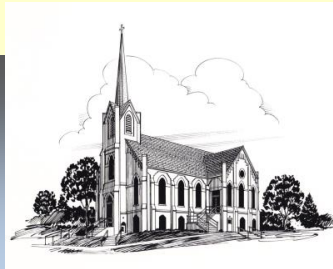


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In June, we will observe Pentecost and remember how the Holy Spirit was poured out upon believers many years ago. We will also remember that since then the Holy Spirit has been given to every person that comes to faith in Jesus as his Savior and Lord.

This Spirit would be God's presence in our lives, and through his presence we can know that we are never alone. As David would write in Psalm 139 this Spirit can be with us wherever we go and we can know he is there for us.

The Spirit of God would also be like the wind. We do not see him, but we can sense his presence in our lives as he moves us to walk with God, and then produces fruit in our lives, which Scripture says can be love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness.

This Spirit can also speak in the language of our hearts. He knows our needs and struggles and hurts as no one else does, and he can minister to the need of our hearts.

As the Spirit dwells in believers he can also give one a vision for serving God. He can enable one to make plans and live in anticipation of serving God and being a blessing in our world.

Thus, the Spirit is God's presence in our lives, producing the fruit of love, peace, and joy, as he speaks to the need of our hearts and gives us a vision for serving God.

As we trust in Jesus, may the Holy Spirit minister in these ways in our lives.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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June 2019 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in June are:

- Day of Pentecost – June 9
- Flag Day – June 14
- Trinity Sunday – June 16
- Father's Day – June 16
- Summer Begins – June 21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We honored our High School Seniors on Sunday May 5th during the worship service. The Oakland-Craig Graduation Ceremony was Saturday, May 11th @ 2:00 p.m. They each received a quilt from our Sewing Group. **Congratulations!!!**



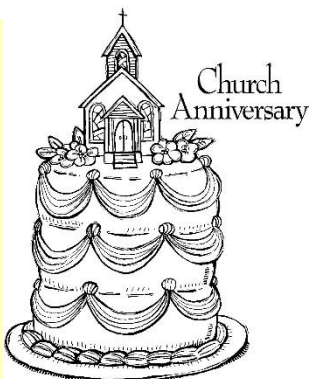
Congratulations to all our Oakland-Craig High School graduates! Congratulations to our scholarship recipients - Katie Miller, Jamie Johnson, Brady Jorgensen, Garrison Dodge, Ashley Denton, Jared Mulder, Jacob Deemer and Gavin Saxton.



- *Thank you to Billye Pearson for playing the piano.**
- *Our Sunday School children for the gift of their voices during our praise service for Mother's day!**
- *Thank you to Cindy Blanc for playing the piano.**
- *Thank you to Ruth Wallerstedt for her accompaniment during our contemporary services and for all the years of lining up our special music during the summer months.**
- *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!!**

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.

If you would like to donate to the flood victims, the address of the Lutheran Family Services Flood Relief is: 1420 E. Military, Suite 200, Fremont, NE 68025 or 124 S. 24th Street, Suite 230, Omaha, NE 68102.



Our church is celebrating it's 150 Year Anniversary this year. -We are planning a party in September and compiling a pictorial directory and history of our church. If you would like to serve on the anniversary committee, have pictures or stories to share please contact Keri Thomsen, Susan Mulder or Brad Bousquet.

FIELD TRIP!! SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mark June 12 on the calendar for a field trip on world religions! The WOW groups have been studying world religions and want to **open the field trip up to all those in the congregation.**

Departing at 8:15 from the church parking lot, we will arrive at 9:30 at the **Mormon Trail Center at the Historic Winter Quarters at Omaha.** We will learn about the Mormon religion and tour the museum of the winter quarters of their journey. There will also be movies on related topics.

At 11:30 we will stop at **Tussey's Casual Grill** for a Dutch treat lunch.

In the afternoon we will visit the **Tri Faith Initiative**, which is a huge area consisting of a synagogue, a mosque and a future Christian church and a community center that is used by all three faiths. It is the first such complex of this type in the world. The goal is to foster an environment of acceptance, respect and trust-building towards each other. We will visit the mosque and learn more about the Muslim faith, then visit the synagogue to learn more about the Jewish faith. We will be returning at approximately 5:00.

Please sign up by June 3rd if you are planning to attend. We will car pool the rides along with the church's van. The sign-up sheet is in the annex on the bulletin board. We hope to have many of you take advantage of this experience!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



A special thank you to all the Sunday School teachers, and Jill and Cindy for the music. Your hard work and sacrifice do not go unnoticed. It was another successful Sunday School year and I'm very appreciative for the help!!

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 28-31. This year the theme was "Roar - Life is Wild. God is Good".



Please join us in thanking all of our VBS Crew:

Coordinator - Alissa Bousquet; **Leaders** - Kylie Penke, Pastor Mark; **Snacks** - Natalie Johnson and Becca Bedrnick **VBS HELPERS**- Alex Faust, Chance Faust, Marcus Faust, Braylon Anderson, Colton Moseman, Grady Gatewood, Garrett Klausen, Nolan Magnusson, Landon Ehlers, Corbin Guill, Bailey Pelan, Carolyn Magnusson, Jamie Johnson, Hannah Moseman, Kennedy Benne, Wyatt Seagren, Jocelyn Hightree, Ezzy

Castro, Ellen Magnusson, Grant Seagren, Gretchen Seagren, Johnna Peterson, Kara Peterson, Carter Bousquet, Caleb Bousquet, Ashley Denton, Lillian Ehlers, Lindsay Jorgensen, Brayden Selk, Sonja Bedrnick, Daniel Bedrnick, Megan Bousquet, Piper Tanksley, Myesah Larson, Tate Penke, Javar Larson, Preston Rost, Merson Mohrman, Aidan Jorgensen, Sage Sydow-Stock, Garrison Dodge, Ian Lundquist, Lyndsey Johnson, Marissa Mulder, Sam Linder, and Grace Wallerstedt.

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!!!

CONFIRMATION NEWS - off for the summer. Classes will resume in September. Please be aware although confirmation has been completed, it is still a requirement for the confirmand to acolyte and run video through-out the remainder of the summer season. In September, when the new confirmands begin and will be trained for their duties to start in October.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP off for the summer. We will be doing some fun things over the summer, so stay tuned to social media to get signed up.

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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY - 11:00 Sunday mornings. Nancy Johnson will be discussing the parables of Jesus.



The Sewing Group will be meeting the first and third Monday and Tuesdays of each month during the summer at 8:30AM - 12:00 PM. 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 5.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m. ...Ruth
 June 10..... Executive Meeting 9 a.m.
 June 12.....Group Meetings 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.
 June 16.....Devotions at O.H. @ 2:30 p.m.

Clean KitchenHannah

Dorcas Society June 26 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Church



Elaine Peterson and Linda Carlson



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE

INCLUDE: Tammy Case, Pat Moseman, Betty Rogers, Scott Coates, Larry Dean Anderson, Dorothy Wallace, Jean Satee, Joan Meade (Hilda Benne's sister-in-law), Frank Johnson, Rojane Linder, Krissa Schonert, Bill Johnson, Denise (Hall) Salzbrenner, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel, Mel Swenson, Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, the families of Wendi Landholm, Dean Charling and Marion Goracke, our service men and women, and all those deployed to foreign countries, 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 - Brooks Bland, Colton Moseman, Bill Johnson
- 7 - Anthony Moseman
- 11 - Daniel Tanksley III, Marcee Tomasek,
Laura Egbers, Trey Deemer
- 13 - Lillian Johnson
- 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
- 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
Theo & Jess Bland
- 23 - Dale & Linda Jones
Dexter & Ashton Von Essen
- 24 - Larry & Tess Johnson
- 26 - Cynthia & Max Blanc
- 28 - Jon & Janelle Seagren





**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
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The church council met May 6, 2019 at 7:02 pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Sam Schmidt, Mike Blanc, Clendon Rost, Tom Meyer, Linda Jones, Kathy Pearson, Brad Bousquet, Susan Mulder, Jon Seagren and Keri Thomsen.

Devotions were given by Linda Jones.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Month-to-date income exceeded expenses by \$5,269.15. Year-to-date income exceeded expenses by \$3,796.00. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor presented his report for the month of April.

Old Business:

1. Safe- Options were discussed and the board approved the purchase of a safe.
2. Marque Sign- Board is pursuing information on upgrades.
3. May Potluck/Auction-Board members will survey items following meeting and Mike will collect photo images for pre-viewing of church Facebook page.
4. Basement TV- Work has commenced on replacement of the TV with upgraded wiring as reflected in the scope of work for the previously completed projector screen.

New Business

1. 150 Year Celebration-The board agreed on combining the 150 year celebration with the Sunday School fall kick off on September 8, 2019. Keri Thomsen, Susan Mulder and Brad Bousquet will head up the celebration committee and welcome the help of any congregational members.

June Communion Assistant: Susan Mulder

June Meeting Devotion: Keri Thomsen

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting; June 3, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Mike Blanc, Secretary

**May
Attendance**

4 & 5166
11 & 12167
18 & 19104
25 & 26.....111




May Finances

Commitments	\$ 10,021.66
Designated	
Sunday School	\$
Supplies	\$ 103.00
Memorial	\$ 1,400.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 533.00
Pay It Forward	\$ 250.00
Misc	\$ 153.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,460.66



June 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	1
9:30AM COMMUNITY SERVICE	8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30 PM AA MEETING	9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS	6:30 PM BOY SCOUTS MEET		5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING	7:30 PM AA MEETING	8:15 AM WOW GROUP FIELD TRIP FLAG DAY			5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP			2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ CHURCH			5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
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9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP						

June 2019 Ushers and Greeters

Ushers

June 2nd - Community Service
 June 9th - Roger Moderow, Sam Schmidt and High School Youth
 June 16th - Dr. Charlie Seagren Jim Pelan and Kevin Wuestewald
 June 23th - Larry Johnson, Clendon Rost and Preston Rost
 June 30th - Clare Wiltse, Tom Meyers and Javar Larson

Greeters

June 2nd - Community Service
 June 9th - High School Youth and Council Members
 June 16th - Danielle, Bailey and Loudon Pelan and Julie Wuestewald
 June 23rd - Amy, Celeste and Sabrina Rost and Betty Dixon
 June 30th - Greeters: Phyllis Meyers and Connie, Elijah Larson and Myesha Larson

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THIS MONTH



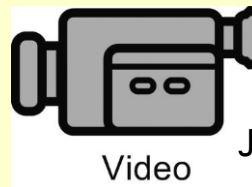
2nd - Community Service
 9 - Cindy Blanc
 16 - Ruth Wallerstedt
 23 - Bryan Bohn
 30 - TBD



2nd - Community Service
 9 - Dan Tanksley
 16 - Dan Tanksley/Jim Nelson
 23 - Tess Johnson
 30 - Tess Johnson



June 2 - COMMUNITY SERVICE
 9 - Daniel Bedrnicek
 16 - Samantha Canarsky
 23 - Kyler Case
 30 - Lillian Ehlers
 July 7 - Anisten Rennerfeldt
 14 - Carson Vecera



June 2 - COMMUNITY SERVICE
 9 - Gabi Linder
 16 - Daniel Bedrnicek
 23 - Samantha Canarsky
 30 - Kyler Case
 July 7 - Lillian Ehlers
 14 - Anisten Rennerfeldt

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sheri Slatt and Sandra Slatt
 Shirley Olson and Earlene Paulson
 Kathy Pearson and Danielle Pelan
 Kylie Penke and Beverly Peterson
 Luryn Andersen and Jodi Peterson
 Elaine Peterson and Sharon Peterson

Sunday, June 2, 2019
 Sunday, June 9, 2019
 Sunday, June 16, 2019
 Sunday, June 23, 2019
 Sunday, June 30, 2019
 Sunday, July 7, 2019
 Sunday, July 14, 2019



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