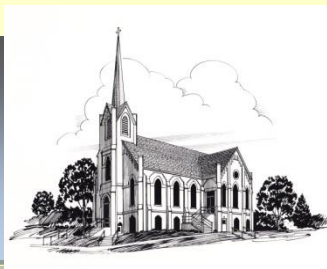


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

This past Sunday, we read passages in Scripture that were very moving. We read a passage from Lamentations where the prophet Jeremiah would write of God's goodness even in the face of difficult times for his country and for him personally. He would write, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end...Great is Thy faithfulness...The Lord is my portion."

Meanwhile in our Psalm we would read, "Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning."

Then in our reading from the gospel of Mark a woman who had been ill for many years would touch the hem of the garment of Jesus and she would be healed. Shortly after that Jesus would raise a twelve-year old girl from the dead.

These passages can be a reminder that in God there is always hope, that Jesus can bring healing to our lives, and then he can give us new beginnings.

As we trust in Jesus may he bring hope, healing and new beginnings in our lives.

God Bless,
Pastor Mark

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July &

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July & August 2021 Special Days
Some of the special days celebrated in July & August are:

- Independence Day — July 4
- Purple Heart Day — August 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Curt Hinline for leading worship services on Saturday, June 12.

Also, a big thank you to WE THE MANY for traveling on Sunday Morning, June 13 to enhance our worship service!

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE - Come on out to the Burt County Fairgrounds on July 18th at 11:00 a.m. Feel free to dig out and wear your "I ♥ First Lutheran" t-shirts!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are starting to look for Sunday School Teachers for next fall. If you would be interested, please contact Angie Rennerfeldt.

CONFIRMATION NEWS – off for the summer. Classes will resume in September. Please be aware although confirmation has been completed, it is still a requirement for the confirmand to acolyte and run video through-out the remainder of the summer season. In September, when the new confirmands begin and will be trained for their duties to start in October. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

YOUTH GROUP off for the summer. We will be doing some fun things over the summer, so stay tuned to social media to get signed up.

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.

FRESH FRUIT ORDERS. Group Ruth's annual fruit sale is coming! Someone will be available before and after the worship services on Sundays in July and August to take your order or you can contact Mona Tanksley (402-380-0459) or Connie Anderson (402-380-5969) to place your order. The money raised in previous years has gone to local charities as well as supporting projects here at church. We thank everyone who has supported this project in the past and look forward to another successful year.

IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE: Dan Tanksley, Tim Dame, Don Johnson, Betsey Coates, John Mead (**Hilda Benne's nephew**), Lauren Sigmun (**Janice Johnson's granddaughter**), Barbara Ashton, Janice Johnson, Paul Ueding, Laurie Canarsky, 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 Earl Miller; a specially deployed Air Force Unit, all our service men and women those deployed to foreign countries, rescue workers, and law enforcement officers and our shut-ins, and our youth ministry.





July - Sandy Mallette and Shirley Olson

August - Linda Carlson and Elaine Peterson



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!!

WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

MEETINGS TO RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

Women of the Word is a group comprised of all women of the Lutheran Congregations in Missions of Christ (LCMC) who are:

- Committed to come together for Bible Study
- Participating in the ministries of First Lutheran Church
- Supporting the total program of the LCMC
- Supporting one another in action and prayer
- Helping other women's groups that subscribe to these purposes

FOCUS

- Service in our local community
- Offer personal and spiritual growth opportunities
- Local and global missions

There are two units with approximately 40 total members. Both groups meet on the second Wednesday of each month. There were no meetings in the month of August. Group Hannah meets at 9:00 a.m. and Group Ruth meets at 5:00 p.m. Each meeting includes an inspirational Bible study lead by Pastor Mark, good fellowship, food and a brief business meeting. Christmas Potluck is scheduled for December and all women of the church are invited as guests.

Bible Study: Both groups continued study of The Twelve Disciples at the start of 2020.

Our organization, like so many others, was greatly impacted by the arrival of COVID-19. The safety of our members, their families, and the community were placed above all else. All meetings and the vast majority of our projects were brought to a halt near the end of March 2020.

Officers for 2020 were: Co-Coordinators—Danielle Pelan & Cheryl Denker, **Assistant Coordinator**—Sara Anderson, **Recorder**—Sandy Husar, **Treasurer**—Janice Case, **Mission Growth**—Jan Wiltse, **Mission Community**—Beverly Peterson, **Mission Action**--Sandy Husar, Linda Carlson & Phyllis Meyer, **Altar**—Tom Wallerstedt & Sandy Slatt, **Historian**—Julie Easton, **Nominating Committee**—Mary Alice Pearson & Sandra Johnson



As no meetings were held since March 2020, there were no new officers appointed. When meetings are resumed, all 2020 officers will remain unchanged.

All of the women of the congregation are invited to participate in these groups. You are always welcome to visit any of the groups. It is a wonderful way to get to know your fellow members, praise God, and share fellowship.

The leaders for each group for 2021 are: **Hannah**—Connie Larson & **Ruth**—Patty Miller.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Pelan, Co-Coordinator



Dorcas Society – cancelled until further notice.



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oakland, Nebraska**

Off for the Summer.

Will meet again in September, unless a need arises sooner.

Jul Communion: Melanie Johanson

Aug Communion: Kathy Pearson

Sep Communion: Mike Blanc

Sept Devotions: Keri Thomsen

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: September 6, 2021 at 7:00pm

Mike Blanc, Secretary

June Finances

Commitments	\$14,732.00
Designated	
Oakland Ministerial	\$ 234.00
Memorial	\$ 2,725.00
Quilting Fund	\$ 20.00
Coffee Fund	\$ 161.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 65.00
Misc	\$ 201.00
TOTAL	\$ 18,118.00



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.

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 and click on the GIVE Tab.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Steve Rokusek
- 2 - Bill Dix, Annie Magnusson, Georgia Johnson, Tom Olson, Grady Gatewood
- 3 - Ostern Heineman, Joan Johnson
- 6 - Phillip Hall, Phyllis Meyer
- 7 - Cindy Blanc, Shirley Bromm, Bradley Denker, Gordon Olson,
- 10 - Michael Blanc
- 11 - Jack Carstensen, Courtnie Rokusek
- 12 - David Schold
- 13 - Zakk Lierman
- 15 - Jenna Bromm, Jace Frahm
- 16 - Travis Lindstrom, David Mallette, Delwin Slatt
- 17 - Bethany Anderson, Rhett Kloth
- 19 - Dillon Johnson, Kendra Moseman, Aaron Tomasek
- 20 - Arla Landholm, Emmett Johanson
- 22 - Betty Dixon, Dan Olson, Joanne Peterson, Arick Tomasek,
- 24 - Jon Seagren
- 26 - Sam Bedrnick, Alissa Bousquet, Carole Johnson
- 27 - Justin Stevenson
- 28 - Corbin Guill, Harley Nelson
- 30 - Steven Satree
- 31 - Kimberly Guill, Marysa Moseman

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 - Vicki & Jeffrey Nelson
- 12 - James & Tamera VonEssen
- 13- Joe and Wendi Anderson
- 14 - Janelle & Evan Muller, Mike and Molly Miller
- 15 - Johnnie & Melinda Johnson
- 16 - Donald & Joan Wolf
- 18 - Scott & Valerie Lindstrom
- 21 - Charles & Debbie Krutilek
- 22 - Eric & Tara Miller
- 26 - Jill & Mark Johnson
- 29 - Chris & Laurine Karstens
- 31 - Travis & Keri Thomsen

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS






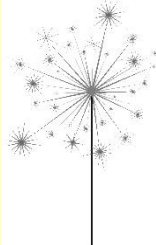
- 1 - Ed Forks, Jakob Krutilek, Kiley (Nelson) Conneally
- 2 - Max Blanc, Connie Larson, Carl Osterndorff, Tawsha Peterson, Katie Selk
- 3 - Jodi Peterson, Audrey Unwin
- 6 - Jill Johnson, Gracie Klausen, Kiley (Blanc) Faller
- 7 - Logan Ehlers, Charlotte Hyslop, Alan Johnson, Delwin Swanson, Morgann Kloth,
- 8 - Tanner Heineman, Ryan Jones
- 9 - Karen Ahrens, Curtis Mallette, Everett Mieth
- 11 - Brenda Andersen, Natalie Dixon, Loren Ehlers, Jana Lindstrom, Shirley Olson, Cody Peterson
- 12 - Kent Andersen, Samantha Canarsky, Jon Holmes
- 13 - Sandra Slatt, Kelli Johnson,
- 14 - Jason Klausen, Jill Stucky, Kylie Penke
- 15 - Gavin Johnson
- 16 - Rex Landholm, Mia Thomsen
- 17 - Dean Brudigam, Hayden McCartney
- 20 - Ava Johnson, Gabrielle Linder, Marjorie Maller, Mary Strom
- 21 - Morgan Corwine, Andrew Rennerfeldt
- 22- Joseph Findaly
- 23 - Mark Carlson, Lyndsey Johnson, Betsey Florell, Robert Moseman, Kameron Shelley
- 24 - Caleb Bousquet, Anisten Rennerfeldt
- 25 - Karen Johnson, Elisabeth Linder
- 26 - Adrianna Bittner, Tess Johnson, Brian Jones, Vincent Lindstrom, Joan Wolf
- 27 - Bryan Frahm
- 29 - Donna Villwok

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Diana & Peter Kruse
- 2 - Lee & Sharon Peterson
- 3 - Ron & Delaney Brudigam, Joseph & Jane Stucky
- 8 - Don & Candace Johnson,
- 9 - Boyd & Ruth Blomenkamp
- 11 - Tom & Sandra Mallette
- 12 - Julie & David Jones, Nancy & Robert Wonka
- 13 - Keith and Brenda Anderson
- 18 - Jason & Amanda Huntington
- 19 - Norm & Sally Johnson, Josh & Sara Wallerstedt Dylan and Ashlie (Slatt) Mieth
- 21 - Loren & Julie Ehlers
- 24 - Steve and Connie Rokusek
- 25 - Carl & Julie Easton
- 28 - Jim & Leann Jorgensen
- 29 - Tony & Nancy Bromm, Chad & Elisabeth Linder
- 30 - Jeffrey & Judith Troupe, Tom & Phyllis Meyer
- 31 - Merlin & Rosemary Anderson



July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS		5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP  INDEPENDENCE 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 SERVICES
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
11:00AM COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE @ Fairgrounds	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS	8-12:00 SEWING MEETINGS 7:30PM A.A. MEETINGS	9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY  County Fair Ends	8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS		5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
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August 2020

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP WOW Fruit Order Deadline	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
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CHURCH DUTIES FOR JULY 2021

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

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

Sunday, July 18, 2021 - COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

CHURCH DUTIES FOR AUGUST 2021

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

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

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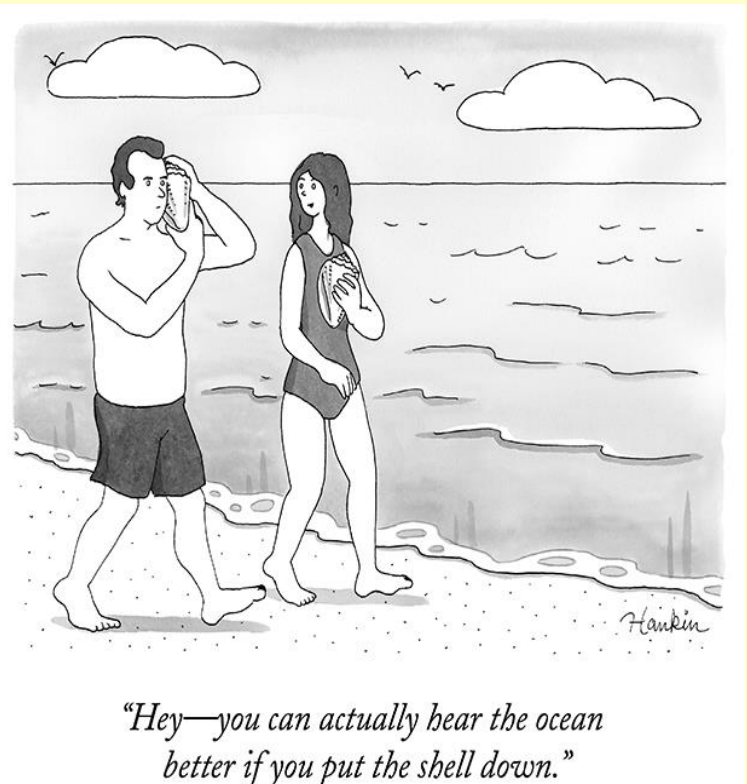
Sunday, August 15, 2021**Coffee, Greeting & Usher** - Tim, Annie, Ellen and Carolyn Magnusson**Head Usher** - Brad Bousquet**Sound** - Tess Johnson**Acolyte** - Preston Rost**Sat. Night Pianist** - Danny Bedrnicek**Reader** - Patty Miller**Screen** - Adilen Rennerfeldt**Video** - Colton Moseman**Sun 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**Sunday, August 30, 2020****Coffee, Greeting & Usher** Dan, Jody, Sage and Hope Sydow- Stock**Head Usher** - Brad Bousquet**Sound** - Tess Johnson**Acolyte** - Piper Tanksley**Sat. Night Pianist** - Billye Pearson**Reader** - Linda Jones**Screen** - Grant Seagren**Video** - Sage Sydow-Stock**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Billye Pearson**CHURCH DUTIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2021****Sunday, September 5, 2021****Coffee, Greeting & Usher**

Head Ushers - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow

Sound Dan Tanksley**Acolyte** - Mia Thomsen**Sat. Night Pianist** Ruth Wallerstedt**Reader** -**Screen** - Tess Johnson**Video** - Piper Tanksley**Sun Morning Accomp.-** Bryan Bohn**Sunday, September 12, 2021****Coffee, Greeting & Usher** - Steve and Connie Rokusek**Head Usher** - Larry Johnson**Sound** - Tess Johnson**Acolyte** - Grace Wallerstedt**Sat. Night Pianist** - Billye Pearson**Reader** -**Screen** - Grant Seagren**Video** - Mia Thomsen**Sun Morning Accomp.** - Billye Pearson

**Thank you for your help in these important areas.
If you are not comfortable attending worship, we completely
understand. Please find someone to take your place.
In addition, if you see an open space in the church duties and would
be willing to fill it, please contact Tess
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