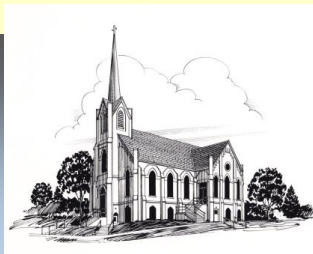


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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

In Psalm 25:6 David writes, "Remember O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses; for they have been ever of old." In Psalm 103:4, David also writes, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits... who crowns thee with loving kindness and tender mercies."

Wonderfully, we have a God who bestows his loving kindness and tender mercies in our lives in many ways, and how good to remember these benefits or blessings throughout the year. Yet, it can be especially good to remember these blessings at this time of year.

As Thanksgiving approaches may we be blessed as we pause and remember and give thanks to God for his many tender mercies in our lives.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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November 2021 Special Days

- ☞ All Saints' Day — Nov. 1
- ☞ Daylight-Saving Time Ends — Nov. 7
- ☞ Veteran's Day — Nov. 11
- ☞ Christ the King Sunday — Nov. 21
- ☞ National Bible Week — Nov. 21-28
- ☞ Thanksgiving Day — Nov. 25
- ☞ First Sunday of Advent — Nov. 28



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 7 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Dorothy Wallace's memorial service is on November 5, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Please come and enjoy a THANKSGIVING FEAST on November 7th with Roasted Turkey Dinner with all the fixings at the Oakland Swedish Heritage Center. The meal will be served from 11-1PM. There will be a free will offering.

The sewing ladies packed quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Open Door Mission on Monday, November 1st at 9:30 a.m. **They appreciated the help they received.** The ladies made over 347 quilts this year! Which is over 40 more than the previous year. WHAT AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT!!

If you would like to donate monetarily...for every \$1 you give to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, someone in need receives \$8 worth of essential personal items. To donate directly to LWR the address is: Lutheran World Relief, Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21198-9832. Be sure to note "Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund" in the memo.

Volunteers Needed!!

First Ev. Lutheran Church needs volunteer support in several ways:

- Volunteers to run the computer for Sunday morning services and someone to video the services. Ideally, we would like to have three or four people available to fill either job. These could be filled by high school youth. If you are a high school student, this could be an option that fits your schedule and your talents. Please contact Tess if you have questions or are interested in helping.
- Provide meals for the youth group and confirmation. If you would like to sign up to provide any part of the meal, please contact Tess. If you just want to contribute to pay for a meal, that would also be greatly appreciated.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CHURCH – firstlutheran152@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On All Saints Sunday, we remember and celebrate that we are bound with the saints of every age. Please join us in remembering all those who have passed in the last year.

Weddings

We extend our Congratulations and ask for God's blessing on Emmy Bousquet and Trevor Enstrom. They were joined in holy matrimony at First Ev. Lutheran Church on November 21, 2020. Trevor is the son of Lonnie and Denise Enstrom and Emmy is the daughter of Brad and Alissa Bousquet. **CONGRATULATIONS MR & MRS ENSTROM!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We had a great Sunday School Fall Outing on October 10th at the Harvest Moon Pumpkin Patch with 67 people in attendance. To see how much fun, visit our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=1538472169668627&id=308938792621977

First Lutheran Sunday School classes are from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.! Mark your calendars, we will sing 11/14 and our Sunday School Christmas program will be 12/12.

~ **Angela Rennerfeldt**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Wednesday evening. A meal is provided.

YOUTH GROUP

We are meeting every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. A meal is provided. It is open to all current Junior and Senior High students in the community. There is a sign-up sheet in the multipurpose room for anyone who wishes to donate for the meals.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

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

Growing Together - Small Group will be meeting again after church services at 11:00 a.m. Please contact Nancy Johnson (402) 620-5324 if you have questions.

- **First Ev. Lutheran Church** will continue showing the next session of Priscilla Shrier's simulcast "Going Beyond" on Wednesday at 7:00p.m.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Roxanne Lundquist and Elisabeth Linder

SEWING GROUP

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

The sewing group is looking for fabric, thread, anything to make quilts, anyone to help create quilts (i.e. placing fabrics together, sewing, tying, etc.) All help and material are welcomed!

WOMEN OF THE WORD

Executive Meeting on November 8th @ 9:00 a.m.

Group meetings on November 10th at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

DORCAS SOCIETY

Meetings are postponed until further notice.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN -

IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE: Janelle Dirksen(**Greg Doffin's mother**), Jeff Rennerfeldt, Arlene Carper, Aaron Anderson, Ray Satree, Teresa Egbers, Connie Peterson, Regina Culbertson, Larry Starman, John Mead (**Hilda Benne's nephew**), Lauren Sigmun (**Janice Johnson's granddaughter**), Barbara Ashton, Laurie Canarsky, Paul Anderson, Haylee Werth (**Doc & 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 Dix, Deloris Nielsen, Tony Kochel (**Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law**), Stacy Long, Lincoln Nobel Hangman (**Julie Gershon's nephew**), **the families of William Johnson, Suzanne Johnson and Dorothy Wallace**, 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL -

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met Oct 4, 2021 at 7:02pm. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Mike Blanc, Susan Mulder, Kathy Pearson, Clendon Rost, Brad Bousquet and Keri Thomsen.

Devotions were given by Mike Blanc.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report, presented by Susan Mulder, was reviewed, and discussed. The August Profit & Loss statement reflected month-to-date income exceeded expenses by \$7,260.34. Year-to-date Profit & Loss for Jan-Sep 21 reflected a net income of \$9,671.14. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

Pastor Mark provided copies of his report with a brief review for the month of September.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business:

1. Hymnals: Mike provided a comparison of the hymns found in the Celebration Hymnal with the green Lutheran Book of Worship, Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal and With One Voice resource. Mike is researching a single resource that will provide an updated Lutheran liturgy and lectionary.

New Business:

1. Windows: Window casements have shown some deterioration especially those that are west facing. The council discussed pursuing repairs similar to those done on the north windows.
2. Brad provided information on repairs through Brehmer Mfg. but will continue to search other options.
3. Nathan reported that Jack Carstensen was stepping down due to health reasons. Nathan was pursuing a replacement council member for the remainder of Jack's term.

Oct Devotions: Brad Bousquet

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Nov 1, 2021 at 7:00pm

Mike Blanc, Secretary

October Finances

Commitments	\$ 22,380.17
Designated:	
Wed. Nite Meals	\$ 200.00
Building Use	\$ 150.00
Supplies	\$ 156.00
Pay-It-Forward	\$ 550.00
Sunday School	\$ 12.00
Misc.	\$ 130.00
Ministerial Assoc.	\$ 700.00
TOTAL	\$24,278.17



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Timothy Magnusson,
Mindy Christofferson
- 2 - Rosemary Anderson,
Dale Jones,
Ivy Anderson
- 3 - Scarlett Johnson,
Tom Meyer
- 4 - Ashten Rennerfeldt
- 6 - Jordan Johnson
- 7 - Ryan Nelson,
Clohee Stucky
- 8 - Rachel Wise-Nelson
- 9 - Julie Easton,
Megan Ahrens-Willer
- 10 - Preston Peterson Keesling,
- 11 - Julie Ehlers,
Charles Krutilek
- 13 - Paula Modlin
- 14 - Keith Anderson,
Megan Corwine-Loeffler,
Tammy Schnick,
Sam Schmidt
- 16 - Janice Case
- 17 - Earlene Paulson
- 18 - Larry Anderson, Ellen Magnusson
- 19 - Greg Ray
- 20 - Linda Murray
Megan Bousquet
- 22 - Donna Larson,
Robert Case
- 23 - Carla Corwine,
Roger Ray,
Makenna Miller
- 24 - David Deemer
- 26 - May Taylor
- 27 - Holly Olson
- 28 - Blake Denton,
Brenda Anderson,
Tammy VonEssen, Janet Wiltse
- 29 - Debbie Krutilek, Sandra Mallette,
Ashlie Slatt-Mieth



November
BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Reg & Pam Linder
- 7 - Perry & Teresa Rogers
- 10 - Mark & Laurie Carlson;
Gail and Gary Elsasser
- 11 - Darrell & Cheryl Denker
- 15- Brad and Alissa Bousquet
- 25 - Dan & AnnaBelle Olson
- 26 - Rachel & Gordon Nelson
- 29 - Chad & Andrea Schiermeyer



November
ANNIVERSARIES

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:30 AM SEWING 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	8:30 AM SEWING 7:30 PM A.A. MEETING	9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION 7:00 PM 2 nd Showing of P. Shrier Simulcast	8:00 PM N.A. MEETING 		5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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CHURCH DUTIES FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Greg & Deanna Ray and Doc & Bev Peterson	
Head Usher - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow	Reader - Brayden Selk
Sound - Dan Tanksley	Screen - Tess Johnson
Acolyte - Caleb Bousquet	Video - Landon Ehlers
Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

Sunday, November 14, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mark, Jodi Lane, Kara & Johnna Peterson and Sharon & Lee Peterson	
Head Usher - Larry Johnson	Reader - Sandra Johnson
Sound - Tess Johnson	Screen - Adilen Rennerfeldt
Acolyte - Landon Ehlers	Video - Lyndsey Johnson
Sat. Night Pianist -	Sun Morning Accomp. "We The Many"

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Derrick, Angela, Adrienna, Clara, Alivia Bittner	
Head Usher - Brad Bousquet/Dr. Charlie Seagren	Reader - Patty Miller
Sound - Travis Thomsen	Screen - Brayden Selk
Acolyte - Lyndsey Johnson	Video - Javar Larson
Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrnicek	Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Jim, Danielle, Bailey & Loudon Pelan and Gary & Joann Powell	
Head Usher - Clare Wilste	Reader - Mona Tanksley
Sound - Tess Johnson	Screen - Lillian Ehlers
Acolyte - Myesha Larson	Video - Carolyn Magnusson
Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

CHURCH DUTIES FOR DECEMBER 2021

Sunday December 5, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Dave & Laurie Schold and Sam & Elisa Schmidt	
Head Usher - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow	Reader - Linda Jones
Sound - Dan Tanksley	Screen - Gretchen Seagren
Acolyte - Carolyn Magnusson	Video - Colton Moseman
Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

Sunday December 12, 2021 - Sunday School Program

Coffee, Greeting & Usher -	
Head Usher - Larry Johnson	Sound - Tess Johnson
Screen - Grady Seagren	Acolyte - Colton Moseman
Video - Sage Sydow-Stock	Sat. Night Pianist -
Sun Morning Accomp. -	

Sunday December 19, 2021

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mark & Jean Schafersmen	and Cheryl & Darrel Denker
Head Usher - Brad Bousquet/Dr. Charlie Seagren	Reader - Sandy Husar
Sound - Travis Thomsen	Screen - Grant Seagren
Acolyte - Sage Sydow-Stock	Video - Preston Rost
Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrnicek	

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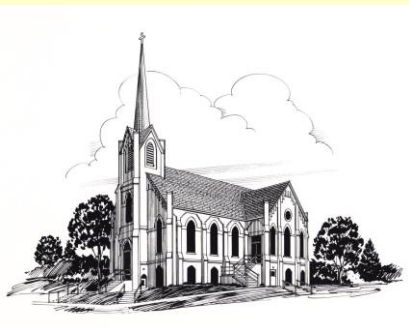
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



November 25, 2021 - 7:30 p.m

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