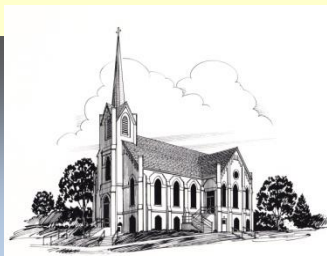


# THE SPIRE



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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

One of the blessings of reading Scripture is that as we do so we can encounter verses that can be especially poignant and encouraging. As we read them they hopefully can become morsels of spiritual food for our souls.

Some of the passages that have become spiritual food for my soul over the years include: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end," "Great is Thy faithfulness," "The Lord is my portion," and "Weeping may tarry for the night but joy comes in the morning."

How good to know God's love and mercy never come to an end. We can know that he will always be faithful to the promises in his Word. As we lean on his love, mercy, and faithfulness he can be our ultimate portion in life, he can be the one who ultimately satisfies our souls. And this ministry to our souls can give us joy, even after times of weeping.

As we trust in Jesus, may he be the one who satisfies our souls as we rely on his love and his faithfulness, and may we experience his joy.

God Bless,  
Pastor Mark

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### July & August 2020 Special Days

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE** - Come on out to the Burt County Fairgrounds on July 19 at 11:00 a.m. Feel free to dig out and wear your "I ♥ First Lutheran" t-shirts!!

**FRESH FRUIT ORDERS.** Group Ruth's annual fruit sale is coming! 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.

## 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. If you are uncomfortable completing these duties because of COVID-19, please notify the church office. Thank you!

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

## IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Suzanne Johnson, Carl Easton, Mattie Aubert (Arlene Carper's great-granddaughter), Denise Enstrom, Bill Dix, Jody Faith, Judy Nelson, Ed Anderson, Tammy Case, Pat Moseman, 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, family of Larry Hille (son of Myra Bunderson) and all those deployed to foreign countries, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.



We would like to thank the following people for their help with our online services.

- Karen Blanc, Melinda Johnson, Becca Bedrnicek for leading the Revere Service.
- Rachel and Gordon Nelson, Austin Jorgensen and Lindsay Jorgensen; Jim, LeAnn, Brady, Aiden and Jaxsen Jorgensen; Laurie Canarsky; Robert and Carla Corwine and Morgan and Tegan Corwine; Arlene Carper and Hannah Moseman for their greeting services,
- Mike Blanc for reading our scripture lessons;
- Mia Linder and Cindy Blanc for special music;
- Bryan Bohn, Ruth Wallerstedt, Billye Pearson for playing the piano and/or organ accompaniment;
- Gretchen Seagren and Lyndsey Johnson for videoing the services and Pastor Mark for delivering God's word to us.



**July - Sandy Mallette and Shirley Olson**

**August - Jacque Eldal and Elaine Peterson**



The Sewing Group will be meeting Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30-12:00 during the summer. If you can, iron, tie a knot stick or a pin they welcome your help!! They love blankets, sheets, mattress pads, material, yarn, embroidery floss, or sewing thread and live bodies to help!



**-JULY & -AUGUST-**

**NO MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!!!!!  
Contact your coordinator for more information.**

**WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW) are collecting:**

- **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)**



**Dorcas Society – cancelled until further notice.**



First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska

Off for the Summer. Will meet again on August 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Mike Blanc, Secretary

June Attendance	
6 & 7 .....	95
13 & 14.....	73
20 & 21 .....	97
27 & 28 .....	98

June Finances	
Commitments	\$ 19,055.00
<b>Designated</b>	
Memorial	\$ 1,635.00
Quilting Fund	\$ 20.00
Fund	\$ 15.00
Misc	\$ 173.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,898.00</b>




We are also excited to announce that we have implemented EasyTithe as another way to give to the church. EasyTithe allows you to give using a credit card, debit card or direct draft either as a

single gift or on a reoccurring basis. Call the church with questions or if you are having difficulties setting it up.

Three ways you can use Easy Tithe are:

1. By **APP** – You can download the EasyTithe App for your phone. Search by ZIP 68045. And Choose First Ev. Lutheran Church.
2. By **TEXT** – You TEXT the word **GIVE to 402-503-3035**. YOU’LL RECEIVE A LINK .
3. By going to our **WEBSITE** - [www.firstlutheran-oakland.com](http://www.firstlutheran-oakland.com) and click on the GIVE Tab.

1. For your first time click “SIGN IN” then “REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT”
2. Complete the registration to receive your secure PIN
3. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information. Tap “Save Payment” to use it for future gifts.




# PUZZLE

## WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus’ miracles, many of which involve water.

*Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.*


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Water changes to \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 2:11



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 - k + d

Heals a man born \_\_\_\_\_

JOHN 9


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 - op +  - w

Calms a \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW 8:23-27


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f +  - d

Catch of \_\_\_\_\_

LUKE 5:1-11

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 - ch + er

Walks on \_\_\_\_\_

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Answer: wine, blind, storm, fish, water

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Steve Rokusek
- 2 - Bill Dix, Annie Magnusson, Georgia Johnson, Tom Olson, Grady Gatewood
- 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 Bedrniczek, 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 Osterndorff, Tawsha Peterson, Katie Selk
- 3 - Jodi Peterson, Audrey Unwin
- 6 - Jill Johnson, Gracie Klausen, Kiley (Blanc) Faller
- 7 - Logan Ehlers, Charlotte Hyslop, Alan Johnson, Delwin Swanson, Morgann Kloth,
- 8 - Tanner Heineman, Ryan Jones
- 9 - Karen Ahrens, Curtis Mallette, Everett Mieth
- 11 - Brenda Andersen, Natalie Dixon, Loren Ehlers, Jana Lindstrom, Shirley Olson, Cody Peterson
- 12 - Kent Andersen, Samantha Canarsky, Jon Holmes
- 13 - Sandra Slatt, Kelli Johnson,
- 14 - Jason Klausen, 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, Mike and Molly Miller
- 15 - Johnnie & Melinda Johnson
- 16 - Donald & Joan Wolf
- 18 - Scott & Valerie Lindstrom
- 21 - Charles & Debbie Krutilek
- 22 - Eric & Tara Miller
- 26 - Jill & Mark Johnson
- 29 - Chris & Laurine Karstens
- 31 - Travis & Keri Thomsen

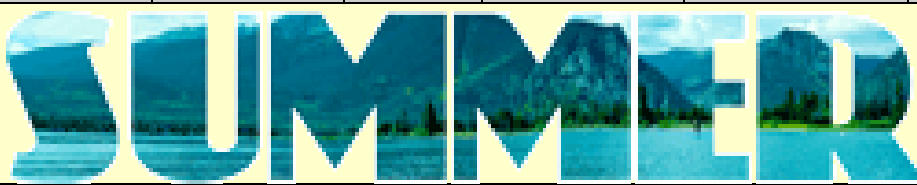


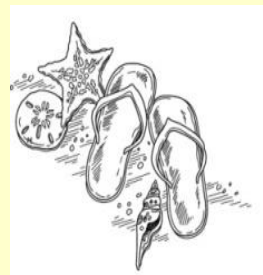
**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 - Diana & Peter Kruse
- 2 - Lee & Sharon Peterson
- 3 - Ron & Delaney Brudigam, 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
- 13 - Keith and Brenda Anderson
- 18 - Jason & Amanda Huntington
- 19 - Norm & Sally Johnson, Josh & Sara Wallerstedt Dylan and Ashlie (Slatt) Mieth
- 21 - Loren & Julie Ehlers
- 24 - Steve and Connie Rokusek
- 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

# July 2020

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

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p>5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE</p>
<p>2</p> <p>9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP in the Parking Lot <b>WOW Fruit Order Deadline</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP in the Parking Lot</p>	<p>10</p> <p>No WOW EXEC. MEETING</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>NO WOW GROUP MEETINGS</p>	<p>13</p> <p> <b>Back To School</b> <b>(Tentatively)</b></p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP in the Parking Lot <b>WOW Fruit Order Deadline</b></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP in the Parking Lot</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP in the Parking Lot <b>WOW Fruit Delivered</b></p>	<p>31</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>				

## CHURCH DUTIES FOR JULY 2020

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July 5	Greeting	- Troy and Paula Denton
	Greeting	- Arla Ogden
	Greeting	-
	Head Usher	- Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow
	Reader	- Kathy Pearson
	Sound	- Dan Tanksley
	Acolyte	- Bailey Pelan
	Video	- Garrett Klausen
July 12	Greeting & Usher	- Nathaniel, Betty and Jonathon Dixon
	Greeting	- Judee Dix
	Head Usher	- Larry Johnson
	Reader	- Kylie Penke
	Sound	- Tess Johnson
	Acolyte	- Braylon Anderson
	Video	- Bailey Pelan
July 19	Greeting & Usher	-Loren, Julie, Lillian, Landon and Logan Ehlers
	Greeting & Usher	- Carl and Julie Easton
	Head Usher	- Brad Bousquet
	Reader	- Karen Blanc
	Sound	- Nathan Anderson
	Acolyte	- Ostern Heineman
	Video	- Braylon Anderson
July 26	Greeting & Usher	- Gary and Gail Elsasser
	Greeting & Usher	- Gerron, Kristin, Avery and Brentley Elsasser
	Greeting & Usher	- Trent , Kiersten and Oliver Elsasser
	Head Usher	- Clare Wiltse
	Reader	- Sandy Husar
	Sound	- Travis Thomsen
	Acolyte	- Samantha Canarsky
Video	- Ostern Heineman	

## CHURCH DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2020

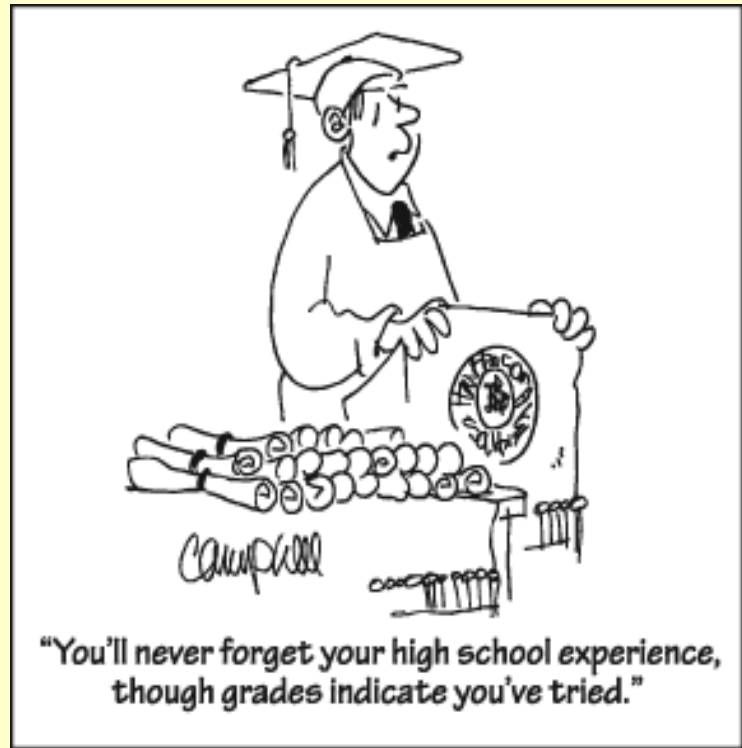
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August 2	Greeting & Usher	Mitch and Michelle Case
	Greeting & Usher	Tanner, Kylee, Kynleigh and Kwynn Case
		Janice Case
	Organist/Pianist	Bryan Bohn
	Head Usher	Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow
	Reader	Bev Peterson
	Sound	Dan Tanksley
	Acolyte	Kyler Case
	Video	Samantha Canarsky



August 9	Greeting & Usher Greeting & Usher Organist/Pianist Head Usher Reader Sound Acolyte Video	Scott, Lisa, Grady and Rachel Gatewood Jarvis, Amy, Connor, Corbin and Victor Guill Bryan Bohn Larry Johnson Sandy Husar Tess Johnson Lillian Ehlers Kyler Case
August 16	Greeting & Usher Greeting & Usher Organist/Pianist Head Usher Reader Sound Acolyte Video	Caleb, Luryn, Emerson and Harlow Andersen Kent and Brenda Andersen Bryan Bohn Brad Bousquet and/or Dr. Charlie Seagren  Nathan Anderson Lillian Ehlers Anisten Rennerfeldt
August 23	Greeting & Usher Greeting & Usher Organist/Pianist Head Usher Reader Sound Acolyte Video	Tony, Melanie, Hayden and Emmit Johanson Alan and Renee Johnson Bryan Bohn Clare Wiltse  Travis Thomsen Adilen Rennerfeldt Anisten Rennerfeldt
August 30	Greeting & Usher Greeting & Usher Organist/Pianist Head Usher Reader Sound Acolyte Video	Dave and Julie Jones Carl and Joan Magnusson Bryan Bohn Larry Johnson  Tess Johnson Nolan Magnusson Adilen Rennerfeldt

**Thank you for your help in these important areas.  
If due to the pandemic, you are not comfortable attending  
worship we completely understand.  
Please let someone in the office know  
and we will find someone to take your place.  
In addition, if you see an open space in the church duties and would  
be willing to fill it, please contact Tess  
church office 402-685-5764 or cell 402-380-5660.**



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