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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

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

As I reflect on that week several thoughts have come to mind.

One was of how great it was to hear of how those attending enjoyed the week. I heard of several children who told their parents they were eager to keep going to VBS.

I also noticed how much the children were blessed by the songs and singing and it reminded me of how God often seems to use Christian music to touch people's hearts.

Lastly, I thought of how wonderful and important it is to have Vacation Bible School and introduce children to the love of Jesus. Their hearts seemed so open to him through the week.

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 has for children can remind us of the importance of our ministries to children and youth and how these ministries provide opportunities for our young people to trust in and follow him.

We thank everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School, and may God bless in a special way those who minister to our young people.

God bless,  
Pastor Mark

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### June 2021 Special Days

Some of the special days celebrated in June are:

- Flag Day — June 14, 2021
- Father's Day — June 20, 2021
- Summer Begins — June 21, 2021

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**On Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>, we honored our Graduating Seniors** during our Sunday Service. **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS, Ashten Rennerfeldt, Emily Carmichael and Marissa Mulder!!** God's Blessing on you all!!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We had class on May 2<sup>th</sup>. We sang during worship services on Mother's Day (May 9<sup>th</sup>) and the kids gave their Mother's Day gifts they created to their mothers. The children were dismissed this day-No class until next fall!

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders that received their Bibles on Sunday Morning were: **Sam Bedrnicek, Isaac Benne, Adriana Bittner, Logan Ehlers, Ava Johnson, Georgia Johnson, Tye Penke and Chloe Selk.** The Bibles were handed out during church. After church Joan Magnusson gave a presentation "How to Use Your Bible."

Vacation Bible School ran May 24<sup>th</sup> - May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you and Happy Summer! ~ Angela R.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year we had a community VBS. We included all area churches and pooled our resources which produced, a highly successful program! Each day we had a Pastor from one of the community churches give an introduction and prayer to start the day. We had over 115 kids attend, and it was a week filled with food, fun and lots of music! Thank you to all the leaders, helpers, parents, Pastors and kids! This first year was a huge success and so looking forward to next year!!

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation has concluded for the year and will start again in the fall. Confirmands are welcome to attend youth group.

## BIBLE STUDY NEWS

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. at church. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will meet Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. They are looking at the book of Genesis. For more information contact Nancy Johnson or Pastor Mark.





## JUNE - Elaine Peterson and Linda Carlson



**SEWING MEETINGS** are on for the summer, as usual Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30-12:00 p.m., with a "snack/coffee" break at 10:00 a.m. **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!!



**Cancelled until further notice.**



**Dorcas Society - Cancelled until further notice.**

**We have implemented EasyTithe as another way to give to the church.** EasyTithe allows you to give using a credit card, debit card or direct draft either as a single gift or on a reoccurring basis. Call the church with questions or if you are having difficulties setting it up.



Three ways you can use Easy Tithe are:

1. By **APP** – You can download the EasyTithe App for your phone. Search by ZIP 68045. And Choose First Ev. Lutheran Church.
2. By **TEXT** – You TEXT the word **GIVE to 402-503-3035**. YOU'LL RECEIVE A LINK .
3. By going to our **WEBSITE** - [www.firstlutheran-oakland.com](http://www.firstlutheran-oakland.com) and click on the GIVE Tab.
  1. For your first time click "SIGN IN" then "REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"
  2. Complete the registration to receive your secure PIN
  3. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information. Tap "Save Payment" to use it for future gifts.



## Birthdays

- 2 – Bentley Olson
- 3 – Kurt Schneekloth
- 4 – Laurie Carlson, Gary Case,  
Lindsay Jorgensen, Sheri Slatt
- 6 – Brooks Bland, Bill Johnson
- 7 – Adley Parcel, Anthony Moseman
- 11 – Daniel Tanksley III, Trey Deemer,  
Laura Egbers, Marcee Tomasek,  
Grace Wallerstedt
- 13 – Lillian Johnson
- 15 – James Jorgensen
- 17 – Terry Johnson
- 18 – Patty Miller, Tom Wallerstedt,  
Elijah Larson
- 19 – LeAnn Jorgensen, Angela Bittner  
Bryson Lindstrom
- 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,  
Ben Murray



## Anniversaries

- 1 – Dorothy & C. Earl Miller  
Dustin & Micaela Welsh
- 3 – Andrew & Angela Rennerfeldt
- 6 – Mitch and Michelle Case  
Trent & Kiersten Elsasser
- 7 – Lois & Darrell Schneekloth  
Tiffany & Kenneth Johnson
- 8 – Gregory & Deanna Ray
- 9 – Angela & Derek Bittner
- 10 – Myrna & Delwin Swanson
- 12 – Denny & Arla Ogden
- 15 – Raymond & Jean Satee
- 16 – 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  
Theo & Jess Bland
- 23 – Dale & Linda Jones  
Dexter & Ashton VonEssen
- 24 – Larry & Tess Johnson
- 26 – Cindy & Max Blanc
- 28 – Jon & Janelle Seagren

## IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE

**INCLUDE:** John Mead (**Hilda Benne's nephew**), Lauren Sigmun (**Janice Johnson's granddaughter**), Barbara Ashton, Janice Johnson, Paul Ueding, Laurie Canarsky, Earl Miller, Paul Anderson, 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, Bill Dix, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel (**Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law**), Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman (**Julie Gershon's nephew**), the family of Ed Anderson, Roger Peterson, and Jody Faith, 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 May 3, 2021 at 7:01pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Mike Blanc, Susan Mulder, Kathy Pearson, Clendon Rost, Keri Thomsen and Melanie Johanson.

Devotions were given by Melanie Johanson

Minutes of the previous meeting were read. A motion was made by Clendon Rost to approve the minutes without change, seconded by Kathy Pearson. Vote taken, motion passed.

The Treasurer's report, presented by Susan Mulder, was reviewed, and discussed. The April Profit & Loss statement reflected month-to-date income exceeded expenses by \$3,760.28. Year-to-date net income exceeded expenses by \$2,507.93. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor Mark presented his report for the month of April.

Committee Reports: Clendon reported for the Education Committee stating that Sunday School attendance was off this year which changed the dynamics of Sunday School. However, we are looking forward to next fall and a return to more normal format and attendance.

Old Business:

1. Video System: The HouseRight company is anticipating accomplishment of the contract by fall. The council discussed the idea of recruiting high school students to manage Saturday Evening Service video operations through the summer. Anyone interested in video operations is welcome, however, this presents a good opportunity for students to gain credit towards the First Lutheran Scholarship program.
2. Work Day: To be rescheduled following graduation.

New Business:

1. Pastor Mark noted that Max Christiansen replaced all lightbulbs in the basement with LED lights.
2. The quilting ladies pointed out that two vacuum cleaners in the basement are not functioning. Clendon Rost motioned to have the vacuums repaired with replacement of 1 vacuum if repairs are not warranted. Kathy seconded. Vote taken and motion passed.

Jun Communion: Melanie Johanson

Jun Devotions: Keri Thomsen

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Jun 7, 2021 at 7:00pm

Mike Blanc, Secretary



**May Finances**

Commitments	\$ 10,810.00
<b>Designated</b>	
Building Use	\$ 200.00
Youth Ministries	\$ 100.00
Schinck Min.	\$ 20.00
Pay It Forward	\$ 2,417.00
Memorial	\$ 125.00
Supplies	\$ 163.00
Misc	\$ 52.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,762.00</b>





# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS  7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS	9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS		5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS  7:00 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS  7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS		8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS		5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30AM YOUTH SERVICE - Praise Band - "We The Many"	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS  FLAY DAY	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS  7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS		8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS		5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:30AM REVERE SERVICE  FATHER'S DAY	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS  7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS	9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY	8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS		5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
27	28	29	30	 		
9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 PM YOUTH GROUP	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS  7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS	-----			



## CHURCH DUTIES FOR JUNE 2021

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### **Sunday, June 6, 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

Coffee, Greeting - Chad & Elisabeth Linder Family and Pam Linder  
 Head Usher - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow  
 Reader – Sandy Husar  
 Sound - Dan Tanksley  
 Screen - Tess Johnson  
 Acolyte - Braylon Anderson  
 Video - Bailey Pelan  
 Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt  
 Sun. Morning Accomp.- Bryan Bohn

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### **Sunday, June 13, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost – WE THE MANY – Praise Band**

Coffee & Greeting - Carla and Robert Corwine; Carl and Julie Easton  
 Head Usher - Larry Johnson  
 Reader – Youth / Kylie Penke  
 Sound - Tess Johnson  
 Screen - Anisten Rennerfeldt  
 Acolyte - Ostern Heineman  
 Video - Braylon Anderson  
 Sat. Night Pianist - Billye Pearson  
 Sun. Morning Accomp.- Billye Pearson

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### **Sunday, June 20, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

Coffee, Greeting -Loren, Julie, Lillian, Landon and Logan Ehlers  
 Coffee, Greeting – The Findlay Family  
 Head Usher - Brad Bousquet  
 Reader – Sandra Johnson  
 Sound – Dan Tanksley  
 Screen – Lillian Ehlers  
 Acolyte – Sonia Bedrincek  
 Video - Ostern Heineman  
 Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrincek  
 Sun. Morning Accomp.-Ruth Wallerstedt

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### **Sunday, June 27, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

Coffee, Greeting - Gary and Gail Elsasser ; Gerron, Kristin, Avery and Brentley Elsasser  
 Coffee, Greeting - Trent , Kiersten and Oliver Elsasser  
 Head Usher - Clare Wiltse  
 Reader – Patty Miller  
 Sound – Tess Johnson  
 Screen – Grant Seagren  
 Acolyte – Caleb Bousquet  
 Video – Sonia Bedrincek  
 Sat. Night Pianist Carter Anderson  
 Sun Morning Accomp. Bryan Bohn



## CHURCH DUTIES FOR JULY 2021

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### Sunday, July 4, 2021

**Coffee, Greeting & Usher**- Mitch and Michelle Case; Janice Case ;  
Tanner, Kylee, Kynleigh and Kwynn Case

**Head Usher**- Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow

**Reader** - Mona Tanksley

**Sound** - Dan Tanksley

**Screen** - Tess Johnson

**Acolyte** - Landon Ehlers

**Video** - Caleb Bousquet

**Sat. Night Pianist** - Ruth Wallerstedt

**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Bryan Bohn

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### Sunday, July 11, 2021

**Coffee, Greeting & Usher** - Jarvis, Amy, Connor, Corbin and Victor Guill

**Head Usher** - Larry Johnson

**Reader** - Linda Jones

**Sound** - Sandy Husar

**Screen** - Tess Johnson

**Acolyte** - Lyndsey Johnson

**Video** - Landon Ehlers

**Sat. Night Pianist & Sun Morning Accomp.** - - Billye Pearson

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### Sunday, July 18, 2021 - COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### Sunday, July 25, 2021

**Coffee, Greeting & Usher** - Caleb, Luryn, Emerson and Harlow Andersen  
Kent and Brenda Andersen

**Head Usher** - Clare Wiltse

**Sound**- Tess Johnson

**Acolyte** - Myesha Larson

**Sat. Night Pianist** - Carter Anderson

**Reader** - Sandy Husar

**Screen** - Adilen Rennerfeldt

**Video** - Javar Larson

**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Bryan Bohn

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## CHURCH DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2021

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### Sunday, August 1, 2021

**Coffee, Greeting & Usher** - Tony, Melanie, Hayden and Emmit Johanson

**Head Usher** - Sam Schmidt & Roger Moderow

**Sound** - Dan Tanksley

**Acolyte** - Carolyn Magnusson

**Sat. Night Pianist** - Ruth Wallerstedt

**Reader** - Beverly Peterson

**Screen** - Tess Johnson

**Video** - Myesha Larson

**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Bryan Bohn

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### Sunday, August 8, 2021

**Coffee, Greeting & Usher** - Rachel and Gordon Nelson; Carl and Joan Magnusson

**Head Usher** - Larry Johnson

**Sound** - Tess Johnson

**Acolyte**- Colton Moseman

**Sat. Night Pianist** - Billye Pearson

**Reader** - Sandra Johnson

**Screen** - Brayden Selk

**Video** - Carolyn Magnusson

**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Billye Pearson

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**Sunday, August 15, 2021****Coffee, Greeting & Usher** - Tim, Annie, Ellen and Carolyn Magnusson**Head Usher** - Brad Bousquet**Sound** - Tess Johnson**Acolyte** - Preston Rost**Sat. Night Pianist** - Danny Bedrnicek**Reader** - Patty Miller**Screen** - Adilen Rennerfeldt**Video** - Colton Moseman**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Bryan Bohn**Sunday, August 22, 2021****Coffee, Greeting & Usher** Andy, Angela, Ashten, Anisten, Adilen and Ava Rennderfeldt**Head Usher** - Clare Wiltse**Sound** - Dan Tanksley**Acolyte** - Sage Sydow-Stock**Sat. Night Pianist** - Carter Anderson**Reader** - Mona Tanksley**Screen** - Anisten Rennerfeldt**Video** - Preston Rost**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Bryan Bohn

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**Sunday, August 30, 2020****Coffee, Greeting & Usher** Dan, Jody, Sage and Hope Sydow- Stock**Head Usher** - Brad Bousquet**Reader** - Linda Jones**Sound** - Tess Johnson**Screen** - Grant Seagren**Acolyte** - Piper Tanksley**Video** - Sage Sydow-Stock**Sat. Night Pianist** - Billye Pearson**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Billye Pearson

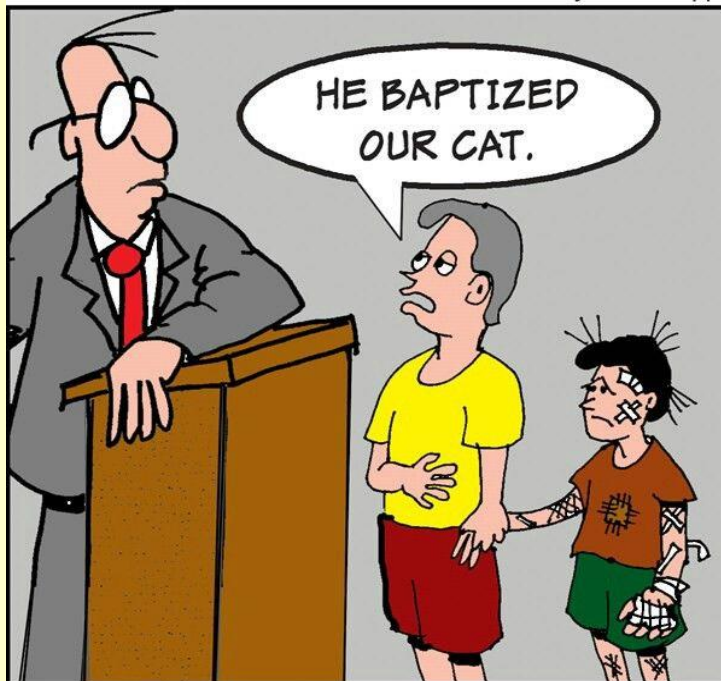
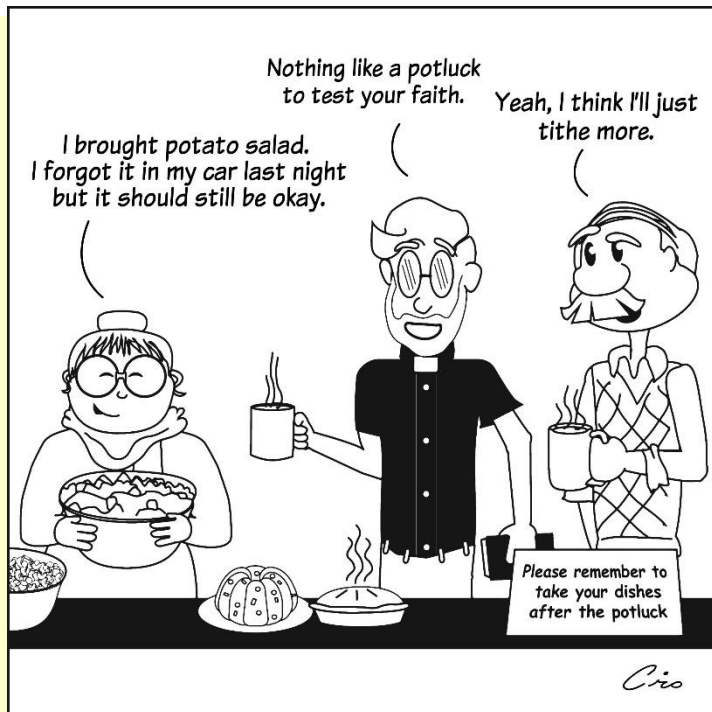
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**If you are not able to fulfill your duties and cannot find someone to switch places with you, please let someone in the office know.**

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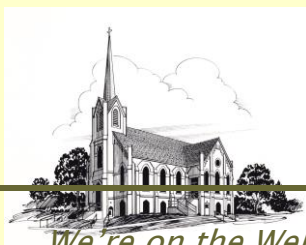
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