

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



FALL EDUCATION PLANS

TLC

RALLY SUNDAY is September 18th from 9:45 – 10:45 am at East Sveadahl – come get registered! Games and Activities! **Registrations need to be turned in before or on Rally Sunday!** Blessing of the backpacks will be during both worship services!



The Sunday morning programming will include music, Bible lesson, craft/game, snack, and occasional Sunday student musical performances during worship. We are working on being able to provide Sunday morning transportation.

We are looking forward to a great year of TLC and cannot wait to see you all this Fall!

September 21st – TLC Kick Off Meal starting at 5:30 pm followed by a performance by recording artist Rachel Kurtz at 7:00 pm! Everyone is welcome!

CONFIRMATION

***NOTICE: TIME CHANGE FOR PARENT/GAURDIAN AND STUDENT MEETING.** There will be a Parent/Guardian and Student Confirmation informational meeting on Wednesday, September 14th at **5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall at Augustana.

Those attending confirmation this year – 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th graders – are required to attend along with a parent/guardian.

The 10th graders will receive information about Confirmation Sunday at this meeting.

The Confirmation Sunday will be October 30, 2022.

AUGUSTANA - SEPTEMBER

CIRCLES

September 6: 9:30 am Rebecca Circle – Fireside
 September 7: 9:00 am Martha Circle – Fireside
 September 20: 9:30 am – Sewing Circle

USHERS

Eugene Zarn, Dennis Johnson, John Miest,
 Bryan Nelson, Rich Olsen, Greg Thulien
 Les Zellmann

LECTORS

September 4: Terry Engel
 11: Jean Leopold
 18: Lisa Carlson
 25: Kirsten Freitag

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the church office if you wish to provide altar flowers for a particular Sunday, and your name will be placed on the schedule.

ALTAR GUILD

Becky Schmidt, Jean Leopold, Gladys MacMaster,
 Carol Zarn, Andrea Sandberg, Jill Beckius

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Dee Ann Peterson**
 \$45.00 – Stained Glass Fund
 \$90.00 – Green Lake Ministries

COMMUNION SERVERS

September 4: Paul Missling and Jill Beckius
 11: Kirsten Freitag and Lisa Carlson

RADIO INFORMATION - 1370 AM

Sponsor a half hour broadcast for \$40.00.
 East sponsors the 2nd Sunday of the month, and the last two of the four 5th Sundays of 2022.
 Augustana sponsors the 4th Sunday of the month, and the first two of the four 5th Sundays of 2022.
 To sponsor an Augustana broadcast, call 375-4792.

September 25th: Available

AUGUSTANA

TRANSITIONS

FUNERALS

A Celebration of Life was held for **Dee Ann Lee Peterson** on August 13, 2022, at Augustana.
 Dee Ann passed away on July 2, 2022.

BAPTISM

We welcomed **Jethro Daniel Zezulka**, son of Joey and Katie Zezulka, into God’s Family and AES Ministries on August 7, 2022.

Please continue to keep Jethro and his family in your prayers as he grows in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

Please call the church office to sponsor our Missionary. The cost is \$20.00 per week.

COFFEE HOUR

September 4: Available
 11: Available
 18: Available
 25: Available

ELECTRONIC GIVING

1. Electronically: visit church web site and on the “Secure Contributions” tab
2. Secure Contributions: visit the church website www.augustanachurch.org
3. Give+Text: from your phone, text number is 844-686-4439 (unique to Augustana)
4. Offering envelopes: through the mail or into the drop box

Questions: Contact Financial Secretary,
 Deanna Hoffman 507-317-7724,
d designs@mchsi.com

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

PRAYER CONCERNS: Cruz, Francey, Bruce, Tom, Jana, Sam, Everett, Chloe, Orval, Mary Ann

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through July	\$
Received through July	
Ahead through July	+ \$
Received in July	\$

USHERS

Jerry and Lynette Noren

**Happy Birthday
Happy Baptismal Day**

- 3 Laura Sense 9-20
- 7 Charles Noren 11-21
- 8 Lyla Avila
Wilmar Tietz 9-24
- 9 Zane Eineke 3-4
- 13 Brogan Eineke 5-27
- 15 Michael Menssen 10-11
- 16 Steven Johnson 11-2
James Krogstad 12-10
Terry Thulien 10-10
- 18 Creig Noren 12-4
- 19 Tammy Stevens-Rathman 10-27
- 20 Riley Husby 11-24
- 21 Britta Torkelson Wilson 10-23
- 22 Nick Griffith 8-6
- 25 Keagan Jurgens 12-10
- 26 Londyn Anderson 2-23
- 30 Lowlla Lenz 11-3

*Take time to laugh.
It is the music of the soul.*

*God gave me friends so I
wouldn't have to laugh alone.*

EAST

SEPTEMBER RADIO BROADCASTS

- September 4: First Lutheran, St. James
- 11: East Sveadah
- 18: First Lutheran, St. James
- 25: Augustana

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Kris Suess and Janet Bloomquist

LECTORS

- September 5: Wes Beck
- 12: Jerry Noren family
- 19: Jerry Noren family
- 26: Kathy Christenson

VISITING COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman and Julene Hoffman

COMMUNION

Erma Griffith, Janet Bloomquist

RADIO SPONSORS

- September 11:
 - October 9:
 - October 30:
 - November: 14
 - December 12:
- We need sponsors for the above broadcasts!
If you would like to be a sponsor, please contact Susan. Cost is \$40.00.

*Wherever God takes you – go;
Whichever the task – do it;
Wherever the challenge – accept it;
Whenever the call – answer it;
Whichever the lesson – learn it;
However dark the path – follow it;
Because wherever God takes you,
It is worth it.*



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 4 – Communion Worship Services

9:00 am Worship, East; 10:45 am Worship, Augustana

Sunday, September 11 – *GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS*

9:00 am Worship - East

10:00 am – Coffee Hour at Augustana

10:45 am – Worship - Augustana

12:00 noon – Lunch and Kid’s Activity Kits for Camp Noah

**The REGULAR SUNDAY FALL SCHEDULE for AES Ministries: begins on
September 18th continuing through February:**

8:30 am service at Augustana

9:45 am TLC at Augustana

11:00 am service at East

Communion Services: 1st Sunday of the month – East & Augustana

2nd Sunday of the month – Augustana

✦ “GOD WORK. OUR HANDS” – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Please save the date **Sunday, September 11** when congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will again have the opportunity to gather together for **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday.**

The gospel promises that we are freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbors. This is work that you do every day – serving your community in ways that share the love of Christ with all of God’s people.

Whether we fill backpacks with needed school supplies, serve meals to those who are food insecure, or write letters to soldiers and veterans, we are using our hands to do God’s work to reconcile and restore communities in Jesus’ name throughout the world.

9:00 am Worship - East

10:00 am – Coffee Hour at Augustana

10:45 am – Worship - Augustana

12:00 noon – Lunch and Kid’s Activity Kits for Camp Noah

We will be putting together Kid’s Activity Kits for Camp Noah following the 10:45 am worship service. Hotdogs, Chips, and Root Beer Floats will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

Be sure to wear your “God’s Work. Our Hands” shirts to worship that day.

If you have questions about the day, please call the church office at 375-4792 or find more information on the church website www.augustanachurch.org.)

AES BOOK STUDY

The AES Book Study for If Grace Is True by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland will be held on September 29 at 10:00 am at Encore. We will try to have our Book Study on the last Thursday of the month. This is a thought-provoking book about why God will save every person through God's perfect grace. It may encourage new ways of thinking about the nature and purpose of the Christian faith. It's a book that really makes you stop and think. Call Cindy Torkelson or Kathy Christianson if you have any questions.

PRAYER MEETINGS

The weekly Prayer Meeting is Monday morning at 10:00 am! Type in the link to join (or click on the link on the website). All are welcome.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77502081644?pwd=NTdkeXB6TUirazliSzVKZkhwTjg1UT09>

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Facebook: "Like" the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, etc.

AES Ministries website: www.augustanachurch.org

Address Changes: Augustana office – 375-4792 or Susan at East 507-317-5293

Weekly Bulletins: The bulletins are posted weekly on the AES Ministries website home page.

PASTOR VISITS

Our Pastors would like to visit you! If you would like to be visited in your home, in the hospital, wherever, please contact them: Pr. Mandy 651-800-6672 or 375-4792 and Visitation Deacon Lyla Klee at 507-439-6940 and her cell 507-227-9250.

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

We appreciate the concern and care you show for family members and friends by placing them on the Prayer Concern list in our bulletins. We do believe in the power of prayer! If you have added someone to our list, please let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there. Thank you.

THANK YOU

I would like to send a big Thank You to the youth and Pastor Mandy for the service work they did at my house on July 30th. They pulled weeds, washed windows and so much more. Also my dog appreciated the attention! Your visit was so much appreciated!
– Deb Style

Thank you to everyone that sent donations in during the month of July for the Open Your Heart Challenge. We received \$2,996 which we will receive matching funds for. Without your time and donations, we would not be able to provide the service that we do to residents in Watonwan County.
– The Food Shelf

WATONWAN RIVER CONFERENCE

The Watonwan River Conference will be having its Fall Gathering, October 1st at Augustana Lutheran. Registration and brunch will start at 9:30 am. All Women are welcome!

FINANCIAL FACTS

June & July 2022

	June	July	YTD
Total Giving	\$9,502.55	\$8,309.02	\$87,385.79
Total Expenses	\$14,730.54	\$11,546.44	\$96,193.72
	- \$5,227.99	-\$3,237.42	-\$8,807.93

Ooops! We are slipping!!! I know this often happens during the summer but we need to remember the bills of the church continue even if we are taking some time off.

At the last council meeting I was very energized to hear the council members talk about the plans for this fall, adapting TLC and looking at other outreach options for our congregation. Watch the calendar for “God’s Work. Our Hands,” “Relay for Life” (in September), and “Stewardship Sunday,” in November. A new Time and Talents survey is being created to better address the ongoing opportunities to share our faith in our congregation, community and beyond.

One last thing – Please remember to forward ALL receipts for items you have purchased for the church and wish to be reimbursed for to me as Soon As Possible. You can leave them in the church office or send them to me by e-mail (jngthulien@gmail.com). I attach a copy of all receipts to the bills paid each month. This gives the council the most accurate picture of our financial status possible.

Thank you for supporting All the missions of Augustana!

Respectfully Submitted – Judy Thulien - Treasurer

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATONWAN COUNTY FOOD SHELF PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

The produce distributions in August are Thursday, September 8th and 22nd at the Food Shelf. As always, ANYONE is able to attend these FREE produce distributions; there are no income restrictions. Bring your own boxes or bags.

If you are interested in volunteering, or have a group interested in volunteering, please call the Food Shelf or register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA4AC2FA2FACE9-watonwan>

FAMILY MEAL GIVEAWAY

Nutritious and delicious family meals, serving up to four people, are prepared in a 13 x 9 pan. Meals vary weekly on a first come, first served basis.

Anyone can receive them. There are no income requirements, and no questions asked.

They can be picked up every Thursday from 5:30 – 6:30 pm through December 2022. There will be no giveaway on Thanksgiving Day.

Pick up at: Madelia – Madelia Elementary – Cafeteria Door
 St. James – Northside Elementary – Front Loop
 Butterfield – Butterfield-Odin School – Kitchen Doors

WELLSPRING

Wellspring is presenting a Dementia Friends Information Session on Wednesday, August 10th, at 12:00 noon at the Community Building led by Kim Askeland and Karen Dahl. Dessert and coffee will be served. Call Wellspring at 375-1276 to register.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Watowan County Relay for Life – September 24, 2022

To all AES members! Please mark your calendars for the Watowan County Relay for Life – Annual Walk on Saturday September 24, 2022.

It will be held at the Watowan County Fairgrounds from 3:00-10:00 PM. Why the change of date from the usual July relay date? We wanted to get away from all the hot weather we usually have for the relay event! Let's try a fall event! Many of our Cancer survivors, caregivers, event workers, and community supporter's struggle with hot weather, or cannot attend and show their support for the Relay.

AES Ministries will once again be serving the evening meal, running the bingo tent, and selling our AES Ministries "Grounds for Hope" coffee.

We would like to have a walking team again as part of the evening ceremony. Pastor Mandy will be offering the invocation for the evening events!

There will lots of activities for kids and adults, and new musical entertainment "Starfire" - 50's and 60's rock and roll band- bring your chairs and dancin' shoes to enjoy a good evening of music and fun!

I am asking for your help to volunteer as you have from many years! AES Ministries has been a big part of the success of the Relay.

We will be working shifts, in the food stand, bingo tent, and coffee stand.

Even if you've never been a part of the Relay, please consider helping those whose lives have been challenged by cancer

Be looking for sign up information over the next few weeks.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

- Thank you in advance. Relay for Life Leadership Team, Terry Engel - 507-720-2336

AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 4, 2022

The AES Ministries Joint Council met on Thursday, August 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Augustana. The following members were present: Mark Kulseth, Teresa Andrews, Janet Bloomquist, Becky Cob, Michael Menssen, Tom Anderson, Sandy Berg, and Deanna Hoffman.

Chairman, Becky Cob, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

A motion by Mark, seconded by Deanna, and passed to accept the July 7, 2022 minutes as printed in the newsletter.

In the absence of Pastor Mandy we proceeded with the unfinished business as follows:

- a. Highlights of the work day and campout were given and a good time was had by all.
- b. The AES joint service and picnic went very well even with the rain. About 90 members were in attendance and the help of the youth was very much appreciated.
- c. The Safe Haven program is doing well. A number of volunteers have gone through the process to date.
- d. A meeting with AES and the Presbyterian Church was held via zoom. Some legal issues need to be resolved but a job description should be posted soon.
- e. Erica Garza, TLC superintendent will be paid through August 15. We thank her for her devotion to TLC.
- f. Sunday TLC is underway and there are people volunteering to be teachers.
- g. Wednesday TLC will be held once a month with supper being served. Check the newsletter for dates.

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New Business:

- a. September is the time change for services. Tentatively Augustana will be 8:30 a.m. and East will be at 11 a.m. with Sunday TLC at 9:45 a.m.
- b. Discussion took place on the need for volunteers to transport students to church if needed for Sunday TLC. The Education Committee is working on this.
- c. Since Rachel Kurtz could not be at the campout she will be at the first Wednesday TLC on September 21. She will give a concert following a meal for TLC.
- d. Rally Sunday will be September 18 with regular services at each church followed by the start of TLC at East.
- e. A discussion took place as to the COVID protocol since we have had a number of cases. It was decided to leave it up to each individual whether or not to wear a mask.
- f. We will ask First Lutheran Church to switch radio Sunday with us for the Blue Grass joint service on August 14. The service time for that Sunday is 10:45 a.m. with the Bully Pulpit group leading the service and a dinner to follow.
- g. The Confirmation classes this fall will be as follows: The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays will be 9th graders from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays will be 7th and 8th graders from 2-3 p.m. As there was no further business we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist

EAST SVEADAHN COUNCIL MINUTES -- August 11, 2022

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on August 11, 2022 at 7 p.m. at church. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Erma Griffith, Pastor Mandy and Wayne Jurgens via phone.

Tom Anderson, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for coming and Pastor Mandy opened with prayer.

The July 14, 2022 secretary's report was presented and approved as read.

In the absence of Sonja Coleman, there was no Financial Secretary's report. Evonne Moll, Treasurer, presented her report. A motion by Erma, seconded by Janet, and passed to accept the report as given.

Tom presented the outstanding bills. Motion by Evonne, seconded by Erma, and passed to approve paying of the bills.

The AES council minutes were highlighted by Janet and are printed in the newsletter.

Pastor Mandy gave her report:

- Blue Grass service is Sunday, August 14 at 10:45 at Augustana with a dinner to follow. The dinner is a fundraiser for the youth program
- Thursday, August 25 is Praise at the Pub from 7-8 p.m. It will be at the Eagles and everyone is welcome.
- Wednesday, September 15 is a confirmation information meeting for students and parents.
- Saturday, September 24 is Relay for Life at the Watonwan County Fairgrounds. AES is in charge of the food stand. Volunteers are needed.
- Sunday, September 25 there will be a blessing of the crops following the service.
- Sunday, October 2 there will be a blessing of the animals following the service.
- Sunday, October 9 the 3rd graders will receive their bibles.
- Sunday, October 30 is a joint service at Augustana along with confirmation and the TLC children singing.
- Sunday, November 13 is Stewardship Sunday.

A motion by Erma, seconded by Wayne, and passed to give a \$50 gift to Baby Cruz Avila and the August noisy offering to the Avila family.

Old Business:

- Furnace exhausts are broken on the outside of the church and are being repaired.
- Tom will check on the progress of the new railings for the front of the church.

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- Painting and repair of the pillars at the church entrance need repair. Tom will check with someone who does that kind of work.
- Discussion took place on the siding on the south side of the church. Tom will check with a possible painter and get a cost estimate.

Pastor Mandy would like to thank everyone who helped at the youth campout and AES picnic. The youth had a great time and would like to do it every year. A special thank you goes to:

George Nasman for the hay rack

Michael Menssen for pulling the hay rack with his tractor.

Lisa Shellum for stepping up at the last minute and giving a concert.

Tom Anderson for setting up the bonfire.

Mark Anderson for donating the porta potties.

Thrivent for the gift cards to help defray the food cost and those who obtained the cards.

The outstanding chaperones.

The people who brought the campers and tents.

The kitchen crew.

Everyone who helped in any way and those who attended. Despite the rain it was a great day for the picnic.

As there was no further business, we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next church council meeting will be September 8, 2022, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes-August 10, 2022

Present: Pastor Mandy, Sandy Berg, Deanna Hoffman, Jill Beckius, Mark Kulseth, Lyle Anderson, Dean Swenstad, Lynn Watson, Judy Thulien, Lisa Carlson, Kirsten Freitag, Kyla Schломann, Kristi Zellmann, Darrick Miest

Absent: Paul Missling

--Mark called the meeting to order at 7PM. Devotion was given by Lisa.

--Dean made a motion, seconded by Lynn, to approve the minutes from the July meeting as printed. Motion carried.

--Judy shared the Treasurers Report. Lynn made a motion, seconded by Kristi to approve the report as printed. Motion carried

--Deanna shared the Giving Report. Giving is down again this month. Deanna added a column on the Giving Report to reflect the Noisy Offerings received. The last Noisy Offering collected at Augustana was given to the Mumbai food program in the amount of \$232.74.

Pastor Mandy-

--All of Pastor Mandy's family were very sick last week with COVID. Everyone is recovering.

--Pastor Mandy has had "a lot" of meetings and has a lot of prep work to be done for all the fall programs starting up again in September.

--Will be conducting the funeral service for DeeAnn Ask Peterson on August 13th

AES Ministries-

--The campout was very successful with 21 campers overnight. Some of the youth volunteered at the Food Shelf and it was a good experience. The Food Shelf really needs volunteers ongoing, especially on Wednesdays and Thursday evenings. Other youth washed windows, did some cleaning and weeding for a member of the congregation. The car wash was also very successful. The entertainer scheduled for the evening, Rachel Kurtz, was unable to come because she had COVID. The youth assisted with the service on Sunday morning with extra work with set up and then change of setup because of the rain. Approximately 90 people attended the picnic, which was less than anticipated.

--Thank you, Erica Garza, for all your work with the youth! Erika's last day on staff was August 15th.

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--Safe Haven protocol-anyone that will be working with the youth in any capacity needs to complete a background check online, which is a very easy & quick process.

--COVID protocol was discussed with no changes being made at this time.

--September 18th is Rally Sunday. Worship at Augustana at 8:30 am with TLC following worship and worship at East at 11:00AM.

--Wednesday, September 21st-TLC Kickoff meal from 5:30-6:30 with Martha Circle serving the meal. Rachel Kurtz will be performing at 7PM. Sandy made a motion, seconded by Lisa to pay Rachel as planned when she was unable to attend on July 30th. The community will be invited for the meal and the concert.

Education-TLC will not meet MEA weekend, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, New Years Eve or Easter Sunday. The following events have been planned for the 2022-2023 school year.

-Wednesday, September 21st --TLC Kickoff meal and concert, as outlined above

-Wednesday, October 12th—Fall Party 4-6PM

-Wednesday, November 16th—Turkey Supper

-Wednesday, December 14th—Christmas Program

-Wednesday, January 11th—TLC Movie and Meal

-Wednesday, February 8th—TLC Valentines Party

-March-Lent

-April-Easter Egg Hunt.

Evangelism/Social Ministry-Praise at the Pub is scheduled for Thursday, August 25th, at The Eagles from 7-8PM

God's Work, Our Hands—Little Food Pantry and Little Library will both be dedicated, Volunteer work at the Food Shelf, Personal Care Kits and Activity Kits are being organized, using member Thrivent cards for 2 different camps facilitated by Lutheran Social Services

Worship & Music-Will start using Setting 1 on September 11th. The hymn, "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" will be the next hymn that is sung in part English/part Spanish. Pastor Mandy will continue to have kids helping in various ways during worship. Relay for Life is September 24th. Pastor Mandy will have the invocation and AES will assist with the food stand. It will be from 3-10PM at the fairgrounds. Starting in November, we will begin Marty Haugen's "Now the Feast and Celebration". Technology Training occurred on Aug. 9th with several members attending.

Finance-the committee worked on salary and benefits for the Youth Director position. Offering envelopes will be ordered by Deanna. Kristen Gertsema has agreed to be "back up" for the Treasurers duties that Judy Thulien has been doing for many years. Kristi made a motion, seconded by Kyla, to allow Kristen to be added to the checking account as a signer. Motion carried. A "back up" for Deanna Hoffman's duties as Financial Secretary is also being sought. Filing cabinets have been donated for the office that Deanna uses for financial records by Bill & Kirsten Freitag and Steph Reid. Thank you to both!

Property/Cemetery-Follow up is being made with the company that has been contracted to do the stain glass work as it has not been started yet. Darrick will review the contract. The carpet on the front steps is showing wear and trip hazards in a couple areas. Repair will be done this fall and possibly replacement next spring. There was discussion regarding automatic door openers for handicap accessibility, but no action was taken at this time.

Youth Ministry-Committee is meeting later this month. Plans need to be made for fundraising for the National Youth Gathering in 2024 in New Orleans. Youth will be helping with the Bluegrass Sunday as a fundraiser.

Old Business—

-Bluegrass Sunday is August 14th at 10:45 at Augustana. Swedish Meatball dinner will be served following the service. Kristi made a motion, seconded by Kirsten to pay Bully Pulpit \$500 and mileage.

-Mark reminded committees that each committee still needs to complete a description of what each committee has for roles and responsibilities. A contact person for each committee should also be noted.

New Business—

-After discussion regarding stewardship, it was determined that Sunday, November 13th will be designated as Stewardship Sunday. Lisa, Sandy and Sandy's niece, LilyAnn will meet to make plans for Stewardship and compile a Time and Talent Survey for members to complete as part of stewardship. Watch for more details.

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--With TLC now being moved to Sunday mornings, Pastor Mandy would like to have the nursery room staffed during that time. Updated toys and supplies are needed-Pastor Mandy will look into this and purchase what is needed.

--There was discussion about the number of meetings that Pastor Mandy is expected to attend during the month, and it has become unmanageable. It was suggested that Committee meetings be scheduled for the same night as the monthly council meeting to cut back on meeting dates for everyone. It was decided to try this, starting Wednesday, October 12th, with committees meeting at 6PM and council meeting at 7PM. Pastor Mandy will rotate between the committee meetings for input and any questions. **THERE WILL NOT BE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OR COUNCIL MEETING IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER DUE TO SEVERAL MEMBERS BEING OUT OF TOWN.** The next scheduled meetings will be October 12th unless individual committees choose to meet prior to that date. The December meeting will be on Tuesday, the 13th because the Christmas Program is Wednesday eve, the 14th.

Mark will have devotions for the October meeting.

--After discussion regarding a couple items that could still be purchased to enhance the Technology system in the church, there was a motion made by Lisa and seconded by Lynn to approve the purchase of a stationary camera that will replace the camera that sits on the tripod in the aisle that is used for the Facebook streaming. Motion carried. Mark will inform Terry of this decision and ask him to order the camera and have it installed. This will also make it easier for 2 people to manage the technology for a service, versus 3 people that are needed currently for a smooth process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted- Kristi Zellmann, Council Secretary

WELCA Board Meeting - August 3, 2022

Present: Judy Berg, Jeanne Miest, Jayne Anderson

Judy gave a devotion from the Word in Season

Secretary's Report was approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old Business

Women's Night Out - Rebecca Circle hosted this year. It was July 20th at Plaza Jalisco, and 12 women attending.

Dedication of Little Houses - Will be September 11th, God's Work Our Hands Sunday. Pr. Mandy will be contacted about doing the dedication, and possibly having the confirmation students keep them stocked.

God's Work Our Hands - Sunday September 11th. We have asked the City Manager if there are any projects we could do, or help with, and are waiting for a response. Suggestion was made to clean up the area between the education wing and church.

Fall Gathering - Will be October 1st at Augustana. It will be in the Fellowship Hall, with registration beginning at 9:30, and a cost of \$7. Half of the registration fee goes to the conference, and half to our WELCA. Half of the offering taken that day will go to the synod, and the other half to the Food Shelf. Becky is looking into program ideas. Judy will sell cards, and Grounds for Hope coffee will also be sold. Egg bake, coffee cake, fruit, juice and coffee will be served by circle members.

Bakeless Bakesale - October 9th. WELCA will also serve coffee hour that day. Money will go to the stained glass fund.

New Business -

TLC Kick Off Meal - Wednesday, September 21st, at Augustana, with a Tailgate theme. Tabled until our next meeting. Rally Sunday will be September 18th at East.

Talked about donating school supplies locally. Jeanne will check with Pioneer Bank, as they are collecting donations. Suggested donating \$200.

Sewing Circle has quilts to donate. There is a place in Albert Lea where they can be dropped off.

Thank you's received from the Braille Society and Green Lake

Our next meeting will be September 14, at 10:00.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Jayne Anderson