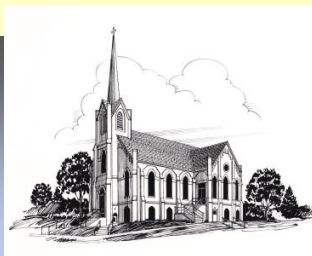


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In the gospel of John, Jesus is introduced by John the Baptist with these words, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." As we journey through this Lenten season perhaps there are no better words to remember than these words.

We remember at this time of year how Jesus would come humbly as a lamb and willingly offer himself as an atoning sacrifice for your sins and mine. Even though he was and is King of kings and Lord of lords he would willingly lay down his life for us and then be raised on Easter morning.

He would do all of this so we might be forgiven and have eternal life.

This Lenten season may we live in loving awe of the Lamb who would give his life for us, and may we freshly claim the forgiveness and promise of eternal life he gives as we trust in him as our Savior.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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March 2020 Special Days

- World Day of Prayer – March 6
- Daylight-Saving Time begins – March 8
- Girl Scout Sunday – March 8
- St. Patrick's Day – March 17
- First Day of Spring – March 19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If anyone would like to donate Thrivent dollars to First Ev. Lutheran Church, please notify Thrivent by the end of March.

A WOW Bible study book and a LCMC booklet are missing, if found please return to Hilda Benne.

There is a Brunch on March 8th at the Oakland Golf Club sponsored by the Oakland Ladies Golf Association from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30p.m. Free will donation!

Lenten Services starting March 4th @ 6:30 PM (a meal will be served afterwards.)

During Lent, on Friday mornings, Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfasts are being held at the city auditorium from 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. FELC Men will serve on March 27.

LENTEN SERVERS

March 4 Lenten Service – Ruth Serves
March 11..... Lenten Service – Hannah Serves
March 18..... Lenten Service – Young Adults Serve
March 25..... Lenten Services – Ruth Serves
April 1 Lenten Services – Hannah Serves

Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfast at the City Auditorium will begin on Friday February 28 and continue on each Friday during the Lenten season. The breakfast begins at from 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will sing on: February 8, March 8, and May 10 (Mother's Day). We will not sing on April 5 (Palm Sunday) but will carry the palms in and a pay-it-forward will be collected after the children's sermon.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmands will meet after the **Lenten Services. Starting March 4th @ 6:30 PM** (a meal will be served afterwards.)

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP meets every Wednesday of the month. It is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.



JACQUE ELDAL and JULIE EASTON



SEWING MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Dorcas Society - March 25th @ 2:00 p.m. @ FELC



-MARCH-

March 4 - 9:30 AM - Bingo @ O.H.....Ruth
 March 9 - 9:00AM - Executive Meeting
 March 11 - 9:00AM & 5:00PM - Group Meetings
 March 18.....Lenten Service — Young Adults Serve
 March 25.....Lenten Services — Ruth Serves
 April 1Lenten Services — Hannah Serves
 Clean Kitchen Hannah

PRAYERS OF CONCERN



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:
 Regina (Tanksley) Culbertson, Marlene Lindstrom, Suzie Nelson, Judy Groene, Sally Nelson Frose and Molly Nelson Rose (Clare Wilste's cousins), Mattie Aubert (Arlene Carper's great-niece), Denise Enstrom, Marian Moseman, Bill Dix, Jody Faith, Judy Nelson, Ed Anderson, Clara Frahm, 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, the family of Chris Taylor, 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

Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting following Annual Meeting-January 26, 2020

The church council met January 26, 2020 following the annual church meeting soup lunch. In attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Mike Blanc, Kathy Pearson, Tom Meyer and Susan Mulder. Nathan welcomed the newest member, Jack Carstensen, to the council.

Church council officers were elected. Current church council officers agreed to remain in their positions with the board providing unanimous consensus. President, Nathan Anderson; Vice-President, Sam Schmidt; Secretary, Mike Blanc. The office of Treasurer was added to the office of Vice-President held by Sam Schmidt.

New Business:

1. Cost of Living increases for Secretaries and Custodian. Council recommended a wage increase.
2. The council discussed insurance claims for Judy Groene's accident on the ice. Nathan will talk with our agent, Mindy Linder, for the best course of action for all parties.
3. Kathy recommended acquiring a church credit card. The council recommended that Audrey handle the details of acquiring the credit card.
4. Kathy also recommended that we dedicate a space for Brian Bohn to organize and manage music.

Next meeting designated for Mar 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Mike Blanc, Secretary

**February
Attendance**

1 & 2	191
8 & 9	124
15 & 16.....	99
22 & 23	152
26(Ash Wed).....	95
29&1.....	168

February Finances

Regular	\$14,269.00
Designated	
Ash Wed	\$ 2,525.00
Initial Off.	\$ 20.00
Sunday School	\$ 22.00
Wed.NiteYouth	\$1,294.00
Supplies	\$ 135.50
Memorial	\$ 50.00
PayItForward	\$ 182.50
Misc.	\$ 578.50
TOTAL	\$19,076.50

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Teresa Egbers, Cynthia Johnson, Eric Miller, Mollie Kate
- 2 - Nancy Wonka
- 3 - Ruth Wallerstedt, Herb Brader
- 4 - Clendon Rost
- 5 - Ron Brudigam, Charles Seagren
- 7 - James Unwin
- 8 - Spencer Bromm
- 9 - Heath Anderson
- 10 - Connie Anderson, Julie Jones
- 11 - Teigan Case, Rylee Stevenson, Landon Johnson
- 13 - Alexis VonEssen
- 14 - Russell Peterson, Laura Schnoor, Garrison Dodge, Shirley Lowe
- 15 - Scott Krutilek, Emma Wallerstedt
- 16 - Scott Lindstrom, Earl Miller, Susie Nelson
- 17 - Lee Peterson
- 18 - Jeff Nelson
- 19 - Baker Blanc, Hayden Johanson
- 20 - Marlene Lindstrom, Linda VonEssen
- 21 - Mike Denton, Dan Kahlandt
- 22 - Dolores Bailey, Vern Jensen
- 25 - Dexter VonEssen, Don Wallace
- 26 - Connor Guill, Kent Johnson, Richard Strom, Henry Unwin
- 27 - JoAnna (Lierman) Going
- 28 - Mary Alice Pearson
- 29 - William Akingbade, Cheryl Denker, Don Wolf
- 30 - LeighAnn (Blomenkamp)McCartney, Richard Mulder,
Eric Easton, Mallory (Blanc) Rybak
- 31 - Judy Troupe




MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 - Jay & Diane Lindstrom
- 12 - Richard & Marcee Tomasek
- 15 - Kaleb & Luryn Andersen
- 17 - Gary & Joann Powell
- 18 - Merle & Karen Karstens
Mike and Karen Blanc
- 24 - Andrew and Stephanie Brudigam
- 27 - Mike & Janna Kloth



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL	2 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	3	4 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	5	6 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	7 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
8 9:30AM PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME	9 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 9AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	10 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	11 9AM & 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15 PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	12	13 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium	14 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
15 8:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM REVERE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	16 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	17 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	19 FIRST DAY OF SPRING	20 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium	21 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
22 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	23 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	24 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	25 2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15 PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	26	27 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium FELC MEN SERVE	28 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
29 8:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL	30 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	31 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	<div><p>Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31</p></div> <div><div>REMEMBER</div><div>TO CHANGE</div><div>YOUR CLOCKS!</div><div>REMEMBER</div></div>			



MARCH 2020 CHURCH DUTIES

- Sunday, March 1 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Dave and Laurie Schold
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Sam & Elisa Schmidt
 Coffee - Linda Jones Head Usher - Roger Moderow
 Reader - Linda Jones Sound - Tess Johnson
 Communion Helper - Clendon Rost
 Acolyte - Ostern Heineman Video - Braylon Anderson
- Wed., March 4 - Head Usher - Roger Moderow
 Lenten Service Sound - Dan Tanksley
 Acolyte - Samantha Canarsky Video - Ostern Heineman
- Sunday, March 8 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mark & Jean Schafersman
 Youth Sunday Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Steve & Connie Rokusek
 Coffee - Karen Rosenboom
 Head Usher - Larry Johnson
 Sound - Dan Tanksley Reader - Ian Lundquist
 (7) Sat. Pianist - Billye Pearson Sunday Organist - Billye Pearson
 Video - Samantha Canarsky Acolyte - Kyler Case
- Wed., March 11 - Head Usher - Larry Johnson Sound - Tess Johnson
 Lenten Service Acolyte - Lillian Ehlers Video - Kyler Case
- Sunday, March 15 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Cheryl & Darrel Dennker
 Revere Sunday Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Amy & Clendon Rost
 Head Usher - Brad Bousquet and Charles Seagren
 Reader - Wyatt Seagren Sound - Tess Johnson
 Sunday Organist - Bryan Bohn
 Acolyte - Anisten Rennerfeldt Video - Lillian Ehlers
- Wed., March 18 - Head Usher - Brad Bousquet and Charles Seagren
 Lenten Service Acolyte - Adilen Rennerfeldt Video - Anisten Rennerfeldt
- Sunday, March 22 - Coffee, Greet & Usher - Danny, Jeanie, Piper, Colton & Brody Tanksley
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Dan and Mona Tanksley
 Head Usher - Clare Wiltse
 Reader - Beverly Peterson
 Sound - Tess Johnson and Travis Thomsen
 Sunday Organist - Bryan Bohn
 Acolyte - Nolan Magnusson Video - Adilen Rennerfeldt
- Wed., March 25 - Head Usher - Clare Wiltse
 Lenten Service Acolyte - Corbin Guill Video - Nolan Magnusson
- Sunday, March 29 - Coffee, Greet & Usher - Josh, Sara, River, Grace and Emma Wallerstedt
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mike, Katie, Brayden and Chloe Selk
 Head Ushers Norm Wallerstedt and Josh Wallerstedt
 Reader - Patty Miller Sound - Tess Johnson
 (28) Sat. Pianist - Sunday Organist - Billye Pearson
 Acolyte - River Wallerstedt Video - Corbin Guill

Wed., April 1 - Head Usher - Norm Wallerstedt and Josh Wallerstedt
 Lenten Service Acolyte - Gretchen Seagren Video - River Wallerstedt

Sunday, April 5 - Coffee, Greet & Usher - Travis, Keri, Colton, Carson and Mia Thomsen
 Palm Sunday Coffee, Greet & Usher - Jon, Janelle, Wyatt, Grant and Gretchen Seagren
 Head Usher Roger Moderow and Sam Schmidt
 Reader - Sandy Husar Sound - Dan Tanksley
 Acolyte - Jaxen Jorgensen Video - Gretchen Seagren

Wed., April 9 - Head Usher - Roger Moderow
 Maundy Thursday Service Acolyte - Garrett Klausen Video - Jaxen Jorgensen

Sunday, April 12 - Greeting & Usher - Norm and Sallie Johnson
 Easter Sunday Greeting - Mary Alice Pearson
 Early Service Head Ushers- Dr. Charlie Seagren, Gordy Nelson and Norm Wallerstedt
 Reader - Sandra Johnson Sound - Dan Tanksley
 Acolyte - Braylon Anderson Video - Bailey Pelan

Late Service - Greeting & Usher - Tim and Sherri Slatt
 Greeting & Usher - Ashlie, Dylan and Everett Mieth
 Head Usher - Larry Johnson Reader - Kathy Pearson
 Sound - Tess Johnson Acolyte - Ostern Heineman

Sunday, April 19 - Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Jim and Tammy VonEssen
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Dexter and Ashten VonEssen
 Coffee - Julie Wuestewald
 Head Ushers - Dr Charlie Seagren and Brad Bousquet
 Reader - Sound - Jim Jorgensen
 Acolyte - Samantha Canarsky Video - Ostern Heineman

Sunday, April 26 Coffee, Greeting & Usher Cal and Sara Anderson
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher Nate, Jen, Noah and Ivy Anderson
 Coffee - Karen Ahrens
 Head Usher - Clare Wiltse
 Reader - Sound - Travis Thomsen
 Acolyte - Kyler Case Video - Samantha Canarsky

Sunday, May 3, Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Joe, Wendi and Braylon Anderson
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Theo, Jess, Brooks and Benson Bland
 Coffee - Patti Moderow
 Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow
 Reader - Sound - Dan Tanksley
 Acolyte - Kyler Case Video - Lillian Ehlers

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

“Church Duties” sign-up sheet.

As we start to prepare for the assignment list of “church duties” from September 2020-August 2021, we would like to give you an opportunity to help us develop this list. If you have specific dates that you would like to serve, please complete the following information and turn it into the church office **by April 15th**. It is anticipated that everyone will need to assist once or twice a year, so please provide two dates that work for you.

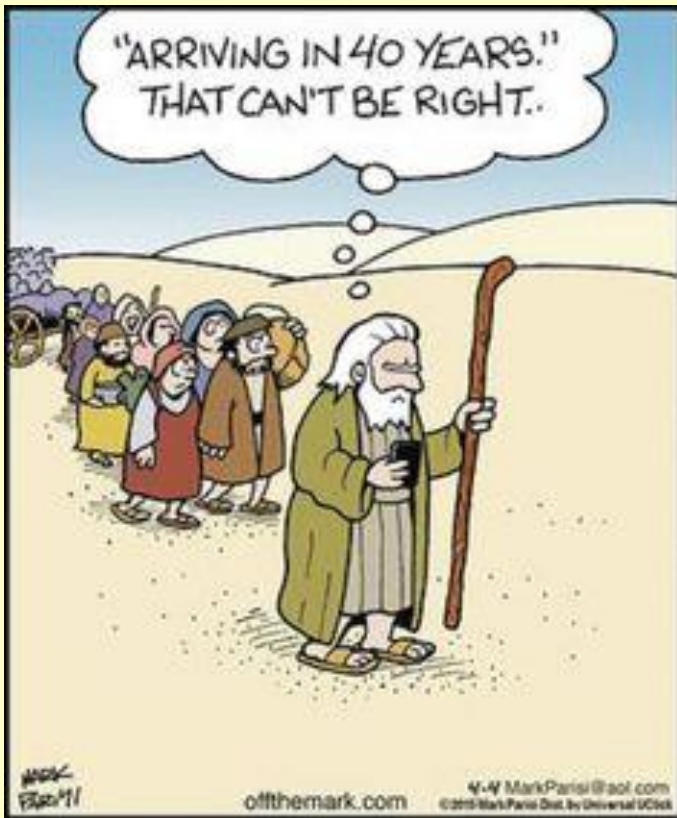
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DATE #2

If you do not have specific dates for us to consider but want us to be aware of other considerations such as months or certain Sundays to avoid, please provide that information below.

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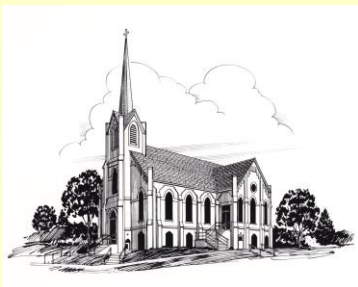
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March 4, 11, 18 & 25 - 6:30 PM - Lenten Services

