

# AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



### Pastor's column

#### *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Wednesdays during Lent we will gather for a meal and then a service using Holden Evening Prayer. The meal begins at 5:00 pm with worship at 6:30 pm. The scripture and short message will center around the hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

We live our lives beneath the cross of Jesus. The cross shapes our lives as Christians, because the cross tells us just how deeply God loves us. We live each day beneath this love, God's all-encompassing love and grace that reach to us even from Calvary. Wednesdays during Lent we will explore what it means to live beneath the cross of Jesus.

February 17 – **"Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand."** What does it mean to abide at the foot of the cross? How do we stay strong in our faith? As he faced death, Jesus tried to prepare his disciples for what was to come. He knew it wouldn't be easy and so Jesus proclaimed to the disciples and to us, "Take courage; I have conquered the world (John 16:33b)!" You are invited to bring a cross from your home to the worship service.

February 24 – **"The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land."** How often do we cling to the rocks of wealth or prestige or anything else to which we can cling, only to learn these are shaky foundations on which to build our lives? God alone is our rock and our salvation. We cling to God, our rock. "Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...(1 Peter 2:5a)."

March 2 – **"A home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way."** is your home? Perhaps a farmhouse, an apartment, a house that's been in your house for generations, or a house only a few years old that only you have lived in. Wherever our earthly homes lay, our true dwelling place remains with God. "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you're a citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19)." On this night we will include a "Blessing of the Homes" as part of the service.

March 9 – **"From my contrite heart, with tears."** From the depths of our hearts we cry to God, confessing our sins. Even from the cross, Jesus cries, "Father forgive them!" We are surrounded by grace, showered with the forgiveness and love of God shown to us at the cross. "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5b)." Let us walk in God's light, forgiven and free.

March 16 – **"I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place."** How does abiding at the foot of the cross change our lives? Jesus calls us to take up our cross and follow him into a world desperately in need of a rock, a home, and forgiveness.

I hope you will come and enjoy a simple meal with your family and friends at AES Ministries. Stay for worship and enjoy the soothing and peaceful music and words of "Holden Evening Prayer." I think you will find it both inspiring and a great middle of week boost.

Pastor Kathleen

## EAST

### TRANSITIONS:

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

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through December	\$69,774.12
Received through December	\$62,174.31
Ahead through December	- \$ 7,599.81

## annual MEETING

The **Annual Meeting of the East Sveadahl Lutheran Church** and the **East Sveadahl Cemetery Association** will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016, following the morning worship service and potluck dinner.

**Bread, beverages, and dessert** will be provided for the annual meeting potluck dinner. You are asked to bring a dish to pass.

*Happy birthday - happy baptism date*

- 4 Elroy Menssen [3-1]
- 10 Mackenzie Blickem [3-15]  
Merlin Reinke [2-21]
- 12 Danon Anderson [3-13]
- 16 Shaun Shellum [6-1]
- 19 Anna Menssen [9-25]
- 20 Teresa Andrews [3-9]  
Brian Thulien [4-12]
- 22 Melissa Lindeman [12-16]
- 23 Debbie Anderson [4-19]
- 24 David Beck [3-25]  
Kermit Johnson [3-27]
- 26 Shenya Johnson [4-15]  
Mary Ann Menssen [4-14]
- 28 Elizabeth Coleman [4-8]  
Brian Thulien
- 29 Tricia Anderson [3-1]



Additions or corrections? Please contact Susan.

## EAST

### RADIO BROADCASTS

- Feb. 7: First Lutheran, St. James
- 14: Albion
- 21: First Lutheran, St. James
- 28: Augustana

### ACOLYTES

Feb. 7:

### ALTAR COMMITTEE

Lynne & Leigh Rolshoven and Erma Griffith

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Janet Bloomquist and Lori Urevig

### VISITING COMMITTEE

Cindy Torkelson and Lorita Nasman

### WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting

### USHERS

Wayne Jurgens

### LECTORS

- Feb. 7: Dale Anderson
- 14: Erma Griffith
- 21: Jim Nasman
- 28: Lynette Noren

### RADIO SPONSORS

East is responsible for these broadcasts in 2016.  
If you would like to sponsor the October broadcast,  
please contact Susan.

Cost is \$65.00 per Sunday.

- January 31: The East membership
- May 29: Herbert Noren's family
- July 31: Jerry & Lynette Noren
- October 30:

**A closed mouth gathers no feet!**

# AUGUSTANA

## TRANSITIONS:

### Baptism:

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, we welcomed into God's family, Augustana's family, and AES Ministries, **Kristina Mae Murilla**, daughter of Melissa Farr & Bobby Murilla. Kristina's sponsors are Shari Rolloff, Ashlee Barton, & Spenser Barton

Please continue to keep Kristina and her family in your prayers as he grows in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

## MEMORIALS:

### Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ!

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

Nothing ventured, nothing gained—but if everything is ventured, and still nothing gained, give up and venture elsewhere.  
- Peter Wastholm

### USHERS

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

# AUGUSTANA

## FEBRUARY CIRCLES

- Feb. 2: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle – Encore  
7:00 pm Martha Circle – Fireside Room
- 4: 7:00 pm Lydia Circle – Pleasant View

## ACOLYTES

- Feb. 7: Sydney Engelking, Brandi Pierson
- 14: Lizabeth Lothert, Paris Morrow
- 21: Gia Zender, Luci Kulseth
- 28: Olivia Fredin, Kennedy Gertsema

## ALTAR GUILD

- Jayne Anderson Linda Connell
- Joyce Nelson Louise Olsen

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

- Feb. 7: Bryan Nelson

## COMMUNION SERVERS

- Feb. 7: Deanna Hoffman, Kari Miest
- 14: Mark Kulseth, Greg Thulien, Lynn Watson, Kristen Gertsema

## COFFEE HOUR

- Feb. 7: Raymond & Judy Berg, Jim & Jean Leopold
- 14: WELCA
- 21: Myron & Sally Engel, Dick & Marlys Gilbertson
- 28: WELCA – Bold Women's Sunday

## GREETERS

- Feb. 7: Kinzee Miest
- 14: Jim & Shirley Moody
- 21: Cleo Olson
- 28: Lorraine Peterson

## SUNDAY LECTORS

- Feb. 7: Kristen Gertsema
- 14: Jean Leopold
- 21: Paul Missling
- 28: Deb Style

## WEDNESDAY LECTORS

- Feb. 10: Marge Jenkins – 12:00 pm service
- 10: Ruth Haler – 6:30 pm service
- 17: Kinzee Miest – 6:30 pm service
- 24: Jim Moody – 6:30 pm service

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# FEBRUARY NEWS

## KEEPING IN TOUCH



### Facebook:

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

### AES Ministries website:

[www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org)

## Corrections from Pastor David J. Webster

First Correction: My Home phone number is: **507-956-2177** and my cell number is **507-317-6670**.  
The 736 Number was my former number before moving into Butterfield.  
Best to use the home number. The cell phone disappears from time to time.

Second Correction: Regarding Epiphany. My friend Paul Oswood has a birthday on January 5<sup>th</sup>. He tells me this is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. Although many think Epiphany is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. However, when you realize that Christmas is the First day of Christmas and you count 1-12 starting with Christmas Day the 12<sup>th</sup> day is Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a little confusing because epiphany is 12 days after Christmas but not the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas. Epiphany is a day to itself and an important celebration. Paul, by the way, is a mathematician.

## February 1



### Wellspring activities COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

This month's, Coffee and Conversation, will be held **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** at **9:30 am** at the **Prairie View Dining Room**. The topic will be *Adult Coloring for Mental Health*. Learn about mandalas. All are welcome.

## Tuesdays

### YOGA -- February 2, 9, 16, 23

**Sveadahl Yoga** is on for February same time and place – East, 5:30-6:30 pm on Tuesdays. Continue to bring your donations to the backpack program and the FoodShelf.

## Thursdays



### BIBLE STUDY BOOK OF RUTH -- February 4, 11, 18, 25

Book of Faith bible study on the **book of Ruth** will be **Thursdays** in February from **1:30-2:30 pm** at **Augustana**. If you didn't sign up, there is still room! The bible study begins on **Thursday, February 4**. Contact Pastor Kathleen with any questions.

February 9



GLLM ANNUAL MEETING

The **Green Lake Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon** with a meal for all delegates immediately followed by the business meeting. Listen to WCCO, Q102, KWLM for cancellations, or call 320-796-2181. We will need a delegate. If you are willing to attend, please talk to a member of your Council.

February 14



baby shower gifts for Jesus

On **February 14** the Augustana WELCA will be hosting a Baby Shower for Jesus, for our Layette Mission during coffee hour that day. Items needed are onesies, sleepers, bibs, sweaters, caps, winter outerwear, disposable diapers- size 3 month and older, also, receiving blankets, and crib size blankets. Both new and gently used items are accepted. No gifts need to be wrapped. Monetary donations will be accepted – checks made out to WELCA. These gifts will be given to Watonwan County babies in need and are distributed through the Watonwan County nurse.

Jodi Swanson & Jayne Anderson, Mission Chairs

February 14



BIG JOHN'S BINGO/VALENTINE'S DINNER

Have you purchased your Valentine's Day Dinner tickets? You must purchase your tickets before **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**! The Big John's Bingo Valentine's Dinner will be held on **Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm** at Augustana with Bingo (lots of prizes!!) and entertainment to follow.

Adult Menu: Chicken Kiev on rice, vegetable, dessert, beverages  
Cost: \$7 - adults

Children's Menu: Hot Dog, chips, dessert, beverage  
Cost: \$4 - Children under the age of 10

If you are not able to buy your tickets at Augustana, please contact Sandy Berg at (507- 381-8903), Rick Carlson (507-381-3538), or Chris Bass (375-1362).

February 20



benefit Abby Walker

There will be a free-will donation "**Build-a-Burger**" meal, bake sale, and silent auction for Abby on **Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** beginning at **5:00 pm** at the American Legion followed by a performance from the band "Pour Me" from 8 – 11 pm.

Cost of the tickets for the show are \$5 in advance; \$7 at the door. They may be purchased at Pioneer Bank; Superfair Foods; High School, Elementary, and District school offices, or by messaging on the Abby Walker Benefit Facebook page. Facebook.com/AbbyWalkerBenefit

An account has been set up at Pioneer Bank in St. James. Checks payable to Abby Walker Benefit Fund.

Abby underwent surgery to remove two benign brain tumors and continues her rehabilitation on an outpatient basis.

February 20

EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS

Spirit-led Innovation IN an Uncertain age



The **Equipping our Congregations** event is **Saturday, February 20th** at **Vinje Lutheran Church** and **Bethel Lutheran Church** in **Willmar** from **8:30 am – 3:30 pm**. Everyone is welcome!

This year the event will again be held in Willmar, but we will be using the buildings of both Vinje and Bethel Lutheran Churches to accommodate up to 1000 registrants. Both locations will have the same program elements, the schedules will just be in a different order. The keynote speaker and workshop leaders will move between the two church buildings.

We have four spots still available for this event. **If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Kathleen.**

The Presenter will be Rev. Dwight Zscheile, Ph.D. He is associate professor of congregational mission and leadership at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He also serves part-time as associate priest at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in St. Paul. Dwight’s experience growing up in a secular home in California has shaped his commitment to helping the church cultivate Christian community with new populations and generations in today’s changing world.

There will be twenty-six workshops available during the day. Pastor Kathleen will be presenting this workshop - *Story of Adolescence*.

**All are welcome!** Congregation Members, Council Officers, Christian Educators, Worship & Youth Leaders, Pastors... Everyone!

February 21

CHILI contest crossroads campus ministry



WHAT: WINTER PICNIC, CHILI COOK-OFF CONTEST, AUCTION and BINGO

WHEN: February 21, 2016 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

WHERE: Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato

WHY: to support Crossroads Campus Ministry, MSU-Mankato

Yes, a picnic in February, and AES Ministries has 10 tickets for sale at \$25 each which will fill up one picnic table. Area ELCA churches are being asked to participate in this second annual fund raising event. College campuses are fertile mission fields and we are fortunate to have an active campus ministry with a full-time pastor at MSU. Synod funds are cut every year and campus ministries are almost required to become self supporting. If 20 churches participate and each sell 10 tickets we can raise \$5000! Each church furnishes one batch of chili to be tasted and voted on. The winning church receives a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the year. A beautiful stole for the pastor is also part of the prize. (Don't worry, if you buy a ticket, it doesn't mean you have to make any chili; however, chili is what's on the menu.) Pastor Shelly Olson, a daughter of Augustana, and pastor at Cleveland, MN, is spearheading this event. I can arrange transportation, so no worries if you don't drive; just let me know. Tickets are available from Pastor Kathleen or myself. Please consider supporting Crossroads Campus Ministry, "It's where faith and love intersect."

(It might interest you to know that Crossroads also houses the food shelf for the entire campus.) Come and visit us sometime!

Thank you, Kathy Eiden - Augustana member and Campus Ministry Board Member

February 27



WORKSHOP conflict transformation skills

There will be an all-day workshop titled **Conflict Transformation Skills for the Workplace and the Church** (good for businesses, schools, congregations, social workers, anyone) on **Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** at **Bethel Mennonite Church, Mt. Lake**. Pre-registration is required and needs to be post marked by **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Continuing education hours are available. There is a brochure on the bulletin board at East.

February 28<sup>th</sup>

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

The Watonwan River Conference Assembly will be held on **Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm** at **Augustana**.

ROMMAGE Sale



The youth will again be having a rummage sale in May -- the Friday of Hot Dog Days weekend. We are looking for any items that are in good condition, including books and clothing. Larger items are subject to approval by the AESY Committee. You may start bringing your items to Augustana at any time. We will finalize the time and date at our February Youth Committee meeting and this will be posted in the March newsletter as well as in both bulletins. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you to everyone who has supported this in the past. It has been a great success. Thanks. Rick Carlson 507-381-3538

can you HELP



dogs and cats

The Watonwan County Humane Society is in need of volunteer helpers. It could be for one day, several days, or everyday **from 8 – 10 am**. To work with Cats call Peg Lewis at 507-380-5884 and to work with Dogs call Sue Leach at 507-388-5006.

OMNITHEATER



JERUSALEM

The Science Museum of Minnesota's Omnitheater will be showing the movie **Jerusalem** from **January 8 – March 3, 2016**. Visit [smm.org/omnifest](http://smm.org/omnifest) or call (651) 221-9444 for ticket information. Jerusalem is home to some of the holiest sites for Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Explore this storied city with a rich, complicated past.

gllm opportunities

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries (GLLM) provides children, youth and adults with unique opportunities to:

- Have fun
- Explore their faith
- Make new friends

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## Good News, Good Brews Men's Retreat



**February 19-21** at St. Andrew's Village

If you have wanted to learn about the craft of brewing beer, or just share your passion for brewing with others, this is the weekend for you. Experience the craft of brewing from start to finish! You'll even go home with some of your own home brew!

\$135 includes 2 nights lodging (double occupancy), snacks, four meals and supplies.

## Ice Fishing Camps

**February 5-8 and 26-28** at St. Andrew's

For more information or to register for any of their camping opportunities, go to [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org).

## THANK YOU



St Lucia was a great success again this year. A sincere thank you to all the many members that give so selflessly of their time to bring this to our members and visitors. We have received many calls and contacts that complimented us on our beautifully decorated church, inside and out, and a wonderful breakfast. We truly give a gift to our community when we do this. Many guests come from neighboring towns and do this every year. It is meant to be a gift to our community and we have "wrapped" it up beautifully this year for them.

Again thank each of you for the many hats that you wear and the talents that you share. We are best when we work together to bring this event to life. Sally & Deanna

*"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11*

Plans, future, and hope are 3 things I have yearned for in my daily life. Fortunately I am blessed with a trust in the Lord and the gift of God's love. I'm writing this to thank my Augustana family for the beautiful prayer shawl that I received while in the hospital. I was hospitalized for 24 days due to 2 tumors that were removed from the back of my brain on Nov. 27th. The Lord blessed me, and my family, with the news that they were benign. Since then I have had good days, bad days, and "just days" of PT, OT, and Speech therapy. "Why Me?" has admittedly come to my mind a few times, but then I realize He is giving me plans, a future, and lessons, so I praise Him. On top of blessing me with life, friendships, family, love, and encouragement, He has also blessed me with this wonderful community's support and also the support of AES Ministries and my church family. The thoughts, prayers, & overall concern have taught me what humanity and Christianity is. Thank you all for the cards, prayers, and good wishes. Also thanks for your continued thoughts and prayers as I go through this journey.

Abby Walker

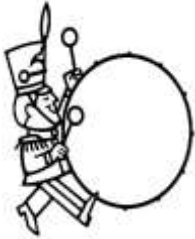
Dear Members of East Sveadahl WELCA,

Thank you very much for the gift card to the Home Town Café. I shall savor every bite. Wishing you all God's blessings for the New Year. Pastor Dave Webster

A Heartfelt thank you to all the ladies to helped baked cookies. A special thank you to my new bakers, my old faithfuls, and my East Sveadahl friend Phyllis. We are always open to new suggestions as to what to bake and we love new helpers. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make St. Lucia such a success. Also, thank you to those who donated your own specially baked items for the bake sale. It makes me so proud to be a part of such a wonderful event. We look forward to the baking and fellowship as we prepare each year for this event. Ruth Haler



## MARCHING ON



As agreed upon in the partnership, worship times will once again switch in March. Beginning on

**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

**8:30 am worship will be at East Sveadahl**

**11:00 am worship will be at Augustana**

**Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, March 24, 25, 27**

**Benefit for Dianne Miller** – watch the bulletins for more information

**Senior High Youth Gathering, March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at Mankato, MN**

**Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, Green Lake**

**March is Minnesota Food Share Month**

## AES WELCA THANKOFFERING ENVELOPE

AES WELCAs invite you to participate in our ThankOffering opportunity.

Included in this newsletter is a ThankOffering envelope for you to use to give thanks for all your gifts and to help promote opportunities for greater benefits within the church and foreign missionaries.

We would invite not only women, but families to participate in this great mission. Started in the 1800's women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to raise money. Continuing on today 200 years later, it is still an ongoing mission that has grown largely out of need.

ThankOfferings show gratitude for God's blessings and give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude. ThankOfferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

Please prayerfully plan for your giving.

On **February 28nd** the Women of the ELCA, from both Augustana and East Sveadahl will be celebrating BOLD Women's Sunday. A ThankOffering will be collected at the church service. Augustana women will be hosting coffee hour.

You can also mail them to the respective church's address.

Thank you in advance for participating.

A hug is a great gift –  
one size fits all.  
It can be given for any  
occasion and it's easy to  
exchange.

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

Do what you can,  
for who you can  
with what you have,  
and where you are





## EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – January 7, 2016

The East Sveadahl Lutheran Church Council met on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 7 pm. Present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Jim Nasman, Creig Noren, Lori Urevig, Wayne Jurgens, Pastor Kathleen, Susan Anderson, and Rick Carlson.

Pastor Kathleen opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

Jim Nasman presented the Treasurer's report. Motion by Creig, seconded by Wayne and passed to approve the report.

**Pastor Kathleen** reported the following:

She has been busy with visits and services in December.

She presided at a funeral at the First Presbyterian Church in St. James

She has been looking ahead and planning for the New Year.

**Rick Carlson** presented the DOFFM report. See details on youth activities in the newsletter.

**AES meeting report** highlighted by Wayne Jurgens.

February 14 church service will be held at East at 10 a.m. as there is no Sunday School that Sunday.

Bible School will be held in August this year so the Church Picnic will coincide with that.

Lenten services will be as follows at East – Wednesday, February 24 and March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday will be at East at 6:30 p.m. Easter service will be at 8 a.m. at East with breakfast at 7 a.m. All service will be joint services. See newsletter for complete schedule.

April 17 we will have the Blue Grass Sunday jointly at Augustana at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be a fundraiser for Bible Camp.

### **Old Business:**

The budget was finalized for 2016. The Annual meeting of the East Sveadahl Lutheran church is Sunday, February 7 following the service.

### **New Business:**

A letter was read from our custodian stating that she will be increasing her salary from \$15/hour to \$20/hour. The board is asking for members to volunteer to do certain cleaning jobs (such as dusting the pews and windows) to help defray the cost of custodial services. Let Tom know if you could help in some way. Tom will negotiate this increase.

January noisy offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response to be used locally.

Thank you to those who sponsor a Radio Broadcast. The cost is \$65.00 a Sunday and we had one Sunday where there was no sponsor in 2015.

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

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Secretary

## AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – January 13, 2016

Present: Pastor Kathleen, Rick Carlson, Lynn Watson, Jean Leopold, Mark Kulseth, Deanna Hoffman, Stan Kunkel, Jim Harrington, Kristen Gertsema, Dominuqie Berg, Terry Engel, Kari Miest, and Greg & Judy Thulien

Absent: Jessie Shores

President Mark Kulseth called the meeting to order. Lynn Watson gave devotions.

Secretary's report was approved.

Financial report was reviewed and it has been consistent.

Treasurer's report was given and approved as is.

**Pastor Kathleen** reported that work is normal. She did do a funeral at First Presbyterian church with approval of the board of members of Augustana and the Presbyterian Synod.

Blue Grass band will be here at Augustana, April 17, 2016 for worship.

There is a need for adult education for the Hafe haven for Children, and Pastor wants help with this. Also she needs some input on the Marriage brochure, Judy agreed to help.

**AES Ministries** met last week. They have the Lenten schedule all ready with Easter being March 27, 2016.

They also will need two new members to serve a two year commitment. One at large from congregation, and one from the new formed council.

**Director of Faith Formation Ministry** reported the activities that have happened and with the Christmas Program and breakfast that went well.

The youth are getting ready for the Valentine's Dinner.

**Committees:**

**Education** met and planned everything for the coming year. Bible School will be changed to early August and hopefully they can tie it together with the annual AES Ministries church picnic.

**Evangelism/Outreach** decided for noisy offering the last Sunday of January would be Lutheran Disaster Response due to so many tornadoes in the South.

**Finance** met and finalized the budget for 2016.

**Property/Cemetery** reported the walls up in the balcony especially around the Stained-glass windows are crumbling due to moisture entering through the walls. It was suggested to fir it out and insulate it and cover it with sheet rock. A motion was made to go ahead and make the reapirs. It was approved.

They have no infomation on the cost of replacement for the East doors yet.

**Youth Ministires** had no additions to report.

**Worship and Music** meet next week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Coffee Hour is set. We need someone to make sure the coffee supply is there. Greg Thulien agreed to do this.

Handicapped bathroom will have a drawing and approximate cost for annual meeting.

Mark & Deanna presented the 2016 budget and it was approved.

Judy Thulien received a phone call from Brian Ulrich who has a business of Congregation consulting Services, out of St. Cloud who claims he is educationg congregations about health Care Tax Credits through the Affordable Care Act (ACA) from years 2011-2013. If we would fill out a form we could receive money back. After asking the synod and First Lutheran, they said it was a big help to them, so she 2012-2013, as it was too late to apply for 2011.

Another motion was made and carried that we pay Judy for the extra work she will have to do to get the information and fill out the forms.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The annual meeting is set for January 24, 2016 at 9:45 with regular coffee hour.

Watowan River Conference Assembly is here February 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00. Deanna offered to take care of assembling people to serve coffee and bars.

There was a discussion about the guy who wanted to fix our stained-glass windows. No one felt a need for any repairs.

Next meeting is February 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm. Dominique Berg will give devotions and serve lunch.

Communion servers for February 7<sup>th</sup> are Deanna & Kari, for February 14<sup>th</sup> the servers are Mark, Greg, Lynn, & Kristen.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jean Leopold, Secretary

# DOFFM REPORT

Thank you to everyone who turned in a sheet with their ideas for activities. I have now planned all activities through May. The remaining activities for the year were selected based on the number of times it was listed on the ideas sheet. I will be sending new sheets out in May. If you are not real excited about the activities that are listed, make sure you turn in your sheet when you receive it this spring. Below is a list of the remaining activities for the year. I have included the dates for now. Details for the events will come in upcoming reports.

Our new policy for winter weather is that Sunday School and any youth events will be cancelled if we are in a warning during the time of Sunday School or the activity. You will also receive a text from me. If we are in an advisory, use your best judgement on whether you come to the event. We will not take attendance for Sunday School on these days so it will not affect any student who is trying to earn perfect attendance.

## K - 2<sup>nd</sup>

**March 16:** We will be meeting at Augustana from 2:00-5:00 pm. I will give you all the details in the March report but I wanted you to keep this date in mind.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

**February 14:** Valentine's Dinner at Augustana at 12:00 pm. We will need people to help serve the meal. You should dress in black pants and a white shirt, if you have them. Otherwise, dress as formally as you can. Please be at church by 11:30 am. Also, we will need youth to provide the entertainment before the meal. Please let me know if you would be willing to do this.

**March 2:** The youth will be serving the Lenten Supper at Augustana at 5:00 pm. Please be at church by 4:30 pm. Casual dress is fine for this event.

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3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

**February 21:** We will be ice skating at the Fairmont Ice Arena from 5:00-6:30 pm. We will meet at Augustana at 3:30 pm and will be back by 7:30 pm. I will need drivers if more than 6 kids are going, 7 if the youth is allowed to sit in the front seat. The cost is \$3.00 plus any additional spending money for food at the arena.

**March 20:** WOW Zone in Mankato

**April 10:** Pool Party

**May 15:** Zoo trip to Minnesota or Como Zoo

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

**February 28:** We will be bowling at Memory Lanes from 2:00-4:00 pm. We will meet at the bowling alley at 2:00. We will then go back to Augustana for pizza. We will be done by 6:00 pm.

**March 13:** Ice Cream party

**April 24:** Chanhassen trip to see Beauty and the Beast

**May 20:** Lock-in at East Sveadahl

SONDAY SCHOOL

**February 21:** Camp Sunday. People from Green Lake Bible Camp will be coming down to talk to the kids about camp. Parents are also welcome to attend.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**February 2:** Education Committee meeting at 1:00 pm.

**February 10:** Youth Committee meeting at 5:15 pm.

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## February newsletter

### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE for LENT

- February 10: Ash Wednesday Communion Worship Services at Augustana – 12:00 pm, 6:30 pm  
February 17: Augustana: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper, 6:30 pm Worship  
February 24: East: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper, 6:30 pm Worship  
March 2: Augustana: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper - Youth, 6:30 pm Worship  
March 9: East: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper, 6:30 pm Worship  
March 16: Augustana: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper - WELCA, 6:30 pm Worship

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- March 20: Palm Sunday 8:30 am Worship, East 11:00 am Worship, Augustana  
March 24: Maundy Thursday Communion Services – Augustana – 12:00 pm, East – 6:30 pm  
March 25: Good Friday Worship Services at Augustana – 12:00 pm, 6:30 pm  
March 27: Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day  
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service, Augustana – breakfast to follow  
7:00 am Easter Breakfast, East 8:00 am Communion Easter Worship, East  
9:30 am Easter Worship Service, Augustana

### AES MINISTRIES

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Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner, Pastor  
David Webster, Pastor Rick Carlson, DOFFM