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Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

As a new year approaches, I often become reflective and think about the past and the many people who have been a blessing to me. As I do, it fills me with gratitude towards God as I think of how many of these individuals have encouraged my faith. I also think of times when God himself has been very real to me and how these special moments have shaped my faith and calling.

These memories cause me to enter the new year with a sense of gratitude and a desire that God might continue to work in my life in the future.

I suspect many of you may also reflect at this time of year and remember God's goodness. As you do, may this reflection cause you to enter the new year with an expectation of how God may work in your life.

God bless,
Pastor Mark

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We would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, and greetings this past Christmas season. We really appreciated them. We trust you had a meaningful Christmas with your families and may you have a blessed new year.

God bless,
Pastor Mark and Jacque



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come one, Come All!! Help is needed to take down the Christmas Decorations at the church on Friday, January 7th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.



The Annual Meeting will be held January 30th, 2022 at 10:45 a.m. Please contact Darrell Denker if you are interested in participating in any of the church committees.



All information needed for each committee's annual reports needs to be turned into Tess in the office by January 14, 2022 to make it into the Annual Report.

The 2022 offertory envelopes are in the multipurpose room, please take yours home.

If you have purchased a poinsettia, please feel free to take it home.

Thank you to Melinda Johnson for leading services Sunday morning, December 26, 2021!

The Quilters had a good will raffle of a Christmas Quilt. The block tops were created by Laurie Canarsky and the remaining quilt was put together by the quilters. Sandy Husar was the lucky winner and they raised \$615 and donated it to Lauri Canarsky.

BAPTISM NEWS

We welcomed into membership Brinnley Blake Guenther through holy baptism, Sunday at 9:30 p.m. December 19, 2021 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Her parents are Jeremy and Natalie Guenther. Her sponsors are Lauren and Spencer Bromm and Blake Guenther. Brinnley was born October 22, 2021 in Omaha NE. Her grandparents are Anton and Nancy Bromm and Brian and Ann Guenther. Great-grandparents are Del and Sandy Slatt and Albert and Irene Guenther. **WELCOME BRINNLEY!!!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

First Lutheran Sunday School performed It's a Great BIG Story during the church service on Sunday December 12, 2021. We took a Pay It Forward offering for Miracle on Oakland Avenue during the service. Coffee and cookies were served in the basement after the program.

Sunday school will resume the 9th of January. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed their Christmas Break! We will sing February 13, March 13, April 10th (**Palm Sunday**) and May 8th (**Mother's Day**).

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation will meet at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

Youth Group will be meeting every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. 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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM.

Growing Together - Small Group– The adult small group will resume meeting on Jan 2. As a group, we have been studying Genesis and have seen how God as faithfully used imperfect people to put in action his perfect plan. On Jan 2 we will share what God has revealed to us in our self-study of Luke. This would be a perfect time for anyone to join us!! Then we'll pick up with the reunion of Jacob and Esau in Genesis 33. Anyone and everyone is welcome as we gather at 11:00 on Sundays.



Roxanne Lundquist and Audrey Unwin



SEWING MEETINGS START AGAIN JAN. 10, 2022

SEWING GROUP MEETS every Monday & Tuesday morning at 8:30 - 12:00 p.m.



Women of the Word

W.O.W. MEETINGS - -JANUARY- 2022

January 10.....Executive Meeting 9:00 a.m.

January 12.....Group Meetings 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.

January 12.....Devotions @ O.H. 2:30 p.m.

Clean KitchenRuth

THANK YOU'S ~

We thank everyone who has contributed their talents to our worship services on Christmas Eve:

- ✧ **Our Sunday School Children** for singing tonight,
- ✧ **Our Choir** for their beautiful voices,
- ✧ **Bryan Bohn** for directing the choir and playing the organ,
- ✧ **Mia Linder and Mona Tanksley** for their solos,
- ✧ **Cindy Blanc** for her piano accompaniment,
- ✧ **Tess Johnson** for livestreaming the service,
- ✧ **Dan Tanksley** for running the sound,
- ✧ **Beverly Peterson and Sandy Husar** for reading,
- ✧ **Preston Rost and Lyndsey Johnson** for acolyting,
- ✧ **Adilen Rennerfeldt and Jamie Johnson** for running the screen,
- ✧ **Gordon Nelson & Brad, Alissa, Megan, Carter and Caleb Bousquet, Larry Osterndorf, Brad and Lela Heineman & Family** for ushering and greeting.
- ✧ All of those who assisted with the Christmas Eve services, both virtual and in person.

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettia to beautify our church for Christmas in memory, honoring or in celebration of their lives! They are as listed below:

- ✧ **Oliver & Ruth Wise, Bernice, Harold & Janice Nelson** – Gordon & Rachel Nelson
- ✧ **Marian Nelson** – her family
- ✧ **Jacob Johnson, Bonnie Goodrich, Bill Voss, Harry Goodrich, Frank Johnson** - Mark & Jill Johnson & family
- ✧ **Amy Jo Bromm & Daryl Bromm** - Shirley Bromm
- ✧ **Grandma Joyce Ida Bromm** - love Lane, Kara & Johnna Peterson
- ✧ **David Pearson, Carroll Pearson, Steve Sok & Mike Sok** – Kathy Pearson

- ✿ **David Pearson, Carroll Pearson Steve & Mike Sok, Bill Schroedter & Norm Case** – Garrett & Kari Pearson and family
- ✿ **Don Andersen, Pete and Lois Schmidt** – Kent & Brenda Andersen
- ✿ **Herb Begeman Doc & Dee Blanc, & Terry Begeman** - Max & Cindy Blanc and family
- ✿ **LaRita Lindstrom, Jean & Carl Easton** - Carl & Julie Easton and family
- ✿ **George & Leona Guill, Ryan Guill,** - the Guill family
- ✿ **Judy Nelson** – Jim Nelson
- ✿ **Bob & Marlene Lindstrom and Veda Hansen** – Scott & Valerie Lindstrom & family
- ✿ **Mr.& Mrs. Virgil Lane, Mr.& Mrs. Albert Johnson and Mr.& Mrs. Otto Dinklage** - Jon & Chloe Johnson
- ✿ **Pat Moseman** – Tony, Casey, Colton, & Marysa Moseman
- ✿ **Ed Anderson & other loved ones** – Connie Anderson
- ✿ **Jessica Hughes** - Mark and Jacque Eldal
- ✿ **Patricia Seagren (wife, mother, and grandmother)** - Seagren family
- ✿ **Duke & Darlene Wagner & Katie Anderson** - Cal and Sara Anderson
- ✿ **Leonard Canarsky Sr** – The Jim and Leann Jorgensen Family
- ✿ **Remembering Grandpa Harold with heartfelt memories** – VonEssen farm gang
- ✿ **Gary Rosenboom, baby Silas Ezeckial, Marlin & Pernella Jensen** – Karen Rosenboom
- ✿ **Our parents** – Tom & Phyliss Meyer
- ✿ **Grandparents, Kaylie Faith Bousquet, and in honor of Emmy & Trevor's wedding** – Brad & Alissa Bousquet & family
- ✿ **Delmar & Fauniel Paulson, and our loved ones that have passed** – Paulson family
- ✿ **Suzanne Johnson, Lillian & Marvin Johnson, and Allen Johnson** – Roger Johnson
- ✿ **Paul & Lorraine Ott, Verna & Edna Low, Warren Ott & Glen Low** – Denny & Paula Low
- ✿ **John & Hope Wilken, Lionel & Christine Ehlers, and Harold Robinson** – Loren, Julie, Lillian, Landon and Logan Ehlers
- ✿ **Roger Maller** – Marge Maller
- ✿ **In honor of our grandchildren: Owen & Emersyn Fritson and Ian & Noah Jones** – Dale & Linda Jones
- ✿ **Dayton and Margaret Benne, Robert, Lila and Louise Jones & Jacob Johnson** – Dale and Linda Jones
- ✿ **In honor of our mother Laurie Carnasky** – Jim, Leanne Jorgensen & family
- ✿ **To The First Lutheran Church** from The Pelans
- ✿ **A beautiful floral arrangement** was donated in memory of Rojane Linder.



- 1 – Alicia Isner
- 2 – Mitchell Lindstrom
- 3 – Linda Carlson
- 7 – Leonard Canarsky, Lisa Fredrickson,
Jay Johnson, Julia Wuestewald
- 8 – Tyler Frederickson, Chad Linder
- 9 – Lisa Stover
- 11 – Tony Bromm, Carson Miller, Braylon Anderson
- 12 – Brooke Van Horn, April Van Horn, Noah Anderson
- 13 – Justin Corwine, Jarvis Guill,
Melinda Johnson, Gary Powell, Tye Penke
- 15 – Patsy Andersen
- 16 – Melanie Johanson, Will Johnson,
Jennie (Johnson) Harbin, Brent Linder
- 17 – Jeanette Blanc
- 18 – Tony Johanson
- 19 – Gerron Elsasser, Karen Karstens, Mia Linder,
Ruth Blomenkamp, Lillian Ehlers
- 22 – Emmy Bousquet, Roger Nelson, Heidi Johnson
Michael Kloth, Jack Kloth, Lauren Kloth
- 23 – Joe Larson, Harold Lindstrom
- 24 – Brady Jorgensen, Eric Trout
- 26 – Rebecca Moderow
- 28 – Theo Bland, James Schrock
- 29 – Arlene Carper, Lane Peterson
- 30 – Garrett Pearson, Parker Onken
- 31 – Isaiah Larson



- 4 - Natalie & Jennings Johnson
Greg & Nancy Johnson
- 5 – Mark & Jacque Eldal
- 6 – Robert & Jane Moseman
- 13 - Sam & Elisa Schmidt
- 27 – Gordon & Shirley Olson



IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:
 Amy Guill, Hannah Brudigam, Gloria Wedegren, Janelle Dirksen (**Greg Doffin's mother**), Arlene Carper, Aaron Anderson, Teresa Egbers, Connie Peterson, Regina Culbertson, Larry Starman, John Mead (**Hilda Benne's nephew**), 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 family of Larry Paulson, 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.

January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NO SERVICE
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	7:00 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	7:30PM A.A. MEETING	9:00 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP	8:00PM N.A. MEETING		5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30AM YOUTH SERVICE 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & FELLOWSHIP 10:45AM CHOIR PRACTICE	8:30 AM SEWING MEETINGS RESUME 9:00 AM WOW EXEC MEETING	7:30PM A.A. MEETING	9:00 AM& 5:00PM WOW MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP	8:00PM N.A. MEETING	ALL ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE	5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Oakland, Nebraska

The church council met Nov 29, 2021 at 7:08pm following dinner hosted by Pastor Mark and Jacque. Members in attendance were Pastor Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Mike Blanc, Susan Mulder, Brad Bousquet Kathy Pearson, Melanie Johanson and Clendon Rost.

Devotions were given by Mike Blanc

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was not available at the time of the meeting

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

Committee Reports:

Chad Carlson with Anderson Structures was contacted to provide an estimate to do the concrete work at the bottom of the access northeast access ramp.

Old Business:

1. Hymnals: Following a brief discussion regarding the procurement of updated hymnals including current Lutheran liturgy, Clendon motioned to procure the 2006 ELCA Hymnal and accept an anonymous donation for the procurement of the Celebration Hymnal. Kathy Pearson seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed.

New Business:

1. Offering: The council discussed reinstating the offertory portion of our worship service and concluded that it would begin in December.
2. 2022 Council: Outgoing members; Brad Bousquet, Clendon Rost and Kathy Pearson agreed to serve for another term at the conclusion of this year.

Jan Communion: Melanie Johanson

Jan Devotions: Keri Thomsen

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: January 3, 2022 at 7:00pm.

December Finances

Regular	\$ 27,505.00
Christmas	\$ 7,920.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,750.00

Designated

Coffee Fund	\$ 198.00
Misc (Poinsettias)	\$ 439.00
Sunday School	\$ 11.00
Wed. Nite Youth	\$ 200.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 500.00
Memorial	\$ 286.00
Misc.	\$1,705.00

TOTAL	\$40,514.00
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CHURCH DUTIES FOR JANUARY 2022

Sunday, January 2, 2022- Communion Service

Coffee, Greeting & Usher Josh, Sara, River, Grace and Emma Wallerstedt
 Head Usher Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow
 Reader Mona Tanksley Sound Dan Tanksley
 Broadcast Anisten Rennerfeldt/Grant Seagren
 Acolyte Brody Tanksley Screen Mia Thomsen
 Sun Morning Accomp. Bryan Bohn

Sunday, January 9, 2022- Youth Service

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Danny, Jeanie, Piper, Colton & Brody Tanksley
 Head Usher Larry Johnson
 Reader Youth Group Sound Tess Johnson
 Broadcast Lilian Ehlers
 Acolyte Colton Tanksley Screen Brody Tanksley
 Sat. Night Pianist - Cindy Blanc
 Sun Morning Accomp. WE THE MANY

Sunday, January 16, 2022- Revere Service

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Travis, Keri, Colton, Carson and Mia Thomsen
 Head Usher - Brad Bousquet
 Reader Linda Jones Sound Dan Tanksley
 Broadcast Gretchen Seagren
 Acolyte Sonia Bedrnicsek Screen Caleb Bousquet
 Sat. Night Pianist Danny Bedrnicsek
 Sun Morning Accomp. Bryan Bohn

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Jon, Janelle, Wyatt, Grant and Gretchen Seagren
 Head Usher Dr. Charlie Seagren
 Reader Kathy Pearson Sound Tess Johnson
 Broadcast Grady Gatewood
 Acolyte Caleb Bousquet Screen Landon Ehlers
 Sat. Night Pianist Ruth Wallerstedt
 Sun Morning Accomp. Bryan Bohn

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Coffee, Greeting & Usher Tim and Sherri Slatt and Sandy and Del Slatt
 Head Usher Clare Wiltse Reader Sandy Husar
 Sound Tess Johnson
 Broadcast Grant Seagren
 Acolyte Landon Ehlers Screen Lyndsey Johnson
 Sat. Night Pianist Danny Bedrnicsek
 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 - FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Coffee, Greeting & Usher	Jim and Tammy VonEssen		
Head Usher	Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow		
Reader	Beverly Peterson	Sound	Dan Tanksley
Broadcast	Lillian Ehlers		
Acolyte	Lyndsey Johnson	Screen	Javar Larson
Sat. Night Pianist	- Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun Morning Accomp.	Bryan Bohn

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Coffee, Greeting & Usher	Nate, Jen, Noah and Ivy Anderson		
Head Usher	Larry Johnson		
Reader	Youth Group	Sound	Tess Johnson
Broadcast	Gretchen Seagren		
Acolyte	Javar Larson	Screen	Myesha Larson
Sat. Night Pianist	- Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun Morning Accomp.	We The Many

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Coffee, Greeting & Usher	George, Becca, Daniel, Sonja and Samuel Bedrnicek		
Head Usher	Brad Bousquet		
Reader	Sandra Johnson	Sound	Dan Tanksley
Broadcast	Grady Gatewood		
Acolyte	Myesha Larson	Screen	Carolyn Magnusson
Sat. Night Pianist	Danny Bedrnicek	Sun Morning Accomp.	Bryan Bohn

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Coffee, Greeting & Usher	Joe, Wendi and Braylon Anderson		
Head Usher	Clare Wiltse		
Reader	Patty Miller	Sound	Travis Thomsen
Broadcast	Tess Johnson		
Acolyte	Carolyn Magnusson	Screen	Colton Moseman
Sat. Night Pianist	Ruth Wallerstedt	Sun Morning Accomp.	Bryan Bohn

CHURCH DUTIES - March 2022

Sunday, March 6, 2022

Coffee, Greeting & Usher	Brad, Alissa, Emmy, Megan, Carter and Caleb Bousquet		
Head Usher	Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow		
Reader	Mona Tanksley	Sound	Dan Tanksley
Broadcast	Grant Seagren		
Acolyte	Colton Moseman	Screen	Sage Sydow-Stock
Sat. Night Pianist	Cindy Blanc		
Sun Morning Accomp.	Bryan Bohn		

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