



# AES MINISTRIES

## Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

### February Newsletter

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#### *From The Pastor*

#### **God's Love is For You**

While shopping for some Christmas bargains in late December, I noticed that the Christmas candy had already been replaced with heart shaped candy. Soon it will be Valentine's Day and the card aisle, the candy aisle and the floral shop are reminding us to tell our loved ones how special they are.

A familiar verse reminds us of the love God has for us when Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." There is much contained in just this one verse and it all begins with God's love for the entire world. God's love is for you and God's love is for me. God's love is for those who know God and those who don't know God. God's love is for those inside the church and those outside the church. God's love is for those who think like you and those who think differently than you. God's love is for the broken. God's love is for all people.

I have met many people who think of themselves as unloveable or not good enough for God's love. They have the idea that their mistakes and shortcomings mean they don't qualify for God's love and forgiveness. They stay away from a community of faith because they think they are an outsider to God's love. But this verse tells us that's not true! God so loves you and all people, and his love looks like this – he sent his Son for you to overcome sin and death.

Living and believing in that love changes you. When you love God and know God's love for you it frees you to have confidence in who God made you to be. And that in turn gives you the desire to share God's love with others. In this month where we hear so much about love, remember God's love is for you and God calls you to share that love with others.

Pastor Kathleen

#### **Pastoral Visits**

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

#### **Facebook/Website**

Like us on Facebook: Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries  
The AES Ministries website is [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org)

**Augustana**  
**February**  
**Circles**

- Feb. 7: Rebecca Circle 11:30 am - Encore  
Feb. 7: Martha Circle 7:00 pm - Augustana  
Feb. 21: Sewing Circle 8:30 am - Augustana

**Acolytes**

- Feb. 5: Austin Spitzner & Levi Miest  
Feb. 12: Luci Kulseth & Gia Zender  
Feb. 19: Parker Friedrich & Macyn Hirschmann  
Feb. 26: William Knaak & Dawson Gertsema

**Altar Guild**

Jeanne Miest, Kari Miest, Colleen Newman, Judy Thulien, Sue Melheim

**Blood Pressure Screening**

- Feb. 5: Kristi Zellmann

**Communion Servers**

- Feb. 5: Kathy Eiden, Deanna Hoffman  
Feb. 12:

**Greeters**

- Feb. 5: Roger & Mary Jo Hagen  
Feb. 12: Darrick & Kari Miest  
Feb. 19: Jim & Jean Leopold  
Feb. 26: Lisa Carlson

**Lectors**

- Feb. 5: Leora Ask  
Feb. 12: Kathy Eiden  
Feb. 19: Ruth Haler  
Feb. 26: Les Zellmann

**Radio Sponsor**

- Feb. 26: Eugene and Carol Zarn in Memory of Sheila Skrove

**Missionary Sponsors**

The month of February is available. The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday to help support our missionary.

**Radio Broadcasts**

Sponsor a month for \$65.00 or one of four segments for \$16.25 each. March-August broadcasts are from East due to early service times.

**Augustana**  
**February**  
**Ushers**

Bob Plath, John Coleman, Andrew Farr, Don Flater, Stan Kunkel, Doug Nelson, Lanny Overson, Janet Plath, Lloyd & Andrea Sandberg, Kyla Schломann

**Coffee Hour**

- Feb. 5: Ray & Judy Berg, Jim & Jean Leopold  
Feb. 12: Deanna Hoffman, Judy Sizer  
Greg & Judy Thulien  
Feb. 19: Darrick & Kari Miest,  
John & Jeanne Miest  
Feb. 26: WELCA

**Altar Flowers**

If you would like to furnish Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday there is a poster in the Narthex to sign up on. Flowers can be ordered and paid for at Creative Touch Greenhouse.

**Memorials**

In Memory of Lynn Overson  
\$40.00 – Undesignated  
\$50.00 – Youth  
\$200.00 - TLC  
\$310.00 – Green Lake Ministries  
\$15.00 – Parking Lot

In Memory of Donna Westman  
\$20.00 – Altar Guild

In Memory of Wesley Sheveland  
\$10.00

**Funerals**

Leola Anderson, passed away on January 20, 2017 with services to be held in the Spring of 2017.

Please continue to keep Leola's family in your thoughts and prayers.

## EAST

### TRANSITIONS:

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Lorita, Barbara, Viola,  
Norman, Emery, Dianne, Jacob, Chloe, Pedro

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through December	\$66,049.13
Received through December	\$50,433.40
Behind through December	- \$15,615.73
Received in December	\$ 7,856.50

## annual MEETING

The **Annual Meeting of the East Sveadahl Lutheran Church** and the **East Sveadahl Cemetery Association** will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017, following the morning worship service and potluck dinner.

**Committee #2** will provide **bread, beverages, and dessert** 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. 5: First Lutheran, St. James  
12: Albion  
19: First Lutheran, St. James  
26: Augustana

### ACOLYTE

Feb. 5:

### ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman and Charlotte Johnson

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Wayne Jurgens, Creig Noren

### VISITING COMMITTEE

Cindy Torkelson and Lorita Nasman

### WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting

### USHERS

Wayne and Bernie Jurgens

### LECTORS

Feb. 5: Janet Bloomquist  
12: Dale Anderson  
19: Evonne Moll  
26: James Nasman

### RADIO SPONSORS

East is responsible for these broadcasts in 2017.  
If you would like to sponsor the October or December broadcast, please contact Susan.  
Cost is \$65.00 per Sunday.  
April 30: Herbert Noren's family  
July 30: Wally Jurgens  
October 29: need sponsor  
December 31: need sponsor

Write on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

One only need two tools in life: WD-40 to make things go, and duct tape to make them stop. - G. Weilacher

## **TLC - Teaching the Love of Christ Schedule for February**

Something New! – Worship the first Wednesday of each month  
will include Holy Communion

February 1 – TLC, Worship with Holy Communion, Supper, Sr. High Youth Group

February 8 – TLC, Worship, Supper, Sr. High Youth Group

February 15 –TLC, Worship, Supper, Sr. High Youth Group

February 22 –TLC, Worship, Supper, Sr. High Youth Group

### **Prayers and Praises**

We appreciate your care and concern for family members and friends by adding them to our Prayer Concern list in Sunday's bulletin. We believe in the power of prayer! If you have added someone to our prayer concerns, please let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there.

### **Address changes for both churches**

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

### **Missionary Sponsorships**

**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](mailto: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.

### **Upcoming Adult Bible Studies and Book Studies**

**“Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith,”** a study of other faith traditions, continues for six weeks beginning February 16, at 1:30 at Augustana. This will be the conclusion to this book study. We will continue to learn about other Christian denominations as well as other world religions. In “Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith,” we hear, in their own words, who they are, what they believe and how they practice. This study invites us to honor our neighbor's faith. First it acknowledges that people-- especially in pluralistic America--have different beliefs and affirms that those beliefs are worthy of respect. Second, it recognizes that we have difficulty respecting what we do not understand. In this study we will begin to understand other faith traditions and in so doing we will better clarify our own faith as Lutherans. You are invited to purchase the book \$14, or just come and listen, learn and discuss. Each week is a stand-alone study, so even if you have to miss some weeks you can still participate in the study. Please sign up at your church or by e-mailing Pastor Kathleen, [prkathleen@embarqmail.com](mailto:prkathleen@embarqmail.com). Let her know if you need a book or if you have any questions.

## Worship Times

As agreed upon in the partnership, worship times will once again switch beginning on:

**Sunday, March 5, 2017**

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

**10:30 am worship will be at Augustana**

## New Members

We will be welcoming **new members** to Augustana and East Sveadahl on Sunday, March 19. If you or someone you know is interesting in joining one of our congregations, please contact Pastor Kathleen. You can e-mail her at [prkathleen@embarqmail.com](mailto:prkathleen@embarqmail.com) or call her at 375-4792.

## Winter Cancellations

In case of bad weather, you are reminded to listen to 101.5 FM (KRRW, St. James station) or 8:60 AM (KNUJ, New Ulm) for any cancellations of church services or activities. Augustana is also listed on keyctv.com or on KEYCTV scroll on TV. Notifications will also be placed on the answering machine (375-4792) at Augustana. If school is cancelled or closed early, TLC, confirmation classes, worship and supper will also be cancelled. Check the AES web site at [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org)

## Thank you's

To My Church Family,

With heartfelt gratitude, I wish to thank you for the prayers, cards, visits (both in hospital and home) and the phone calls. All have been greatly appreciated and have helped in my recovery.

PEACE – Marge Jenkins

Augustana Members- Thank you for the Christmas gift card. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you – James Leopold

I would like to “Thank” all of you for your prayers, concerns, calls, cards, visits, gifts and food while I was laid up with my fractured leg. I want also to thank my family for their support. It is truly a Blessing to be a member of Augustana. Thank you to all who helped with St. Lucia in any way. Thanks also to Deanna for all her work!

Bless you all, Sally Engel

Dear Friends of Augustana,

Thank you very much for the generous Super Fair gift card. It is much appreciated. Wishing you all God's Blessings in the New Year.

Pastor David Webster

Dear Members of Augustana,

Thanks so much for the Kohl's gift card. I will enjoy using it. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Your Friend in Christ,  
Pastor Kathleen

Dear Members of East Sveadahl,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. It is a blessing to be the pastor of AES Ministries!

Thanks again!  
Pastor Kathleen

Dear East Sveadahl Members and the Church Council,

Thank you so much for remembering me with the gift at Christmas. It was truly appreciated!

Susan

East Sveadahl WELCA,

We want to thank all of you for working so hard to prepare the church and the wonderful luncheon for Lavan. The efforts of folks like you help make a difference during a time of loss.

Keep up the excellent work, and we hope you are around for many more years to come.

Enclosed is a check for you to use as you see fit to help your gracious activities continue.

Thanks again.

Bill & Mary Berndt, In memory of Lavan O. Morgan

WELCA,

Thank you so much for the lunch you provided and served after Lavan's service. It was beautifully one, and we appreciated your hard work. Lavan loved her church and so enjoyed working with all of you. And, thanks to the men who help you as well. What a team you all are. Blessings to all of you at East Sveadahl, and again our thanks.

Bill and Mary Berndt

Dear East Sveadahl Lutheran Church, Thank you for your recent gift given to support the mission and ministry of the ELCA through ELCA Good Gifts. ... Together, as the ELCA, we do more than we ever could alone. Because of your partnership and generous support, we are truly transforming lives.

In Christ, Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement

We would like to thank all of those at East Sveadahl who helped us in many ways to make the memorial service for Lavan O. Morgan special. Thanks to Pastor Kathleen for her guidance in preparing the service and allowing our family to be active participants; to the men on the cemetery board who cleared the cemetery for the burial; to Lisa Shellum who played some of Lavan's favorite music prior to and for the service; and to the WELCA ladies (and also the men) who helped us plan and then prepared and served the meal after the service. Lavan loved her church and loved working with her fellow East Sveadahl members over the years.

Bill and Mary Berndt

## News You Can Use! February AES Happenings

### East Sveadahl Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the East Sveadahl Lutheran Church and Cemetery Association will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017, following the 10:30 am morning worship service and potluck dinner.

### YOGA

**There will be no more Sveadahl Yoga with Cindy.**

Thank you, yoga ladies, for the time you put into exercising and donating to the Backpack Program and the Food Shelf! We raised \$2,103.00 during the two years met. It has been a fun way to earn money for kids! Namaste!! Cindy

### Education Committee

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in Fireside Room at Augustana.

## Bridal Shower for Jenny Ewert

Open House Bridal Shower for Jenny Ewert, fiancé of Anders Schmidt, at East Sveadahl Church on Saturday, February 11, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Jenny and Anders are registered at Target, Menards, and the Country Collage of St. James. Please bring your favorite recipe for the couple. All are welcome.

## Watowan River Conference

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King, New Ulm, MN.

## WELCA NEWS

### Augustana WELCA News

~WELCA Board Meeting will meet on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> during 9:45 am coffee hour at Augustana.

~Sewing Circle will be on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

~Spring Gathering, April 8<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Lutheran in Truman.

~Transition Meeting, April 24<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran in St. James.

~30<sup>th</sup> Southwest Synod Convention, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls. Our In Kind items for this Synodical meeting are included on separate flyer in this newsletter-School Kits and Baby Kits.

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

## No East WELCA News for February

## AESY – Augustana East Sveadahl Youth – February 2017

**Greetings to all AESY and Parents!!!!** As you read below the information that is being shared I want you to share this with you. Every event that we hold in the next month is not the same without your participation. Each and every one of you add a certain something to these events. When you are not here we miss you and what you add to the event. So on behalf of the AESY Committee **WE WANT AND NEED YOU!!!!!!**

**February 8th at 5:15 pm** - the AESY Committee will be meeting in the fireside room. We invite others to join us to share their thoughts and insights on the direction we are heading with our youth.

The AESY will be hosting their annual **Valentine and Bingo Dinner** on **February 12, 2017 at 12:00 pm**. This event will take place at the Augustana Lutheran Church social hall. The main course for this event will be stuffed pork chops. The tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12 years of age. The deadline to purchase tickets will be Friday February 10, 2017. Tickets will be sold various times after services at both worships. If you are unable to purchase the tickets at these times you may call the following people and arrange to buy tickets as well.

Dominique Berg 507-621-7084, Sandy Berg 507-381-8903, Chris Bass 507-327-8202

**February 12th at 12:00** Youth workers will be needed to help serve the Valentine meal and set up before the meal as well. Dominique will be contacting you for your help and specific times.

**Senior High Youth Group** meets on Wednesday Nights from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the youth room. Also a reminder to come for worship at 5:30, and great meals and fellowship at 6:00.

**Reminder to all Seniors** that the paperwork will be due April 1, 2017 for the Larson Scholarship for school.

**Choir Rehearsal** for grades 7th thru 12th grade will be held on Wednesday Nights from 7:30 - 8:00 pm in the youth room. We have a lot of talented youth, please come and share your talents.

**Communicating to you!!!** If you are not getting texts about events, please text me at 1-507-621-7084 so I may put you on my list in progress so you will get them.

Dominique Berg  
AESY Chair

## Green Lake Ministries

**Summer Registration** - It's already time to start thinking about summer camp! Look for a brochure at your church or in your mailbox (if you had a camper in 2015 or 2016) in January. Online registration opened Friday, December 23rd. Information on each of our summer programs can be found online at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) **AES dates for Bible Camps** – June 25-30 Grades 9-12 at Camp House; July 30-August 4<sup>th</sup> Grades 1-5 at Shores of St. Andrew and Grades 6-9 at Green Lake.

**Green Lake Annual meeting** - The annual meeting of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be held Tuesday, February 14th beginning with lunch at noon. The business meeting will follow immediately in the Chrysalis House at Green Lake Bible Camp. Listen to WCCO, Q102, KWLM for cancellations, or call 320-796-2181.

**Good News Good Brews Men's Retreat** - A "Craft" Retreat for the Guys

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! St. Andrew Village, near New London will provide an "at home" feel for this relaxing and fun weekend. Join Pastor Reggie Klindworth and Dave Eliason as they share the Good News and walk you through the craft brewing process. This is a great opportunity for crafting, conversation and community. February 10-12 \$138 includes 2 nights lodging (double occupancy), snacks, four meals, and supplies.

## 2017 Equipping Congregations Day – Everyday Reformers

Saturday, February 25, 2017, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar, MN

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

We will be using the buildings of both Vinje and Bethel Lutheran Churches in Willmar, 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.

## 2017 Equipping Congregations (cont.)

After registering, your congregation's contact person will receive a confirmation email containing your event location. If you do not receive a confirmation email with your event location, be sure to contact **Caitlin Kodet**, at the SW MN Synod office: [caitlin.kodet@swmnelca.org](mailto:caitlin.kodet@swmnelca.org) or 507-637-3904.

More information is posted on bulletin board in the Social Hall.

## Community Events

### Coffee and Conversation

February 6<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Conversation Caregiver Education Series will be Alzheimer's Basics,

Compassionate Care Hospice 8:30 am - Community Building, Butterfield

9:30 am - Prairie View Dining Room, St. James

10:30 am - Amberfield Sr+Dining Room, Madelia

### Journey through Grief

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice Mankato announces an eight-week grief group, beginning soon.

**Journey through Grief** is an eight-week grief group for adults who have lost a loved one. In **Journey through Grief**, participants connect with others, share their stories, explore the process of grief and healing, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone. This winter session will be held Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. until noon, February 9 to March 30, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street in Mankato. Please see the flyer on bulletin board in Social Hall for more details.

There is no cost to participate in this grief group, but pre-registration is required. Group members will be limited to 10, so pre-register ASAP. For more information or to register, please call 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

### Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) Energy Assistance

Many local families and individuals find it difficult to pay their monthly energy bills. The Energy Assistance Program provides a grant for income-eligible households which can help defray some of these costs. This leaves more of the family resources available for other expenses. We can also assist households in crisis situations with disconnect notices or when they are almost out of heating fuel.

Grants are paid directly to the vendor on their behalf. Households can request an application by calling MVAC at (507) 345-6822 or 800-767-7139 or by downloading it from our website at [mnavac.org](http://mnavac.org).

Applications become available in early September. Funds become available later in the year, generally mid to late November. The program ends May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

## AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 4, 2017

The AES Ministries Joint Council met on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 7:30 pm at Augustana. The following members were present: Tom Anderson, Deanna Hoffman, Creig Noren, Kris Suess, Greg Thulien, Pastor Kathleen, and Susan Anderson. Members absent were: Teresa Andrews, Leora Ask, and Ruth Haler.

Greg Thulien opened the meeting with devotions.

Pastor Kathleen reported that she continues to be busy.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The terms of the current board members were reviewed.

Those whose terms expire are: Greg Thulien, Ruth Haler – Augustana

Tom Anderson, Teresa Andrews – East

Those with one year remaining are: Deanna Hoffman, Leora Ask - Augustana  
Creig Noren, Kris Sues - East

New members will be chosen at their next Council meeting.

A discussion was held on how to best assist our pastor in the work that needs to be done in AES Ministries. Many ideas and options were discussed. It was decided to form an AES committee to look into what we have in place, what needs aren't being met, what could be done better -- our present situation. Then use that information to determine what needs to be done and how best to do that.

The Thanksgiving Worship Service was well received. Everyone appreciated the joint choir with hopes that it would be part of the service in 2017.

The Christmas Services went well and were well attended.

Since the Pleasant View worship service was cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be up to the East council to decide if another service will be held there this spring.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Terry Engel asked if AES Ministries would be willing to help at the Relay For Life Pancake Benefit on March 12, 2017, at the American Legion. This will be brought back to the individual councils.

The Blue Grass Worship Service is planned for April 23, 2017, with a joint service at Augustana. The noon luncheon will be a fund raiser for bible camperships.

The Lenten and Easter schedules were discussed. The TLC schedule during Lent will follow the Lenten schedule with supper at 5:00 pm (instead of 6:00 pm) with worship at 6:30 pm (instead of 5:30 pm).

This is the Lenten Schedule: March 1 – Ash Wednesday – 12:00 pm Augustana  
6:30 pm East

March 8 – Augustana - 5:00 pm supper; 6:30 pm Worship

March 15 – East - 5:00 pm supper, 6:30 pm Worship

March 22 – Augustana - 5:00 pm supper, 6:30 pm Worship

March 29 – East - 5:00 pm supper, 6:30 pm Worship

April 5 - Augustana - 5:00 pm supper, 6:30 pm Worship

Holy Week Schedule: April 13 – Maundy Thursday – 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm Augustana

April 14 – Good Friday – 12:00 pm Augustana, 6:30 pm East

April 16 – Easter 6:30 am & 9:30 am Augustana; 8:00 am East

Easter Breakfasts: 7:30 pm Augustana; 7:00 pm East

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is March 1 following the Ash Wednesday worship service at East.

Secretary, Susan Anderson

### **AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - January 11, 2017**

Present: Dominique Berg, Kathy Eiden, Terry Engel, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Mark Kulseth, Stan Kunkel, Jessie Shores, Greg Thulien, Lynn Watson, Pastor Kathleen, and Judy Thulien

Absent: Kari Miest

Mark Kulseth called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by Lynn Watson.

Secretary's report was approved as printed.

Financial Secretary's report shows that we have been receiving consistent offerings which brings us close to 2015 at year end.

Judy Thulien presented the December Treasurer's report. Nothing out of ordinary expenses were noted. She also presented the year end report and it shows that we came in a little under budget for the year. This will be in

the annual report. MSC to approve both reports as presented. 2017 budget was discussed. The suggestions from last month were adjusted. MSC to present to the congregation at the annual meeting as our approved budget for 2017.

**Pastor Kathleen:** Christmas services went very well. The date for Green Lake camp is week of July 30<sup>th</sup> for 1 – 8 or 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Sr high camp is reserved at Camp House at Brimson for week of June 25<sup>th</sup>. This will include some service projects in the area also. She is busy with TLC which is going very well. She will be working on contacting members to connect with them. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 11:30. Regular responsibilities continue to fill her days also.

**AES Ministries:** Greg reported on the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Deanna Hoffman & Leora Ask remain on the committee. Judy Berg has agreed to serve as the congregation rep and a council rep will be sought to fill that position. Term is for 2 years with meetings on the odd number months on the first Wednesday. Help for Pr Kathleen was discussed. Thanksgiving & Christmas services were well received. Terry Engel has asked if AES would be willing to help support the Relay for Life kickoff pancake breakfast scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Legion. Approved to support as we are able. April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be our Blue Grass worship which is a fund raiser for the camp fund. Brunch will follow the combined worship at Augustana. Time to be determined. Newsletter postage will be handled thru Augustana with the % of cost sharing for 2017. Next meeting will be March 1<sup>st</sup> at East as Ash Wednesday service is there this year. Will meet following worship at East.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education:** Judy Berg is the chairperson and does a fantastic job of following thru on any needed duties. She is very organized. TLC is going fantastic. They may also discuss worship opportunities for the summer months.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** Noisy offering on January 29<sup>th</sup> will be donated to the Back Pack program. Kathy Eiden also suggested several web sites that offer Evangelism related opportunity.

**Finance:** Mark stated that the work for the 2017 budget has been done.

**Property/Cemetery:** Stan Kunkel reported about recontact with the maintenance projects that will be presented at the annual meeting (tuck pointing and stained glass maintenance). Doors were scheduled to be installed on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the weather was too cold and windy. They will be installed when the temps improve. Water shut off inside the church needs to be replaced as it does not totally shut off. This will have to be done next spring before construction begins so that we do not have back wash into our system.

**Youth Ministry:** Dominique reported AESY committee met on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Steak Fry on January 14<sup>th</sup> is being worked on so that there are the correct amount of adults and youth. Valentine Dinner and Bingo is Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are being sold at coffee hour at Augustana and at East also. Pr Kathleen shared some new resource materials that will be used going forward. A Sr High Youth night has been started on January 10<sup>th</sup> with 5 youth in attendance with more committed to come next meeting. It is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 in the youth room. Tubing for grades 3-12 is on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sr High Youth Gathering will be March 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> at Alexandria. Working to get this organized. Next meeting is February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 PM.

**Worship & Music:** No meeting but are working on Lent and Easter services.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Items to be discussed at annual meeting were discussed (parking lot, bathroom, doors, balcony wall) Budget is approved to present. Council terms for Mark Kulseth (2 terms), Terry Engel (2 terms), Kristen Gertsema (1 term-will serve again) and Stan Kunkel (1 term-chooses to not run again) are completed. In addition to Kristen Gertsema, we need 3 more to fill the council. We will also need to elect a new Congregational President at the annual meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Safe harbor Policy went into effect on January 1, 2017.

Next meeting is February 5<sup>th</sup> – Devotions and lunch – Dominique Berg

Communion Servers: Feb 5<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Eiden & Deanna Hoffman

No further business.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Deanna Hoffman, Secretary

### **EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - January 12, 2017**

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, George Nasman, Cindy Torkelson & Pastor Kathleen.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Tom.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist read the minutes from the December 8, 2016 meeting. Minutes were accepted as read.

Jana Anderson, Financial Secretary, gave her report. A motion by Janet, seconded by George, and passed to approve the report.

In the absence of our treasurer, Creig Noren, Tom presented his report which was accepted

A letter that was written to Red Rock Rural Water by Creig was read regarding the unfinished clean-up project. No response has been given by Red Rock.

Pastor Kathleen presented her report.

In the absence of Susan Anderson, church secretary, Tom presented her report. She thanked the congregation for her Christmas gift.

As January 29th the fifth Sunday, it was decided to send the noisy offering to ELCA World Hunger.

Tom presented the AES report. Please see the newsletter for complete report.

Discussion took place on the budget proposal and recommendations for 2017. A motion by George, seconded by Cindy, and passed to approve the finalized budget and recommendations to be presented at the annual meeting on Sunday, February 5, 2017. It was noted that Creig Noren, Cindy Torkelson, and Wayne Jurgens terms expire as council members.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be Thursday February 9, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist

### **AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 15TH, 2017**

Present: Judy Berg, Jayne Anderson, Judy Anderson, Audrey Swanson, Nancy, Kunkel, Carol Zarn  
Secretary and Treasurer Reports approved. Baby Shower for Jesus is being rescheduled for a later date.  
Triennial Gathering: 4 ladies from Augustana are registered to attend. A bus may be available for those who would be interested in attending for just one day. More information forthcoming. President, Vice  
President meeting will be held at Augustana on Saturday, January 28th. With registration at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and rolls will be served. Judy Anderson will purchase items needed. Bold Women's Sunday will be on February 26th. Lector, ushers, soloist, greeters, and servers for coffee hour will be needed. WELCA will serve the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 22nd. A date and plans are being made for a Mission Project to be held in February or March. Also, a discussion on having a Bakeless Bake Sale at a later date. Watch for these dates and more information in bulletin or newsletter. Requests for various donations have been received. Motions were made to donate \$500.00 to Lutheran Campus Ministry Cross Roads at MSU and \$500 to Lutheran Social Service of MN at this time. These suggestions to be brought back to the circles to be approved. The next WELCA board meeting will be Sunday, February 5th, during coffee hour.  
Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary