25, 2018

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

If anyone would like to donate Thrivent dollars to First Ev. Lutheran Church, please notify Thrivent by the end of March.

**Ready for some home cooking** - Chicken and biscuits & apple crisp will be served at the Swedish Heritage Center on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 11 till 1. Free will donation.

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

**Join us for Easter Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m.**

**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!

**It's time again to sign up for Camp Carol Joy Holling.** If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark or Tess in the office for details.

IF you have provided food in the last few months and have not received your dishes, please check downstairs in the kitchen as we have an abundance.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday we sang and the third graders received their bibles. The third graders were Colton Tanksley, Brody Tanksley, Tate Penke and Joseph Findlay.

Happy Easter! Hope everyone gets to celebrate in a special way with your family.

Reminder: There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. I hope that everyone gets to spend time with their family celebrating Christ's resurrection.

The Pay-It-Forward we passed around to gift Barb Harney was \$1,000. Barb has two final cancer treatments left and we pray she continues to improve. Our April Pay-It-Forward will be for Derek Bittner who sustained injuries in a car accident. He broke the femur in his left leg and both bones in his left forearm. He has been away from his family for four weeks and is in rehabilitation at Immanuel in Omaha. He will be in a wheel chair for quite some time and will be continuing physical therapy. His wife Angela and their three girls are ready to have Derek back home.

Our Sunday School Spring outing will be one of the Sundays in April. Details to follow! We will sing again on April 29<sup>th</sup> and finish up the year singing on Mother's Day-May 13. The kids will need to pick up the Mother's Day gifts they created in the windows of the church on Mother's Day (Sunday.) School kids will be dismissed this day-No class!

Bible School will run May 21<sup>st</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Thank you and Happy Spring! ~ Angie**

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

6:30-8:30 Confirmation and Youth Group

## **BIBLE STUDY NEWS**

**YOUTH GROUP** meets every Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30. A meal is 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 help serve or donate treats.

**FRIDAY NIGHT PUB.** Will start again in the fall and 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.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will meet Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. They are looking at familiar stories from the old testament. For more information contact Nancy Johnson or Pastor Mark.



We welcome into God's Family Axton Edward Anderson through holy baptism on Sunday, March 25, 2018. Axton was born on December 1, 2017. His parents are Nicholas Anderson and Cassidy Jaster. His sponsors are Cheyenne Engstrom, Chase Jaster, Spencer Anderson, Stacie Anderson and Carter Anderson. His grandparents are Ted and Jeanette Anderson and Bob and Becky Jaster. Great-grandparents are Ed and Connie Anderson; **WELCOME AXTON!!!**



We extend our Congratulations and ask for God's blessing on Stephanie Rokusek and Andrew Brudigam. They were joined in holy matrimony at First Lutheran Church on Mar 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Andrew is the son of Ron and Delaney Brudigam and Stephanie is the daughter of Steve and Connie Rokusek. **CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS BRUDIGAM!!**



**Joan Magnusson  
Laurie Schold  
Tom Wallerstedt**

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

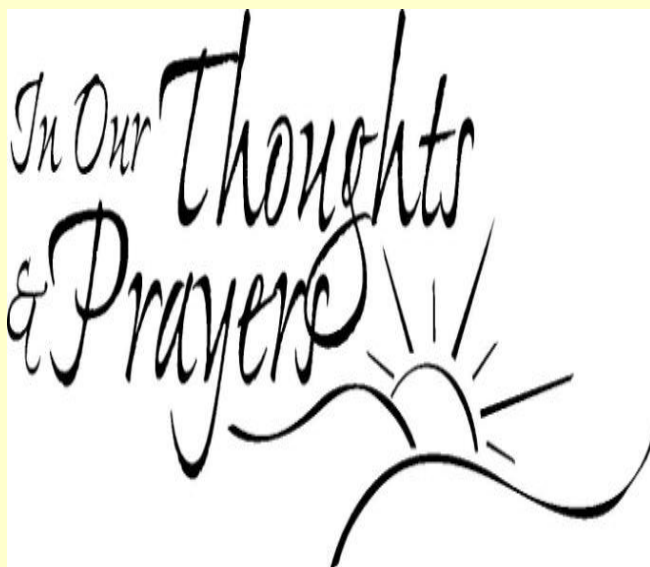


April 3.....Pastor Mark's Birthday  
 April 4.....Bingo @ O.H..... 9:30 a.m. ....Ruth  
 April 9..... Executive Meeting 9 a.m.  
 April 11.....Group Meetings 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
 Clean Kitchen .....Ruth

**Dorcas Society - April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights**



The Dorcas Society would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join. We meet the last Wednesday of the month at Oakland Heights. Our time together includes a bible study, short business meeting and fellowship time with treats.



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

Derrick Bittner, Abel Brummond (Vanessa Nelson's grandson), Jan Nelson, Candace Johnson, Barb Harney, Robert Johnson, Merna Pierce (sister-in-law of Carole Johnson), Tony Kochel (Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law), Nancy Poppe, Mel Swenson, Joe Keaschall, Alejandro Zeller, Oliver Nimmo, Moe Johnson, Stacy Long, Arizona Riecken, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, and Grace Meints, our shut-ins, the families of Lois Messerschmidt and Margaret Benne and our youth ministry.



First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met March 5, 2018 at 7:00pm. In attendance were Sam Schmidt, Sandy Husar, Mike Blanc, Carole Johnson, Jim Pelan, Karl Lundquist, Keri Thomsen and Susan Mulder. Devotions were given by Mike Blanc. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Pastor presented his report for the month of February. The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussed. Year to date the expenses exceeded income by \$5,007.97 with no corrections or additions.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Scholarship - Kylie Penke provided a short presentation on the FELC Memorial and Youth Ministry Scholarship. Following discussion, Mike motioned that the council initiate the FELC Memorial and Youth Ministry Scholarship with details to be developed by the church evangelism committee. Motion seconded by Keri and carried.

**Old Business:**

1. North Kitchen Project update - Mike Blanc conducted a walkthrough of the project plans, provided by Nathan. Following discussion, Sandy moved that we move forward to a vote of the congregation on Palm Sunday. Motion seconded by Karl and carried.

**New Business:**

1. Projector Update - Pastor reported that the projector was serviced and was in good working order. Discussion followed regarding future equipment upgrades but tabled any action.
2. Special Meeting to vote on second signature authorization on church accounts. Sam requested a special meeting be held following the regular meeting.
3. Jim addressed finishing the painting of the church. Topic was tabled until the next council meeting.

April Communion Assistant: Maundy Thursday -Mike  
April 8<sup>th</sup> -Karl

April Meeting Devotion: Mike Blanc

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Monthly Regular Monthly Meeting April 2, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Mike Blanc, Secretary

<b>March Attendance</b>	
3 & 4.....	178
7 .....	69
11 & 12 ...	112
14 .....	67
18 & 19....	168
21.....	61
25 & 26....	207

<b>March Finances</b>	
Regular .....	\$ 13,307.00
Lenten.....	\$ 775.00
<b>Designated</b>	
Coffee Fund.....	\$ 110.00
Sunday School.....	\$ 25.00
Memorial.....	\$ 90.00
Kitchen Renovation	\$100.00
Misc.....	\$653.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$15,060.00</b>



A special meeting of the church council convened on March 5, 2018 at 8:37pm following the regular church council meeting. In attendance were Sam Schmidt, Sandy Husar, Mike Blanc, Carole Johnson, Jim Pelan, Karl Lundquist, Keri Thomsen and Susan Mulder.

Sam opened the meeting with a discussion regarding the bank recommendation of having a second signer on church financial accounts. Discussion followed.

Susan motioned to add 2nd signature on financial accounts. Motioned seconded by Jim and carried.

Special meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Mike Blanc, Secretary



A special congregational meeting was convened on March 25, 2018 at 10:47 following Palm Sunday service. Nathan Anderson called the meeting to order to discuss and vote on renovations to the main level serving kitchen.

Pastor Eldal led the congregation in prayer. Karl provided a count of 92, plus 8 Sunday School teachers downstairs for a total of 100, which satisfied the quorum.

Nate provided a brief presentation of the plan with associated contractor bids. The floor was opened for questions and discussion.

After discussion, Nathan asked for a motion.

Melinda Johnson motioned to accept the council's plan. Teresa Rogers seconded the motion.

Yes/No ballots were distributed to the congregation and collected. Karl Lundquist and Mike Blanc collected the ballots and tallied the votes with 100 yes and 0 no votes. Motion carried.

Hilda Benne moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Patty Miller and carried.

Mike Blanc, Secretary

## April's Birthdays

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



- 1 - Dan & Mona Tanksley
- 10 - Tim & Annie Magnusson
- 12 - Kevin & Julie Wuestewald  
Brad & Lela Heineman
- 23 - Bob & Jerri Case
- 25 - Richard & Mary Strom  
- P.D & Georgia Stibor
- 27 - Mike & Cynthia Johnson

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!** **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be May 21-25<sup>th</sup>. Alissa Bousquet is once again going to coordinate VBS. We need leaders for the music program as well as helpers to assist the leaders. These will include: teachers, kitchen help and crafts. All helpers will be greatly appreciated.

Please find the registration form below which needs to be filled out for each child. These forms may also be 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: \_\_\_\_\_

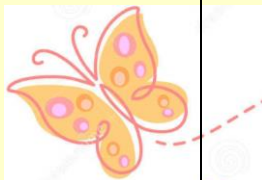

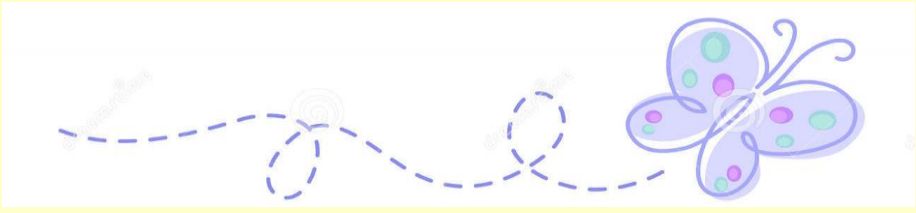
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Parent/Guardian Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 AM &amp; 10:30 AM EASTER SERVICES</p> <p>9:30 BREAKFAST EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p> <p>7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p> <p>7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p> <p>PASTOR MARK'S BIRTHDAY</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS</p> <p>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE</p> <p>10:30AM FELLOWSHIP &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p> <p>9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p> <p>7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9AM &amp; 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS</p> <p>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICES</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE</p> <p>10:30AM FELLOWSHIP &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p> <p>7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>5:15PM EVANGELISM COMMITTEE</p> <p>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP &amp; CONFIRMATION</p> <p>7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICES</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE</p> <p>10:30AM FELLOWSHIP &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>EARTH DAY</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p> <p>7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>25</p> <p>2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ O.H.</p> <p>6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP</p> <p>7:00 PM CHOIR PRACTICE</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 P.M. BOY SCOUT MEETING</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE</p> <p>10:30AM FELLOWSHIP &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p>					



### April 2018 Ushers

1<sup>st</sup> 8:30 - Norm Case, Roger Moderow, Norman Johnson and Johnathon Dixon  
 10:30 - Larry Johnson, Job Egbers and Dale Jones  
 8<sup>th</sup>: Norm Case, Larry Johnson, Connor Guill and Jarvis Guill  
 15<sup>th</sup>: Norm Case, Sam Schmidt, Clendon Rost and Tony Johanson  
 22<sup>nd</sup>: Norm Case, Clare Wiltse, Ian Lundquist and Clendon Rost  
 29<sup>th</sup>: Roger Moderow, Garrison Dodge and Lance Blanc

### April 2018 Greeters

1<sup>st</sup> - 8:30 - Sally Johnson and Mary Alice Pearon  
 10:30 - Teresa Egbers and Linda Jones  
 8<sup>th</sup>: Sandy Husar and Amy, Corbin and Victor Guill  
 15<sup>th</sup>: Alicia and Samantha Isner and Melanie and Hayden Johanson  
 22<sup>nd</sup>: Betty Hanna and Amy, Preston, Celeste and Sabrina Rost  
 29<sup>th</sup>: Carole Johnson and Jeannette Blanc

<b>Apr. Easter - 8:30</b>	1 Kara Peterson	<b>Apr. Easter -8:30</b>	1 Johnna Peterson
<b>Easter 10:30</b>	1 Carter Bousquet	<b>Easter 10:30</b>	1 Hannah Deemer
	8 Johnna Peterson		8 Kara Peterson
	15 Grant Seagren		15 Carter Bousquet
	22 Brayden Selk		22 Grant Seagren
	29 Connor Guill		29 Brayden Selk
<b>May</b>	6 Aiden Jorgensen	<b>May</b>	6 Connor Guill
	13 Ayden Lierman		13 Aiden Jorgensen

Julie Johnson and Kelli Johnson  
 Karen Johnson and Melinda Johnson  
 Nancy Johnson and Sandra Johnson  
 JoAnn Brudigam and Laurie Canarsky  
 LeAnn Jorgensen and Heather Klausen  
 Tess Johnson and Julie Jones

Sunday, April 1, 2018  
 Sunday, April 8, 2018  
 Sunday, April 15, 2018  
 Sunday, April 22, 2018  
 Sunday, April 29, 2018  
 Sunday, May 6, 2018



### April Organists

1 - Bryan Bohn  
 8 - Billye Pearson  
 15 - Ruth Wallerstedt  
 22 - Bryan Bohn  
 29 - Billye Pearson



### April Sound System

1 - Dan Tanksley  
 8 - Tess Johnson  
 15 - Dan Tanksley/Jim Nelson  
 22 - Dan Tanksley  
 29 - Jim Pelan



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