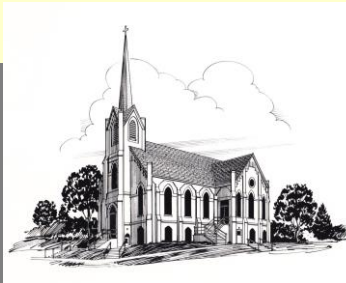


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

The month of January marks the beginning of a new year. When a new year begins, we may become reflective as we think about the past and contemplate what the future might bring. We may be filled with wonder at the passage of time.

Yet, as we reflect on the passage of time, we can have confidence in one thing, which is, we have a God who is the Lord of time.

Since God is the Lord of time, he can bring healing to our past if there has been disappointment. He can also bring forgiveness for past sin and in this way give us a new beginning in him.

We can also have peace regarding the future. We can echo the words of David when he would write "my times are in your hands." We can know that whatever may come in the new year God can be with us.

Thus, as we enter a new year and contemplate the passage of time, we can be at rest. Jesus can give us peace regarding the past and the future, as we trust in him.

May we enter the new year with the peace that only God can give in Jesus.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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We thank everyone at First Lutheran for your greetings, cards, and gifts this past Christmas season. We really appreciated them. We are always moved by your thoughtfulness and kindness. We trust you had a wonderful Christmas and may you have a blessed new year.

Sincerely,

Mark and Jacque



The offering envelopes for the 2020 year are located in the multipurpose room. Please take them home with you.



Please mark your calendars for our next "Movie Night at First Lutheran Church"! Sunday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m. We will be showing "Breakthrough." Everyone is welcome. You don't want to miss this! 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Come one, Come All!! Help is needed to take down the Christmas Decorations at the church on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.



The Annual Meeting will be held January 26th, 2020 at 10:45 a.m. with a Soup Dinner to follow.

Please contact Darrell Denker if you are interested in participating in any of the church committees.

Winter Coat Drive. Salvation Army has a need for warm winter clothing. Please bring any items to the back pew in the church basement.



All information needed for each committee's annual reports needs to be turned into Tess in the office by January 10, 2020 to make it into the Annual Report.

The church is selling Christmas Ornaments in honor of our 150th celebration. Please call Susan Mulder or contact a committee member after church services. They are also available for purchase at the Corner Drug. The cost of an ornament is \$12.

We thank everyone who has contributed their talents to our Christmas Season worship services:

- ☞ Lindsay Jorgensen for her children's sermon.
- ☞ Patty Miller for being the reader.
- ☞ Jenni Karge for reading the prayer.
- ☞ Tess Johnson for presenting the service on the screen.
- ☞ Mia Linder Preston Rost and the Sunday School children for their singing.
- ☞ The Choir for their song.
- ☞ Bryan Bohn for directing the Choir being the organist.
- ☞ Cindy Blanc for her accompaniment with the piano.
- ☞ Billye Pearson for being the organist.
- ☞ Dan Tanksley for operating the sound system.
- ☞ All others who have assisted with our Christmas Eve Services.
- ☞ Thank you to Mike Blanc for leading our service on Sunday December 29, 2019.
- ☞ Thank you to all who helped with the decorating of our church on Wednesday, to those who helped with the children decorating cookies and decorations for the trees in the basements, to those who made the wonderful soups and cookies for the meal that followed. What a great celebration it was!!!
- ☞ Thank you to Jenni Karge for helping to lead our German Candlelight service on Saturday night. Jenni is a foreign exchange student from Germany living with Jason and Kylie Penke.

Poinsettia for Christmas. If you purchased a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary of church, you may take them home with you after the Christmas Eve Service.

The beautiful poinsettias in and around our church altar are in loving memory of:

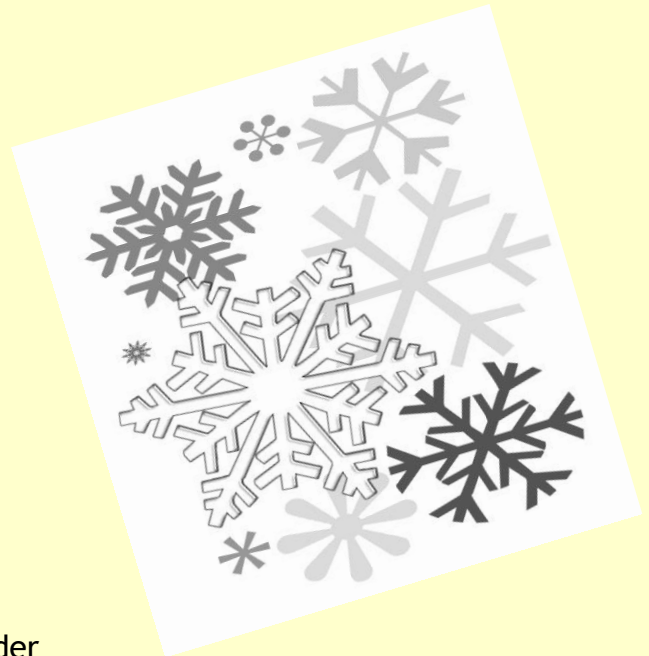
- ☞ Maurice and Margaret Moderow – Roger & Patty Moderow & girls
- ☞ Ryan, George and Leona Guill – Guill Family
- ☞ Our friends – Connie, Isaiah, Myesha, Javar, & Elijah Larson
- ☞ Pat Seagren – Seagren family
- ☞ Our Parents and Grandparents – Osterndorff & Heineman family
- ☞ Family and service men and women – Lee & Sharon Peterson (pink poinsettia on table)
- ☞ Rita Lindstrom and Jean and Carl "George" Easton – Carl & Julie Easton
- ☞ Gary Rosenboom, Pernilla & Martin Jensen & great grandbaby: Silas Ekekiel Kohobeck – Karen Rosenboom
- ☞ David Pearson – Jody Sydow-Stock
- ☞ Bernie Stock – Hope Sydow-Stock and family
- ☞ Marvin and Lilli Johnson & Bud Johnson – Roger & Suzanne Johnson
- ☞ Bob Lindstrom – Marlene, Scott & Valerie Lindstrom and family
- ☞ Veda Hansen – Scott & Valerie Lindstrom and family
- ☞ Our loved ones – Ed & Connie Anderson
- ☞ Garland and Florence Erickson – Jeanette Keogh & family
- ☞ Jessica Hughes – Mark & Jacque Eldal
- ☞ Herman and Mary Nell Meyer & Herman & Evelyn Benne – from Tom & Phyllis Meyer
- ☞ Darlene Wagner, Katie Anderson & Joe and Julie Royer – Nathan Anderson
- ☞ Elroy and Eunice Johnson and Carolyn Johnson – Larry & Tess Johnson & girls
- ☞ Bernice and Harold Nelson and Oliver and Ruth Wise –Gordon & Rachel Nelson
- ☞ Darlene Wagner and Katie Anderson – Cal & Sara Anderson & family
- ☞ Our loved ones – Don and Candace Johnson
- ☞ Josh Mulder – Mom, Dad, Marissa and Jared
- ☞ Karen Carstensen – Jack Carstensen family (white poinsettia on top)
- ☞ Josh Mulder – Family and friends
- ☞ Donald Andersen and Pete & Lois Schmidt – Kent & Brenda Andersen family
- ☞ Grandma Joyce Bromm – Love Lane, Kara & Johnna Peterson
- ☞ David Pearson, Carroll Pearson & Steve Sok – Kathy & Garrett Pearson
- ☞ Amy Jo Bromm and Daryl Bromm – Shirley Bromm
- ☞ John and Hope Wilken, Harold Robinson, & Lionel and Christine Ehlers- Loren and Julie Ehlers & family
- ☞ Our parents, Vernon K. and Lillian Johnson, by Richard and Janet Reckmeyer and Glenn and Sharon Krueger.
- ☞ Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dinklage – Jon and Chloe Johnson
- ☞ Del Peterson – Joanne Peterson
- ☞ Walter and Bernice Niedringhaus & Clare and Alma Wiltze – Clare & Jan Wiltze
- ☞ Bill Voss, Bonnie Goodrich, Frank Johnson, Harry Goodrich & son Jacob Johnson – Mark and Jill Johnson
- ☞ Walter Sr, Dorothy, Walter Jr & Janet Jorgensen; Loren & Helen Bundy; LeRoy & June Jenkins; Leonard Canarsky Sr; Toby Watts & Ken Gill - Jim & Leann Jorgensen Family
- ☞ Frank Johnson and grandson Jacob Johnson – Janice Johnson
- ☞ Dayton and Margaret Benne, Robert, Louise & Lila Jones, Jacob Johnson & in honor of our grandkids Owen, Ian, Noah, and Emerson – Dale & Linda Jones
- ☞ In celebration of Drew Otto Pribnow's 1st Christmas with the VonEssen Farm Gang

~AND~

Merry Christmas from Pelan Funeral Home



- 1 - Alicia Isner
- 2 - Mitchell Lindstrom
- 3 - Linda Carlson
- 7 - Leonard Canarsky, Lisa Fredrickson, Jay Johnson, Julia Wuestewald
- 8 - Tyler Frederickson, Chad Linder
- 9 - Marilyn Baker
- 11 - Braylon Anderson, Tony Bromm, Carson Miller
- 12 - Brooke Van Horn, April Van Horn, Noah Anderson
- 13 - Justin Corwine, Jarvis Guill, Melinda Johnson, Gary Powell, Tye Penke
- 16 - Will Johnson, Jennie (Johnson) Harbin, Brent Linder
- 17 - Jeanette Blanc
- 19 - Gerron Elsasser, Karen Karstens, Mia Linder, Ruth Blomenkamp, Lillian Ehlers
- 22 - Emmy Bousquet, Roger Nelson, Heidi Johnson, Michael Kloth, Jack Kloth, Lauryn Kloth
- 23 - Joe Larson, Harold Lindstrom
- 24 - Brady Jorgensen, Eric Trout
- 26 - Rebecca Moderow
- 28 - Theo Bland, James Schrock
- 29 - Arlene Carper, Lane Peterson
- 30 - Garrett Pearson, Parker Onken
- 31 - Isaiah Larson, Larry Paulson



- 4- Natalie & Jennings Johnson
- Greg & Nancy Johnson
- 5 - Mark & Jacque Eldal
- 6 - Robert & Jane Moseman
- 11- Joe & Wendi Anderson
- 13 - Sam & Elisa Schmidt



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Marian Moseman, Bill Dix, Virgil Johnson, Arlene Carper, Jody Faith, Judy Nelson, Ed Anderson, Clara Frahm, Karen Johnson, Tammy Case, Pat Moseman, Don Lagge, Joan Meade (Hilda Benne's sister-in-law), Krissa Schonert, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas! Sunday School will resume on January 5th, 2020.

We will sing next on January 12th, February 9th and March 8th. Mark your calendars and Happy New Year!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

- NO CONFIRMATION Jan. 1, 2020. Classes will resume January 8, 2020

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

NO YOUTH GROUP -Jan. 1, 2020. It will resume January 8, 2020 and will meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A meal will be provided. It is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community.

We have added a Youth Group Meal Sign Up Sheet to the bulletin board. We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal, side dish or dessert every Wednesday night for 25-30 students throughout the school year. For planning, we would like to have volunteers sign up for meals, side dishes, dessert or donations at least a month in advance.

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

Growing Together – We meet at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. For more information contact Nancy Johnson or Pastor Mark. Everyone is welcome.



Roxanne Lundquist and Elisabeth Linder



SEWING MEETINGS START AGAIN JAN. 6, 2020

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

W.O.W. MEETINGS - -JANUARY- 2020

January 1.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 AMRuth

January 6.....Executive Meeting 9:00 AM

January 8.....Group Meetings 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM

January 12..... Devotions @ O.H. - 2:30 PM.....Ruth

Clean KitchenRuth





Women of the Word



DORCAS SOCIETY - January 22nd 2:00 P.M. @ FELC

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			NO MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS NO YOUTH GROUP or CONFIRMATION HAPPY NEW YEAR!			5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NO CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 6:00 PM MOVIE NIGHT	8:30 AM SEWING MEETINGS 9AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	8:30 AM SEWING MEETINGS 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	9AM, 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP			9:00AM UNDECORATE CHURCH 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	8:30 AM SEWING MEETINGS MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	8:30 AM SEWING MEETINGS 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP			5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM ANNUAL MEETING	8:30 AM SEWING MEETINGS	8:30 AM SEWING MEETINGS 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	2PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ FELC 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP			



First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met December 2, 2019 at 7:11pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Sam Schmidt, Mike Blanc, Clendon Rost, and Susan Mulder, Brad Bousquet, Jon Seagren, Keri Thomsen and Tom Meyer. Prior to the meeting, Pastor Mark and Jacque hosted dinner for the council and their spouses as well as the evangelism committee and their spouses. Devotions were given by Mike Blanc

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussed. Month to date income exceeded expenses by \$6,230.46. Year-to-date income exceeded expenses by \$1,727.20. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Nathan presented the Deed of Distribution by Matt Munderloh of Johnson & Mock from the Dolores L. Anderson estate or the land tract.

Susan Mulder reported that the 150th Celebration Ornament sales were going well with about 30 ornaments remaining for sale.

Pastor presented his report for the month of November.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

1. Safe: Installation is pending.
2. Constitution Amendments: Nathan will prepare a letter to the congregation with details about proposed changes to the Constitution.
3. Risers on front stairway: The condition of the risers on the front steps of the church were viewed by council members and determined that the issue was more cosmetic than structural and considered them to be safe.

New Business:

1. Historical Record Keeping: Susan Mulder raised the issue of our historical records and the way in which we maintain the records. While all historical records may be on hand, there wasn’t a simple means of accessing all records. Issue was table pending further discussion.

Jan Communion Assistant: Clendon Rost

Jan Meeting Devotion: Susan Mulder

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: 6 January 2020 at 7:00pm

Mike Blanc, Secretary

30 & 1	162
7 & 8	245
14 & 15	124
22 (no Sat. Service) ..	128
24 (Christmas Eve) ..	340
29 (no Sat. Service) ..	89

Commitments	\$18,150.00
Designated	
Thanksgiving	\$ 2,925.00
Christmas	\$ 8,720.00
Directories	\$ 70.00
Confirmation Meal	\$ 100.00
PayItForward	\$ 560.00
Coffee Fund	\$ 232.00
Memorial	\$ 125.00
Misc.	\$ 2,518.40
TOTAL	\$ 33,400.40

January 2020 - Church Duties

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Phyliss and Tom Meyer
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Rachel and Gordon Nelson
Head Usher - Roger Moderow and Sam Schmidt
Communion Helper – Clendon Rost
Reader - Beverly Peterson
Sound - Dan Tanksley
Acolyte - Adilen Rennerfeldt
Video - Anisten Rennerfeldt
Saturday Night Piano (4) – Ruth Wallerstedt
Sunday Morning Organist - Cindy Blanc

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Tim, Annie, Ellen and Carolyn Magnusson
Greeting & Usher - Andy, Angela, Ashten, Anisten, Adilen and Ava Rennderfeldt
Coffee - Janice Case
Head Usher - Larry Johnson
Reader – Patty Miller
Sound - Tess Johnson
Acolyte - Nolan Magnusson
Video - Adilen Rennerfeldt
Saturday Night Piano (11) – Billye Pearson
Sunday Morning Organist – Billye Pearson

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Jim, Danielle, Bailey and Louden Pelan
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Rick, Susan and Marissa Mulder
Head Usher - Brad Bousquet
Coffee - Kathy Pearson
Reader – Wyatt Seagren
Sound - Dan Tanksley
Acolyte - Corbin Guill
Video Nolan Magnusson
Saturday Night Piano (18)- Danny Bedrnick
Sunday Morning Organist – Bryan Bohn

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Connie, Myesha, Javar, Elijah Larson
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Roger and Suzanne Johnson
Head Usher - Clare Wiltse
Coffee - Jacque Eldal
Reader – Sandra Johnson
Sound - Tess Johnson
Acolyte - River Wallerstedt
Video - Corbin Guill
Saturday Night Piano (25)- Carter Anderson
Sunday Morning Organist – Bryan Bohn



February 2020 - Church Duties

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Coffee, Greeting & Usher – Jon, Janelle, Wyatt, Grant and Gretchen Seagren

Head Usher - Roger Moderow and Sam Schmidt

Communion Helper -

Reader – Mona Tanksley

Sound - Dan Tanksley

Acolyte – Gretchen Seagren

Video - River Wallerstedt

Saturday Night Piano (1) -

Sunday Morning Organist – Bryan Bohn

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Jim & Danielle Pelan

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Doc & Bev Peterson

Head Usher - Larry Johnson

Reader - Patty Milller

Sound - Tess Johnson and Nathan Anderson

Acolyte - Jaxen Jorgensen

Video - Gretchen Seagren

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mark & Jodi Peterson

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Sharon & Lee Peterson

Head Usher - Brad Bousquet

Reader -

Sound- Dan Tanksley and Nathan Anderson

Acolyte - Garrett Klausen

Video - Jaxen Jorgensen

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Gary & Joann Powell

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Greg & Deanna Ray

Head Usher - Clare Wiltse

Reader -

Sound - Tess Johnson and Travis Thomsen

Acolyte - Bailey Pelan

Video - Garrett Klausen

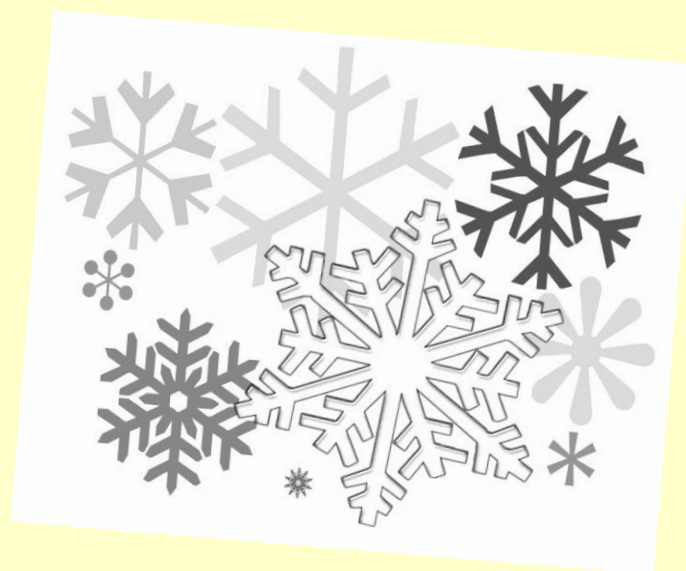
Wednesday, February 26, 2020 - Ash Wednesday

Head Usher - Clare Wiltse

Sound - Tess Johnson

Acolyte - Braylon Anderson

Video - Bailey Pelan



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

January 2020 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in January are:

- ❄ New Year's Day – January 1, 2020
- ❄ Epiphany – January 6, 2020
- ❄ Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 20, 2020



CHRISTIAN HUMOR TO TICKLE YOUR LIFE



"Are Forever Stamps OK?"



"At least they saved themselves a co-pay."



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