

# AES MINISTRIES

## Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

### February Newsletter

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#### *From The Pastor*

#### **Following Jesus is a Matter of the Heart**

Following Jesus is a matter of the heart. When our heart is in something, it changes how we live, what is important to us, and the decisions we make. For example, remember the first time you fell in love and you had to be separated from that person for the first time? You felt like your heart was being torn out and you couldn't wait to see one another again? Or in sports, we use the saying, "he bleeds maroon and gold" or "she bleeds purple." Meaning, your heart is with those teams, you follow their seasons, and whether they win or lose matters to you. How about our children and grandchildren? They tug at our hearts and we don't let go. We see the best in them, we don't miss a concert or a game unless we have to, and we support them in any way possible. You see, when our heart is in something, it changes how we live our lives.

Following Jesus is a matter of the heart. The disciples left everything to follow Jesus after Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people (Matthew 4:19)." Following Jesus changed their lives and it changes our lives, too. As followers of Jesus, we have been called to follow the example of Jesus and the teachings of Jesus. Jesus studied his faith. Jesus opened his heart to care for people his culture pushed aside. Jesus crossed boundaries to welcome those who were different than him. Jesus welcome children. Jesus' actions were always tied to love. Jesus placed his trust in God.

Following Jesus is a matter of the heart. In this month where hearts are everywhere because of Valentine's Day, three questions for us to think about when it comes to following Jesus with our hearts:

- What bible stories/hymns/verses/parts of the catechism/devotional books have been most meaningful for you in understanding what it means to follow Jesus? Or another way to ask this is how have the stories of God woven into your life?
- What role do you have in welcoming children into the congregation and in helping them to know Jesus?
- In your daily activities, how do you reach out to others with the love of Jesus?

Following Jesus is a matter of the heart. Our words and actions are guided by Jesus, our Savior. As we answer the above questions, we will better understand how our heart has been changed by Jesus and how we are called to follow him each day of our lives.

Pastor Kathleen

**AUGUSTANA  
February**

**Circles**

- Feb. 2: Martha Circle-10:00 am, Fireside Room  
5: Rebecca Circle-11:30 am, Encore  
19: Sewing Circle-8:30 am at Augustana

**Acolytes**

- Feb. 3: Austin Spitzner, Ava Spitzner  
10: Hayleigh Lingbeek, Lizabeth Lothert  
17: Lydia Overson, Brandi Pierson  
24: Vivian Leach, Jena Knaack

**Blood Pressure Screening**

- Feb. 3: Bryan Nelson

**Communion Servers**

- Feb. 3: Lisa Carlson, Steph Reid  
10: Lisa Carlson, Dominique Berg,  
Greg Thulien, Kristen Gertsema

**Greeters**

- Feb. 3: Stan & Nancy Kunkel  
10: Kathy Eiden  
17: Jim & Shirley Moody  
24: Cleo Olson

**Lectors**

- Feb. 3: Deb Style  
10: Lisa Carlson  
17: Jean Leopold  
24: Ruth Haler

**Radio Sponsor**

The radio broadcast on February 24<sup>th</sup> from Augustana is sponsored by Kaethe Morgan.

**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.

**Memorials**

In memory of Gerald Schwanz  
\$200.00 – Stained Glass Window Fund

**AUGUSTANA  
February**

**Ushers**

Terry Engel, Judy Berg, Jim Leopold,  
Myron & Sally Engel, Ruth Haler, Andrew Freitag,  
Andre Freitag, Mark Kulseth, Mike Kulseth

**Missionary Sponsors**

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

**Altar Guild**

Deanna Hoffman, Nancy Kunkel, Bonnie Reid,  
Judy Sizer, Pat Westman

**Coffee Hour**

- Feb. 3: Martha Circle  
10: Jim & Judy Anderson  
Ray & Judy Berg  
17: Lisa Carlson  
Dick & Marlys Gilbertson  
24: 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.

February 24: Altar Flowers given by Suzann Olson,  
In Memory of Richard Swanson on his birthday.

**Missionary Sponsors**

- Feb. 3:  
10:  
17: Marge Jenkins  
24: Gregg & Kathleen Klinkner



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

**EAST - February**

**TRANSITIONS:**

The Service of Christian Burial was held for **Aladeen Deloris (Nelson) Noren** on January 2, 2019. She was born April 4, 1918 and passed away on January 3, 2019.

Funeral Services were held on January 9, 2019 for **Lorraine (Johnson) Hoff**, sister of Kermit and sister-in-law of Dona and Evelyn.

Funeral Services were held on January 11, 2019 for **Norman Undestad**, brother of Phyllis Jurgens.

May God's peace comfort their family and friends.

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

**ADDRESS CHANGES:**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:**

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Needed through December   | \$66,325.00   |
| Received through December | \$53,328.38   |
| Behind through December   | - \$12,996.62 |
| Received in December      | \$ 9,162.94   |

Happy Birthday – Happy Baptism date

- 4 Elroy Menssen [3-1]
- 10 Mackenzie Blickem [3-15]
- Merlin Reinke [2-21]
- 12 Danon Anderson [3-13]
- 13 Cayden Huelsenbeck [7-21]
- 16 Brittany Lenz [1-29]
- 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 Kermit Johnson [3-27]
- 26 Shenya Johnson [4-15]
- Mary Ann Menssen [4-14]
- 28 Elizabeth Coleman [4-8]
- 29 Tricia Anderson [3-1]

Additions or corrections? Please contact Susan.

**EAST - February**  
**RADIO BROADCASTS**

- Feb. 3: First Lutheran, St. James
- 10: Albion
- 17: First Lutheran, St. James
- 24: Augustana

**ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Kris Suess and Tammy Stevens-Rathman

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Wayne Jurgens and Janet Bloomquist

**VISITING COMMITTEE**

Cindy Torkelson and Lorita Nasman

**WELCA HOSTESSES**

No meeting

**USHERS**

Wayne and Bernie Jurgens

**LECTORS**

- Feb. 3: Wayne Jurgens
- 10: Janet Bloomquist
- 17: Joann Jensen
- 24: Kris Suess

**RADIO SPONSORS**

East is responsible for these fifth Sunday broadcasts in 2019. If you would like to sponsor the June or September broadcast, please contact Susan.

Cost is \$65.00 per Sunday.

March 31: Evelyn Johnson

June 30: need a sponsor

September 29: need sponsor

December 29: Wally & Phyllis Jurgens

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**The Annual Meeting of the East Sveadahl Lutheran Church and the East Sveadahl Cemetery Association** will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2019, 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.

## AES February 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.augustanachurch.org) and click on the “Secure Contributions” tab. Questions? Contact Financial Secretary Deanna Hoffman or Pastor Kathleen.

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** Don't forget you have Choice Dollars you can designate to be given to Augustana or East Sveadahl. Don't let these funds go to waste by letting them expire. Log in to your Thrivent Online Account or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice”. These special donations have been so beneficial to our ongoing ministry and are greatly appreciated.

### East Sveadahl Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the East Sveadahl Lutheran Church and Cemetery Association will be held on **Sunday, February 3, 2019**, following the 10:30 am morning worship service and 11:30 am 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.

## East Sveadahl's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Information

There will be a meeting after church on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am for all who want to be a part of any of the committees or be a part of the planning for the 150th Anniversary in 2020.

Don't forget to submit your recipes for the anniversary cookbook. The deadline has been extended until the end of May. Recipes can also be mailed to Lynne Rolshoven, 928 6th Ave. S., St. James, MN 56081 or emailed to [lrolshoven@isd840.org](mailto:lrolshoven@isd840.org).

## Altar Guild Meeting - Augustana

**Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> during coffee hour in the Fireside Room**

Do you have questions or ideas on making our worship area even more beautiful? Are you willing to help twice a year to spend 30 minutes preparing our Altar area? Would you like to just learn more about what Altar Guild does? Please join us for a short informational meeting.

## WELCA

### Martha Circle

Martha Circle will be meeting this month on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room at Augustana and will be hosting coffee hour after worship on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Watonwan River Conference Assembly

Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye.

## Equipping Congregations Day – “Spirit Led Innovation”

The Equipping Congregations event will be Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, at Vinje Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church in Willmar from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. For more information, see the poster in newsletter, the Social Hall at Augustana or Narthex bulletin board at East, or go to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod website at [www.swmnelca.org/event/eed-2019](http://www.swmnelca.org/event/eed-2019)

## Education Committee

The Education Committee meets in the Fireside Room at Augustana on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

## Thank You's

Thank you – Thank you – Thank you to Don Flater, Dick Gilbertson, Bert Swenson and Gene Zarn for the many years they have assisted and counted the donations to Augustana. They have been truly dedicated to this task. Please thank them personally when you see them. Welcome to the new members of Ron Cobb, Jim Anderson, Lyle Anderson and John Miest. Thank you for your commitment to join the financial team as we move forward.

Deanna

To the Augustana Church Council – Thank you for the Christmas gift, it was appreciated

Jim Leopold

Thank you so much to the Augustana Church Council for the gift certificate for Christmas!

Sue Melheim

(Thank You's-cont.)

Thank you to my church family for their prayers, cards, calls, and concerns, it was overwhelming to know so many cared. Thank you all again and God Bless!  
Sally Engel

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

Dear East Sveadahl, In 2018 East Sveadahl supported Green Lake Lutheran Ministries with \$322.00 in mission support as a partner congregation. Thank you for your commitment to GLLM ..... Together with over 180 other supporting congregations, \$135,741 of total mission support was collected....  
Thank you so much for the incredible support this past year!  
Sincerely, Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director

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Thank you so much for the incredible support this past year!  
Sincerely, Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director

*"Where there is great kindness, there is great gratitude."*  
Dear East Sveadahl Members and the WELCA, Thank you and Happy New Year! How very kind and thoughtful of you to remember me with generous gifts this Christmas! Thanks for the gifts, but special thanks to all of you for receiving me in your midst with such welcoming love, kindness, and support.  
I love you all!  
In ministry with you, Lyla Klee

*"Where there is great kindness, there is great gratitude."*  
Dear Augustana members and WELCA members,  
What a privilege it is for me to be a part of the ministry at Augustana. Your expressions of love and acceptance of me has meant so much to me. Thanks for that. And a special thanks to you for the gifts I received this Christmas. I love you all!  
In ministry with you, Lyla Klee



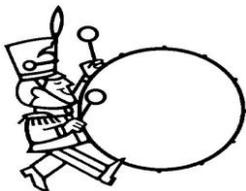
## Marching On

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

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**9:00 am worship will be at East Sveadahl**

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



## Partner Ministry/Community Events

### Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

#### Annual meeting

The annual meeting of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be held Tuesday, February 12th beginning with lunch at noon. The business meeting will follow immediately. Listen to WCCO, Q102, KWLM for cancellations, or call 320-796-2181.

### Green Lake Bible Camps

It's that time of year again! Time to think about signing up for Bible Camp! AES Ministries has spots reserved for **June 16-21**, at Green Lake for Stargazers (Grades 7-9), at Shores of St. Andrew for Andy's Gang (Grades 2-5), Half Blast (Grades 1-4, June 16-21), and Trailblazers (Grades 5-7). The 7<sup>th</sup> graders can choose to be at Shores or at Green Lake. All students through grade six are now at Shores. Check out the brochure (available at church) or [gllm.org](http://gllm.org) for all summer camp options. You can go to camp any week you choose, this is just the week there will be quite a few Augustana and East Sveadahl kids at the camp, plus church staff for at least part of the week.

The Church Council has committed to raise enough money so that **your cost for camp will only be \$100**. Scholarships are available for those who cannot pay the \$100. We don't want anyone to stay home from camp because of cost! Please contact Pastor Kathleen if you need a scholarship. A \$50 deposit is due with registration – let Pastor Kathleen know if this is not possible for you. Registrations are due on **February 14**, and forms have been mailed out to families. In filling out the form, we will be using the Tier 1 payment. **If you are going to camp the AES Ministries week in one of the reserved programs, give the form and registration fee to Pastor Kathleen by February 14.** Please make the check out to "Augustana." If you will be attending camp a different week, or are late with your registration, send your form and deposit directly to Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Please feel free to call with questions!

### Wellspring Caregiver Education Series

Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> - Coffee and Conversation Caregiver Education Topic will be Fraud Prevention, presented by Jen Winkelman from Pioneer Bank. 8:30 am Community Building, Butterfield; 9:30 am Prairie View Dining Room, St. James; 10:30 am Amberfield Sr+Dining Room, Madelia

### 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](http://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.



## EAST SVEADAHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - January 10, 2019

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Erma Griffith, Lori Noren, Janet Bloomquist, and Pastor Kathleen.

Tom opened the meeting with prayer.

The December 13, 2018 minutes were read and approved.

The Financial Secretary's report was presented by Tom Anderson.

Treasurer's report was presented by Wayne. Motion to accept the report was given by Janet, seconded by Erma, and passed.

Tom presented the bills with a motion by Lori, seconded by Erma, and passed for payment of all bills.

A discussion on The Lutheran magazine took place and it was decided not to renew the subscription. Instead, the council would like to see the Christ in Our Home Daily Devotional available to our members. They will be ordered.

**Pastor Kathleen** reported on the following:

- Hope in the Heartland, Imagining Our Future as Small Congregations, was discussed. It will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019. Pastor Kathleen, Janet, and Tom will be attending.
- Pastor Kathleen proposed using some of the church tithing fund to help defray the registration costs of a family camp at Camp House this summer. A motion by Janet, seconded by Lori, and passed to approve \$2000.00 going toward this event.
- January 20 is the annual meeting at Augustana and East will be having Lyla Klee as pulpit supply so Pastor Kathleen will be able to attend Augustana's meeting. Lyla will also be pulpit supply on January 27 as Pastor Kathleen will be attending the ELCA Youth Ministry Retreat.
- February 3 is the East Sveadahl Annual Meeting following the 10:30 a.m. service with a potluck dinner.
- February 17 is the Conference Assembly in Sleepy Eye.

On a note, Susan reported that there are Thank You cards on the bulletin board from various people for us to read.

The AES Board did not meet in January but Teresa Andrews and Wayne Jurgens terms on the AES Board have expired. They agreed to another term on the board. Board members from East also include Janet Bloomquist and Michael Menssen.

### **New Business:**

- A motion by Lori, seconded by Wayne, and passed to install cameras in the church.
- Council approved Dana Avila using the social hall on February 9.
- A motion by Janet, seconded by Lori, and passed to purchase a safe to house church documents at a cost of \$1,600.00. Since the sale of the parsonage we no longer have access to a safe.
- Tom announced that lights are being replaced as needed on the steeple and in the church with LED bulbs.

A discussion took place on the Budget Proposal and Recommendations for 2019. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Janet, and passed to approve the finalized budget and Recommendations to be presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 3, 2019. It was noted that the terms of Lori Noren, Janet Bloomquist, and George Nasman on the council have expired. Lori and Janet would be willing to run again. Council also set the CCC membership at 62.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be February 14, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, East Sveadahl Church Council Secretary

## **AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - January 9, 2019**

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

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Deanna Hoffman shared devotions

Secretary's report for December 12, 2018 was corrected to show that VP Dominique Berg called the meeting to order. MSC to approve as corrected. Financial report shows YTD lower than 2017.

Treasurer's report was given by Judy Thulien. MSC to approve the yearend report to be printed for inclusion in the Annual Report for the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. MSC to approve the Treasurers report ending December 31, 2018 as presented.

**Pastor Kathleen:** Augustana's annual meeting needed to be moved to January 20<sup>th</sup> as she will be attending a conference on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to service time changes, we will attempt to have pulpit supply for East Sveadah that she can attend our annual meeting. Pastor parking sign needs to be removed, as we could be charged taxes with the sign there (losing our tax exempt status). TLC continues to go very well and we see additional students coming. Early Communion will be revisited this next year.

**AES Ministries:** No meeting, as there were no items to act on.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education:** With increasing numbers and the regular attendance, more volunteers are needed. Could be for a short time each week or longer if able. Questions please contact Pr. Kathleen or Kari Miest. Confirmation mentors meeting is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Vacation Bible School will be June 3-7 with the theme "ROAR African Safari". VBS workshop will be held later this spring.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** They are looking to plan/host a special event. We are all encouraged to invite members and guests to worship.

**Stewardship/Memorial/Finance:** Larson scholarship letters will be going out in January to our high school Jr. & Sr. students.

**Church Property/Cemetery:** There was a very large amount of snow that slid off our roof and landed on Sue Melheim's car in the parking spot behind church. MSC to reimburse her for the \$250 deductible to repair. John reported that the tuckpointing company was contacted about some areas that were not done. They came and inspected and informed us that all the areas on their contract were done (these were the ones with repairs most needed). Other areas are borderline, so if more repairs are needed in the future, we would need a new contract.

**Youth Ministry:** Chris Bass has resigned from the Youth financial position. Kristen Gertsema will resume this position. Steak Fry is this Saturday evening. Tubing is on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Bowling is being scheduled for March – location to be determined (St James if open or Madelia).

**Worship and Music:** One request is that we remove the hymnal signs, as they are causing a problem with safety putting them up and sometimes they are not up or incorrect. They are planning the Lenten services.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Continuing the discussion regarding our insurance from last meeting, some council members went to Trimont to check on the coverage. We previously were under Guide One and their rates have about doubled. Two quotes were discussed. Guide One is \$13,466 and Brotherhood Mutual is \$9,267. In comparison the coverage is identical between the policies. MSC to move to Brotherhood Mutual and increase our deductible amount from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Judy handed out copies of the proposed budget for 2019. MSC to present to the congregation at the Annual meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>. "Hope in the Heartland" will be held in Truman on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Registration deadline is January 25<sup>th</sup> – let Pr. Kathleen know if you are interested. Equipping Congregations Day is Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Willmar. Registration deadline is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

(Augustana Council Minutes-cont.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Council will serve the TLC meal on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Youth committee will serve April 24<sup>th</sup>. Lenten meals were set: March 6<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – open, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Youth, March 20<sup>th</sup> – East Sveadahl, March 27<sup>th</sup> – WELCA, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – East Sveadahl, and April 10<sup>th</sup> – Churchmen. Conference Assembly is February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup> 8 PM – Dominique Berg, devotions

Communion Servers:

February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lisa & Steph

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Lisa, Dominique, Greg & Kristen

Closed with the Lord's Prayer;

Secretary: Deanna Hoffman



### **AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 13, 2019**

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

Judy opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

President, Vice President Meeting will be held at Augustana on Saturday, January 26th. Prior to the 9 a.m. meeting, coffee cake, cheese and fruit will be served. Judy A. and Jeanne will serve.

BOLD Women's Sunday is February 24th. WELCA ladies will be a part of the service and, also, serve coffee hour.

Brandt Ridge Event will be held on Thursday, March 7th, at 2 p.m. Prairie View residents are also invited. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the afternoon of games, lunch, and fellowship.

Spring Gathering will be held at Augustana on Saturday, April 6th.

There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Sunday, January 27th during coffee hour. This is a meeting to be refreshed on the duties, and to, also, welcome new members to come and join.

We received a thank you from Judy Berg and from Jim Leopold for their gifts at Christmas. Also, a thank you from Campus Ministry for the donation they received.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, February 17th, during coffee hour in the Fireside Room. Our meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary



**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – January 20, 2019**

Pastor Kathleen led us in an Annual Meeting Litany

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order with 51 members present.

There were no additions to the agenda

Deanna Hoffman was appointed secretary

MSC to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2018 meeting.

Attention was drawn to the Committee reports on pages 13-18. There were no questions.

Organization reports were printed on pages 19-26. Again, no questions regarding them.

Mark Larson reported on the Audit Committee report. Funds of the church, WELCA, Churchmen and AESY were audited and no exceptions or concerns found. He expressed thanks to all treasurers for the excellent bookkeeping. Auditors were Mark Larson, John Miest & Deanna Hoffman. MSC to approve all reports as submitted.

President Jim shared the reflections of success. Noting the continual growth of TLC and that more volunteers are needed either for a portion of the time or for the duration. He also noted our larger projects of new sidewalks and parking strip along with the tuck pointing.

Council terms of John Coleman, Kathy Eiden, Jim Harrington and Deanna Hoffman are completed. John Coleman has agreed to continue for another term. Kathy Eiden opted to not serve another term. Jim & Deanna have each served 2 terms. This resulted in 3 Council positions open. Stan Kunkel reporting for the Nominating Committee presented a slate of John Coleman, Lyle Anderson, Terry Engel and Jeff Nelson. There were no additional nominations from the floor. MSC to cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates. In expressions of gratitude, Jim thanked all members who so freely step up to help when needed. He also wanted to express special thanks to Mark Kulseth for all the snow removal and Ryan Reid for the lawn care in the summer.

Judy Thulien presented the budget for 2019 and explained the addition of the Administration: Electronic Expense additional line item. This also resulted in a reduction of the Administration: Office Supplies. Jim informed about the insurance decision. We have been with Guide One for many years. They have been sold and are not wanting to service the church policies any longer. With a meeting with Peterson Anthony, it was decided to change to Brotherhood Mutual. Coverage is the same and insurance is \$3000-\$4000 cheaper. MSC to approve budget as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: Sidewalks and parking pad were completed. Tuck pointing was done. John Coleman noted some other areas that may have needed attention. A representative of the company came up and met with John. Because of the high cost of this process, they only bid the problem areas and completed all the work that was on the contract. If additional work is needed in the coming years we will need to enter a new contract with them. Stained Glass Windows fund is currently at \$18,113.38. Total cost of this project is \$50,600 as of 2 years ago. Council had decided on the advice of building persons to prioritize the projects and find that the windows are the third priority on the list. Therefore, the decision was made to wait until the funds had been given for this to proceed.

Election of Congregational President: Dominique Berg was nominated and no other nominations are presented. MSC to cast a unanimous ballot for Dominique as Congregational President.

Projects to be completed in 2019 are the repair of the Narthex wall and other places as needed.

We will also be required to replace the sidewalk on the south side of the parking lot when the road work is done this summer.

No further business.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Acting Secretary, Deanna Hoffman