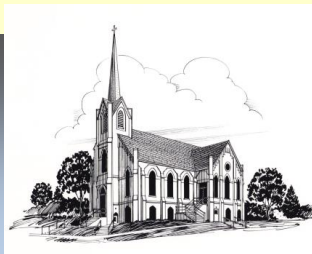


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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

The last day of October was Reformation Day, and on this day one of the things we remember is that forgiveness and eternal life is a gift God gives through faith in Jesus.

As we think of this faith, it can perhaps remind us of people we have known who have been called from this life and whose faith touched our lives and helped us to believe.

The first day of November is All Saints Day, and it is a special day in which we remember these inspiring people of faith. We can also remember the heavenly home, or "better country" that has been prepared for them and for us, in Jesus.

As we trust in Jesus, and observe All Saints Day may it be special time to whisper a prayer of thanks to God for the people of faith he has put in our lives, and to thank him for his promise of eternal life.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

— This season is a special

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### November 2018 Special Days

- ☞ All Saints' Day — Nov. 1
- ☞ Daylight-Saving Time Ends — Nov. 4
- ☞ Veterans Day — Nov. 11
- ☞ Bible Sunday — Nov. 18
- ☞ National Bible Week — Nov. 18 -Nov. 24
- ☞ Thanksgiving Day — Nov. 22
- ☞ Christ the King Sunday — Nov. 25



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**The Oakland Food Pantry** is looking for more volunteers to help distribute food to those in need in our community. If you would like to minister in this way, please call or text Food Pantry Coordinator, Lisa Palmer, at (402) 720-8977. The food pantry is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 1-2. Volunteers who could come 1/2 hour early and stay a little after closing would be appreciated.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OAKLAND-CRAIG FFA** on winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Dairy Judging Contest and a special congratulations to our own Lane Peterson for placing 1<sup>st</sup> among 136 participants! **WAY TO GO LANE!!!**

**The sewing ladies will be packing the quilts** for Lutheran World Relief and Open Door Mission on Monday Morning November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. **They would appreciate the help of some strong men to handle the heavy boxes of quilts.** The ladies make over 200 quilts each year! **WHAT AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT!!**

**If you are unable to give of your time but would like to donate monetarily ...for every \$1 you give to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items.** If you want to donate directly LWR this is the address: Lutheran World Relief, Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21198-9832. Be sure to note "Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund" in the memo line.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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Please notate our Sunday School kids sing in Church the second Sunday of November (11<sup>th</sup>) and our Christmas Program will be the second Sunday of December (9<sup>th</sup>)! A signup sheet will be sent out to help with coffee, costumes, etc. so please mark the date and be willing to help.

For the month of November, we will be passing around our pay-it-forward plate on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The collections will go to the Chloe Coates family to help with medical expenses. Please consider donating and keep them in your prayers.

Our December pay-it-forward will be providing Christmas gifts to the surrounding communities for families that may be struggling financially. These pay-it-forward donations are helpful in so many ways and will bring gifts to unprivileged kids in our communities.

We had over 65 in attendance at our Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch fall outing. It was a beautiful day and hopefully everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you to First Lutheran Church for making this happen for our church families. If you would like to see just how much fun we had check out the pictures and videos on our Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/First-Lutheran-Church-Oakland-NE-308938792621977/>. Please feel free to click like and follow us to see all our upcoming events. It is helpful during the winter months with cancellations and notifications.

Thank you and Happy Halloween! ~ Angie

*Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*

## BAPTISMS -

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Please join us, as we welcome:

**Otto Thomas Anderson** through holy baptism on Saturday, October 13, 2018. Otto was born on August 6, 2018. His parents are Natalie and Mitchell Anderson. His sponsors are Aaron Anderson and Matthew Anderson. His grandparents are Alan and Renee Johnson and Mike and Mary Anderson. Great-grandparents are Carl and Irene Marhenke and Bob and Joan Anderson. **WELCOME OTTO!!!**

**Hope Sydow-Stock** through holy baptism on Saturday, October 27, 2018. Her parents are Dan and Jody Sydow-Stock. **WELCOME HOPE!!!**

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

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Confirmation will meet at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday and a meal will be provided.

**FRIDAY NIGHT PUB.** The "Luther's Pub" will resume again next year as we currently do not have any home : We have a few volunteers signed up to help us chaperone. If you would be interested in helping the signup sheet is located in the multipurpose room. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Larson (402)380-5101 or Tess Johnson (402)380-5660.

**YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A meal will be provided. It is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community.

**YOUTH GROUP MEAL SIGN UP SHEET** - We have added a Youth Group Meal Sign Up Sheet to the bulletin board. to provide a meal, side dish or dessert every Wednesday night for 25-30 students throughout the school year. If you cannot provide a meal, but are willing to contribute funds to help cover the cost of meals please let Pastor Mark or Tess know of your willingness to donate funds. For planning, we would like to have volunteers sign up for meals, side dishes, dessert or donations at least a month in advance.

### First Evangelical Lutheran Church Scholarship -

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oakland, Nebraska is committed to making an on-going impact in the life of youth in the community and the church family. We are also committed to creating an "on-going" and "out-going" impact in the life of high school youth who are members of our congregation. We believe that young people who have given to the ministry of this church during their high school years, should have an opportunity to benefit from scholarship opportunities to help find their calling and God's continuing purpose in their lives.

This scholarship is a memorial scholarship, given in memory of members of First Lutheran Church who demonstrated a commitment to church involvement, service, and ministry.

Awarding scholarships will be based on funds available and an application process that includes evidence of the high school youth serving and volunteering at church through activities that we refer to as youth ministry.

**Youth Ministry:** The scholarship awards are determined by the level of participation in youth ministry activities. Examples of youth ministry may include: participating in choir; assisting with Sunday school; assisting with Vacation Bible School; reading scripture during services; leading the congregation in prayer; participating in the praise service; ushering; running the sound system or technology during services; visiting FLC church members who are homebound or in the nursing home; or, other activities associated with the church and church community.

**We have placed tablets both upstairs and in the basement for you to sign in when you participate in above mentioned activities.**

**For more information regarding this scholarship, please contact a member of the Evangelism Committee.**

## BIBLE STUDY NEWS

**Men's Bible Study** is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**Growing Together** - will meet Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. They are looking at familiar stories from the old testament. For more information contact Nancy Johnson or Pastor Mark.



**Shirley Olson & Sandy Mallette**

**SEWING GROUP MEETS** every Monday & Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



**Dorcas Society - November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. @ Oakland Heights**



*Women of the Word*

November 7.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m. ....Hannah  
 November 12.....Executive Meeting 9:00 a.m.  
 November 14.....Group Meetings 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
 (Bring THANK Offering)  
 November 18 .....Devotions@ O.H. @ 2:30 p.m.....Ruth  
 Clean Kitchen .....Youth Group

**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.



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska**

The church council met Oct 1, 2018 at 7:04 pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Sam Schmidt, Sandy Husar, Mike Blanc, Karl Lundquist, Jon Seagren, Carole Johnson, Tom Meyer and Keri Thomsen.

Devotions were given by Nathan Anderson. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussed. Month to date expenses exceeded income by \$652.60 (deficit). A full report will be given next month as the current report was missing the last Sunday of September. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor presented his report for the month of August. Pastor Eldal noted that the last youth pizza lunch had the most attendance ever drawing in 120 students.

**Old Business**

North Kitchen Project: The project is complete with the final cost coming in at approximately \$2,000 under budget.

North Kitchen Window Replacement: Jay Lindstrom, Lindy Glass, recommended adding two items to the currently approved project; Providing privacy glass and matching trim color. Both were approved for inclusion in the project.

**New Business**

Basement A/C unit: Clay Olson diagnosed the unit and recommended replacing the lower small door with a vent to provide adequate return air.

Praise Service: Karl noted that he had discussed the Praise Service with Kylie Penke and praise service would continue throughout the school year and breaking for the summer. The service would be theme based on a bible verse. The October praise service was on faith and one of the song selections was Great is Thy Faithfulness.

Silent Auction: The potluck and silent auction has been pushed back to early in the new year. Previously scheduled dates intruded on a very busy community schedule.

Insurance: Health and property insurance policies were received and reviewed. No additional action necessary.

Oct & Nov Communion Assistant: Oct- Karl Lundquist, Nov-Carole Johnson

Nov. Meeting Devotion: Keri

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

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

Mike Blanc, Secretary

October Attendance	
Sep 29 & 30 ...	172
6 & 7 .....	157
13 & 14 .....	207
20 & 21.....	135
27 & 28 .....	131

October Finances	
(Sept 29, 2018-Oct 30, 2018)	
Commitments	\$17,360.00
<b>Designated:</b>	
Building Use	\$ 200.00
Projector-IMO Josh Mulder	\$ 2,000.00
Sound System.-Dorcas	\$ 2,000.00
Pay It Forward	\$ 509.00
Sunday School	\$ 32.00
Memorial	\$ 2,905.00
Misc	\$ 730.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,736.00</b>

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Timothy Magnusson, Mindy Christofferson
- 2 - Rosemary Anderson, Dale Jones, Ivy Anderson
- 3 - Scarlett Johnson, James Peterson, Tom Meyer
- 4 - Dick Miller, Ashten Rennerfeldt
- 6 - Jordan Johnson
- 7 - Ryan Nelson, Clohee Stucky
- 8 - Rachel Wise-Nelson
- 9 - Julie Easton, Megan Ahrens-Willer
- 10 - Preston Peterson Keesling,
- 11 - Julie Ehlers, Charles Krutilek
- 13 - Paula Modlin
- 14 - Keith Anderson, Megan Corwine-Loeffler,  
Tammy Schnick, Sam Schmidt
- 16 - Janice Case
- 17 - Earlene Paulson
- 18 - Larry Anderson, Ellen Magnusson
- 19 - Greg Ray
- 20 - Megan Bousquet
- 22 - Donna Larson, Robert Case
- 23 - Carla Corwine, Roger Ray, Makenna Miller
- 24 - David Deemer
- 26 - May Taylor
- 27 - Holly Olson
- 28 - Blake Denton, Brenda Anderson,  
Tammy VonEssen, Janet Wiltse
- 29 - Debbie Krutilek, Sandra Mallette,  
Ashlie Slatt-Mieth

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Reg & Pam Linder
- 7 - Perry & Teresa Rogers
- 8 - Kyle and Laura Schnoor
- 10 - Mark & Laurie Carlson;  
Gail and Gary Elsasser
- 11 - Darrell & Cheryl Denker
- 25 - Dan & AnnaBelle Olson
- 26 - Rachel & Gordon Nelson
- 29 - Chad & Andrea Schiermeyer





## IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN

**PLEASE INCLUDE:** Sandra Johnson, Bernice Pearson, Trish Drexel (Carl Easton's sister) Jeff Anderson (Jack Carstensen's son-in-law) , Bob Case, Cheryl Denker, Don Binkley (Angela Bittner's father) Marlene Anderson, Krissa Schonert, Bill Johnson, Gary Elsasser, Denise (Hall) Salzbrenner, Jess Kroger, Chloe Coates, Deloris Nielsen, Roger Maller, Blaise Hartwell, Derek Bittner, Candace Johnson, Tony Kochel, Mel Swenson, Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, our service men and women, and all those deployed to foreign countries, such as Senior Airman Jordan Isaacson, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Lutheran-Church-Oakland-NE/308938792621977>

and like it so you can receive feeds.



# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 PM Boy Scout Meeting	2	3 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
4 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	5 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	6 7:30 PM A.A. MEETING	7 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	8	9	10 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE  VETERANS DAY
11 9:30AM YOUTH SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	12 9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING	13 7:30 PM A.A. MEETING	14 9AM, 2PM, 6PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	15	16	17 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
19 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	20	21 7:30 PM A.A. MEETING	22 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM CONFIRMAND 1 <sup>st</sup> COMMUNION DINNER 7:30 PM - THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
26 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	27	28 7:30 PM A.A. MEETING	29 2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY MEETING @ O.H. 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	30	1	December 2 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICES





# November 2018 Ushers and Greeters



**Ushers**

4<sup>th</sup>: Sam Schmidt, Roger Moderow, Chad Linder and Colton Thomsen  
 11<sup>th</sup>: Larry Johnson, David Jones and Travis Thomsen  
 18<sup>th</sup> : Dr. Charlie Seagren, Jim Jorgensen and Aiden Jorgensen  
 21<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving Eve : Wyatt Seagren and Grant Seagren  
 25<sup>th</sup> : Clare Wiltse and congregation members

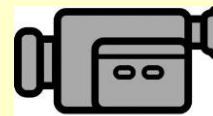


**Greeters:**

4<sup>th</sup>: Elisabeth, Zoe, Mia and Gabi Linder  
 11<sup>th</sup>: Julie Jones and Keri Thomsen  
 18<sup>th</sup>: Leanne Jorgensen and Carole Johnson  
 25<sup>th</sup>: Joanne Peterson and Mary Alice Pearson



Nov	4 - Brayden Selk
	11 - Gabi Linder
	18 - Daniel Bedrnicek
	21 - Samantha Canarsky (Thanksgiving Eve)
	25 - Kyler Case
Dec	2 - Lillian Ehlers
	9 - Anisten Rennerfeldt (Sunday School Program)



Video

Nov	4	Grant Seagren
	11	Brayden Selk
	18	Gabi Linder
	21	Lillian Ehlers (Thanksgiving Eve)
	25	Daniel Bedrnicek
Dec	2	Samantha Canarsky
	9	Kyler Case (Sunday School Program)



Nov	4 -Bryan Bohn
	11 -Cindy Blanc
	18 -Ruth Wallerstedt
	21 - (?TBD)
	25 -Bryan Bohn
Dec	2 -Bryan Bohn



Nov	4 - Dan Tanksley
	11 - Tess Johnson
	18 - Jim/Dan
	21 - Tess Johnson
	26 - Tess Johnson
Dec	2 - Dan Tanksley



**COFFEE SERVERS**

Tess Johnson and Julia Wuestewald	Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018
Audrey Unwin and Angela Bittner	Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018
Karen Ahrens and Brenda Andersen	Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018
Delaney Brudigam and Carla Corwine	Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018
Natalie Guenther and Nancy Bromm	Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018
Downstairs after Christmas Program w/Youth Serving	Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018

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

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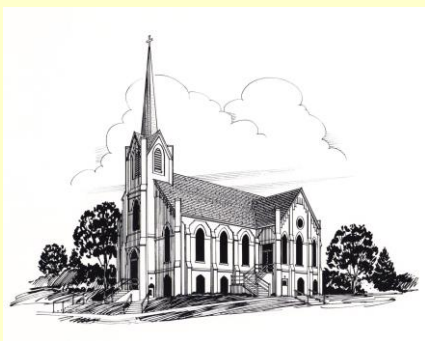
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