

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER



PASTOR'S COLUMN

For the past year I have had the opportunity to watch the seasons roll by as I make daily treks west from my home near Lake Crystal to St. James. My path of choice has been Hwy 60. It started with winter, then Spring, Summer, Fall, then Winter again. The landscape is constantly changing. Last Fall I remember golden brown colored fields awaiting the harvest. Then abruptly a flurry of activity began as machines swooped in to devour crops, collecting grain, and changing the color. Next came tillage and the landscape was put to bed for the winter. And once again, everything changed - turning white from horizon to horizon. I was blessed this winter when we missed most of the big storms. Once I saw the aftermath of a serious accident. A couple times I encountered black ice. Twice the roads were iffy. I did stay put – at home once, spooked by severe warnings... Several times I've detoured north past LaSalle. I have marked time with changes that I see. Geese flying – first South and then North. Wet pavement caused by great raindrops pelting my windshield. And I anticipate. Later this month planters will begin tattooing the fields with parallel stripes.

We live in a place of great beauty and wonder. How will all those billions of raindrops find their way into the river? How does the wind push those big wind turbines and still have enough power to blow over me? How does the sun find its path across the sky every day? FYI - I have some science background so I know there are correct answers. But watching, I suspect there is something more – a mystery afoot in the scenery I witness. Kids in shorts will soon begin playing in the parking lots... A green tint will emerge on the trees... Tulips will splash bright colors beside the house. What is going on now?

I'll answer my own question. I see God. God at work creating a new day. God cheering for another new Spring. God birthing the next season of life. Oh my God! We are so blessed! This is my favorite time of the year.

Pr. Gene

March Pastor's Report

Appreciations & Review's !

- Hopeful Movements
 - 2/7 Souper Bowl Sunday
 - 2/14 Install Call Committee
 - 2/21 First "in Worship" Baptism (x2)
 - 2/17 Ash Wednesday – Crosses/Drive by Communion
- TY: MAP Team: BIG push →MSP finished, reviewed, approved, sent
- Lenten Midweek Theme →God's Promises in tough times



Discussion Topics

- Funerals & Deaths – Kathae Morgan (6/19)
 - Sonny Reinke (2/20)

Baptisms: 3/04 Zane Eineke
 ○ 3/14 Daniel Bakke
 ○ 3/21 Alyna Connell

- **Planning Events:**
 - Protocols: Hybrids → Sanctuary Worship... w/On Site Meetings → w/10 or fewer
 - 6 Month Schedule Switch to 9:00 East Sveadah. ... 10:30 Augustana
 - Daylight Savings Time (3/14)
 - Lent Planning
 - 6:30 Mid-Week Worship (March 17-24)
 - Order of Worship: Holden Evening Prayer – quiet/peaceful/familiar
 - Theme – (OT) God's Promises of Hope
 - Palm Sunday (3/28) 9th Grade Bibles
 - Holy Week (3/28-4/3)
 - Maundy Thursday – 12:00 Aug PM- 6:30 PM Aug – Communion/Strip Altar
 - Good Friday – w/ 7 Candles - 12:00 PM Aug – 6:30 PM- Candles
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- April/May Outlook
 - Easter Sunday (April 4th) – 2 Worship Services (9:00 AM & 10:30 AM) Cemetery Start?
 - First Communion Sunday – (April 11th) Class – April 6th ... ADD Communion
 - Confirmation Sunday ??? (May 16th)
 - Baccalaureate (Wed June 2nd)
- Suggestions: Wednesday Night Campfire Church
 - Coming Back to Church **Celebration – Outdoor Event**
- **March Week Off... 4th Week: March 22-28th**

**When March comes in like a
lamb...**

AUGUSTANA - April

APRIL WORSHIP

In sanctuaries following protocols

9:00 am East Sveadahl

10:30 am Augustana

Facebook: April 4 & 18 – Augustana

April 4, 11, 25 – East

Until further notice,
the Worship Crews will be leading services.
Thank you, Worship Crews!

APRIL CIRCLES

Martha Circle, Sewing Circle
Members will be contacted when meetings
can be scheduled.

Rebecca Circle is meeting via Zoom
on their regular monthly schedule:
First Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

The missionary sponsors for the month of April
are Eugene and Carol Zarn.

RADIO INFORMATION

Sponsor a half hour broadcast for \$40.00.
The April 25th sponsor from Augustana is
the Augustana Churchmen.
East sponsors the 2nd Sunday of the month.
Augustana sponsors the 4th Sunday of the month.
To sponsor an Augustana broadcast, call 375-4792.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to the following for the Easter Lilies:
Ardis Petterson and family
Eugene and Carol Zarn
Lisa Carlson and family
Jayne Anderson
LaVonne Watson
Scott and Sue Melheim & family
John and Jeanne Miest
Stan & Nancy Kunkel

AUGUSTANA - April

TRANSITIONS

BAPTISMS

We welcomed into God's Family, Augustana's family,
and AES Ministries on March 14, 2021,
Daniel Chance Bakke, son of Aaron Bakke and Alicia
San Miguel. Daniel was born on October 5, 2019 and
his sponsor was Marissa San Miguel

We welcomed into God's Family, Augustana's family,
and AES Ministries on March 21, 2021,
Alyna Sue Rameriz, daughter of Lindsey Connell and
Julio Rameriz. Alyna was born on July 26, 2018 and her
sponsors Laura & Joan Davila and Natalie & Paul Lenz.

Please continue to keep these children and their
families in your prayers as they grow in the grace and
knowledge of Jesus Christ.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Tara Overson-Stepper, Annika and Sawyer Stepper
transferred their membership to
First Lutheran Church, Manhattan Beach, California.

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Gertrude Coleman**
\$40.00 – Stained Glass Window Fund
In memory of **Bernice Olson**
\$20.00 – TLC
\$100.00 – Stained Glass Window Fund
In memory of **Edna Freitag**
\$10.00 – Stained Glass Window Fund

WORSHIP CREWS

If you are interested in joining the Worship Crew
(reading lessons and prayers, leading hymns),
please contact the Church Office – 375-4792.

ELECTRONIC GIVING - AUGUSTANA

1. Electronically: visit church website and click on the
"Secure Contributions" tab
 2. Secure Contributions: visit church website
www.augustanachurch.org
 3. Give+Text: from your phone, text number
844-686-4439 (unique to Augustana)
 4. Offering envelopes: through the mail or into the
drop box.
- Questions? Contact Financial Secretary, Deanna
Hoffman 507-317-7724 ddesigns@mchsi.com

EAST**APRIL WORSHIP**

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9:00 am East Sveadahl

10:30 am Augustana

Facebook: April 4 & 18 – Augustana
April 4, 11, 25 – East

PRAYER CONCERNS: Tom, Ray, Don, Mary
Ann, Orval, Chloe, Charles

ADDRESS CHANGES:**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**

Needed through February	\$ 11,928.00
Received through February	13,909.65
Ahead through February	+ \$ 1,981.65
Received in February	\$ 4,616.52

VISITING COMMITTEE

Teresa Andrews

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Lisa Shellum and Lori Urevig

*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]
Faith Tietz [7-26]
- 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 Stella Christenson [6-4]
Leigh Rolshoven [6-16]
Lynne Rolshoven [6-16]
- 23 Rory Pietsch
- 28 Jill Essler [6-11]

EAST**TRANSISTIONS**

Received into the membership of East Sveadahl
on Sunday, February 28th

**Byron and Kathy Christenson and
Peter, Emily, Stella, and Lucy Christenson**
Welcome to East Sveadahl and AES Ministries!

Lucy Mae Christenson was welcomed into the Lord's Family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday, February 28, 2021. Lucy is the daughter of Peter and Emily Christenson and sister of Stella. She was born June 22, 2020. Her sponsors are Sawyer Evans and Benjamin Christenson. Please pray for Lucy and her family as she continues to grow in faith and love. Welcome to East Sveadahl and AES Ministries!

RADIO BROADCASTS

April 4: Easter - First Lutheran, St. James
11: East
18: First Lutheran, St. James
25: Augustana

LECTORS

April 4: Easter – Janet Bloomquist
11: Mike Menssen
18: Angie Noren
25: Wayne Jurgens

RADIO SPONSORS

Broadcasts sponsored by East:

April 11:
May 9:
June 13:

If you would like to sponsor any of the broadcasts for 2021, please contact Susan. Cost is \$40.00.

EASTER LILIES

Thank you to the following for the Easter Lilies:

Herbert Noren Family
Paul and Cindy Torkelson
Janet Bloomquist and Family
Don and Mary Ann Menssen
Steve and Charlotte Johnson
Kris and Tom Suess
Dale and Debbie Anderson
Nick and Erma Griffith
Matt and Mykia Fisch
Angie Noren and Family
Lisa Shellum, Lori Urevig and Families
Sam and Marie Christenson
Francey Anderson and Family



AES APRIL NEWS



+ EASTER SUNDAY RESERVATIONS

On Easter Sunday, in order to maintain social distancing protocols, if you plan to attend either church service, you are asked to **make a reservation**. Please call the Augustana church office 507-375-4792, or Susan Anderson, East Sveadahl secretary 507-317-5293 **by NOON on Friday, April 2nd**.

+ CAMP - A - THON

Any time from March 27th - April 17th, our campers can participate in a **Camp-a-Thon** to raise money for their week at Green Lake. They will "camp" in their tent, whether inside or outside, and email a picture of themselves in their tent to Erica. On Camp Sunday, April 18th, AES members will see these "campers in their tents" and will have the opportunity to support our youth going to Green Lake. If you would like to support our campers, donations can be sent to Augustana or East Sveadahl. Please note on the memo line: **Camp Fund**.

+ ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Augustana Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 18, 2021** following the 10:30 am worship service.

The East Sveadahl Lutheran Church and Cemetery Association Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 2, 2021** following the 9:00 am worship service. A box lunch will be available.

+ WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Becky Cobb and Jo Howe are hosting an old-fashioned weekly prayer meeting every week on Monday morning at 10:00 am. Please join them for about 20 minutes of prayer. All are welcome. Click here or type in to join the Zoom meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77502081644?pwd=NTdkeXB6TUlrazliSzVKZkhwTjg1UT09>

+ FACEBOOK / WEBSITE

"Like" the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, and inspiration.

Please text Lisa Carlson (507-317-1893) information for our Facebook page.

The AES Ministries website is www.augustanachurch.org. Send information to the church secretaries.

+ 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.

+ PASTORAL VISITS

Pr. Gene and Deacon Lyla would like to visit with you – via the phone or when possible in person! If you would like to be visited wherever for whatever reason, please contact them: Pr. Gene – 507-995-9838 or Deacon Lyla – 507-439-6940 or 507-227-9250.

+ THANK YOU'S

Dear East Sveadahl WELCA, Thank you for your generous gift of \$550.00 (couple of goats, share of a safe water project, feed a refugee family for one month) to ELCA ministries through ELCA Good Gifts. ... Your Good Gift is a very good gift, indeed. ... you're equipping God's people – round the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives.

In God's abundant grace, Rachel Wind, Executive for Development

Dear Friends, I must say, I've never enjoyed more surprises than what I'm receiving here at Augustana and East Sveadahl. At Christmas I received delightful and tasty packages -- and then at Valentine's Day I received a "Love" bag filled with delicious morsels, a useful package of napkins, Kleenexes, and a bottle of hand lotion. Oh, and the "cookie lady" had a plate of delicious cookies there, too! Thanks for always reminding me, "Love always warms the heart!"

In ministry with you! Lyla Klee

Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, calls, food, since my October 2nd broken femur bone in leg. I am still homebound. I would like to share another part of "My Hands in Gods" prayer. Prayer was given 59 years ago when my father passed away at age 52.

My hand in HIS! No surer way
To walk in safety through each day.
By HIS great bounty I am fed;
Warmed by HIS love, and comfort.

Blessings to all of you and STAY SAFE. Leora Ask

Dear Friends at Augustana Lutheran Church – We are so thankful for your support in these past couple of months.....your gifts of prayer, partnership and mission support help to sustain the ministry through the cold months. ...We are preparing for the upcoming camp season, including the hiring of 60+ summer camp counselors.....Your gifts of mission support ensure that these young people are equipped to share this important message of God's abundant love and never ending grace with thousands of campers.

Gratefully, Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director GLLM

+ AUGUSTANA TECHNOLOGY UPDATE - "MOVING FORWARD IN 2021"

As I write this update for our congregation members, over a year has past since the onset of Covid 19 protocols changed the way we worship. We paused, stepped back, and looked at the reality of how we would worship, gather together (or distant), inform, communicate, and continue to support each other in our work in God's Kingdom. The Worship/Music and Evangelism/Social ministry committees began to work together on a single mission - provide meaningful, comforting, sacred worship thru various media/ technology avenues. We are reaching out to our members, as well as our community, our world.

The technology project as Augustana continues to move forward. The proposed project is about 50% completed to date. Our success in this project is due in thanks to you, for your understanding and financial support. All equipment/technology purchased to date has been paid in full by your donations and gifts. We have not borrowed, nor have any outstanding balance. We have built the project as funds allowed.

But, we have work to be completed, equipment and technology to be added to finish the project. Hopefully by the end of 2021, with your continued financial support, this project will be completed. As we to move to a more "in person worship" in our sanctuary, the added technology will allow us to continue to enhance our in person and distance worship. This continues to be their connection, their support, their ability to worship with us. We are reaching out in new opportunities to invite others to the message of AES Ministries as well.

Your financial gifts, memorials, donations can be designated to the "Augustana Technology Fund".

Thanks for your continued support.

Singing His Praises, Terry

AUGUSTANA FINANCIAL FACTS

February 2021 Summary

Here is the Financial Summary for this past February, 2021

	Current Month	YTD
Total Giving -	\$ 5,431.15	\$ 26,956.63
Total Expenses – Paid from	- \$ 10,905.33	- \$ 17,700.41
General Fund	- \$ 5,474.18	+ \$ 9,256.22

Must have been the COLD weather, as you can see the total giving for February did not cover our total expenses. The YTD totals are in the black thanks to the generous giving in January.

The church council has approved the budget proposal for 2021 to bring to the annual meeting – coming soon! I welcome your suggestions and comments as we move forward to this time.

I want to bring your attention to some other ministries (funds) that we support through separate donations that are not budgeted. For the past several years we have included Benevolence as a line item in our annual budget. This is to support the SWMN ELCA synod. We also accept “Benevolence – Special Gifts.” These are donations that are given as additional support by individuals. Donations for World Hunger and Disaster Relief are also accepted and directed to the synod for distribution outside the church.

In addition, we also support our ELCA sponsored Missionary – Elisabeth Johnson – through special gifts. The synod asks us to make a commitment to help with this mission. The last few years the donations designated for our Missionary have not met our “Covenant” or agreement. I have needed to make up this difference from other sources per council direction. At this time, our commitment is \$750. I challenge our Augustana members to help make and perhaps exceed this amount in 2021.

I've heard, but not seen, that the robins are back! Spring is just around the corner!!!

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Thulien, Treasurer

+ THE FIRESIDE CHAT

Have you read more in the last year than in years past? I have and two of the books I have read I ordered from our public library. Guess what? Our church library had them right on the shelf! What a treasure trove of books we have! Whether you just want some leisure time with a good fiction book by Canadian author Janette Oke, or you need a good book of devotions, or maybe you want to know the origin of your favorite psalm or hymn-come into the library!

Do you know why Martin Luther said, "You are more stupid than a block of wood."? Come into the library! There is a collection of Martin Luther's works which is an invaluable resource and reference for anyone from confirmation on.

It has been a labor of love for Ron and me to tidy up and reorganize the collection. God bless Marge. It was a labor of love for her also and I know her spirit is alive and well among those books. There is something for everyone there: a few large print books, adult fiction and non-fiction, a great collection of children's books, and a good foundation for reference and history. There are also audiovisual materials and Bible studies.

There are new books on order. and they will be highlighted from time to time in the newsletter. We will not use the checkout cards in the books any longer. Please just write the date, your name and the title of the book in a journal located on one of the library shelves.

Please come have a look and refresh your memory of the library holdings. There are many wonderful books! Look around the room also. Thank you to Jeanne and Mary for the fresh coat of paint. The Fireside Room has had a facelift! Now, let's get reading!!

Becky

"No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books."

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

AES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March 3, 2021

The AES Joint Council met on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 following the Lenten Service at East Sveadahl. Those present were Greg Thulien, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Dominique Berg, Mike Menssen, Teresa Andrews, Terry Engel, Susan Anderson, and Pr. Gene. Leora Ask and Becky Cobb were absent.

Pastor Gene opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion (Greg) was made, seconded (Teresa), and carried to approve the February minutes as printed in the newsletter.

PASTOR GENE'S REPORT:

Pr. Gene presented his report which is included in this newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The service times for Easter Sunday were discussed. The motion was made (Mike), seconded (Greg) to amend the Easter Service times that were printed in the March newsletter to the following: 9:00 am Communion Service at East on Facebook and 10:30 am Communion Service at Augustana on Facebook.

Motion carried. These services will follow the protocols now in place.

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave the protocols in place for another month for the safety of all and the good of the congregations. The protocols will be reviewed again next month.

Wayne and Dominique shared the positive feedback they received from the participants in the two baptism services.

The meeting closed with Pr. Gene praying the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary at Augustana.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson

AES JOINT COUNCIL SPECIAL PHONE VOTE – March 28, 2021

On Thursday, March 18, 2021, the AES Council voted unanimously to open our services to singing and saying the prayers in church following these protocols --wearing masks and having six feet distance between members. This was a telephone vote by President, Wayne Jurgens. Governor Walz announced this yesterday to all churches.

Janet Bloomquist, AES Council Member

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 10, 2021

This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing.

Present: Pastor Gene Alms, Dean Swenstad, Greg Thulien, Judy Thulien, Lisa Carlson, Dominique Berg, Paul Missling, Andy Freitag, Terry Engel, John Coleman, Kari Miest, Deanna Hoffman Lyle Anderson, and Kyla Schломann.

Meeting was called to order at 7:33p.m. and opened with a prayer.

Pastor's Report: We had one funeral with another one set for June 19th. We have had some in-service Baptisms and have more planned. Palm Sunday the 9th graders will get their Bibles. Holy Week is set with Maundy Thursday 12:00p.m. and 6:30p.m. at Augustana, Good Friday 12:00p.m. at Augustana and 6:30p.m. at East Sveadahl. Easter will be two services with Facebook Live at both at the normal Sunday worship times. First Communion will be April 11th. Confirmation was going to be set for May 16th but some parents are concerned that the kids need more instruction before being confirmed. Pastor Gene will contact them and discuss. Baccalaureate is set for Wednesday, June 2nd.

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Motion by Swenstad, second by Anderson to approve last month's minutes. Motion approved.

New Business: The annual meeting will be Sunday, April 18th at 11:30a.m.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Thulien presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion by Carlson to approve. Second by Coleman. Motion approved.

Finance, Memorials, and Stewardship Committee: A proposed budget was discussed. Motion by Thulien, second by Swenstad to approve that proposed budget. Motion approved.

AES Report: Discussion had been made at their meeting to loosen protocols. It will be revisited each month.

Education Committee: There will be an Easter Zoom program on the TLC Facebook page. Getting things lined up for Green Lake Bible camp. Need to do some fundraising for that. First Presbyterian would like to join us for Bible School. Still looking at how that will go.

Evangelism & Social Ministry/Worship & Music Committees: Reservations will be requested for Easter Service. Both services will be on Facebook Live.

Property and Cemetery: The Fireside room was repainted. The stained glass estimates we were given in 2019 were more than we were recently discussing. There are different options depending on how many we do. With the current use of plexiglass for all the Covid safety measures, the costs have probably gone up even more.

Youth Committee: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Deanna mentioned that the graduating seniors for this year had gotten their Richard Larson Scholarship information, but none have returned it yet. Deadline is April 1.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27p.m. was made by Carlson. Second by Schломann. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be April 14th with time to be determined.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Lisa Carlson, Council Secretary

EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – March 11, 2021

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on March 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. at church following COVID protocols. Those present were Tom Anderson, James Nasman, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Wayne Jurgens, Lori Urevig, Erma Griffith, Sonja Coleman, and Pastor Gene.

Tom called the meeting to order and Pastor Gene led us in prayer.

The January 2021 secretary's report was read and accepted.

Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented their reports. A motion by Wayne, seconded by James, and passed to accept the reports as given.

The outstanding bills were presented by Tom. A motion by Janet, seconded by Erma, and passed to approve paying of bill.

Wayne presented the AES report. The complete report can be read in the newsletter. Wayne mentioned that we are now able to sit in every other pew which is marked off as such.

Wayne talked about some memorials coming for the church and cemetery. Some has been designated to new railings at the front of the church and some to technology.

We discussed Easter Sunday services and agreed that the small chapel off the entry can be used by one family if necessary for Sunday services.

Pastor Gene presented his report. The complete report can be read in the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 150th anniversary of the East Sveadahl was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.
- Tom reported that the Call Committee is underway and going well.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A motion by Wayne, seconded by Lori and passed to have the 2021 annual meeting for East Sveadahl on May 2 following the regular Sunday Service. Hopefully, it will be a nice day and we can have it outdoors. A motion by Janet, seconded by Lori, and passed to have a box lunch made by Hy-Vee available following the annual meeting to those present.
- A request for donations from Green Lake Bible Camp was read. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Erma and passed to donate \$300.00 from the special funds money which will pay a camp counselors salary for one week.
- As of today, AES has 20 youth who wish to attend Bible Camp. East has a budgeted line item to help with the cost of sending youth to bible camp.

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

The next church council meeting will be April 8, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

AES EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES – March 9, 2021

March 9th 6 pm Zoom Meeting

Pastor Gene began the meeting with a prayer.

Pastor Gene's Confirmation report

Old Business:

- Family Faith Formation Activity Sheets for March went out with Palm crosses. New students will be getting them also.
Easter cards from the teachers will be sent out with notes from their teachers in the cards.
- ABC Easter Zoom program needs volunteers. (Note: March 16th decision to cancel Easter Zoom program. We'll try next year.)
- **Easter Egg Hunt** at Augustana after Palm Sunday service, March 28th. We'll fill the eggs March 20-21 weekend.
- Mentor program, Erica and Jessie
- **Adult Old Fashion Prayer Session** is going well organized by Becky Cobb.
- **Green Lake Bible Camp- 20 kids!!** Now we need to get the funds! :) Approach different groups in our churches, Kids have a **CAMP-A-THON starting March 27th**, sponsor a child, Temple talks, other ideas? Our congregations will step up because they know how much this shows our kids that they matter to us! GLBC Ministries tally for us is \$8,210.00.
- **April 21st for TLC in the park.**
- VBS will be one day in the park with stations. - **DAY VBS** - Talking with other ELCA pastors they are not doing Sunday School or VBS this year as we normally know it. We are looking at the first Monday after school is let out, **June 7th**.
- The Presbyterians would like to join us again for VBS. We will ZOOM with them prior to June VBS.

New Business:

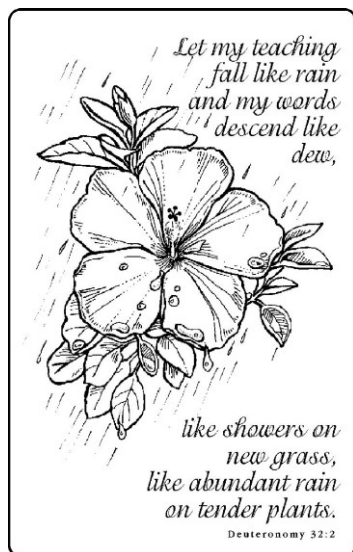
- Our Digging Into Faith Formation Curriculum will be "Foundations of Faith" theme for the Fall. The order will be in April for teachers to view.
- April Faith Formation sheets will go home with coloring sheets that Dana found.
- Becky Cobb will start a book study this summer about women of the Bible.
- We recommend a book study on **Growing Young** a book Bishop Jon recommended for every church. It has ideas to keep our young adults.
- The Presbyterians are interested in discussing the idea of joining our TLC and their Sunday School on a Wednesday. Our committee was very enthused about the prospect of more teachers and more room to work with. It's food for thought and more discussion.
- Next Meeting will be April 13th at 6 pm by ZOOM.

Sincerely, Cindy Torkelson, AES Education Chairperson

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 1: MAUNDY THURSDAY 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm Communion Services, Augustana

April 2: GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 pm Worship Service, Augustana
6:30 pm Worship Service, East

April 4: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

9:00 am Easter Communion, East on Facebook

10:30 am Easter Communion, Augustana on Facebook

Gene Alms, Interim Pastor

Lyla Klee, Visitation Deacon