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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In the book of Revelation Jesus is described as "King of kings and Lord of lords" and we see him in all of his power and glory. Yet, the most honored title Jesus has in the book of Revelation is "The Lamb."

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 2021 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in March are:

- World Day of Prayer – March 5
- Girl Scout Sunday – March 7
- Daylight-Saving Time – March 14
- St. Patrick's Day – March 17
- First Day of Spring – March 20
- Palm Sunday – March 28

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**We would like to thank the Gideons for sharing their ministry** with us on Saturday evening services and Sunday Morning service. May God bless their ministry of distributing bibles throughout the world.

**Lenten services** are on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. We **will not** have a meal following services this year as social distancing is very difficult and there have been no meetings to plan the meals.

**During Lent, on Friday mornings,** Men's Lenten Prayer Breakfasts are being held at the city auditorium. The breakfast begins at from 6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. **FELC Men will serve on March 19, 2021.**

**The offering envelopes** for the 2021 year are located in the multipurpose room. Please take them home with you. Contact Tess or Vanessa if you did not receive yours.

**LOOKING FOR A VBS COORDINATOR FOR 2021!** Please join us in thanking Alissa Bousquet for her many years of service as our VBS Coordinator. She will be stepping down, and so we are now actively searching for a replacement. If interested, please contact Pastor Mark or Nate Anderson.

**Beverly "Jean" Richards would like to thank everyone** who sent cards and greetings to help her celebrate her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!! She received over 75 cards!! What love and friendship you have shown!!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be May 24-28<sup>th</sup>. We need leaders for the music program as well as helpers to assist the leaders, teachers, kitchen help and crafts. All help is greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions, please contact Tess at 402-380-5660.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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**Sunday School classes have** resumed. We will sing March 28 (**Palm Sunday**), April 11<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> (**Mother's Day**).

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

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**Confirmation** will meet on February 24<sup>th</sup> will be from 7:00(after the Lenten service)-9:00 p.m.

## BIBLE STUDY NEWS

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**Youth Group** will be meeting every Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (following the Lenten Service) 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM.

**Growing Together** – We meet at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. We are looking at Genesis. For more information contact Nancy Johnson or Pastor Mark. Everyone is welcome.



**MARCH ALTAR COMMITTEE - JACQUE ELDAL and JULIE EASTON**



**SEWING MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS  
8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**



**-MARCH-**

**Postponed until further notice.**



**Dorcas Society - postponed until further notice**

**IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:**

Earl Miller, Paul Anderson, Connie Peterson, Haylee Werth (Doc and Bev Peterson's Great Granddaughter), Denise Hall Salzbrenner (Phil and Judy Hall's daughter), Landon Johnson, Jane Stucky, Jackie Kirkpatrick (Julie Gershon's mother), Bill Johnson, Suzanne Johnson, Denise Enstrom, Bill Dix, Jody Faith, Ed Anderson, Pat Moseman, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel (Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law), Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman (Julie Gershon's nephew), our service men and women and all those deployed to foreign countries, rescue workers, and law enforcement officers and our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.



First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, Nebraska

Council Meeting Minutes for Meeting following Annual Meeting  
January 31, 2021

The church council met at 11:25 a.m., January 31, 2021 following the annual church meeting. In attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Mike Blanc, Brad Bosquet, Kathy Pearson, Keri Thomsen, Susan Mulder and Clendon Rost.

Church council officers were elected. Current church council officers agreed to remain in their positions and Kathy nominated Susan Mulder for Vice-President. Clendon Rost seconded Kathy's nomination. The board provided unanimous consensus of the council officers. President, Nathan Anderson; Vice-President/Treasurer, Susan Mulder; Secretary, Mike Blanc.

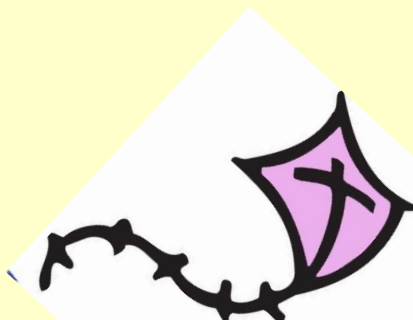
**New Business:**

1. Nathan stated that further in-depth discussion on Technology upgrades would be handled during the March council meeting.
2. Tess made a recommendation to Mike, following the annual meeting, that the council investigate enhancements to our church security considering the technology upgrades that are already in place with more to come.
3. Kathy noted that the Annual Report needs to have page numbers added.

Next meeting designated for Mar 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 with Nathan stating that we would forego a third reciting of the Lord's Prayer for the day. Pastor Mark concluded the meeting with a robust "AMEN!"

Mike Blanc, Secretary



**FEBRUARY FINANCES**

Regular	\$11,039.00
<b>Designated</b>	
Ash Wed	\$ 945.00
Wed.NiteYouth	\$ 100.00
Supplies	\$ 34.00
Memorial	\$ 250.00
PayItForward	\$ 500.00
Misc.	\$ 58.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,926.00</b>

- 1 - Teresa Egbers, Cynthia Johnson,  
Eric Miller, Mollie Kate Blanc
- 2 - Nancy Wonka
- 3 - Ruth Wallerstedt, Herb Brader
- 4 - Clendon Rost, Kiersten Elsasser
- 5 - Ron Brudigam, Charles Seagren
- 7 - James Unwin
- 8 - Spencer Bromm
- 9 - Heath Anderson, Oliver Elsasser
- 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, Emma Wallerstedt,  
Gloria Wedegren
- 16 - Scott Lindstrom, Earl Miller,  
Susie Nelson
- 17 - Lee Peterson
- 18 - Jeff Nelson
- 19 - Baker Blanc, Hayden Johanson
- 20 - Linda VonEssen
- 21 - Mike Denton, Dan Kahlandt
- 22 - Dolores Bailey, Vern Jensen
- 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




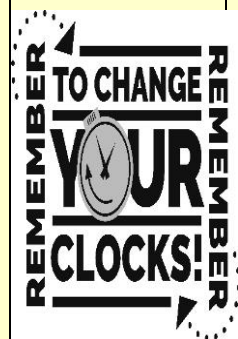
**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 7 - Jay & Diane Lindstrom
- 15 - Kaleb & Luryn Andersen
- 17 - Gary & Joann Powell
- 18 - Merle & Karen Karstens  
Mike and Karen Blanc
- 24 - Andrew and Stephanie Brudigam
- 27 - Mike & Janna Kloth



# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	1 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	2 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	3 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	4 7:30PM N.A. MEETING	5 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium  WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	6 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
7 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	8 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	9 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	10 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15 PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	11 7:30PM N.A. MEETING	12 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium	13 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
14 9:30AM YOUTH SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME</b>	15 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	16 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING  	17 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18 9:00 AM LOGAN VALLEY QUILTERS MEET 7:30PM N.A. MEETING	19 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium  FELC MEN SERVE	20 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE  FIRST DAY OF SPRING
21 9:30AM REVERE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	22 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	23 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 2:00 PM LOGAN VALLEY QUILTERS MEET 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	24 6:30PM LENTEN SERVICES 7:15 PM -9:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	25 7:30PM N.A. MEETING	26 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium	27 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
28 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>  Sunday School Children Sing	29 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	30 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	31	1 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:30PM N.A. MEETING	2 6:00 - 7:30 A.M. MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST @ City Auditorium 7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	





## CHURCH DUTIES – APRIL

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### Thursday, April 1, 2021 – Maundy Thursday

Head Usher - Sam Schmidt

Acolyte - Preston Rost

Maundy Thursday Service Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

Video - Colton Moseman

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### Friday, April 2, 2021 – Good Friday

Head Usher – Larry Johnson

Acolyte – Sage Sydow-Stock

Good Friday Service Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

Video - Preston Rost

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### Sunday, April 4, 2021 - Easter Sunday – Early Service

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Joe, Wendi and Braylon Anderson

Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow

Sound – Dan Tanksley

Acolyte – Piper Tanksley

Sat. Night Pianist -

Reader – Beverly Peterson

Screen – Tess Johnson

Video – Sage Sydow-Stock

Sun. Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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### Sunday, April 4, 2021 - Easter Sunday – Late Service

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mike and Karen Blanc

Head Ushers - Larry Johnson

Sound – Tess Johnson

Acolyte – Mia Thomsen

Sat. Night Pianist -

Reader – Beverly Peterson

Screen –

Video – Adilen Rennerfeldt

Sun. Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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### Sunday, April 11, 2021 - Second Sunday of Easter

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - George, Becca, Daniel, Sonja and Samuel Bedrnicek

Head Ushers - Brad Bousquet

Sound – Tess Johnson

Acolyte – Nolan Magnusson

Sat. Night Pianist - Billye Pearson

Reader – Youth Group

Screen – Ashten Rennerfeldt

Video – Mia Thomsen

Sun. Morning Accomp. – Billye Pearson

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### Sunday, April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Natalie, Jeremy and Jordan Guenther

Head Ushers – Brad Bousquet

Sound – Dan Tanksley

Acolyte - Adilen Rennerfeldt

Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrnicek

Reader – Sandra Johnson

Screen –

Video - Grace Wallerstedt

Sun. Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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### Sunday, April 25, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Theo, Jess, Brooks and Benson Bland

Head Usher – Clare Wilste

Sound – Tess Johnson

Acolyte – Grace Wallerstedt

Sat. Night Pianist - Carter Anderson

Reader – Patty Miller

Screen – Lillian Ehlers

Video - Piper Tanksley

Sun. Morning Accomp.- Bryan Bohn

**Thank you for your help in these important areas!**

**If you can't be here, please find someone to take your place.**



# “Church Duties” sign-up sheet.

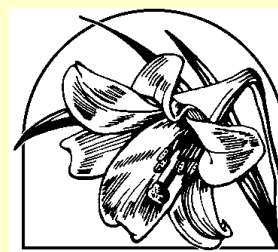
As we start to prepare for the assignment list of “church duties” from May 2021-August 2022, we would like to give you an opportunity to help us develop this list. If you have specific dates that you would like to serve, please complete the following information and turn it into the church office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is anticipated that everyone will need to assist once or twice a year, so please provide two dates that work for you.

NAME	DATE #1
	DATE #2

If you do not have specific dates for us to consider but want us to be aware of other considerations such as months or certain Sundays to avoid, please provide that information below.

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## ORDER FORM - EASTER LILIES TO DECORATE THE CHURCH



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

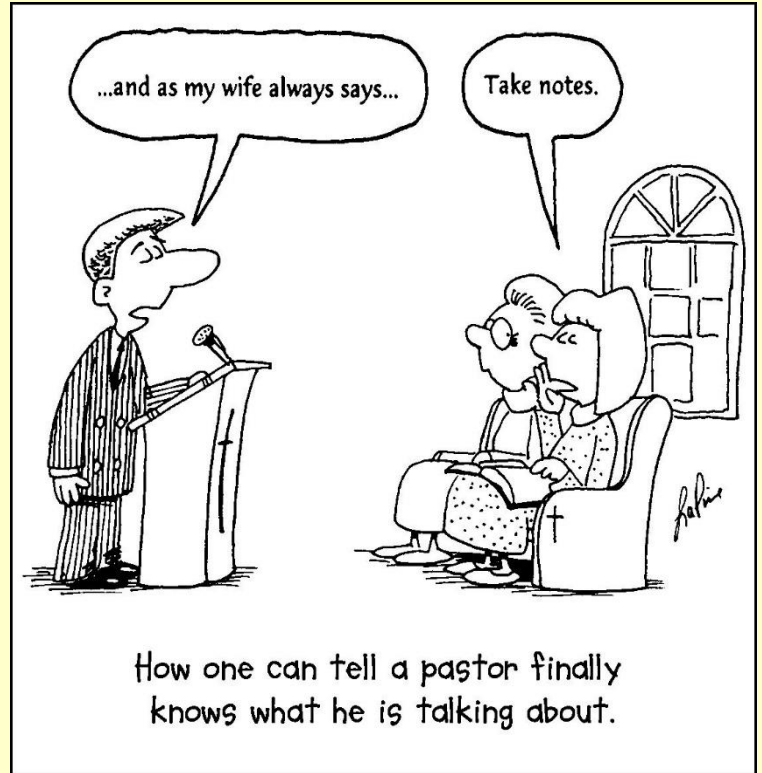
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please give this form to Tess in the office or leave in the offering plate on Sunday morning with \$16 if you wish to order the lily from Allie's flower shop. If you wish to purchase a lily elsewhere and bring it to the church, please attach this form to the lily. Thank you!

# CHRISTIAN HUMOR TO TICKLE YOUR LIFE

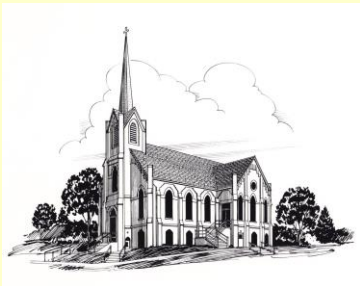


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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



March 3, 10, 17 & 24 - 6:30 PM - Lenten Services  
April 1 - 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service  
April 2 - 7:00 PM - Good Friday Service

