

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Together in Ministry

“Together in Ministry,” is how I end most of the letters I write to our congregations or to groups within the congregation. I like the reminder that the ministry of our congregation is done together. We are all a part of this ministry. Whether it is confirmation, or Relay for Life, or visiting homebound members, or TLC, we do this ministry together. Even if you aren't a parent or a mentor, you are part of the confirmation ministry with your financial support, prayers, and encouragement. The same can be said for all of our ministries, all we do, we do together. It is never just one person. I sign letters this way because I think it's important that each person understands they are an integral part of the ministry of our congregations.

On August 12, Augustana and East Sveadahl will celebrate seven years of ministry together with the AES Ministries annual picnic. It will be held at East Sveadahl at 11:00 am, following the 10:00 worship service (please note that we switch worship times that day, with Augustana having the 8:30 am service). Together in ministry, that is our partnership, and it is worth celebrating each year. We are better together. I hope you will come to celebrate our wonderful partnership, and I hope you understand you are an important part of our ministry together.

Pastor Kathleen

AES CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, August 12th at 11:00 am at East.

Saxophone Group will provide worship music at East and entertain at the picnic.

The worship schedule for that day will switch:

8:30 am Communion at Augustana

10:00 am Worship at East

11:00 am Church Picnic

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

Brogan Robert Eineke was baptized on May 27, 2018 at East. He was born September 13, 2017 to Shandra Moll and Trent Eineke. Brogan's sponsors are Ashley Keosaksith, Lyle Eineke, and Alexis Woodke. Welcome to God's Family, East Sveadahl, and AES Ministries.

Welcome to the following who joined East Sveadahl and AES Ministries on May 27, 2018:

**Ashley Keosaksith, Shandra Moll,
Tammy Stevens and Donald Rathman**

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through May-June	\$33,162.48
Received through May-June	\$19,758.71
Behind through May-June	- \$13,403.77
Received in May	\$ 3,668.27
Received in June	\$ 1,876.51

Happy Birthday
Happy Baptismal Date

- 1 Ron Askeland [9-8]
Viola Noren [9-6]
- 5 Samuel Braaten [6-7]
- 11 Mary Davey [9-9]
- 12 Julene Hoffman [9-16]
- 13 Andrew Beck [9-25]
- 14 Jeren Marxen [-73]
- 20 Gerald Anderson [9-15]
Tim Anderson [10-8]
- 21 Keith Newberg [9-30]
- 23 Dean Anderson [9-4]
- 24 Lori Urevig [9-24]
- 25 Chad Urevig [9-14]
- 26 Evonne Moll [10-6]

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch,
a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest
compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of
which have the potential to turn a life around.

--Leo Buscaglia

EAST

RADIO BROADCASTS

August 5: First Lutheran, St. James
12: Albion
19: First Lutheran, St. James
26: East

ACOLYTES

August 5:

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Joann Jensen, Janet Bloomquist

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens

VISITING COMMITTEE

Vicki Janzen, Evonne Moll, Janet Bloomquist

WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting

USHERS

Paul and Cindy Torkelson

LECTORS

August 5: Cindy Torkelson
12: Mike Menssen
19:
26: Paul Torkelson

RADIO SPONSORS

Cost is \$65.00 per Sunday.
September 30: Harold and Viola Noren
December 30: Herbert Noren Family

PRAYER CONCERNS: Brian, Pat, Evelyn, Wilma,
Orval, Barbara, Norman, Jacob, Chloe

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.
~The Book of Matthew

AUGUSTANA

TRANSITIONS

BAPTISM

We welcomed into God's Family, Augustana's Family and AES Ministries: AnnaLeigh Mahoney-Berg, daughter of Tayler Mahoney-Berg on July 8. Please continue to keep AnnaLeigh and her family in your prayers as she grows in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

FUNERAL

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mary Jo Bass, whose graveside service was held at Mt. Hope Cemetery of Monday, July 16.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Bonnie Bolin – \$20.00 - Music Fund

RADIO SPONSOR

The radio broadcast on August 26th from East Sveadahl is available for a sponsor.

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 the early service time.

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

August 5: Jim and Judy Anderson
12:
19: Jim and Shirley Moody
26:

The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday to help support our missionary.

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.

USHERS

Jim Anderson, Chris Bass, Richard Gilbertson, Chad Gronewold, Darrick Miest, Bruce Sharp, Steve Walker, Doug Westman, Troy Westman

AUGUSTANA

AUGUST CIRCLES

August 7: 7:00 pm Martha Circle, Augustana
No Rebecca Circle until September
No Sewing Circle until September

ACOLYTES

August 5: Emily Gronewold and Brandi Pierson
12: Kimberly Lothert and Lizabeth Lothert
19: Levi Miest and Dylan Reid
26: Dawson Gertsema and Willaim Knaack

ALTAR GUILD

Jayne Anderson, Linda Connell, Sally Engel, Heidi Engel, Joyce Nelson, Louise Olsen

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

August 5: Deb Style

COMMUNION SERVERS

August 5: Dominique Berg, John Coleman
12: Kristen Gertsema, Steph Reid,
Deanna Hoffman, _____

COFFEE HOUR

August 5: Greg and Judy Thulien, Ruth Haler
12: Lisa Carlson, Dorothy Christianson
19: Jim and Jean Leopold, Cleo Olson
26: Judy Sizer, Joyce Pierson

GREETERS

August 5: Roger and Mary Jo Hagen
12: Darrick and Kari Miest
19: Jim and Jean Leopold
26: Kathy Eiden

LECTORS

August 5: Rick Carlson
12: Leora Ask
19: Kirsten Freitag
26: Les Zellman

God always gives His best
to those who leave the choice to Him.

AES AUGUST NEWS

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Facebook: “Like” the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, and inspiration

AES Ministries website: www.augustanachurch.org

PRAYERS and PRAISES

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

PASTOR VISITS

Our Pastors would like to visit you! If you would like to be visited in your home, in the hospital, wherever, please contact them: Pr. Kathleen at 375-4792 (church) or 507-276-1615 (cell) and Visitation Deacon Lyla Klee at 507-439-6940 and her cell 507-227-9250.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Changing your address – please inform Sue at the Augustana Office or Susan at East Sveadahl. We would like to stay in contact with our students going off to school this fall. Please send their address! Thank you.

E-MAIL NEWSLETTERS

If you are interested in going “paperless” and receiving your AES Ministries newsletter by email, please contact the Augustana Church office at 375-4792.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

AUGUSTANA CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will begin again in September.

PLEASANT VIEW WORSHIP – August 19

The August 19th East Sveadahl worship service will be at Pleasant View at 9:00 am. Anyone is welcome to join our worship! The offering on that day will go to the activities department at Pleasant View.

BIBLE CAMP – July 29 – August 3

The AES Ministries week at camps – Green Lake and Shores of St. Andrews – is July 29-August 3.

Please keep these campers in your prayers as they experience the wonders of bible camp:

Kaitlyn Schломann	Adrian Rodriguez-Farr	Lydia Overson	Dylan Reid
Elizabeth Shores	Austin Spitzner	Jena Knaak	Parker Jooston
Mitchell Joostoen	William Knaak	Allison Larson	Talyn Tande
Jenna Lehmann	Hayden Davis	Connier Pierson	Sydney Grossman
Levi Miest	Hayleigh Lingbeek	Annika Stepper	Maya Kulseth
	Peyton Engelking	Sydney Engelking	

INVITATION TO OUR WOMEN – August 1

The Zion (Hanska) WELCA extends an invitation to their Guest Day Noon Luncheon on Wednesday, August 1st. “Melodies in Makeup” will entertain. RSVP to Darlene Odegard 507-439-6213 or 507-381-1909 by Friday, July 27th. Everyone is welcome!

EAST’S 150th ANNIVERSARY – August 5

NO, the anniversary isn’t on August 5th, but --- There will be a meeting after church on Sunday, August 5th (9:30 am) for anyone and everyone who wants to help out by being on a committee for our 150th Anniversary in 2020. Some of the committees are cookbook, history, picnic, memorabilia, etc. Thank you for your interest and help.

BABY SHOWER – August 5

A baby shower for Allison and David Beck is being held on Sunday, August 5 from 2-4 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia. They are expecting a baby boy!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE & YOUTH COMMITTEE – August 7

The Education Committee meets at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, August 7th.

The Youth Committee meets at 5:15 pm on Tuesday, August 7th.

AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL – August 8

The August 8th Augustana Church Council meeting is at 7:00 pm. Please note time!

AUGUSTANA WELCA NEWS

The next **WELCA Board meeting** is Tuesday, August 14th, at 6 pm. in the Fireside Room.

No circles – Rebecca and Sewing – in August; meetings resume in September.

Martha Circle meets at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 7th at Augustana.

COMING UP: Augustana WELCA will be hosting a “Bakeless” Bake Sale in September!
Please be sure to check the September newsletter for more details and date!

COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE -- for September

The Worship Schedule will witch this year on Sunday, September 16th.

- September 2:** 8:30 am Communion, East
10:00 am Communion, Augustana
- September 9:** 10:00 am Joint Communion Worship, Augustana –
God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday
- September 16:** 8:30 am Worship, AUGUSTANA
10:30 am Worship, EAST
- September 23:** 8:30 am Worship, Augustana
10:30 am Worship, East
- September 30:** 8:30 am Worship, Augustana – 5th Sunday
10:30 am Worship, East – 5th Sunday

GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS. – September 9

Please save the date **Sunday, September 9** when congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will again have the opportunity to gather together for GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS. This is work that you do every day – serving your community in ways that share the love of Christ with all of God’s people. Whatever we do, we are using our hands to do God’s work to reconcile and restore communities in Jesus’ name throughout the world.

If you need a God’s Work. Our Hands. yellow T-shirt, please contact Pr. Kathleen.

If you have ideas of work/service opportunities, contact members of the Augustana council, East council, or Pastor Kathleen. We need volunteers!

TEACHING THE LOVE OF CHRIST – September 12

- TLC (Teaching the Love of Christ), our faith formation ministry for children and youth begins on Wednesday, September 12. There is not an “early out” that day, so we will begin at 3:15 pm and conclude with supper at 6:00 pm.
- Registration forms will be mailed in August and are also available on-line. We ask for updated forms each year so we are sure to have correct addresses, phone numbers, and needed medical information.
- Volunteers are needed for TLC. How can you help? Teach a class from 4:00-5:15 pm (this includes sitting with your class at music), read a story to younger students from 3:15-3:30 pm, play board games with students from 3:30-4:00 pm, serve snacks from 1:30-2:30 pm. Contact Pastor Kathleen or/and education committee member for more information or to volunteer. Committee members are Jill Beckius, Kathy Eiden, Kari Miest, and Cindy Torkelson.
- Snacks are needed for TLC. If you would like to provide snacks, please bring the following items to Augustana or East Sveadahl: Frosted Flakes, granola bars, fruit snacks, and fruit cups.

The most memorable people in life will be the friends
who loved you even when you weren’t very lovable.
Friendships are glued together with little kindnesses.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you for remembering me with birthday cards and wishes.

Colleen Nessler

A **huge thank you** to the 30 volunteers who helped make this year's VBS such a rousing success! Whether you were a station leader, crew leader, assistant, kitchen volunteer, or helped with set up and take down, we couldn't have done it without you! Fifty-seven students attended VBS and learned how Jesus is our rescuer, when we do wrong and when we are lost, worried, struggling, or powerless. What a blessing to share this week with First Presbyterian. Thanks again to our volunteers and to our congregation for their support of this important ministry.

We look forward to VBS 2019 – Roar! Life is Wild. God is Good. At Roar, kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. As we thank God for a successful 2018 VBS, let us also pray for God's guidance for 2019, that we may share God's story with even more children.

VBS Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank you for the many beautiful letters, cards and phone calls. Everything was deeply appreciated during this time. The Lord willing, I will be back again but I can no longer get to church currently. I will keep you in my prayers and I ask for your continued prayers. God's blessings on each one of you.

Kindness and Love, Harold Fischer

Dear Augustana/St. James members -

Thanks for your support of God's mission! You are there, sharing God's love and changing lives in Jesus' name, through mission support. Thank you for our continued partnership in living the Good News together in 2018!

Rev. Larry Streng

Dear East,

Thank you for the continuous love and support throughout the years. This congregation has been like a family to me, and I'm so thankful. Also, a really, big thank you to everyone who helped with the quilt, I LOVE IT!

Love, Mercedes Lenning

Dear members of East,

Thank you to our East Sveadahl family for your continuous love, support, thoughts, and prayers.

Teresa and Rich

Dear East Sveadahl Lutheran Church,

We are so grateful for your generous gift to the Women's Foundation of Minnesota for MN Girls Are Not For Sale.

Because of you, we will continue to fund innovative programs across the state, conduct groundbreaking research, and advance public policy to bring an end to sex trafficking in Minnesota. ...

Together, we will realize a day when women and girls-and all people-can experience the world as a place of safety and opportunity, and thrive. Thank you for your commitment to this issue and for making the Women's Foundation your foundation!

Warmly, Lee Roger-Batker, President and CEO

On behalf of the participants of the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, we would like to thank the congregation for all of the support shown, whether it was coming to our fundraisers or simply asking what we would do/did on the trip.

We would also like to thank the congregation for all of the prayers-those leading up to the Gathering, while we were in Houston, and prayers for safe travels on our way home.

Again, thank you for your support, thoughts, and prayers, and an extra special thank you to those who organized and made this amazing trip possible.

Kinzee Miest

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERT - August 19

Legendary Christian recording artist, Michael W. Smith and the Surrounded by a Million Lights World Tour, will appear in concert on Sunday, August 19th at the Preservation Plaza in Arnolds Park, Iowa. The concert is presented by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Lakefield, MN. Gates open at 3 pm; music starts at 4 pm with the Ten Seven Band and Jacob Daniel as the opening acts. Bring your own lawn chairs/blankets. No coolers please. Seating is on a first-come basis.

Tickets are \$25.00, available online through the Facebook page, "Holy Trinity Church/Michael W. Smith Concert" or by calling 507-841-0474 from 8 am-5:30 pm.

Known for songs like "Above All", "Healing Rain", and "Friends are Friends Forever" Smith has shared a message of hope and healing for more than three decades. His Christian witness and testimony have been heard around the world.

UNITING CULTURES - August 26

The next Uniting Cultures event for the St. James Area, featuring Nordic cuisine, will be held Sunday, August 26th from 12 noon – 2 pm at East Sveadahl. The meal is a free will donation. If you plan on attending, please call Cindy (507-380-4713), Sandy Sunde (507-380-4099), or Jane Wolle (507-236-6327).

If you are able to donate time or Scandinavian food, please let Cindy know. At our last gathering for southern Mexican food there were over 160 people at the Presbyterian church! What better way to bring people together but through food!! Let's be proud of our Nordic heritage! Tusen Takk!

We are doing this to help understand our cultures in our area!

AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 11, 2018

The Joint AES Council met on Wednesday, July 11, 2018, at 6:00 pm at Augustana. The following members were present: Teresa Andrews, Leora Ask, Janet Bloomquist, Kathy Eiden, Wayne Jurgens, Steph Reid, Pastor Kathleen, and Susan Anderson. Deanna Hoffman was also present. Absent: Judy Berg and Mike Menssen.

The meeting opened with devotions by Leora Ask.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Much planning went into the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. This is important to making the most of the Gathering.
- The youth and adults attending the Gathering in Houston had a wonderful time. Our youth showed outstanding leadership throughout the event. This was a meaningful experience for everyone attending. The speakers, music, and experiences met the kids where they are in life, addressing their present situations.
- There has been one baptism in July, two coming up in August, and there are five weddings on the calendar.
- She will be spending the last week of July with 22 youth at Bible Camp – Green Lake and the Shores of St. Andrews.

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- She will have a week of vacation July 16-23. Pastor Gene Alms will be on call for her. Terry Engel will lead worship on July 22nd. Lyla will also be gone this week.

BUSINESS:

- Vacation Bible School was a success. Leora thanks everyone involved for the work that was done for the children attending. There was a total of 57 children attending with 20 coming from First Presbyterian. We have developed a successful working relationship with First Presbyterian Church.
- Relay for Life went well, despite the heat.
- Final plans for the Church Picnic were discussed.
 - East provides: potatoes/chips, salads, condiments, entertainment, paper products.
 - Augustana provides: meat, sandwiches, drinks, desserts/floats, ice cream.
 - Food and beverages left over from the Relay for Life will be used at the picnic. Augustana will make a donation to Relay for what will be used at the picnic.
 - The entertainment this year is a Saxophone group. Pr. David and Darlene Fretham are part of the group. They will be providing the music for the morning worship service at East.
 - The picnic plans will be brought back to the individual councils for approval.
- Deanna Hoffman shared information about the AES photo directory. Photos for the directory will be taken August 22-25, 2018, at Augustana. Deanna will coordinate the sign-up times for the photo sessions. Leora will take photos of our shut-ins as needed. Thrivent Action Team money will be used to pay for these. Watch the newsletters and bulletins for further information.
 - The next meeting is Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 pm. Janet will give devotions.
 - The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson

EAST SVEADahl CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – June 14, 2018

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Erma Griffith, George Nasman, Pastor Kathleen, and Jana Anderson

Pastor Kathleen opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented her report. Motion by Wayne, seconded by Erma, and passed to approved report.

Financial Secretary Jana Anderson presented her report. A motion by Wayne, seconded by George and passed to approve report.

Tom presented the outstanding bills. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by George and passed to approve paying of bills.

Pastor Kathleen reported the following:

1. Seventy-four people were fed at the Community Meal at First Lutheran on May 17 by AES Ministries.
2. The LaSalle Lutheran Church will be having their 100th Anniversary Celebration on July 15. A motion by Janet, seconded by Erma and passed to send \$100.00 to ELCA World Hunger in honor of their legacy of spreading the gospel. Their closing service will be on Sunday, August 12.
3. Lyla Klee will be on call when Pastor Kathleen is in Houston from Sunday, June 24 – Sunday July 1.
4. A motion by Wayne, seconded by George and passed to set aside \$3,000.00 from the monetary gift of \$30,000.00 donated by the Mae Griffith Tande estate to be used for missions with \$500.00 of the \$3,000.00 being donated to the new church which will be built in our Shyiane Circuit in Africa.
5. VBS was fantastic with 57 youth attending.
6. Terry Engel will be pulpit supply on July 22 when Pastor Kathleen is on vacation.

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Old Business:

1. The new front doors are on order.
2. Reminder of work day on Saturday, June 16.
3. Reminder of the AES Church Picnic on August 12.

New Business:

1. A discussion on cleaning of the church took place. It was tabled until next meeting.
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
The next meeting will be July 12, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – July 12, 2018

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Erma Griffith, George Nasman, Lori Urevig, and Pastor Kathleen.

Pastor Kathleen opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented her report and in the absence of Jana Anderson, Tom presented the Financial Secretary's written report. A motion by Erma, seconded by Lori and passed to approve both reports.

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

Pastor Kathleen reported the following:

1. Houston trip highlights were given.
2. There will be a baptism at East on Sunday, August 5.
3. Pastor Kathleen will be on vacation the week of July 16.
4. Terry Engel will be pulpit supply on July 22 when Pastor Kathleen is on vacation.
5. East council approved church services to be held at Pleasant View at 9 a.m. on Sunday, August 19.

Discussion took place on "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday. East approved having a joint service at 10 a.m. at Augustana followed by a hot dog lunch. Service project ideas are needed. Please let a council member know if you have any ideas.

Old Business:

1. We are waiting for the new front doors.
2. Discussion took place on future church projects that were brought before the Annual meeting. Tabled until next meeting.
3. Issues with the audio system in the church were discussed.

New Business:

1. Council approved that the noisy offering in July will go to Wellspring in St. James.
2. East Sveadahl is the recipient of an additional \$60,000.00 from the estate of Mae Griffith Tande. We are truly blessed for her generosity.

The council wishes to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Eric for watering all the urns in the cemetery. You are awesome!

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be August 9, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – June 13, 2018

Present: Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson, John Coleman, Kathy Eiden, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Kari Miest, Steph Reid, Kyla Schlomann, Greg Thulien, Judy Thulien, and Pastor Kathleen.

Absent: Paul Missling

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Kristen Gertsema shared devotions.

MSC to approve the Secretary's report as printed. Financial report shows YTD donations behind 2017. Judy Thulien explained the Treasurer's report with no exceptions, MSC to approve

Pastor Kathleen:

There is a benefit for Carol Knaack on July 8th. We have been asked to help furnish muffins. Kathy and Deanna will ask their circles for 5 dozen each.

LaSalle Lutheran Church will be closing on July 12th. We will remember them with a gift and send a letter to acknowledge their many years of dedicated faithful service.

Pastor will be leaving on June 24th for the Houston Youth Gathering. Lyla Klee will be filling in for her.

Cameras are ready to activate now that the new computer system and hardware are in place.

AES Ministries:

Next meeting is **July 11th at 6 PM**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education:

VBS was very successful with 60 youth plus helpers in attendance. Sunday service was very energetic and showed their excitement.

Our camp week at Green Lake will be the end of July.

Planning for TLC for 2018-19.

Houston Youth Gathering is at the end of June with 17 youth from Augustana and 21 from First Lutheran sharing a bus for travel.

Dominique has agreed to continue with his position for TLC.

Evangelism/Social Ministry:

They have delivered some offering envelopes.

Stewardship/Memorial/Finance:

Nothing was presented for action to them.

Church Property/Cemetery:

Four new trees have been planted.

Elevator was inspected and is OK.

St James Electric installed two new lights on the back side of the church that match the ones on the north side. Need a shield on the north ones as they shine in neighbor's window.

No action on the new kitchen sink.

Youth Ministry:

Houston funding is firmed up along with the planning.

Grade 5-8 mini lock-in at East was a great success.

Plans are being made for the Halloween TLC on Wednesday October 31st, - maybe have treats and invite the public.

Houston Bless and Send will be at East on Sunday, June 24th. They will bless the bus and pray for safe travel and then travel to First Lutheran to pick them up.

Worship and Music:

No meeting. Will meet in August.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cement work is approved and will proceed as soon as Tom is available.

Computers are all set up.

Faith Chest donation received was discussed. A Menard's gift card will be purchased with the money for the builders to purchase additional supplies.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Relay for Life is June 29th. AES will again activate their team for walking, and we will be manning the food stand. Need workers and walkers. Also Grounds for Hope will be reactivated by Judy Thulien. She is in need of 1-2 Keurigs for use that evening.

God's Work shirts are available if you need one.

AES annual Picnic is set for August 12th. This will be finalized at the Joint Council meeting on July 11th. We are responsible for meat/sandwiches, drinks, dessert, floats and ice cream.

Next meeting is July 11th at 7 PM.

Devotions – Jim Harrington

Communion servers: July 1st: John & Jim July 8th: Lisa, Kristen, Steph, and Greg.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Deanna Hoffman

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – July 11, 2018

Present: Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson, John Coleman, Kathy Eiden, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Paul Missling, Steph Reid, Kyla Schломann, Greg Thulien, and Pr Kathleen

Absent: Kari Miest, Judy Thulien

Jim Harrington called the meeting to order and shared devotions.

MSC to approve the Secretary's Report as printed.

Financial Report shows year-to-date donations behind 2017.

In Judy Thulien's absence, Greg presented the Treasurer's Report on her behalf. No exceptions.

Income and expenses are in line. MSC to approve as presented.

Pastor Kathleen:

Community Meals are continuing and growing a bit each month.

Houston Youth Gathering was a great success with wonderful speakers and programs plus a great group of youth attending.

She will be on vacation next week (7/15th – 23rd). Lyla will be on call until Wednesday and Gene Alms from New Ulm through rest of week. Terry will fill in on Sunday.

Flowers and a letter were sent to LaSalle Lutheran to celebrate their anniversary on July 15th.

Picture sign-ups will be starting next week.

There will be another Baptism coming up.

AES Ministries:

Steph Reid reported that plans are set for the AES picnic on Sunday, August 12th. **Service will be 8:30 am at Augustana and 10 am at East Sveadahl with picnic to follow.** We will be using food left from the Relay meal and will make a donation to them for this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education:

Kathy reported about TLC plans underway for next fall. They need a snack organizer and two additional instructors. They will be starting to sign-up for meals in August. They also need to obtain the TV and cart for TLC. This has been approved previously.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting

Stewardship/Memorial/Finance: No meeting

Church Property/Cemetery:

Lights on north side of building have been deflected down so as not to disturb the neighbors.

Light above the handicap signs is burned out and will be replaced.

New Ulm Roofing Company was here and reattached loose tile on the roof.

Jeff Nelson has been asked to install the new kitchen sink – will recontact him.

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One of our wheel chairs has no foot rests on it. Stan Kunkel will be approached to check for the parts needed.

Youth Ministry: No meeting

Worship and Music: No meeting:

OLD BUSINESS:

Picnic is all set. Jim will check with Mark Kulseth regarding the tent and grill.

Painting will be done by Rod. Lisa will contact Jen at K & R for suggestions as to color and coordinating with the walls already painted. Paint will be purchased at K & R.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darwin Anthony, our insurance agent, contacted Jim regarding applying for a discount program they have available. Steph Reid will apply for this.

The photo directory sign-up begins on Sunday, July 15th. Deanna asked that the council members talk this up and encourage all members to participate. Help would be appreciated on Sunday morning for sign-up. Also help will be needed for a phone blitz about August 1st. Please let Deanna know if you are willing.

God's Work. Our Hands. day is September 9th. Looking for projects and ideas that we can do. Plan to have a hot-dog roast on the lawn again following the joint service at Augustana.

Next meeting is August 8th at 7 pm.

Devotions – Deanna Hoffman

Communion Servers: August 5th: Dominique and John

August 12th: ***8:30 AM*** Kristen, Steph, Jim, and Greg.

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Deanna Hoffman, Secretary

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 12, 2018

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Jayne Anderson, Jeanne Miest, Nancy Kunkel, Carol Zarn

Judy opened the meeting with devotions

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

Augustana ladies will help serve the lunch for the June birthday party at Pleasant View on Wednesday, June 13th.

No one from Augustana will be able to attend the Synodical Convention in St. Cloud on June 29th and 30th. The 23 Personal Care Kits that have been made up will be taken to the convention by First Lutheran Church. We will also make a donation of \$100.00 to the Convention.

Ladies Night Out, hosted by the Rebecca Circle at Plaza Julisco in St. James, will be held on Wednesday, July 18th, at 6 P.M. Please note the change of date is one week later than was previously mentioned. All ladies are invited to come and enjoy the evening. Please remember to bring a wrapped white elephant gift.

Plans are being made for WELCA to serve the coffee hour on Sunday, September 30th. Funds raised will go for the stain glass windows.

God's Work Our Hands: WELCA will again deliver cookies to our shut ins. Looking for more ideas for other projects.

Next WELCA Board meeting is Tuesday, August 14th, at 6 P.M. in the Fireside Room. There will be no meeting in July.

Our meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

PHOTO DIRECTORY INFORMATION

To all AES Ministries Members

It is important that we capture our families on photographs and share the opportunity to get to know our members better with putting faces and names together.

Sign up now for your photography date!

**There is no cost to our members,
and it is a great keepsake for each of you.**

Pictures will be taken August 22-25 (Wednesday – Saturday) at Augustana.

**Scheduling has begun!
Someone is present before the worship service
at each church on August 5, 12, and 19 to help with scheduling.**

**It is possible to submit a picture if you cannot be here August 22-25.
Please contact Deanna Hoffman for further information on the
type of picture that may be submitted.**

For more information or to schedule a photography time contact

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AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Sunday, August 12, AES Church Picnic

8:30 am Communion Worship at Augustana

10:00 am Worship at East Sveadahl

With the Saxophone Group

11:00 am Church picnic at East Sveadahl

All are welcome!

AES MINISTRIES
AUGUSTANA AND EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner, Pastor
Deacon Lyla Klee, Visitation Pastor

