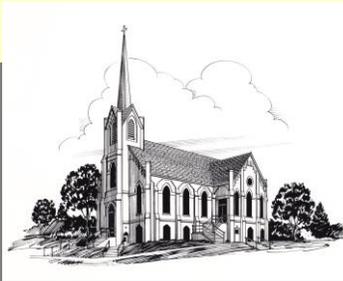


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

This past December was the fiftieth anniversary of the Apollo 8 moon mission, where for the first time men travelled to and around the moon. They did not land on the moon, that feat would be accomplished by Apollo 11, seven months later in July of 1969. However, as they orbited the moon what filled them with awe was not our moon, but the beauty of the earth rising above the horizon of the moon. These astronauts were the first people in the history of the world to witness an "earth rise." When they saw it they were so amazed they began snapping pictures of our beautiful blue planet.

Interestingly, as they came around the moon on one of their orbits, they read something to mission control and the world that summarized their thoughts. The passage they read was the first chapter of Genesis where it speaks of God creating the heavens and the earth. As the beauty of the earth unfolded before their eyes, they couldn't help but think of the God who had made it and everything they were viewing.

As we enter 2019 how good to know that the God who made the heavens and the earth cares about your life and mine. How good to know that this awe-inspiring God has our lives and times in his hands.

As our personal "times" unfold in 2019 may we live in the assurance they will unfold under the loving and watchful God who created the universe. May we live in this assurance as we trust in Jesus as our Savior.

God Bless,

Pastor Mark

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We thank everyone at First Lutheran for your greetings, cards, and gifts this past Christmas season. We really appreciated them. We are always moved by your thoughtfulness and kindness. We trust you had a wonderful Christmas and may you have a blessed new year.

Sincerely,

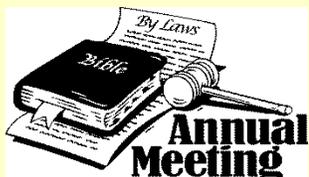
Mark and Jacque



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save Local Lives! Oakland Community Blood Drive, Tuesday, January 22nd, 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Oakland Auditorium, 410 N. Oakland Avenue.

Come one, Come All!! Help is needed to take down the Christmas Decorations at the church on Saturday, January 12th, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.



The Annual Meeting will be held January 27th, 2019 at 10:45 a.m. with a Soup Dinner to follow.

Please contact Darrell Denker if you are interested in participating in any of the church committees.

All information needed for each committee's annual reports needs to be turned into Tess in the office by January 15, 2019 to make it into the Annual Report.



The offering envelopes for the 2019 year will be located in the multipurpose room. Please take them home with you. Contact Tess or Vanessa if you did not receive yours.



Oakland-Craig Elementary will soon be applying for the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant in hopes to receive funds for an after school program for students in Kindergarten-6th grade. After school programs not only support academic growth, social development, and overall health and wellness, but they also provide assistance for working families. Our changing demographics and family needs are the driving force behind our need for an after school program.

With that said we need your assistance to make this possible! Building community partnerships is a major priority of this grant. We are asking organizations, businesses and individuals in our local communities to support this project by partnering with us. Partnerships can include monetary donations, field trips, educating our youth as well as parents in your area of expertise/career path, teaching students to quilt, etc. The possibilities are endless!

If you'd be interested in assisting with this project, please contact Jess Bland at 402-269-5248 or jessbland@ocknights.org.

THANK YOU's ~**We thank everyone who has contributed their talents to our worship services:**

- ☞ Jim and Judy Nelson for presenting the service on the screen on Christmas Eve.
- ☞ Myesha Larson, Lyndsey Johnson, the Sunday School Children and Mona Tanksley for their singing on Christmas Eve.
- ☞ Lindsay Jorgensen for leading the children's sermon on Christmas Eve.
- ☞ The Choir for their song on Christmas Eve.
- ☞ Cindy Blanc for her piano solo and accompaniment on Christmas Eve.
- ☞ Bryan Bohn for being the organist, choir director and accompaniment on Christmas Eve.
- ☞ Billye Pearson for being organist at the 10:00 service on Christmas Eve.
- ☞ Dan Tanksley and Tess Johnson for operating the sound system on Christmas Eve.
- ☞ All of those who assisted with the Christmas Eve service.
- ☞ Mike Blanc for leading Sunday Services on December 30.

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettia to beautify our Church for Christmas in memory, honoring or in celebration of their lives! They are as listed below:

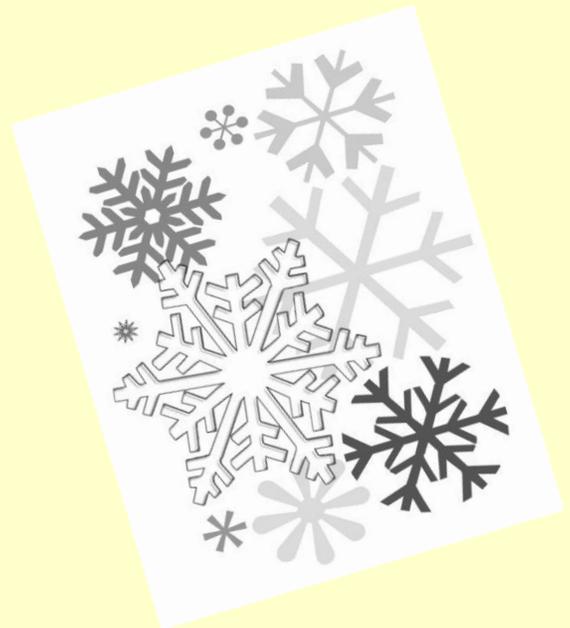
- ☞ Florence Erickson - her family
- ☞ Garland Erickson - his family
- ☞ Jacob Johnson, Bonnie Goodrich, Bill Voss, & Harry Goodrich Mark & Jill Johnson & family,
- ☞ Amy Jo Bromm & Daryl Bromm - Shirley Bromm
- ☞ Grandma Joyce Zimmerly Bromm - love Lane, Kara & Johnna Peterson
- ☞ Karen Carstensen - the Jack Carstensen family
- ☞ Jacob Johnson and our parents - Frank & Janice Johnson
- ☞ Margaret and Maurice Moderow - Roger & Patti Moderow
- ☞ David Pearson - Jody Sydow
- ☞ Vernon K. and Lillian Johnson - Richard & Janet Reckmeyer and Glenn & Sharon Krueger
- ☞ Don Andersen, Pete and Lois Schmidt & our Osborn Ave neighbors - Norm Case, Delwin Benne, and Dee Blanc - Kent & Brenda Andersen
- ☞ Herb Begeman and Doc and Dee Blanc - Max & Cindy Blanc and family
- ☞ Delwin Benne, Herman & Evelyn Benne, Carl & Johanna Lagge, Allen Lagge, Norris Lagge, Shirley Lagge, Loren Lagge, our friends and neighbors - Hilda Benne
- ☞ Rita Lindstrom & Jean & Carl George Easton - Carl & Julie Easton and family
- ☞ George & Leona Guill, Ryan Guill, and Cathy Thiemann - the Guill family
- ☞ Norm Case - Janice Case and family
- ☞ Art & Grace Johnson, Jim & Doris Madison, Bob Johnson, and Dennis Stubbs - Don & Candace Johnson
- ☞ Bob Lindstrom - Marlene Lindstrom and family

- ☼ **Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Johnson and Mr. & Mrs. Otto Dinklage**
- Jon & Chloe Johnson
- ☼ **David E. Pearson, Carroll E. Pearson & Stephen E. Sok** - Kathy and Garrett Pearson
- ☼ **Mick Wickstrom** - Ron & Delaney Brudigam family
- ☼ **Janice Nelson and Norm Case** - Joan and Carl Magnusson
- ☼ **Our parents and other family members** - Ken Pearson's family
- ☼ **David Pearson** - his "Barn Family"
- ☼ **Jacob Johnson** - Spencer Bromm
- ☼ **Doc and Dee Blanc** - the Blanc family & children
- ☼ **Brad and friends** - Lee and Sharon Peterson
- ☼ **Loved Ones** - Ed and Connie Anderson
- ☼ **Vernolt Moseman** - Pat Moseman
- ☼ **Gertrude & Roy Carlson** - Dorothy Wallace, Don Wallace and family
- ☼ **Joe Keaschall** - Dorothy Wallace, Don Wallace and family
- ☼ **Hilda Wallace Adams** - Dorothy Wallace, Don Wallace and family
- ☼ **Tom & Mabel Dall, Ver & Russ Dall, Duane Peterson and Wilma Peterson** - Marilyn Peterson (all have been a part of my journey)
- ☼ **Jessica Hughes** - Mark and Jacque Eldal
- ☼ **Patricia Seagren (wife, mother, and grandmother)** - Jon Seagren family
- ☼ **Our moms Darlene Wagner and Katie Anderson** - Cal and Sara Anderson
- ☼ **Our Loved Ones** - The Jim and Leann Jorgensen Family
- ☼ **David Pearson** - his "Barn Family"
- ☼ **Elroy & Eunice Johnson and Carolyn Johnson** - Larry and Tess Johnson & Family
- ☼ **Veda Hansen** - Scott and Valerie Lindstrom & Family
- ☼ **Jan Nelson, Harold & Bernice Nelson and Oliver & Ruth Wise** - Rachel Wise/Gordon Nelson
- ☼ **Delwin Benne & Mary K. Larson** - Tom and Phyliss Meyer
- ☼ **Oliver Nimmo and our Parents** - Jan and Clare Wiltse
- ☼ **Gary Rosenboom and Marlin and Pernilla Jensen** - Karen Rosenboom
- ☼ **Our Grandchildren: Owen & Emersyn Fritson and Ian & Noah Jones** - Dale & Linda Jones
- ☼ **Dayton and Margaret Benne, Robert and Lila and Louise Jones and Jacob Johnson** - Dale and Linda Jones
- ☼ **In celebration of the VonEssen "Farm Gang" & Genevieve Rose 1st Christmas** - Linda Vonessen and family
In celebration of Our Church Members of this Church for the great work they do for the LORD!!!
- ☼ **From Pelan Funeral Home**

If you purchased a poinsettia to decorate our church, please feel welcome to take them home with you after the service.



- 1 - Alicia Isner
- 2 - Mitchell Lindstrom
- 3 - Linda Carlson
- 7 - Leonard Canarsky, Lisa Fredrickson, Jay Johnson,
Julia Wuestewald
- 8 - Tyler Frederickson, Chad Linder
- 9 - Marylin Baker, Lisa Stover
- 11 - Tony Bromm, Carson Miller
- 12 - Brooke Van Horn, April Van Horn, Noah Anderson
- 13 - Justin Corwine, Jarvis Guill, Melinda Johnson,
Gary Powell, Tye Penke
- 15 - Patsy Andersen
- 16 - Will Johnson, Jennie (Johnson) Harbin, Brent Linder
- 17 - Frank Johnson, Jeanette Blanc
- 19 - Gerron Elsasser, Karen Karstens, Mia Linder,
Ruth Blomenkamp, Lillian Ehlers
- 22 - Emmy Bousquet, Roger Nelson, Heidi Johnson
Michael Kloth, Jack Kloth, Lauren Kloth
- 23 - Joe Larson, Harold Lindstrom
- 24 - Brady Jorgensen, Eric Trout
- 26 - Rebecca Moderow
- 28 - Lillian Mueller, James Schrock
- 29 - Arlene Carper, Lane Peterson
- 30 - Garrett Pearson
- 31 - Isaiah Larson, Larry Paulson



- 4- Natalie & Jennings Johnson
Greg & Nancy Johnson
- 5 - Mark & Jacque Eldal
- 6 - Robert & Jane Moseman
- 13 - Sam & Elisa Schmidt
- 27 - Gordon & Shirley Olson



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Darrell Denker, Terri (Brudigam) Hanel, Rojane Linder, Kenneth Pearson, Duke Wagner, Paul Ueding, Betty Rogers, Bernice Persson, Jeff Anderson (Jack Carstensen's son-in-law), Don Binkley (Angela Bittner's father) Marlene Anderson, Krissa Schonert, Bill Johnson, Gary Elsasser, Denise (Hall) Salzbrenner, Jess Kroger, Chloe Coates, Deloris Nielsen, Candace Johnson, Tony Kochel, Mel Swenson, Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, the families of Bob Hagen and Ann Pennington (Patty Miller & Tom Wallerstedt's niece), our service men and women, and all those deployed to foreign countries, our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.



BAPTISMS

We welcomed **Emmett Donald Johanson** through holy baptism on Saturday, December 15th, 2018. Emmett was born on July 20, 2018. His parents are Anthony and Melanie Johanson. His sponsors are Tyler and Jacque Fredrickson. His Grandparents are Marlin and Pat Matulka and Gary and Gail Elsasser and the late Scott Johanson. **WELCOME Emmett!!!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school will resume the 6th of January. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and are enjoying their Christmas Break! Thank you, parents for all the extra help making our Christmas Program a success! This month's Pay It Forward will be donated to Don't Stress the Dress. We sing again January 13th & February 10, March 10, April 14th, May 12th.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation will meet January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

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.

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

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



Roxanne Lundquist and Elisabeth Linder



SEWING MEETINGS START AGAIN JAN. 7, 2019

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

W.O.W. MEETINGS - -JANUARY- 2019

January 2.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 AMHannah
 January 7.....Executive Meeting 9:00 AM
 January 9.....Group Meetings 9:00 AM & 5:00 PM
 January 13..... Devotions @ O.H. - 2:30 PM
 Clean KitchenRuth



DORCAS SOCIETY -

January 30th 2:00 P.M. @ Oakland Heights

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 2 3 4 5						
6 7 8 9 10 11 12						
13 14 15 16 17 18 19						
20 21 22 23 24 25 26						
27 28 29 30 31						
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	2 9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP			5 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
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**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
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The church council met Dec 3, 2018 at 7:10pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Susan Mulder, Sandy Husar, Mike Blanc, Carole Johnson, Tom Meyer and Jim Pelan.

Devotions were given by Mike Blanc.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed and discussed. Month-to-date income exceeded expenses by \$2135.79. Year-to-date expenses have exceeded income by \$19762.14 (deficit). There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor presented his report for the month of November. Pastor Eldal again noted that the recent youth pizza lunch continues to have good attendance.

Old Business

North Kitchen Window Replacement: Installation will commence as soon as weather permits.

Elevator: To date Access Elevator & Lifts Inc has not scheduled an inspection and service visit. Mike will look into it.

New Business

A presentation was given regarding a proposal to provide additional upgrades to the recently installed projector system which would allow the projector image to be shown clearly on the annex and basement TVs. The upgrade would also give the ability to switch between the projector image or the video camera image without using the video camera to zoom in on the projector screen.

Susan motioned to accept a proposal for temporary upgrades by Black Diamond Electric who will install wiring and associated equipment for the annex TV and basement TV prior to Christmas Eve service. Second by Carole. Vote taken and motion passed.

Sandy noted that the basement kitchen refrigerator was not cooling. Schlickbernd’s would be notified.

The small elevator access ramp in the basement was discussed noting that a hand rail should be added for safety. Nathan will look into materials.

January Communion Assistant: Sandy Husar

January Meeting Devotion: Mike Blanc

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting; January 7, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Mike Blanc, Secretary

December Attendance	
1 & 2 (No Services - Snow)	
8 & 9	245
15 & 16	184
23 (No Sat Service) .	119
24	377
31 (No Sat Service) .	70

December Finances	
Regular	\$ 24,307.77
Christmas	\$ 7,665.00
Designated	
PayItForward	\$ 427.00
Supplies(Poinsettias)	\$ 888.00
Wed.NiteYouth	\$ 330.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 300.00
Memorial	\$1,055.00
Misc.	\$ 585.00
TOTAL	\$35,557.77

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Ushers

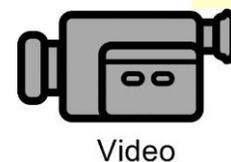
- 6th - Sam Schmidt, Roger Moderow and David Deemer Family
- 13th: Larry Johnson, Carson Thomsen and Ayden Lierman
- 20th: Roger Moderow, Travis Thomsen, Nathan Anderson and Theo Bland
- 27th: Clare Wiltse, Calvin Anderson and George Bedrnicek

Greeters:

- 6th - David Deemer Family
- 13th - Jodi Peterson and Kara and Johnna Peterson
- 20th - Tammy Von Essen and Carla Corwine
- 27th - Rachael Nelson and Elisabeth, Zoe, Mia and Gabrielle Linder



		Acolyte	Video	
Jan	6	Carter Bousquet	6	Hannah Deemer
	13	Grant Seagren	13	Carter Bousquet
	20	Brayden Selk	20	Grant Seagren
	27	Gabi Linder	27	Brayden Selk
Feb	3	Daniel Bedrnicek	3	Gabi Linder
	10	Samantha Canarsky	10	Daniel Bedrnicek



- 6th - Dan Tanksley
- 13th - Tess Johnson
- 20th - Jim Nelson/Dan Tanksley
- 27th - Tess Johnson
- 3rd - Dan Tanksley



- 6th - Bryan Bohn
- 13th - Cindy Blanc
- 20th - Ruth Wallerstedt
- 27th - Bryan Bohn
- 3rd - Bryan Bohn

COFFEE SERVERS

DATE

- Betty Dixon and Julie Easton Sunday, January 6, 2019
- Teresa Egbers and Julie Ehlers Sunday, January 13, 2019
- Lela Heineman and Amanda Huntington Sunday, January 20, 2019
- Jacque Eldal and Judy Groene Sunday, January 27, 2019
- Sandy Husar and Alicia Isner Sunday, February 3, 2019
- Julie Johnson and Kelli Johnson Sunday, February 10, 2019
- Carole Johnson and Melinda Johnson Sunday, February 17, 2019
- Karen Johnson and Nancy Johnson Sunday, February 24, 2019



Thank you for your help in these important areas!
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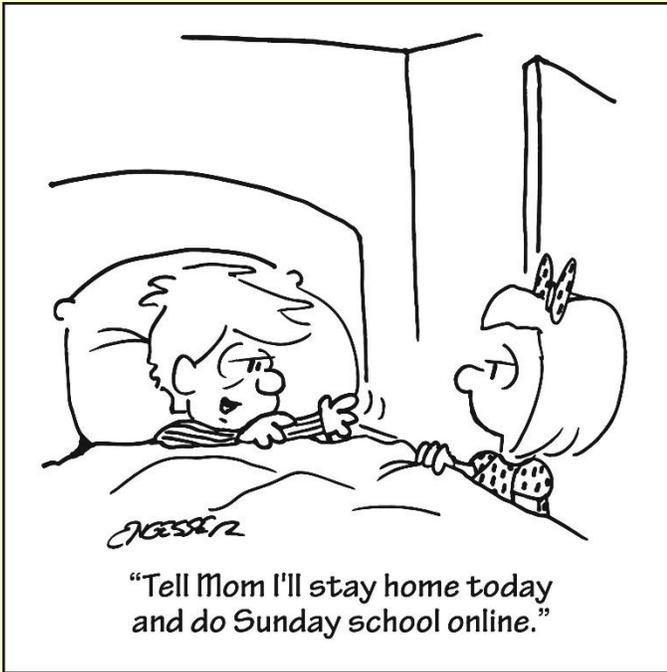


January 2019 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in January are:

- ❄ New Year's Day – January 1, 2019
- ❄ Epiphany – January 6, 2019
- ❄ Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 21, 2019

CHRISTIAN HUMOR TO TICKLE YOUR LIFE



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