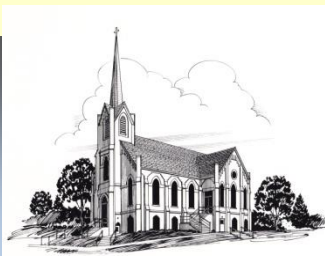


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

On a recent Sunday we read a passage from the gospel of Luke where Jesus brings healing to the life of a man who it said had been chained and was living in the tombs.

After he sets this man free it said he sat at Jesus feet and asked to follow him. Jesus told him instead to go and tell others what God had done for him.

The passage was reminder that Jesus can bring the same healing to our lives.

Perhaps there are times in our lives where we feel like we have been living in the tombs. We feel sad and depressed or we are struggling with fears or doubts and we feel entombed. Yet, Jesus can come and lift our burdens, bear our sadness and begin to give us fresh hope and joy. He can unchain us, as it were, and set us free. He can do all this as we cast our cares upon him and spend time sitting at his feet.

Then as we sense the peace and healing of Jesus filling our lives, we can tell others what he has done for us.

May we daily sit at the feet of Jesus and delight in the healing he can bring to our lives.

God Bless,
Pastor Mark

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July & August 2019 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in July & August are:

- Independence Day — July 4
- Purple Heart Day — August 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOW Ladies' Brunch will be held on Wednesday, July 10th at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement. The speaker this year is Teresa Kay Orr - Singer, Songwriter, Guitarist and Entertainer. All women of the church are invited to attend. Don't miss this exciting event!!

BIBLE JEOPARDY - Come on out to the Burt County Fair on July 21 at 11:00 a.m. to support Pastor Mark during the Bible Jeopardy game between the Oakland Pastors during the fair. Bible Jeopardy Game will be in the Pavilion across from the fair office. Feel free to dig out and wear your "I ♥ First Lutheran" t-shirts!!

FRESH FRUIT ORDERS. Group Ruth's annual fruit sale is coming! This year we will again be offering peaches, Gingergold apples, nectarines, Bartlett pears and blueberries. The orders must be placed by August 4 and the fruit will arrive on Sunday, August 18. Someone will be available before and after the worship services on Sunday to take your order or you can contact Mona Tanksley (402-380-0459) or Connie Anderson (402-380-5969) to place your order. The money raised in previous years has gone to local charities as well as supporting projects here at church. We thank everyone who has supported this project in the past and look forward to another successful year.

This summer (July-August) we will not have assigned Ushers and Greeters. We will have anyone who wishes to help fill in. There will be the normal head ushers present to help direct.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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.



July - Sandy Mallette and Shirley Olson
August - Jacque Eldal and Elaine Peterson



The Sewing Group will be meeting the first and third Monday of each month during the summer. Everyone is welcome!!

They love blankets, sheets, mattress pads, material, embroidery floss, or sewing thread and live bodies to help!



-JULY-

July 3 Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 AM Hannah

July 8..... Executive Meeting 9 AM

July 10..... July Brunch— Ruth has Program

Hannah serves brunch

Clean Kitchen Ruth

-AUGUST-

August 4..... Devotions @ O.H. 2:30 p.m. Hannah

August 7..... Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m. Ruth

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST !!!!!!!

Clean Kitchen HS Youth

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) are collecting:

- **SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING** to be donated to the Open Door Mission.
- **FOOD BANK DONATIONS** - We continue to collect non-perishable products but did you know if you would prefer to give a monetary donation it is as simple as leaving a check at our local bank.
- **FRESH FRUIT ORDERS. (SEE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR INFORMATION)**
- **We received a Thank You from Dr. Stuart Embury for our gift to his work in Haiti. Thank you to all that donated to this cause.**

Dorcas Society is invited to attend the WOW Brunch on Wednesday, July 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Dorcas Society – July 31 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Lutheran Church

Dorcas Society – August 28 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Lutheran Church



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Clara Frahm, Betty Rogers, Karen Johnson, Myrna Swanson, Jerry Seick, Tammy Case, Pat Moseman, 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 Mary Paulson and Delores Anderson, our service men and women, and all those deployed to foreign countries, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.

The Satee Family would like to thank the First Lutheran Church Family for their prayers, support, calls and cards for Jean she is recovering from the accident. Also, the prayers and support you've given Charmain as she continues fight against cancer.



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God's blessing and gratitude to all.

-The Satee Family

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Bill Dix, Annie Magnusson, Georgia Johnson, Tom Olson
- 3 - Ostern Heineman, Joan Johnson
- 6 - Phillip Hall, Phyllis Meyer
- 7 - Cindy Blanc, Shirley Bromm, Bradley Denker, Gordon Olson,
- 10 - Michael Blanc
- 11 - Jack Carstensen, Courtnie Rokusek
- 12 - David Schold
- 13 - Zakk Lierman
- 15 - Jenna Bromm, Jace Frahm
- 16 - Travis Lindstrom, David Mallette, Delwin Slatt
- 17 - Bethany Anderson, Rhett Kloth
- 19 - Dillon Johnson, Kendra Moseman, Aaron Tomasek
- 20 - Arla Landholm
- 22 - Betty Dixon, Dan Olson, Joanne Peterson, Arick Tomasek,
- 23 - Patricia Moseman
- 24 - Jon Seagren
- 26 - Sam Bedrnicek, Alissa Bousquet, Carole Johnson
- 27 - Justin Stevenson
- 28 - Corbin Guill, Harley Nelson
- 30 - Steven Satree
- 31 - Kimberly Guill, Marysa Moseman

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Ed Forks, Jakob Krutilek, Kiley (Nelson) Conneally
- 2 - Max Blanc, Connie Larson, Carl Osterdorff, Tawsha Peterson, Katie Selk
- 3 - Jodi Peterson, Audrey Unwin
- 6 - Jill Johnson, Justin Trout, Kiley (Blanc) Faller
- 7 - Logan Ehlers, Charlotte Hyslop, Alan Johnson, Delwin Swanson, Morgann Kloth,
- 8 - Tanner Heineman, Ryan Jones
- 9 - Karen Ahrens, Curtis Mallette
- 11 - Brenda Andersen, Natalie Dixon, Loren Ehlers, Jana Lindstrom, Shirley Olson, Cody Peterson
- 12 - Kent Andersen, Samantha Canarsky, Jon Holmes Lee Peterson
- 13 - Sandra Slatt, Kelli Johnson,
- 14 - Jill Stucky, Kylie Penke
- 15 - Gavin Johnson
- 16 - Rex Landholm, Mia Thomsen
- 17 - Dean Brudigam, Hayden McCartney
- 20 - Ava Johnson, Gabrielle Linder, Marjorie Maller, Mary Strom
- 21 - Morgan Corwine, Andrew Rennerfeldt
- 23 - Mark Carlson, Lyndsey Johnson, Betsey Florell, Robert Moseman, Kameron Shelley
- 24 - Caleb Bousquet, Clara Frahm, Anisten Rennerfeldt
- 25 - Karen Johnson, Elisabeth Linder
- 26 - Adrianna Bittner, Tess Johnson, Brian Jones, Vincent Lindstrom, Joan Wolf
- 27 - Bryan Frahm
- 29 - Donna Villwok

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10 - Vicki & Jeffrey Nelson
- 12 - James & Tamera VonEssen
- 14 - Janelle & Evan Muller
- 15 - Johnnie & Melinda Johnson
- 16 - Donald & Joan Wolf, Mike & Molly Miller
- 18 - Scott & Valerie Lindstrom
- 21 - Charles & Debbie Krutilek
- 22 - Eric & Tara Miller
- 26 - Jill & Mark Johnson
- 29 - Chris & Laurine Karstens
- 31 - Travis & Keri Thomsen

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Diana & Peter Kruse
- 2 - Lee & Sharon Peterson
- 3 - Ronald & Delaney Brudigam, Franklin & Janice Johnson, Joseph & Jane Stucky
- 8 - Don & Candace Johnson,
- 9 - Boyd & Ruth Blomenkamp
- 11 - Tom & Sandra Mallette
- 12 - Ed & Connie Anderson, Julie & David Jones, Nancy & Robert Wonka
- 18 - Jason & Amanda Huntington
- 19 - Norm & Sally Johnson
- 21 - Loren & Julie Ehlers
- 25 - Carl & Julie Easton
- 28 - Jim & Leann Jorgensen
- 29 - Tony & Nancy Bromm, Chad & Elisabeth Linder
- 30 - Jeffrey & Judith Troupe, Tom & Phyllis Meyer
- 31 - Merlin & Rosemary Anderson



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oakland, Nebraska**

The church council met June 3, 2019 at 7:33pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Sam Schmidt, Mike Blanc, Tom Meyer, Linda Jones, Kathy Pearson, Brad Bousquet, Susan Mulder, Jon Seagren and Keri Thomsen.

Devotions were given by Keri Thomsen

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussed. Month-to-date expenses exceeded income by \$4,734.91 (Deficit). Year-to-date expenses exceeded income by \$958.41 (Deficit). There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor presented his report for the month of May.

Committee Reports:

Property - Light in basement was repaired.

Old Business:

1. Safe- An appropriately sized safe has been purchased and the installation location is being determined.
2. Marque Sign- Further discussion was tabled to pursue additional bids.
3. Basement TV- Installation has been completed
4. 150-year Celebration - Committee members are Susan Mulder, Keri Thomsen, Brad Bousquet.

New Business: Kathy was approached by Jim Nelson with the information that the fire extinguishers need servicing or replaced. Since most extinguishers were at their service life, Mike will check into cost of replacing all existing extinguishers.

Open discussion: The lease is coming due on the office copier. The council reviewed two options from Office Net and both options were acceptable. Decision was deferred to Tess.

July & Aug Communion Assistant: Mike

Aug Meeting Devotion: Tom

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting; August 5, 2019 @ 7:00 PM.

Mike Blanc, Secretary




June Attendance	
1 & 2 (No Sunday Service)	33
8 & 9	152
15 & 16.....	109
22 & 23	118
29 & 30	120

June Finances	
Commitments	\$ 14,541.66
Designated	
Pay It Forward	\$ 200.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 145.00
Coffee Fund	\$ 144.00
Misc	\$ 229.00
TOTAL	\$ 15,259.66

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	1	2	3 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS	4  INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i>	5	6 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
7 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	8 9:00AM WOW EXEC. MEETING	9	10 9:00 WOW BRUNCH NO WOW GROUP MEETINGS	11	12	13 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
14 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	15	16	17 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	18	19  County Fair Starts	20 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICES
21 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP 11:00AM BIBLE JEOPARDY @ Fairgrounds	22  County Fair Ends	23	24	25	26	27 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
28 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	29	30	31 2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ CHURCH			

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
4 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP WOW Fruit Order Deadline	5	6	7 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS	8	9	10 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
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18 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP WOW Fruit Delivered	19	20	21 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	22	23	24 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
25 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	26	27	28 2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ CHURCH 7-8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	29	30	31

We will not have our normal Ushers and Greeters stipulated for the summer months of July and August. This year we will have the Church Council Members and anyone who wishes to help fill in. There will be the normal head ushers present to help direct.

JULY 2019 USHERS :

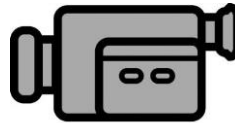
7th: S. Schmidt, Roger Moderow
 14th: Larry Johnson,
 21st: Dr. Charlie Seagren
 28th S. Schmidt

August 2019 USHERS :

4th: S. Schmidt, Roger Moderow
 11th: Larry Johnson,
 18th: Dr. Charlie Seagren
 25th: C. Wiltse



Jul 7 - Anisten Rennerfeldt
 14 - Carson Vecera
 21 - Hannah Deemer
 28 - Kara Peterson
 Aug 4 - Johnna Peterson
 11 - Carter Bousquet
 18 - Grant Seagren
 25 - Brayden Selk
 Sep 1 - Gabi Linder
 8 - Daniel Bedrnicek
 15 - Samantha Canarsky



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Jul 7 - Lillian Ehlers
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 21 - Carson Vecera
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 Sep 1 - Brayden Selk
 8 - Gabi Linder
 15 - Daniel Bedrnicek



July 7 - Bryan Bohn
 14 - Billye Pearson
 21 - Bryan Bohn
 28 - Bryan Bohn
 August 4 - Bryan Bohn
 11 - Bryan Bohn
 18 - Bryan Bohn
 25- Bryan Bohn



July 7 - Dan Tanksley
 14 - Tess Johnson
 21 - Jim/Dan
 28 - Tess Johnson
 August 4 - Dan Tanksley
 11 - Tess Johnson
 18 - Jim/Dan
 25 - Tess Johnson

COFFEE SERVERS

DATE

Luryn Anderson and Jodi Peterson	Sunday, July 7, 2019
Elaine Peterson and Sharon Peterson	Sunday, July 14, 2019
Deanna Ray and Teresa Rogers	Sunday, July 21, 2019
Karen Rosenboom and Amy Rost	Sunday, July 28, 2019
Jody Sydow-Stock and Elisa Schmidt	Sunday, August 4, 2019
Tammy Schinck and Laurie Schold	Sunday, August 11, 2019
Janelle Seagren and Sandra Mallette	Sunday, August 18, 2019
Linda VonEssen and Tamera VonEssen	Sunday, August 25, 2019
Tess Johnson and Janet Wiltse	Sunday, September 1, 2019
Katie Selk and Rachel Nelson	Sunday, September 8, 2019



**Thank you for your help in these important areas.
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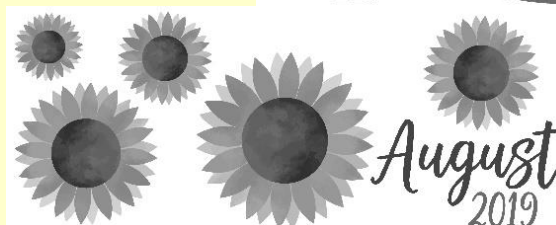
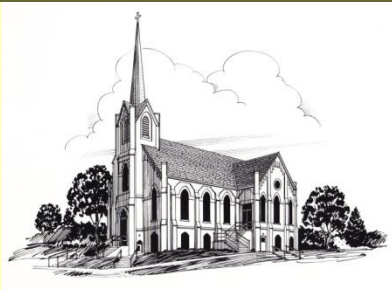
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