

AES MINISTRIES  
Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches  
APRIL NEWSLETTER



## *PASTOR KATHLEEN'S COLUMN*

### *The Three Days*

At nightfall on Maundy Thursday we end our Lenten observance and we gather to celebrate the three days of Jesus' death and resurrection. We will gather on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning. These are not just days that happened thousands of years ago, they are days that shape our lives today. We are part of this story. A story of love, hope, and new life.

Maundy Thursday – We gather on this night and hear how Jesus interrupted a meal with his disciples to teach a new commandment, to love one another as Jesus loves us. He showed us what that looks like by washing the feet of his disciples. On this night we will also share in the meal and hear the words of Jesus, “this is my body, given for you” and “this is my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sin.” When we share in this meal, we receive the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.

Good Friday – When we gather on Good Friday, we will notice the worship area has been stripped down to what is essential and our worship will reflect that. We need to hear that even on this day, from the cross, Jesus reigned and evil and death had to submit to him. We will focus on the cross on Good Friday, but we do not gather to mourn this day. We gather to celebrate the life-giving love of Jesus and to find strength in that love shown on the cross. Much of our time in prayer on this night will be outward focused.

Easter – Finally, we will gather to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter morning. We cannot fully comprehend that first Easter morning when Jesus rose from the dead and completely smashed the power of death, yet we know it has changed us. So, we gather to celebrate this new life known to us through the waters of baptism and through the bread and wine. We will gather with joy and hope and the promise that there is nothing, not even death, that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. This year, to help us connect with the joy of that first Easter morning, our first service of Easter will be the sunrise service at Augustana, and we will gather at the actual time of sunrise, 6:19 am.

These three days are at the core of our Christian faith. I invite you to come and worship and experience these days so that you will know more fully God's love for you. I invite you to these services as a pathway to experience God's presence in your life at Easter and always.

Pastor Kathleen

**AUGUSTANA - April****APRIL CIRCLES**

April 2: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle - Encore  
 April 13: 10:00 am Martha Circle - Augustana  
 April 16: 8:30 am Sewing Circle - Social hall

**ACOLYTES**

April 7: Vivian Leach, Maya Kulseth  
 April 14: Lydia Overson, Hayleigh Lingbeek  
 April 21: **6:19 am** Volunteers  
 9:30 am Austin Spitzner and volunteer  
 April 28: Hayden Davis, Dawson Gertsema

**ALTAR GUILD**

Audrey Swanson, Leora Ask, Lisa Carlson,  
 Judy Engelking, Tami Larson, Jo Howe, Janice  
 Vetter

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

April 7: Deb Style

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

April 6: Lisa Carlson, Jeff Nelson  
 April 14: Greg Thulien, Lyle Anderson,  
 Steph Reid, Kari Miest  
 April 18: 12:00 pm – Greg Thulien  
 6:30 pm – Kyla Schlomann, Steph Reid  
 April 21: **6:19 am** –  
 9:30 am –

**GREETERS**

April 7: Darrell and Leora Ask  
 April 14: Ruth Halder  
 April 21: **6:19 am** Greg and Judy Thulien  
 9:30 am Lisa Carlson  
 April 28: Jim and Shirley Moody

**LECTORS**

April 7: Terry Engel  
 April 14: Jim Moody  
 April 21: **6:19 am** Judy Thulien  
 9:30 am Lisa Carlson  
 April 28: Leora Ask

**USHERS**

Eugene Zarn, Philip Anderson, Dennis Johnson,  
 John Miest, Bryan Nelson, Rich Olsen,  
 Gary Schwanz, Bert Swenson, Greg Thulien,  
 Les Zellmann

**RADIO SPONSORS**

April 21: From East Sveadahl; sponsored by Viola  
 Sandberg in memory of Leon Sandberg.

**AUGUSTANA - April****COFFEE HOUR**

April 7: John & Jeanne Miest, Ruth Halder  
 April 14: Ron & Becky Cobb, Dorothy Christianson  
 April 21: Easter  
 April 28: Jim & Jackie Harrington, Ray & Judy Berg

**RADIO BROADCASTS**

Sponsor a month for \$65.00 or one of four segments for  
 \$16.25 each. March through August broadcasts are  
 from East due to service times.

**MISSIONARY SPONSORS**

April 7: Bill and Kirsten Freitag  
 April 14, 21, 28: Eugene and Carol Zarn  
 The cost to help support our missionary is \$20 per  
 Sunday.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to furnish Altar Flowers for a parti-  
 cular Sunday, there is a poster in the Narthex to sign up  
 on. Flowers can be ordered and paid for at Creative  
 Touch Greenhouse. The month of April is available.

**TRANSITIONS****BAPTISMS**

We welcomed into God's Family, Augustana's Family,  
 and AES Ministries,  
 Asher Jacob Rathman Kunkel, the son of Tara Rathman  
 and Michael Kunkel, on March 3, 2019

Slade Sutton Barrett, the son of Averie and Jeff Barrett,  
 on March 24, 2019.

**FUNERAL**

Elois Overson passed away on February 28, 2019, and  
 her funeral was held at Augustana on March 23, 2019.

Please continue to keep her family in  
 your thoughts and prayers.

**ADDRESS CHANGES**

**Grace Strenge** has recently moved to:  
**Trail Ridge Community, Attn: Grace Strenge,**  
**3408 W. Ralph Rogers Rd.,**  
**Sioux Falls, SD 57108**

Casey Currier has entered Marine Basic Training  
 and this is his address for any correspondence:

**Recruit Currier Casey**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> BN Hotel Company Office**  
**Platoon 2171**  
**37003 Midway Ave.**  
**San Diego, CA 92140-5540**

## EAST

**TRANSITIONS:**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Vickie, Barb, Becky, Pat,  
Brian, Wilma, Orval, Jacob, Chloe

**ADDRESS CHANGES:**

Evelyn Johnson, 1000 2<sup>nd</sup> St. South, St. James

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**

Needed through February	\$11,540.00
Received through February	5,275.80
<b>Behind</b> through February	- \$ 6,264.20
Received in February	\$ 2,475.80

**Happy Birthday – Happy Baptism Date**

- 2 Dana Avila
- 3 Bernadine Jurgens [6-26]  
April Wolner-Reed [6-10]
- 4 Kili LaPlante [10-20]  
Dustin Menssen [6-11]
- 5 George Nasman [5-30]
- 7 DeLores Kleinow [4-30]
- 10 Wayne Jurgens [5-8]
- 12 Shandra Moll (9-19)
- 13 Wallace Jurgens [7-8]
- 14 Charlotte Johnson [5-10]
- 16 Joann Jensen [6-7]
- 19 Leigh Rolshoven [6-16]  
Lynne Rolshoven [6-16]
- 23 Rory Pietsch
- 28 Jill Essler [6-11]

## Sharing an Easter lily?

Please let **Lynette** (507-276-0505), **Lisa** (507-525-0941), or **Susan** (507-317-5293) know by **Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

The plant needs to be labeled and in church by Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## EAST

**RADIO BROADCASTS**

April 7: First Lutheran, St. James  
14: Albion  
21: East – Augustana sponsor  
28: First Lutheran, St. James

**ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Lynette Noren and Lisa Shellum

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Lori Urevig, Janet Bloomquist

**COFFEE HOUR**

April 7: Cindy Torkelson  
14: Mike Menssen  
21: Teresa Andrews  
28: Teresa Andrews

**VISITING COMMITTEE**

Francey Anderson and Teresa Andrews

**CHEER COMMITTEE**

Committee 2: Easter Breakfast

**USHERS**

Jerry Noren Family

**LECTORS**

April 7: Janet Bloomquist  
14: Lori Newberg  
21: Wayne Jurgens  
28: Joint Blue Grass Worship at Augustana

**RADIO SPONSORS**

Broadcasts sponsored by East:

June 30: Cora Noren's family  
September 29: Need a sponsor  
December 29: Wally and Phyllis Jurgens

If you would like to sponsor the September broadcast, please contact Susan.

The Church Council ended the subscription to The Lutheran magazine and is providing the daily devotional, **Christ in Our Home**, instead. The April-May-June edition is on the table in the narthex. There are eight small-print and two large print copies. Please take a copy.



# AES APRIL NEWS



## + BIBLE STUDY - April 7 and 14

Please join Ron and Becky Cobb for an informal Lenten Bible Study entitled, "John, The Gospel of Light and Life". This study is authored by Pastor Adam Hamilton.

We will meet in the Fireside Room at Augustana from 9:30-10:15 am on these Sunday mornings – April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> -- for the final two sessions. Come for coffee and conversation. Come as you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey. We will encounter the Gospel of John through scripture, video series and discussion. Major themes are:

*Word Made Flesh – The Miraculous Signs of Jesus – The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus –  
The Farewell Discourse – The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King – Eternal Life*  
NO materials required; bibles will be provided.

Please join us as we experience a season of spiritual growth together.

## + BRIDAL SHOWER - April 13

There will be an Open House Bridal Shower honoring Abbey Schultze, fiancé of Patrick Oja, on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Augustana. They are registered at The Collage, Target, and Bed Bath & Beyond. All are welcome!

## + JOINT BLUE GRASS WORSHIP - April 28

The Green Lake Bluegrass Band will be here Sunday, April 28! We will have one service at 10:30 am at Augustana. Following worship, we will have a meal to raise funds to send our youth to bible camp. We currently have 24 youth registered for camp and need to raise \$7,800. We also keep in mind that other additional youth may be signing up for camp. We ask families to pay \$100 for each child they send to camp, and we raise the rest (\$325/youth). All gifts at the meal will be appreciated and help us reach our goal.

## + PICTURE DIRECTORY UPDATE

There IS an AES Picture Directory! If you had your picture taken by Life Touch or submitted a photograph, you are entitled to receive a directory. If you haven't picked up your copy, Augustana members can get yours at the church office; East members contact Susan; Pr. Kathleen and Deacon Lyla will be delivering to our members they regularly visit.

## + TEACHING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

The last TLC of 2018-2019 will be Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Supper that evening will be a grill-out.

## + FACEBOOK / WEBSITE

"Like" the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, and inspiration. The AES Ministries website is [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org).

## + HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - May 29 and June 2

Mark your calendars for two special services.

The first is the community Baccalaureate service on Wednesday, May 29, at 7:00 am. This is for all St. James High School graduates and is being held at First Lutheran this year.

On Sunday, June 2, we will honor Augustana high school graduates at worship and during the coffee hour. Coffee hour is at 9:30 am and worship at Augustana is at 10:30 am. You will receive mailings on both events but wanted you to know these dates early.

## + VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 3 - 7, 2019

### *ROAR! LIFE IS WILD - LIFE IS GOOD*

Send your kids on a roaring adventure with an African Safari theme! At ROAR - VBS, kids discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Scency-Fun Gizmos, team building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the stand-out activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something we call "God Sightings." Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

So, mark these dates on your calendar: June 3-7 at Augustana. The fun starts at 8:30 am and will end at 11:30 am. Registration is necessary and is available at the church and online.

Of course, we will need lots of volunteers: station leaders, crew leaders, kitchen help, decorators, purchasing supplies, etc. What is great about the multitude of volunteers is that no job looms too large!

Many hands make light work. If you can help, please contact Kathy Eiden, Director at 507-227-1555, or Pastor Kathleen. It will be one of the best weeks of your summer! See you there!!=



## + PASTORAL VISITS

We appreciate your care and concern for family members and friends by adding them to our Prayer Concern list in Sunday's bulletin. We believe in the power of prayer! If you have added someone to our prayer concerns, please let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there.

## + ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic Giving for Augustana is now available on our church website. It is convenient and secure. You may give a one-time donation to a special fund or sign up for regular automated giving from your bank account or credit card. If you would like to give electronically, visit our church website: [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org) and click on the "Secure Contributions" tab. Questions? Contact Financial Secretary Deanna Hoffman or Pastor Kathleen.

## + WELCA NEWS

### *AUGUSTANA*

WELCA Board meets on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the basement.

Sewing Circle meets on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

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## *EAST*

Don't forget to submit your recipes for the anniversary cookbook! The deadline has been extended until the end of May.

Recipes can be mailed to Lynne Rolshoven, 928 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., St. James, MN 56081, emailed to [lrolshoven@isd840.org](mailto:lrolshoven@isd840.org), or placed in the plastic box on the table in the entry.

Save the date! The East Birthday Party will be held on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Committee #1 is in charge of the food; Committee #2 is in charge of the program and decorations.

### *+ SPRING GATHERING - April 6*

All WELCA members are invited to attend the Spring Gathering at Augustana beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> with registration. Morning coffee will be served by the women of East Sveadah. Tina Haroldson will be the guest speaker.

### *+ INVITATION to FRIENDSHIP DAY - April 4*

First Lutheran Church (St. James) women invite you to their Friendship Day, Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the Social Hall. The topic is "Beautiful You" and the speaker is Tina Haroldson of Amboy. Tina is a story teller, minister, and inspirational speaker. Join us for lunch, a time of inspiration, fellowship, and fun! Special offering will be given to Lutheran Social Service. Please call 375-3472 for reservations by **Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### *+ CONVENTION - May 3 - 4*

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Convention of SWMN Women of the ELCA is Friday and Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran Church in Marshall, MN. The In-Kind offerings are: LWR school kits. For more information contact Judy Berg at 375-4759. If you are planning to attend, registration is due by **Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**.

The 2020 Triennial Convention is July 14-19, 2020 in Phoenix, Arizona.

## *COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS*

### *+ WELLSRING - April 1*

The next Caregiver Education event is Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 am in the Community Building at Butterfield, 9:30 am in the Prairie View Dining Room at St. James, or 10:30 am Amberfield Sr+Dining Room, Madelia. The topic is *Elderly Waiver/Alternative Care Services* presented by Watonwan County Human Services.

Yoga for Seniors! meets Thursdays from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at the First Lutheran Church Social Hall in St. James. Please call Wellspring 507-375-1276 to register.

### + WELLSRING - VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION and ANNUAL MEETING - April 3

Wellspring's Volunteer Appreciation and Annual Meeting is Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3 - 4 pm at the St. James Community Building. Guest speaker is Paul Harris presenting "*What's the Buzz about Bees?*" Come for coffee, stay for dessert! Please RSVP to 375-1276 by **Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### + PANCAKE BREAKFAST RELAY FOR LIFE - April 7

The Watonwan County Relay for Life will again be holding a "kick off" pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at the St. James American Legion. This fundraiser breakfast helps raise funds for cancer survivors and caregivers, continuing research, education, and awareness.

AES Ministries members have again been asked to serve breakfast for the event. Our dedication and devotion to support this outreach in our community has been greatly appreciated. If you have questions or can help with this event, please feel free to contact me. Together, we will "Fight for Cure"!  
Thank you, Terry Engel

### + NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - April 14 - 20

National Volunteer Week is Sunday-Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. National Volunteer Week was started as a Presidential proclamation in 1974 as a way to celebrate volunteers and volunteering!

Thank you to all who give of your time and talents in service to our Lord. As it says in I Peter 4:10, "Each one as a good manager of God's gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he or she has received from God". May you be blessed in the volunteer work you do in the church and in the community. Have you thanked a volunteer lately?

### + VOLUNTEER TRAINING - April 8, 9, and 10

Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteer Training is being offered at the Madison East Center Community Room, Suite 354, Mankato. Consider training as a hospice and palliative care volunteer with Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice - Mankato. We are looking for men and women to volunteer in all of our service areas.

Volunteer training sessions are: Monday and Tuesday, April 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Wednesday, April 10, from 9 a.m. – noon.

It's recommended that trainees plan to attend all three days of training. Use the NW entrance, near Hooligan's. Please join us. It's a great way to pay it forward!

For more information or to request an application, please call Sheila Skilling, Hospice Administrative Assistant, at 507-594-7255, or email her at [Skilling.Sheila@mayo.edu](mailto:Skilling.Sheila@mayo.edu).

### + HISTORICAL SOCIETY BANQUET - April 23

The Annual Meeting of the Watonwan County Historical Society is Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, St. James. The guest speaker Dale Blanshan presenting *Songs of the Civil War*, a program about how songwriters responded to the Civil War. Tickets are \$15.00; may be purchased from any board member (Tom Anderson, James Nasman, or Susan Anderson), or at the Historical Society. No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets will be sold after **Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**!

To stumble is normal—brush off the dirt with the promise of God's forgiveness—and move on!

### + GOOD SAMARITAN BOWL - April 27

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Good Samaritan Bowl is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Madelia Lanes. Funds raised will be split 50/50 between the facilities in St. James (resident room lighting) and Mt. Lake (resident room furnishings). Please call Misty at 507-427-2464 or 375-3286 to register your team.

Bowling times are: 9-11 am; 12-2 pm, 3-5 pm. and 6-8 pm.

### + FAITH CONFERENCE / GACAC - April 27

The annual Gustavus Faith Conference and the Association of Congregations Business Meeting is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Gustavus. The **Faith Conference** begins at 9:30 am. The theme is “*Developing Spiritual Intelligence from Filling Committees to Growing Spiritual Leaders*”. This Conference will explore the new trends and resources for developing a shared sense of ownership for Christian mission and strategies for engaging and growing spiritual leaders.

The featured speakers are Dr. Terri Elton and Rev. Dr. Kai Nilsen.

Tickets are \$10/person with group discounts available. Purchase tickets online at [gustavus.edu/faithconference](http://gustavus.edu/faithconference) or call 507-933-7520.

The **GACAC business meeting** is a noon luncheon from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All are welcome! Registration is required. To register, please visit: [gustavus.edu/churchrelations/gacac/registration.php](http://gustavus.edu/churchrelations/gacac/registration.php) or phone 507-933-7001.

For more information: [www.gustavus.edu/faithconference](http://www.gustavus.edu/faithconference).

## AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 3, 2019

The AES Ministries Joint Council met on Wednesday, March 3, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. at East. The following members were present: Teresa Andrews, Judy Berg, Janet Bloomquist, Wayne Jurgens, Mike Menssen, Steph Reid, Greg Thulien, Pastor Kathleen, and Susan Anderson.

Janet Bloomquist, Chairperson, called the meeting to order, and Pr. Kathleen opened the meeting with prayer. Janet welcomed old and new members to the first meeting of the year.

### **BUSINESS:**

The Relay for Life Breakfast is April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the American Legion. AES members will again help serve the breakfast. Terry Engel will arrange for workers.

The Blue Grass Worship service will be April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. at Augustana with a lunch served after the service to raise funds for those youth going to Green Lake Bible camp this summer. There are 24 youth signed up to go to camp! This is a joint worship service; there is no service at East this Sunday.

The AES Church Picnic will be held August 4<sup>th</sup> at East. Details will be discussed closer to the date of the picnic.

On August 2, 2020, East will celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Augustana AES Council members volunteered Augustana's help and support in East's plans for that day.

Summer worship times will be 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

The Lenten and Easter Schedules were reviewed. It was noted that Augustana will NOT be serving an Easter Breakfast this year. East will serve an Easter breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and welcomes Augustana members.

The Community Meals, served by a number of local churches at First Lutheran, have been discontinued.

All the TLC meals for the rest of the year have been spoken for. Thank you to everyone who has served meals this year.

The next meeting will be May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Steph volunteered to give devotions.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Susan Anderson



## AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 13, 2019

**Present:** Lyle Anderson, Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson, John Coleman, Terry Engel, Paul Missling, Steph Reid, Kyla Schlomann, Greg Thulien, Judy Thulien, and Pastor Kathleen

**Absent:** Kristen Gertsema, Deanna Hoffman, Kari Miest, Jeff Nelson

President Dominique Berg called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm. L. Anderson shared devotions.

Motion by G. Thulien, second by J. Coleman to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

- Bluegrass Band – April 28<sup>th</sup>, Mark Kulseth has agreed to do the meal. This will be a fundraiser for the almost 30 kids we have going to Bible camp this summer.
- Community Meal – It was agreed by all involved that this would be discontinued. There was a discussion on doing a community worship service Railroad Days weekend (June 23).

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Kathleen reported that she has been busy with TLC, Sunday and Wednesday services, Confirmation. She did a couple baptisms in March and has one so far coming up in April. She has a funeral at the end of March. During Lent, Lyla, Steph R., and Kathy E. will be guest preachers.

**AES Report:** Augustana will have worship at sunrise this year with a second service at 9:30 am. East will have breakfast at 7 am with worship at 8 am.

Motion by K. Schlomann, second by G. Thulien to change the Easter service from 6:30 am to sunrise service at 6:19 am.

**Giving Report:** Finance report was presented for review.

**Treasury Report:** J. Thulien presented a corrected January report and the February report. Motion by S. Reid, second by P. Missling to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Judy Thulien. Motion carried.

**Education Committee:** Working on Vacation Bible School. There is a workshop for VBS at the end of March that some of them will be attending. TLC has been busy.

**Evangelism Committee:** Working on getting contact information for the college students so that cards can be sent. They are also working on getting all the congregation contacts up to date. March will be a food drive for the food shelf. The school needs liquid hand soap and body wash again. Any donations would be appreciated.

**Finance Committee:** Met and discussed the purchasing of the microphones. Motion by G. Thulien, second by K. Schlomann to purchase microphones using money from the Music Memorial fund. Motion carried.

**Property and Cemetery Committee:** Waiting on bid for fixing the sanctuary walls. Jim has been busy with snow removal. There was discussion on not using the parking lot due to the melting and excess water. It will be barricaded off until things dry out a little to help protect it. The light switch in the sacristy was moved to a better location

**Worship & Music:** Met Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and discussed Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter. Bluegrass Band is April 28<sup>th</sup> as a camp fundraiser. Two new banners will be made for Palm Sunday and Easter. Colorful flags are being looked into for placing outside to attract potential visitors.

**Youth Committee:** Committee did not meet. They will do steak fry in April.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Video Camera – this will be looked into so that we can get a new, higher quality one in hopes it will help our TV broadcast.
- Safe Haven work will continue
- Staff evaluations- self evaluations will be gone through in April.
- Stained Glass Fundraiser – March 24<sup>th</sup> will be the bingo and stained-glass fundraiser which was postponed due to weather.

### **Communion Servers:**

**April 7** – Lisa & Jeff

**April 14** - Greg, Lyle, Steph, & Kari

**April 18** – Noon – Greg

**6:30** – Kyla & Steph

**Next month's meeting:**

April 10, 2019

Lisa Carlson will share devotions

Motion by J. Coleman, second by P. Missling to adjourn at 9:24 pm. Motion carried.

Meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Kyla Schlomann, Secretary

**EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 14, 2019**

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Wayne Jurgens, Erma Griffith, Evonne Moll, Lori Urevig, Susan Anderson, and Pastor Kathleen.

Tom called the meeting to order and Pastor Kathleen opened with prayer.

The Secretary's report was approved as read.

Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented her written report. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Erma, and passed to approve the report.

Jana Anderson, Financial Secretary, presented her report. Motion by Erma, seconded by Evonne, and passed to approve the report.

Tom presented the outstanding bills. A motion by Lori, seconded by Wayne, and passed to approve paying of bills.

**Pastor Kathleen** highlighted the following:

- Blue Grass Sunday is April 28. A dinner will be served following worship with proceeds going to Green Lake Bible Camp kids.
- Lenten services will have guests giving the sermon.
- March 31 Lyla Klee will be the pulpit supply.
- Pastor Kathleen reported on the Watonwan River Conference held at Sleepy Eye.
- VBS will be June 3-7 in conjunction with First Presbyterian Church. Five adult leaders will be attending a VBS workshop in New Ulm.
- Pastor Kathleen and Jackson Miest attended a Step-up Leadership training at Gustavus.
- Green Lake Bible Camp is in need of some fat tire bikes. A motion by Janet, seconded by Erma, and passed to purchase two bikes with our tithing money. Motion passed.

Susan Anderson reported that East will have the Radio service on Easter Sunday.

Discussion on Lenten supper was discussed and planned.

No Old or New Business.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be April 11, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

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**EASTER**

Easter is not just a one day happening.

We have the Easter Season which is fifty days long. It runs from Easter Sunday to Pentecost (from the Greek word for "fifty"). This seven-week period (a week of weeks) was observed early in the church's history, giving an opportunity to explore the depth of meaning in the resurrection event. Easter is the great validation of Jesus Christ and deserves a full celebration. It is the longest season of the Christian year for this reason.

Furthermore, Easter is the model for every Sunday. Worship on the Lord's Day is always a celebration of the resurrection as the victory of Jesus Christ over death and the deliverance of God's people from sin's dominion.

**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 19, 2019**

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Nancy Kunkel, Kathy Eiden, Jayne Anderson, Carol Zarn

Judy opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

WELCA Brandt Ridge Event held at Brandt Ridge on Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, was well attended. Games were played, lunch and fellowship followed and was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended.

BOLD Women's Sunday was cancelled on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, because of bad weather. This will not be rescheduled. WOMEN OF THE ELCA envelopes can be put in the offering plate or brought to the church office.

WELCA will be serving the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Judy will purchase grocery items with Thrivent Action Dollars.

Spring Gathering will be held at Augustana on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Coffee and registration is at 9 a.m., with meeting and program starting at 9:30 a.m. Tina Haroldson is the speaker. A salad luncheon will follow. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

WELCA will again deliver flowers to our shut-ins for Easter.

Synodical Gathering is being held at First Lutheran Church in Marshall, Friday and Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration due by April 13<sup>th</sup>. One delegate is needed. We will donate \$100.00 to the offering. School kit items that have been collected will be delivered to the convention at this time. Judy Berg is ordering the school kit bags for these items to be placed in.

Received a thank you from Nancy for those who helped with the Thrivent WELCA Mission project at Brandt Ridge.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement.

Our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are like FORDS:

They have better ideas.

Volunteers are like COKE:

They are the real thing.

Volunteers are like PAN AM:

They make the going great.

Volunteers are like PEPSI:

They've got a lot to give.

Volunteers are like DIAL SOAP:

They care more.

Don't you wish everyone did?

Volunteers are like VO5 HAIR SPRAY:

Their goodness holds in all weather.

Volunteers are like HALLMARK CARDS:

They care enough to give the very best.

Volunteers are like STANDARD OIL:

You expect more and you get it.

But most of all:

**A VOLUNTEER'S PRAYER**

I thank the Lord as a volunteer for  
the chance to serve again this year,

To give of myself in some small way to  
those not blessed as I each day.

My thanks for health of mind and soul  
to aid me ever toward my goal;

For eyes to see the good in all, a hand  
to extend before a fall,

For legs to where the need is great,  
learning to love, forgetting to hate;

For ears to hear and hearts to care,  
when someone's cross is hard to bear;

A smile to show my affection true,  
with energy a plenty the task to do

And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may, is to  
serve you better day by day.

-Author unknown

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*Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner, Pastor*

April 18: MAUNDY THURSDAY 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm Communion Services, Augustana

April 19: GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 pm Worship Service, Augustana  
6:30 pm Worship Service, East

April 21: EASTER SCHEDULE

**6:19 am** Easter Sunrise Communion, Augustana – Coffee Hour /No breakfast

7:00 am Easter Breakfast, East

8:00 am Easter Communion, East

9:30 am Easter Communion, Augustana

April 28: GREEN LAKE BLUE GRASS WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 AM Joint AES Service at Augustana

followed by Fundraiser Lunch for our Campers

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*Lyla Klee, Visitation Deacon*