

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

APRIL NEWSLETTER



PASTOR KATHLEEN'S COLUMN

A Letter to All Our Adults

YEAH!

We recruited you! What? You did not know? But, you said, "Yes!"
You are now on our youth ministry team. Thanks for agreeing! Are you excited?
Fear not, you do not need to sleep on floors or play hide and seek!

We simply need you to say, "Yeah!"

"Yeah!" by knowing young people's names!

"I know I am loved by the sound of my name in your voice."

"Yeah!" by finding and affirming all that is good.

"Everyone else is telling me what I do wrong."

"Yeah!" by telling young people's parents all you see that is good.

"You see things my parents don't."

"Yeah!" by showing up for me.

"Thanks for coming. It tells me I count!"

"Yeah!" by telling me you lit a candle and prayed for me.

"I am lucky to know people who actually practice faith."

"Yeah!" by sharing your faith stories.

"You became real when you shared your stories with me."

"Yeah!" by listening to a young person's stories.

"You make me real when you take time to listen to me."

"Yeah!" by asking for a young person's help.

"I need to be needed."

"Yeah!" in as many ways as you can!

Why is this essential? Because as good as our congregation's programs are, youth learn faith through people who live it. Relationships with our adults of all ages and stages of life are essential. You provide the sticking power for faith! "Kids don't care what you know until they know you care." Young people need a church full of people who all are saying, "Yeah!"

We need your help. It is simple, but it must be intentional. Youth ministry is much more than program ministry; it is about connecting young people to people of faith. Thank you for joining the youth ministry team. Thanks for your intentional face-to-face, heart-to-heart, person-to-person, "Yeahs!" for our youth.

Pastor Kathleen

Rick Carlson, Director of Faith Formation Ministries

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APRIL CIRCLES

- April 5: Rebecca Circle 11:30 am - Encore
 April 5: Martha Circle 7:00 pm - Fireside Room
 April 7: Lydia Circle 7:00 pm at Gerry Swenson's
 April 19: Sewing Circle 8:30 am - Social hall

ACOLYTES

- April 3: Gia Zender & Brandi Pierson
 April 10: Alex Casey & Dawson Gertsema
 April 17: Paris Morrow & Lizabeth Lothert
 April 24: Amber Carlson & Jennifer Lothert

ALTAR GUILD

Jeanne Miest, Kari Miest,
 Colleen Newman, Judy Thulien

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

- April 3: Bryan Nelson

COMMUNION SERVERS

- April 3: Deanna Hoffman, Mark Kulseth
 April 10: Mark Kulseth, Kathy Eiden, Stan Kunkel,
 Kari Miest

GREETERS

- April 3: Greg & Judy Thulien
 April 10: Les & Kristi Zellmann
 April 17: Philip & LaVonne Anderson
 April 24: Jayne Anderson

SUNDAY LECTORS

- April 3: Kristen Gertsema
 April 10: Kinzee Miest
 April 17: Paul Missling
 April 24: Deb Style

RADIO SPONSORS

- April 24:

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

- April 3:
 April 10:
 April 17: Kathy Eiden in memory of Joe
 April 24:

AUGUSTANA

USHERS

Bob & Janet Plath, John Coleman, Andrew Farr, Don Flater, Stan Kunkel, Doug Nelson, Lanny Overson, Lloyd & Andrea Sandberg, Kyla Schломann

COFFEE HOUR

- April 3: Gene & Carol Zarn, Bert & Gerry Swenson
 April 10: Stan & Nancy Kunkel
 Kyla Schломann & Don Flater
 April 17: Bob & Janet Plath, Lloyd & Andrea Sandberg
 April 24: Jim & Judy Anderson
 Joyce Pierson & Lorraine Peterson

MEMORIALS

\$295.00 given in memory of Cloe Klinkner to Youth Camperships.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Would you like to sponsor our missionary and her work in teaching pastors and church leaders in Cameroon, Africa? Would you like to sponsor a radio broadcast for those who aren't able to get to worship? You can sponsor our missionary for a Sunday by giving \$20 or a radio broadcast for \$65. To sign up, either call (375-4792) or email (lutheran@embarqmail.com) the church office. After you sign up don't forget to put your donation in the offering plate or bring it to the church office with a memo for what you are sponsoring. These are both great ways to help spread God's love and are important ministries at Augustana.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to furnish Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday there is a poster in the Narthex to sign up on. The cost is \$ per Sunday.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Sponsor a month for \$65.00 or one of four segments for \$16.25 each. March-August broadcasts are from East due to early service times. The following Sundays are available:

- April 24th
 June 26th
 July 24th
 August 28th
 September 25th

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

PRAYER CONCERNS: Bev, Jerry, Lavan, Emery,
Norman, Emery, Dianne, Jacob, Chloe, Pedro

ADDRESS CHANGES:

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through February \$11,008.18
 Received through February 3,277.37
Behind through February - \$ 7,730.81

Happy Birthday – Happy Baptism Date

- 2 Aladeen Noren [5-5]
- 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]
- 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]

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 One of the best things people can have up their sleeves is a funny bone! - Richard L. Weaver II

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people - Victor Borge

EAST

RADIO BROADCASTS

April 3: First Lutheran, St. James
 10: Albion
 17: First Lutheran, St. James
 24: East

ACOLYTE

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Janet Bloomquist and Julene Hoffman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

George Nasman and Tom Anderson

COFFEE HOUR

April 3: Cindy Torkelson
 10: Mike Menssen
 17: Rita Nasman
 24: Teresa Andrews

VISITING COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman, Janet Bloomquist, Julene Hoffman

WELCA HOSTESSES

There is no meeting in April.

USHERS

LECTORS

April 3: Wayne Jurgens
 10: Paul/Cindy Torkelson
 17: James Nasman
 24: Erma Griffith

RADIO SPONSORS

Broadcasts sponsored by East:
 May 29: Herbert & Karen Noren family
 July 31: Jerry & Lynette Noren
 October 30:
 If you would like to sponsor the last broadcast, please contact Susan.



APRIL NEWS

+ CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the family of **Duane “Duke” Nessler**. Duke passed away on March 8th and his funeral was held at Augustana on March 11th. Please continue to keep Duke’s family in your prayers for strength and comfort as they grieve, mourn, remember, and give thanks to God for this precious life and for the promises that we know in the Resurrection of Christ Jesus.

We extend our condolences to the family of **Rev. Bill Bruehl**. Bill served as Pastor at Augustana from 1963-1973. Please continue to keep Bill’s family in your prayers for strength and comfort as they grieve, mourn, remember, and give thanks to God for this precious life and for the promises that we know in the Resurrection of Christ Jesus.

+ FACEBOOK / WEBSITE

“Like” the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, and inspiration. The AES Minisries website is www.augustanachurch.org

+ NEW MEMBERS

If you or someone you know is interested in **becoming a member** of Augustana or East Sveadahl, please contact Pastor Kathleen. New members will be welcomed into these congregations on Sunday, April 10th. All those interested are invited to meet on Wednesday, March 30th at 7:30 pm and on Sunday, April 6th at 9:45 am at Augustana to learn more about our congregations.

+ BABY SHOWER

There will be an **Open House Baby Shower** for Mariah (Grunewald) Schmidt on Sunday, April 24th from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Social Hall at Augustana. All are welcome to attend!

+ BLUE GRASS JOINT WORSHIP

The **Joint Blue Grass Worship Service** is Sunday, April 17 at 10:30 am at Augustana with Sunday School at 9:15 am. Following worship there will be a meal to raise funds to send our youth to bible camp. A week of bible camp costs \$425. To make this affordable for our families, we are raising enough funds to cover \$325 of that registration cost. This commitment has helped us send 20 youth to camp each of the last three years! Thanks to you and your generous donations, we can offer this life changing experience to all of our youth. You won’t want to miss this festive joint worship service of Augustana and East Sveadahl. Bring your friends and stay for lunch!

+ EMT

The City of St James is accepting applications from individuals interested in becoming an **Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)**. Applications are online at www.stjames.mn.us or may be picked up at City Hall at 120 Armstrong Blvd So. Classes will begin in the fall. The State of Minnesota has a grant program as an incentive to become an EMT.

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+ RUMMAGE SALE

REMINDER: The youth will again be having a rummage sale on May 20, the Friday of Hot Dog Days weekend, from 4:00-8:00 pm. We are looking for any items that are in good condition, including books and clothing. Larger items are subject to approval by the AESY Committee.

You may start bringing your items to Augustana at any time. All items should be received by May 15 unless other arrangements have been made. Please let me know if you have any questions or would be willing to help at the sale or with the set-up on May 19th. Thank you to everyone who has supported this in the past. It has been a great success.

Rick Carlson 507-381-3538

+ THANK YOUS

Thank you to those who furnished food for the East Lenten suppers. Your generosity was very much appreciated.
The East Church Council

Thank you to everyone who furnished Easter lilies and plants at East: **Steve & Charlotte Johnson and family, Kris & Tom Suess and family, Jim & Rita Nasman, Lowell & Janet Bloomquist and family, Dale & Deb Anderson and family, the Torkelson Family, the Herbert Noren Family, the Ray Anderson Family, Dianne Miller, Lisa Shellum and family, and Chad & Lori Urevig and family**

Thank you to everyone who participated in Tying Fleece Blankets on March 8th at Brandt Ridge, and also to those who helped at our workshops on February 25th to prep the blankets for tying. With the help of 8 ladies from Brandt Ridge and Prairie View, along with 14 from Augustana Lutheran, we tied a total of 15 Fleece Blankets for Lutheran World Relief done as our WELCA winter mission project.

A special thanks to Deanna, Jayne, and Sally for taking the time to go pick out the fleece for our blankets.

We here at Augustana certainly are blessed.

Nancy Kunkel, Action Team Leader & WELCA Board member

Thank you for donating the wonderful baby gift bags. The families we serve greatly appreciate them- as do we!
Watonwan County Public Health



APRIL HAPPENINGS



EVENTS for WOMEN

April 2 – Friday

Watonwan River Spring Gathering

All WELCA members are invited to attend the Spring Gathering at East beginning at 8:30 am with coffee served by Augustana. The program, “Partners Build a Church”, begins at 9 am and will be presented by Rebecca Sullivan. Lunch cost is \$7.00. One-half of the offering will go to the Synod; one-half will be given to matching funds for the Shiyane Circuit Project.

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April 7 – Thursday

Women of the Word Birthday Party

Albion Lutheran Church invites you to their annual Birthday Party on Thursday the 7th at 2:00 pm. Musical entertainment will be presented by “Memory Lane” – Del and Caroline Begalka. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Jean Knudson at 507-794-7604 or ljknudson@sleepyeyetel.net.

June 17,18 – Friday and Saturday

Convention

The 29th Convention of SW MN Women of the ELCA is Friday & Saturday, June 17 & 18 at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN. The Theme is: “And the World is About to Turn”. Theme verse is: Job 37:12 – “They turn round & round by his guidance, to accomplish that he commands them on the face of the habitable world.”

Mission Action

The Watonwan River Conference WELCA for Mission Action is focusing on Fleece Blankets and School kits which are in great demand. If interested in making and donating either of these items contact Janet Bloomquist for details such as size of quilt and what to include in a backpack.

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April 4 – Monday

### **Coffee and Conversation – Wellspring**

The next Caregiver Education event is Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am in the Community Building at Butterfield or at 9:30 am in the Prairie View Dining Room at St. James. The topic is Financial Fraud Protection for Seniors.

April 4, 5, 6 – Monday – Wednesday

### **Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteer Training**

A Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteer Training will be held April 4, 5, 6 at the Madison East Center, Community Room, Suite 354, Mankato (northwest entrance near Holligan’s). Times: April 4-5 from 9 am to 3 pm and on April 6 from 9 am to noon. Attendance is required at all three sessions. For information or an application, contact Kim at 507-385-6364 or [rotchadl.kim@mayo.edu](mailto:rotchadl.kim@mayo.edu). Both men and women are needed for this rewarding volunteer experience.

April 7, 8 – Thursday and Friday

### **Blood Drive**

The American Red Cross St. James Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 1-7:00 pm and Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church. For appointments call: 1-800-733-2767 or register online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code STJAMESMN.

April 10 – Sunday

### **Pork Sandwich Fundraiser**

The St. James Lion’s Pork Sandwich Fundraiser with Pie will be on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 1 pm at the American Legion. Proceeds are used to provide youth glasses and fund a St. James High School Senior Scholarship. Cost is Adult-\$8.00; 12&Under-\$4.00; Preschool-Free.

April 10 – 16 – Sunday – Saturday

### **National Volunteer Week**

National Volunteer Week is Sunday-Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. 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?

April 12 – Tuesday

### **Watsonwan County Historical Society Banquet**

The Annual Meeting of the Watsonwan County Historical Society is Tuesday, April 12th, 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, St. James. The guest speaker is Garrett Ebling, a survivor of the 35W bridge collapse. Tickets are \$15.00; may be purchased from any board member (Tom Anderson, James Nasman, Wilma Wolner, or Susan Anderson) or at the Historical Society. No tickets will be sold at the door. No tickets will be sold after **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>!**

April 14 – Thursday

### **Grace-based Evangelizing: Living and Telling the Story of Jesus Today**

This event will be held on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9 pm at Gustavus. The speakers, in this TED-talk style event, are Pr. Mark Tranvik, Pr. Salim Kaderbhia, Pr. Tim Olson, and Peggy Hahn. They will explore why it is hard to share our faith, as well as offer foundations and approaches, to practice "Grace-based evangelizing." There is no cost. If you are interested in attending, please talk with Pr. Kathleen.

April 17 – Sunday

### **Handbell Festival Concert**

A Handbell Festival Concert, "Ringing Our Praise," will be held at the American Lutheran Church in Windom on **Sunday, April 17 at 3:00 pm. Everyone** is invited to enjoy the music of five area Handbell Choirs and a Handbell Ensemble from Gustavus Adolphus College. Following the concert the youth will offer a Pasta Bar Buffet, with proceeds designated for the summer mission trip.

April 23 – Saturday

### **Faith Conference / GACAC**

The annual Gustavus Faith Conference and the Association of Congregations Business Meeting is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Gustavus. The Faith Conference begins at 9:30 am and the theme is "*Lutheran Convictions for Creative Care*".

The GACAC meeting is a noon luncheon from 12:30-2:30 pm.

April 28 – Thursday

### **Palliative Care Conference**

Mayo Clinic Health System Mankato-Hospice and the Chesley Center on Aging are sponsoring a Palliative Care Conference, entitled "Transforming the Dying Experience: Becoming an Effective Guide for the Journey" on Thursday, April 28th in the Conference Center at South Central College in North Mankato. Doors will open at 8 am, with the program running from 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Lunch is included. The content is geared toward anyone interested in end-of-life issues. The brochure and flyer for registration information is on the bulletin board at East; in the office at Augustana or online registration is available at [www.mnsu.edu/continuinged/palliative.html](http://www.mnsu.edu/continuinged/palliative.html).

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May 7, 8 – Saturday and Sunday

### **Good Samaritan Bowl**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Good Samaritan Bowl is Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at Memory Lanes. Funds raised will go toward independently controlled heat/air pumps in each room at the facility in Mt. Lake, and for resident room furnishings in St. James. Please call Misty at 507-427-2464 or 375-3286 to register your team.

May 7 – Saturday

### **Healthy Congregations Workshop**

You are invited to join others from neighboring congregations for a day of learning about "healthy congregations." You'll learn some tools that will help improve communication in your parish, and ways to respond to conflict in constructive ways! It can help a congregation move toward a positive future.

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Shalom Hill Farm, rural Windom. Cost is \$15 per person, includes lunch.

June 24 – 26 – Friday – Sunday

### **Augustana Heritage Event**

The Augustana Heritage Association is planning a Valedictory Celebration: A Living Heritage June 24-26 at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Swedish heritage and the heritage of your congregation. Afterwards plan to stay to visit historic sights of the area! There is more information on the bulletin board at East and in the office at Augustana. There is a discount price if you register before May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ***CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES***

April 29 – May 1 – Friday – Sunday

### **Creative Souls**

This is a gathering of creative souls coming together for a fun, relaxing and productive weekend enjoying your hobby. Whether it is scrapbooking, beading, sewing, or quilting, you will enjoy the fellowship of fellow crafters who share your same passion. April 29-May 1 at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer. \$135 includes double occupancy lodging, meals, and programming. There will be an additional \$17 fee, per night for private rooms, if space allows.

May 13 – 15 – Friday – Sunday

### **Spring Bloom: Awakening the Blossoms of the Spirit**

Join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal and growth. Occasions for renewal include: guided yoga practices, walks, Bible study, waterfront activities, contemplative worship, and fellowship. The intention of this retreat is to awaken the blossoms of the Spirit that will bear fruit by working the ground of our being. Inactivity, rest, and renewal are as important parts of our blossoming as our activity. So take time to unplug and breathe deeply as we learn to receive the gracious growth that God loves to give. May 13-15 at St. Andrew Village, New London. All inclusive fee: \$135 (double occupancy)

Register online at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) or call 1-320-796-2181 for more information or registration on either of these camps.



## AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 2, 2016

The Joint AES Council met on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 7:30 pm at Augustana. The following were present: Tom Anderson, Teresa Andrews, Leora Ask, Rick Carlson, Ruth Haler, Deanna Hoffman, Creig Noren, Greg Thulien, Pr. Kathleen, and Susan Anderson. Rick Carlson and Kris Suess were absent. Visitor: Terry Engel

Greg Thulien opened the meeting with devotions.

He asked that all members of the council share in leading devotions. Leora volunteered to give devotions in May.

New Council members Tom, Leora, and Creig were welcomed.

### **PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Pr. Kathleen was pleased with the attendance at the Lenten services.

She has been busy with visitations.

Since she will be gone from August 6 – 27, she would like to have August 21 and 28 off.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to grant her the two Sundays off. Pulpit supply will be found.

### **DOFFM:**

Rick Carlson informed us that the Family Sabbath will be held at East on April 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a petting zoo.

Bible School plans and dates have not been finalized due to a number of conflicts and unknowns.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Lenten and East schedules were reviewed with no changes.

There was an error noted on the March calendar. The Lenten Supper and Service on March 9<sup>th</sup> is at East not Augustana.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Worship times change March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Worship and Music Committee will talk about summer worship plans at their next meeting.

The date for the AES Annual Picnic was tentatively set for August 14. It is hoped to have the Vacation Bible School as part of the service. The entertainment that has been asked to be at the picnic will need to be notified when a date is set.

There will be a Joint Blue Grass Worship Service on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Augustana beginning at 10:30 am. There will be a fund raiser lunch served after the service with proceeds going to camperships for our youth. Thrivent Action Team monies have been applied for. Ruth Haler is also pursuing a cookie fund raiser for camperships.

Thank you to those who contributed to the *Young Adults in Global Mission* offering -- \$638.00 was raised from both churches. Susan Brock spoke about this program on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Congregation Consulting Services found a loophole in the Affordable Care Act which benefits congregations. After checking on the validity of the company, Judy Thulien completed the paper work to receive the refund. The cost was \$1,000.00, and the refund was \$5,500.00 which will be split 75% and 25%.

Terry Engel reported on the 2015 Relay for Life. Watonwan County raised \$90,000 which placed us 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation in per capita given! Out of every dollar given, 72¢ goes to the patient, 21¢ to programs, and 7¢ to administration.

The 2016 Relay is July 22 from 4 pm -12 am at the Fairgrounds. The kickoff, a pancake breakfast with the theme "Color Your World Purple", is May 15 at the Legion.

Terry would like AES Ministries to consider helping plan, coordinate, and serve food again this year.

After Terry left, and a discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to participate in the 2016 Relay for Life.

Thrivent funds will be applied for.

Life Touch Church Directory information was received. It was decided to not make a directory this year.

Naming officers was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Augustana..

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson

## AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2016

Present: Dominique Berg, Kathy Eiden, Terry Engel, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Mark Kulseth, Stan Kunkel, Kari Miest, Jessie Shores, Greg Thulien, Lynn Watson, Pr. Kathleen & Rick Carlson

Absent: None

President Mark Kulseth called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by Terry Engel.

\* MSC to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 Council meeting as printed.

\* Treasurer's report was presented by Judy Thulien. MSC to approve as presented.

### **Pastor Kathleen:**

There will be a Grace Based Evangelizing workshop at Gustavus on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 9 PM. Council approved paying the \$25 registration, and we can have as many attending as wish to go.

Marriage Brochure was edited by Pr. Kathleen and Judyn Thulien and was approved for use going forward.

Lenten services are going great and are very well attended.

A hard drive is needed for back up of files that are stored on the computer. As we move to more information stored on the computer, it is critical that we have a back-up in case of a system crash. MSC to purchase.

Communion will be continuous on Easter Sunday, so 4 persons needed each service. Also discussed Blessing of the children.

### **AES Ministries:**

Greg Thulien reported that we are currently into the time change of the service rotation.

April 17<sup>th</sup> is Blue Grass Sunday with service at Augustana at 10:30 AM with the Campership Fundraising meal to follow the service.

Relay for Life is July 22<sup>nd</sup> with AES Ministries voting to assist Terry Engel with the food stand as we did last year. Volunteers will be needed.

AES Joint Picnic will be held August 14<sup>th</sup> at East.

### **DOFFM RICK:**

April 24<sup>th</sup> will be Family Sunday School at East with a petting zoo.

Boundary waters canoe trip is scheduled for July 21-24<sup>th</sup>.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> the youth served 78 adults & 5 children for the Valentine Dinner and entertained them with John's Bingo.

On February 21<sup>st</sup> the 3-6 graders went skating in Fairmont and on February 28<sup>th</sup> the 7-12 went bowling.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> they served the Lenten meal and donations were \$329.

Six youth attended the Sr. High Youth Gathering with a theme of "Being the Light of the World".

They are planning a community wide event geared for 7-12 graders from 6-8 pm at Memorial Park.

Theme will be "Why Does God Love You".

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education:** Working on the instruction preparation for First Communion. This year First Communion will be at East on Maundy Thursday at the 6:30 pm service. They are again making the unleavened bread for the Communion.

**Evangelism/Social Ministries:** March is food share month. There are baskets in the pews to collect donations of food and money for the Watonwan County Food Shelf.

Kathy Eiden asked that we promote Lutheran Campus Ministry. Information is available at campus ministry at ELCA.org.

**Finance:** No meeting

**Property/Cemetery:** They presented a drawing and estimate for the main church doors. Cost is \$4169 - unfinished and \$5,325 - finished. These would be wood look metal. As the stain used for these is hard to apply properly, it was decided to purchase them finished. We will still need to find a contractor to install them.

Greg Thulien informed the board that the City of St James will reimburse 100% for a change to all LED bulbs in the entire church. MCS to go forward with this. Estimate is for a savings of up to \$100 per month on our electric bill.

Floor in the women's bathroom down stairs in the education wing needs repair. A contractor will be obtained to correct this.

**Youth Ministries:** Will be meeting in 2 weeks

**Worship & Music:** They will be working on summer services after Easter. After Easter we will be using Setting 4 for worship.

Over the summer they will be working on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther for October of 2017.

Terry attended the Equipping Congregations workshop on copyrights which was very interesting and informative. Terry is asking for permission and registration to attend a course of Worship & Music Studies. Cost is \$50. MSC to fund from Continuing Education budget line.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Handicap bathroom is still on the agenda. Hopefully to start soon.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Judy Thulien attended the Equipping Congregations workshop and informed us that every door to a meeting room/classroom in the church needs to have a window. Safety inside and outside are the reason. Some other safety/liability questions were discussed and will be gone over with our insurance representative in June.

Pastor Kathleen expressed how impressed she was with the community involvement for the Madelia Benefit. Service clubs, firemen, EMTs and others all came to selflessly help for the benefit. So many community people working together was wonderful.

No further business.

Next meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> - Devotions - Kristen Gertsema

Communion Servers: March 24<sup>th</sup>: 12 noon – Greg & Stan

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Deanna Hoffman & Mark Kulseth

April 10<sup>th</sup>: Mark Kulseth, Kathy Eiden, Stan Kunkel & Kari Miest

Deanna Hoffman, secretary

### **EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 9, 2016**

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, following the Lenten Service. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Creig Noren, Cindy Torkelson, George Nasman, Lori Urevig, Susan Anderson, Jana Anderson, and Pastor Kathleen.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

Motion by Creig, seconded by Wayne, and passed to approve the February 2016 minutes as read.

Financial reports were given. Motion by Creig, seconded by Lori, and passed to approve reports.

Chairman Tom Anderson presented the bills. Motion by Cindy, seconded by Wayne, and passed to approve paying of bills as presented.

Motion by Janet, seconded by George and passed to give a total of \$271.00 to Young Adults in Global Mission. The council motioned in February to give \$150.00 from the church plus the loose and special offerings that Sunday, making the total amount \$271.00.

**Pastor's report:**

1. The second Thursday in April on the 14<sup>th</sup>, there is a synod meeting at Gustavus on Evangelizing & Reaching Out. Pastor Kathleen will be attending.

**AES report:**

Creig Noren, AES Board member, reported on the AES meeting. See newsletter for complete report. It was noted that Kris Suess is the new member at large on the AES Board replacing Dale Anderson whose term was completed.

Susan Anderson gave an update on church calendar events.

**Old Business:**

1. The Lenten supper donations & offerings are \$930.00. Motion by Wayne, seconded by George, and passed to donate the money to the St. James Food Shelf. Offerings to the Food Shelf in March are matched funds.
2. The new insurance policy for the church and property is in place.
3. Tom announced that due to a loophole in the Affordable Care Act, East Sveadahl will be receiving a refund check in the near future for having overpaid for the pastor's health care.

**New Business:**

1. A Lay voting Delegate is needed for the GACAC – Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations. Please let Tom know if you would be willing to be the delegate. The conference will be on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2. Motion by Janet, seconded by Cindy to offer scholarships to three East Sveadahl youth to attend bible camp this summer. Motion passed and Lori will contact the youth.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist

**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 6, 2016**

Present: Judy Berg, Jayne Anderson, Judy Anderson, Nancy Kunkel, Carol Zarn  
Secretary and Treasurer reports approved.

Baby Shower for Jesus, on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, brought in many gifts for the layettes and a total of \$173.00 from coffee hour and funds to purchase additional gifts.

Bold Women's Sunday coffee hour monies of \$117.50 was donated to St. James CADA.

Thankoffering envelopes so far have amounted to \$510.00, with more funds being received.

Quilt Tying Event is Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Brandt Ridge. Twelve people helped cut and prepare the fleece for tying on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

WELCA will be serving the Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. The hotdish will be made in the afternoon at church. Bars and salads will be donated.

Marge Jenkins is again coordinating the delivering of flowers for shut-ins at Easter.

Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at East Sveadahl. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Augustana will serve coffee and coffee cake. After which time will be the meeting, with noon lunch to follow. Cost of registration is \$7.00

Plans are being made for Guest Night for some time in September. Judy Berg checking dates available for the Benson Family of Faribault. Program at 7 P.M. with dessert luncheon to follow.

Suggested that a future project could be compiling a cookbook. The last book, "Treasurers of Augustana", was in 1988. What are your thoughts?

Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6 P.M.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

# DOFFM REPORT

We are planning a **Community Wide Event for youth in Grades 7-12** on August 3 at the north end of Memorial Park. One of the things we would like to do that night is to have a few of the youth speak briefly on the topic of "Why do you love God." I will be talking to some of you in the near future. Please let me know if this is something you would be willing to do.

At the bottom of each report are the times for our **Youth Committee meetings**. Youth and parents are always welcome to attend. You do not have to be a member of the committee. Please come anytime you have suggestions, questions, concerns, etc. You do not have to stay for the whole meeting. If I know you are coming, when can talk about your items at the beginning of the meeting.

In last month's newsletter, you saw that we decided to postpone our April **Chanhassen trip** to August. The April 17 deadline is approaching fast so please sign up on the youth bulletin board or contact me. This will be for youth who have completed 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade and the cost is \$40. Remember to select which of the two dates you would prefer.

We are also planning a **Boundary Waters trip** for youth who have completed 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade on July 21-24. We will actually leave on the 20<sup>th</sup> but not until late at night. The cost is \$30 and the deadline is May 1. Please sign-up on the youth bulletin board or contact me.

## 3rd-12th

**April 9:** We will be working at the VFW Steak Fry from 4:45-9:00. Please select the job you would like to do on the sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board. Remember, we have been asked to limit each shift to 12 people.

**April 10:** We have been asked to pack back-packs for the Weekend Back-Pack program. This is tentative depending on how many people can help. We would need a minimum of 8 people and would finish in around 2 hours. The more people we have, the faster we will finish.

**May 19/20:** We will have our rummage sale set-up and sale on these dates.

**May 21:** We will be having a stand for Hot Dog Days.

(Over)

## 3rd-6th

**April 17:** Pool Party at the High School from 2:00-4:00 pm. The cost is \$2. This is a week later than originally scheduled because of the possibility of doing the back-pack project on April 10.

**May 14:** Zoo trip to Minnesota or Como Zoo. This date has been changed to a Saturday instead of Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us more time at the zoo.

## 7th-12<sup>th</sup>

**April 13:** Mystery trip. We will leave from Augustana at 5:30 pm and be back by 10:30 pm. The only cost is spending money for supper. I will need drivers if more than 7 youth attend. If parents would like to know where we are going, please let me know. We will be going out of town but within 50 miles of St. James.

**May 26:** Lock-in at East Sveadahl. This date was changed from May 20th.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**April 24:** We are having the Hasse Mobile Petting Zoo come out to East during our Sunday School time as part of our Family Sunday School. This is the same zoo that came to East the last time we had a petting zoo. We will also be doing "Blessing of the Animals" so be sure to bring your pets.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**April 5:** Education Committee meeting at 1:00 pm.

**April 20:** Youth Committee meeting at 5:30 pm. (This is a week later than normal)

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