

AES Ministries

Augustana /East Sveadahl Churches

March Newsletter

From the Pastor:

“Better to be Squeezed In than Squeezed Out”

Many people who visited the home of my mother-in-law experienced her philosophy of “better to be squeezed in than squeezed out.” There was always room for one more (or two or three or four more) at the dinner table or in the small den where they watched TV. She had eight children of her own, but many others also called her “mom” because of her caring ways. This woman who was small in size provided a wide embrace of welcome for people of all ages and from all walks of life. Her heart always had more to give.

What a beautiful image for the Church. We are called to make room for all God’s people, not just those we consider family. We are called to open wide our arms to people of all ages and from all walks of life, not just those we know. Placing our trust in God and knowing God will give us what we need, our hearts will be filled and overflowing with God’s love to share.

As we approach Easter and the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reminded of our need for Jesus in our lives. Let us be mindful, too, of all who are hungering for hope, the hope we know in Jesus. I pray we will have the courage to share God’s love with them in word and deed. And how about we invite them to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ on Easter morning? At Easter and always I hope we will have the courage to see the stranger and all God’s people and say, “better that we’re all squeezed in to God’s loving embrace than to squeeze any one out.” With that attitude, God can use each and every one of us to bring the love of Jesus Christ to those in our world who are longing to find hope.

Pastor Kathleen



Augustana

March Circles

March 1: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle at Encore
 1: 7:00 pm Martha Circle, Fireside Room
 March 3: 7:00 pm Lydia Circle, Church

Acolytes

March 6: Sam Kulseth & Lucas Kulseth
 13: Kimberly Lothert & Macyn Hirschman
 20: Kaydi Anderson & Luci Kulseth
 27: Peyton Engelking & Sydney Engelking 9:30

Altar Guild

Marlys Gilbertson, Deanna Hoffman, Nancy Kunkel,
 Bonnie Reid, Judy Sizer

Blood Pressure Screening

March 6: Deb Style

Communion Servers

March 6: Stan Kunkel & Kristen Gertsema
 March 13: Mark Kulseth, Jessie Shores, Stan
 Kunkel, & Jim Harrington
 March 24: 12:00 pm Greg Thulien & Stan Kunkel

Greeters

March 6: Robert & Janet Plath
 March 13: Delbert & Marcie Samuelson
 March 20: Bob & Audrey Swanson
 March 27: Jody Swanson 6:30 am Service
 March 27: Bert & Jerry Swenson 9:30 am Service

Sunday Lectors

March 6: Les Zellmann
 March 13: Lisa Carlson
 March 20: Rachel Casey
 March 27: Terry Engel 6:30 am Service
 March 27: Kirsten Freitag 9:30 am Service

Wednesday Lectors

March 2: Judy Thulien
 March 9: Leora Ask at East
 March 16: Rick Carlson

Maundy Thursday Lector

March 24: Marge Jenkins 12:00 Noon service

Good Friday Lectors

March 25: Ruth Haler 12:00 Noon Service
 March 25: Kathleen Eiden 6:30 pm Service

Augustana

Ushers

Ed Connell, Judy Berg, Jim Leopold, Lynn Overson,
 Myron & Sally Engel, Terry Engel, Ruth Haler,
 Mark Kulseth, Mike Kulseth

Coffee Hour

March 6: Martha Circle
 March 13: Darrick & Kari Miest
 John & Jeanne Miest
 March 20: Dick & Jean Lepp
 Ileana Voth & Cleo Olson

Memorials

\$20.00 to Music from Russell Anderson in Memory
 of his brother.

\$10.00 to Youth Camperships in Memory of Cloe
 Klinkner

Spread the Good News

Would you like to sponsor our missionary and her
 work in teaching pastors and church leaders in
 Cameroon, Africa? Would you like to sponsor a
 radio broadcast for those who aren't able to get to
 worship? You can sponsor our missionary for a
 Sunday by giving \$20 or a radio broadcast for \$65.
 To sign up, either call (375-4792) or email
lutheran@embarqmail.com the church office.
 After you sign up don't forget to put your donation
 in the offering plate or bring it to the church office
 with a memo for what you are sponsoring. These are
 both great ways to help spread God's love and are
 important ministries at Augustana.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to furnish Altar Flowers for a
 particular Sunday there is a poster in the Narthex
 to sign up on. The cost is \$ per Sunday.

Radio Broadcasts

Sponsor a month for \$65.00 or one of four segments
 for \$16.25 each. March-August broadcasts are from
 East due to early service times. The following
 Sundays are available; April 24th, June 26th, July
 24th, August 28th, & September 25th.

EAST

RADIO BROADCASTS

March 6: First Lutheran, St. James
 13: Albion
 20: First Lutheran, St. James
 27: East

ACOLYTE

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Angie and Sonja

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Creig, Cindy, Lori

VISITING COMMITTEE

Sonja, Janet, Julene

WELCA

No meeting in March.

USHERS

COFFEE HOUR

March 6: Cindy Torkelson
 13: Mike Menssen
 20: Rita Nasman
 27: Teresa Andrews

LECTORS

It was decided to have the lessons in the Narthex on Sunday morning and anyone who is so moved is welcome to read the lessons. If you would like to read a certain Sunday, contact Susan who will email that Sunday's lessons to you. As of now, there is no Lector Coordinator. If someone would like to volunteer to be Lector Coordinator, please let Tom know.

EAST RADIO BROADCASTS

May 29: Herbert Noren Family
 July 31: Jerry and Lynette Noren
 October 30:

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

Welcome to **Patrick Keegan O'Malley**, son of Kylee and Paul O'Malley, grandson of Jerry and Lynette, and great-grandson of Harold and Viola!

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bev, Jerry, Lavan,
 Norman, Emery, Dianne, Jacob, Chloe, Pedro

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through January	\$5,504.09
Received through January	\$4,105.00
Behind through January	- \$1,399.90

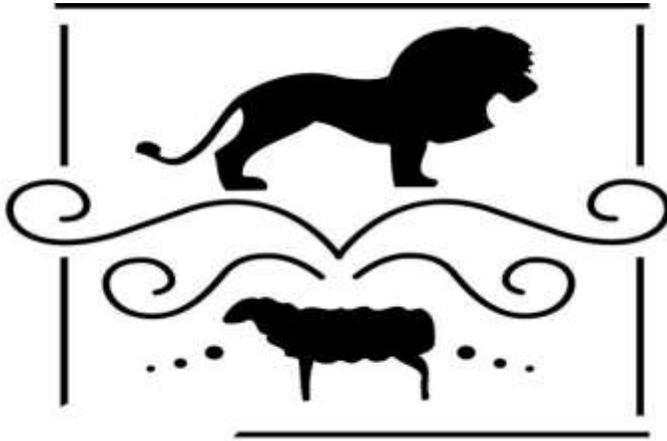
ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY

New book in library worth telling about -- **The Truth About Cancer** by Kelly Strenge. A wonderful little paperback to educate children about cancer in an honest, lighthearted and inspiring way. The author, Kelly Strenge, is from Lake Crystal and has hopes that this book will help children take away their fears of cancer and come to have a better understanding of it. Thank you, Francey Anderson, for donating this book to the Sveadahl Library!



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]
- 21 Clarence Nasman [4-24]
- 28 Janet Bloomquist [5-2]



March News

➤ Time Change

As agreed upon in our partnership, worship times will once again switch in March.

March 6, 2016

8:30 am worship at East Sveadahl

11:00 am worship at Augustana

➤ Facebook

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

➤ Pastoral Visits

Pastor Kathleen and Pastor Webster would like to visit you! If you would like to be visited in your home, in the hospital, wherever, please contact them at: Pr. Kathleen at 375-4792 or 507-276-1615; Pr. Webster at home (507-956-2177) or cell (507-317-6670), please try his home phone first.

➤ Rummage Sale

We will again be having our rummage sale in May, the Friday of Hot Dog Days weekend. We are looking for any items that are in good condition, including books and clothing. Larger items are subject to approval by the AESY Committee. You may start bringing your items to Augustana at any time. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you to everyone who has supported this in the past. It has been a great success. Thanks.
Rick Carlson 507-381-3538

➤ Yoga – 8, 15, 22, 29

Yoga at East Sveadahl will continue this month on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30. Continue to bring your donations to the backpack program and the Food Shelf.

➤ Watonwan County Humane Society

Looking for helpers for one day, several days, or every day from 8-10am. To work with cats call Peg Lewis at 507-380-5884 and to work with dogs call Sue Leach at 507-388-5006.

➤ Prayers Welcomed

Please include the Rev. Dr. Dan Peterson in your prayers. He is undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer. The doctors have assured him that it is treatable, but he will be having surgery to remove the thyroid soon. He is also dealing with 2 herniated discs in his spine which are giving him a great deal of pain. To quote Dan, "When it rains it pours." Dan was our last vicar here at Augustana. He teaches theology at Matteo Ricci College - Seattle University, and also does pastoral work in area churches. If you would like to send Dan a card, his address is: 4516 Meridian Ave. N. Apt. D302, Seattle, WA 98103. He said it would mean a lot to him to be included on our prayer list. I know that Augustana holds a special place in his heart.

➤ Habitat for Humanity

Interested in buying a home? Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for all families interested in home ownership for the 2016-2017 build season. If you are renting, have low to moderate income, need permanent housing and are willing to partner with Habitat, HFHSCMN may be your long-term solution. For more information and an application, please call the Habitat office 507-388-2081 ext. 3.

➤ Good Samaritan Bowl

Come join in on the fun!! The 5th Annual Good Samaritan Bowl, hosted by Good Samaritan communities of St. James and Mt. Lake, will be held on Saturday, May 7th and Sunday, May 8th at Memory Lanes in St. James. Teams have already started signing up, so be sure to call soon to reserve your spot! Bowling times on Saturday are 12-2 and 3-5. Sunday bowling times are 12-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Bowlers will be invited to collect pledges. The minimum pledge per bowler is \$25 (\$100/team of four) which includes shoe rental, two hours of bowling, eligibility for a number of door prize, a goodie bag for each participant and lots of fun! **We do have a special shift reserved for military families (past and present) to come enjoy some time together on Saturday from 6-8. Space is limited, but the 1st seven military teams who sign up will have their participation fee paid by area sponsors. Funds raised will go toward independently controlled heat/air pumps in each room at the facility in Mt. Lake, and for resident room furnishings in St. James. Please call Misty at 507-427-2464 or 507-375-3286 to register your team today...before the times are all filled up! Check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/goodsamaritan.bowl>

➤ Augustana Sign-Ups

Missionary Sponsorship:

Sponsorship is \$20.00 per Sunday. Please sign up to support our Missionary, Elisabeth Johnson in Cameroon. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Altar Flowers:

There is a chart in the Narthex to sign up to furnish Altar flowers.

Radio Broadcasts:

Augustana is responsible for radio sponsors for the 4th Sunday of the month.

March 27 (Easter)	August 28
April 24	September 25
May 22	October 23
June 26	November 27
July 24	December 25

The March – August broadcasts are from East, because the broadcast must be from the church with the 8:30 am service time. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. The

cost is \$65.00; this cost can be divided into four segments at \$16.25 each. Thank you for the many, many years of faithful support for these ministry outreaches of Augustana to both local community and the world.

➤ Thank yous – Augustana

❖ Dear Members of Augustana,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Northside Elementary Coat Drive. Your donation will allow us to provide a warm winter coat and apparel to children in need. We deeply appreciate your caring, thoughtfulness and kindness for our children. Thank you so much. Statement from a child getting a coat: “I can feel warm again”

Sincerely, Pat Kirchner Northside Social Worker, Homeless Liaison

❖ Thanks to whomever was cleaning out the closets & found the Pastors Service book which is a companion to the Green LBW Hymnal. And thanks to Kyla for offering it to me. I have lost mine some time ago & am glad to have a replacement. Mine was a gift from the pastor who came to Zion & Linden of Hanska and gave it to me as a thank you for preparing the way for him. He had a nice note inside the front cover and maybe it will show up in one of the neighboring churches around here. Thanks to all.

Pastor David Webster

❖ Thanks to the Youth of East Sveadahl & Augustana and their advisors for the excellent valentine Meal and Bingo games. Great meal & lots of fun, even if Big John gave me another card that has mis-performing numbers. Thanks to all.

Pastor David Webster

❖ One year later, I continue to be very thankful for the washer & dryer provided to me by the Augustana Men’s Group. As I become more familiar with it, I have discovered that soap & water provide a better cleaning than water alone. But I have not yet found the button for the self-folding feature. I am sure Greg Thulien said something about that. Thanks to all.

Pastor David Webster

❖ I would like to thank WELCA for the gift certificate to the Country Collage that I got for my birthday. I look forward to selecting more pieces for my Willow Tree Nativity Set.

Kyla Schlomann

➤ Thank yous – East Sveadahl

❖ Thank you to East Sveadahl Lutheran Church for the nice Valentine card and the Gift Certificate to the Hometown Cafe`. You continue to surprise me. Thanks to all.

Pastor David Webster

❖ Thank you to the members of Augustana and East Sveadahl for the flowers and memorials at the time of Gregg’s mother’s death. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to our family.

Gregg & Kathleen Klinkner

➤ Easter Lilies – Augustana

If you plan on sharing an Easter lily, please let the church office know by **Tuesday, March 22nd**. You can call 375-4792 or email your request to lutheran@embarqmail.com before that day. Thank you. Plants can be picked up following the 9:30 Easter service.

➤ Easter Lilies - East

If you plan on **sharing an Easter lily or other plant**, please let **Angie (507-995-3340)**, **Sonja (375-3538)**, or **Susan (375-5831)** know by **Tuesday, March 22nd**. The plant needs to be labeled and in church by Saturday, March 26th. Thank you.

➤ Food Share Month – Augustana

Pack the Pews

The 2016 Minnesota Food Share March Campaign is “A Different Kind of Food Fight.” During March, congregations and organizations across the state will work to fill local food shelves. Did you know that In Minnesota, 8.3% of seniors reported being threatened by hunger and senior hunger is expected to rise as more Baby Boomers reach age 60? And in 2014, 11% of all Minnesotans and almost 15% of kids in Minnesota lived below the poverty line? Many in our community and state go to bed hungry each night, but we can help. Starting Sunday, March 6th and continuing on every Sunday until March 26th, we’re going to be packing the pews with food and monetary donations for our local food shelf. Please bring nonperishable foods and monetary donations to worship on Wednesdays or Sundays in March. All food and donations will be delivered to the Watonwan County Food Shelf. “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” - Matthew 25:35

➤ Food Share Month – East

East Sveadahl will be collecting food and monetary donations for the food shelf during the month of March. Please bring your donations and place them in box in the entry area of the church. Checks can be made out to Watonwan County Food Shelf and place in the offering plate. If you give cash, please place in an envelope clearly marked for the food shelf. Did you know --- **One in 10 Minnesotans**, or more than 500,000 state residents, are food insecure on a regular basis. For 34 years, Minnesota FoodShare has partnered with faith communities, schools, businesses, and community groups to restock food shelves each March. In 2015, the March Campaign raised **\$8 million and 4.7 million pounds** of food, ensuring that thousands of Minnesotans were fed. (Hunger Facts 2016)

➤ New Members

New members will be welcomed at Augustana and East Sveadahl on April 10. If you or someone you know is interested in membership, please contact Pastor Kathleen. All interested new members are invited to meet on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 and on Sunday, April 6 at 9:45 to learn more about our congregations.

➤ Prayer Shawl Ministry

We have many dedicated women who are knitting and crocheting prayer shawls. This is a wonderful ministry in our church. Prayer shawls are given when someone is ill or hospitalized or going through a difficult time. Do you know someone who could use a prayer shawl and prayer or someone the pastor may have inadvertently missed in giving out prayer shawls? If so, please contact Pastor Kathleen or Kyla or Susan in the church offices.

➤ Bible Study

“Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith” is a 12 week study of other faith traditions, (we will do it in two six week sessions). We will learn about other Christian denominations as well as learn

about Islam and Buddhism. In “Honoring Our Neighbor’s Faith,” we hear, in their own words, who they are, what they believe and how they practice.

This study invites us to honor our neighbor’s faith. First it acknowledges that people--especially in pluralistic America--have different beliefs and affirms that those beliefs are worthy of respect. Second, it recognizes that we have difficulty respecting what we do not understand. In this study we will begin to understand other faith traditions and in so doing we will better clarify our own faith at Lutherans.

You are invited to purchase the book for \$14, or just come and listen, learn and discuss. The book covers 32 different traditions, we will not be able to cover all of them. Each week is a stand-alone study, so even if you have to miss some weeks you can still participate in the study.

The first five week study will begin March 23. We will meet for five Wednesdays at Noon at Augustana, feel free to bring your lunch. There will be a sign-up sheet in each church. If you would like to participate but cannot come during the day, please sign up and we will find an evening that works for those signed up. Please contact Pastor Kathleen with questions.

➤ 30 Pieces of Silver

Jesus was betrayed by his disciple Judas for 30 pieces of silver. On Maundy Thursday, you are invited to bring 30 pieces of silver (30 coins or dollars) to give to those being betrayed in our world. Money collected from this offering will go to “Minnesota Girls Aren’t for Sale,” a Woman’s Foundation of Minnesota campaign to end child sex trafficking in Minnesota.

Happenings

March 4th, Friday

World Day of Prayer

Join us at 1:30 at St. James Catholic Church – Marian Hall Family Center.

March 5th, Saturday

World Day of Prayer

You are cordially invited to attend World Day of Prayer 2016 at New Hope Lutheran Church, Comfrey. Coffee Hour will begin at 9 am; program at 10 am. The host country for World Day of Prayer 2016 is Cuba. The women of Cuba call us to explore the depths of God’s love and accept the invitation to receive the realm of God as a little child. (Mark 10:13-16) We hope you will be able to join us for this special time of fellowship and prayer.

March 7th, Monday

WELLSPRING Coffee and Conversation

Caregiver Education Series - Rethink Your Drink

8:30 am Community Building, Butterfield or 9:30 am Prairie View Dining Room, St. James

March 8th, Tuesday

WELCA Winter Mission Project

Join WELCA at Brandt Ridge in the Community Room at 1:30 to Tie fleece blankets, and for fellowship, and refreshments. These blankets will be donated to Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome to attend. If you have questions please contact Nancy Kunkel at 375-3926.

March 11th & 12th, Friday & Saturday

Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat at Green Lake

Registration can be found online at www.swmnelca.org on the Events page. The deadline to register is March 4th. \$20 per person for Friday night only, \$40 per person for Saturday night

only, \$50 per person for Friday night & Saturday. A person under the age of 26 who registers with a father or grandfather will be free! Free will offering and donations are encouraged to promote LMM Ministries. Friday night lodging is available by calling Sonya Erickson at (320) 796-2181, ext. 243. Lodging is at GLBC at your own cost. The purpose of SWMN Lutheran Men’s Mission is to “assist every congregation in establishing an effective, life-changing men’s ministry” in our Synod.

March 30th, Wednesday

WELLSPRING Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation

Join WELLSRING for their Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation from 12:00 noon - 1:00pm at the St. James Library in the meeting room. A light lunch will be served. Katie Wojtalewicz, Psy.D.,LP, will discuss the stress relief and psychological benefits of Mandala, coloring to sooth the mind. *Please RSVP to WELLSRPING by March 28th.



**EAST SVEAD AHL LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2016**

145TH ANNUAL MEETING OF EAST SVEAD AHL CHURCH

The 145th annual meeting of the East Sveadahl Church was held February 7, 2016, with 35 members in attendance.

Tom Anderson opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. He then called on Pastor Kathleen for devotions. Pastor Kathleen read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 which talks about the variety of gifts we are given and how each of our gifts is needed. She also said that we’re in this together.

An overview of the Annual Report was given. Wes Beck made a motion seconded by Wally Jurgens and passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they were printed in the annual meeting booklet.

Pastor Kathleen’s report along with the congregational statics were highlighted.

The financial reports were discussed. Motion by Lori Urevig and seconded by Francie Anderson to close the youth fund account transferring it to the general fund and earmarked for youth activities. Motion passed. Library account was discussed. The church allocates \$200.00 per year to the library as needed. Library donated a number of books to the AES youth rummage sale in 2015.

Tom presented the Property Report.

Kris Suess from the Nominating Committee presented the ballot for 2016. Election was held.

A recess for counting of ballots took place and the Cemetery Association meeting was held.

Results of the election were:

Church Council

(3 for 3 year term)

Lori Urevig, Janet Bloomquist, and George Nasman

Auditor

(1 for 3 year term)

Wes Beck

Head Usher

(1 for 2 year term)

Dale Anderson

Nominating Committee

(2 for a 2 year term)

Joann Jensen and Teresa Andrews

Lector Coordinator

(1 for a 1 year term)

Angie Noren ending December 31, 2017

Decorating Committee

(1 couple for 3 year term)

Keith & Lori Newberg ending in 2018

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. A new cross for the front of church will be up for the First Sunday in Lent. Thank you to Tom & Kris Sues for this gift.
2. It was noted that the steeple lights don't shine to the top so the cross isn't seen. Tom asked Michael Menssen to get a bid on what it would cost to have a spotlight put on the light pole across the road to shine on the steeple cross.
3. Discussion on the parsonage took place. After much investigation, it was determined that the church owns the parsonage, not the cemetery. A lengthy discussion took place on the future of the parsonage as far as maintaining it. It was decided that at this time, as long as someone is paying rent and living there and taking care of it, we will leave it as is. If it becomes empty the church will discuss what action should be taken.

The 2016 East Sveadahl Church Budget Proposal was presented. Motion by Wayne Jurgens, seconded by Jerry Noren and passed to approve the budget as presented.

The 2016 East Sveadahl recommended Resolutions were read. Motion by Dale Anderson, seconded by Wally Jurgens and passed to adopt the Resolutions.

As there was no other business, Creig Noren made a motion, seconded by Lori Urevig to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Bloomquist



EAST SVEAD AHL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - February 11, 2016

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Creig Noren, Cindy Torkelson, George Nasman, Lori Urevig, Pastor Kathleen, and Rick Carlson.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

New Council member, George Nasman, was welcomed.

Council positions are as follows:

Tom Anderson – Chairman

Secretary – Janet Bloomquist

Treasurer – Creig Noren

Property – George Nasman

AES Board – Creig Noren (2 year term) & Tom Anderson (1 year term)

Teresa Andrews & Dale Anderson – at large

January 2016 minutes were read and approved with corrections.

The position of lector coordinator was discussed. It was decided to have the lessons in the Narthex on Sunday morning and anyone who is so moved is welcome to read the lessons. If someone would like to volunteer to be Lector Coordinator, please let Tom know.

Pastor's report:

1. Sarah Brock, representing Young Adults In Global Mission – ELCA, will be the speaker at the service on Sunday, February 14. Motion by Lori, seconded by Cindy and passed to pay \$150.00 plus special offering that Sunday to the Young Adults In Global Mission.
2. Gustavus Adolphus College is building an endowment for church relations and a discussion took place on giving a donation. Tabled until next meeting.

3. Campus Ministry at MSU – Mankato State University – is having a fundraiser and AES Ministries will have a table at this event. Contact Kathy Eiden or Pastor Kathleen for further information.
4. March is Food Share Month. The council is asking our members to bring donations of non-perishable food items or money during the month of March to Sunday service. Please be sure no food item has expired date. The council will see that the food gets to the Food Shelf after each Sunday service.

Rick Carlson, Director of Faith Formation Ministries for AES, reported on the activities of our youth. Please see complete report in this newsletter.

Old Business:

1. An agreement was made with our custodian that she would get \$17.50 per hour for cleaning.

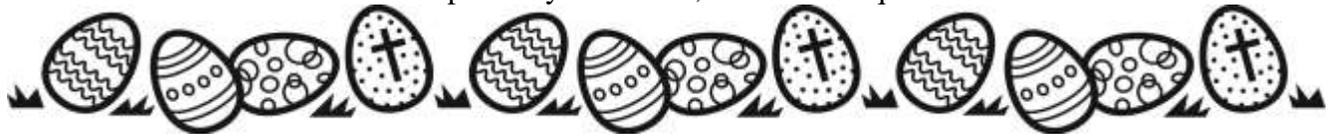
New Business:

1. Tom announced that East Sveadahl was named in Ruth Beck’s will.
2. Tom presented the bills with approval to pay.
3. Motion made by Cindy, seconded by Lori and passed to pay our Synod pledge quarterly instead of annually.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist



AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - February 10, 2016

Present: Dominique Berg, Kathy Eiden, Terry Engel, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Mark Kulseth, Stan Kunkel, Kari Miest, Jessie Shores, Greg Thulien, Lynn Watson, Pr Kathleen and Rick Carlson. Absent: None

President Mark Kulseth called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by Dominique Berg.

- * MSC to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2016 council meeting.
- * Treasurer’s report was reviewed and Judy explained some of the items. MSC to approve as presented. Judy explained an insurance rebate available to us and is completing all the paperwork to submit.

Pastor Kathleen: There have been requests for funding received from Lutheran Campus Ministry for their fundraising event. Tickets are \$25 each. From Gustavus Adolphus College for their Endowment to support Association of Congregations & from Young Adults in Global Mission. Susan Bock will speak to this when she speaks on February 14th. Suggestion to have an offering container and envelopes available at service. Pr Kathleen & Judy Thulien have edited the Wedding Handbook and it is about ready for council. Feb 21st is Camp Sunday. Pr Kathleen thanked the church for the angel and flowers that were sent in memory of Cloe Klinkner. She also stated that she is now a member of the Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Board.

Rick Carlson: Served the brunch for the Annual meeting on Jan 24th. That same afternoon 39 attended the tubing event at Mt Kato with 36 tubing. They are planning the Valentine dinner and have 70 adult and 5 children reserved. They are planning a trip to Chanhassen in August, probably the 20th or 27th. They will serve the Lenten meal on March 2nd and also the Easter breakfast. Planning continues for these. They will coordinate a communitywide youth event, and also participate in adopt a highway. This is from the Jct of Hwy 60 & 4, 2 miles south & is done 2 times per year and the term is for 2 years. Sr High Youth Gathering is in June, Boundary Waters trip is July 14-17, and they are looking for another mission project..

AES Ministries: No meeting. Next meeting is March 2nd following Lenten Service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: No meeting because of bad weather.

Evangelism/Social Ministries: Will be participating in the MN Food Share - Pack the Pews Program. Program runs in March and they are accepting money & food donations. We will be receiving new members on April 10th.

Finance: List of Audit & Nominating Committees were passed out. Needed are 2 for Nominating and 1 for Audit committee.

Property/Cemetery: They are still working on the replacement of the main & east doors. Hand rail is needed and Stan will look into what can be done for that.

Youth Ministries: No meeting

Worship & Music: We will be using the Holden Evening Prayer for the Lenten Services. Theme this year is "Beneath the Cross of Jesus".

OLD BUSINESS:

The handicap bathroom in the previous secretary office is ready for construction. Mark will contact Bill Freitag and Jeff Nelson. Conference Assembly is at Augustana on February 28th at 4PM. Deanna will coordinate the lunch and coffee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blue Grass Band will be at Augustana on April 17th. This is also a fundraiser for camperships so come for the service and stay for the Free Will Offering meal to follow. Watch for further details. The AES Annual Summer Picnic will be on August 7th. This will also be the conclusion of Bible School service.

Next meeting is March 9th with Terry Engel leading devotions.

Communion Servers: 3/6: Stan & Kristen, 3/13: Jessie, Stan, Jim & Mark.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Deanna Hoffman, Secretary



**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2016**

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Jayne Anderson, Jeanne Miest, Nancy Kunkel, Carol Zarn

Secretary & Treasurer reports approved.

Presidents/Vice Presidents Meeting was held on Saturday, January 30th at Augustana. Judy, Nancy, & Carol worked. Coffee cake, cheese, and fresh fruit was served. There were 20 in attendance.

Baby Shower for Jesus to be held Sunday, February 14th, during coffee hour. Jayne has cake ordered and completing the plans. WELCA Board will serve.

Plans are under way for readers, soloist, greeters and ushers for Bold Women's Sunday on Sunday, February 28th. Each Circle is to furnish two ushers, and four dozen food items for coffee hour. No altar flowers during Lent. WEAR RED.

WELCA will serve the Lenten meal on Wednesday, March 16th. We will serve hot dish, salad, bread and bars. We need two pans of bars from each circle. Carol will call for 6 salads from food supply list.

Quilt Tying Event at Brandt Ridge will be held on Tuesday, March 8th at 1:30 p.m. Any resident from Pleasant View, Brandt Ridge, Prairie View or anyone who would like to come are most welcome. Come and enjoy the afternoon of tying or just come for fellowship. This is a Thrivent Action Team Event. Coffee and cookies will be served.

Plans being made to bring flowers for shut ins for Easter.

Spring Gathering is Saturday, April 2nd, at East Sveadahl. Augustana will serve coffee and rolls.

Suggested \$500.00 be given to Campus Ministry. This has to be ok'd by circle members.

Next board meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6th, during coffee hour.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

DOFFM REPORT

We have decided to postpone our April Chanhassen trip to August. This will give us an opportunity to get better seats and to find out how much interest there is in this event. This will be for youth who have completed 7th-12th grade. The cost is \$40 and the deadline for signing up is April 17. The sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. Please select which of the 2 dates you would prefer.

We are also planning a Boundary Waters trip for youth who have completed 7th -12th grade on July 21-24. The cost is \$30 and the deadline is May 1.

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March 16: We will be meeting at Augustana from 2:00-5:00. Since we will only be 11 days from Easter, this would seem to be an appropriate theme. I won't tell you what we are going to do but it should be "egg"cellent.

3rd-12th

March 2: The youth will be serving the Lenten Supper at Augustana at 5:00. Please be at church by 4:30. Casual dress is fine for this event.

March 26: We will be setting up for the Easter Breakfast at 9:00 AM.

March 27: We will be serving Easter breakfast at Augustana at 7:30. Please be at church by 7:00. We would like the families of each youth to donate \$3 to help cover the cost of the food.

April 9: We will be working at the VFW Steak Fry from 4:45-9:00. Please select the job you would like to do on the sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board.

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3rd-6th

March 20: We will be going to the WOW Zone in Mankato. We will meet at Augustana at 1:00 and will be back by 6:00. The cost is \$12 which pays for a game of bowling, a game of mini golf, two games of laser tag, \$10 for the arcade, pizza and pop. There are also snacks there if your child would like to bring additional spending money. I will need drivers if more than 6 kids go.

April 10: Pool Party

May 15: Zoo trip to Minnesota or Como Zoo

7th-12th

March 13: Ice Cream party at Augustana from 1:00-5:00. There is no cost except I would like each person to bring a topping. Oh, and one other thing, we are going to make our own ice cream. You can google homemade ice cream to see if there is a certain kind you think we should try. Otherwise, I will pick one. It will take about 2 hours to freeze so bring games, music, movies, etc. to do while we wait.

April 17: Mystery trip.

May20: Lock-in at East Sveadahl

SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 6-20: March is Food Share month and I would like the Sunday School students to bring non-perishable items to opening worship during these 3 Sundays.

March 20: This is Palm Sunday and the kids will be carrying palms into the church. You will be receiving a postcard with the details.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

March 1: Education Committee meeting at 1:00

March 9: Youth Committee meeting at 5:15

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