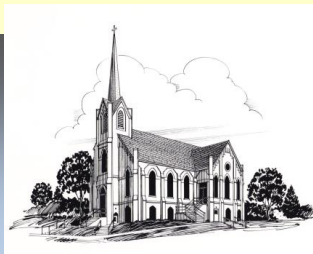


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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In November we celebrate Thanksgiving and it can be a wonderful time of gathering with our family and friends to remember God's goodness to us.

As we gather to give thanks it can be a blessing to remember specific things in our lives for which we can be thankful. For many of us these specific areas of thanks may be very similar. We may be thankful for God's watchful care in our lives, for the family and friends he has given us, for his help in a difficult time in our lives and for answered prayer. We can also be thankful for the fellowship we can have with God as we walk with him.

Yet, wonderfully in addition to these specific areas where perhaps we share a common thread of gratitude with other people there may be something very unique to our own individual lives for which we can give thanks this year. As Thanksgiving approaches may this unique praise in our lives be something we find to be a special blessing in sharing with God in our hearts.

As we trust in Jesus, may we find joy in thanking God for his specific goodness and tender mercies in our lives.

God bless,  
Pastor Mark

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### November 2019 Special Days

- ☞ All Saints' Day — Nov. 1
- ☞ Daylight-Saving Time Ends — Nov. 3
- ☞ Veteran's Day — Nov. 11
- ☞ National Bible Week — Nov. 17 -Nov. 24
- ☞ Christ the King Sunday — Nov. 24
- ☞ Thanksgiving Day — Nov. 28



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Please mark your calendars for “Movie Night at First Lutheran Church”! Sunday, November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. we will be showing “Mary Poppins Returns”. Everyone is welcome. You don’t want to miss this! 🏠🥤👏🍷

**REMINDER:** Please sign up to have your family pictures taken for the new directory. Please contact Mona Tanksley @ 402-380-0459.

**THANK YOU** to Roger and Suzanne Johnson, Connie, Myesha, Javar and Elijah Larson and Tom Wallerstedt and Patty Miller for hosting our youth group at the haunted shed Wednesday night. A great time was had by all.

**The church is selling Christmas Ornaments** in honor of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. Please call Susan Mulder or contact a committee member after church services. The cost of an ornament is \$12.

As some of you are aware, Mary Alice Pearson has stepped down in her role to coordinate greeters and ushers for First Lutheran. Mary Alice has been a dedicated volunteer who ensured ushers and greeters were in place for the past 15 years! We appreciate the commitment of Mary Alice and on Sunday, November 3 we would like to recognize her for her work during the fellowship time after church. The coffee and rolls will be in her honor.

**The sewing ladies will be packing the quilts** for Lutheran World Relief and Open Door Mission on Tuesday morning, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. **They would appreciate the help of some strong men to handle the heavy boxes of quilts.** The ladies made 250 quilts this year! **WHAT AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT!!**

**If you are unable to give of your time but would like to donate monetarily - for every \$1 you give to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items.** If you want to donate directly LWR this is the address: Lutheran World Relief, Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21198-9832. Be sure to note "Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund" in the memo line.

## NEW MEMBERS

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**We are welcoming into our fellowship Lorelei Wickstrom** on Sunday, November 3, 2019 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. **WELCOME Lorelei!!**

## BAPTISMS

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**We welcomed into membership Victor Douglas Guill** through holy baptism on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Victor was born on August 1, 2015. His parents are Jarvis and Amy Guill. He joins two brothers, Connor and Corbin. His sponsors are Joe and Wendi Andersen. His grandparents are John Guill and Kim Guill and the late Wanda Puffer and the late Russell Puffer. **WELCOME VICTOR!!!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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We sing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month: November 10<sup>th</sup> is our next Sunday to sing and December 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Christmas Program. The Pay It Forward plate will be passed around during each of these dates. The money raised will go to the Burt County buddy packs, food bank and Christmas gifts for children.

Last week we had our fall outing to the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch with over 80 in attendance. A great time was had by all. If you would like to see just how much fun we had check out the pictures and videos on our Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/First-Lutheran-Church-Oakland-NE-308938792621977/> . Please feel free to click like and follow us to see all our upcoming events.

## CONFIRMATION

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Confirmation meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening.

## FRIDAY NIGHT PUB.

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Luther's Pub dates are December 13<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for volunteers to help us chaperone. Please contact Connie Larson (402)380-5101 or Tess Johnson (402)380-5660.

## YOUTH GROUP

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We are meeting every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. 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 to donate for the meals.

## BIBLE STUDY NEWS

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Men's Bible Study is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Growing Together - Small Group meets after church at 11:00 a.m. - Please contact Nancy Johnson (402) 620-5324 if you have questions.

## WEDDINGS

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We extend our congratulations and ask for God's blessing on: Lynna Webster and Tanner Heineman. They were joined in holy matrimony at First Lutheran Church on October 5, 2019. Tanner is the son of Brad and Lela Heineman. Lynna is the daughter of Greg and Kathy Webster. **CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS HEINEMAN!!**

**NOVEMBER 3, - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS -**





Roxanne Lundquist and Elisabeth Linder

**SEWING GROUP MEETS** every Monday & Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Women Of the Word



November 6.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m. .... Ruth  
 November 11.....Executive Meeting 9:00 a.m.  
 November 13.....Group Meetings 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
 (Bring THANK Offering)  
 November 24 .....Devotions@ O.H. @ 2:30 p.m.....Hannah  
 Clean Kitchen .....Youth Group

The Heartland District Women of the Word Annual Retreat will be Saturday, November 2, 2019 - *“Let the Little Children Come Unto Me”* at Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Smithfield, Nebraska. The Speaker is: *Jean Clayton*, author of Sipping the Proverbs. Other presentations: Representatives from The Nebraska Family Alliance and MOPS, Dr. Stuart Embry on his work in Haiti, Sex Trafficking awareness. Hands-on Service Project: Operation Christmas Child



**Dorcas Society - November 27<sup>th</sup> @ Lutheran Church – 2:00 pm**



**IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:** Sam Bedrincek, Arlene Carper, Jody Faith, Kevin Lundvall, Judy Nelson, Ethan Johnson, Ed Anderson, Clara Frahm, Karen Johnson, Tammy Case, Pat Moseman, Larry Dean Anderson, Don Lagge, Joan Meade (Hilda Benne’s sister-in-law), Frank Johnson, Rojane Linder, Krissa Schonert, Denise (Hall) Salzbrenner, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel, Mel Swenson, Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, our service men and women, and all those deployed to foreign countries, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.



First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska

The church council convened their monthly meeting on October 7, 2019

**Council Members Present:** Nathan Anderson, Sam Schmidt, Keri Thomsen, Brad Bousquet, Clendon Rost, Kathy Pearson and Pastor Mark. Devotions were given by Pastor Mark.

**Minutes:** Nathan read the minutes of the September meeting. There were no additions or corrections to the September minutes. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report:**

Net income for November was \$3,045.67. Bill for property and liability insurance will be \$7,445.00. Discussed increase in expenses and giving for the year to date.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor gave his report.

**Committee Reports:** Evangelism committee met and discussed ushers and greeters. Encouraged keeping the list going the same as Tess has been doing and make lists similar to the coffee list that is mailed out.

**Old Business:**

Installation of safe was discussed. Nathan will discuss with Alan Stromquist repairs to the ramp. Pastor and Clendon discussed a possible movie night. Video license is good and valid. The sprinklers have been fixed. The light bulbs in the sanctuary were replaced by Sam Schmidt, Nathan Anderson, Clendon Rost, Greg Johnson, Dan Tanksley, Norm Wallerstedt, and Mike Blanc. Nathan has contacted Ben Wallace about reworking the church constitution.

**New Business:**

Discussed possibly needing help with the Saturday evening service. Will monitor the need for another month.

**November Communion Assistant:** Clendon Rost

**November Meeting Devotion:** Keri Thomsen

**Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.**

Mike Blanc, Secretary

**October Attendance**

5 & 6 .....	156
13 & 14 .....	153
19 & 20.....	162
26 & 27 .....	165

**October Finances**

Commitments	\$ 23,358.83
<b>Designated:</b>	
Building Use	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 107.00
Pay It Forward	\$ 850.00
Sunday School	\$ 16.00
Wed Nite Youth	\$ 100.00
Misc	\$ 243.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,174.83</b>



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Timothy Magnusson,  
Mindy Christofferson
- 2 - Rosemary Anderson,  
Dale Jones,  
Ivy Anderson
- 3 - Scarlett Johnson,  
James Peterson,  
Tom Meyer
- 4 - Dick Miller,  
Ashten Rennerfeldt
- 6 - Jordan Johnson
- 7 - Ryan Nelson,  
Clohee Stucky
- 8 - Rachel Wise-Nelson
- 9 - Julie Easton,  
Megan Ahrens-Willer
- 10 - Preston Peterson Keesling,
- 11 - Julie Ehlers,  
Charles Krutilek
- 13 - Paula Modlin
- 14 - Keith Anderson,  
Megan Corwine-Loeffler,  
Tammy Schnick,  
Sam Schmidt
- 16 - Janice Case
- 17 - Earlene Paulson
- 18 - Larry Anderson,  
Ellen Magnusson
- 19 - Greg Ray
- 20 - Megan Bousquet
- 22 - Donna Larson,  
Robert Case
- 23 - Carla Corwine,  
Roger Ray,  
Makenna Miller
- 24 - David Deemer
- 26 - May Taylor
- 27 - Holly Olson
- 28 - Blake Denton,  
Brenda Anderson,  
Tammy VonEssen, Janet Wiltse
- 29 - Debbie Krutilek, Sandra Mallette,  
Ashlie Slatt-Mieth



November  
BIRTHDAYS

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Reg & Pam Linder
- 7 - Perry & Teresa Rogers
- 10 - Mark & Laurie Carlson;  
Gail and Gary Elsasser
- 11 - Darrell & Cheryl Denker
- 25 - Dan & AnnaBelle Olson
- 26 - Rachel & Gordon Nelson
- 29 - Chad & Andrea Schiermeyer



November  
ANNIVERSARIES

**Report from the National Convention  
- Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ**

Do you know how much God wants his world back?????? Will I help?

These questions were the underlying message of the 2019 LCMC Conference, The speakers and workshops spoke to how we can all become active disciples helping to fulfill God's Great Commission, which is to take the gospel to the world, beginning with growing and using our own hearts as vessels to reach out to our unbelieving families, neighbors and especially, those individuals we may not even like.

The workshops were very helpful and supportive providing materials, shared experiences and encouragement toward reaching our goal.

Considered to be one of the biggest challenges in taking our world back is for our next generation (Z-Generation), the majority of whom consider the church to be irrelevant. They are identified as those birthed in the mid-1990s - early-2000s. The LCMC has dedicated an entire youth program to help identify ways we can reach our youth, via Safety, Listening, Loving and most of all, **SHOWING** them how much we care.

**Overall**, after examining the heart of the LCMC, I can assure you all at First Lutheran Evangelical Church, we are in good hands, both organizationally and spiritually. When we voted to become members of this body, we became hands, feet, and hearts of a body of believers, who are sold out for Jesus Christ, believing that the Word provided for us is the inerrant, infallible, God-breathed word of God. It is not to be changed, twisted, altered, or interpreted by us to mean whatever we think it should mean. Galatians 1:6-9, ***man does not have the authority to change the Bible on any subject***, believing that once we deny the truth of the Bible, we do not have any foundation for our faith. The LCMC has a firm foundation, grounded in the Word.

The LCMC prayer for our congregations and for our lives is that we become less about ourselves, so that we may become more like Christ in all things.

I humbly thank you for allowing me to attend the conference.

**Judee Dix**, A disciple-in-training in my pursuit of the Great Commission for Christ.



# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
3 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL NO CHOIR PRACTICE	4 8:30 AM SEWING 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	5 8:30 AM SEWING 7:30 PM A.A. MEETING	6 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	7	8	9 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
10 9:30AM YOUTH SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	11 8:30 AM SEWING 9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING <b>VETERAN'S DAY</b>	12 8:30 AM SEWING 7:30 PM A.A. MEETING	13 9AM & 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	14	15	16 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
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