

# AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

JUNE / JULY NEWSLETTER



## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### *Family Spirituality*

Families are gift from God and come in all shapes and sizes. It is a gift that needs to be nurtured and appreciated. Yet we sometimes take it for granted or become so busy we neglect the gift from God that it is. On those days or in those moments when we fully realize the precious nature of this gift, we tell ourselves we need to recognize this more often. One of the basics of appreciating and nurturing the sacred gift of family is to be truly present for one another. Let go of your own agenda, put down your phone, turn off the television and focus on your time together. These times together will strengthen your family and help each member of the family grow into the person God intends them to be. Here are some ideas for being truly present with your family this summer:

#### *Make Memories:*

On a hot day turn on the sprinkler and have everyone run through it. Take a day trip to a state park or an historical landmark. Set up a tent in your backyard and campout. Set up your own mini-golf course at home. You get the idea. It can be big or small, free or not, but spend some purposeful time together making memories.

#### *Begin a new meal time tradition:*

Ask each person at the table to share their “high” and “low” of the day and then pray about these things at the end of the meal.

#### *Car Time:*

Turn off the radio, take out the headphones, turn off the DVD player and have some “car talk” time. Take turns telling jokes, play car games, share your “favorites” (Twins player, summer food, meat to grill, Lynx player, day of the week, song, etc.), do Mad Libs (you can find them at Target), share where you see God in the landscape, look for cross shaped things as you drive...simply use the time to have fun together.

#### *Affirmations:*

Recognize and affirm the genuine gifts of each person as you see them unfold this summer. Remind them these are unique gifts from God. Thank family members for the specific things you see them doing to help someone. Encouraging and affirming each family member will give them confidence to use their gifts to serve God and God's people.

Often times the pace of summer is just a little slower. It would be wonderful if we all intentionally used this time to be genuinely present for one another. These ideas aren't intended to make you feel busier, they are intended to help you have a more fulfilling summer and one that draws you closer to God and to your family.

Pastor Kathleen

## Augustana June

### Circles

June 7: Rebecca Circle 11:30am - Encore  
June 7: Martha Circle 7:00pm - Fireside Room

### Acolytes

June 5: Luci Kulseth & Dawson Gertsema  
June 12: Jennifer Lothert & Lizabeth Lothert  
June 19: Amber Carlson & Paris Morrow  
June 26: Parker Friedrich & Macyn Hirschman

### Altar Guild

Becky Schmidt, DeAnn Lenz, Jean Leopold, Gladys MacMaster, Andrea Sandberg, Carol Zarn

### Blood Pressure Screening

June 5: Deb Style

### Communion Servers

June 5: Stan Kunkel & Jessie Shores  
June 12: Kathy Eiden, Jim Harrington, Jessie Shores, Greg Thulien

### Greeters

June 5: Cleo Olson  
June 12: Darrick & Kari Miest  
June 19: John & Jeanne Miest  
June 26: Jim & Shirley Moody

### Lectors

June 5: Lisa Carlson  
June 12: Rick Carlson  
June 19: Judy Thulien  
June 26: Marge Jenkins

### Radio Sponsor

June 26:

### Missionary Sponsors

June 5: Marge Jenkins  
June 12: Lydia Circle  
June 19: Gertrude Coleman  
June 26: Dorothy Christenson

### Ushers

Lynn Watson, Darrell Ask, Patrick & Rachel Casey,  
Kristen Gertsema, Roger Hagen, Jim Harrington

## Augustana June

### Coffee Hour

June 5: John & Jeanne Miest  
Darrick & Kari Miest  
June 12: Dick & Jean Lepp  
Ileane Voth & Cleo Olson  
June 19: Gene & Carol Zarn  
Bert & Gerry Swenson  
June 26: Stan & Nancy Kunkel  
Kyla Schломann & Don Flater

### Memorials

In memory of Rev. Bill Bruehl  
\$50.00 undesignated  
\$100.00 undesignated  
\$100.00 Youth Ministry  
Other Memorials  
\$25.00 Building (paint)  
\$25.00 Cemetary

### 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. The cost is \$20 per Sunday.

### 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. The following Sundays are available; June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, and September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Baptism

On April 23, we welcomed into God's family, Augustana's family, and AES Ministries, Annabelle Chloe Zender, daughter of Josh & Deena Zender.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed into God's family, Augustana's family, and AES Ministries, Spencer Roy Newman, son of Jacob & Jennifer Newman.

Please continue to keep Annabelle & Spencer and their families in your prayers as they grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

## Augustana July

### Acolytes

- July 3: Emily Gronewold & Kimberly Lothert
- July 10: Olivia Fredin & Kennedy Gertsema
- July 17: Sam Kulseth & Jackson Miest
- July 24: Lucas Kulseth & Peyton Engelking
- July 31: Kaydi Anderson & Luci Kulseth

### Altar Guild

- Jayne Anderson, Linda Connell,  
Joyce Nelson, Louise Olson

### Blood Pressure Screening

- July 10: Kristi Zellmann

### Communion Servers

- July 3: Dominique Berg & Mark Kulseth
- July 10: Dominique Berg, Lynn Watson,  
Terry Engel, & Kathy Eiden

### Greeters

- July 3: Lorraine Peterson
- July 10: Marge Jenkins
- July 17: Bob & Audrey Swanson
- July 24: Jodi Swanson
- July 31: East Sveadahl

### Lectors

- July 3: Kathy Eiden
- July 10: Les Zellmann
- July 17: Kristen Freitag
- July 24: Kristen Gertsema
- July 31: Ruth Haler

### Radio Sponsor

- July 24:

### Missionary Sponsors

- July 3: Jim & Judy Anderson
- July 10: Bill & Kirsten Freitag
- July 17: Martha Circle
- July 24: Martha Circle
- July 31: Martha Circle

The shortest distance between two points is  
under construction. ~Noelie Altito

Joy is not in things; it is in us. ~Wagner

## Augustana July

### Ushers

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

### Coffee Hour

- July 3: Bob & Janet Plath  
Lloyd & Andrea Sandberg
- July 10: Jim & Judy Anderson  
Joyce Pierson & Lorraine Peterson
- July 17: Darrell & Leora Ask  
Jim & Jackie Harrington
- July 24: Philip & LaVonne Anderson  
Lisa Carlson & Ruth Haler
- July 31: Raymond & Judy Berg  
Jim & Jean Leopold

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Hot fudge fills deep needs.  
~Susan Isaacs

Life is easier than you think - all you have to do is this: Accept the impossible, do without the indispensable, bear the intolerable, and be able to smile at anything.  
~Barbara Johnson

Real friends are those who,  
when you've made a fool of yourself,  
don't feel as though you've  
done a permanent job.

# EAST JUNE

## RADIO BROADCASTS

June 5: First Lutheran, St. James  
 12: Albion  
 19: First Lutheran, St. James  
 26: East

## ALTAR COMMITTEE

Angie and Sonja

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

George and Tom

## VISITING COMMITTEE

Kris and Deb

## WELCA HOSTESSES

No June Meeting

## USHERS

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## LECTORS

June 5: Janet Bloomquist  
 12 : Mike Mensses  
 19: Denae Bridges  
 26: Dale Anderson

## RADIO SPONSORS

Broadcasts sponsored by East:

July 31: Jerry and Lynette Noren

October 30:

If you would like to sponsor the October broadcast, please contact Susan.

## WORK DAY 2016

The East Council has set **Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** as the next **Work Day!** Please take time out of your busy schedule to come for a few hours of fun and fellowship and work! There are many projects in and around the church that need to be taken care of! The list is long; there is plenty to do. Will you come and help? We plan to start at **8:30 am**. Lunch will be provided by Tom! Thanks in advance!

# EAST JUNE

## TRANSITIONS:

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through April	\$22,016.36
Received through April	14,392.43
Behind through April	- \$ 7,623.93

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY/BAPTISMAL DAY

- 5 Gary Bridges [10-9]
- 7 Dona Johnson [1-25]
- 9 Ireland Essler [8-06]
- 11 Tyrell Sizer [7-93]
- 14 Lorita Nasman [7-12]
- 15 Wesley Beck [7-17]
- 15 Raymond Kleinow [8-30]
- 18 Macey Shellum [8-11]
- 18 Mallory Shellum [8-11]
- 19 Kale Jurgens [10-5]
- 20 William Menssen [7-16]
- 20 Debra Noren [7-31]
- 21 Sandra Newberg [7-28]
- 23 Betty Fast [6-23]
- 24 Jerry Noren [9-2]
- 25 Fran Anderson [9-1]
- 25 Annika Torkelson [7-6]
- 28 Matthew Jurgens [8-93]
- 29 Wilma Wolner [2-12]

If you can't come on the WORK DAY, June 11<sup>th</sup>, please check the list of jobs to be done and work when you can! Check off completed jobs. Thanks!!

Failure it the opportunity to  
 begin again more intelligently.

~Henry Ford

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 31: East

### ALTAR COMMITTEE

Janet and Julene

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Cindy and ?

### VISITING COMMITTEE

Vickie and Evonne

### WELCA HOSTESSES

No July Meeting

### USHERS

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### LECTORS

July 3: Cindy Torkelson  
 10: Wayne Jurgens  
 17: Erma Griffith  
 24: Joann Jensen  
 31: Lynette Noren

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Thank you to the women who made the graduation quilt for Mackenzie Blickem. It was given to her on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 1. Everyone enjoyed the cake and coffee fellowship that followed the worship service.

## EAST JULY

### TRANSITIONS:

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

### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through May	\$27,520.45
Received through May	
Ahead/Behind through May	\$

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY/BAPTISMAL DAY

1 Michael Forsyth [10-10]  
 Andrea Rubishko [9-29]  
 10 Steven Noren [9-11]  
 12 Paul Torkelson [9-7]  
 13 Richard Andrews [10-28]  
 19 Lynette Noren  
 20 Preston Anderson [8-10]  
 21 Brianna Wolner-Reed [8-20]  
 22 Lori Newberg [8-28]  
 24 Quinn Anderson [10-1]  
 Erma Griffith [8-17]  
 28 Simon Beck [8-20]  
 Adam Johnson [8-19]  
 Steven Shellum [9-23]  
 31 Jeannette Nasman [10-4]

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## CEMETERY

**All the water spigots in the cemetery** are connected to the Rural Water System. All water used in the cemetery has to be paid for. Please remember to turn off all spigots when you are done watering!

The East Sveadahl Cemetery Board is asking that all **memorial flowers, wreaths and arrangements, not in urns and in the way for mowing**, be removed from the cemetery by **Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.



# JUNE JULY NEWS



## ✓ *Facebook / Website*

“Like” the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for updates, pictures and inspiration. The AES Ministries website is: [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org).

## ✓ *Pastoral Visits*

Pastor Kathleen and Pastor Webster would like to visit with you! If you would like to have them come to your home, the hospital, wherever, please contact them: Pastor Kathleen at 375-4792 or 507-276-1615; Pastor Webster at 507-956-2177 (try this number first) or 507-317-6670.

## ✓ *Congratulations, Janet!!*

The St. James Sertoma Club is proud to announce that Janet Bloomquist is this year's recipient of the Service to Mankind Award. Janet will be honored at an open house reception on Sunday, June 12 from 2-4 pm, with a 3 pm program, at the First Presbyterian Church in St. James, MN.

## ✓ *God's Work, Our Hands T-shirt orders*

If you haven't ordered your God's Work, Our Hand's" T-shirt, now is the time! An order will be placed on June 2. We will wear them at the Relay for Life event and on September 11<sup>th</sup> – God's Work, Our Hand's Sunday. Please email or call the church office to place your order.

**Shirt sizes and costs:** \$ 6.50 – Youth - Small, Medium, and Large

\$ 6.50 – Adult – Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large

\$ 8.50 – Adult – XXL

\$ 9.50 – Adult – XXXL

\$10.50 – Adult – XXXXL

## ✓ *Kid's Kafe*

Again this summer all youth 18 years and younger can eat a FREE breakfast and/or lunch at one of the three meal sites in our county. There is no paper work, just show up! No meals will be served at Butterfield or St. James the week of July 4-8; no meals will be served at Madelia July 1<sup>st</sup> or 4th.

At all three sites the Adult lunch cost is \$4.00; Breakfast is \$2.25.

**Butterfield:** Lunch 11:30-12:30 Monday-Friday (May 31-Aug.5) school cafeteria

**St. James:** Breakfast 7:45-8:45 Monday-Friday (May 31-Aug.5) High School cafeteria

Breakfast 8:00-9:00 Monday-Friday (May 31-Aug.5) Armstrong cafeteria

Lunch 11:30-12:30 Monday-Friday (May 31-Aug.5) Armstrong and High School cafeterias

**Madelia:** Breakfast 8:00-9:00 Monday-Friday (June 13-Aug.12) Elementary cafeteria

Lunch 11:30-12:30 Monday-Friday (June 13-Aug.12) Elementary cafeteria

## √ *Sunday School News*

Congratulations to the following students who received their perfect attendance certificate for Sunday School on May 22:



*Brody Overson* – 1<sup>st</sup> year pin  
*Halle Reid* - 1st year pin  
*Morgan Reid* - 1<sup>st</sup> year pin  
*Kaitlyn Schlomann* - 3<sup>rd</sup> year bar  
*Maya Kulseth* - 4<sup>th</sup> year bar  
*Emily Gronewold* - 5<sup>th</sup> year bar  
*Luci Kulseth* - 5<sup>th</sup> year bar  
*Lydia Overson* - 5<sup>th</sup> year bar  
*Levi Miest* - 7<sup>th</sup> year bar  
*Jackson Miest* - 9<sup>th</sup> year bar  
*Amber Carlson* - 12<sup>th</sup> year bar  
*Olivia Fredin* - 12<sup>th</sup> year bar



A total of 51 different students attended Sunday School this part year.

Thank you to the parents, guardians, grandparents, and other family members and friends for their dedication in bringing the children to Sunday School. We could not maintain our program without your efforts, and it is very much appreciated. Rick Carlson

## √ *Our Graduates*

Congratulations and God' Blessings to each of our graduates:

### *Tyler Bass*

Parents: Bruce & Chris Bass Future plans: SMSU – Computer Science

### *Mackenzie Blickem*

Parents: Lori Urevig & the late Kevin Blickem Future Plans: South Dakota State

### *Madison Gertsema*

Parent: Kristen Gertsema Future Plans: Presentation College – Nursing

### *Taylor Mahoney - Berg*

Parent: Dominique Berg Future Plans: SMSU – Elementary Education

### *Sophia Nelson*

Parents: Jeff Nelson & Mary Nelson Future Plans: Winona State – Pediatric Nursing

### *Kelli Nessler*

Parent: Randy Nessler Future Plans: Winona State – Accounting

### *Andrea Wellnitz*

Parents: Joel Wellnitz & Becky Werner Future Plans: SCC – Accounting

### *Brittaney Wensaur*

Parents: Randall & Kari Adrian SCC – Sonography

## √ *Minnesota Valley Action Council*

Households can now request an application, until July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, by calling MVAC at 507-345-6822 or (800) 767-7139 or by downloading it from our website at [mnavac.org](http://mnavac.org). The program ends July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. For more information or additional materials contact MVAC.

### ✓ *Pizza on the Farm*

Starting May 17<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup> (**every third Tuesday each month**) from 5-7 pm come enjoy Pizza on the Farm at Shalom Hill Farm. Special homemade pizza will be served: \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids 6 and under. Enjoy local entertainment while you eat! Weather permitting eat outdoors (bring your own lawn chair), tour the grounds, stay to play lawn games, and explore or walk the prairie trails. All are welcome! Find us at 42194 County Rd 3, Windom – phone 507-831-2232.

### ✓ *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. This truly shows the power that we do place in prayers.

If you have added someone to our prayer concerns, could you also let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there.

### ✓ *Thank yous*

Dear Augustana Lutheran & East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$617.00 to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) for the ministry of Young Adults in Global Mission. Your generosity shows your commitment to walking in newness alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world. Because of your support to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, together we are able to:

- Send at least 220 **Missionaries** in more than 40 countries around the world and an additional 73 **Young Adults in Global Mission**, which includes a new country program in Cambodia.
- Provide scholarships to **International Women Leaders** responding to God’s call to ministry, either in their home country, neighboring countries or ELCA colleges or universities in the United States.
- Accompany our companions around the world by responding to their priorities through investing in evangelism, education, church expansion and other important **Global Ministry** projects.

For more information on how your gift is impacting God’s work throughout the world, check out the insert included in your newsletter, visit [ELCA.org/globalchurch](http://ELCA.org/globalchurch), or contact me directly at [andrew.steele@elca.org](mailto:andrew.steele@elca.org) or 773-380-2758. Again thank you for your incredible generosity.

Andrew Steele, Director, ELCA Global Church Sponsorship

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Dear Augustana WELCA and Pastor Kathleen,

Thank you so much for the beautiful geranium plant that you gave me for Administrative Professionals Day. They look lovely outside the front of my house. Thank you to Pastor Kathleen for the gift card given to me for Administrative Professional’s Day. I really enjoy working in such a wonderful environment and with such wonderful people. Thanks again, Kyla Schломann

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To Augustana Lutheran Church,

Thanks for the beautiful flowers for William’s memorial service. He loved St. James and loved Augustana.

Todd & Karin Bruehl

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Augustana Parishioners,

To all the members who attended my benefit, provided food, helped and donated to the silent auction, thank you so much. All will help offset my medical expense. Your thoughts will help me through my next round of treatment. Everything was so much appreciated. God’s blessings to all.

Love, Dianne Miller

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Pr. Kathleen, East Sveadahl Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$167.41 to the Women's Foundation of Minnesota for MN Girls Are Not For Sale.

Because of you, we will continue to fund innovative programs across the state, conduct groundbreaking research and advance public policy to bring an end to child sex trafficking. ... Together, we will realize a day when all children can experience the world as a place of safety, and thrive. Thank you for your commitment to this issue and for making the Women's Foundation your foundation!

Warmly, Lee Roper-Batker, President and CEO

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To my East Sveadahl family,

I so appreciated the generosity and support of all the people who attended my benefit. It was so overwhelming.

A special thank you to Thrivent and the Board of Directors and Leora Ask for all their hard work.

A special thank you to all the workers, the people who made donations, provided gifts for the silent auction, and those who baked for the bake sale.

Thank you for all who have shared their prayers with me, especially Pastor Kathleen for her love and support.

All of this will help me get through my illness. God's Blessings to all of you.

Dianne Miller



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## *JUNE / JULY HAPPENINGS*

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June 4 – Saturday

### *Madison's Graduation*

You are invited to help us celebrate **Madison Gertsema's graduation!** An open house reception will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 2-4 pm at the St. James Eagles Club.

June 10-11 – Friday and Saturday

### *Synod Assembly*

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly is June 10 and 11 at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. The theme this year is ***Embrace God's Mission Equip God's People.***

Reverend Dr. Robin Steinke, president of Luther Seminary, is the guest speaker, and Reverend

About 750 persons from throughout the synod will meet to worship, deliberate, learn, and enjoy fellowship during these two days.

For more information and keep abreast of the happening at the Assembly check the website: [www.swmnelca.org](http://www.swmnelca.org)!

Pastor Kathleen and Pr. Webster, along with congregational members from Augustana and East will attend.

June 17-18 – Friday and Saturday

### *WELCA Synodical Convention*

The 29th Convention of **SW MN Women of the ELCA** is Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18 at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar, MN. The theme is: “*And the World is About to Turn*”; the theme verse is: Job 37:12 – “They turn round & round by his guidance, to accomplish that he commands them on the face of the habitable world.”

June 18 – Saturday

### *Bazaar*

The Annual **Albion Women’s Bazaar** is Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Godahl. Serving begins at 12 noon with the auction beginning at 1:30 pm.

The proceeds will go to support a wide variety of mission projects within and outside the congregation. There will be good food, great fun, and fellowship.

June 24- 26 –Friday – Sunday

### *Augustana Heritage Valedictory Celebration*

This will be the final gathering celebration of the **Augustana Heritage Association** – an association that follows the traditions of the Augustana Lutheran Church! It will be a time to celebrate the Swedish heritage of families and congregations at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, Pennsylvania.

June 26-July – Sunday – Friday

### *Bible Camp*

On June 26, 21 of our youth will leave for **Shores of St. Andrew and Green Lake Bible Camp**. It will be a week of worship, bible study, making new friends, games, swimming, and campfires all in God’s beautiful creation. Youth in grades 2-5 attend camp at the Shores of St. Andrews, and our 7-12 graders go to the Green Lake camp. What a blessing to be in partnership with this great outdoor ministry. Please keep our young people and the camps in your prayers this summer.

Pr. Kathleen and Rick will also be spending the week at camp.

July 22-23 – Friday – Saturday

### *Green Lake Quilt Auction*

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Quilt Auction Activities begin with the

**Quilt Review** (admission \$3.00)

Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 pm and Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30 am

**Live Auction**

Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 11:30 am

Visit the website -- [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org) -- for more information or to Bid live online at [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org). Quilt and Silent auction items can be delivered to camp any time through July 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in volunteering during this event, please contact Sonya Erickson at 320-796-2181 or [camp@gllm.org](mailto:camp@gllm.org).

Green Lake Bible Camp is located 2 miles East of Spicer, MN on the south side of Green Lake. 9916 Lake Avenue South, Spicer.

July 22-23 – Friday- Saturday

### *Relay for Life 4 pm to 12 am*

AES Ministries will be working/in charge of the **food stand** during this event. Many of our members commented on what a wonderful opportunity this was as a community outreach/ social ministry project to give back to our community and help the American Cancer Society. I am looking for people to help me plan to feed as many as 1,000 people who attend the evening's event.

I have organized four basic committees:

1. Organizing people to work shifts throughout the evening at the food stand.
2. Food stand setup and teardown after the evening's event.
3. Plan menu and organize for evening dinner and throughout the evening's event.
4. Contacting businesses and individuals to sponsor and donate food items (cookies, pizza, water, etc.)

Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in helping me plan and organize this year's event. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Terry Engel – 375-5110; cell-507-720-2336; tshengel@mchsi.com

July 25-29 – Monday – Friday

### *Vacation Bible School*

Children, ages 3 through sixth graders, will be attending **Vacation Bible School** at Augustana from 8:30 -11:30 am. The theme is *Cave Quest Following Jesus The Light of the World*. In addition to the classes, there will be art, music, and recreation sessions, plus snacks.

Vacation Bible School students will take part in the worship service on July 31st at 10:00 am at Augustana. All are invited to attend!

August 14 – Sunday

### *Church Picnic*

The Annual AES Ministries Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. The worship schedule for that day will switch:

**8:30 am Worship at Augustana**

**10:00 am Worship at East**

**11:00 am Church Picnic at East**

### *Flag Day is June 14<sup>th</sup>*

On June 14th, the United States commemorates the day in 1777 when the Continental Congress adopted a resolution saying that the flag of the United States would consist of "...13 stripes, alternate red and white, that the 'Union' be 13 stars, within a blue field..." The resolution did not describe the arrangement of the stars or allow for the changes that would be necessary as more states joined the Union. When Kentucky and Vermont became part of the country, a new resolution was passed in 1794, giving the flag 15 stars and 15 stripes.

Fortunately, Captain Samuel C. Reid of the U.S. Navy realized that the flag would soon be a very strange shape if a stripe were added for each state. He brought this to the attention of Congress and in 1818 a law was passed. It stated that the stripes on the U.S. flag would stay the same (13) to represent the 13 original colonies, and a new star would be added for each state as it joined the Union. The flag has changed many times since then.

## AES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 4, 2016

The Joint AES Council met on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 7:30 pm at Augustana. The following were present: Teresa Andrews, Leora Ask, Rick Carlson, Deanna Hoffman, Kris Suess, Greg Thulien, Pr. Kathleen, and Susan Anderson. Tom Anderson and Creig Noren were absent. Visitor: Terry Engel  
 Greg Thulien opened the meeting. Leora Ask led us in devotions with “Living in Hope”.

### **PASTOR’S REPORT:**

Pr. Kathleen is happy to be busy with her pastoral duties.

### **DOFFM:**

Rick Carlson informed us Bible School will be held July 25-29. One of those days will be spent at East.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Because of unforeseen federal deductions the amount each church will be receiving from the federal rebate through Congregation Consulting Services will be lessened. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to deduct the fees from the rebate check; then issue a check to each church rather than having each church receive a check and then pay the fees. The total Augustana will receive is \$3,044.76; East \$1,014.92.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Terry Engel reported on the 2016 Relay for Life. The kickoff, a pancake breakfast with the theme “Color Your World Purple”, is May 15 from 9 am -1 pm at the Legion. AES Ministries is in charge of serving the food. Terry will be presenting a work sign-up sheet at each church on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Thrivent Action Funds will help with the food costs.

Terry also gave us information about the Relay for Life.

The AES Annual Picnic will be August 14<sup>th</sup>. Final plans will be made at the July meeting.

The Summer Worship schedule is being worked on by the Worship and Music Committee.

The Thanksgiving Joint Worship Service was discussed. All agreed that it was a success, and the plans for the 2016 service should proceed as planned.

In 2016, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day fall on Sundays. We need to think about how to do worship on those two days. Some options were: one joint service, a regular Sunday schedule, invite other churches to participate. There will have to be a service at 8:30 am or 9:00 am because we will be on the radio each of those Sundays. This information will be brought back to each council.

Bishop Jon Anderson visited Augustana and East. He was pleased that our partnership is working so well.

There is a possibility that there could be another joint worship service with a Gospel Band in the Fall. A Gospel Band, made up of some of the members of the Blue Grass Band, would like to come present their worship service. More information will be presented.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting will be on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Augustana.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson

## AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN COUNCIL MINUTES -- May 11, 2016

Present: Dominique Berg, Kathy Eiden, Terry Engel, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Mark Kulseth, Stan Kunkel, Kari Miest, Greg Thulien, Lynn Watson, Pr. Kathleen & Judy Thulien

Absent: Rick Carlson & Jessie Shores

President Mark Kulseth called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by Deanna Hoffman titled “The Black Dot”.

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- \* MSC to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2016, council meeting as printed.
- \* Treasurer's report was presented by Judy Thulien. MSC to approve as presented. We have received a billing from Waste Management for overload on trash removal for \$85.00 which was because of debris from the bathroom remodel. Since this is a one-time charge and out of the ordinary amount, it was decided to stay on the same schedule we have set up. We received notice that we will be receiving a real estate evaluation. We are not taxed on real estate. The balance received for the Compensation refund was \$5,059.68. The fee for the consultant was \$1,00.00. The net refund for Augustana is \$3,044.76 (75%).

**Pastor Kathleen:**

Has been busy with regular duties and visitations. She did recap a meeting that that she and some representatives of Augustana had with Bishop Jon. It is so encouraging to hear how well we are working and worshiping with East in our partnership.

**AES Ministries:**

Greg Thulien reported on the meeting from May 4<sup>th</sup>. Discussed were the Relay breakfast on May 15<sup>th</sup>, and the AES picnic that is to be held on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Also discussed were the Thanksgiving worship for Sunday evening. MSC to proceed with it again this year. Service will be a First Presbyterian with Pr. Kathleen preaching. Ideas were shared for Christmas Day and New Year's Day that are both Sundays. Will be discussed further at the next meeting which will be July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**DOFFM Rick:**

Will report at the June meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education:**

VBS is July 25 - 29<sup>th</sup>. Also discussed was the possibility of starting a "Kids School" on Wednesday evening during the school year. Kathy Eiden, Rick, and Pr. Kathleen along with the Committee are researching and planning for this possibility.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:**

They are developing a Visitors Bag that can be picked up in the Narthex, explaining about Augustana and thanking them for visiting.

**Finance:** No meeting

**Property/Cemetery:**

Greg has been changing out some of the light bulbs, as we move to LED. Stan reported on the door replacement. Main doors are recommended to be steel at cost of \$2,757.99. They are cheaper and will hold up much longer. The south door will be replaced, keeping the stain glass inset as it is now, with a 42" door that can accommodate caskets, at a cost of \$1,791.99. MSC to proceed with the purchase of both to have them installed before next fall. Research is still being done for a copier with the sort and fold option. This copier would replace the two we currently have that are not working properly. Kristin Gertsema and Judy Thulien will work with Kyla to check options available for us.

**Youth Ministries:**

Rummage sale is May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 PM and Hot Dog Days is May 21<sup>st</sup>. Set up for rummage sale will be on Thursday in the Social Hall.

**Worship & Music:**

Planning for summer worship. Senior Recognition will be May 29<sup>th</sup> at 9AM at Coffee Hour with worship service at 10 AM. Worship time at Augustana will go to 10 AM beginning May 29<sup>th</sup> and continuing thru Labor Day weekend. AES picnic is August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Covered by Committee Reports.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mark updated on the talks for a parking lot. First Lutheran of Butterfield has asked if we would be open to include their students in our Confirmation. Pr. Kathleen will talk with Pr. Murilla Whitney.

**Next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM \*\*Note time change\*\***

**Devotions: Jim Harrington**

**Communion Servers:**

June 5<sup>th</sup> - Stan Kunkel & Jessie Shores

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Eiden, Jim Harrington, Jessie Shores & Greg Thulien

July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dominique Berg & Mark Kulseth

July 10 - Dominique Berg, Kathy Eiden, Terry Engel, & Lynn Watson

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Deanna Hoffman

**EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - May 12, 2016**

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 7 p.m.. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Creig Noren, Wayne Jurgens, Susan Anderson and Cindy Torkelson.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Tom Anderson.

Motion by Wayne, seconded by Creig and passed to accept the April 2016 amended minutes.

Treasurer, Creig Noren presented his report. Motion by Wayne, seconded by Janet and passed to approve report.

In the absence of Jana Anderson, Financial Secretary, her report was presented and tabled until next meeting.

Tom read a letter from Rick Carlson.

**AES report** was given by Susan Anderson. A few highlights were:

1. East Sveadahl's portion of the refund for pastor's health care is \$1014.92.
2. AES Picnic will be on August 14.
3. July 25-30 will be Vacation Bible School.
4. As per request, Susan will have a few copies of the Sunday lessons in large print available for each Sunday service.

See the complete AES report in the newsletter.

In the absence of Rick Carlson, DOFFM, no report was given, but see newsletter for written report.

**Old Business:**

1. Tom met with the Johnson Door Company regarding the front doors. Further information is needed on updating of the doors.
2. A discussion took place on how to post the meaning of our windows so it will be available to anyone wishing information on this. Tom will continue to pursue options.

**New Business:**

1. We discussed reaching out to our shut-ins. The WELCA does a great job of this. Another possibility would be sending cards to members who are further away since an actual visit isn't always possible.
  2. Susan will send cards to our visitors thanking them for coming and hope they will visit again in the future.
  3. Work day will be June 11. Everyone's help is needed.
- The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
The next meeting will be Thursday, June 9, 2016, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist

## **AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES -- May 11, 2016**

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Lisa Carlson, Carol Zarn

Judy Berg opened meeting with devotions.

Secretary and treasurer reports were approved.

WELCA will help serve lunch at Pleasant View for the June birthdays on June 8th, at 2 P.M.

Kathy Eiden will lead the program. The program will also be presented at Brandt Ridge at 3 P.M.

Volunteers needed to help serve.

Judy Berg, Sally Engel, and Judy Anderson will be attending the Synodical Gathering, Willmar, on June 17th and 18th. Judy Anderson being the delegate.

Guest Night at Augustana is set for Sunday, September 18th, at 2 P.M.

Gods Work our Hands and Rally Sunday is September 11th.

Children's Sabbath is October 16th.

WELCA donated \$1,000.00 to the Campership Fund. It was suggested that chairs could be purchased to place in the hallway outside the Fire Side Room as another WELCA project.

We are invited to East Sveadahl WELCA Birthday party on Wednesday, May 18th, at 6:30 P.M.

Would there be any interest in attending Church Basement Women 's play at the Plymouth Theater? Would like your feedback.

Lydia Circle has made a decision to disband, effective immediately. Members may choose to join an existing circle.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next WELCA Board Meeting is Wednesday, June 15th, at 6 P.M.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

## **EAST SVEADAHL WELCA MEETING MINUTES – May 18, 2016**

The East Sveadahl Women of ELCA held their annual Birthday Party on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm. President Janet Bloomquist welcomed all our guests from area churches and members to our annual Birthday Party. East members were overjoyed to have such a good turnout with many church friends in attendance. Thank you to all for joining us.

Janet shared a reading entitled "Art of Joy" followed by singing of the Table Prayer. Lunch was served by Committee #2, Program by committee # 1, and Decorating by committee #3. A delicious salad luncheon was served along with angel food cake with strawberries.

The program began with a duet sung by Hailey Johnson and Mackenzie Blickem accompanied by Lisa Shellum. Song was "The Rose".

Devotions were given by Pastor Kathleen from Matthew 6, "Live in the moment, don't worry about tomorrow", followed by prayer.

Lisa Shellum sang "On Eagles Wings".

Reading was shared by Joann Jensen. It reminded us that God will walk us through anything, take time for precious memories, and make memories every day.

We all sang the Happy Birthday song to each other. The program continued with a favorite hymn sing. All were asked to write on paper passed around of favorite songs to be sung. A few favorites sung were: "My Life Flows On In Endless Song", "Amazing Grace", "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", "Just a Closer Walk", "God Be With You Till We Meet Again", "In The Garden", "How Great Thou Art", "I Love to Tell the Story", "When Peace Like a River", "Here I Am Lord", "The Old Rugged Cross", "Beautiful Savior", "This Is My Father's World", "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore", and "Onward Christian Soldier".

Offering was then taken and will be given to Relay for Life 2016.

Closing song "Precious Lord Take My Hand" was sung followed by sharing of the Lord's Prayer.

Janet thanked everyone for attending our annual birthday party.

Secretary, Sonja Coleman

# DOFFM REPORT

As we head into the summer, we look back on the past year to decide what changes can be made to improve the programs for our youth. A couple of those are listed below. Keep in mind that there is still much to be discussed and details to be ironed out, but this gives you an idea of the direction we are leaning toward. You will receive more detailed information as we move forward.

## *Wednesday night Sunday School:*

We have seen a sharp drop in attendance over the last few years. However, our Wednesday night Christmas Program practices and dress rehearsal were well attended. We also had strong numbers of kids for our Lenten services. Other churches have been successful with this and it would seem to be the logical next step. Keep in mind, we would not be eliminating Sunday School on Sunday, but the format for Sundays would be different.

## *Entrance Conferences:*

I attended a workshop last fall where the church that was presenting did this. It is a great opportunity to meet parents and youth, gather information, and share ideas. It is also a chance for everyone to be able to put a face to a name. As we move forward, the ability and willingness of the youth leader, parents, and kids to work together is critical.

Also, remember that this is a combined newsletter for June and July. There will be no report next month.

## *3rd-6th Graders (Previous school year)*

**June 12(Re-scheduled):** Zoo trip to Minnesota Zoo. We will leave from Augustana at 8:00 am. We will leave from the zoo at 4:00 pm and be back by 8:00 pm. The cost is \$6 plus spending money for food and souvenirs. Scholarships are available. We will probably eat 2 meals, one at the zoo and supper when we come home. I would suggest setting aside money for "food only" that I or another adult can hold onto. This will prevent someone from running out of money before we have supper in the evening. I may need drivers/chaperones for this event. Also, I will need a signed parent permission form for each youth that is going.

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## 7th-12th Graders (Previous school year)

**June 17(Re-scheduled):** Lock-in at East Sveadahl. The cost is \$3. I will be sending a letter to everyone with all the details.

**July 21-24:** Boundary Water trip. There were a limited numbers of spaces available at the printing of this report so contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in going. The cost is \$30.

**July 22:** The youth have been asked to again help serve food during Relay for Life. I will get you the times of the shifts and more details when we get a little closer.

## BIBLE CAMP

**June 26-July 1:** Camp week for grades 2-12 at Green Lake and Shores of St. Andrews.

## BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 25-29:** Vacation Bible School will be held from 8:30-11:30 am for anyone who is 3 years old through 6th grade as of last September 1. There is no cost for this. You will be receiving an information letter in June.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**June 7 and July 5:** Education Committee meeting at 1:00 pm.

**June 8 and July 13:** Youth Committee meeting at 5:15 pm.

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### *Worship Schedule*

#### *June*

**June 5:** 8:30am Communion, East  
10:00 am Communion, Augustana

**June 12:** 8:30 am Worship, East  
10:00 am Communion, Augustana

**June 19, 26:**  
8:30 am Worship, East  
10:00 am Worship, Augustana

#### *July*

**July 3:** 8:30am Communion, East  
10:00 am Communion, Augustana

**July 10:** 8:30 am Worship, East  
10:00 am Communion, Augustana

**July 17, 24, 31:**  
8:30 am Worship, East  
10:00 am Worship, Augustana

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