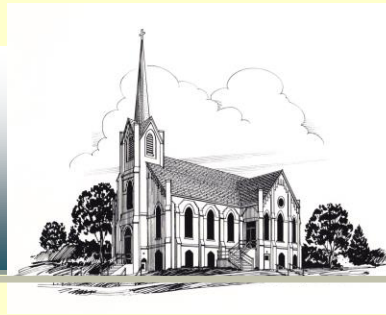


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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

Recently, on a Sunday morning we read from I Corinthians chapter thirteen. It is a passage where the Apostle Paul describes the kind of love we can have towards others.

He writes, love is patient and kind, keeps no record of wrongs, is not easily angered, delights in the truth and endures to the very end.

When we remember that Jesus told us to love our neighbors, Paul's description can provide a roadmap for how we can live out that love for our neighbor in our lives. As we love our neighbor we can be patient, we can always seek to forgive, we can be even tempered and honest, and loyal even in the difficult times of life.

As we live in the grace and forgiveness of Jesus may the words of Paul be a wonderful guide for how we can love our neighbors as ourselves.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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### FEBRUARY 2022 SPECIAL DAYS

Some of the special days celebrated  
in February are:

- Black History Month — Feb 1-28
- Groundhog Day — Feb 2
- Boy Scout Sunday — Feb 8
- Valentine's Day — Feb 14
- Presidents' Day — Feb 21
- Transfiguration Sunday — Feb 27

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**If you would like to donate Thrivent dollars** to First Ev. Lutheran Church, contact Clare Wiltse.

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

**There are sub-sandwiches available** again for Super Bowl Sunday as a fundraiser, at a cost of \$5/sandwich. The forms are located in the multipurpose room and inside the bulletin. Please fill out and place in the offering plate.

**We have new hymnals in the pews.** If anyone would like an old hymnal, you are free to take one from the totes in the basement or in the closet at the back of church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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**Sunday School classes** resumed Sunday Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We will be having our Valentine's Day Party February 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday school has resumed. We will sing February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup> (**Palm Sunday**), and May 8<sup>th</sup> (**Mother's Day**).

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

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

## BIBLE STUDY NEWS

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM.

**Growing Together - Small Group**– Growing Together - Small Group meets Sundays at 11:00 in the back of church or downstairs if the choir is practicing. Our study of Genesis does not require any preparation and you can join any time. All are welcome!

## THANK YOU'S

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**Thank you to all who** helped to take down the Christmas decorations at the church on Friday morning, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**A special thank you** to Tom & Phyllis Meyer for remodeling/repairing the storage room in the basement and Sandy Husar for helping them repairing and painting the east wall by the staircase. Your hard work is so appreciated!!



**Phyllis Meyer and Laurie Schold**



## SEWING MEETINGS

**EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS**

**8:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**



## Women Of the Word

February 2..... Bingo @ O.H.— 9:30 a.m..... Hannah

February 7.....Executive Meeting — 9 a.m.

February 9 .....Group Meetings — 9:00 a.m. & 5:00p.m.

Clean Kitchen ..... Youth Group



*Women of the Word*

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Wendi Anderson

4 – Lois Schneekloth, Javar Larson, Myesha Larson

5 – Garrett Klausen, Raymond Satee

6 – Denise Enstrom, Carl Magnusson,

7 – Louden Pelan

8 – Carolyn Magnusson

9 – Elizabeth Moderow, Sara Anderson

10 – Tammy Deemer, Amy Rost, Helen Murray

11 – Merlin Anderson, Leon Uman

12 – Daniel Tanksley, Wrenley VonEssen

13 – Jeremiah Johnson, Tom Mallette, Vernelle Nelson,  
Brittany Sznajder-Murray

16 – Dorothy Miller, Bryanna Olson, Perry Rogers, Sarah Wallace

17 – Arista Findlay, Joan Magnusson, Sharon Peterson

18 – Brian Stover, Sally Johnson

19 – Patrick Wonka

20 – Mona Tanksley

21 – Darrell Schneekloth

22 – Wyatt Seagren

24 – Adilen Rennerfeldt,  
Beverly "Jean" Richards (96)

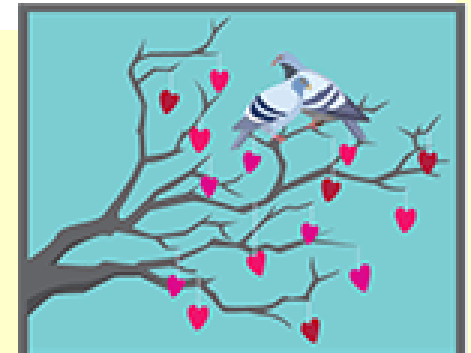
25 – Joshua Deemer

26 – LaVerne Kellner

27 – Kathy Pearson

28 – Don Johnson

## FEBRUARY



**BIRTHDAYS &  
ANNIVERSARIES**

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 – Jon and Chloine Johnson

3 – Ben and Linda Murray


12 – Alan and Tammy Schinck

19 – Delwin and Sandra Slatt

20 – Vern and Lucetta Jensen

21 – James and Audrey Unwin

# FEBRUARY – 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	31 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP	1 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30 AM A.A. MEETING	2 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP <b>GROUND HOG DAY</b>	3 8:00 AM N.A. MEETING	4	5 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
6 9:30AM REVERE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 AM CHOIR PRACTICE	7 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP <b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b>	8 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30 AM A.A. MEETING	9 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP	10 8:00 AM N.A. MEETING	11	12 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
13 9:30AM YOUTH/ COMMUNION SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	14 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP  <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	15 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30 AM A.A. MEETING	16 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP	17 8:00 AM N.A. MEETING <b>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</b>	18	19 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
20 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	21 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	22 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP 7:30 AM A.A. MEETING	23 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP	24 8:00 AM N.A. MEETING	25	26 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
27 9:30AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	28 8:30 AM SEWING GROUP					



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Oakland, NE**

The Church Council met Monday, January 3, 2022 at 7:04 p.m. Members in attendance were Pastor Mark Eldal, Nathan Anderson, Susan Mulder, Kathy Pearson, Melanie Johanson, and Clendon Rost. Devotions were given by Pastor Mark.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer’s report given by Susan Mulder

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

**Old Business:**

Property updates: The concrete was poured for the parking lot sidewalk curb. There was an electrical issue in the basement, Max Christiansen fixed outlet and lights. Nathan contacted Tom Meyer to do some handyman work of the back wall in the basement.

It was brought up that the upstairs coffee pot is causing a short in the electrical system, will contact Max for his opinion.

Hymnals: Kathy Pearson will look into getting them ordered.

**New Business:**

Need to get yearly committee reports to Tess for annual report.

The annual meeting will be Sunday, January 30, 2022 after the church service.

After some discussion, we will not serve a meal again this year due to safety concerns with the rise of Covid numbers in the community.

**Open Discussion:** There were concerns brought up about the passing of the offering plate. It was decided to not pass the plate and leave them at the entrances until the Covid numbers go back down.

Pastor will be on vacation the first Sunday in February, so Communion will be on Sunday February 13.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with the Lord’s prayer.

We will have a short meeting after the annual meeting, to vote for officers. The next regular monthly meeting is March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Susan Mulder filling in for Mike Blanc, Secretary



<b>January Attendance</b>	
2 .....	76
8 & 9.....	102
15 & 16 .....	124
22 & 23.....	125
29 & 30 .....	167

<b>January Finances</b>	
Regular	\$15,396.00
<b>Designated</b>	
Building Use	\$200.00
Annual Meeting-Oakland Min. Assn	\$201.00
Quilters -Auction	\$250.00
Technology	\$500.00
Supplies-Coffee	\$192.50
Miscellaneous (Subs)	\$194.79
Sunday School	\$ 38.87
Wed. Nite Youth	\$155.00
Scholarship	\$300.00
Misc.	\$139.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,451.00</b>

## PASTORAL ACTS – 2021

### BAPTISMS

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**We welcomed into membership through holy baptism at First Evangelical Lutheran Church:**

**Brinnley Blake Guenther** on Sunday at 9:30 p.m. December 19, 2021. Her parents are Jeremy and Natalie Guenther. Brinnley was born October 22, 2021 in Omaha NE. Her sponsors are Lauren and Spencer Bromm and Blake Guenther.

**Payton Jaymes Parcel** on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Payton was born on February 14, 2021. Her parents are Austin and Nicole Parcel. Her sponsors are Trevor Enstrom, Emmy Bousquet, Jason and Ashley Parcel.

**Sandra Lynn Mieth** on Sunday, August 29, 2021. Sandra was born on January 14, 2021. Her parents are Dylan and Ashlie Mieth. Her sponsors are Kayla Mieth and Phillip Mieth.

**Layne Mark Meier** on Saturday evening, July 17, 2021. Layne was born on April 29, 2021. His parents are Caleb and Shayna Meier. His sponsors are Justin Morton and Emma Konken.

**Blakely Marie Wilson** on February 2, 2021. Blakely is the daughter of Josh and Amanda Wilson. She was born on July 14, 2020. Her sponsors are Heath Stromquist and Dan and Sasha Wilson.

**WELCOME BLAKELY, PAYTON, SANDRA, LAYNE AND BRINNLEY!**

### NEW MEMBERS

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We welcomed into membership at First Ev. Lutheran Church:

**Brenton Pankoke** on Saturday evening, November 20, 2021.

**Norman and Jayne Bihl** on Sunday, August 29, 2021

**Glenice Eastburn** and **Gloria Wedegren** on August 14, 2021.

May God bless them as they become part of our fellowship!

### CONFIRMATIONS

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**FOURTEEN OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE were confirmed Sunday April 25, 2021:** Kyler Case, Lillian Ehlers, Samantha Canarsky, River Wallerstedt, Anisten Rennerfeldt, Adilen Rennerfeldt, Nolan Magnusson, Corbin Guill, Gretchen Seagren, Jaxen Jorgensen, Garrett Klausen, Bailey Pelan, Braylon Anderson and Ostern Heineman. We're grateful for their faithfulness to be involved in this educational ministry. We're also grateful for Pastor Mark, Clendon Rost, Mark and Jean Schafersman, Sara Wallerstedt and Jan Wiltse and the parents of our confirmands for all their help with confirmation.

### WEDDINGS

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We extend our Congratulations and ask for God's blessing as they were joined in holy matrimony at First Ev. Lutheran Church:

**Emmy Bousquet and Trevor Enstrom** on October 23, 2021.

**Abigail Hyslop and David Lam** in Minneapolis MN on June 12, 2021.

## FUNERALS

### We commended into God's Hands:

#### At the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oakland with Pastor Mark Eldal officiating:

Patricia Moseman	– <b>Funeral Service</b> – Saturday, March 6, 2021
Ed Anderson	– <b>Memorial Service</b> – Saturday, May 22, 2021
Roger Peterson	– <b>Memorial Service</b> – Saturday, June 5, 2021
Earl Miller	– <b>Funeral Service</b> – Saturday, June 26, 2021
Rojane Linder	– <b>Funeral Service</b> – Thursday, July 29, 2021
Clara Frahm	– <b>Memorial Service</b> – Saturday, August 21, 2021
Dorothy Wallace	– <b>Memorial Service</b> – Friday, November 5, 2021
Bill Johnson	– <b>Funeral Service</b> – Monday, October 18, 2021
Suzanne Johnson	– <b>Funeral Service</b> – Wednesday, November 3, 2021
James Toohey	– <b>Memorial Service</b> – Wednesday, November 11, 2021
Thomas J. Hultquist	– <b>Funeral Service</b> – Monday, November 29, 2021
Larry D. Paulson	– <b>Funeral Service</b> – Wednesday, December 16, 2021

#### At Cemetery in Onawa IA

Michael McNeill	– <b>Graveside Service</b> – Thursday, April 22, 2021
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### IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Elfie Nelson, Gloria Wedegren, Janelle Dirksen (**Greg Doffin's mother**), Arlene Carper, Aaron Anderson, Teresa Egbers, Connie Peterson, 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 Anton Kubr (**Molly Broekmeier's grandfather**), the family of Lila Froelich (**Tiffany Johnson's Grandmother**), 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.

*Kindness is like snow.....*

*It beautifies everything it covers.*

*Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other as in Christ forgave you.*

*hope*

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.

JEREMIAH 29:11

## 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

### Wednesday, March 3 – Ash Wednesday Service

Head Usher - Roger Moderow

Sound – Tess Johnson

Acolyte - Colton Moseman

Screen - Sage Sydow-Stock

Lenten Service Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

### Sunday, March 6, 2022 - Communion Service

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



**Wednesday, March 9 - Lenten Service**

Head Usher - Sam Schmidt                                                 Sound - Dan Tanksley  
 Acolyte - Preston Rost                                                             Screen - Piper Tanksley  
 Lenten Service Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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**Sunday, March 13, 2022 - Youth Service**

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Mike and Karen Blanc  
 Head Usher - Larry Johnson  
 Reader - Youth Group                                                             Sound - Tess Johnson  
 Broadcast - Adilen Rennerfeldt                                                     Acolyte - Piper Tanksley  
 Screen - Mia Thomsen                                                             Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt  
 Sun Morning Accomp. - We The Many

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**Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - Lenten Service**

Head Usher - Larry Johnson                                                 Sound - Tess Johnson  
 Acolyte - Mia Thomsen                                                             Screen - Grace Wallerstedt  
 Lenten Service Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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**Sunday, March 20, 2022 - Service of Word and Prayer**

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Darrell & Cheryl Denker and Betty & Nathaniel Dixon  
 Head Usher - Brad Bousquet and/or Charlie Seagren  
 Reader - Linda Jones                                                             Sound - Dan Tanksley  
 Broadcast - Brayden Selk                                                             Acolyte - Grace Wallerstedt  
 Screen - Joseph Findlay                                                             Sat. Night Pianist - Danny Bedrnick  
 Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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**Wednesday, March 23, 2022 - Lenten Service**

Head Usher - Brad Bousquet and/or Charlie Seagren  
 Acolyte - Joseph Findlay                                                             Screen - Tate Penke  
 Lenten Service Accomp. - Bryan Bohn                                     Sound - Tess Johnson

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**Sunday, March 27, 2022 - Service of Word and Prayer**

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Loren, Julie, Lillian, Landon and Logan Ehlers  
 Head Usher - Clare Wiltse  
 Reader - Kathy Pearson                                                             Sound - Travis Thomsen  
 Broadcast - Anisten Rennderfeldt                                                     Acolyte - Tate Penke  
 Screen - Brody Tanksley                                                             Sat. Night Pianist - Ruth Wallerstedt  
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**Wednesday, March 30, 2022 - Lenten Service**

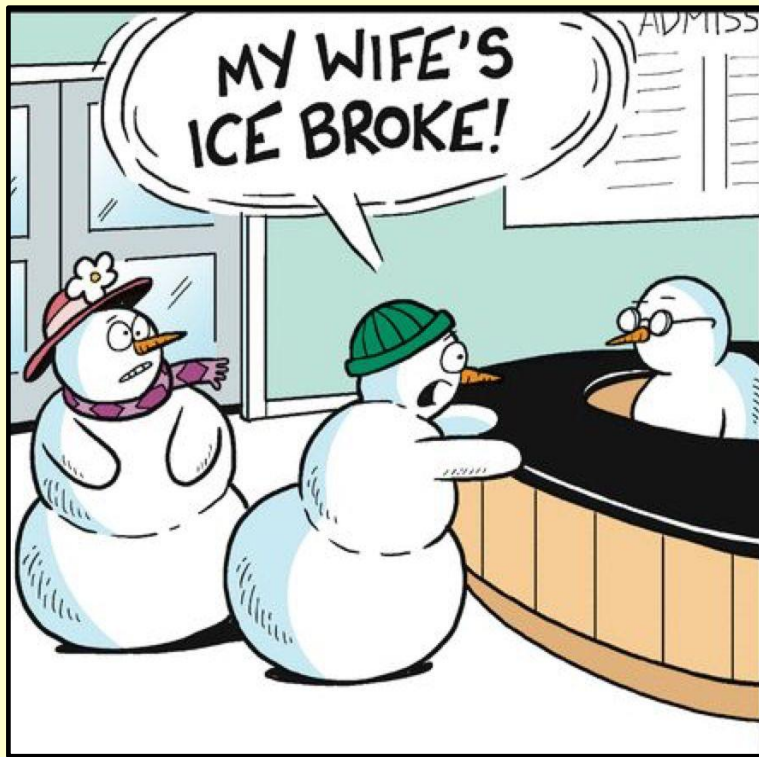
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 Lenten Service Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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**Sunday, April 3, 2022 - Communion**

Coffee, Greeting & Usher - Gary & Gail Elsasser and Trent and Kiersten and Oliver Elsasser  
 Head Usher - Sam Schmidt and Roger Moderow  
 Reader - Sandy Husar                                                             Sound - Dan Tanksley  
 Broadcast - Lillian Ehlers                                                             Acolyte - Colton Tanksley  
 Screen - Sonia Bedrnick                                                             Sat. Night Pianist -  
 Sun Morning Accomp. - Bryan Bohn

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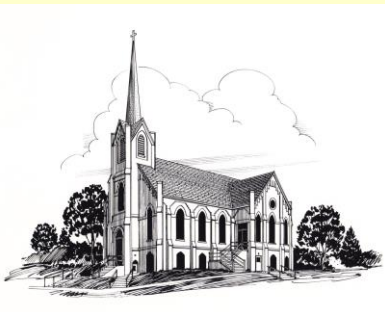
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