



Lent 2018

Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we see signs along the way on our Lenten journey that show us the way to Christ. As we journey through Holy Week and Easter we will continue looking for signs that show us the way to Christ. You can see the schedule below.

February 14 U-TURN On Ash Wednesday we are reminded to make a U-Turn, turning away from our sins and turning back to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

February 21 STOP We remember how Peter tried to put a Stop sign in front of Jesus on his way to the cross. But Jesus helped him (and us) to see that he could only stop when he reached the cross to save us all.

February 28 MERGE We are reminded to merge our lives with the long history of the story of salvation that began in the Garden of Eden, continued with the Children of Israel at Passover and is revealed in the promised Messiah.

March 7 YIELD We are reminded to yield to the Father's will for us in our lives, just as Jesus yielded to his will when he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but yours be done."

March 14 ONE WAY We are reminded that Jesus is the way to God. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

March 21 DEAD END We are reminded that, unlike other paths in life, Jesus is not a dead end, but a start to life everlasting.

March 24 ROAD NARROWS On Palm Sunday we are reminded that wide road of palms and praises to the Son of David will narrow this week, leading directly to the pain and power of the cross of Christ.

March 29 FOOD On Maundy Thursday we remember that we are fed and nourished in our faith journey each time we stop to partake of the very body and blood of our Lord and Savior, found in the holy food of Holy Communion's bread and wine.

March 30 CROSS ROAD On Good Friday we see heaven and earth intersect at the Cross Road of the cross of Christ, where the sinless Son of God takes away the sins of the whole world.

April 1 ROAD WORK AHEAD In our Easter Sunday worship, we celebrate that the work of our salvation is done through the resurrection of Christ from the dead. There is more. Jesus told the women at the empty tomb, there is road work ahead. Our job is to go and live and go and tell the Good News.

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

PRAYER CONCERNS: Wilma, Burton, Roger,
Orval, Barbara, Norman, Jacob, Chloe

ADDRESS CHANGES:

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through December	\$69,200.00
Received through December	\$60,565.57
Behind through December	- \$ 8,634.43
Received in December	\$10,540.55

ANNUAL MEETING

The **Annual Meeting of the East Sveadahl Lutheran Church** and the **East Sveadahl Cemetery Association** will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2018, following the morning worship service and potluck dinner.

At the annual meeting, the congregation will be **voting on the proposal** of the council on how to disperse the proceeds from the sale of the parsonage.

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]
- 13 Cayden Huelsenbeck [7-21]
- 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 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. 4: First Lutheran, St. James
- 11: Albion
- 21: First Lutheran, St. James
- 25: Augustana

ACOLYTES

Feb. 4:

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Joann Jensen and Janet Bloomquist

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Wayne Jurgens and Erma Griffith

VISITING COMMITTEE

Cindy Torkelson and Lorita Nasman

WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting

USHERS

Wayne and Bernie Jurgens

LECTORS

- Feb. 4: Janet Bloomquist
- 11: Mike Menssen
- 18: Wayne Jurgens
- 25: Joann Jensen
- 28: Evonne Moll, Lenten service

RADIO SPONSORS

East is responsible for these broadcasts in 2018.
If you would like to sponsor any of these broadcasts,
please contact Susan.
Cost is \$65.00 per Sunday.

- April 29:
- July 29:
- September 30:
- December 30:

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

AUGUSTANA

RADIO SPONSOR

The radio broadcast on February 25th from Augustana is sponsored by Suzann Olson.

RADIO BROADCAST

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

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

- Feb. 4: Gregg & Kathleen Klinkner
- 11: Bert & Gerry Swenson
- 18: Martha Circle
- 25: Martha Circle

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

USHERS

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

BOLD WOMEN'S SUNDAY

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.

On February 25th, the Women of the ELCA, from both Augustana and East Sveadahl will be celebrating BOLD Women's Sunday. A Thank-Offering will be collected at the church service. You can also mail them to the respective church's address. Augustana will be hosting coffee hour.

Thank you in advance for participating.

AUGUSTANA

FEBRUARY CIRCLES

- Feb. 6: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle – Encore
- 7:00 pm Martha Circle – Augustana
- 20: 8:30 am Sewing Circle – Augustana

ACOLYTES

- Feb. 4: Austin Spitzner, Levi Miest
- 11: Dylan Reid, Hayden Davis
- 14: Mason Lenning, Macyn Hirschmann - Ash Wednesday
- 18: William Knaak, Dawson Gertsema
- 25: Lizabeth Lothert, Kimberly Lothert

ALTAR GUILD

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 4: Deb Style

COMMUNION SERVERS

- Feb. 4: Kathy Eiden, Kristen Gertsema
- 11: Kyla Schломann, Dominique Berg, Paul Missling, Deanna Hoffman
- 14: Ash Wednesday: Noon _____
6:30 pm Steph Reid

COFFEE HOUR

- Feb. 4: Bert & Gerry Swenson, Cleo Olson
- 11: Ray & Judy Berg, Darrell & Leora Ask
- 18: Greg & Judy Thulien, Judy Sizer
- 25: WELCA – BOLD Women's Sunday

GREETERS

- Feb. 4: Stan & Nancy Kunkel
- 11: Jayne Anderson
- 18: Myron & Sally Engel
- 25: Rick Carlson

SUNDAY LECTORS

- Feb. 4: Jean Leopold
- 11: Leora Ask
- 18: Rick Carlson
- 25: Paul Missling

AES 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

WINTER CANCELLATIONS

East: Listen to 101.5 FM KRRW or 860 AM KNUJ for any church closings.

Augustana: Listen to 860 AM KNUJ, 101.5 FM KRRW, Channel 12 KEYC-TV, or check the AES web site at www.augustanachurch.org for any snow emergency information.

If school is cancelled or closed early, TLC and confirmation classes will also be cancelled.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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.

BIBLE STUDY

The “by heart” Bible Study will continued on Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22 at 1:30 pm at Augustana.

If you would like to join this bible study, contact Pastor Kathleen.

DESIGNATING THRIVENT CHOICE \$

Thrivent Choice \$ can be designated for the 2017 year, and annually every year after that during the months of January, February and March, or quarterly during the year. It can be done online, or call 800-847-4836.

SOUPER BOWL

The Souper Bowl of Caring will be on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4. This is an effort by youth across the country to raise funds for charities on Super Bowl Sunday. Knowing the amount of money spent on snacks, pizza, and food for that day, the idea is that if each person also dropped a dollar in a soup pot after worship we could make a difference for people in need. Be sure to bring \$1 or more to support the causes the youth choose.

WELCA INFORMATION

AUGUSTANA

The **WELCA Mission Project** is Tuesday February 27, 2018, 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Brandt Ridge. Any residents from Brandt Ridge and Prairie View are welcome to join us. This year the Activity will be the Dice game again. This is a Thrivent Action Team Event.

We will need Augustana people to help play the game, give out prizes, serve lunch and share in fellowship with them. Residents had so much fun last year they invited us back. Please save the date and join in for Fun and Fellowship with them. Any questions please feel free to call Nancy Kunkel or Judy Berg.

EAST -- No activities

CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

This year's Watonwan River Conference Assembly will be held on Sunday, February 25th at 2:00 pm at First Lutheran Church, St. James. Delegates will be needed from both congregations.

GLLM ANNUAL MEETING

The Green Lake Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13th 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.

EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS

The Equipping our Congregations event is Saturday, February 10th from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm at the Vinje Lutheran Church and Bethel Lutheran Church in Willmar. Everyone is welcome!

This year's keynote speaker will be Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. She will be speaking on the theme *Everyday Reformers*. There will be wide variety of workshops presented during the day.

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

MARCHING ON

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:30 am worship will be at East Sveadahl

10:30 am worship will be at Augustana

THANK YOU

East Sveadahl, Thank you for your calls, prayers, and visits. All were greatly appreciated! To the Ladies of the AES Ministries, thank you for the various goodies. They too were appreciated.

Burt and Wilma Wolner

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and concerns during and after my surgery. God has been good to me. Also, thank you to the WELCA ladies, church council and members for the fruit baskets. Thank you to all of you for doing my job while I recuperate. You are a blessing.

Jim Leopold

Thank you...not only for your gift to the Good Samaritan Society-St. James, but also for your ongoing support and ministry to our beloved residents. Have a Blessed New Year!

Misty Karschnik

To the Augustana WELCA – oops!

My thank you came too late for the January newsletter, your card and gift certificate to the Hometown Restaurant was received and greatly appreciated! God's Blessings to you all-Pastor David Webster

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church-WELCA

Thank you so much for your financial gift to Whispers of Hope and for joining us on the journey! We are honored to have you partner with us as we strive, by God's strength, to share the Light of Christ with women in need. May God overwhelm you with his grace, peace, love & power in 2018. Fondly, Tammy Filzen-Co-Founder

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$280.30 to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for joining with the whole church in this season of unprecedented generosity as, together, we support communities hard-hit by hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires.

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... Through your generosity, you are sharing with neighbors near and far, revealing God's holy promises of peace and hope, shelter and safety, restoration, and abundance.

The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,085.00 in support of the ministries of the ELCA through ELCA Good Gifts.

... Thank you for equipping others to live lives of abundance and witnessing to the healing and hope we share in Christ Jesus. Your generosity is making a difference! Thank you! Blessings in 2018!

In God's grace, Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church Council Members and Congregation;

You are changing people's lives with this gift! Your donation will help congregations and pastors "Embrace God's Mission + Equip God's People." ... Your donation in the amount of \$300.00 is deeply appreciated and will be allocated to the Funding Initiative. Thanks for your investment in our call to "Equip!"

In Christ, Pastor Jon Anderson, Serving as Bishop of the SW MN Synod

NEWS for CHILDREN, YOUTH, and FAMILIES

TLC Schedule during Lent

2:00 pm - 5:30pm Schedule remains the same – all at Augustana

5:00 pm Supper

6:30 pm Worship

Supper and Worship are at Augustana on February 14 and 21; March 7 and 21.

Supper and Worship are at East Sveadahl on February 28; March 14.

Confirmation during February

Grades 4 and 5 meet each Wednesday in February at 4:00 pm.

Grades 7-9 meet with their mentors on Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 pm.

Grades 4-12 Snow Tubing at Mt. Kato

We plan to go snow tubing at Mt. Kato (weather permitting) on Sunday, February 11th.

We will leave Augustana at Noon and return at 4:00 pm. The cost is \$10. You must sign up on the bulletin board in Armstrong Blvd. entry. You must also turn in a parent permission form.

You may bring a friend, but they must also be signed up. Younger students may attend if their parent also attends. Keep in mind you must be 42" to go snow tubing at Mt. Kato.

Parent drivers are needed! Please contact Pastor Kathleen if you will drive.

Bible Camp at Shores of St. Andrew and Green Lake Bible Camp

February 14th – Registrations Due! Camp week is July 29th - August 3rd.

ELCA Youth Gathering News

February 7th – Parent/youth meeting at 7:30 pm for those attending the Gathering in Houston.

We will discuss fundraising, t-shirts, activities along the way, and schedule future meetings.

Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, February 21st at 7:30 pm at Augustana.

Kris Suess called the meeting to order.

Pastor Kathleen opened the meeting with prayer.

PASTOR KATHLEEN'S REPORT:

Pastor Webster will not be doing visitations during January, February, and March. At that time he will revisit the situation.

Because of this and her other duties, Pastor Kathleen will need help with our visitation ministry. A group from Augustana is being formed to help with visitation and communion. East may need to help with this also. It will be discussed at the East Council meeting.

The continuity of the Wednesday TLC program, after a year and a half, is beginning to show results. The children enjoy coming, their knowledge of their faith is growing and becoming a part of their lives, their excitement never ends, and they are sharing their faith! The program is bearing fruit thanks to all the hard working and caring staff.

All the Christmas services went well. Our residents of Pleasant View enjoyed and appreciated the caroling after the worship service Christmas Eve morning.

Pastor will be attending the ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Houston January 24 – 29. Lila Klee will worship with us on Sunday the 28th. Dominique Berg will lead the TLC worship on Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Augustana Annual Meeting is January 21st.

The East Annual Meeting is February 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lent and Holy Week schedule was discussed. Last year during Lent the TLC schedule was cancelled. This year TLC will be held with times to be determined.

Lent and Holy Week schedule:

Ash Wednesday: February 14th at Augustana at 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

A meal will precede the service.

Lenten Services: February 21, March 7, 21 at Augustana – meals at 5:00 pm

February 28, March 14 at East – meals at 5:00 pm

Maundy Thursday: March 29 at Augustana – 12:00 pm; East at 6:30 pm

Good Friday: March 30 at Augustana – 12:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday: April 1 – 6:30 am Augustana, 8:00 am East, 9:30 am Augustana

Staff from the SwedGenTour will be at East in April to copy the old Swedish records. A flash drive with the recorded information will be returned to East. An invitation was extended to Augustana to be included in this project. The Augustana Swedish records would be copied and a flash drive returned to Augustana. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the Augustana records will be found.

Terry Engel, representing Relay for Life, asked if AES Ministries would partner with Relay as they have in the past. The Board unanimously agreed to help this year. This will be brought back to the individual boards for discussion. The event is June 29-30. Plans are underway for the event and the Pancake Breakfast kick-off.

The Community Meal was discussed. Once per month for the year a meal would be served to the community (anyone would be welcome) at First Lutheran by the four participating churches (First, AES Ministries, First Presbyterian, and the Catholic Church). Each church would be responsible for three meals per year. The plan is to begin in February, it is not finalized.

The 2018 Joint Council was discussed. Thank yous were extended to out-going President Kris Suess and members Deanna Hoffman and Tom Anderson. Deanna was one of the original members of the Board.

Leora Ask will be the president. The vice-president will be from East. The vice-president can be a newly elected member to the board, or a returning member who agrees to serve another term. Board members for 2018 will be: Teresa Andrews, Wayne Jurgens, Judy Berg, Kathy Eiden, Steph Reid, and two members from East who will be chosen by the East Board. It was suggested that each board member be given a copy of the AES Constitution to read.

The next meeting will be March 7th at 7:30 pm. Leora Ask will give devotions.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Susan Anderson.

EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – January 11, 2018

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, George Nasman, Evonne Moll, Lori Urevig, Jana Anderson, and Pastor Kathleen.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the December 14, 2017 meeting. A motion by George, seconded by Evonne, and passed to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented her written report. A motion by Janet, seconded by George, and passed to approve the report.

Jana Anderson, Financial Secretary, presented her written report. A motion by George, seconded by Evonne, and passed to accept the report as read.

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

Pastor Kathleen highlighted the following:

- Pastor Kathleen will be in Houston January 24 – 29 at the ELCA Youth Ministry Conference.
- Synod requested an extra donation for 2017 as they didn't meet their budget. A motion by Lori, seconded by George and passed to give an extra \$300.00 donation.
- Pastor Kathleen mentioned that Pastor Webster will not be visiting during the winter months and how she appreciates the visiting East WELCA does. She requests that we continue doing this each month to help her with visiting.

AES report: Tom presented the AES report in the absence of Wayne

- Two new members from East are needed for the AES Board– one from the council and one at-large. Janet will represent the council and a volunteer is needed from the congregation.
- Relay for Life will be June 29 and the council agreed to be part of the AES team.
- The Lenten schedule was presented. See AES minutes for complete schedule.

New Business:

A discussion took place on the budget proposal and recommendations for 2018. A motion by Lori, seconded by George, and passed to approve the finalized budget and recommendations to be presented at the annual meeting on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

It was noted that Tom Anderson's term on the council has expired, but he would be willing to run again.

Council also set the CCC membership at 63 for 2018 which is up by seven.

A proposal for the proceeds of the parsonage sale was discussed and will be presented at the annual meeting of the Church on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – January 10, 2018

Present: Dominique Berg, John Coleman, Kathy Eiden, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Kari Miest, Paul Missling, Steph Reid, Kyla Schlomann, Jessie Shores, Lynn Watson, Judy Thulien, and Pr. Kathleen

Absent: None

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order.

Devotions were shared by Jessie Shores.

MSC to approve the Secretary's report as printed.

Financial Report shows a positive balance ending 2017.

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Treasurer's Report was presented by Judy Thulien. No exceptions noted. Income and expenses were both in line. MSC to approve as presented.

Pastor Kathleen:

Pr. Webster has requested a leave of 3 months from visitations due to bad weather and safety traveling. Will revisit it after 3 months. Pr. Kathleen has a visitation group that will be visiting and also may share communion during their visit.

She will be attending an ELCA workshop on Jan 24th (- 29th).

SW MN Synod has sent a request for a special donation. After discussion, MSC to send \$750.00.

February 11th is the Equipping Congregational Workshop in Willmar, MN. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be the main speaker, plus there are many beneficial workshops presented. We are registered and encourage members to attend. Contact Pr. Kathleen for more information.

The community meal that was being organized has been canceled/ postponed.

Relay for Life is June 29th (Friday after Railroad Days).

She will be off on January 28th. Lila Klee will be our guest speaker.

AES Ministries:

Meeting on January 3rd. Terry Engel met with us and asked if we are willing to support the food stand at Relay for Life on June 29th. The Council approved for AES Ministries to man the booth as we previously have. There will also be a kick off pancake breakfast coming up.

Lenten services were discussed. It was discussed and approved to also do a meal on Ash Wednesday at Augustana. Meals will be as follows: Ash Wednesday February 24 – Martha Circle, February 21 – AES Youth, February 28 – ESLC, March 7 – ALC WELCA, March 14 – ESLC, and March 21 – ALC Churchmen.

Wayne Jurgens informed us that a group from Swedish Institute (SwedGenTour) will be coming to East in April to copy their old church records (Some in Swedish) and they will prepare a flash drive to give back to the church. He invited us to participate in this also. Our records (some also in Swedish) will be located so we can participate also.

Council terms expiring: Leora Ask (committed to a 2nd term-AES Council President), Tom Anderson, Deanna Hoffman and Kris Suess. Steph Reid volunteered to fill our Council position. Two positions remaining will be from East.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education:

TLC planning continues to be done.

VBS will be week of June 4th from 8:30 – 11:30 am.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: Will meet on January 12th

Stewardship/Memorial/Finance: Update for on line giving. This can be found on our web site on the main page. Very easy to use.

Church Property/Cemetery:

New refrigerator is in place and ready to use.

New energy lite bulbs have been installed in more lights.

Stained glass window in the south door has broken and will be removed and repaired. Suggestions to use lexan to protect and also install a few bars on the inside to prevent pressure due to the heavier weight of the new door.

Our insurance has replied on our organ coverage and all is correct. We have a built in inflation guard, so we should be protected correctly going forward.

Closets are being cleaned. This is ongoing.

The windows in the doors for our Safe Harbor were discussed. Will need to get them in to be compliant.

Youth Ministry: No meeting. Will be working the steak fry on the 13th.

Worship and Music: Will meet on the 18th at 6 PM

OLD BUSINESS:

Judy provided copies of the proposed budget for 2018. It was set for shared expenses by the CCC percent from 2017. After the new year is set, it may need to be adjusted slightly. MCS to approve the budget to be presented at the annual meeting as printed.

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Our annual meeting will be on January 21st following worship. Council terms expiring: Dominique Berg, Kari Miest, Jessie Shores, and Lynn Watson.

Nominating committee will be searching for candidates. Employee reviews will be done in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

None to present

Next Meeting is February 14th at 8 PM – Devotions: Dominique Berg

Communion Servers: February 4th: Kathy and Kristen

February 11th: Kyla, Dominique, Paul and Deanna

February 14th: Noon: _____

6:30 PM: Steph

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Deanna Hoffman

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – January 21, 2018

Pr. Kathleen led us in a Litany.

After verifying a quorum, President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order.

Deanna Hoffman was appointed secretary.

Minutes of the January 29, 2017 Annual Meeting were reviewed. MSC to approve as printed.

Jim asked for questions on any of the Committee Reports. There being none, approved.

Myron Engel reported on the Audit Committee. All funds were audited and found to be in good order. He commended Judy Thulien on the job that she does and how easy it is to audit with all information ready at hand. Thank you, Judy.

Judy Thulien noted some of the items in the Treasurer's Report for 2017. She explained how the different funds are used and any exceptions. There being no questions – MSC to approve.

Jim shared our Reflections for Success for 2017, noting the siding of the garage, new doors, new lights on the north side of the church, security cameras installed, new refrigerator, additional handicap signs, plus many small things that go unnoticed. Jim also thanked everyone that contributes and helps with projects around the church, inside and outside. We acknowledge and appreciate them all.

Greg Thulien reported for the Nominating Committee. Terms expiring are Lynn Watson (2nd term), Dominique Berg, Kari Miest, & Jessie Shores. Dominique and Kari agreed to serve another term. Jessie opted to not serve again, and Lynn Watson has completed his second term. Nominating Committee submitted Lisa Carlson and asked for nominations from the floor to fill the 4th position. Greg Thulien was nominated. There being no further nominations, MSC to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate presented.

Acknowledgement of Gratitude – Jim expressed gratitude for all the many tasks that are done at the church and asked us to acknowledge this with a round of applause. Jim Moody recognized Gene Zarn for the many years he has led the Christmas tree decorating. He does a marvelous job.

Proposed Budget was discussed by Judy, noting that the increase is largely due to inserting a budget line item for Faith Formation Director. We are still planning to pursue a candidate to fill this position. Budget was approved by Council on January 10, 2018. MSC to approve the 2018 budget as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tuck Pointing is on the company schedule, but no date has been given to start the project.

Stained Glass Window fundraising is ongoing. To be pursued after the tuck pointing is completed.

Dominique Berg commented on the Safe Harbor Policy which has been approved. Background checks will be done and windows installed in the class room doors.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Deanna Hoffman reported on the online giving opportunity we have set up. Explaining how it works and encouraging members to check it out. Augustanachurch.org and click on Secure Contributions. She also explained the 3 ways to contribute (Credit card, debit card and ACH check withdrawal). She states it is very easy and all our special funds (Benevolence, Missionary, etc.) are listed. One time, weekly, monthly and special donations can all be used. Questions – contact Deanna or Pr. Kathleen.

Election of Congregational President: Jim Harrington was nominated. There being no further nominations, MSC to cast a unanimous ballot.

Question was raised about the possibility of doing another church directory – this will be taken up with the Council.

There being no further business, motion was made to adjourn.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Deanna Hoffman

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 14, 2018

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

The monies from St. Lucia breakfast in the amount of \$1,040.20 were sent to Synod Benevolence. St. Lucia Bake Shoppe funds were distributed as follows: St. Lucia Expenses - \$560.60; Whispers of Hope - \$280.30; Operation Concern- \$280.30; AESY - \$560.60; Convention Fund - \$280.30; Campership - \$560.60; Lutheran Disaster Response - \$280.30. Total of \$2,803.00

WELCA donated 7 pies for the Thanksgiving Service at Methodist Church. The pies that were not needed were donated to Presbyterian Church for the Thanksgiving dinner.

\$101.00 was raised for TLC from serving the TLC supper that was served by WELCA on December 6th.

Spring Gathering will be held at Augustana on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

We are discontinuing the Layette project. We are unable to get a response as to where they can be donated.

BOLD Women's Sunday will be Sunday, February 25th. WEAR RED!! We will need to provide ushers, readers, special music. Please remember to bring your Thank Offering envelopes. We will serve coffee cake for coffee hour, with money being directed to CADA.

WELCA Activity Day, our WELCA Mission project, will be held at Brandt Ridge on Tuesday, February 27th, at 1:30. Games, prizes, and lunch are being planned for the afternoon.

WELCA will serve the Lenten Meal on Wednesday, March 7th.

A large round lace table cloth is needed for the round serving table. Jayne will check on where this can be purchased.

The Board voted to raise the amount to \$200.00 for donating before having to be brought to and approved by circle members.

A reminder to check on your Thrivent Dollars that have accumulated and can be used for donations.

WELCA will donate to the following: Lutheran Braille Evangelical Assn. - \$50.00; St. James Ambulance - \$25.00; Marie Sandvik Center - \$100.00; and \$500.00 to Cross Roads Lutheran Campus Ministry (After approval from circles).

Thank you received from Judy, Pastor Webster, Kathae Morgan, Whispers of Hope, and St. Peter State Hospital.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday February 11th, during coffee hour in the Fireside Room.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE for LENT

- February 14: Ash Wednesday Communion Worship Services at Augustana
12:00 pm, 5:00 pm Supper (Martha Circle serves), 6:30 pm
- February 21: Augustana: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (AESY serves), 6:30 pm Worship
- February 28: East: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Council serves), 6:30 pm Worship
- March 7: Augustana: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (WELCA serves), 6:30 pm Worship
- March 14: East: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Council serves), 6:30 pm Worship
- March 21: Augustana: 5:00 pm Lenten Supper (Churchmen serve), 6:30 pm Worship

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- March 25: Palm Sunday 8:30 am Worship, East 10:30 am Worship, Augustana
- March 29: Maundy Thursday Communion Services – Augustana – 12:00 pm, East – 6:30 pm
- March 23: Good Friday Worship Services at Augustana – 12:00 pm, 6:30 pm
- April 1: Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day
6:30 am Easter Sunrise Communion Service, Augustana – breakfast to follow
7:00 am Easter Breakfast, East 8:00 am Easter Communion Worship, East
9:30 am Easter Communion Service, Augustana

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