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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

The last full week of May, Vacation Bible School was held at church. Each day would begin with songs and then be followed by lessons, crafts and fun activities. It would then conclude with more singing.

As VBS was held it reminded me of what a blessing it is, and how important it is, to introduce children to the love of Jesus.

In fact, studies have shown that the majority of people who come to faith in Jesus as their Savior do so when they are young.

This should not surprise us, for in several places in the gospels Jesus tells the disciples to "forbid not the little children to come unto me, for to such belong the kingdom of God." Jesus seemed to have a special place in his heart for children, and he seemed to know that their trusting hearts made them open to faith in him.

Knowing the heart Jesus had for children can remind us of the importance of our ministries to children and youth. May God bless those who serve in these ministries, and may a strong and loving trust in Jesus be nurtured among the young people in our fellowship.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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June 2016 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated
in June are:

- Flag Day – June 14
- Father's Day – June 19
- Summer Begins – June 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Sunday May 8th, we honored our Graduating Seniors during our Sunday Service. This year's seniors were: Natalie Dixon, Brianne Peterson, Cody Mallette and Josh Mulder.

Congratulations!!!



Next Sunday, June 5 there will be a Community Service during the Swedish Festival at 10:00 a.m. at the auditorium. Because of this we will not have a service here on Sunday. We will have church services on Saturday night and our communion services will be on June 18th and 19th during our regularly scheduled services.

There is still time to sign up for Camp Carol Joy Holling. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark or Tess in the office for details.



Larry Dean Anderson is now living at St. Joseph's Assisted Living, 320 East Decatur Street, Rm #226, West Point, NE 68788 and his new phone number is (402)372-6636.

The Swedish Heritage Center will be holding a luncheon on Sunday June 5th. It will be from 11:00- 1:00 p.m. Ham Scalloped Potato Dinner, with salad and dessert. Free Will Donation.



Annual Music OutingALL music people are invited to Way North on June 10th at 5:30 or 6:00 for supper.

We would like to thank Bryan Bohn and the choir for their musical contributions to the church that they so generously give

during the year!!

We extend our Congratulations and ask for God's blessing on Megan Corwine and Justin Loeffler. They were joined in holy matrimony at First Lutheran Church on May 28th, 2016. Megan is the daughter of Bob and Carla Corwin.

CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS LOEFFLER!!



We welcomed into membership Daniel Thomas Bedrnicek, Sonia Jane Bedrnicek and Samuel Benjamin Bedrnicek through holy baptism, Sunday May 29, 2016 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Their sponsors were Michael and Alyssa Quiggle. We also welcomed in to membership their parents Jiri (George) and Rebecca (Becca) Bedrnicek.

WELCOME BEDRNICEK FAMILY!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held May 23-27. This year the theme was "Cave Quest - Following Jesus- The Light of the World". We had over 75 kids in attendance this year.



Please join us in thanking all of our VBS "Spelunker" Crew:

Coordinator - Alissa Bousquet

Leaders - Nicole Swanson, Luke Hanson;

Crafts - Nancy Moate, Johnna Peterson, Daniel Bedrnicek, Brayden Selk;

Snacks - Jenn Anderson, Angie Rennerfeldt, Amy Rost, Kiley Penke;

Recess- Brayden Anderson, Ian Lundquist, Aidan Jorgensen, Alex Faust, Connor Guill, Carter Bousquet, Grady Gatewood;

Teachers - Ashten Rennerfeldt, Ellen Magnusson, Zoe Linder, Mia Linder, Kara Peterson Gabby Linder; Emmy Bousquet, Elise Anderson, Jessica Swanson, Natjasha Swanson, Hannah Brudigam, Karly Schwarting, Megan Bousquet, Hannah Moseman and Beth Moseman

It was a great week filled with fun, snacks, crafts and learning about Jesus. Thank you to everyone who participated, those wonderful parents who got their sleepy-eyed kiddos up and into church, to all the great help and specially to anyone whom we may have inadvertently missed. THANK YOU!!!

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP - Starting June 1 we will go back to our summer hours and will meet every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and provide snacks/treats. The study group is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community.

The Youth Group would like to thank the Dorcas Society for the generous gift of \$500 to the Wednesday evening meals. Thank you very much for helping to feed our youth!!



FRIDAY NIGHT PUB will start in the fall. We are always 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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

KOINOINA BIBLE STUDY is the 3rd Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY has been studying the book of Mark through the ministry of Jesus up to his final entrance into Jerusalem. If you have questions or are interested in joining the group, you can reach Nancy Johnson atnjohnson40299@gmail.com . We look forward to seeing you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

I would like to thank all of the Sunday school teachers and Jill and Cindy for the music. It was another successful Sunday school year and I'm very appreciative for the help!! A special thank you for their hard work and sacrifice to the children of First Lutheran Church.



We are starting to look for Sunday School Teachers for next fall. If you would be interested, please contact Angie Rennerfeldt.

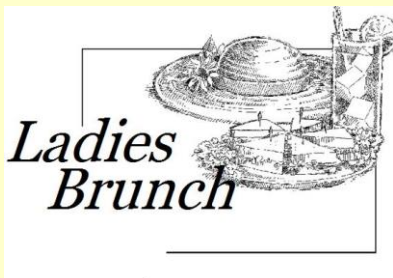


Women of the Word

June 1.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m.Ruth
 June 6..... Executive Meeting 9 a.m.
 June 8 Group Meetings 9 AM, 2 PM, 5:30 PM
 June 12 2:30 p.m. Devotions @ O.H.Ruth
 Clean KitchenRuth

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.

Women of the Word (WOW) will be collecting spring and summer clothing to be donated to the Open Door Mission.



The Women of the Word would like to invite all the women of the church to a brunch on July 13 at 9:30 a.m. All mothers are encouraged to bring their daughters/granddaughters for a morning filled with fun times and fellowship. See you then!!

Connie Anderson, WOW Coordinator



SEWING MEETINGS are off for the Summer. They will begin again in the fall. Cleaning out the closets?? Or hitting the rummage sales and see some cheap bedsheets? The Sewing Group would love to have any old drapes, mattress pads, blankets, etc. They can use most anything!!



Janice Johnson and Sharon Peterson

Dorcas Society June 24 @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE: Alicica Nebuda (safe delivery and healthy triplets), Gerald Groene, Stacey Long (Marilyn Peterson's daughter), Roger Maller, Aubreigh Huso (Ann Anderson's great granddaughter), Kent Bunderson, Tim Dame, Chuck Frahm, Morris Fleishman, Marilyn Bures, Moe Johnson, Ed Forks, Alissa Bousquet, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Janelle McClusky (Donna Preston's Daughter), Andy Kruse, Sandra Johnson, Landon Johnson, Oliver Nimmo, Delwin Benne, and Grace Meints, the Family of Michael Tott, the Family of Rodney Nelson, the Family of Donald Andersen, the Family of Bertha Meller, all of our servicemen and women, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Bentley Olson
 3 - Kurt Schneekloth
 4 - Laurie Carlson, Gary Case
 Lindsay Jorgensen, Sheri Slatt
 6 - Colton Moseman, Bill Johnson
 7 - Anthony Moseman
 11 - Daniel Tanksley III, Marcee Tomasek,
 Laura Egbers, Trey Deemer
 13 - Lillian Johnson
 14 - Florence Erickson
 15 - James Jorgensen
 17 - Terry Johnson
 18 - Patty Miller, Tom Wallerstedt, Elijah Larson
 19 - LeAnn Jorgensen, Angela Bittner
 Bryson Lindstrom
 20 - Robert Miller
 21 - Delbert Peterson
 22 - Diana Kruse
 24 - Renae Johnson, Molly Miller
 25 - Donna Denton, Susan Mulder
 26 - Braydon Wobken
 27 - Alyson Elsasser
 28 - Isaah Stucky
 29 - Ruth Trout, Andrew Barber
 30 - Andrew Denker, Jon Johnson,
 Michael Johnson, Jared Krutilek

**JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 - Dorothy & C. Earl Miller
 Dustin & Micaela Welsh
 3 - Andrew & Angela Rennerfeldt
 6 - Mitch and Michelle Case
 7 - Lois & Darrell Schneekloth
 Tiffany & Kenneth Johnson
 Paul & Jan Kruse
 8 - Gregory & Deanna Ray
 10 - Myrna & Delwin Swanson
 12 - Denny & Arla Ogden
 15 - Raymond & Jean Satee
 16 - Tony & Kimberly Wanek
 Carla & Robert Corwine
 17 - Janet & Clare Wiltse
 18 - Beverly & Dr. Gayle Peterson
 19 - Judy & Gerald Groene
 Karl & Roxanne Lundquist
 Mike & Katie Selk
 20 - Ed & Vivian Forks
 Harold & Carol Lindstrom
 22 - Terry & Julie Johnson
 23 - Dale & Linda Jones
 24 - Roger & Marjorie Maller
 Larry & Tess Johnson
 26 - Cynthia & Max Blanc
 27 - Robert & Nancy Moate
 28 - Jon & Janelle Seagren
 30 - Robert & Karen Johnson



On May 15, 2016, the flowers on the altar and the Krispy Kreme donuts were in celebration of Kenneth and Billye Pearson's 60th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!! What a great milestone!!! Thank you Billye and Kenneth!!

On June 26th there will be cake and coffee during the fellowship hour in honor of Marge and Roger Maller's 60th Wedding Anniversary!



First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met May 2, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. with the following persons present: Greg Johnson, Sam Schmidt, Carole Johnson, Sandy Husar, Rachel Wise and Mona Tanksley. Also present was Pastor Eldal.

Greg called the meeting to order and gave the devotions. The minutes were read and approved. Pastor presented his report for April listing the activities that he participated in. The Profit and Loss statement was reviewed for the first four months of the year. It shows that expenses exceeded income by \$661.25.

Old Business: Some information has been received on the listening devices that were talked about last month, however it was decided to obtain some more information regarding these units. We have received two bids for the furnaces which were reviewed. We discussed having a special congregational meeting in July to discuss the furnaces and air conditioners. The council will continue their discussions on this project next month and more information will be forthcoming.

New Business:

Property Committee: It was noted the hoist in the van is not working properly and this will be checked on. A light and chair have been purchased for Pastor’s office. Since mice continue to be a problem in the building, Greg agreed to contact an exterminator to come and check out the problem.

Evangelism Committee: Rachel presented the committee’s report noting that they met prior to the council meeting. It was decided that a praise service will be held the second Sunday of the month beginning this month, the same day the Sunday School children sing. It was reported that Gerald Groene will not be able to provide rolls for the coffee hour after the worship service for three weeks this month. Some members will be asked to provide coffee cakes or rolls to serve instead. It was noted that we need some help in putting up and taking down the Vacation Bible School decorations.

Devotions for June - Mona Tanksley

Communion Help - June 18 - Arla Ogden

June 19 - Carole Johnson

The meeting adjourned with all saying the Lord’s Prayer.

Mona Tanksley, Secretary

May Attendance	
30 & 1.....	139
7 & 8	202
14 & 15	128
21 & 22	129
28 & 29.....	144

May Finances	
Commitments	\$15,611.00
Building Use	\$-
Designated	
VBS Snacks	\$ 25.00
SundaySchool	\$ 8.50
Memorial	\$ 40.00
Misc (BusTrip)	\$ 2,413.00
TOTAL	\$18,097.50



June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 7 PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP 7:00PM CHOIR PRACTICE	2 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	3	4 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
5 NO CHURCH SERVICE 10:00 AM COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE @ CITY AUDITORIUM	6 7:30PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS	7 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	8 9AM 2 PM, 6PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 7 PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	9 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	10	11 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
12 9:30AM PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	13 9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING	14 7:30PM A.A. MEETING 	15 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7 PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	16 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	17	18 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
19 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP 6:00PM KOINONIA MEETING FATHER'S DAY	20	21 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	22 7 PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	23 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	24	25 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
26 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	27	28 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	29 7 PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	30 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS		

THIS MONTH USHERS

JUNE 2015 USHERS :

- 5th - Community Service @ City Auditorium
- 12th - N. Case, Jim Nelson, Jason Claussen and Sam Schmidt
- 19th - N. Case, Dr. Charlie Seagren, Ed Hanna and Dean Brudigam
- 26th - C. Wiltse, N. Case, James Unwin and Heineman family

JUNE 2015 GREETERS:

- 5th - Community Service @ City Auditorium
- 12th - Heather, Gracie and Garrett Clauson and Carole Johnson
- 19th - Betty Hanna and JoAnn Brudigam
- 26th - Audrey Unwin and Heineman family



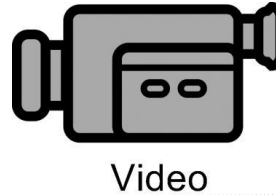
- 5 - Community Service
- 12- Billye Pearson
- 19 - Ruth Wallerstedt
- 26 - Bryan Bohn



- 5 - Community Service
- 12 - Tess Johnson
- 19 - Dan Tanksley/Jim Nelson
- 26 - Jim Pelan



- June 5 - Community Service
- 12 - Ian Lundquist
- 19 - Zoe Linder
- 26 - Colton Thomsen
- July 3 - Wyatt Seagren



- June 5 - Community Service
- 12 - Lane Peterson
- 19 - Ian Lundquist
- 26 - Zoe Linder
- 3 - Colton Thomsen



<u>Community Service @ City Auditorium Sunday, June 5</u>		
Julie Jones	402-685-5213	Sunday, June 12
Linda Jones	402-685-5934	Sunday, June 12
Sally Johnson	402-685-5242	Sunday, June 19
Amy Jo Krutilek	402-685-6314	Sunday, June 19
Debbie Krutilek	402-870-0749	Sunday, June 26
Connie Larson	402-380-5101	Sunday, June 26
Elisabeth Linder	402-685-6213	Sunday, July 3
Pamela Linder	402-685-5416	Sunday, July 3

**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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