

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

March Newsletter

From The Pastor

In the Eye of the Beholder

One Mother's Day Gregg and I, along with our sons, gave Gregg's mom, Cloe, a book to write down memories of her life. We now have that book. In it, she shared many things from her life, and it is very precious. One of the questions she answered was, "What are your most prized possessions?" One of these prized possessions was a vase with no real monetary value that had been broken and repaired more than once. She had found this vase in the back of closet when her grandparents were moving and they told her she could keep the vase. Because of this memory with her grandparents, the vase had become very special to her and so when her daughter broke it while dancing around the living room, she carefully glued it back together. The second time it broke, it wasn't as big a break and her daughter glued it back together before her mom saw it. Finally, the third time it was broken it was so shattered all Cloe could do was pick up the pieces and put it in a box in the closet. Years later, she saw an ad in the Minneapolis Sunday paper for a man who could fix items such as this vase. She took it to him to be repaired. The man thought she was crazy as the vase had no monetary value and it would be costly to repair. She was adamant she wanted it fixed and so he reluctantly agreed and the vase, "at great cost," as Cloe wrote, was put back together.

We are all broken, we all have cracks and breaks in need of repair. We are all in desperate need of God. As we journey with Jesus this Lent, the cross says that God meets us in our brokenness. In our desperation, God meets us. In our cries for help, God meets us. In our weariness, God meets us. We, though broken, have hope through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Jesus Christ all things are made new. Knowing this kind of love from God frees us even in our brokenness.

That vase of my mother-in-law's, with all its cracks and glue, is still a thing of beauty, for beauty is in the eye of the beholder. At great cost, her vase is still beautiful. At great cost, you too, are a thing of beauty. Through the cost of the cross, you are made whole. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder and God has told you that you are of great value for God has gone to the most extreme lengths to save you. Through the cross, God has picked up the pieces of your life and made you into something new. "Out of dust," as one of my favorite songs says ("Beautiful Things" written by Brian Johnson / Christa Black / Jeremy Riddle), God has made "beautiful things," out of dust, God has made you. May this promise bring you hope and strength this Lenten season.

Pastor Kathleen

Augustana

March Circles

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

Acolytes

- Mar. 4: Maya Kulseth, Sydney Grossmann
Mar. 11: Emily Gronewold, Sydney Engelking
Mar. 18: Carter Wolner, Macyn Hirschmann
Mar. 25: Hayden Davis, Levi Miest
Mar. 29: Maundy Thursday - William Knaak,
Austin Spitzner

Altar Guild

Jayne Anderson, Linda Connell, Sally Engel, Heidi
Engel, Joyce Nelson, Louise Olsen

Communion Servers

- Mar. 4: Kari Miest, Paul Missling
Mar. 11: Steph Reid, Kathy Eiden,
Deanna Hoffman, Jim Harrington
Mar. 29: Noon: Greg Thulien
6:30 pm: Lisa Carlson, Paul Missling
Apr. 1: 6:30 am: Greg Thulien, Paul Missling,
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9:30 am: Kari Miest, Kristen Gertsema,
Greg Thulien, Paul Missling

Greeters

- Mar. 4: Cleo Olson
Mar. 11: Greg & Judy Thulien
Mar. 18: Les & Kristi Zellmann
Mar. 25: Jim & Shirley Moody
Apr. 1: 6:30 am: Lisa Carlson
9:30 am: Gene & Carol Zarn

Lectors

- Mar. 4: Paul Missling
Mar. 11: Kirsten Freitag
Mar. 18: Jim Moody
Mar. 25: Jessie Shores
Apr. 1: 6:30 am: Les Zellmann
9:30 am: Jim Moody

Blood Pressure Screening

- Mar. 4: Bryan Nelson

Augustana

March Coffee Hour

- Mar. 4: Myron & Sally Engel, Lisa Carlson
Mar. 11: John & Jeanne Miest, Cleo Olson
Mar. 18: Gene & Carol Zarn, Jim & Judy Anderson
Mar. 25: Dick & Marlys Gilbertson, Joyce Pierson

Ushers

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

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.

Radio Sponsor

The radio broadcast on March 25th from East Sveadahl
is sponsored by Don & Bette Flater in honor of their
50th Wedding Anniversary

Altar Flowers

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

Missionary Sponsors

- Mar. 4: Myron & Sally Engel
Mar. 11: Myron & Sally Engel
Mar. 18: Jim & Judy Anderson
Mar. 25: Bill & Kirsten Freitag

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

Transitions

Baptism

We welcomed into God's Family, Augustana's family,
and AES Ministries:
Leondro Dennis Madison, the son of Derrick Madison
and Tatiana Alves Mota on February 25.

Please continue to keep Leondro and his family in your
prayers as he grows in the grace and knowledge of
Jesus Christ.

EAST

March

RADIO BROADCASTS

March 4: First Lutheran, St. James
11: Albion
18: First Lutheran, St. James
25: East

ACOLYTE

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Deb and Lynette

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Tom and Janet

VISITING COMMITTEE

Fran and Teresa

WELCA

No meeting in March.

USHERS-

Dale and Deb

COFFEE HOUR

March 4: Cindy Torkelson
11: Mike Menssen
18: Lorita Nasman
25: Teresa Andrews

LECTORS

March 4: Cindy Torkelson
11: Mike Menssen
14: Erma Griffith
18: Sonja Coleman
25: Wes Beck
29: Kris Suess

EAST RADIO BROADCASTS

April 29: the Jensens
July 29:
September 30:
December 30:

EAST

March

TRANSITIONS:

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through January	\$5,527.08
Received through January	\$3,667.31
Behind through January	- \$1,859.77

EASTER LILIES

If you plan on sharing an Easter lily or other plant, please let Charlotte (507-621-0594), Kris (507-380-3462), or Susan (375-5831) know by *Tuesday, March 27th*. The plant needs to be labeled and in church by Saturday, March 31st. Thank you.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
HAPPY BAPTISM DATE**

- 2 Camron Fast [10-15]
- 3 Darryl Jensen [1-2]
- 5 Lisa Shellum [4-4]
- 6 Joyce Sizer [4-14]
- 13 Clinton Berlin [4-8]
Aleisha Keech [5-7]
Lloyd Ostberg [4-11]
- 14 Mason Lenning [6-29]
- 17 Terry Bloomquist [4-16]
- 20 Tom Anderson [4-5]
- 28 Janet Bloomquist [5-2]

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout the journey.

AES March News and Upcoming Events

Worship Time Changes on March 4

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

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:30 am worship will be at East Sveadahl

10:30 am worship will be at Augustana

First Communion on March 4

Students in grade 4 and 5 will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, March 4. Congratulations to these wonderful students! May they continue to grow in their faith through the blessings of Holy Communion.

Daylight Savings Time on March 11

Remember to turn your clocks ahead on Saturday night, March 10th!

Senior High Youth Group on March 28

Grades 9-12 will meet on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:30 in the Youth Room. We will have a special Holy Week activity. Senior High Youth group time is a time to re-connect with your church family, a time to share the joys and sorrows of your day, and a time to grow in your relationship with God.

Maundy Thursday Offering on March 29

On Maundy Thursday, you are invited to bring an additional offering of “thirty pieces of silver.” As Judas betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, we take this offering to help the betrayed in our world. The offering will be given to the “Minnesota Girls Aren’t For Sale” fund to end human trafficking.

East Sveadahl WELCA News

We would like to invite you to our annual April Birthday Party! It will be on Thursday, April 5th at 5:45pm. This is an ongoing tradition at Albion and we are looking forward to seeing you! We are asking for RSVPs by April 3rd if at all possible. The phone numbers and email are listed below. We are looking forward to a fun night of fellowship and music. Put on your smile and come join us!! 507-375-3546 or cell 507-381-0016 or tspring59@mail.com Albion WOW

No East WELCA meeting in March.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held June 4-8, from 8:30-11:30 AM at Augustana. We will be joined by First Presbyterian. 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.

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 homebound members and Pastor Kathleen will be taking her along on visits during March to introduce you to her.

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.

Address Changes

Changing your address – going “south”, coming “north”, moving – please get your ADDRESS CHANGE to Sue at the Augustana Office or Susan at East Sveadahl.

Weather Announcements

East: Listen to 101.5 FM (KRRW, St. James station) or 8:60 AM (KNUJ, New Ulm) for any church closings. If school is closed early, confirmation will be cancelled.

Augustana: Listen to 8.60 AM KNUJ; 101.5 KRRW; Channel 12 KEYC TV; or check the AES web site at www.augustanachurch.org for any snow emergency information.

Synod and ELCA News

“Live Generously. Live Happier” March 11

Our Synod’s “Live Generously. Live Happier” event is on Saturday, March 10th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Southwestern Minnesota State University (SMSU) Conference Center.

The day is led by video speaker, Karen Kretschmann. She will offer numerous interactive learning opportunities around the topic of “generosity.” You’ll learn fun ways to grow your WELCA group as we learn together how time, talents, and financial resources are all part of “generosity.” Come and grow together in God’s Grace in Jesus Christ & have some fun! Contact Augustana church office to register.

Men's Gathering: Empowering Christian Men in Our Midst

Saturday, March 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, Litchfield.

Contact: Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, PO Box 499, Redwood Falls, MN 56283
www.swmnelca.org or Phone: 507-637-3904

Thrivent Financial

CONGRATULATIONS! We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Augustana Lutheran Church received \$3,683 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. We hope this gift helped to further support your incredible work.

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped with meals, also for food donated for snack for TLC. We still have opportunities in April for people to sign up to help with meals for TLC. Sign-up sheet in Social Hall. Education Committee and TLC.

(Thank Yous-continued)

Dear Friends - Thank you for creating new beginnings for the people of Palestine! Your gift of \$108.20 to support the Annual fund enables people of all ages to access and receive education that gives them the opportunity to share their gifts with the world.....Thank you for building a pathway of hope!

Beth Nelson Chase, Executive Director-Bright Stars of Bethlehem

East Sveadahl Lutheran Church and WELCA,

Thank you for your gift (Backpack program) to the St. James Area Foundation. Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation hosts the St. James Area Foundation as a way to improve the St. James area and build lasting charitable resources to meet both specific and changing needs. Your donations are helping your community resources and spirit.

Thank you! You recently made a donation to the Good Samaritan Society. That means you recognize that transforming the aging experience is possible. You've seen a place where you can make an impact, and you've responded. Every gift helps! And your generosity hasn't gone unnoticed. We just want to say thank you –thank you for partnering with us. We are grateful for you. Suzie O'Meara, President, Good Samaritan Foundation.

Augustana Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift to the St. James Area Foundation Watonwan County Backpack Program in 2017.....Your donation is helping to enhance your community resources and spirit.

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Partner Ministry/Community Events

Baby Shower

There will be a Baby Shower for Jenny (Ewert) Schmidt on Saturday, March 31st from 1 – 3 pm at the Eagles Club in St. James. It's a girl! They are registered online at: www.babylist.com/jenny-schmidt

Gustavus Church Relations and Outreach - 6th Annual Faith Conference

Please join us at the Gustavus Adolphus Association of Congregations 6th Annual Faith Conference. Saturday, April 21, 9:30-12:15. This year's featured speaker is Dr. Jacqueline A. Bussie, Professor of Religion and Director of the Forum on Faith and Life at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Her book Outlaw Christian: Finding Authentic Faith by Breaking the Rules won the 2017 Gold Medal Illumination Award or Christian Living Registration/Tickets required so that we can plan appropriately. **All are welcome.** To register, please visit our website at church-relations@gustavus.edu Questions can be directed to church-relations@gustavus.edu

Wellspring

Coffee and Conversation - Caregiver Education Series: Monday, March 5th “Beat the Winter Blahs!”; 8:30 am-Butterfield Community Building, 9:30 am-St. James Prairie View Dining Room.

Minnesota Valley Action Council-Energy Assistance Program

If you or someone you know has difficulty paying their monthly energy bills, please request an application by calling MVAC at (507) 345-6822 or (800) 767-7139 or downloading the application from MVAC's website at mnavac.org. Applications will be available on October 1, 2017 and the deadline to apply is May 31, 2018. More information is posted in Augustana's social hall and on bulletin board in East.

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – February, 14, 2018

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

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by Dominique. MSC to approve the Secretary's report as printed. Financial report shows that donations are behind YTD. Treasurer's Report was presented by Judy Thulien. No exceptions noted. MSC to approve as presented.

Pastor Kathleen: Lyla Klee has agreed to assist with visitations. MSC to approve her and pay rate will be approved by both councils.. \$6,000 will be needed to fund the Green Lake camperships. Fund currently has \$3300, so we are in good shape for that. April 8th is our Blue Grass Campership fund raiser. Houston Sr. High Youth Gathering funding is handled thru the AESY account and they are well on their way also, with several fund raisers yet to do. The Houston Conference that Pastor Kathleen attended at the end of January was great and included several good workshops.

AES Ministries: No meeting in February. Next meeting is March 7th following Lenten service at Augustana.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: VBS will be the first week in June. March 17th there is a VBS workshop. We will be needing to research the need for locks on the doors and a sign-in sheet for TLC so that we know who is in the building each week.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting

Stewardship/Memorial/Finance: No meeting

Church Property/Cemetery: Carpet in the front of the church needs to be stretched. They are having trouble finding someone that will do it. Have another contact now. Plan to re-enforce the south door and have the stained glass repaired.

Youth Ministry: No meeting. Going tubing on February 11th.

Worship and Music: Lenten service was set up.

OLD BUSINESS: Steph will sync security cameras, but needs to know what computers the monitoring goes on and if the monitors we have are compatible. Windows for the class room doors have been found. Will measure how thick the doors are. They will cost \$26.80 each.

NEW BUSINESS: Narthex wall repair will need to wait until the tuck pointing is done. No date has been given for this project yet. Sidewalk might need to be replaced on the south edge of the parking lot. Mark Kulseth says that he thinks we are OK yet. Jim will check with him. There has been a request to remove/relocate the down spout on the west side of the church. This would require quite extensive work and with the handicap stalls that we have marked, there is no need for anyone to walk that way. Will revisit later if needed. There was a request to do another picture directory for the church. Some concerns were voiced by one council member about pressure. This will be researched further with Deanna and Steph working on this. Synod Convention is in Redwood Falls on June 8 & 9th. Pastor Kathleen asked for 2-3 delegates to attend this if possible. Conference Assembly is at First Lutheran at 2 PM on February 25th. We can have 6 delegates. Kathy Eiden will attend. Council serves TLC meal on April 4th.

Next Meeting is March 14th @ 8 PM. Devotions by Lisa Carlson

(Augustana Council Minutes, cont.)

Communion Servers:

March 4th - Kari & Paul March 11th – Steph, Kathy, Deanna & Jiom

March 29th – Noon – Greg 6:30 - Lisa & Paul

April 1st: - 6:30 AM – Greg, Paul _____ & _____ 9:30 AM – Kari, Kristen, Greg & Paul

April 8th - Dominique, Kari, Lisa & John

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Deanna Hoffman

EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH MEETING MINUTES - February 8, 2018

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Erma Griffith, Lori Urevig, and Pastor Kathleen.

Tom welcomed everyone and the meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the January 11, 2018, meeting and the minutes from the 147th Annual Meeting of the East Sveadahl Church. A motion by Erma, seconded by Evonne, and passed to accept the minutes as read.

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

In the absence of Jana Anderson, no Financial Secretary report was given.

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

Pastor Kathleen highlighted the following:

- The community meals for the area will be moving forward beginning in April at the First Lutheran Church. Other participating churches will be – AES Ministries, St. James Catholic Church, and First Presbyterian. Meals will be served the third Thursday of each month, and AES will serve in May and October.
- Lila Klee volunteered to help with visiting our shut-ins. The council welcomed this idea.
- Planning for VBS is underway. It will be held June 4 – 8 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Contact Pastor Kathleen if you can help.
- The Houston Youth Gathering send-off is Sunday, June 24 and will be part of the East Sveadahl morning service.

The planning for the Lenten Service suppers took place. Lenten services and supper will be at East on February 28 and March 14.

Old Business – Tom presented an estimate for the two new furnaces projects.

New Business - East Sveadahl is the recipient of \$30,000.00 from the estate of Mae Griffith Tande. We are greatly blessed for her generosity.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH February 4, 2018

The 147th annual meeting of the East Sveadahl Church was held February 4, 2018, with 32 members in attendance.

Tom Anderson opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

Pastor Kathleen led us in the Opening Litany followed by prayer.

An overview of the 2017 Annual Report was given. Wally Jurgens made a motion seconded by Michael Menssen, and passed to approve the minutes as printed in the annual meeting booklet.

An overview of Pastor Kathleen's report was given with Pastor Kathleen adding how much she appreciates the AES Ministries and how well we work together.

Chairman, Tom Anderson, highlighted the Congregational Statistics as written in report.

The financial reports of the church organizations were presented. A motion by Jerry Noren, seconded by Sonja Coleman, and passed to approve the reports as printed in the annual report.

Tom presented the Project Committee report. A motion by Erma Griffith, seconded by Lori Noren, and passed to approve the report as printed.

Bernie Jurgens from the Nominating Committee presented the ballot for 2018. Ballots were handed out and election was held.

An adjournment for counting of ballots took place whereupon the Cemetery Association meeting was held.

The meeting was reconvened and results of the election were given as follows:

Church Council

(1 for 3 year term)

Tom Anderson (volunteered for another term)

Auditor

(1 for 3 year term)

Jim Nasman (volunteered for another term)

Head Usher

(1 for 2 year term)

Jerry Noren

Nominating Committee

(2 for 2 year term)

Joann Jensen (volunteered for another term)

Teresa Andrews (volunteered for another term)

Lector Coordinator

(1 for 1 year term)

Kris Suess (volunteered for another term)

Decorating Committee

(1 couple for 3 year term)

Dale & Deb Anderson ending in 2020

Delegates to Synod & Conference

Paul & Cindy Torkelson (write in nomination)

Old Business: None

New Business:

Proposal for sale of parsonage funds was presented as follows:

1. Disbursements incurred by the church for the sale of the parsonage be reimbursed. Motion by Creig Noren, seconded by Wally Jurgens, and passed to reimburse \$19,492.19 to the church.
2. Proposal to give to Missions for refurbishing a cabin at the Shores of St. Andrews at a cost of \$6,000.00 was presented. Motion by Michael Menssen, seconded by Dale Anderson, and passed to pay \$6,000.00 to update a cabin at Shores of St. Andrews
3. Proposal to give \$30,000.00 to the Cemetery Association for perpetual care was presented. Motion by Francie Anderson, seconded by Darryl Jensen, and passed to give \$30,000.00 to the Cemetery Association. Following the passage of this motion, the Cemetery Association reconvened, and Wes Beck thanked the congregation on behalf of the Cemetery Association for this donation to the perpetual care fund.
4. The proposal for new furnaces along with air conditioning was presented. After much discussion it was tabled with the option of revisiting at a later date.
5. The proposal for new carpeting in the church was presented. A motion by Michael Menssen, seconded by Wally Jurgens was made but lacked a passing majority. The proposal was left on the table with the option of revisiting at a later date.

(East Sveadahl Annual Meeting minutes-continued)

6. The proposal for new front doors was presented. After much discussion and a comment that new doors should come before carpeting, a motion by Francie Anderson, seconded by Creig Noren, and passed to proceed with the new doors, but have the council get a firm bid and present it to the congregation at a later date.

Janet reminded the congregation that East Sveadahl's 150th Anniversary will be in 2020. Pastor Kathleen then asked that a committee be formed to start planning with the following people volunteering to be on the committee: Lynn and Leigh Rolshoven, Tom Anderson, Lisa Noren, Lori Urevig, Janet Bloomquist, Kris and Tom Suess, and Wes Beck. This committee would welcome anyone else who would be willing to serve on this committee.

New members on the AES Board will be Janet Bloomquist from the Council and Michael Menssen as a member at large along with Wayne Jurgens and Teresa Andrews.

The 2018 East Sveadahl Church Budget Proposal was presented. A motion by Wes Beck, seconded by Dale Anderson, and passed to approve the budget as presented.

The 2018 East Sveadahl proposed Resolutions were presented. A motion by Wayne Jurgens, seconded by Kris Suess, and passed to adopt the resolutions. A special Thank You was given to Pastor Kathleen for her wonderful leadership.

As there was no other business, motion by Teresa Andrews, seconded by Jerry Noren, and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Bloomquist, East Sveadahl Council Secretary

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Nancy Kunkel, Kirsten Freitag, Jayne Anderson, Carol Zarn
Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved.

BOLD Women's Sunday is Sunday, February 25th. WEAR RED! Two ushers are needed from each circle. Finalizing for the music and reader. Thank Offering envelopes were included with the newsletter. Remember to bring them at this time. This offering goes to Churchwide in Merrifield, VA. Rolls and coffee will be served by the WELCA board. This money will go to CADA.

WELCA Event at Brandt Ridge is Tuesday, February 27th, at 1:30 P.M. Prairie View residents are also invited. There will be games and prizes, with coffee and rolls being served. Augustana ladies are invited to come and assist with the games and join in on the fellowship.

WELCA will serve the Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 7th. Hamburger hot dish, salad, bread and bars being served. Judy Anderson making the arrangements. Workers need to be at the church by 2 p.m., with supper being served at 5 p.m.

Spring Gathering is at Augustana on Saturday, April 14th. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with a cost of \$7.00. Coffee will be served, with the meeting starting at 9 a.m. Salad luncheon will be served after the meeting.

Flowers will again be delivered to our shut-ins at Easter time.

A large round lace table cloth has been purchased.

Thank yous were received from Braille Evangelical Assn. and from Marie Sandvik Center.

A thank you was sent to Tina Zoellmer thanking her for the 24 insulated coffee servers she has donated to Augustana.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, March 11th, at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Meeting closed with the Lord' Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary