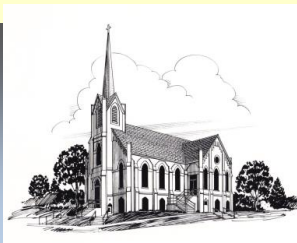


# THE SPIRE



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## Pastor's COLUMN

By Rev. Mark Eldal

As we all know, we have had a cold, wintery spring. Yet, we know as we enter the month of May the temperatures will soon begin to warm and we will experience spring in its fullness. Plants will begin to grow and all of creation will seem to come to life.

When this renewal occurs, it can be a wonderful reminder that God can also bring renewal to our lives.

He can heal broken lives and give new beginnings in life. He can restore our souls when we are downcast and bring us joy. Our God can renew our spiritual strength, so we can mount up with wings like eagles even when physically we may be growing weaker. He can also give us a new and right spirit as we claim his forgiveness. Then someday he can even give us new resurrection bodies as we experience eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Ultimately, when Jesus comes again, God will even bring his ultimate healing to our world as he ushers in a new heaven and earth where all the sin, suffering and death of this world will be no more.

Thus, spring can remind us of the great renewing power of God. As we trust in Jesus, may we experience his renewing work in our lives now and always.

God bless,

Pastor Mark

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### MAY 2018 - SPECIAL DAYS

SOME OF THE SPECIAL DAYS CELEBRATED  
IN MAY ARE:

- ✠ National Day of Prayer — May 3
- ✠ May Friendship Day — May 4
- ✠ National Family Week — May 6-12
- ✠ Ascension of the Lord — May 10
- ✠ Mother's Day — May 13
- ✠ Day of Pentecost — May 20
- ✠ Trinity Sunday — May 27
- ✠ Memorial Day — May 28

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Oakland Community Food Pantry is an agency of the Food Bank of Siouxland, which provides food for under 20 cents a pound. During the months of January, February, and March, the Food Pantry served 38 different families, representing 111 individuals. Thanks for your support and donations!

The Baccalaureate Ceremony will be at the First Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

We will be honoring our High School Seniors, Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. The Oakland-Craig Graduation Ceremony is Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.

There is still time to sign up for Camp Carol Joy Holling. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Mark or Tess in the office for details.

The Sewing Group is holding a SILENT QUILT AUCTION! Starting next Sunday, there will be 15 quilts on display until the silent auction ends May 20th. We will have a potluck after church and find out who won the auctions with all proceeds going to the kitchen remodel fund. THANKS SEWING GROUP!!

SEVEN OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE confirmed their faith on Sunday, April 22, 2018:



Connor Guill, Aiden Jorgensen, Ayden Lierman, Mia Linder, Ellen Magnusson, Carson Thomsen and Jonathan Dixon. We're grateful for their faithfulness to be involved in this educational ministry. We're also grateful for their parents and Pastor Mark. **Please join us in giving a special Thank You** to Jean Swanson for

all her help and guidance during confirmation.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Pay-It-Forward is truly amazing! We have collected \$1,000 in the Sunday School P-I-F plate for April. Our April Pay-It-Forward is for Derek Bittner who sustained injuries in a car accident. He broke the femur in his left leg and both bones in his left forearm. His wife Angela and their three girls are excited to have Derek back home.

We will have class May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will sing on Mother's Day (May 13th) The kids will need to pick up the Mother's Day gifts they created on Mother's Day (Sunday.) School kids will be dismissed this day - **No class until September!**

Bible School will run May 21<sup>st</sup> - May 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Thank you and Happy Spring! ~ Angie**



**CONFIRMATION NEWS** - off for the summer. Classes will resume again 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 start they will be trained for their duties.

**BIBLE STUDY NEWS -**

**YOUTH GROUP** meets every Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30. 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 help serve or donate treats.

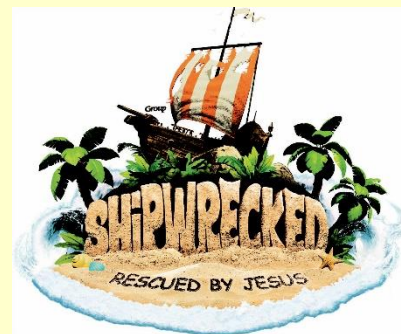
**FRIDAY NIGHT PUB.** Will start again in the fall and we are looking for volunteers to help us chaperone. Please contact Connie Larson (402)380-5101 or Tess Johnson (402)380-5660, if you are interested.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY** is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am.

**KOINOINA BIBLE STUDY** is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

**GROWING TOGETHER BIBLE STUDY** meeting times are TBD.. If interested please call Nancy Johnson.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!** **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be May 21-25<sup>th</sup>. Alissa Bousquet is once again going to coordinate VBS and is looking for volunteers to teach, coordinate snacks, help with recess, etc.



The theme this year is “**Shipwrecked - Rescued by Jesus**”. All helpers will be greatly appreciated.

Please find the registration form below which needs to be filled out for each child. These forms may also be found in the multipurpose room. If you have any further questions, please contact Alissa at 402-380-2301.

**VBS Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Finished: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_


Secondary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_


Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_


\_\_\_\_\_


**EASTER SERVICE THANK YOU's TO:**


- **Those who provided Easter Lilies or flowers** to decorate the front of the church.
- **Jim and Judy** for all their hard work creating the presentation on the screen for us.
- **Youth and their parents** for serving breakfast.
- **Julie Johnson, Kelli Johnson and Elisabeth Linder** for their help with the breakfast.
- **Bryan Bohn** for playing the organ and leading the choir and the choir for their anthem and accompaniment on the piano: **Cindy Blanc**.
- **Those who provided Easter Lilies** to decorate the front of the church. **They were in memory of loved ones as listed below:**


 LaRita Lindstrom, C. George & Jean Easton by Carl & Julie Easton


 Jessica Hughes by Mark & Jacque Eldal


 Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Lane, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Johnson, and Mr. & Mrs. Otto Dinklage by Jon & Chloe Johnson


 Elroy & Eunice Johnson and Carolyn Johnson by Larry & Tess Johnson


 Loved ones by Tom & Phyllis Meyer

 Russell, Mildred and Brad by Lee & Sharon Peterson


 Darlene Wagner by Cal & Sara Anderson and family


 Pat Seagren by the Seagren Family


 Clare & Alma Wiltse, Walter & Bernice Niedringhaus by Clare & Jan Wiltse

 Our loved ones by Ed & Connie Anderson


 Grandma Joyce Ida Bromm by Lane, Kara & Johnna Peterson


 Don, Scott and Steve Johanson by Tony & Melanie Johanson

 Mom & Dad (Vernon K & Lillian Johnson) by Richard & Janet Reckmeyer and Glenn & Sharon Krueger

 Loved Ones by Frank and Janice Johnson

 Stan & Marianne Johnson and LaRita Lindstrom by Jay & Diane Lindstrom

 Dayton & Margaret Benne, Robert & Lila Jones and Louise Jones by Dale & Linda Jones

 Joshua Mulder by Rick, Susan, Jared and Marissa Mulder

Happy Easter from the Pelans, Jim, Danielle, Lynn and Karen

Happy Easter from Alli's Flower Shoppe



We welcome into membership Faye Rose Lindstrom through holy baptism Sunday, April 29, 2018. Faye was born on April 4, 2018. Her parents are Miles and Lauren Lindstrom. Her sponsors are Dustin and Karen Lindstrom. Her grandparents are Jay and Diane Lindstrom and Jeffery and Maria Rosen and her great grandfather is Vince Lindstrom. **WELCOME FAYE!!!!!!**



**Phyllis Meyer and Tom Wallerstedt**



**SEWING MEETINGS EVERY MONDAY AND TUESDAY MORNINGS  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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May 2.....Bingo @ O.H. 9:30 a.m. ....Hannah  
 May 7.....Executive Meeting 9 a.m.  
 May 9.....Group Meetings 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
 May 27.....Devotions @ O.H. 2:30 p.m. ...Ruth  
  
 Clean Kitchen .....HS Youth

**WOW Clothing Drive** - please bring your clean spring & summer clothes to be donated to the open-door mission.



**Dorcas Society Luncheon on May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 p.m.  
@ Oakland Heights**



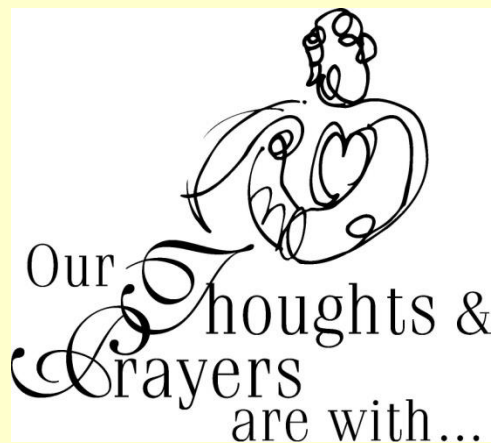
## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Lela Heineman
- 2 - Rojane Linder, Layne Canarsky
- 3 - Daniel Bedrnicek
- 4 - Clinton Baker, Chad Baker, Carter Bousquet, Jesse Schold
- 5 - Grant Seagren, Dean Johnson
- 6 - Kiley Denton, Colton Moseman, Ashlyn Barber, Graham Johnson
- 7 - Job Egbers, Susan Moseman
- 8 - Tanner Case, Nancy Hoffman, Kenneth Johnson
- 10 - Gretchen Seagren
- 11 - Larry Johnson, Beverly Peterson, Jeremiah Dixon
- 13 - Whitney Storie Tran
- 14 - Lucetta Jensen, Gerald Sieck
- 15 - Gail Elsasser, Anna Belle Olson, Jan Kruse, Amanda Huntington
- 16 - Zoe Linder, Peggy Peterson, Mindy Nelson
- 18 - Trevor Enstrom, Caiden Stover
- 19 - Keith Easton
- 20 - DeLaney Brudigam
- 21 - L. Gordon Nelson, Gus Ray
- 22 - Patty Dahlquist
- 24 - Cason Stevenson
- 25 - Laurie Canarsky
- 27 - Sarah Ahrens, Patti Moderow, Jerri Graham
- 28 - Carl Easton, Gary Elsasser, Cody Mallette
- 29 - Jacque Eldal, John Tomasek, Chloe Selk
- 31 - Hilda Benne, Amy Krutilek, Kenadie Lindstrom



### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 - Dick & Shirley Lowe
- 19 - Ken & Billye Pearson
- 26 - Carl & Joan Magnusson
- 30 - Kent & Brenda Andersen



### IN OUR PRAYERS OF CONCERN PLEASE INCLUDE:

Harold Lindstrom, Derek Bittner, Jan Nelson, Candace Johnson, Barb Harney, Merna Pierce (sister-in-law of Carole Johnson), Tony Kochel (Hilda Benne's nephew-in-law), Nancy Poppe, Mel Swenson, Joe Keaschall, Oliver Nimmo, Moe Johnson, Stacy Long, Arizona Riecken, Lincoln Nobel Hangman, Andy Kruse, Landon Johnson, and Grace Meints, the families of Robert Johnson and Jimmy Blevins, our shut-ins, our service men and women and our youth ministry.



First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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The church council met April 2, 2018 at 7:00pm. In attendance were Sam Schmidt, Sandy Husar, Mike Blanc, Carole Johnson, Jim Pelan, Keri Thomsen, Susan Mulder, Nathan Anderson, Linda Jones, Jon Seagren and Tom Meyer.

Devotions were given by Mike Blanc. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Pastor presented his report for the month of March.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Year to date expenses exceeded income by \$4,443.99. Month to date income exceeded expenses by \$154.47. There were no corrections or additions and approved as stated.

There were no committee reports discussed.

Old Business: The North Kitchen project was reviewed. Linda Jones will be the Council point-of-contact for contractors and vendors throughout the project.

New Business: Sandy stated that the Quilting Ladies have offered an undetermined number of quilts for a silent auction to be concluded at a church potluck on May20th.

Sam Schmidt was recognized for fixing the lights in the trash storage area.

Pastor Eldal received a letter from the attorney for the Lois Messerschmidt estate stating that the church would be receiving a gift of \$3,000 from the estate. Pastor also stated that the confirmation class would be confirmed on April 22, 2018. Confirmands are: Aiden Jorgensen, Ayden Lierman, Connor Guill, Carson Thomsen, Jonathan Dixon, Mia Linder and Ellen Magnusson. Jon motioned to approve the confirmands. Motion seconded by Jim and carried.

Jim stated that he had talked with Bryson Peterson, Two Guys Painting, about finishing the remainder of the church re-painting project. Jim indicated that the work would be reviewed during the spring of 2019.

April Communion Assistant: May 6, 2018 - Carole Johnson

May Meeting Devotion: Sandy Husar

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.




Next Monthly Regular Monthly Meeting May 7, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Mike Blanc, Secretary

1 ..Easter.....	295
7&8 .....	132
14 &15 .....	97
21&22(Confirmation).....	230
28 &29 .....	148

Regular .....	\$12,072.50
Easter .....	5,542.50
<b>Designated</b>	
Coffee Fund.....	\$ 122.00
Kitchen Remodel...	1,510.00
Nourish the Children...	239.50
Scholarship Fund...	1,050.00
Sunday School.....	27.25
Memorial.....	75.00
Wed. Night Youth.....	332.00
Misc .....	322.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$21,293.75</b>

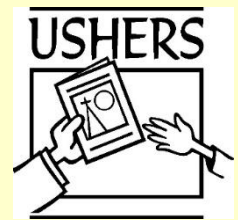
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING  <b>MAY DAY</b>	2 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM BINGO @ OAKLAND HEIGHTS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP 7:00 PM BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY	3 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	4	5 5:30PM COMMUNION SERVICE
6 8:30 AM CHOIR PRACTICE 9:30AM COMMUNION SERVICE- HS SENIOR SUNDAY 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL	7 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 9:00AM WOW EXECUTIVE MEETING 7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING	8 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	9 9AM & 5PM WOW GROUP MEETINGS 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	10 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	11	12 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE 2:00PM OC GRADUATION CEREMONY
13 9:30AM PRAISE SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP <b>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 	14 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	15 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	16 9:00AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	17 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	18	19 5:30PM WORSHIP SERVICE
20 9:30AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE 10:30AM FELLOWSHIP	21 8:30AM SEWING GROUP	22 8:30AM SEWING GROUP 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	23 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	24 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS	25	26 NO WORSHIP SERVICE
<b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL May 21-25 9:00-11:45 am</b>						
27 9:30 AM COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE	28 8:30AM SEWING GROUP  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	29 7:30PM A.A. MEETING	30 2:00PM DORCAS SOCIETY @ O.H. 6:30PM -8:30 P.M. YOUTH GROUP	31 8:00PM N.A. MEETINGS		



**May 2018 Ushers**

May 6<sup>th</sup> S. Schmidt, Roger Moderow, Jonathon Dixon, David Jones  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> N. Case, Larry Johnson, Clendon and Preston Rost  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> Clare Wiltse, Dr. C. Seagren, Dillon Johnson and Ian Lundquist  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> Community Service for 150<sup>th</sup>  
 June 3 - S. Schmidt, Roger Moderow

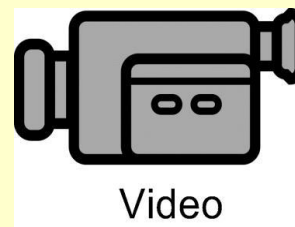


**May 2018 Greeters**

May 6<sup>th</sup> Allison and Samantha Isner and Julie Jones  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> Lela Heineman and Amanda and Jovi Huntington  
 May 20<sup>th</sup> Kelli, Ava, Landon and Scarlett Johnson and Mary Alice Pearson  
 May 27<sup>th</sup> Community Service for 150<sup>th</sup>



May 6 - Aiden Jorgensen  
 13 - Ayden Lierman  
 20 - Gabi Linder  
 27 - Mia Linder  
 June 3 - Ellen Magnusson  
 10 - Carson Thomsen  
 17 - Jonathan Dixon



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**Organists**

6 - Bryan Bohn  
 13 - Billye Pearson  
 20 - Ruth Wallerstedt  
 27 - Bryan Bohn  
 June 3 - Bryan Bohn



**Sound**

6 - Dan Tanksley  
 13 - Tess Johnson  
 20 - Jim/Dan  
 27 - Jim Pelan  
 June 3 - Dan Tanksley

**Coffee Servers**

Tess Johnson and Julie Jones  
 Linda Jones and Connie Larson  
 Elisabeth Linder and Pamela Linder  
 Diane Lindstrom and Val Lindstrom  
 Roxi Lundquist and Joan Magnusson  
 Annie Magnusson and Sandra Mallette

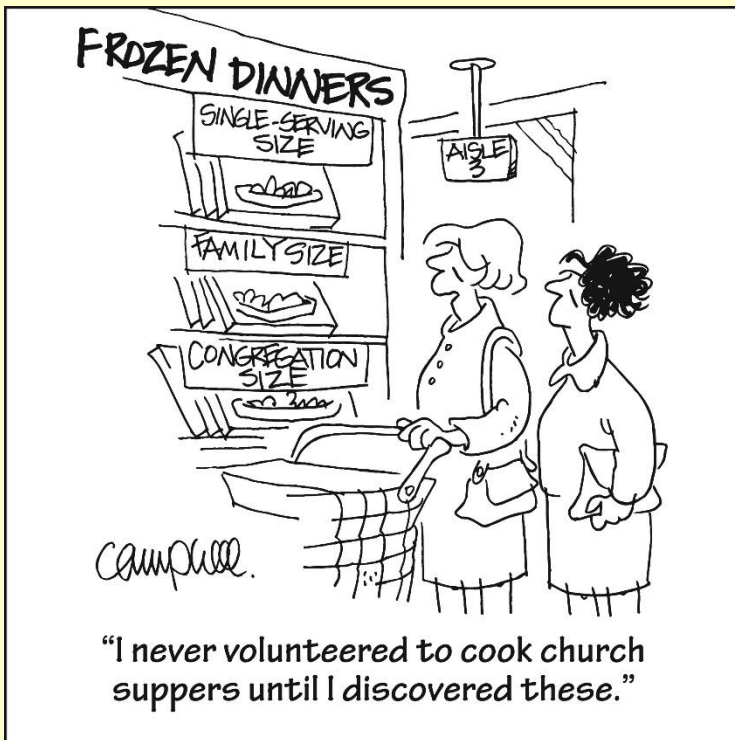
**Date of Service**

Sunday, May 6, 2018  
 Sunday, May 13, 2018  
 Sunday, May 20, 2018  
 Sunday, May 27, 2018  
 Sunday, June 3, 2018  
 Sunday, June 10, 2018



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