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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

Recently, in a Gospel lesson on Sunday morning we read of Jesus telling the parable of a father asking his two sons to go and work in his vineyard. When the father did so, one son responded by saying he would go and work, while the other son said he would not go. Yet, as the parable progressed, the son who said he would go into the vineyard did not go, while the son who said he would not go into the vineyard changed his mind, and did serve in the vineyard. Jesus then indicated it was the son who initially said "no," but who then served in the vineyard that did his father's will. It was this son who lived out a "yes" to his Father.

In many ways this parable is about living out a "yes" to God in our lives.

It can be a reminder that as we trust in Jesus he calls us to serve him even if at times we don't "feel like it." Hopefully, most of the time serving God is a joy and fills us with enthusiasm and vision. Yet even if we have moments where the warmth of faith fades and the joy of serving dims, Jesus still calls us to follow and serve him. He still calls us to live a "yes" even as we wait for the joy and vision to return.

As we trust in Jesus may we find great joy in serving him. Yet even if the joy temporarily diminishes in our lives may we still follow Jesus.

God bless,
Pastor Mark

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Special Days of October 2020

Some of the special days
celebrated in October are:

- National Children's Day — Oct. 4
- World Communion Sunday — Oct. 4
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday — Oct. 4
- Columbus Day observed — Oct. 12
- United Nations Day — Oct. 24
- Reformation Sunday — Oct. 25
- Reformation Day — Oct. 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed!!

First Ev. Lutheran Church needs volunteer support in several ways.

We need volunteers to run the computer for Sunday morning services and someone to video and upload the Saturday night services. You do not need to be a computer "geek" or even much of a computer expert. You just need to want to help us keep moving forward with our church services and be willing to learn. We do not need someone every week, we just need one or two additional people to help fill in every month. Ideally, we would like to have three or four people available to fill either job. These could be filled by high school youth. If you are a high school student, this could be an option that fits your schedule and your talents. Please contact Tess if you have questions or are interested in helping.

Another need is to provide meals for the youth group and confirmation. If you would like to sign up to provide any part of the meal, please contact Tess. If you just want to contribute to pay for a meal, that would also be greatly appreciated. We are trying to ensure meals are either individually wrapped or individually served to students. This requires a little extra planning and a little extra help this year.

Thank you all for considering these opportunities to help with our church.

BAPTISMS

We welcomed **Brigz Booker Bland** through holy baptism on Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 p.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Brigz was born July 29, 2020. His parents are Jessica and Theo Bland. He joins two brothers Brooks and Benson. His sponsors are Joshua Bohling, Janelle Kaiser, Josh Stockdall and Jen Stockdall.

WELCOME Brigz!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It is with great pleasure to announce First Lutheran Sunday School is starting back up with precautionary measures.

We plan to have our kick-off Sunday School party at the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch on Sunday, Oct. 4th at 10:45am after our Communion Service. A gracious thank you to Norm Wallerstedt for his generous gift of paying for everyone's entrance into the Pumpkin Patch. We will plan to eat at the Pumpkin Patch from the time slot of 11:00am -12:00pm sharp! First Lutheran will pay for everyone's lunch, drink and dessert.

Zip lines are free to use with parental guidance this year as the Pumpkin Patch doesn't officially open to the public until 12:00 pm with workers present.

Our first class of Sunday School will start on Oct. 11th at 10:30 am after church in the basement. At this time, we are asking all children to wear a mask. We will provide extras if your child does not have one. In place of our music time, I will sit families at their own separate tables in the basement to keep socially distanced. We will have tables disinfected and will try to offer prepackaged snacks and drinks. (If there are any allergies, please contact me) We will start as a group on the ten commandments and

their meanings. Preschool will be ten commandments only. Music is postponed until further notice. We also plan to look at the characters in the Bible and learn about real people who managed to find their way to God whether it was through a struggle or a victory and how we can relate and learn how their journey teaches us about having a relationship with God. Pastor Mark did a hero sermon on Joseph and it inspired me to want to teach the children the importance of the people in the Bible. After our discussion, we will resume to our classrooms for the Sunday School lesson. Pickup time is 11:30 a.m.

I am excited to get children back to church and plan to follow the Oakland Craig school guidelines. Meaning, if school cancels due to COVID-19. Sunday School will as well. I appreciate attendance but understand everyone using their best judgement to keep their children safe. If any questions or concerns, feel free to send me an email or text message (402)650-9400

Thanks to First Lutheran parents for their continued support and patience during this trying time. First Lutheran Sunday School acts as a foundation to give your children a basic understanding of what the Bible is about, the circumstances of the people in the Bible and how those might relate to kids later in life and an initial understanding of how Jesus said we should live.

Thank you and Happy Fall! Angela Rennerfeldt

Hope to see you at the Pumpkin Patch!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR 2020-21

Preschool-Angela Rennerfeldt

K & 1st-Angela Bittner

2nd-Connie Larson

3rd-Sara Wallerstedt

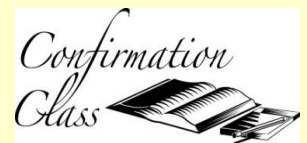
4th- Lisa Gatewood

5th & 6th- Clendon Rost



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation has begun. It will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening. A meal is provided.



YOUTH GROUP

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

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

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Phyllis Meyer and Sandy Slatt



SEWING GROUP

THE SEWING GROUP MEETS

- Monday & Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



W.O.W. GROUP

It seemed as though things might have been returning to the "new normal" a bit, and we were hopeful that after August, we could begin fresh for our return to meetings in September. Unfortunately, there has been an increase of positive cases within our small community. In speaking with Cheryl and Pastor Mark, we have made the decision to cancel all upcoming meetings at this time. Pastor is hoping to resume meetings in November or December. However, we will have to continue to monitor the situation and make decisions based on the health and safety of our members and their families.



We thank you for your patience and understanding as we all try to navigate these uncertain times.

Danielle Pelan

DORCAS SOCIETY

Postponed until further notice



PRAYERS OF CONCERN



In our prayers of concern please include:

Landon Johnson, Cheryl Denker, Ed Forks, Jane Stucky, Tim Dame, Marge Elsasser, Kip & Ivy Hoech, Jackie Kirkpatrick, Bill Johnson, Charmain Satee, Suzanne Johnson, Mattie Aubert, Denise Enstrom, Bill Dix, Jody Faith, Judy Nelson, Ed Anderson, Tammy Case, Pat Moseman, Joan Meade, Krissa Schonert, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel, Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, our service men and women, the families of Richard Tomasek and Duke Wagner and all those deployed to foreign countries, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Hannah Brudigam, Elfie Nelson,
Greg Johnson
- 2 - Jared Mulder, Ian Lundquist
- 3 - Dustin Lindstrom, Jennifer Anderson
- 4 - Laurine Karstens, Michael Popma,
Doug Satee, Marissa Mulder,
Hannah Deemer
- 5 - Virgil Johnson
- 7 - Judy Hall, Alysha Peterson,
Grant Wallace
- 9 - Trenton Elsasser,
- 10 - Sonia Bedrincek, Alan Schinck,
- 12 - Ethan Johnson, Arla Ogden,
Laurie Schold, P.D. Stibor
- 13 - Andrew Brudigam, Janelle Seagren
- 14 - Pamela Linder, Jacob Deemer,
Colton Thomsen
- 15 - JoAnn Brudigam, Celeste Rost
- 16 - Joseph Stucky, Will Andersen
- 18 - Jeffrey Baldwin, Billye Pearson
- 21 - Kyler Case, Tyler Jorgensen
- 22 - Joshua Dixon, Kaleb Andersen
- 23 - Hannah (Hyslop)Guenther, Emersen Andersen
- 24 - Kristin Elsasser, Mitchell Case, Tracy Denton,
Jeffrey Troupe, Paula Denton,
Jonathan Dixon, Kenneth Elsasser
- 25 - Alivia Bittner
- 26 - Cal Anderson, Roger Peterson,
Angela Rennerfeldt, Cory Schold
- 27 - Karen Blanc, Aiden Jorgensen
- 28 - Kyle Blomenkamp
- 31 - Stephanie (Rokusek) Brudigam



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Jeremy and Kalie Holtz
- 2 - Nathan and Jennifer Anderson
- 3 - Richard & Susan Mulder
- 4 - Tim & Rosa Schmidt
- 5 - Tanner & Lynna Heineman
- 8 - Larry & Earlene Paulson
- 9 - Ashley & Christopher Biskup
- 10 - Gary & Gail Elsasser
- 13 - Roger & Dona Nelson,
Phillip & Judy Hall
- 14 - Cal and Sara Anderson
- 17 - Mitch & Natalie (Johnson) Anderson
- 23 - Dean & Jo Ann Brudigam
Jason & Heather Klausen
- 29 - Gary & Tammy Case





First Evangelical Lutheran Church Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met Sep 7, 2020 at 7:02pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Sam Schmidt, Mike Blanc, Susan Mulder, Jack Carstensen, Kathy Pearson, Clendon Rost and Keri Thomsen.

Devotions were given by Pastor Eldal.

Minutes of the previous special meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was tabled as Audrey Unwin was out of town and unable to provide up-to-date information.

Pastor Mark presented his report for the month of August.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

1. Sunday School & Confirmation – Sunday school will begin on the 1st weekend in October with a kick-off at the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch. Confirmation will start on Sep 16th. Pastor Mark is anticipating 21 students in confirmation. Masks will be mandatory and social distancing will be practiced where possible.
2. Church Video Camera Upgrade- a Midwest Sound & Lighting, Inc bid for a Single Camera with Streaming was presented. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

New Business: No new business.

Oct Meeting Devotion: Mike Blanc

Oct Communion: Clendon Rost

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Oct 5, 2020 at 7:00pm

Mike Blanc, Secretary

**September
Attendance**

5 & 6
12 & 13.....
19 & 20
26 & 27.....

September Finances

Commitments \$21,856.80

Designated:

Masks Purchased \$ 155.00
Coffee Fund \$ 28.00
Misc \$ 116.00
TOTAL \$22,161.80

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 	3 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
4 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	5 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	6 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	7 9AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	8	9	10 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
11 9:30AM YOUTH SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	12 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP COLUMBUS DAY	13 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	14 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	15 	16	17 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICES
18 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	19 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP	20 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	21 9AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	22	23	24 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE UNITED NATIONS DAY
25 9:30AM REVERE SUNDAY 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL REFORMATION SUNDAY	26 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP	27 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	28 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	29	30 	31 REFORMATION DAY HALLOWEEN

UPCOMING DUTIES - USHERS, GREETERS, COFFEE SERVERS, ACOLYTES AND VIDEO

OCTOBER 4, 2020 - COMMUNION

Usher – Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow
 Organist/Pianist – Bryan Bohn
 Reader – Linda Jones
 Sound - Dan Tanksley / Screen –
 Acolyte - Garrett Klausen
 Video – Jaxen Jorgensen

OCTOBER 11, 2020 – YOUTH SERVICE

Coffee, Greeting & Usher -Derrick, Angela, Adrienna, Clara, Alivia Bittner
 Usher – Brad Bousquet
 Organist/Pianist – Billye Pearson
 Reader – Youth
 Sound - Dan Tanksley / Screen –
 Acolyte - Bailey Pelan and
 Video – Garrett Klausen

OCTOBER 18, 2020 -

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Andrew & Steph Brudigam
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Delaney, Ron & Hannah Brudigam
 Head Usher – Larry Johnson
 Organist/Pianist – Bryan Bohn
 Reader – Kathy Pearson
 Sound - Tess Johnson
 Acolyte - Braylon Anderson

Video – Bailey Pelan

OCTOBER 25, 2020 – Revere Sunday

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Sandy and Del Slatt
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Natalie, Jeremy and Jordan Guenther
 Head Usher – Clare Wiltse
 Organist/Pianist – Bryan Bohn
 Reader – Revere Team
 Sound - Dan Tanksley / Screen –
 Acolyte – Ostern Heineman
 Video – Braylon Anderson

November 1, 2020 – COMMUNION

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Lisa, Scott, Grady and Faith Gatewood
 Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Dave, Tammy, Hannah, Joshua Deemer
 Head Ushers - Roger Moderow and Sam Schmidt
 Reader - Sandy Husar
 Sound - Dan Tanksley / Screen – Vanessa Nelson
 Organist – Bryan Bohn
 Acolyte – Sonia Bedrineck
 Video - Ostern Heineman

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

November 8, 2020 – YOUTH SERVICE

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Terry and Julie Johnson
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Dillon, Kelli, Scarlet, Ava and Landon Johnson
Head Ushers – Larry Johnson
Reader - Youth
Sound – Tess Johnson / Screen – Brayden Selk
Organist – Billye Pearson
Acolyte – Caleb Bousquet
Video - Sonia Bedrincek

November 15, 2020 – WORSHIP SERVICE

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Lela Heineman, Carl Osterndorff and Larry Osterndorff
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Amanda Huntington, Jovi Huntington and Ostern Heineman
Head Usher – Brad Bousquet
Reader – Beverly Peterson
Sound - Dan Tanksley / Screen – Tess Johnson
Organist – Bryan Bohn
Acolyte – Landon Ehlers
Video - Caleb Bousquet

November 22, 2020 – REVERE SERVICE

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Connie, Myesha, Javar and Elijah Larson
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Loren, Julie, Landon, Lillian and Logan Ehlers
Head Usher - Clare Wiltse
Reader – Revere Team
Sound – Tess Johnson Screen -
Organist – Bryan Bohn
Acolyte – Lyndsey Johnson
Video – Landon Ehlers

November 25, 2020 – THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Tony, Casey, Colton and Marysa Moseman
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Bob and Jane Moseman
Head Usher – Larry Johnson
Sound - Tess Johnson Screen -
Organist – Bryan Bohn
Acolyte – Javar Larson
Video – Lyndsey Johnson

November 29, 2020 – WORSHIP SERVICE

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Scott and Val Lindstrom
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Jay and Diane Lindstrom
Head Usher – Charlie Seagren
Sound – Tess Johnson / Screen –
Organist – Billye Pearson
Acolyte – Myesha Larson
Video – Javar Larson

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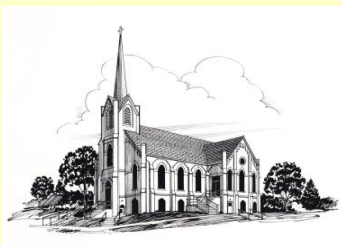
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