

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

April Newsletter

From The Pastor

Easter Joy

New...transformed...life...light...joy...resurrection...celebration...these are words of hope. These are words of promise. These are words of Easter! We begin the month of April in Lent, journeying with Jesus to the cross knowing this is an important part of our faith journey as we long to better know and understand God. God doesn't stop at the cross and so on April 16, Easter, we will celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord. We will celebrate the promise that sin, darkness, loneliness, sickness, pain, conflict, injustice...none of these will have the last word. Instead, the love of God in Jesus Christ and promise of all things being reconciled to Christ will win the day.

At Augustana and East Sveadahl Holy Week worship services will lead to the celebration of the resurrection on Easter day, April 16! We will continue the Easter celebration with the Green Lake Bluegrass band on April 23 and with the final Wednesday worship and meal of the school year on April 26. See the schedule below:

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – April 9

9:00 am East Sveadahl at Pleasant View Nursing Home

10:30 am at Augustana

Maundy Thursday – April 13

Noon and 6:30 pm at Augustana

Good Friday – April 14

Noon at Augustana

6:30 pm at East Sveadahl

Easter Sunday

April 16

6:30 am and 9:30 am at Augustana

8:00 am at East Sveadahl

Green Lake Bluegrass Band

April 23

10:30 am at Augustana (joint service with East Sveadahl)

The service is followed by a fundraising lunch to fund sending our youth to bible camp!

Wednesday Worship (Augustana)

April 5 – 6:30 pm with supper before the meal

April 12 No Wednesday worship during Holy Week

April 19 – 5:30 pm with supper to follow

April 26 – 5:30 pm with a special celebration meal to follow

Augustana

April Circles

- April 4: Rebecca Circle 11:30 am - Encore
April 4: Martha Circle 7:00 pm - Augustana
April 18: Sewing Circle 8:30 am – Augustana

Acolytes

- April 2: Hayden Davis & Jackson Miest
April 9: Dawson Gertsema & William Knaak
April 13: Volunteers – Maundy Thursday
April 16: Easter 6:30 am Volunteers/9:30 am
Kaydi Anderson & Luci Kulseth
April 23: Kimberly Lothert & Emily Gronewold
April 30: Levi Miest & Jackson Miest

Altar Guild

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

Blood Pressure Screening

- April 2 : Deb Style

Communion Servers

- April 2: Kari Miest, Steph Reid
April 9: Deanna Hoffman, Dominique Berg,
Paul Missling
April 13: Noon-Kathy Eiden, 6:30 pm -Paul
Missling, ____
April 16: 6:30 am __,
9:30 am Kari Miest, Deanna Hoffman

Greeters

- April 2: Myron & Sally Engel
April 9: John & Jeanne Miest
April 16: Jayne Anderson 6:30 am service
April 16: Rick Carlson 9:30 am service
April 23: Lloyd & Andrea Sandberg
April 30: East Sveadahl (Ruth Haler to East)

Lectors

- April 2: Jim Moody
April 9: Rick Carlson
April 16: Les Zellman 6:30 am service
April 16: Lisa Carlson 9:30 am service
April 23: Ruth Haler
April 30: Terry Engel

Missionary Sponsors

- April 2: Martha Circle
The cost is \$20.00 per
Sunday to help support our missionary.

Augustana

April Ushers

Lynn Watson, Jayne Anderson, Darrell Ask, Kristen
Gertsema, Roger Hagen, Jim Harrington

Coffee Hour

- April 2: Stan & Nancy Kunkel
Kyla Schломann, Don Flater
April 9: Jim & Judy Anderson
Joyce Pierson, Lorraine Petersen
April 16: Easter
April 23: Ruth Haler, Deanna Hoffman
Jim & Jackie Harrington
April 30: Ray & Judy Berg
Jim & Jean Leopold

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. Flowers can be ordered and paid for at
Creative Touch Greenhouse.

Memorials

In Memory of Ann Brehmer
\$445.00 – Building Fund, \$45.00 – Undesignated
\$90.00 – Music Fund, \$10.00 – Altar Guild
In Memory of Leola Anderson-\$25.00 Undesignated

Transitions

Welcome New Members!

We welcomed the following people into our fellowship
as new members of Augustana and AES Ministries on
March 19th :

**Tosha Grossmann & Sydney,
Doug & LeeAnn Nibbe, Kaitlin Sparks,
Mike & Kristin True**

We are grateful for this group of people and look
forward to our ministry together.

Transfers: Delbert & Marcy Samuelson to Christ the
King Lutheran in Mankato.

Radio Sponsor

- April 2: LaVonne Watson & family sponsoring radio
broadcast from East Sveadahl in memory of
Vern Watson's March 29th birthday.

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.

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

Farewell and God's Speed to **Steve Shellum** who has transferred his membership to Albion.

The Service of Christian Burial was held for **Clarence Daniel Nasman** on Tuesday, March 28th. He was born March 21, 1924, and passed away March 17, 2017. May God's peace comfort his family and friends.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Orval, Sonny, Rich, Barbara, Viola, Norman, Emery, Dianne, Jacob, Chloe, Pedro, The family of Clarence Nasman

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through February	\$11,533.34
Received through February	7,234.00
Behind through February	- \$ 4,299.34
Received in February	\$ 3,824.00

If you plan on **sharing an Easter lily or other plant**, please let **Erma** (507-630-1489), **Deb** (507-381-4207), or **Susan** (375-5831) know by **Tuesday, April 11th**. The plant needs to be labeled and in church by **Saturday, April 15th**.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY BAPTISMAL DAY

- 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]

EAST

RADIO BROADCASTS

- April 2: East
- 9: Albion
- 16: First Lutheran, St. James
- 23: First Lutheran, St. James
- 30: East

ACOLYTES

- April 2:
- 26:

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Erma Griffith and Deb Anderson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Tom, Erma, Evonne, Wayne

VISITING COMMITTEE

Fran Anderson, Teresa Andrews

WELCA HOSTESSES

There is no meeting in April.

USHERS

LECTORS

- April 2: Fran Anderson
- 9: Creig Noren
- 14: Erma Griffith
- 16: Torkelsons
- 23: Joint Worship at Augustana
- 30: Leigh Rolshoven

RADIO SPONSORS

Broadcasts sponsored by East:

- April 30: Herbert Noren Family
- July 30: W. Jurgens
- October 29: Harold and Viola Noren
- December 31: need a sponsor

If you would like to sponsor the December broadcast, please contact Susan. Cost is \$65.00.

Someday my ship will come in; I'll be at the airport.

The person who can make others laugh is blessed.

Pastoral Visits

Pastor Kathleen and Pastor Webster would like to visit you! If you would like to be visited in your home, in the hospital, wherever, please contact them at: Pr. Kathleen at church 375-4792 or home 507-354-4310, cell 507-276-1615; Pr. Webster at home 507-956-2177 or cell 507-317-6670, please try his home phone first.

Facebook/Website

Like us on Facebook: Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries
The AES Ministries website is www.augustanachurch.org

Address changes for both churches

Changing your address – going “south”, coming “north”, moving – please get your ADDRESS CHANGE to Sue at the Augustana Office or Susan at East Sveadahl.

Prayer Concerns

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.

Missionary Sponsorships & News

Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ! Would you like to sponsor our missionary and her work in teaching pastors and church leaders in Cameroon, Africa? Would you like to sponsor our radio broadcast so that those who aren’t able to get to worship are able to be a part of our worship by listening on the radio? These are both great opportunities to spread God’s love and are important ministries at Augustana. You can sponsor our missionary for a Sunday by giving \$20. Sponsoring a radio broadcast is \$65. To sign up, either call (375-4792) or e-mail (Lutheran@embarqmail.com) the church office. After you have signed up, don’t forget to put your donation in the offering plate or bring to the church office. Checks should be made out to Augustana with a note in the memo line that it is for missionary or radio broadcast sponsorship.

Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson
ELCA Global Mission
Professor of New Testament
Lutheran Institute of Theology
Meiganga, CAMEROON

Rev. Dr. Johnson has posted a new blog update. Check it out at camerooniangrace.wordpress.com.

Cancellations

In case of bad weather, you are reminded to listen to 101.5 FM (KRRW, St. James station) or 860 AM (KNUJ, New Ulm) for any cancellations of church services or activities. Augustana is also listed on keyctv.com or on KEYCTV scroll on TV. Notifications will also be placed on the answering machine (375-4792) at Augustana. If school is cancelled or closed early, TLC, confirmation classes, worship and supper will also be cancelled. Check the AES web site at www.augustanachurch.org

Thank you’s

Thank You-To Augustana Lutheran Church Volunteers- You helped make a big impact in our community
From the Rachel Joramo Action Team Committee-Leora Ask

Thank you's (cont.)

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Winter Mission Project, the WELCA ENTERTAINMENT SOCIAL March 14 at Brandt Ridge. Playing the Dice Game-Steal the Prizes. From helping plan the event to helping play the game and sharing in fellowship with serving the lunch of Coffee Cakes and Fresh Fruit. We had about 30 Residents attend and 14 Ladies from Augustana helped, 60 plus prizes were won, and fun was had by all.

Blessing, WELCA Board Members and Nancy Kunkel, Thrivent Action Team Leader

News You Can Use! April AES Happenings

Green Lake Bluegrass Band Sunday

The **Joint Green Lake Bluegrass Band Worship Service** is Sunday, April 23 at 10:30 am at Augustana. Following worship, there will be a meal to raise funds to send our youth to bible camp. A week of bible camp costs \$440. To make this affordable for our families, we are raising enough funds to cover \$340 of that registration costs. This commitment has helped us send 22 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!

TLC (Teaching the Love of Christ)

There will not be TLC during Holy Week, April 12. Dates for TLC for this month are April 5, 19, and 26. On April 26, we will have our last Wednesday worship and meal of the school year. It will be a special celebration with some of the classes sharing at the closing worship and then a special meal of grilled hotdogs, burgers, and some delicious surprises. We will begin TLC and Wednesday worship again in September.

Watowwan River Conference

Watowwan River Conference WELCA Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Truman, MN with registration and coffee beginning at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Gathering at 9:00 am. Cost of the lunch is \$7.00. The theme is "*Begin Each Day with a Grateful Heart*". The "*PV for Phebe*" presentation is based on biblical scriptures and consists of a trunk show or fashion show with an inspirational message and Bible scriptures. The goal is to help people by educating, entertaining, and enriching their lives as they become more confident in witnessing. The offering will go half to the synod and half to PV for Phebe.

WELCA NEWS

AES Ladies are invited to **First Lutheran Church Guest Day** on Thursday, **April 6th at 1:30 pm.** There will be music by Wendy Besel and Karla Beck, "Sing Praises to the Lord" with Fellowship, coffee and dessert following the program.

WELCA NEWS (cont.)

AES women are invited to the **Albion Lutheran Church Women's Annual Birthday Party**, Friday, **April 7th at 5: 30 pm**. This is an ongoing tradition at Albion and we are looking forward to seeing you! This year we are excited to have a Barbershop Group called **Four is a Charm** from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. They will sing the "good old songs" from days gone by. We would love to have you join us as we always have an enjoyable time with good food, good conversation and great entertainment! Please contact us with the number that will be attending by April 3 at 507-375-3546 or 507-381-0016 or email: tspring59@mail.com

Augustana WELCA News

~WELCA Board Meeting will be on Sunday, April 2nd at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room at Augustana.

~Sewing Circle will be on Tuesday, April 18th at 8:30 am.

~Watonswan River Conference Spring Gathering, April 8th at Trinity Lutheran in Truman.

~Transition Meeting, April 24th at First Lutheran in St. James.

~30th Southwest Synod Convention, May 6th at Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls. Our In Kind items needed for the School Kits for the Synodical meeting are as follows: 70 sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled 8" x 10 1/2" (no loose leaf); Rulers with inches & centimeters on reverse sides; pencil sharpeners; blunt or safety scissors; unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); boxes of 16 or 24 crayons; 2 1/2" erasers. March 26th through April 30th, there will be a basket in the Narthex for these items. Any questions, please contact Judy Berg at 375-4759.

~Triennial Gathering, July 13-16 at Minneapolis Convention Center.

WELCA is in need of computer paper boxes or other boxes similar in size with a cover.

High School Graduates

Mark your calendars for two special services. The first is the community Baccalaureate service on Wednesday, May 10, at 7:00. This is for all St. James High School graduates and is being held at Augustana this year. On Sunday, May 14, we will honor Augustana and East Sveadahl high school graduates at worship and during the coffee hour. East Sveadahl graduates honored at 8:30 and Augustana at 10:30. You will receive mailing on both events.

AESY – Augustana East Sveadahl Youth – April 2017

Saturday April 8th we will be doing a steak fry fundraiser. It starts at 4:45 and will end at 8:00 or whenever we are cleaned up. We are asking for adults and students 7th grade and up to work. I will be texting families to help until I get the amount we need to work. Please note that when you commit to work at this event we will need you to stay the entire time.

Saturday April 15th we will need people to help set up social hall and help in the kitchen as well prepping food. We ask that you come to the social hall at 8:00 a.m. The more people we have the less time it will take to complete. A text that week will be sent out as a friendly reminder.

Sunday April 16th is Easter Sunday and we will be serving breakfast after the first service is over, please be down in the kitchen and ready to serve at that time. Again, I will send everyone a reminder when we get closer to the event.

Wednesday, April 26th 6:30 pm-Senior high youth group meets in the youth room.

AESY (cont.)

Do you know how much you mean to us??? It is our goal as the AESY committee to offer fundraisers, camps, summer activities, classes and other special events to help spread the word of God to all of you. Just as the shepherd that was missing the one sheep, he was not satisfied until he found that one lost sheep and they were all together again. We as a committee are never satisfied until we have all of you here. Please join us and understand that when you are not here we miss you very much. Every person, every personality is different and adds to this group.

IN CHRIST,
Dominique Berg - AESY Chair

Vacation Bible School

The dates for Vacation Bible School this year are May 15th – May 19th from 8:30 am until 11:30 am at Augustana, so mark your calendars! The theme this year is “Maker Fun Factory”. See the information sheet in this newsletter for more information on planned activities and call the church office at 375-4792 to register your children.

Green Lake Ministries

Summer Registration - It's already time to start thinking about summer camp! Look for a brochure at your church or in your mailbox (if you had a camper in 2015 or 2016) in January. Online registration opened Friday, December 23rd. Information on each of our summer programs can be found online at www.gllm.org **AES dates for Bible Camps** – June 25-30 Grades 9-12 at Camp House; July 30-August 4th, Grades 1-4 at Shores of St. Andrew and Grades 5-9 at Green Lake.

Upcoming Retreats & Events: Creative Souls Craft Retreat-April 7-9; Spring Bloom Yoga Retreat-April 27-30. Register online at www.gllm.org or call 320-796-2181 for more information.

Community Events

American Red Cross Blood Drive

The St. James **Community Blood Drive** will be at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 6th from 1:00 – 7:00 pm and Friday, April 7th from 8:00 am to 12 noon. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 1-800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org and enter STJAMESMN

St. James Fire Department Annual Dance & Pancake Breakfast

The Annual **St. James Fire Dept. Dance** will be held on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 8:30 pm at the St. James American Legion and music will be provided by “The Blue Ringers”. On Sunday, April 9th from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, the St. James Fire Dept. will be serving the Annual **Pancake Breakfast** at the Fire Hall. Donations this year will go towards purchasing specialized firefighting equipment.

Watonwan County Historical Society

The **Annual Meeting of the Watonwan County Historical Society** is **Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 pm, First Presbyterian Church**. Bonnie & Michael Jorgensen will present the music and life of the Norwegian-American composer Theodora Cormontan. There are only 200 tickets. Tickets are \$15.00; sold by any board member (Tom Anderson, Jim Nasman, Wilma Wolner, Susan Anderson) or at the Center, none will be sold at the door. **No tickets will be sold after Tuesday, April 4th!**

Gustavus Adolphus College

The **Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations Annual Business Meeting** is **Saturday, April 22** during the luncheon from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The all-day **Faith Conference** – *Faith, Science, and the Freedom to Serve* – is also held that day beginning at 9:30 a.m.. Dr. Philip Clayton of the Claremont School of Theology and Rev. Siri Erickson, Chaplain at GAC, are the featured presenters. Register online at gustavus.edu/faithconference or call 507-933-7001 for more information.

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is Sunday-Saturday, April 23rd – 29th. 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?

Good Samaritan Bowl

Saturday, May 6th & Sunday, May 7th at Madelia Lanes. All funds raised will be split 50/50 between the St. James and Mountain Lake Good Samaritan Facilities and designated toward resident room furnishings. Call Misty at 507-375-3286 or 507-427-2464 for more information and to register your team before the times are all filled up!

Coffee and Conversation

WELLSPRING - Coffee and Conversation Caregiver Education Series: Monday, April 3rd – Power of Attorney will be presented by Debbie Bauleke.

Faith In Action Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation is Wednesday, April 5th from 12:00 noon–1:00 pm at the St. James Library Meeting Room. The topic is *Fraud Prevention for Seniors*; a light lunch will be served. Please RSVP (375-1276) by March 29th.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is seeking board members for the Watonwan County Area. They meet approximately four times a year for about two hours. For more information contact Kim Schwich 507-326-5017 or email at kim_schwich@usc.salvationarmy.org A job description is available at the Augustana church office.

Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) Energy Assistance

The Energy Assistance Program provides a grant for income-eligible households which can help defray some of these costs. This leaves more of the family resources available for other expenses. We can also assist households in crisis situations with disconnect notices or when they are almost out of heating fuel. Grants are paid directly to the vendor on their behalf. Households can request an application by calling MVAC at (507) 345-6822 or 800-767-7139 or by downloading it from our website at mnvac.org. Applications become available in early September. Funds become available later in the year, generally mid to late November. The program ends May 31st, 2017.

AES JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES - March 1, 2017

Present: Teresa Andrews, Leora Ask, Judy Berg, Kathy Eiden, Deanna Hoffman, Kris Suess and Pr Kathleen
Absent: Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens

Kris Suess opened the meeting with a devotion.

Pr Kathleen reported that she has been very busy and loves to share all the success of TLC.
Pastoral care continues to be a very needed priority and she enjoys this greatly.

OLD BUSINESS: Relay for Life Pancake Breakfast is March 12th. Sign-up sheets are in both churches. It is at the American Legion from 9-1. Blue Grass Band will be on Sunday April 23rd with a joint worship service at Augustana at 10:30 AM. Mark Kulseth will coordinate the meal following which is a fund raiser for camp fund. We will have quite a need this year, as so many students are attending. Please plan to attend and donate for our youth. Comments are OK on the new procedure for mailing newsletters.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President is to be elected from Augustana this year. Leora Ask has accepted the nomination. Since this is her last year on current term, she agreed to serve another term to fulfill this position. Thank you Leora. Worship service will be held at Pleasant View on Palm Sunday, April 9th at 9 AM. This is to replace the Christmas service that had to be cancelled because of bad weather. Bible School is the week of May 15th from 8:30 - 11 AM. Church annual picnic date has been set for August 6th. There will be a service at Augustana at 8:30 AM followed by a joint worship at East at 10.00. Picnic meal will follow. Augustana will be in charge of the Potatoes, chips, salads, condiments, entertainment and paper products. East will furnish the meat/sandwiches, drinks, desserts/floats/ice cream. Help is needed on Saturday PM and Sunday AM. Sheets will be available for sign-up. Relay for Life is June 30th this year due to Hwy 4 road construction. AES will again be manning the food stand as we have in the past. Terry Engel will have sheets available for sign-up for this as well. God's Work Our Hands day is September 10th. We need project ideas to complete that day. Please share any and all ideas with Pr Kathleen. 500th anniversary of the Reformation will be celebrated the last Sunday in October. More information will be coming on this.

No further business.

Next meeting is May 3rd at 7:30 PM at Augustana in the Fireside Room. Leora offered to lead devotions.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Deanna Hoffman, Acting Secretary

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - March 8, 2017

Present: Dominique Berg, Kathy Eiden, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Kari Miest, Paul Missling, Steph Reid, Jessie Shores, Lynn Watson & Pr Kathleen
Absent: John Coleman, Kyla Schlomann

Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Pr Kathleen opened with a prayer.

Secretary's report for February 8th Council Meeting was approved as printed
Financial Secretary's report shows that we are consistent with offerings received in 2016

Judy Thulien presented the Treasurer's report. No unexpected expenses were incurred, Balance in the checking account and saving account remain steady. MSC to approve as presented.

Pastor Kathleen: She will be holding a Pre-marital retreat in March for several couples that are planning weddings. New members will be welcomed on March 19th. Faith Formation position was discussed. The job description needs to be edited and ready by April Council meeting to move forward. Pulpit supply was discussed. A candidate will be contacted to assist temporarily. Pr Kathleen, Dominique and Education committee will work on this. Baccalaureate service will be at Augustana on May 10th. Estimated prices have been received for security cameras. \$1500 for 4 cameras, \$1800 to wire 2 cameras and \$1000 more for the other 2. No decision made yet.

AES Ministries: Deanna reported that they met March 1st at East. Relay for Life pancake breakfast is March 12th. Blue Grass worship will be April 23rd, with a joint worship at 10:30 AM with the fund raising meal for camp fund to follow on the lawn. Leora Ask has agreed to serve as Vice President. President is Kris Sues and Secretary is Susan Anderson. Worship at Pleasant View will be on April 9th to replace the worship they were unable to have at Christmas because of bad weather. Vacation Bible school is week of May 15th from 8:30-11. AES annual picnic will be on August 6th at East. Worship at Augustana at 8:30 and at East at 10 AM with meal to follow. Relay for Life is June 30th this year because of Hwy 4 road construction. God's Work Our Hands day is September 10th. Project ideas are needed - please share with Pr Kathleen. 500th anniversary of the Reformation will be the last Sunday in October. Next meeting is May 3rd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Planning for TLC for next year's program. Mentor meeting is April 26th. Graduation is May 14th. Kathy Eiden is chairing the VBS program. We have 8 graduates this year.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: Kathy reported that she and Pr Kathleen attended the Equipping Congregations event. Many wonderful workshops and a inspiring keynote speaker. She has information on Resource for endowments.

Finance: No meeting

Property/Cemetery: There is some damage to the stained glass however the covering is still sealed so can deal with it later. Still waiting for installation of the 2 exterior doors. No further word yet. Jeff Nelson met with the council regarding a "backfeed" of drainage water from Fireside room into drinking fountain. MSC to have him proceed to replace the problem drainage and clean out the pipes.

Youth Ministry: Will meet on April 14th. Will work steak fry in April. Also will help with Relay pancake breakfast.

Worship and Music: Judy Thulien reported for the committee. Maundy Thursday services are both at Augustana at 12 noon and 6:30 PM. These are communion services. Easter services are 6:30 and 9:30 at Augustana. Question has been asked about the safe use of lit candles on Christmas Eve. Will be considering possible options for Wednesdays after TCL is over this spring. Since both organists are needed for the Lenten services, MSC to pay both for the services at Augustana.

OLD BUSINESS: An agreement has been approved for the summer school lunch program. School will pay a rental of \$700 per month, plus additional insurance and trash removal costs. Will begin on May 22nd. An agreement will be drawn up and signed by both parties to cover all responsibility prior to the start. A tax statement has been received for the parking lot property. We questioned it, but purchase was after July 1st, so we are responsible for it. MSC to pay the taxes.

NEW BUSINESS: Support group meetings were discussed. Deanna will contact the party and check on the meetings. Jim Harrington presented the estimate costs for paving the parking lot. Prices range from \$135,498 to \$143,175. This was just informational so that we are aware of what the cost would be.

Next meeting is April 12th @ 7:30 PM. Devotions, Kathy Eiden

Communion servers:

March 12th: Dominique, Jessie, Paul & Deanna

April 2nd: Kari & Steph
April 9th: Dominique, Deanna, Paul & _____
April 13th: 12 noon: Kathy
6:30 PM: Paul & _____
April 16th: 6:30 AM: 4 needed
9:30 AM: Kari Deanna, _____ & _____

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Secretary: Deanna Hoffman

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING
OF EAST SVEADAHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
March 5, 2017**

A special meeting of the voters of the congregation of East Sveadahl Evangelical Lutheran Church was held following the Sunday service on March 5, 2017 with 28 voting members present.

Tom Anderson, Church Council Chairman, called the meeting to order by reading the Resolution Notice as follows: "Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the East Sveadahl Evangelical Lutheran Church, Watonwan County, Minnesota, a religious corporation, met on the 5th day of March, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary. The purpose and object of this meeting was to authorize the Trustees of the congregation to sell and convey to Jose E. Avila and Dana L. Avila as joint tenants for the amount of \$108,000.00 the church parsonage."

A motion by Cindy Torkelson seconded by Jerry Noren and passed that the East Sveadahl Evangelical Lutheran Church offer for sale its Parsonage as per resolution. Motion passed.

There were 28 voters of the congregation present at the meeting and of said number, 28 voted in favor of the resolution and 0 voted against said resolution. Thereupon, the resolution was declared carried.

The three appointed trustees from the Church Council, namely Wayne Jurgens, George Nasman, and Erma Griffith, will proceed with the necessary procedures for selling the parsonage.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Church Council Secretary

EAST SVEADAHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 19, 2017

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday March 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. Those present were Wayne Jurgens, Evonne Moll, George Nasman, Erma Griffith, Pastor Kathleen, Susan Anderson, and Jana Anderson.

Wayne opened the meeting in Tom's absence followed by Pastor Kathleen with prayer.

Erma Griffith read the minutes from the February 9, 2017 in Janet's absence. Minutes were accepted as read.

Evonne Moll gave Treasurer's report. Motion made by George Nasman and seconded by Erma Griffith to accept. Passed.

Jana Anderson gave Financial Secretary report. Motion made by Evonne Moll and seconded by George Nasman and passed.

Susan Anderson gave her report. She advised that she will be on vacation March 24 to April 2nd.

The Council approved the transfer request of Steven Shellum to Albion Lutheran Church.

Pastor Kathleen gave her report. Bible school will be May 15 to 19. The annual picnic will be August 6, 2017

The Lenten offerings will be divided 1/2 to Watonwan County Backpack and 1/2 to ELCA World Hunger. A motion made by George Nasman and seconded by Evonne Moll and passed.

Pastor Kathleen brought up having pulpit supply once a month through the summer months. A motion was made by Erma Griffith and seconded by George Nasman to accept this proposal.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be April 6, 2017 at 7:00. Please note change of date!

Erma Griffith, Acting Secretary

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING - MARCH 5, 2017

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Nancy Kunkel, Jayne Anderson, Audrey Swanson, Carol Zarn

Judy opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved.

Bold Women's Sunday was February 26th. Women served as ushers, greeters, and readers. Mackinzee Miest sang a solo. Bold Envelope offerings are still being received so we do not have a final total collected. WELCA served coffee cake for coffee hour. Money collected from the coffee hour amounted to \$116.67, to which will be added to give CADA \$125.00.

WELCA will be serving the Lenten Meal on Wednesday, March 22.

Thrivent Mission project will be at Brandt Ridge on Tuesday, March 14th, at 1:30 P.M. Games, prizes and lunch being planned for the afternoon.

Synodical Gathering is May 6th, in Redwood Falls. In Kind School Kits will be donated at this time. Please see in the Newsletter a list of items needed for these kits. There will be baskets to receive donated items for these kits, if you don't care to make a full kit. The kits will then be made up from these donations and presented at the convention.

Spring Gathering is at Trinity Lutheran Church, Truman, on Saturday April 8th. Registration at 8:30 A.M. Flowers will be delivered to shut ins for Easter.

Discussion was held regarding hosting a spring luncheon for the community, probably in May.

The next WELCA board meeting will be Sunday, April 2nd, in the Fireside Room.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary