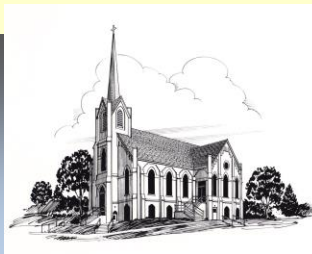


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In Revelation 5:12 it says “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power...and honor and glory...” As we journey through this Lenten season perhaps there are no better words to remember than these words.

For we remember at this time of year how Jesus would come humbly as a lamb to die for you and me. 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 then defeat death, and may we freshly claim his promise of forgiveness and eternal life as we trust in him as our Savior.

God bless,

Pastor Mark



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March 2018 Special Days

- World Day of Prayer – March 2
- Daylight-Saving Time begins – March 11
- Girl Scout Sunday – March 11
- St. Patrick's Day – March 17
- First Day of Spring – March 20
- Palm Sunday – March 25
- Maundy Thursday – March 29
- Good Friday – March 30



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be at First Ev. Lutheran Church on Friday, March 2 at 9:30 am. There will be coffee and refreshments to follow.

Enjoy a St. Patrick's theme luncheon this Sunday, Mar. 4th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Swedish Heritage Center. Free will donation.

Winter Coat Drive is suspended, as the Open Door Mission is not accepting any more winter clothing items. The Women of the Word (WOW) will be holding a summer clothing drive starting sometime after Easter.

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

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 are serving March 16th.

Daylight Savings time begins March 11, 2018

Don't forget the annual East Oaks Pancake Feed, Sunday March 11th at City Auditorium in Oakland. Pancakes and all the fixings will be available from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Free Will Donation. This is the 67th Anniversary of the East Oaks 4-H Club. Make plans to attend this fun 4-H food event!

Please join us for Lenten Services @ 6:30 PM (Luncheon will be served afterwards.)

Max Lucado's video series "Anxious for Nothing" is being featured at our Wednesday evening Lenten Services. In this series Max Lucado highlights the inner peace God wants us to experience in Jesus. Services begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a lunch at 7:10 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

LENTEN SERVERS

February 28.....Lenten Service.....Ruth Serves

March 7.....Lenten Service—Hannah Serves

March 14.....Lenten Services—Ruth Serves

March 21.....Lenten Services—WOW Executive Officers Serve

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On March 25th, Palm Sunday we will sing and the third graders will receive their bibles.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmands will meet after the Lenten service beginning at 7:30 p.m. There is a meal after the Lenten services.

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. Youth group will meet after the Lenten service beginning at 7:30 p.m. There is a meal after the Lenten services.

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 28th @ 2:00 p.m.@ Oakland Heights

-MARCH-

- March 2- World Day of Prayer - First Lutheran Church @ 9:30AM
- March 7 - Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 AMHannah
- March 12 - Executive Meeting 9:00AM
- March 14 - Group Meetings 9:00AM & 5:00PM
- March 25 - Palm Sunday
- March 25 - April 1.....Holy Week

Clean Kitchen Hannah



PRAYERS OF CONCERN



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE: Jan Nelson, Jill Church, Connie Larson, Tom Carmichael, Joan Magnusson, Candace Johnson, Carter Anderson, Marian Moseman, Barb Harney, Dan Tanksley, Robert Johnson, Merna Pierce (sister-in-law of Carole Johnson), Dr. Charlie Seagren, Laurie Schold, Tony Kochel (Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law), Janice Johnson, Nancy Poppe, Mel Swenson, Joe Keaschall, Alejandro Zeller, Oliver Nimmo, Moe Johnson, Stacy Long, Arizona Riecken, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, and Grace Meints, the families of Nancy Moate, Bonnie Goodrich and Margaret Benne, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.



First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting, 7:30pm, February 5, 2018

Board members present were Nathan Anderson, Sandy Husar, Keri Thompsen, Jon Seagren, Sam Schmidt, Linda Jones, Mike Blanc, Pastor Eldal. Devotions were given by Mike Blanc on Deuteronomy 8:1-3. Secretary, Mike Blanc read the meeting minutes of January 8, 2018 Monthly Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved.

Pastor Mark presented his pastor's report for January with no comments or questions from the board. There were no committee reports.

Old Business:

- 1.) North Kitchen Project was presented by Linda Jones. Nathan and Linda met with contractors prior to the meeting to discuss the scope of the work. Linda presented project bids from Uhing Construction, Christensen Electric, Jennings Plumbing. Extended discussion ended in deciding to create a detailed plan with Linda, Nathan and Mike agreeing to meet to work out the details and present it to the council.
- 2.) Jon motioned to move forward with the project to widen doors external to elevator. Keri, second. Vote all aye; carried.

New Business:

- 1.) Committee Assignments are noted below.
- 2.) Constitution amendments - The vote to reduce council members was discussed. The Church Constitution states that the church council will be made up of 12 members so a change to the number would require a change to the constitution. The council made plans to initiate the proper procedures.
- 3.) Scholarship - Pastor Mark reported that the evangelism committee meeting discussed a church scholarship fund. Pastor would touch base with the evangelism committee to proceed with developing the details of this fund.

March Communion Assistant -Mike Blanc

March Meeting Devotion - Mike Blanc

Adjournment: Lord's Prayer

Next Monthly Regular Monthly Meeting March 5, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

2018 Council Members:

Nathan Anderson-Pres. ('19), Sam Schmidt-VP ('20), Sandy Husar-Treasurer ('18), Mike Blanc-Secretary. ('20), Carole Johnson ('18), Jim Pelan ('18), Carl Lundquist ('18), Linda Jones ('19), Dr. Jon Seagren ('19), Tom Meyer ('20), Keri Thomsen ('20)

Property Committee - Co-Chairs - Jim Pelan & Sam Schmidt - Dr. Jon Seagren, Norm Wallerstedt, Ed Anderson, Darrell Denker

Finance Committee - Chairman - Sam Schmidt - Dr. Jon Seagren, Dr. James Unwin, Greg Johnson

Education Committee - Chairman - Carole Johnson - Susan Mulder, Karl Lundquist, Angie Rennerfeldt, Delaney Brudigan, Kylie Penke, Keri Thompsen

Worship Committee - Chairman - Sandy Husar - Judy Nelson, Betty Hanna, Sandra Johnson, Beverly Peterson, Patty Miller, Kylie, Linda Jones

Evangelism Committee - Chairman - Rachel Wise - Kylie Penke, Keri Thompsen, Angie Rennerfeldt, Cheryl Denker, Nancy Johnson, Tess Johnson, Pastor Eldal

Audit Committee - Chairman - Jim Pelan - Nathan Anderson, Patty Moderow, Mike Blanc

Future Planning Committee - Chairman -Tom Meyer - Dr. Jon Seagren, Cheryl Denker, Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson

3 & 4	132
10 & 11.....	139
14(Ash Wed).....	67
17 & 18.....	139
21(Lent)	59
25 & 26.....	94

Regular	\$11,290.00
Designated	
Ash Wed	\$ 1,105.00
Building Use	\$ 30.00
Sunday School	\$ 20.00
Wed. Nite	\$ 221.00
Supplies	\$ 140.00
Memorial	\$ 50.00
Misc.	\$ 201.00
TOTAL	\$13,057.00

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Teresa Egbers, Cynthia Johnson, Eric Miller, Mollie Kate Blanc
- 2 - Nancy Wonka
- 3 - Ruth Wallerstedt
- 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
- 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
- 24 - Roger Maller
- 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

*Birthdays
& Anniversaries
to Celebrate*



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
- 27 - Mike & Janna Kloth

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				<p>Do not be <i>anxious</i> about <i>anything.</i> Philippians 4:6</p>		<p>1 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium WORLD DAY OF PRAYER @ 1ST EV. LUTHERAN @ 9:30 AM</p>	<p>3 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE</p>
<p>4 8:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>5 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS</p>	<p>6 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>7 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>8 6:30 P.M. BOY SCOUTS MEET</p>	<p>9 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium</p>	<p>10 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	
<p>11 8:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>12 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 9AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING</p>	<p>13 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>14 9AM, 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15 PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>15 6:30 P.M. BOY SCOUTS MEET</p>	<p>16 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium FELC Lutheran Men Serve</p>	<p>17 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p>	
<p>18 8:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>19 8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p>	<p>20 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING FIRST DAY OF SPRING</p>	<p>21 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15 PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>22 6:30 P.M. BOY SCOUTS MEET</p>	<p>23 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium</p>	<p>24 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	
<p>25 8:30 PM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP& SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>26 8:30AM SEWING GROUP</p>	<p>27 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING</p>	<p>28 2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ O.H. 7:15 PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>29 6:30 P.M. BOY SCOUTS MEET 6:30PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES</p>	<p>30 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium 6:30PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES</p>	<p>31 NO WORSHIP SERVICE</p>	



MARCH 2018 USHERS

- 4th - Sam Schmidt, Roger Moderow, Leonard Canarsky and Job Egbers
- 11th - Norm Case, Larry Johnson, Ken Elsasser and Brady Jorgenson
- 18th - Norm Case, Jonathon Dixon and Jerry Benne
- 25th - Norm Case, Clare Wiltse, Gary Case and Curt Mallette



Ushers for Wed Night Lenten Services

- 7th - Norm Case, Carson Thomsen and Jonathan Dixon
 - 14th - Norm Case, Aiden Jorgensen and Carter Bousquet
 - 21st - Norm Case, Grant Seagren and Carson Thomsen
 - 29th - Maunday Thurs. Norm Case, Ian Lundquist and Josh Deemer
- No collection on Good Friday.

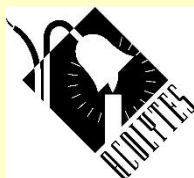
MARCH 2018 GREETERS

- 4th - Laureen Canarsky and Teresa Egbers
- 11th - Allison Elsasser and Connie Anderson
- 18th - Betty Dixon and Linda Carlson
- 25th - Tammy Case and Hilda Benne



ACOLYTE

VIDEO



- 4 - Aiden Jorgensen
- (Lent) 7 - Ayden Lierman
- 11 - Gabi Linder
- (Lent) 14 - Mia Linder
- 18 - Ellen Magnusson
- (Lent) 21 - Carson Thomsen
- Palm Sunday 25 - Jonathan Dixon
- (Maundy Thu) 29 - Hannah Deemer
- Easter Apr. 1 - 8:30 - Kara Peterson
- 10:30 - Carter Bousquet

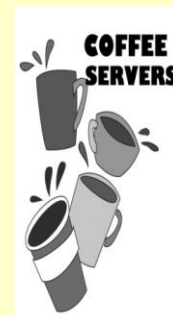


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- Easter Apr 1 - 8:30- Johnna Peterson
- 10:30 - Hannah Deemer

COFFEE SERVERS

- Judy Groene and Joanna Going
- Jacque Eldal and Lela Heineman
- Amanda Huntington and Sandy Husar
- Alicia Isner and Carole Johnson
- Julie Johnson and Karen Johnson
- Kelli Johnson and Melinda Johnson

- Sunday, March 4, 2018
- Sunday, March 11, 2018
- Sunday, March 18, 2018
- Sunday, March 25, 2018
- Sunday, April 1, 2018
- Sunday, April 8, 2018



- 4 - Bryan Bohn
- 11 - Billye Pearson
- 18 - Ruth Wallerstedt
- 25 - Bryan Bohn
- 7, 14, 21, 29, 30 - Bryan Bohn



- 4 - Dan Tanksley
- 11 - Tess Johnson
- 18 - Jim/Dan Tanksley
- 25 - Jim Pelan
- 7,14, 2, 29, 30 - Tess Johnson

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

CHRISTIAN HUMOR TO TICKLE YOUR LIFE

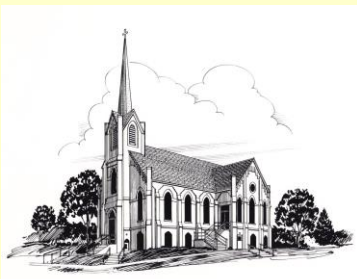


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March 7, 14, 21- 6:30 PM - Lenten Services
 March 29 - 6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Services
 March 30 - 6:30 PM - Good Friday Services
 April 1 - 8:30 AM & 10:30AM Easter Services
 9:30AM Easter Brunch

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