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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

Sometimes it is interesting to think about what gives one's life meaning. Some people find meaning in their work, while others find meaning in building or making things, while other individuals find fulfillment in supporting a noble cause.

All of these things can, of course, bring meaning to a person's life, yet ultimately none of them have any enduring significance apart from what we celebrate at Easter. For without Easter, and with the passage of enough time, most of the things we found important will be forgotten. In fact, with the passage of enough time, even we, most likely, will be remembered no more.

Yet, because of the promise of Easter the things we do, and the lives we touch can have eternal significance. The love and kindness we give and receive can be remembered through eternity, and the relationships we have can go on through eternity.

The promise of Easter, of course, is that just as Christ was raised from the dead, so we too can be raised from the dead, as we trust in him. The good news of Easter is that as we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we have the promise of eternal life, and our lives then have eternal significance and meaning.

May the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ not only fill us with joy but may it give us a sense of the eternal significance of our lives.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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April 2021 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in April are:

- Maundy Thursday – April 1, 2020
- Good Friday – April 2, 2020
- Easter – April 4, 2020
- Secretary's Day – April 21, 2020
- Earth Day – April 22, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for Maunday Thursday and Good Friday services at 7:00 p.m. and Easter Morning Services Sunday, April 4th at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. It will be posted to Facebook and YouTube on Easter Morning.

SPRING CLEANING?? Don't forget the sewing group. They **love** blankets, sheets, mattress pads, material, embroidery floss or sewing thread. Contact Tess in the office to make sure the church is open when you would like to drop off the items.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

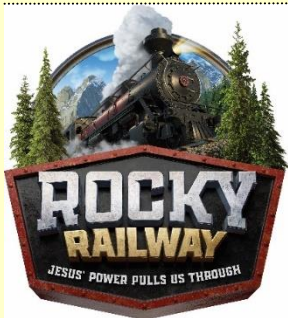
Happy Easter everyone! We will not have Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 4th to celebrate the holiday with our families! Sunday School will resume on April 11th and we will make our Mother's Day gifts. We plan to sing in church on April 11th. We have finished our ten commandments and look forward to discussing our heroes of the Bible.

Easter blessings,
Angela Rennerfeldt

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year we will be having a community VBS. We are including all area churches and pooling our resources to have a successful program. The registration form is below. Please fill one form for each child going to VBS. If you need additional forms, more are available in the annex, print from our website or contact Tess in the office.

Community VBS Registration Form



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be May 24-31. The theme this year is "ROCKY RAILWAY". At VBS, kids will learn "JESUS POWER PULLS US THROUGH!" Please find the registration form below which needs to be filled out for each child. These forms may also be found in the multipurpose room. If you have any further questions, please contact Tess Johnson at 402-380-5660.

Name: _____ Grade Finished: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/Work: _____

Secondary Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell/Work: _____

Known Medical Conditions or Allergies: _____

Are there any dietary restrictions we need to know about? (If yes, please send a snack or contact your VBS coordinator) _____

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmands will resume the 6:30-8:30 p.m. meeting time. There is a meal.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Please contact one of leaders to get more information. Janelle Seagren, Kylie Penke, Deb Bonsall or Stef Weitzenkamp.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will meet Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. They are looking at parables from the new testament. For more information contact Nancy Johnson or Pastor Mark.



Joan Magnusson
Laurie Schold
Tom Wallerstedt



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



Cancelled until further notice. Please contact your Leader/Coordinator if you have any questions.



Dorcas Society - – cancelled until further notice



We will still be praying for one another and please let us know if you would like someone added to our prayers. We have therefore included our prayer list so you can pray for the individuals on it.

IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Laurie Canarsky, Earl Miller, Sara Anderson, 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, 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

The church council met March 1, 2021 at 7:02pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Susan Mulder, Keri Thomsen, Brad Bousquet, Jack Carstensen, and Melanie Johanson. President Nathan welcomed Melanie to the council. Devotions were given by Pastor Mark.

Minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting were read and approved as corrected. Minutes of the January 31, 2021 meeting was read and approved.

The Treasurer's report, presented by Susan Mulder, was reviewed and discussed. Both the January and February Profit and Loss statements reflected expenses exceeding income by -\$2,554.69 and -\$3,3130.69 respectively. Year to date net income is -\$5,685.38. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor Mark presented his reports for January and February.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

1. Video System - Reviewed bid from Houseright. Pastor Mark and Nathan will contact them to prioritize items in bid to fit into our budget.
2. Committee assignments: The only change is in the Education committee, Clendon Rost will be the chairman, and Melanie Johanson will replace Susan Mulder.

New Business:

1. Vacation Bible School- Jen Anderson has volunteered to replace Alyssa Bousquet as VBS coordinator. Tess Johnson has offered to assist her. She will be in need of teachers and a music leader. Tentative date for VBS is the week of May 24, 2021.

Open Discussion:

It was mentioned First Lutheran Men will be hosting the March 19th Lenten breakfast.

Susan Mulder will serve as March communion assistant, Melanie Johanson will give devotions at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2021 @7:00pm.

Susan Mulder, Secretary Pro tem

April Finances

Regular	\$14,590.00
Lenten.....	\$ 390.00

Designated

Coffee Fund.....	\$133.00
Memorial.....	\$ 340.00
Pay It Forward.....	\$ 100.00
Misc.....	\$ 265.00

Total.....	\$ 15,818.00
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April's Birthdays

- 1 – Katie Miller, Joe Anderson
- 2 – Jamison Johnson, Mark Johnson, Peter Kruse
- 3 – Mark Eldal, Clara Bittner, Sandy Husar,
Janice Johnson,
- 4 – Elaine Peterson, Janelle Guill-Mueller,
Faye Lindstrom
- 6 – Zachary Denton, Dona Nelson, Anden Schold,
Sierra Kloth
- 8 – Austin Jorgensen
- 9 – Johnnie Johnson, Nolan Magnusson
- 10 – Tara Miller, Taryn Kloth
- 11 – Brad Heineman
- 12 – Carson Thomsen, Merle Karstens, Bonnie Larson,
Marty Nelson, Clay Olson, Ivy Johnson
- 13 – Kara Peterson, Johnna Peterson
- 17 – Benson Bland, Braeden Case, Roger Moderow, Jean Satree
- 18 – Mike Selk, Ann Anderson, Jacob Dixon, Margot Johnson
- 19 – Jennifer Ahrens
- 20 – Jane Moseman, Sabrina Rost
- 21 – Brad Bousquet, Roberta Sieck, Wayne Uman,
Nathan Anderson
- 22 – Brian Magnusson, Deanna Ray
- 23 – Cole Christofferson
- 24 – Ashley Denton
- 27 – Judee Dix, Nathan Johnson, Nancy Johnson
- 28 – Nathan Larson
- 29 – Myrna Swanson
- 30- Vivian Forks



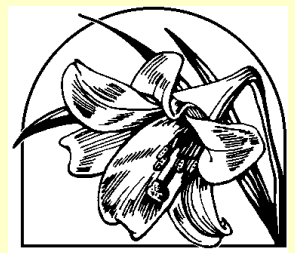
- 1 - Dan & Mona Tanksley
- 10 - Tim & Annie Magnusson
- 12 - Kevin & Julie Wuestewald
Brad & Lela Heineman
- 15- Stewart and Jennie Harbin
- 23 - Bob & Jerri Case
- 25 - Richard & Mary Strom
- P.D & Georgia Stibor
- 27 - Mike & Cynthia Johnson

ORDER FORM - EASTER LILIES TO DECORATE THE CHURCH

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

In memory/honor of: _____



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!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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.

There may be two types of scholarship opportunities:

- Scholarships awarded annually to juniors or seniors to help with the tuition costs of college credit earned while in high school through a “dual-credit” program
- Scholarships to provide support for costs associated with post-secondary education or training after high school.

Awarding either or both 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.

Dual Credit Scholarship Criteria: Will be developed if scholarship funds become available over time.


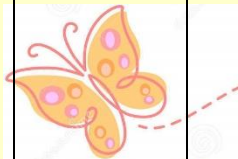

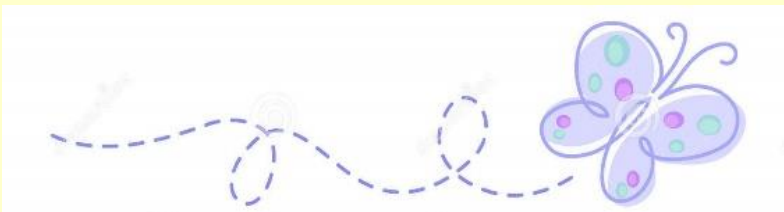
Graduating Senior Scholarship Criteria

- Must be a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church—either through participation and completion of confirmation, or from committing to membership during high school.
- Must be actively engaged in the youth ministry and service to the church and church community. To encourage active engagement, the scholarship amount is designed in two tiers.
- Must submit the activity documentation after the completion of each activity. Annually, youth and parents will receive an updated listing of activity participation.

Must complete the First Evangelical Lutheran Church application prior to the deadline (April 15) to be considered for the scholarship.

To obtain an application please contact Tess Johnson in the FELC Office or Annie Magnusson, OC School Guidance Counselor.

APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE	2 7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	3 NO WORSHIP SERVICES PASTOR MARK'S BIRTHDAY
4 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM EASTER SERVICES EASTER	5 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	6 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	7 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	8 8:00 P.M. NA MEETING		10 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
11 9:30AM COMMUNION /YOUTH SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	12 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 	13 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	14 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	15 8:00 P.M. NA MEETING	16 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE	17
21 9:30AM REVERE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	22 8:30AM SEWING GROUP EARTH DAY	23 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	24 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION	25 8:00 P.M. NA MEETING	26 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE	27
28 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	29 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	30 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING				

CHURCH DUTIES – APRIL

Thursday, April 1, 2021 – Maundy Thursday

Head Usher - Sam Schmidt

Acolyte -Preston Rost

Video - Colton Moseman

Maundy Thursday Service Accom. - Bryan Bohn

Friday, April 2, 2021 – Good Friday

Head Usher – Larry Johnson

Acolyte – Sage Sydow-Stock

Video - Preston Rost

Good Friday Service Accom. - Bryan Bohn

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

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

Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow

Reader – Beverly Peterson

Sound – Dan Tanksley

Screen – Tess Johnson

Acolyte – Piper Tanksley

Video – Sage Sydow-Stock

Sat. Night Pianist - No Service

Sun. Morning Accom. - Bryan Bohn

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

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mike and Karen Blanc

Head Ushers - Larry Johnson

Reader – Beverly Peterson

Sound – Tess Johnson

Screen – Lyndsey Johnson

Acolyte – Carolyn Magnusson

Video – Nolan Magnusson

Sun. Morning Accom. - Bryan Bohn

Sunday, April 11, 2021 - Second Sunday of Easter

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

Head Ushers - Brad Bousquet

Reader – Youth Group

Sound – Tess Johnson

Screen – Ashten Rennerfeldt

Acolyte – Nolan Magnusson

Video – Mia Thomsen

Sat. Night Pianist - Billye Pearson

Sun. Morning Accom.–Billye Pearson

Sunday, April 18, 2021 - Third Sunday of Easter

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Brad, Alissa, Emmy, Megan, Carter and Caleb Bousquet

Head Ushers – Brad Bousquet

Reader – Sandra Johnson

Sound – Dan Tanksley

Screen – Tess Johnson

Acolyte - Adilen Rennerfeldt

Video - Grace Wallerstedt

Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrnicek

Sun. Morning Accom. - Bryan Bohn

Sunday, April 25, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Head Usher – Clare Wilste

Reader – Patty Miller

Sound – Tess Johnson

Screen –

Acolyte – Mia Thomsen

Video - Grace Wallerstedt

Sat. Night Pianist - Carter Anderson

Sun. Morning Accom.- Bryan Bohn

CHURCH DUTIES – MAY

Sunday, May 2, 2021 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Ron, Delaney & Hannah	Brudigam Andrew & Steph Brudigam
Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow	Reader – Mona Tanksley
Sound – Dan Tanksley	Screen – Tess Johnson
Acolyte – Corbin Guill	Video – Nolan Magnusson
Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun. Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

Sunday, May 9, 2021 – 6th Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Robert and Carla Corwine and Morgan and Teagan Corwine	
Head Ushers - Larry Johnson	Reader –
Sound – Tess Johnson	Screen – Ashten Rennerfeldt
Acolyte – Gretchen Seagren	Video – Corbin Guill
Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun. Morning Accomp.- Billye Pearson

Sunday, May 16, 2021 – 6th Sunday of Easter – Revere Sunday

Coffee, Greeting & Usher – The Jim and Leann Jorgensen Family	
Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt & Roger Moderow	Reader –
Sound – Dan Tanksley	Screen – Tess Johnson
Acolyte – Jaxen Jorgensen	Video – Gretchen Seagren
Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrineck	Sun. Morning Accomp.-Ruth Wallerstedt

Sunday, May 23, 2021 – 6th Sunday of Easter

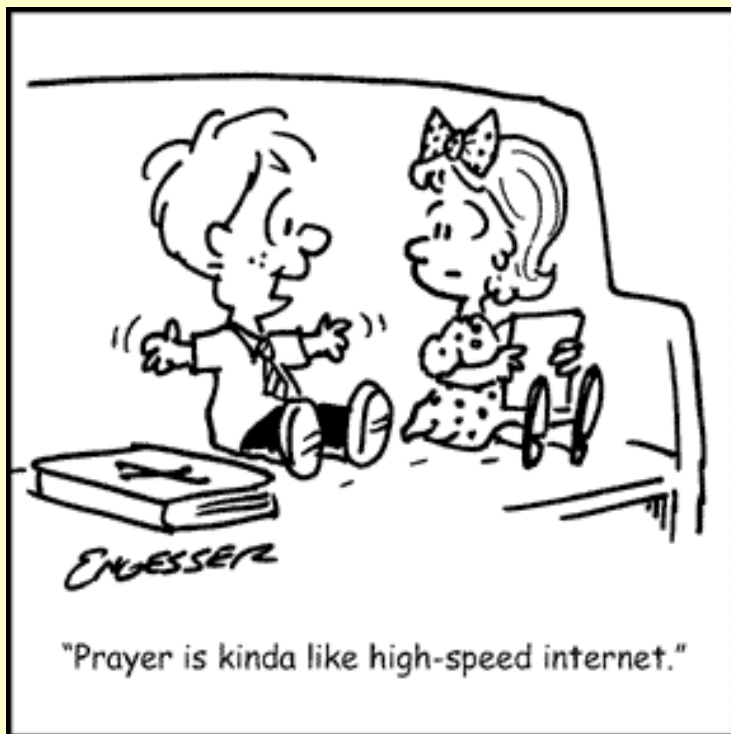
Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Jason, Heather, Garrett and Gracie Klausen	
Head Ushers - Clare Wiltse	Reader –
Sound – Dan Tanksley	Screen – Brayden Selk
Acolyte – Garrett Klausen	Video – Jaxen Jorgensen
Sat. Night Pianist - Carter Anderson	Sun. Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

Sunday, May 30, 2021 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Coffee, Greeting & Usher – Brad Bousquet	
Head Ushers - Nathaniel, Betty and Jonathon Dixon	Reader –
Sound – Tess Johnson	Screen – Anisten Rennerfeldt
Acolyte – Garrett Klausen	Video – Jaxen Jorgensen
Sat. Night Pianist - Carter Anderson	Sun. Morning Accomp.- Billye Pearson

<p>Thank you for your help in these important areas! <u>If you can't be here, please find someone to take your place.</u></p>
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CHRISTIAN HUMOR TO TICKLE YOUR LIFE



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Join us:

Maunday Thursday service April 1st @ 7:00 PM

Good Friday service April 2nd @ 7:00 PM

No Evening Service April 3rd

Easter Sunday Service @ 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

