

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

June/July Newsletter

From The Pastor

This Changes Everything!

On June 24, seventeen youth and four adults from AES Ministries will leave for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. An event we have been anticipating for three years! We have the opportunity to make some educational and inspirational stops before the Gathering begins: Sixth Floor Museum in Dallas, Houston Space Center and a few hours at the beach in Galveston.

On Wednesday night, June 27, we will join with 30,000 others for the beginning of the Gathering! During the gathering we will engage in the theme “This Changes Everything.” The theme is guided by Ephesians 2:8 - “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” The days of the Gathering will be filled with interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. Each evening we will gather at the NRG Stadium for inspiring speakers, uplifting music, and more. The goal is that every young person will grow in faith and be challenged and inspired to live their faith in daily life. The cross changes us, and this Gathering will change all who attend.

This wonderful experience wouldn’t be possible without all of you! Your vision for youth ministry, your financial support, your encouragement and your prayers go with us to the Gathering. What a blessing to be a part of congregations who continue to live out the promise we make to parents and children at baptism: “to support and pray for them in their life in Christ.”

You can follow the stories of the Gathering on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using #ELCAYG2018. I will use our Facebook page to share what our group is doing each day. Please keep this group in your prayers throughout our travels to and from the Gathering: Amber Carlson, Madison Dougherty, Peyton Engelking, Sydney Engelking, Olivia Fredin, Kennedy Gertsema, Macyn Hirschman, Luci Kulseth, Sam Kulseth, Mason Lenning, Mercedes Lenning, Jennifer Lothert, Kimberly Lothert, Jackson Miest, Mackinzee Miest, Brandi Pierson, Emma Zender, Lisa Carlson, Alison Kulseth, Darrick Miest, Pastor Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner.

Pastor Kathleen

Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, June 10th following 10:00 AM Worship

To make our building more accessible to those we serve, the church council recommends we do some sidewalk and other concrete work. The first recommendation is to widen the sidewalk on the north side of the building, near our handicapped parking spots. The new sidewalk will be six feet wide. On the west side of the church the recommendation is to add eighteen feet of concrete from the curb to the end of the church. This is the alley parking area. This will help with drainage as well as make it more accessible. The church council has received bids and recommends accepting a bid from Tom Sues Construction.

Accepting the bid to do this work requires a congregational vote. Therefore, we have scheduled a congregational meeting immediately following worship on June 10. Worship will be at 10:00 AM, with the meeting immediately following.

Augustana June

Circles

June 5: Martha Circle 7:00 pm - Augustana
No Rebecca Circle until September
No Sewing Circle until September

Acolytes

June 3: Levi Miest & Mason Lenning
June 10: Dawson Gertsema & Austin Spitzner
June 17: Sydney Engelking & Brandi Pierson
June 24: William Knaack & Hayden Davis

Altar Guild

Audrey Swanson, Leora Ask, Lisa Carlson,
Judy Engelking, Tammy Larson, Janice Vetter

Blood Pressure Screening

June 3: Bryan Nelson

Communion Servers

June 3: Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson
June 10: Kari Miest, Paul Missling,
Kristen Gertsema, Kathy Eiden

Greeters

June 3: Myron & Sally Engel
June 10: Cleo Olson
June 17: Greg & Judy Thulien
June 24: Les & Kristi Zellmann

Lectors

June 3: Jim Moody
June 10: Jessie Shores
June 17: Les Zellmann
June 24: Kari Miest

Radio Sponsor

June 24th from East Sveadahl – Kaethe Morgan

Radio Broadcasts

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

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Augustana June

Ushers

Eugene Zarn, Philip Anderson, Dennis Johnson,
John Miest, Bryan Nelson, Rich Olsen,
Gary Schwanz, Bert Swenson, Greg Thulien,
Les Zellmann

Missionary Sponsors

June 3: Kaethe Morgan
June 10: Martha Circle
June 17: Martha Circle
June 24: Marge Jenkins

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

Coffee Hour

June 3: Jim & Jean Leopold, Bert & Gerry Swenson
June 10: Lisa Carlson, Ruth Haler
June 17: Gene & Carol Zarn, Cleo Olson
June 24: Jim & Judy Anderson-50th Anniversary-cake

Altar Flowers

June 3:
June 10: Stan & Nancy Kunkel - 45th Anniversary
June 17:
June 24: Jim & Judy Anderson - 50th Anniversary

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

Welcome New Members!

We welcomed the following people into our fellowship
as new members of Augustana and AES Ministries on
May 20th:

**Ron & Becky Cobb, David & Charlene Forsyth,
Greg Lingbeek,
Ashley Johnson and Talyn Tande.**

We are grateful for this group of people and look
forward to our ministry together.

Transfer

Scott Westman transferred membership to
First Lutheran Church, St. James.

Augustana July

Circles

- July 3: Martha Circle at Augustana
July 11: Ladies Night Out 6:00 pm at Plaza
Jalisco-Rebecca Circle
No Sewing Circle until September

Acolytes

- July 1: Dylan Reid & Talyn Tande
July 8: Lizabeth Lothert & Paris Morrow
July 15: Carter Wolner & Macyn Hirschmann
July 22: Maya Kulseth & Sydney Engelking
July 29: Jenna Lehmann & Sydney Grossmann

Blood Pressure Screening

- July 8: Kristi Zellmann (one week later)

Communion Servers

- July 1: John Coleman, Jim Harrington
July 8:

Greeters

- July 1: Jim & Jackie Harrington
July 8: Ruth Haler
July 15: Darrell & Leora Ask
July 22: Rick Carlson
July 29: Jayne Anderson

Lectors

- July 1: Kinzee Miest
July 8: Deb Style
July 15: Ruth Haler
July 22: Lisa Carlson
July 29: Jean Leopold

Radio Broadcasts

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The July 22nd broadcast from East Sveadahl is available for a sponsor.

Augustana July

Missionary Sponsors

- July 1:
July 8:
July 15:
July 22: Bill & Kirsten Freitag
July 29:

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

Altar Guild

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

Ushers

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

Coffee Hour

- July 1: Ray & Judy Berg
Darrell & Leora Ask
July 8: Darrick & Kari Miest
Stan & Nancy Kunkel
July 15: Dick & Marlys Gilbertson
John & Jeanne Miest
July 22: Gene & Carol Zarn
Myron & Sally Engel
July 29: Jim & Judy Anderson, Judy Sizer

Altar Flowers

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EAST - JUNE

RADIO BROADCASTS

June 3: First Lutheran, St. James
 10: Albion
 17: First Lutheran, St. James
 24: East

PRAYER CONCERNS: Evelyn, Wilma, Orval,
 Barbara, Norman, Jacob, Chloe

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Deb and Lynette

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

George and Lori

VISITING COMMITTEE

Kris and Erma

WELCA HOSTESSES

No June Meeting

USHERS

Rich & Teresa, Jerry & Lynette

LECTORS

June 3: Evonne Moll
 10: Mike Menssen
 17: Janet Bloomquist
 24: Kris Suess

RADIO SPONSORS

July 29: Wally and Phyllis Jurgens
 September 30: Harold and Viola Noren
 December 30: Herbert Noren Family

WORK DAY

The East Council has set **Saturday, June 16th** 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 **9:00 am.** Lunch will be provided by Tom and the Jensens! Thanks in advance!

EAST - JUNE

TRANSITIONS:

Farewell and God's Speed to **David Forsyth** who has transferred his membership from East to Augustana Lutheran in St. James.

Kaden Jair Suggs was baptized on May 13, 2018 at East. He was born May 2, 2017 to Kimberly Enck and Peter Suggs, Jr. Kaden's sponsor is Mary Ann Wonn. Welcome to God's Family!

The Funeral Service for **Joan Edith (Peterson) Alde** was held at East on May 19, 2018. She was born March 3, 1943 and died on May 6, 2018. She will be buried in Washington. May God's peace comfort her family and friends.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Needed through April | \$22,108.32 |
| Received through April | 14,213.93 |
| Behind through April | - \$ 7,894.39 |
| Receive in April | \$ 3,713.55 |

Happy Birthday Happy Baptismal Date

5 Gary Bridges 10-9
 7 Dona Johnson 1-25
 9 Ireland Essler 8-06
 10 Tyrell Sizer 7-18
 14 Lorita Nasman 7-12
 15 Wes Beck 7-17
 15 Raymond Kleinow 8-30
 18 Macey Shellum 8-11
 18 Mallory Shellum 8-11
 19 Kale Jurgens 10-05
 20 Bill Menssen 7-16
 20 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 1: First Lutheran, St. James
 8: Albion
 15: First Lutheran, St. James
 22: East
 29: East - W. Jurgens

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Charlotte and Kris

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Erma and Tom

VISITING COMMITTEE

Vickie, Evonne, Janet

WELCA HOSTESSES

No July Meeting

USHERS

Paul and Cindy

LECTORS

July 1: Erma Griffith
 8: Mike Menssen
 15: Tom Anderson
 22: Janet Bloomquist
 29: Kris Suess

RADIO SPONSORS

July 29: Wally and Phyllis Jurgens
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When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.

-Mark Twain

EAST - JULY

TRANSITIONS:

PRAYER CONCERNS:

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through May \$27,635.40
 Received through May
 Ahead/Behind through May
 Received in May

Happy Birthday

Happy Baptismal Date

1 Michael Forsyth 10-10
 1 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
 24 Erma Griffith 8-17
 28 Simon Beck 8-20
 28 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 24th**.

Thank you.

A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father. -Gabriel Marquez

AES June/July News and Upcoming Events

VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held June 4-8, from 8:30-11:30 am at Augustana. We will be joined by First Presbyterian's youth. Registration is required and forms can be found at participating churches and on the church website: www.augustanachurch.org. Please contact Kathy Eiden or Pastor Kathleen with questions. This year's theme is "**Shipwrecked – Rescued By Jesus**"

Our Graduates

Congratulations and God's Blessings to each of our 2018 AES Graduates

Jadyn Anderson
Casey Currier
Madison Dougherty

Hannah Janzen
Garrett Larson
Mercedes Lenning

Hayley Lothert
Mackinzee Miest
Hannah Salazar

Augustana will be honoring the AES graduates on **Sunday, June 3rd** during the 9:00 am coffee hour and 10:00 am worship service.

The St. James Graduation ceremony will be held on June 3rd at 2:00 pm.

We pray that they will continue to grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.

Noisy Offering- Sunday, July 29th

Whenever there are five Sundays in a month we take a special "noisy" offering for a mission outside our congregation. Start saving your coins for July 29th!

Augustana Choir

There will be no choir rehearsals until September.

TLC

TLC will resume on September 12th, 2018.

Church Picnic

The Annual AES Ministries Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13th 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

Meet Lyla Klee

What a privilege for me to be a part of the Augustana-East Sveadahl parish and to be serving as your visitation minister. You have welcomed me with open hands and hearts, and for that I am so grateful. Pastor Kathleen asked that I share a little about myself so that you can get to know me better.

I grew up in the Godahl area (and I'm back living in the area now). I was graduated from St. James High School in 1958 after which I went to Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. Following college, I served congregations in St. Paul MN, Orlando FL, Suitland MD, Jamaica NY, and Alexandria VA. The past 7 ½ years I served as chaplain at the St. James and Springfield Hospitals.

(Lyla Klee-continued)

While serving several congregations, I had the opportunity to take continuing education courses at United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg PA, Alexandria Seminary, Alexandria VA and Catholic University, Washington D.C. I took my CPE training through the Episcopal Church & Sibley Hospital, Washington D.C.

In 1968 Charles & I were married, Charles was a physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Through this marriage I inherited three wonderful children. Now I have four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Charles died February 1, 2015. My latest & happy news is that I have a new great-grandniece, born March 14th and she has been named after me. Wow, what an honor!

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you. Please be patient with me as I connect names with faces. In Ministry with you, Lyla Klee

Pastoral Visits

Please contact Pastor Kathleen if you are hospitalized and would like a visit, or if you or a family member need to be added to our homebound visit list. You can contact her at church at 375-4792. Deacon Lyle Klee is also now visiting our hospitalized and homebound members.

Facebook/Website

Like us on Facebook: Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries
The AES Ministries website is www.augustanachurch.org

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 and click on the "Secure Contributions" tab. Questions? Contact Financial Secretary Deanna Hoffman or Pastor Kathleen.

WELCA NEWS

31st SWMN Synodical Women of the ELCA Convention

Friday & Saturday, **June 29 & 30, 2018** Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Orientation for Voting Members begins at 12:00 pm Convention Opening: 12:15 pm (immediately following voting member orientation) Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4310 County Road 137, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Theme: "Outlaw Christian"

In-Kind gifts are Personal Care Kits, Baby Care, and School Kits; blankets and quilts; Soles 4 Souls (any shoes-flip flops, heels, single shoes – in any condition), and adult white socks and Chap Stick (for the St. Cloud VA Hospital). Christian literature will also be taken.

Ladies' Night Out

All women of Augustana Church are invited to an evening out at Plaza Jalisco in St James on July 11 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped "white elephant" to be used as a game prize. If you plan to attend, please call the church office. - Rebecca Circle

Bridal Shower

There will be a shower honoring Katie Milroy and Joel Carlson at Augustana on Saturday, June 9th at 11:00 am. All are welcome. They are registered at Target, Crate & Barrel, and Collage St James. They are getting married September 29th in Edina, Minnesota.

Baby Shower

There will be a Baby Shower on Saturday, June 16th at 1:00 pm at Augustana for Tayler Mahoney-Berg to welcome her new daughter AnnaLeigh Mahoney-Berg.

American Cancer Society/Watonwan County Relay for Life-2018

The annual Watonwan County Relay for Life will be on Friday June 29th, 4:00 PM- 12:00 AM at the Watonwan County Fairgrounds. AES Ministries will again be preparing and serving the evening meal at the food stand. This will be our 4th year working together to help and support families, friends, and the community whose lives have been touched by cancer. We will need volunteers to help throughout the evening. NEW (again) in 2018! "Grounds for Hope". Several AES members would like to have a relay team again as in years past! We will be selling gourmet, specialty coffee in a spot next to the food stand. We would like to have a team to walk in the opening ceremonies. We will be wearing our "God's Work, Our Hands" shirts the event. If you need a shirt, let me know. The shirts have been ordered and the cost is \$13.00. Signup for working in shifts at food stand, coffee sales, and walking team as well as luminary bags for sale will be at both East Sveadah and Augustana during coffee hours starting on Sunday, June 3rd. Look for weekly information updates in the bulletins. 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 - Watonwan County Relay For Life

Thank You's

We are so grateful for your generous gift to the Women's Foundation of Minnesota for "Minnesota Girls Are Not For Sale".....Your support is critical to our work!

Warmly, Lee Roper-Batker-Women's Foundation of Minnesota

To Augustana WELCA-Thank you very much for thinking of me on Secretary's Day with the lovely flowers!- Sue Melheim

With My Thanks! Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to me. Thanks so much for sending the card with the picture of the church for my Mom's, Aladeen Noren, 100th birthday. Jeanne Mackay

A big thank you to my Augustana and East Sveadah family for all the hugs and messages, and cards of sympathy on the passing of my sister Joan. A special thank you to Pastor Kathleen for an amazing message. Memorials will be given to Augustana and East Sveadah. Thank you to all!

Ruth & Lawrence Haler and the family of Joan Peterson Alde

Augustana Church Council

The Church Council meetings on June 13, and in July and August will be held at **7:00 p.m.**

Church Directory

*****ALL AES MINISTRIES MEMBERS*****

We have had several requests to update our church directory. It has been six years since we did our last one. We have a few requests for you. The photo dates are **August 22nd - 25th** at Augustana. Times will be set up later.

PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:

→ Check to be sure your address is correct.

→ Verify that your phone number is correct in our files (perhaps you have discontinued a landline)

→ Should any changes be needed, please call Sue at Augustana (375-4792) or Susan at East (507-317-5293) to update this information. We may need to contact you and this will be included in a listing in the directory also.

*****PLEASE NOTE THE DATES --- AUGUST 22ND - 25TH*** There is no cost to the members and it is a great keepsake for each of you.**

Thanks, Deanna. Questions: 507-317-7724 or ddesigns@mchsi.com

Partner Ministry/Community Events

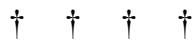
Cultures and Cuisine

Sunday, June 10th from Noon – 2 pm is another Cultures & Cuisine event at the First Presbyterian Church in St. James. The focus is Mexican food with a talk on immigration. This is a free event, but please sign up at the Armstrong Community Activities office. The August Cultures & Cuisine will be held at East Sveadahl church on August 26th from Noon-2 pm with the focus on Swedish food. If you would be interested in volunteering at this event, please contact Cindy Torkelson at (507) 380-4713.

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

Save the Date! 34th Annual Quilt Auction for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will take place on Saturday, July 28th. Quilts and silent auction items can be delivered to camp now through July 20th. If you are interested in volunteering during event, please contact us at 320-796-2181 or cam@gllm.org.

Bible Camp – This year's dates for AES Youth attending Bible Camps at Green Lake and Shores of St. Andrew are July 29th – August 3rd. Pastor Kathleen will also be attending those dates.



AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 2, 2018

The Joint AES Council met on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 7:30 pm at Augustana. The following members were present: Teresa Andrews, Leora Ask, Judy Berg, Kathy Eiden, Wayne Jurgens, Steph Reid, Pastor Kathleen, and Susan Anderson. Deanna Hoffman was also present. Absent: Janet Bloomquist and Mike Messen.

The meeting opened with devotions by Kathy Eiden.

(AES Minutes-continued)

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- The first community meal was served to about 50 people including the workers on April 19th from 5-6 pm at First Lutheran.
- The consensus was that in the future the time frame should be extended.
- AES Ministries serves the May 17th meal. The menu will be chicken hotdish, bread, carrots and celery, and bars. Each council will be responsible for three pans of bars. Teresa will order the hotdish and the bread. Beverages are furnished by First Lutheran.
- Pr. Kathleen will be gone May 7-10 attending an Executive Certificate Non-Profit Fundraising class at Luther Seminary. Deacon Lyla Klee is on call.

BUSINESS:

- Plans are being finalized for Bible School. They are looking for volunteers. If you could help, please contact Kathy Eiden.
- Terry Engel will be getting out information on Relay for Life.
- Fundraising for those attending Green Lake Bible Camp is about complete. The Blue Grass Sunday fundraiser was very successful.
- Pastor Kathleen and 17 youth from AES Ministries and 22 from First Lutheran, St. James, will be attending the Youth Gathering in Houston June 24-July 2.
- Final plans for the Church Picnic will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Deanna Hoffman shared information about the new AES photo directory. Photos for the directory will be taken August 22-25, 2018, at Augustana. Deanna will coordinate the sign-up times for the photo sessions. Leora will take photos of our shut-ins as needed. Watch the newsletters and bulletins for further information.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, July 11th at 6:00 pm.** Please note the time change.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - May 9, 2018

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

Absent: Pastor Kathleen

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Kathy Eiden opened with devotions.

MSC to approve the Secretary's report as printed. Financial Comparison report shows YTD donations lower than 2017.

Judy Thulien presented the Treasurer's Report. There were no unusual unexpected expenses noted. MSC to approve as presented.

Pastor Kathleen: At a training class at Luther Seminary.

AES Ministries: Steph reported on their meeting from May 2nd. We will be serving the community meal on May 17th at First Lutheran Church Social Hall. Preparing for 90 servings. Casserole will be purchased from Hometown Restaurant. Needed 4 pans of bars from each church. Kari Miest, Steph Reid, Jim Harrington and Deanna Hoffman will furnish. Deanna is also working at the meal. Photo directory was discussed. Photography dates are August 22 – 25th at Augustana. Deanna requested an updated current listing of members from both churches to provide to Life Touch for communication and listing in the directory. Help will also be needed in scheduling appointment times.

(Augustana minutes-continued)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: End of the year wrap-up for TLC is very positive. Program has grown and is very successful. Next year's Christmas program will be held on December 12th, with December 19th as the snow date. They will continue with the online programming that they have been using. VBS will be June 4-8th. Very exciting plans. We will welcome 15 students from First Presbyterian this year. Graduation is June 3rd. Kathy will order the cake and Dominique and committee will do the set up and decorations for the Graduation Reception on June 3rd at 9 AM in Social Hall.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting

Stewardship/Memorial/Finance: Executive Committee met and are recommending that when projects are presented to the council, there should be a plan for executing and financing for it. The project will then be acted on at the following council meeting, allowing time for questions and research. The Finance Committee will be joining in on the Audit of the church books and all our organizations prior to the Annual Meeting in January.

Church Property/Cemetery: New vacuum is here and very much appreciated by Jim. Paul & John cleaned the parking lot and moved all the gravel and stones from the grass. Still waiting on notice for the tuck pointing.

Youth Ministry: Grades 5-8 are having a mini lock-in at East from 7-11 PM. Plans for Houston are coming along nicely. AESY Committee will be helping to plan the Senior High Nights for the upcoming year. TLC and steak fry were cancelled because of bad weather. We will not be doing Hot Dog days this year, because of the late winter and too many school events ending up on the weekends. Next meeting is Tuesday, June 12th at 5 PM

Worship and Music: No meeting

OLD BUSINESS: Cement bids were received from Tom Suess Construction and also from BKC Concrete. The bid is for cementing 18 ft on the west side of the church with a connecting 6 ft wide sidewalk continuing to the Fireside entrance. MSC to recommend that the bid from Tom Suess Construction be presented to the congregation at a special meeting on June 10th immediately following worship for approval. No further update on the computers and equipment.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding updating the upstairs Chapel so that it can be used for family services prior to a funeral. This eliminates the need to set up the Fireside Room before and after a funeral, plus it could be used for other purposes also. We will attempt to get a member to paint it and proceed from there.

Next meeting is June 13th at ****7 PM****

Devotions: Kristen Gertsema

Communion Servers: June 3rd: Dominique & Lisa
June 10th Kari, Paul, Kristen and Kathy

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Deanna Hoffman

EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – May 10, 2018

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Erma Griffith, George Nasman, and Susan Anderson.

Chairman Tom Anderson opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the April 12, 2018 meeting. A motion by Evonne, seconded by George, and passed to approve the minutes as read.

(East Minutes-continued)

Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented her report. Motion by Wayne, seconded by George. and passed to approved report.

In the absence of Jana Anderson, her written reports were presented.

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

Wayne presented the AES report. See full report in newsletter. Some highlights are: Workers are needed for the Community Meal on May 17 at First Lutheran and helpers are needed for the directory pictures at Augustana.

Susan Anderson, Church Secretary, presented her report.

The board approved the transfer of David Forsyth to Augustana.

Tammy Stevens will be joining East Sveadahl.

Old Business:

Tom Suess updated us on the progress of the front doors. A motion by Janet, seconded by George and passed to approve the new front doors as presented.

The first planning meeting for the 150th Anniversary in 2020 was held. Committees were formed. AES Annual picnic will be August 12.

Swedish group presentation and meal on Sunday, May 6 went well.

New Business:

Cindy Torkelson asked permission to use the church for the United Cultures meal on August 26 from 12 – 2 p.m. They will be having a Swedish meal. Council approved.

Work day will be Saturday, June 16 at 9 a.m. All hands are needed to get some projects completed outside and inside the church.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be June 14, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

EAST SVEAD AHL WELCA MEETING MINUTES – May 16, 2018

WELCA Birthday Party was held May 16th, 2018.

Welcome and quotes to live by was given by Janet.

We sang table prayer and had a very tasty supper.

Lyla Klee gave devotions on Live Generously and gave a talk on lemons.

We sang "Shine Jesus Shine".

The program started with a welcome to our lemonade stand. We played pass the hot lemon game.

While the music played we passed the lemon around our tables and when the music stopped whoever held the lemon had to answer questions. It was very entertaining.

Lisa played camp songs on the guitar: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", "Kum Ba Ya", and "Jesus Loves Me".

Lyla shared Lemons in life and upscaling. Taking something old and turning it into something new.

We read together Corinthians 5:17-19.

We sang "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry".

The evening ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Erma Griffith

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD – May 15, 2018

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Nancy Kunkel, Kathy Eiden, Carol Zarn

- Judy opened the meeting with devotions.
- Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.
- The Spring Gathering that was to be held at Augustana in April was cancelled because of a snow storm. It has been decided not to reschedule this gathering. The new officers will be installed at the Fall Gathering.
- East Sveadahl Birthday Party is Wednesday, May 16th.
- Pleasant View June birthday party is Wednesday, June 13th. We will help serve the lunch. Those who are helping can come at 1:30 pm to set up, or just come for program and lunch.
- Synodical Convention is June 29th and 30th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud. The Personal Care Kits will be brought at this time. Registration needs to be sent in by June 8th for anyone planning to attend.
- Ladies Night Out, hosted by Rebecca Circle, will be on Wednesday, July 11th, at 6 pm, at the Mexican Restaurant, Plaza Jalisco, in St. James. All ladies are invited to come and enjoy the evening. A game will be played, and each person is being asked to bring a wrapped white elephant gift for the prizes.
- Relay for Life is Friday, June 29th. Augustana will again be running the food stand.
- A motion was made and seconded to recommend to the circles that WELCA donate \$500.00 to the Shiyane Circuit Partnership for a church being built in eTholenia, South Africa. A special offering will also be taken for this project on Sunday, May 20, at Augustana and East Sveadahl.

Next WELCA Board meeting is Tuesday, June 12th, at 6 pm in the Fireside Room.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary