

# AES MINISTRIES

## Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

### June/July Newsletter

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#### *From The Pastor*

#### Over and Over

Recently I was the worship leader for the Sunday afternoon worship at Brandt Ridge and Pleasant View. I shared a message based on a familiar passage from the Gospel of John, about how we are to love one another as Jesus loved us. One of the folks who attended the service thanked me for sharing and talked to me about how she needed to hear that message again. She was making the point that as familiar as a passage is and no matter how many times a person has heard it, we all have a tendency to forget. So, we need to hear it again. I agreed with her wholeheartedly! It is so easy to forget what we have learned and we need to hear the Good News of God's love for us over and over again.

When we hear a familiar passage or story again, we may not only learn something new, but we are also reminded of how that truth has helped us or changed us in the past. That's the point my friend at Pleasant View was making. As I left Pleasant View that afternoon, I began to think of how hearing certain pieces of scripture again and again has helped me navigate life. When I doubt myself, I need to remember how at the end of the creation story God looked at everything and said, "it is very good." Or when life is chaotic, I need to remember again Jesus calming the storm with "peace, be still." When I'm overwhelmed, I remember Jesus saying, "Come to me all who labor and are carrying heavy burdens...and I will give you rest for your soul." When I need help forgiving, I need to hear again how Joseph (Old Testament) forgave his brothers. However, there are many times I don't even recognize I need to hear something again, but through worship and daily devotions God continues to teach me and remind me.

Like my friend at Pleasant View, I need help remembering God's promises and commands for my life and our life together. We all do. We get that in worship, in our daily devotions, in bible study, and in our fellowship together. The pace of summer is different for many people. We have family reunions, family trips, weddings, graduations, ball games...so many things that take us away on the week-ends and often take us away from our own congregation. Find a place to worship this summer, wherever you are, so you can hear again and again God's love and promises for you. If you have to miss Sunday worship, bring along a devotion. Enjoy these summer months and find time to hear God's Word so that you can say like my friend, "Thank you, I needed that."

Pastor Kathleen

## **AUGUSTANA - JUNE**

### **Circles**

No Sewing Circle June thru August

June 4: Martha Circle-6:00 pm, Voss Park  
Deanna Hoffman, hostess

June 11: Rebecca Circle-12 Noon, Lola's in  
New Ulm-No Bible Study

### **Acolytes**

June 2: Lizabeth Lothert, Lydia Overson

June 9: Austin Spitzner, Ava Spitzner

June 16: Maya Kulseth, Allison Bluedorn

June 23: Volunteers needed (9:00 am)

June 30: Hayleigh Lingbeek, Vivian Leach

### **Communion Servers**

June 2: Dominique Berg, Terry Engel  
Greg Thulien, Kari Miest

June 9: Lyle Anderson, Stephanie Reid  
Jeff Nelson, Paul Missling

### **Greeters**

June 2: Adam & Ashley Johnson

June 9: Marge Jenkins

June 16: Roger & Mary Jo Hagen

June 23: Jim & Jean Leopold (9:00 am)

June 30: Stan & Nancy Kunkel

### **Lectors**

June 2: Kari Miest

June 9: Les Zellmann

June 16: Jim Moody

June 23: Terry Engel (9:00 am)

June 30: Ruth Haler

### **Altar Guild**

Jayne Anderson, Linda Connell, Sally Engel,  
Heidi Engel, Joyce Nelson,  
Louise Olson, Becky Cobb

### **Radio Sponsor**

The radio broadcast on **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** from  
**Augustana** is available for a sponsor.

### **Radio Broadcasts**

Sponsor a month for \$65.00

March through August broadcasts are from  
East Sveadahl due to early service times.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

June 2 – Kristi Zellmann

## **AUGUSTANA - JUNE**

### **Ushers**

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

### **Coffee Hour**

June 2: Youth Committee serves

June 9: Darrell & Leora Ask, Judy Sizer

June 16: John & Jeanne Miest

Ron & Becky Cobb

June 23: Darrick & Kari Miest

Ruth Haler

June 30: Jim & Jackie Harrington

Dorothy Christianson

### **Memorials**

In Memory of Lois Overson

\$170.00 – Undesignated

In Memory of Spike Ewert

\$110.00 – Stained Glass Windows Fund

### **Missionary Sponsors**

June 2: Jim & Judy Anderson

June 9: Martha Circle

June 16: Joyce & late Roger Pierson family

June 23: Lynn Watson

June 30: Marge Jenkins

### **Altar Flowers**

June 9: Roger & Mary Jo Hagen and family  
in memory of loved ones

The following dates are available:

June 2, June 16, June 23, and June 30

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.

### **Transitions**

#### **Funerals**

James "Spike" Ewert passed away on April 25<sup>th</sup> and  
his funeral was held at Augustana on May 3, 2019.

Please continue to keep his family in your thoughts  
and prayers.

#### **Transfers**

Henry Peters transferred to  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Akeley, MN

## **AUGUSTANA – JULY**

### **Circles**

July 2: Martha Circle hosting Women's  
Morning Out at Hometown 9:30 am

### **Acolytes**

July 7: Hayden Davis, Dawson Gertsema  
July 14: Sydney Grossmann, Allison Larson  
July 21: Talyn Tande, Levi Miest  
July 28: Brandi Pierson, William Knaack

### **Communion Servers**

July 7:  
July 14:

### **Greeters**

July 7: Ron & Becky Cobb  
July 14: Adam & Ashley Johnson  
July 21: Roger & Mary Jo Hagen  
July 28: Jim & Jean Leopold

### **Lectors**

July 7: Terry Engel  
July 14: Kristen Gertsema  
July 21: Judy Thulien  
July 28: Leora Ask

### **Altar Guild**

Nancy Kunkel, Deanna Hoffman, Pat Westman,  
Bonnie Reid, Judy Sizer, LeeAnn Nibbe.

### **Radio Sponsor**

The radio broadcast on July 28<sup>th</sup> from  
East Sveadahl is sponsored by  
Augustana Churchmen.

### **Radio Broadcasts**

Sponsor a month for \$65.00  
March through August broadcasts are from  
East Sveadahl due to early service times.

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

July 7<sup>th</sup> – Deb Style

## **AUGUSTANA – JULY**

### **Ushers**

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

### **Coffee Hour**

July 7: Ray & Judy Berg  
Myron & Sally Engel  
July 14: Jim & Judy Anderson, Ruth Haler  
July 21: Gene & Carol Zarn  
Greg & Judy Thulien  
July 28: Jim & Jean Leopold  
John & Jeanne Miest

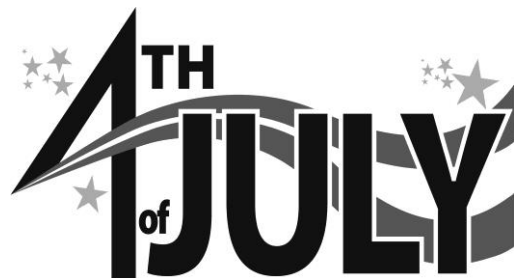
### **Missionary Sponsors**

July 7, 14, 21, 28 – Augustana Churchmen

### **Altar Flowers**

The month of July is available for furnishing  
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.



**EAST - JUNE**

**RADIO BROADCASTS**

- June 2: First Lutheran, St. James
- 9: Albion
- 16: First Lutheran, St. James
- 23: Augustana
- 30: East

**ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Janet and Lori

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Janet and Evonne

**VISITING COMMITTEE**

Kris and Erma

**WELCA HOSTESSES**

No June Meeting

**USHERS**

Jerry and Lynette

**LECTORS**

- June 2: Jerry Noren
- 9: Mike Menssen
- 16: Paul Torkelson
- 23: Joint Worship Augustana 9:00 am  
Joint Community Worship Service
- 30: Erma Griffith

**RADIO SPONSORS**

- June 30: Cora Noren's Family
- September 29: No Sponsor
- December 29: Wally and Phyllis Jurgens

**WORK DAY**

The East Council has set **Saturday, June 8<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! The list is long; there is plenty to do. Will you come and help? We plan to start by **9:00 am**. Lunch will be provided by Tom. Thanks in advance!

**EAST - JUNE**

**TRANSITIONS:**

The Service of Christian Burial was held for:

**James Ewert**, father of Mary Jo Hagen and father-in-law of Bernie Jurgens, on May 3, 2019 at Augustana.

**LaMae Hippen**, mother of Joyce Sizer, on May 4, 2019, at St. Paul's Lutheran.

May God's peace comfort their families and friends.

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

**STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:**

Needed through April	\$22,900.00
Received through April	15,001.90
Behind through April	- \$ 7,898.10
Receive in April	\$ 4,369.18

**Happy Birthday  
Happy Baptismal Date**

- 5 Gary Bridges 10-9
- 9 Ireland Essler 8-06
- 10 Tyrell Sizer 7-18
- 14 Lorita Nasman 7-12
- 15 Wes Beck 7-17
- Marie Christenson 7-4
- Raymond Kleinow 8-30
- 18 Macey Shellum 8-11
- Mallory Shellum 8-11
- 19 Kale Jurgens 10-05
- 20 Bill Menssen 7-16
- Debra Noren 7-31
- 21 Sandy Husby 7-28
- 23 Betty Fast 6-23
- 24 Jerry Noren 9-02
- 25 Francey Anderson 9-01
- 25 Annika Torkelson 7-06
- 28 Matthew Jurgens 8-01
- 29 Wilma Wolner 2-12

Additions or corrections? Please contact Susan.

**EAST - JULY**

**RADIO BROADCASTS**

July 7: First Lutheran, St. James  
14: Albion  
21: First Lutheran, St. James  
28: East

**ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Lynette and Lisa

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Wayne and Janet

**VISITING COMMITTEE**

Vickie, Evonne, Janet

**WELCA HOSTESSES**

No July Meeting

**USHERS**

Paul and Cindy

**LECTORS**

July 7: Wayne Jurgens  
14: Mike Menssen  
21: James Nasman  
28: Joann Jensen

**RADIO SPONSORS**

September 29: No Sponsor  
December 29: Wally and Phyllis Jurgens  
If you would like to sponsor the September broadcast, please let Susan know. Thanks!

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

There will be NO Worship Service at East on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a joint worship service at Augustana at 9:00 am that day.

You are encouraged to attend the St. James Community Worship Service at 10:30 am at the High School Event Center. This service is part of the Railroad Day celebration.

The offering will go to the High School Food Shelf.

**EAST - JULY**

**TRANSITIONS:**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:**

Needed through May \$28,625.00  
Received through May  
Ahead/Behind through May  
Received in May

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
HAPPY BAPTISMAL DATE**

- 1 Michael Forsyth 10-10
- Andrea Rubishko 9-29
- 10 Steven Noren 9-11
- 12 Paul Torkelson 9-07
- 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 10-01
- Erma Griffith 8-17
- 28 Simon Beck 8-20
- Adam Johnson 8-19
- 31 Jeannette Nasman 10-4

Additions or corrections? Please contact Susan.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Thank you.

## AES May News Upcoming Events

### Senior Recognition

Graduation Sunday is June 2! We will recognize and bless our six graduates that morning at 10:30 am worship at Augustana. We will have coffee and cake in their honor during the coffee hour, beginning at 9:30 am. The following Augustana youth will be graduating from St. James High School:

Amber Carlson  
Samuel Kulseth

Olivia Fredin  
Jennifer Lothert

Kennedy Gertsema  
Destiny Whitehead

Let us continue to hold them in prayer as they begin the next part of their journey.

### Graduation Open House

A Graduation Open House for Kennedy Gertsema will be held on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-4 p.m. at the St. James Eagles Club. Please come and help us celebrate!

Rick Carlson and Lisa Carlson would like to invite you to Amber's graduation party on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the afternoon, at 2 Crystal Court.

### Vacation Bible School

**ROAR! LIFE IS WILD - LIFE IS GOOD June 3 - 7, 2019**

Vacation Bible School begins on June 3. It is not too late to register, but please register soon so have enough supplies. Registration forms are available at [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org). VBS will be held from 8:30-11:30 each. You can follow VBS on the Augustana/East Sveadahl Facebook page. Please keep our children and staff in your prayers.

### Bible Camp

AES Ministries week at Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is June 16-21. Please keep our youth in your prayers that this be a time of growing in faith, having fun, and building friendships. Along with our youth, we have youth from St. James United Methodist church attending.

Please keep these young people and the camp staff in your prayers: Hayleigh Lingbeek, Maren Bluedorn, Allison Bluedorn, Marshall Smith, Adrian Rodriguez-Farr, Connor Pierson, Allison Larson, Lydia Overson, Brody Overson, Levi Miest, Elizabeth Shores, Talyn Tande, Erick Avila, Jena Knaack, Parker Joosten, Mitchell Joosten, William Knaack, Ehrich Knaack, Dylan Reid, Vivian Leach, Austin Spitzner, Maya Kulseth, Cataline DeLaCruz, Hayden Davis, Sydney Grossmann, Kellen Dirksen.

### Community Worship Service

A Community Worship Service will be held at 10:30 a.m., June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the St. James High School Event Center. This worship service will be a part of Railroad Days weekend. AES Ministries will participate. All are welcome to come and worship our Lord together. The local singing group "Attitude" will lead and provide music and various pastors and lay leaders will help lead the worship service. The St. James Ministerium is planning the worship service. No worship at East Sveadahl on this day and 9:00 worship at Augustana.

## WELCA NEWS - Augustana

No **Sewing Circle** June thru August

June 4: **Martha Circle**-6:00 pm, Voss Park, Deanna Hoffman, hostess

June 11: **Rebecca Circle**-12 Noon, Lola's in New Ulm-No Bible Study

**WELCA Board** meeting will be Sunday, June 9th, at 9:15 in the Fireside Room. There will be no meeting in July.

## WELCA Ladies Brunch July Outing.

Martha Circle hosting. All women of the church are invited to attend. **MORNING BRUNCH** (Off the Menu on your own) **HOMETOWN CAFÉ TUESDAY JULY 2, 2019, 9:30 AM**

Please RSVP by June 27, Thursday – to Judy Anderson 375-3462 or Nancy Kunkel 375-3926

## Watowan County Relay for Life-2019

The annual Watowan County Relay for Life will be on Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM- 12:00 AM at the Watowan County Fairgrounds. AES Ministries will again be preparing and serving the evening meal at the food stand. If you have any questions, please contact me at 507-375-5110 or 507-720-2336. Thanks for your support! Terry Engel, Leadership Team member - Watowan County Relay For Life

## East Sveadahl WELCA Cook Book

We're still looking for your favorite, best, most loved recipes!! If you haven't submitted your recipes for the anniversary cookbook, please do so! We are looking for more recipes. The deadline has been extended to Sunday, June 2. Recipes can be mailed to Lynne Rolshoven, 928 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., St. James; emailed to [lrolshoven@isd840.org](mailto:lrolshoven@isd840.org); or put into the plastic box on the table in the entry. Thanks!

## Noisy Offering – June 30<sup>th</sup>

Whenever there are five Sundays in a month, a special “Noisy” offering for a mission outside our congregations is taken. Start saving your coins for this special offering on June 30<sup>th</sup>!

## Bridal Shower

There will be an Open House Bridal Shower for Becky Newberg, fiancé of Ben Christenson, on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at East. The couple is registered at Target, Kohl's, and The Collage. Everyone is welcome!

## Thank You's

Thank you to WELCA for the flowers and visit with us.

Bette & Don Flater

Thank you to our Church family for the prayers, cards and memorials in the loss of my brother Wayne and mom (Gramma) Dellia Helgeson. Blessings, Stan & Nancy Kunkel, Kyla & Kait Schломann

Thank you so much to Augustana WELCA for the beautiful bouquet for Secretary's Day! Sue Melheim

Thank you for your lovely donation of quilts for our shelter. We greatly appreciate your support as do the families that we serve.

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Thank you to Pastor Kathleen and Deacon Lyla for the visits to the nursing home. My dad always looked forward to and enjoyed them. We know many topics were discussed, but it was the talks on faith, God, church, and family that were of great comfort to him. God's blessings on our Augustana church family. Your visits truly made the days seem not so long. He liked hearing about any church projects, our youth, new members, and any construction going on. Thank you for your prayers, concerns, cards and support. Thank you to Myron and Cec for your beautiful music, and everyone that helped with the wonderful lunch, provided cake, and those that helped with cleanup. Our family is blessed to be a member of this church. The family of James "Spike" Ewert – Roger & Mary Jo Hagen and family

## Church Picnic – Save the Date!

The Annual AES Ministries Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at East Sveadahh.

## Facebook/Website

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

## 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 – (H) 507-439-6940 or (C) 507-227-9250.

## 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.

## Partner Ministry/Community Events

### David Fretham Retirement

Join us and celebrate David G. Fretham's 40<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination and his Retirement on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Open House 2-4 pm, Short Program at 2:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, 122 West Central St., Springfield, MN

### 2019 Synod Assembly

June 7-8, 2019 at the Redwood Area Community Center (RACC), Redwood Falls, MN.

*Theme: Everyday Spirituality* If you have questions about the 2019 Synod Assembly, please call Tammy Sather in the Synod Office at 507.627.9041 or email her at [tammy.sather@swmnelca.org](mailto:tammy.sather@swmnelca.org).

### Upcoming Green Lake Lutheran Ministry Events

**Volunteer Week** - June 9-14 Free! Week of service at Green Lake or Shoes of St. Andrews

**Women of the Church Camp Days** - June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-2pm Join us during Volunteer Week for a day of fun and service! Worship with the campers on site, collaborate on a variety of service projects for all ability levels and experience a fun day at camp!

**Quilt Auction** July 26-27 Green Lake Bible Camp



## Invitation

East Women are cordially invited to a Friendship Salad Luncheon provided by the Women of New Hope in Comfrey on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The theme this year is “The Era of Hats” with guest speaker Kathleen Backer, Director of the Brown County Historical Society. If you have a hat of special significance to you, please wear it and share it! Hope to see you there!

## Albion Lutheran Church Bazaar

The Annual Albion Lutheran Church Bazaar is being held on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> with serving of food beginning at 12:00 Noon and the auction begins at 1:30 pm. Please mark the date and join us for some good fellowship, food and the auction excitement!

## Mayo Clinic Health Systems Volunteers

Mayo Clinic Health System-St. James is looking for individuals who would be willing to give their time to volunteer. If interested in becoming a volunteer at the Medical Center please call Hannah Rushing at 507-375-8602 or email [rushing.hannah@mayo.edu](mailto:rushing.hannah@mayo.edu). We have regular weekly shifts including the Clinic Information Desk and the Transitional Care Unit.



## AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - May 8, 2019

Present: Lyle Anderson, Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson, John Coleman, Terry Engel, Kristen Gertsema, Kari Miest, Paul Missling, Jeff Nelson, Steph Reid, Kyla Schломann, Greg Thulien, Deanna Hoffman, Judy Thulien  
President Dominique Berg called the meeting to order at 7:57pm. J. Coleman shared devotions.

Julie Peterson, Watonwan County Emergency Management was present to ask permission to use our parking lot during an emergency where the Armory would need to be opened for mass sheltering such as during a blizzard when the roads are closed or after a tornado for those who need shelter. She also discussed the need for volunteers for a mass dispensing plan that is in the works. Motion by L. Carlson, second by G. Thulien to allow use of the parking lot during an emergency for mass sheltering. Motion carried.

Motion by G. Thulien, second by S. Reid to approve March 13, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

- Old Church Doors – There is currently no plan for them. An announcement will be put in the bulletin that if anyone wants them, they can donate to the Stained-Glass Window fund for them.
- Chairs for Graduation – R. Carlson has requested the use of our chairs for graduation. It was agreed that would be just fine to allow that use.
- Filming Replacement – Rick Carlson will be done filming our Sunday Service as of June 16, 2019. We need a replacement for this as it is very important to our ministry. He is willing to train whoever takes over this job.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Kathleen reported that she has 3 baptisms coming up. Graduation recognition is June 2<sup>nd</sup> and cake will be served at coffee hour. We will also do continuous communion on that day. Baccalaureate will be held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran Church and we need to supply 2 pans of bars. June 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Community Worship service at the High School Event Center at 10:30am, Attitude will be playing, and the offering will go towards the High School food shelf. November 6, 2019, we will have the Watonwan River Conference Confirmation event at First Lutheran. (continued)

**AES Report:** August 4<sup>th</sup> will be the AES picnic out at East. Augustana is in charge of salads, entertainment, chips, and paper products. September 8, 2019 is God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

**Giving Report:** D. Hoffman presented the financial report for review.

**Treasury Report:** J. Thulien presented the April treasurers report. Motion by S. Reid, second by P. Missling to approve the treasurer report as presented by Judy Thulien. Motion carried.

**Education Committee:** Reviewed TLC from the 2018-2019 school year. Have been working on getting workers lined up for VBS. Adult bible study went well and another one is being planned for Advent next year.

**Evangelism Committee:** Terry wished to thank Stan Kunkel for the collection box for the Stained-Glass window fund. Working on ideas for God's Work Our Hands. Working on materials for new member folders and other ideas to help with reaching out. Lisa reached out to Sue to get a list of all members so that they can work on updating that and making sure we have all correct contact information for all members.

**Finance Committee:** Motion by J. Coleman, second by P. Missling to approve paying for the plaster and paint work in the Sanctuary from the Building/Roof and Undesignated Memorial Funds. Motion carried. Motion by S. Reid, second by K. Schlomann to approve upping the Budgeted amount for Green Lake to \$1,556. Motion carried. June 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a Temple Talk on Thrivent.

**Property and Cemetery Committee:** Plaster/Paint work will start the second week of June. A new valve was put on the sump pump. Paul will call on getting the carpets stretched in the Sanctuary.

**Worship & Music:** June will start Come Let Us Worship God. We are looking for people who would be interested in leading the Call to Worship. Next meeting will be August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Youth Committee:** A mini lock in is planned for June 7<sup>th</sup> at East Sveadahl for grades 5-8. We will recognize our 6 graduation seniors on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with cake at coffee hour. Next meeting will be in August.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Evaluations will be in May.
- New Defibulator pads will be ordered. The battery is good until 2021.

**Communion Servers:**

**May 12** - Terry, Steph, Kristen, Jeff

**June 2** - Dominique, Terry, Greg, Kari

**June 9** - Lyle, Steph, Jeff, Paul (Kyla will sub for Paul if need be)

**Next month's meeting:**

June 12, 2019 at 7pm – Terry Engel will share devotions

Meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer at 9:10pm.

Kyla Schlomann, Secretary

**EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – May 9, 2019**

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, May 9, 2019. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Wayne Jurgens, Erma Griffith, Evonne Moll, James Nasman, Susan Anderson, Jana Anderson, and Pastor Kathleen. Tom called the meeting to order and Pastor Kathleen opened with prayer.

As there was no meeting in April due to the weather, the Secretary's report from March was approved as read.

Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented her written report. Jana Anderson, Financial Secretary, presented her report. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Erma, and passed to approve both reports.

A discussion on the Lenten offerings and food donation money took place. The total amount was \$676.00 and will be divided and given to three different organizations as follows:

\$200.00 to Operation Concern

\$276.00 to the Food Shelf

\$200.00 to ELCA World Hunger

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

Pastor Kathleen talked about a Watonwan River Conference Confirmation Event that will take place on November 6, 2019 at First Lutheran Church in St. James. Donations are needed to help pay for this event. A motion by Erma, seconded by Evonne, and passed to give \$500.00 to the event from the Tithing fund. Thankful for all the gifted money from estates and the sale of the parsonage, East Sveadahl was able to take 10% of that money and establish the Tithing Fund which allows us to support events such as this. To date we have \$8,255.00 in the fund.

**Pastor Kathleen** highlighted the following:

- \$5,100.00 was raised for campers at the Blue Grass Sunday lunch.
- A Community Church Service will be held on Sunday, June 23 at 10 a.m. at the High School Event Center in St. James. This is in conjunction with the All School Reunion and Railroad Days. Everyone is invited and there will be no service at East that Sunday.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> is Baccalaureate for the Seniors at First Lutheran.
- VBS is June 3-7.
- TLC had a really good year. THANK YOU to everyone for furnishing food, teaching and helping in any way.
- Confirmation is complete for the year.

Janet presented the **AES report**. See complete report in newsletter.

Susan Anderson requested more note cards. Janet will order.

**Old Business:** The safe will be delivered next week.

**New Business:** Work-Day on Saturday, June 8.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be June 13, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

### **AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 1, 2019**

The AES Ministries Joint Council met on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Augustana. The following members were present: Leora Ask, Judy Berg, Steph Reid, Greg Thulien, Wayne Jurgens, Teresa Andrews, Michael Menssen, Janet Bloomquist, and Pastor Kathleen.

Janet Bloomquist, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and Steph Reid opened with devotions.

#### **BUSINESS:**

The Relay for Life Breakfast Fundraiser served around 200 people and raised approximately \$3,300.00. The Relay for Life Walk night will take place on Friday, July 26, and AES will again be working in the Food Stand with Terry Engel in charge.

Baccalaureate will be Wednesday May 29 at First Lutheran Church in St. James. Each church is asked to furnish two pans of bars.

The AES picnic will be held on August 4 at East. Serving details were discussed and finalized.

Summer worship times will be 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Kathleen will be on vacation on June 23 – July 4 and July 24-31. Lyla Klee will be the pulpit supply for both churches and available for any congregational needs during this time.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday was discussed, and ideas are needed for projects for that day. Contact one of the council members with any ideas.

On Friday, June 7 from 7-11 p.m. there will be a youth lock-in at East.

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Blue Grass Sunday was again a hit. Following the joint service, a meal was served to raise funds to send our youth to Bible Camp. \$5,100.00 dollars was raised.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be July 3 and Greg volunteered to give devotions.

Secretary Pro-Temp, Janet Bloomquist

### **AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - MAY 19, 2019**

Present: Judy Berg, Jeanne Miest, Carol Zarn  
Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

Circle Presidents are to report back to Judy Berg if there are enough ladies to assist with the June birthday party at Pleasant View on June 12th. Would like to have about six volunteers to help serve the coffee, cake and ice cream after the program. Also, we would like to have anyone come and visit, have lunch, and share the afternoon with the residents.

Women's Morning Out is July 2, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. at the Home Town Café. All ladies are welcome to come. Martha Circle is hosting, so please call Nancy Kunkel by May 24th, if you plan on attending.

Several ladies attended East Sveadahl WELCA Birthday Party on Wednesday, May 15th.

Judy Anderson attended the Synodical Gathering in Marshall, May 3rd and 4th. A report on this event can be found in the newsletter.

Baccalaureate will be held at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 29th. Each Circle will furnish a pan of bars for lunch after the service.

Relay for Life is Friday, July 26th. Augustana will again have a team, and, also, will work the food stand.

Events in September: God's Work Our Hands is September 8th. Also, planning once again to have a Bakeless Bake Sale on September 29th.

Thank you's were received from Suzann Olson for the flowers and visit and from Lutheran Braille.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, June 9th, at 9:15 in the Fireside Room. There will be no meeting in July.

Our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

### **EAST SVEAD AHL WELCA BIRTHDAY PARTY – May 15, 2019**

The East Sveadahl WELCA May Annual Birthday Party was held on Wednesday, May 15. Evonne Moll opened the meeting by welcoming all our guests and wishing everyone a Happy Birthday. She also gave a quote by Abraham Lincoln that says "And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count, but it's the life in your years." We sang the table prayer, and a delicious salad supper was enjoyed by all.

The program was entitled "A Coffee Devotional". It highlighted coffee in different ways such as weak, bitter, stale, cold, and sour relating them to our Christian lives. It ended by saying "I think that's what this is all about. In order to avoid being weak, bitter, stale, cold, or sour as Christians, we have to learn to be in the presence of God more." Everyone enjoyed the humor and it made us look at our own lives as Christians.

Hymns were sung and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Evonne thanked everyone for coming, and our members for the food and program.

## SYNODICAL CONFERENCE REPORT – May 3-4, 2019

Southwestern Minnesota Women's Organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America held their 32<sup>nd</sup> Synod Convention at First Lutheran Church, Marshall, MN on May 3-4, 2019. The convention theme was: Embraced by the Winds of Grace. Theme Verse: "The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north; round and round goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns." Ecclesiastes 1:6

Friday afternoon, May 3<sup>rd</sup> was the business part of the convention with introduction of guests, scholarship participants, synod board and election of some new board members.

After a light evening meal, our entertainment for the evening was Jeff Skrien, recognized as one of the fastest growing young illusionists. Jeff has had the opportunity to perform internationally in Canada and Europe, as well as in the entertainment capital of the United States: Branson, Missouri.

Saturday morning, May 4<sup>th</sup> a large semi-trailer was waiting for us to drop off our In-Kind Offerings. The Augustana Ladies had made up 29 school kits and 4 quilts that I dropped off. All together the following in-kind offering was dropped off from Southwestern Minnesota Women: 2,134 School Kits, 941 Quilts, 169 Fleece-tie Blankets, 532 Baby Care Kits, 300 Personal Care Kits, 88 Fabric Kits, 126 Soap. Total offering collected for the two days, totaled \$6,756 in which 50% goes to Church wide Women of the ELCA, 25% to Shetek Lutheran Ministries and 25% to Lutheran Campus Ministry-Marshall.

In the morning we had Opening Worship with Holy Communion and Offering with Pastor Joyce Tollefson Capp and Sara Larson. Following worship, I attended two workshops: A Pop-Up-Choir in which was a quick to learn 2-part music that we presented to everyone at the general gathering. The other workshop was on Identity Theft and other scams: Tim Tomasek who is a Detective Sergeant with the Marshall Police Department was speaker at this workshop.

After our noon lunch our Pop-Up Choir sang and Bishop Jon Anderson said a few words. Our Guest speaker for the afternoon was Cindy McKittrick, Executive Director of Hope Harbor. She oversees the entire ministry of the homes in Marshall and Winona which each house 6 girls and a home for 12 boys in Parker, South Dakota which opened this year. These homes help educate, counsel, help with life skills and spiritual growth for young girls and boys from age 12-17 years old.

For closing, The Hallelujah Hooligans entertained us which are a group of musicians from South Dakota. They provide entertainment for fund raisers, special occasions, etc. They especially enjoy sharing the love of Christ with as many people as possible through music, word, and worship. There is never a shortage of enthusiasm and energy when the Hallelujah Hooligans are around. God is Good – all the Time!

Thank You from your delegate – Judy Anderson!