

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

December Newsletter

From The Pastor

Journey to the Manger

During this time of Advent, our path in worship is leading us to the manger where we will find Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. We will soon celebrate again the birth of our Savior. Along the way this Advent season, we will find hope, love, joy and peace. Four simple words that mean so much in our daily lives. We live in **hope** in the darkest situations, that there is a light shining in the darkness. We live knowing we are **loved** by God so much that God sent Jesus for us. We have **joy** knowing God has given us many gifts. Finally, we have the “**peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding (from Philippians 4:7),” because we know that we can trust God.

Hope, love, joy, and peace...this is what we will focus on this Advent in worship. As much as we know God, in the birth of Jesus, gives us all of these things, we need reminders. We need help in living into hope, love, joy and peace in our daily lives. We need to come to the holy spaces in our churches and hear the Good News that even as we wait, God gives us the hope, love, joy and peace that at times feels so distant. Join us for worship each Sunday of Advent and hear the Good News that into darkness, God sends light. Hear the Good News that hope, love, joy and peace are possible not only in good times, but in times when darkness seems to envelop us. I pray your journey to the manger this Advent will be filled with hope, love, joy and peace.

Pastor Kathleen

On Sunday, December 9, at 9:00 am, East Sveadahl will worship at Pleasant View Nursing Home. This takes the place of their regular Sunday morning worship. Members of the congregation will lead this special service.

“A Christmas Carol” at the Guthrie - We will leave from Augustana at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 9. If you have not turned in your ticket fee, please do so as soon as possible. We will not stop for lunch, so bring a bag lunch for the bus.



December Augustana Circles

- Dec. 3: 6:00 pm Martha Circle at Kristi Zellmann's (Note date change)
Dec. 4: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle at Encore
No Sewing Circle in December

Acolytes

- Dec. 2: Ava Spitzner, Maya Kulseth
Dec. 9: Vivian Leach, Brandi Pierson
Dec. 16: Sydney Engelking, Jenna Lehmann
Dec. 23: Lizabeth Lothert, Kaylyn Meyer
Dec. 24: Maya Kulseth, ___? (5:30)
Dec. 30: Volunteers

Blood Pressure Screening

- Dec. 2: Bryan Nelson

Communion Servers

- Dec. 2: Deanna Hoffman, Kyla Schломann
Dec. 9: Kari Miest, Lisa Carlson,
Deanna Hoffman, Steph Reid
Dec. 24: Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman,
Paul Missling, Greg Thulien **5:30 pm**

Greeters

- Dec. 2: Jayne Anderson
Dec. 9: Lisa Carlson
Dec. 16: Greg & Judy Thulien
Dec. 23: Gene & Carol Zarn
Dec. 24: Darrick & Kari Miest **5:30 pm**
Dec. 30: Les & Kristi Zellmann

Lectors

- Dec. 2: Rick Carlson
Dec. 9: Deb Style
Dec. 16: Judy Thulien
Dec. 23: Les Zellmann
Dec. 24: Jim Moody **5:30 pm**
Dec. 30: Kari Miest

Radio Sponsor

The radio broadcast on December 23rd from Augustana is sponsored by Eugene & Carol Zarn

Radio Broadcasts

Sponsor a month for \$65.00 or one of four segments for \$16.25 each. September thru February broadcasts are from Augustana due to early service times.

December Augustana Ushers

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

Missionary Sponsors

- Dec. 2, 9, 16, 30: Les & Kristi Zellmann
Dec. 23: Bill & Kirsten Freitag

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

Altar Guild

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

Coffee Hour

- Dec. 2: Stan & Nancy Kunkel, Kyla Schломann
Dec. 9: Jim & Judy Anderson, Ray & Judy Berg
Dec. 16: Jim & Jean Leopold, Ruth Haler
Dec. 23: Gene & Carol Zarn, Lisa Carlson
Dec. 30: Dick & Marlys Gilbertson, Cleo Olson

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.

Dec. 30: Becky & Ron Cobb, in memory of Becky's mother, Martha Elliott.

Memorials

- \$20.00 – AES Youth Fund
In Memory of Troy Westman and Viola Noren
\$20.00 – Music Fund and \$10.00 - General Fund
In Memory of George Munson
\$40.00 – Undesignated
In Memory of Joan Alde
\$10.00 – Undesignated
In Memory of Troy Westman

New Member

We welcomed **Joan Howe** into our fellowship as a new member of Augustana and AES Ministries on November 18th and look forward to our ministry together.

DECEMBER - EAST

TRANSITIONS:

Congratulations to **Mykia Lundberg** and **Matthew Fisch** who were married at East on November 17, 2018. May God richly bless them!

Welcome to **Dana Avila** and **Matthew Fisch** who joined East Sveadahl on November 18, 2018.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through October	\$55,270.80
Received through October	43,185.82
Behind through October	- \$12,084.98
Received in October	\$12,658.83

Poinsettias

If you are sharing a poinsettia, call **Deb** (507-381-4207), **Lynette** (507-276-0505) or **Susan** (507-317-5293) by **Monday the 10th**. Please have your plant labeled and at church by **Saturday the 15th**.

Christmas Decorating Committee

Keith and Lori Newberg
Steve and Charlotte Johnson
Dale and Deb Anderson

Happy December Birthday! Happy Baptismal Birthday!

3 Dennis Coleman [5-16]
6 Levi Sizer [1-3]
14 Wayne Wolle [1-4]
18 Sue Ann Forsyth [1-26]
Lou Ann Forsyth [1-26]
Derek Fast [12-19]
22 Ava Huelsenbeck [2-22]
28 Racheal Menssen [5-19]
31 Shalea Schloss [4-15]

East Sveadahl will worship with our **Pleasant View Nursing Home residents** on **Sunday, December 9th**, at **9:00 am**. The offering will go to the Activities Department.

DECEMBER - EAST

RADIO BROADCASTS

Dec. 2: First Lutheran, St. James
9: Albion
16: First Lutheran, St. James
23: Augustana
30: Augustana

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Deb Anderson and Lynette Noren

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Dec. 2: Wayne Jurgens, Tom Anderson
Dec. 24: Wayne, Janet, Lori, Tom

VISITING COMMITTEE

Mary Ann Menssen and Phyllis Jurgens

COFFEE HOUR

Dec. 2: Cindy Torkelson
9: Worship at Pleasant View
16: Lorita Nasman
23: Teresa Andrews
30:

WELCA HOSTESSES

Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm Christmas Party
Kris, Julene, Teresa – Meal
Evonne, Lorita – Decorations & Program

USHERS

Jim Nasman and Tom Anderson

SNOW REMOVAL

Wes Beck

LECTORS

Dec. 2: Wayne Jurgens
9: Creig Noren
16: Paul Torkelson
23: Cindy Torkelson
24: James Nasman
30: Kris Suess

RADIO SPONSORS

Thank you to those who sponsored broadcasts during the year. It is very much appreciated. The 2019 Sundays we will sponsor are: March 31, June 30, September 29, and December 29. We need sponsors for the June and September broadcasts, call Susan if interested.

The radio broadcast on **December 30th** from Augustana is sponsored by Herbert & Karen Noren family

AES December News and Upcoming Events

Pastoral Visits

Pastor Kathleen and Visitation Deacon Lyla would like to visit with you! If you would like them to come to your home, the hospital, or wherever, please contact them: Pastor Kathleen - 375-4792 or (C) 507-276-1615; Deacon Lyla – 507-439-6940 or (C) 507-227-9250.

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 Augustana or Susan at East.

Weather Cancellations and Announcements

With the coming of winter weather, we ask you to please use your best judgement and common sense before venturing to church events. Your safety is of the utmost importance. Please check the sources listed below for cancellations before you leave home:

For church closings at both East and Augustana – listen to FM 101.5 (KRRW) or AM 8.60 (KNUJ), Channel 12 KEYC-TV, or check the AES website at www.augustanachurch.org.

Confirmation classes and **Youth activities** are automatically cancelled when school is closed or there is an early dismissal due to weather conditions.

Electronic Giving

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

Noisy Offering- Sunday, December 30th

Whenever there are five Sundays in a month we take a special “noisy” offering for a mission outside our congregation, this month’s noisy offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Start saving your coins for December 30th!

January Worship Time Change

Beginning on January 6, our early worship time will change. Worship will be held at 9:00 at Augustana and 10:30 at East Sveadahl.

Giving

As the calendar year comes to an end, prayerfully remember your church in this **season of giving!**

Financial Books, Annual Meetings, and Annual Reports

The **financial books** of **East** close at **9:30 am on Friday, December 28th** and **Augustana** on **Monday, December 31st at noon**. Please take care of any financial business before that time and date. Thank you!

Augustana: Annual meeting is January 27th, 2018. Also, all financial books and written reports have to be in the church office by **Wednesday, January 9th, 2019**. This gives us time to audit and the annual report to be prepared and assembled, so members can pick up the reports the week before the meeting.

East:

Please begin thinking about the **ANNUAL REPORTS!**

~~ All **written reports** need to be turned in by **Monday, January 14th**.

~~ All **financial reports** need to be ready to be audited by Monday, January 14th with **audited reports** turned in by Friday, January 18th

~~ **Annual Meeting** has yet to be set.

~~ **AUDITORS:** **Wes Beck, Sonja Coleman, James Nasman**

~~ **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Bernie Jurgens, Lorita Nasman, Joann Jensen, Teresa Andrews

Deadline Change

Because of the Christmas holiday schedule, please have your January 2019 newsletter articles in by Tuesday, December 18th. Thanks!

On Vacation

Pr. Kathleen is on vacation December 26, 2018 through January 2, 2019. Deacon Lyla Klee is on call and will lead worship December 30th.

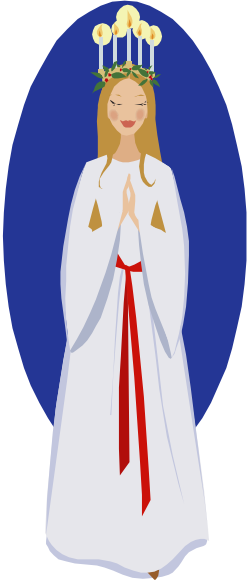
TLC

Attention!! We have growing pains! TLC needs more volunteers! Are you able to help? AES Ministries is well into our third year of "Teaching the Love of Christ" here at the Augustana location. We gather every Wednesday afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. during the school year. Our numbers are increasing and we need to find more teachers, substitute teachers, helpers of all ages. If you could devote any time at all on Wednesday we would be happy to put you to good use for an hour, a half hour, playing a game of checkers, reading to a kindergartner, you get the idea! We also need people or groups to fill in those empty spaces to serve a meal in the new year. TLC has funds to help with the cost of food. We start up again January 9th. Check out the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Please contact me if you can help us out. You Will Love It! My cell phone is 507-227-1555. Call me! Kathy Eiden and the Education Committee

"M is for Manger," the TLC Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 12, at 5:30 pm. Following the program all are invited to stay for supper. The youth committee will be serving a ham and potato supper. If there is a snowstorm, the program will be held December 19. TLC will take a break after the Christmas program and not meet again until January 9.

Luciadagen

"Santa Lucia, thy light is glowing . . ."



Soon all the candles and luminaries will be lit welcoming everyone to Augustana's annual St. Lucia Festival. The lefse has been made, goodies are being baked and our special Swedish decorations we need to make our tables look so festive are being unpacked once again. Please know that all members of Augustana are encouraged to participate in this very special day. Opportunities are available to help in the kitchen and in the dining room. There is a real need for baked goods in the Christmas Shoppe! Our Augustana Women of the ELCA will again be selling their greeting cards.

Most importantly, we want you to come! Bring your family and friends. Begin a new tradition or continue an old one. You will be charmed by the simplicity and warmth of a "candle-lit" breakfast.

Schedule of Events for December 8th

6:30 – 9:00 a.m. - Scandinavian Breakfast (free-will offering)

6:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Christmas Shoppe-Fireside Room

St. Lucia Decorations and Decorators Needed!

The St. Lucia Decorating Committee needs help preparing the Social Hall for our annual St. Lucia Festival at **on Friday, December 7th**. If you have any Swedish decorations you would like to share, please bring them to the church before that time. As a reminder...all workers who have volunteered to work for our St. Lucia Breakfast...please remember the time you are scheduled to work.

Watowan County Backpack Food Program

Special Offering of Body Wash and Hand Soap - The Watowan County Weekend Backpack Food Program is expanding. They have begun a food pantry at the high schools in Butterfield, Madelia and St. James. Startup funds for the expansion have been received from the Visions for Families and Community Collaborative through Watowan County Human Services. The Food Pantry will allow students who qualify for the program to choose for themselves both food and hygiene items needed on a weekly basis. AES Ministries has volunteered to take a collection of body wash and hand soap for this food pantry. Other congregations will give other hygiene items. We will collect only body wash and hand soap. We have chosen Wednesday, December 12 and Sunday, December 16, as the days we will collect these items. Please bring these items with you to worship on December 12th or 16th.

East Sveadahl WELCA Christmas Party

The East Sveadahl WELCA **Christmas Party** is **Thursday, December 6th** beginning with supper at **6:30 pm** followed by the program, "*Contagious Christmas*". Please come welcome in the Christmas season with us! The women of Augustana, Albion, First Lutheran of St. James and Butterfield, and Darfur are invited to be our guests. Please RSVP to Kris (507-380-3462), Teresa (507-621-2557), or Janet (507-327-0318) with the number of guests you are bringing.

Lefsa - Anyone interested in lefse for the holiday? We still have some left. Contact Janet, Evonne, Sonja, or Erma.

Education Committee

The Education Committee will meet on December 4th at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room.

Thank You's

The family of Lowell Bloomquist wishes to thank our church family & friends for their words of comfort, acts of kindness, cards, food, flowers, or just a hug during this difficult time of loss. A special Thank You to Pastor Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner for her trips to Mankato and words of comfort, and also to the ladies for serving the lunch. We will be forever grateful.

Janet, Terry & Kristy, Jeff & Jodi, Kari & Chad, Brittany & Anthony, Braeden, Anna, Emersyn & James.

Dear Congregational Mission Partners, Thank you for supporting the mission and ministries of GLLM. ... Your congregation's financial support is a big part of all that, providing life-changing experiences for people of all ages, allowing them to know Christ and deepen their relationship with Him. ... In addition to your financial support, I invite you to continue to keep GLLM in your prayers.

Blessings, Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director

Dear Pastor Kathleen and Church Family-Thank you very much for your prayers, meals, visits and support since my accident. You are all a blessing and have been a comfort to my family & me, and we really appreciate it. Sincerely, Paul Missling

To Augustana Lutheran Church Women -Thank you for your donation of two quilts to our agency. They are beautiful and will make someone here in Watonwan County feel the warmth of your caring! Thanks for remembering us! Shirley Knudson, CADA of Watonwan County

To Augustana-Thank you for the beautiful quilts! Public Health will be able to share this gift with clients seen in our services. We appreciate the time and effort spent making these warm blankets! Julia Putz, Watonwan County CHS Manager

Partner Ministry/Community Events

Wellspring Caregiver Education Series

December's Coffee and Conversation Caregivers Education Series presentation is "**Healthy Lifestyle for Seniors**" with Beth Henderson of Anytime Fitness on Monday, December 3rd, 8:30 am at the Butterfield Community Building, 9:30 am at St. James Prairie View Dining Room; and 10:30 am at Amberfield Sr.+Dining Room, Madelia. Please call WELLSRING to register 375-1276.

St. James Memory Tree of Lights

St. James Memory Tree of Lights Memorial Service is Monday, December 3, 2:00 pm at Sturm Funeral Home. The tree is located on the St. James medical center campus. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please RSVP by contacting Jeanne at 507-594-2989 or atkinson,jeanne@mayo.edu.

The Hospice Memory Tree of Lights is a symbol of remembrance for loved ones and friends who have died. The memorial service is held to remember those who have died and to comfort those who mourn. Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is partnering with Sturm Funeral Home to host the service.

Christmas Sharing Tree

If you would like to share the holiday spirit with the less fortunate in Watonwan County, you can take **tags off the Christmas trees** in our local businesses. Be sure to return the gift and tag to the place where you picked it up by **December 12th**. The gifts will be distributed December 21st and 22nd. Thank you for your help!

Minnesota Valley Action Council-Energy Assistance Program

If you or someone you know has difficulty paying their monthly energy bills, please request an application by calling MVAC at (507) 345-6822 or (800) 767-7139 or downloading the application from MVAC's website at mnavac.org. Applications will be available on October 1, 2018 and the deadline to apply is May 31, 2019. More information is posted in Augustana's social hall and on bulletin board in East.



AES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES– November 7, 2018

The Joint AES Council met on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 following the TLC supper which they served. Those present were: Leora Ask, Teresa Andrews, Janet Bloomquist, Stephanie Reid, Judy Berg, and Kathy Eiden along with Pastor Kathleen.

Leora highlighted the Thanksgiving and Christmas Church schedules which were printed in the November newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

A proposal for changing the 8:30 a.m. church service to 9 a.m. but keeping the later service at 10:30 was discussed. The council approved the service times for the entire year to be 9 a.m. for the early service and 10:30 a.m. for the late service alternating every six months. AES Council members will bring it to their respective boards for approval.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Secretary Pro-Tem

EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – November 8, 2018

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday November 8, 2018 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Evonne Moll, Erma Griffith, Susan Anderson, Pastor Kathleen, George Nasman, and Lori Urvig.

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

Treasurer's report was presented. A motion made by Wayne and seconded by George to accept the report.

Pastor Kathleen reported a discussion at AES Board about changing worship times to 9:00 am and 10:30 am. More discussion will take place.

On December 9th East Sveadahl will have Worship at Pleasant View at 9:00 a.m. with the offering going to the Activities Department at Pleasant View.

New members will be received on November 18th.

Thanksgiving service will be at Augustana on November 18th at 6:30 p.m. with Attitude playing.

Christmas Eve communion is at 4:00 p.m. at East.

January communion servers will be George and Erma.

Discussed buying additional chairs for the basement and more white tables. Wayne will get prices.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Erma Griffith

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - November 14, 2018

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

Absent: None

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by Kyla Schlomann MSC to approve the Secretary's Report as printed. Financial report shows that it is holding steady from last month.

Treasurer's report was presented by Judy Thulien. MSC to approve as presented. Judy presented 2 bills for approval. One was approved for payment and the other one is to be held for clarification of some issues.

Pastor Kathleen: A food shelf has been set up at the high school. Local churches will take collections for personal items. AES Ministries will collect body wash and hand soap. Watch for more information..

Reminder: 11-18 is our Thanksgiving Service at Augustana. Our Lectern Bible is an outdated version and in need to replacement. MSC to replace with a current edition and use funds from undesignated memorials for payment. Community meal was found to not fulfill the intention that it was started. Local ministers will be discussing whether to continue in 2019. Jr High Youth Gathering and a wedding this coming weekend.

AES Ministries: Steph Reid reported that the AES council is recommending that we change service times to 9:00 am and 10:30 am year round. Approved to start in January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Met and worked on TLC. They are appealing for more help with TLC. Our attendance continues to grow and help would be very useful. This can be for a short time during the schedule. It would be for aide help. Please contact Kari Miest, Kathy Eiden or Pastor Kathleen for more information. Christmas Program is scheduled for 12-12 with a meal to follow. Snow date is 12-19.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: They are getting addresses of our youth that are in college to send cards.

Stewardship/Memorial/Finance: Met and discussed procedure for handling payments of non budget items.

Church Property/Cemetery: Water heater sprung a leak and has been replaced. Cold water pressure is very low. Have narrowed down where the problem could be. Will be working on that to perhaps replace some of the pipes. Will need to get wall repairs done now that the tuck pointing is completed.

Youth Ministry: Christmas dinner will be ham and potatoes. 14 youth are traveling to Willmar for the Youth Gathering. Planning on a tubing outing in January and will organize for future activities. Also discussing lockins, fund raisers and discussing moving the Easter breakfast to Palm Sunday to hopefully increase the attendance.

Worship and Music: 11-18 will be a Gather service and at 6:30 PM we host the Thanksgiving Service with pie fellowship to follow. Need to update our camera for filming services as the quality is not always very good. Will also be considering some opportunities to update our worship options for filming.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim has not received the new quote for our building insurance. One of our security cameras is not working. Steph will check on this to get it operational. Budget for 2019 will be finalized in December for approval In January.

NEW BUSINESS: Council Committee assignments will be set at the Organizational meeting that is held following the Annual Meeting which is on January 27th.

Next meeting is December 12th at 8PM.

Devotions: Greg Thulien

Communion Servers:

December 2nd: Deanna & Kyla

December 9th: Kari, Lisa, Deanna and Steph

December 24th: 5:30 PM worship: Jim, Deanna, Paul and Greg

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary: Deanna Hoffman

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Jeanne Miest, Nancy Kunkel, Jayne Anderson, Carol Zarn
Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

Schmidt's Bakery is donating 10 pies for the Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 18th, which is being held at Augustana. The other churches will also donate pies. Any pies not used will be donated to the Presbyterian Church to be used for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Judy Berg has received \$250.00 from Thrivent Action Dollars, that will be used to purchase items for St. Peter Hospital Christmas gifts. Please remember to bring your gift donations to the Fireside Room by November 26th. Monies from St. Lucia will be distributed as follows: 10% Bio Girls; 10% Operation Concern; 20% St. Lucia; 20% Campership; 20% AESY; 10% Convention Fund; 10% Stained Glass Window Fund.

It was suggested that a brunch be served for the Annual meeting, with funds going to the Stained Glass Window Fund.

President, Vice President meeting is at Augustana on Saturday, January 26th. Meeting is at 9 a.m. with approximately 20 to 25 women in attendance.

East Sveadahl WELCA has invited Augustana ladies to their Christmas party on Thursday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan on attending. See Newsletter for further information.

Lefse workshops have been held, lefse is ready for St. Lucia.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, January 13, 2019, in the Fireside Room during coffee hour.

Our meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

EAST SVEADAHN WELCA MINUTES – October 30, 2018

A brief meeting of a few members of East WELCA was held on October 30, 2018 at 1PM.

Members prepared gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Twenty boxes were filled. The cost of \$9.00 per box for shipping was paid for from our treasury. Applied for and received a gift card for \$250.00 which was used for purchasing items for these boxes. Other donations from members also helped cover the cost of the boxes.

Several members furnished bars and helped serve the community meal at First Lutheran Church in October.

Discussed making and selling lefse. Dates will be set.

Discussed working on quilts this next winter.

Annual Christmas party to be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 6:30 PM. Members bringing guests please let Julene Hoffman or Teresa Andrews know ahead for the meal preparation.

Secretary, Sonja Coleman





TO ALL MEMBERS OF AUGUSTANA
What - St. Lucia Day Christmas Shoppe

When - Saturday, December 8, 2018

6:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Where - Augustana Lutheran Church Fireside Room

This is our 33rd year for the "Christmas Shoppe"

The Christmas Shoppe is an extension of our St. Lucia Day. It is a place where we make available for sale, "homemade" and "homegrown" items donated by all of us at Augustana, young and old, male and female. St. Lucia Day is hosted by Augustana Lutheran Church - the entire community is invited to join us!

Again, we are going to have the time-honored favorites like spritz, sugar cookies, thumbprints, chocolate caramel filled, date filled, date pinwheels, and Swedish coconut cookies just to name a few. As usual, we will have our famous, delicious homemade Augustana potato lefse for sale.

You may make cookies or bars to help supply our Christmas Shoppe. For those of you who cannot prepackage yours, please have your baked goods to the church by noon on Friday. They will be packaged for you.

Here are a few suggestions of items to donate for the Christmas Shoppe

Nationality Specialties

Jams and Jellies Baked Goods Homemade Breads
Candy Pickles Honey Relish

Time and Money

(No houseplants please, they do not sell very well)

Money donations may be sent to:
Judy Anderson, WELCA Treasurer
70913 N. Long Lake Drive, St. James, Minnesota 56081
or to the church office, P. O. Box 151

Checks should be made payable to: WELCA Christmas Shoppe

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A Few Simple Requests from us to you are . . .

- * Wrap all baked goods and foodstuffs in Saran Wrap, Handi-Wrap, or zip-lock bags, to keep it fresh and sanitary. (This is a must)
- * Make a firm tray under your baked things with cardboard, hard paper plates, etc. This will make for better handling.
- * Wrap items in 1 dozen or 1/2 dozen packages.
- * Label and price all your own items! (Example: 1 dozen Date bars), these are your donations, you know best what you have in them.
- * Decorate your donations with a simple red bow made from yarn, ribbon, cord, string, or a sticker. Let's make every item a special gift to purchase in our Christmas Shoppe
- * Bring all packaged donations to the Fireside Room on Friday, December 7th 3:00-6:00 p.m.

