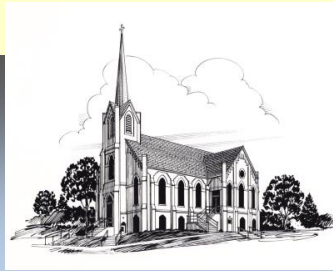


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

The town of Oakland celebrated its 150th anniversary in May and as it was held it was a blessing to remember the history and heritage of our community.

It is indeed a blessing to remember one's heritage and enjoy it as one goes through life. Yet, even as one enjoys one's heritage in this way, the most important heritage one can have in life is a spiritual one.

David would write of this heritage in Psalm 16. In the King James Version of this Psalm it says, "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage."

How wonderful to have a goodly spiritual heritage of faith so that as one looks back one senses the hand of God on one's life, and one remembers how he has guided one or enabled one to experience his tender mercies in some way. How good also, to sense he has bestowed his grace and forgiveness in one's life.

Thus, it can be a blessing to remember the fulfilling spiritual heritage God can give us as we trust in Jesus.

As we go through the joys and struggles of life, may we be able to say with David, "the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places, yea, I have a goodly heritage."

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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June 2018 Special Days

Some of the special days
celebrated in June are:

- Flag Day – June 14
- Father's Day – June 17
- Summer Begins – June 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We honored our High School Seniors: Isaah Stucky, Garrett Seagren and Jakob Krutilek, Sunday May 6th during the worship service. The Oakland-Craig Graduation Ceremony was Saturday, May 12th @ 2:00 p.m. **Congratulations!!!**



Congratulations to all our Oakland-Craig High School graduates! Congratulations to our scholarship recipient - Garrett Seagren in the amount of \$600. Garrett is receiving this award for his exceptional participation in our youth group ministries.

We thanked Melinda Johnson for her wonderful work with our youth over the years. She is stepping down as one of our Youth Group leaders and we honored her in our service on Sunday May 6, 2018.

Thank you to Billye Pearson for playing the piano and our Sunday School children for the gift of their voices during our praise service for Mother's day!

Thank you to Jim and Judy Nelson for leading our contemporary services.

We would like to thank Bryan Bohn and the choir for their musical contributions to the church that they so generously give during the year!!

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP - we are off for the summer and **will** meet for a couple of outings. Please watch social media for future updates. The study group is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community.

FRIDAY NIGHT PUB will start in the fall. We are always 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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY -If you have questions or are interested in joining the group, you can contact Nancy Johnson @ (402)620-5324.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

I would like to thank all the Sunday School teachers and Jill and Cindy for the music. It was another successful Sunday School year and I'm very appreciative for the help!! A special thank you for your hard work and sacrifice to the children of First Lutheran Church.

Our Pay it Forward this month was able to give the Bittner Family \$1000! What an amazing and giving church family we have!!

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - was held May 21-25. This year the theme was "Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus". **Please join us in thanking all of our VBS Crew:**

Coordinator - Alissa Bousquet; **Leaders** - Kylie Penke, Pastor Mark; **Snacks** - Jenn Anderson, Angie Rennerfeldt, Amy Quill, **VBS HELPERS**- Grant Seagren, Adi Rennerfeldt, Alex Faust, Chance Faust, Brayden Anderson, Brayden Selk, Carter Bousquet, Grady Gatewood, Wyatt Seagren, Ashten Rennerfeldt, Johnna Peterson, Hannah Moseman, Emmy Bousquet, Kennedy Benne, Mia Linder, Ellen Magnusson, Bailey Pelan, Adi Rennerfeldt, Megan Bousquet, Kara Peterson, Anisten Rennerfeldt, Alex Faust, Chance Faust, Braylon Anderson, Nolan Magnusson, Corbin Guill, Jeremiah Drunkenmiller, Grady Gatewood, Garrett Klausen, Aidan Jorgensen, Sam Bedrnicek, Ashlie Denton, Rosa Sanchez, Madison Enstrom, Amy Guill, Wyatt Seagren, Ellen Magnusson, Lela Heineman, Sam Linder, Gretchen Seagren, Johnna Peterson, Casey Moseman, Jamie Johnson and Lillian Ehlers

It was a great week filled with fun, snacks, crafts and learning about Jesus. Thank you to everyone who participated, those wonderful parents who got their sleepy-eyed kiddos up and into church, to all the great help and specially to anyone whom we may have inadvertently missed. **THANK YOU!!!**



The Sewing Group held a silent quilt auction! There were 15 quilts on display though May 20. We had a potluck after church and found out who won the auctions with all proceeds going to the kitchen remodel fund. **THANKS, SEWING GROUP!!**
What a great time of fellowship!

The Sewing Group will be meeting the first Monday of each month during the summer. Additionally, they will be meeting June 11 to hold a serger class from 9- ?. Everyone is welcome!!

SPRING CLEANING?? CLEANING OUT CLOSETS??

The WOW Groups are collecting spring/summer clothing... Please bring all good gently used spring or summer clothing to the basement - the East room on the southside.

OR

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



Women of the Word

June 6.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m. ...Ruth
June 11..... Executive Meeting 9 a.m.
June 13.....Group Meetings 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Clean KitchenHannah



Elaine Peterson and Linda Carlson

Dorcas Society June 27 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights



DORCAS SOCIETY



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE: Dee Blanc, Jess Kroger, Ron Keogh, Chloe Coates, Deloris Nielsen, Roger Maller, Blaise Hartwell, Derek Bittner, Jan Nelson, Candace Johnson, Merna Pierce (sister-in-law of Carole Johnson), Tony Kochel (Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law), Mel Swenson, Oliver Nimmo, Moe Johnson, Stacy Long, Arizona Riecken, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, and Grace Meints, the families of Nancy Poppe, Rex Preston, Joe Keaschall, Doris Madison (Candace Johnson's mother), and Megan Cameron, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Bentley Olson
- 3 - Kurt Schneekloth
- 4 - Laurie Carlson, Gary Case
Lindsay Jorgensen, Sheri Slatt
- 6 - Colton Moseman, Bill Johnson
- 7 - Anthony Moseman
- 11 - Daniel Tanksley III, Marcee Tomasek,
Laura Egbers, Trey Deemer
- 13 - Lillian Johnson
- 14 - Florence Erickson
- 15 - James Jorgensen
- 17 - Terry Johnson
- 18 - Patty Miller, Tom Wallerstedt, Elijah Larson
- 19 - LeAnn Jorgensen, Angela Bittner
Bryson Lindstrom
- 22 - Diana Kruse
- 24 - Renae Johnson, Molly Miller
- 25 - Donna Denton, Susan Mulder
- 26 - Braydon Wobken
- 27 - Alyson Elsasser
- 28 - Isaah Stucky
- 29 - Ruth Trout, Andrew Barber
- 30 - Andrew Denker, Jon Johnson,
Michael Johnson, Jared Krutilek



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oakland, Nebraska**

The church council met May 7, 2018 at 7:02pm. In attendance were Nathan Anderson, Sam Schmidt, Sandy Husar, Mike Blanc, Carole Johnson, Tom Meyer and Karl Lundquist.

Devotions were given by Sandy Husar on Luke 18:17. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Year to date expenses (Jan-Apr) exceeded income by \$3,249.50. Month to date income exceeded expenses by \$1,194.49. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor presented his report for the month of March.

Old Business

North Kitchen Project: Abe Krasne tile bid was discussed. The bid price came in slightly higher than expected. Council discussed using volunteer help for the demolition of the old flooring to reduce the Krasne bid to get it nearer to the anticipated level.

New Business

Trash Pickup: Nathan noted that the issue had been resolved as Harold Lindstrom is recovering well and his trash service continues.

June Communion Assistant: Tom Meyer

June Meeting Devotion: Carole Johnson

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Monthly Regular Monthly Meeting June 4, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Mike Blanc, Secretary

May Attendance

6 & 7	174
13 & 14	179
20 & 21	104
27 & 28..	No Services

May Finances

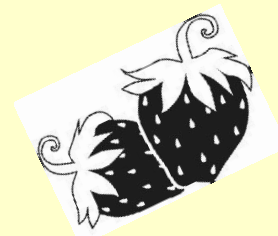
Commitments	\$ 8,903.00
Designated(Kitchen)	\$ 5,234.00
Sunday School	\$ 2.00
Supplies	\$ 175.00
Memorial	\$ 10.00
Wed.Nite	\$ 18.29
Misc	\$ 157.00
TOTAL	\$14,852.29



June 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div></div>				<div></div>		1 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE	2
3 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE	4	5	6 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS	7 6:00PM BOY SCOUT MEETING	8	9 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE	
10 9:30AM YOUTH PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	11 9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING	12	13 9AM & 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS FLAG DAY	14 6:00PM BOY SCOUT MEETING	15	16 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE	
17 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP FATHER'S DAY	18	19	20 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	21 6:00PM BOY SCOUT MEETING	22	23 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE VON ESSEN WEDDING	
24 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	25	26	27 2PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ O.H.	28 6:00PM BOY SCOUT MEETING	29	30 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE	



June 2018 Ushers and Greeters

Ushers

June 3rd - Roger Moderow, Sam Schmidt and Kevin Wuestewald
 June 10th - Norm Case, Larry Johnson and Jennings Johnson
 June 17th - Norm Case, Dr. Charlie Seagren and Carl Magnusson
 June 24th - Norm Case, Clare Wiltse and Delwin Slatt



Greeters

June 3rd - Julie Wuestewald
 June 10th - Natalie, Dean and Jeremiah Johnson
 June 17th - Joan Magnusson
 June 24th - Sandra Slatt



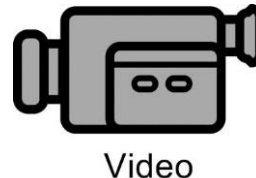
3 - Billye Pearson
 10 - Bryan Bohn
 17 - Ruth Wallerstedt
 24 - Bryan Bohn



3 - Dan Tanksley
 10 - Jim Pelan
 17 - Dan Tanksley/Jim Nelson
 24 - Tess Johnson



June 3 - Ellen Magnusson
 10 - Carson Thomsen
 17 - Jonathan Dixon
 24 - Hannah Deemer
 July 1 - Kara Peterson
 8 - Johnna Peterson



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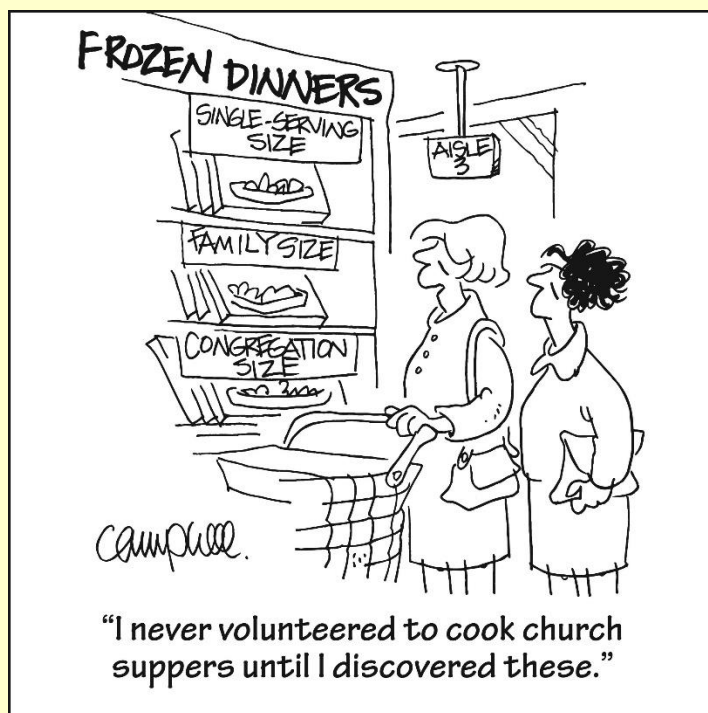
Roxi Lundquist and Joan Magnusson
 Annie Magnusson and Mona Tanksley
 Heidi Johnson and Brenda Andersen
 Phyllis Meyer and Patty Miller
 Patricia Moderow and Casey Moseman
 Jane Moseman and Keri Thomsen

Sunday, June 3, 2018
 Sunday, June 10, 2018
 Sunday, June 17, 2018
 Sunday, June 24, 2018
 Sunday, July 1, 2018
 Sunday, July 8, 2018



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

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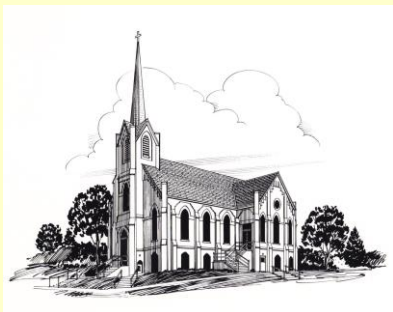
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