

# AES MINISTRIES

## Augustana/East SveadahL Lutheran Churches

### May Newsletter

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#### *From The Pastor*

##### *“Thank You”*

This is what’s been on my mind lately, “thank you.” I am so thankful to serve along-side you at AES Ministries. I like this quote from Meister Eckhart, “If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.” And so I’ve been thanking God for many things as of late. I am truly in awe at what has been happening at Augustana and East SveadahL. We raised \$4000 on Camp Sunday to send our youth to bible camp. I sent out an e-mail requesting that our two WELCA groups serve the Food Shelf volunteer luncheon and just like that, it happened. Our last two open Wednesdays for TLC meals were filled. Holy Week and Easter required so, so many volunteers, and they were there. Two chairs and a bench that looked a little old and worn were recovered and make that space by the church office more welcoming. Mentors and confirmation students had their last gathering of the school year. Students continue to bake our communion bread with adult guidance. Youth are leading in both congregations and are appreciated for doing so. This is just a small bit of what has happened in our congregations recently. People are in and out of the churches all week doing God’s work with their hands in many different ways and I am thankful.

I’ve said “thank you” before, but lately my heart has been bursting with gratitude for the ways you embrace our mission to do God’s work in our congregations and communities. We have a lot of momentum moving us in the right direction. That’s exciting! It reminds me of the song, “Pass It On,” where it says, “it only takes a spark to get a fire going...” That’s what is happening here. One spark after another, keeping the fire of God’s love burning brightly at AES Ministries. In all of this, we trust God to provide for us what we need to keep the momentum going. Whether what we need is funds, creativity, time, people, or energy, we trust God will continue to give us what we need.

In our prayers of gratitude we open our hearts to hearing how God is leading us and what God wants us to share. These are exciting times at AES Ministries. Let’s keep the momentum going.

Pastor Kathleen

**From the Watonwan River Conference Shiyane Circuit Partnership Committee:** You may recall that in 2015 we helped raise funds to build a church in Nsongeni. That was a big success and seven people from our conference were at the church dedication. We have been invited to participate in another adventure... helping to fund the building of a church at eTholeni. A matching gift of \$10,000 has been given by an anonymous donor to encourage our generosity. We are aiming for a total of approximately \$36,000, and we are well on our way. The Shiyane Circuit will raise the remaining 20% of the funds. At Augustana and East SveadahL we will take a special offering for this project on Sunday, May 20. Please bring your gift, marked for this mission, on Sunday, May 20.

## **Augustana** **Circles**

- May 1: Rebecca Circle 11:30 am - Encore  
May 1: Martha Circle 7:00 pm – Augustana  
May 15: Sewing Circle 8:30 am - Augustana

### **Acolytes**

- May 6: Sydney Grossmann  
& Sydney Engelking  
May 13: Austin Spitzner & Hayden Davis  
May 20: Brandi Pierson & Lizabeth Lothert  
May 27: Kimberly Lothert & Maya Kulseth

### **Altar Guild**

Jeanne Miest, Sue Melheim, Kari Miest,  
Colleen Newman, Judy Thulien

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

- May 6: Deb Style

### **Communion Servers**

- May 6: Paul Missling, Steph Reid  
May 13: Kari Miest, John Coleman,  
Kristen Gertsema, Kathy Eiden

### **Greeters**

- May 6: Roger & Mary Jo Hagen  
May 13: Jim & Jean Leopold  
May 20: Stan & Nancy Kunkel  
May 27: Jayne Anderson

### **Lectors**

- May 6: Rick Carlson  
May 13: Paul Missling  
May 20: Lisa Carlson  
May 27: Kirsten Freitag

### **Radio Sponsor**

The radio broadcast on May 27<sup>th</sup> from East Sveadahl is sponsored by Marge Jenkins in memory of Roy Jenkins.

### **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.

## **Augustana** **Missionary Sponsors**

- May 6: Gregg & Kathleen Klinkner  
May 13: Paul, Heather & Branten Missling  
May 20: Bill & Kirsten Freitag  
May 27: Marge Jenkins

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

### **May** **Ushers**

Bob Plath, John Coleman, Andrew Farr, Don Flater,  
Stan Kunkel, Doug Nelson, Lanny Overson,  
Janet Plath, Lloyd & Andrea Sandberg,  
Kyla Schlomann

### **Coffee Hour**

- May 6: Ray & Judy Berg, Jim & Jean Leopold  
May 13: John & Jeanne Miest, Joyce Pierson  
May 20: Greg & Judy Thulien,  
Stan & Nancy Kunkel  
May 27: Dick & Marlys Gilbertson,  
Myron & Sally Engel

### **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.

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Flowers are sponsored by  
Paul, Heather and Branten Missling

### **Transitions** **Baptism**

We welcomed into God's Family, Augustana's family,  
and AES Ministries:

Memphis Joseph Korst, the son of Allison Karau and  
Joseph Korst on April 22.

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

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Mothers hold their children's hands  
for a while, but their hearts forever.

## EAST

### TRANSITIONS:

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Evelyn, Teresa, Chloe  
Pr. David, Wilma, Orval, Barbara, Norman, Jacob

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

Pr. David Webster, 1000 2nd St., St. James,  
MN

### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through March	\$ 16,581.24
Received through March	\$ 10,500.38
Behind through March	- \$ 6,080.86
Received in March	\$ 4,526.32

Happy Birthday  
Happy Baptismal Date

- 12 Ken Moll 6-10  
Bev Wolle 6-19
- 17 Jared Bridges 7-28  
Chad Wolle 8-13
- 22 Angela Noren 2-1
- 29 Mercedes Lenning 8-20

Additions or corrections? Please contact Susan.

Our graduating seniors

**Madison Dougherty,**

daughter of Jeren and Adam Marxen  
and

**Mercedes Lenning,**

daughter of Bev Lenning & Curt Lenning

will be honored on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
following the worship service.  
Come celebrate with Madison and  
Mercedes!

## EAST

### RADIO BROADCASTS

- May 6: First Lutheran, St. James
- 13: Albion
- 20: First Lutheran, St. James
- 27: Augustana

### ACOLYTES

May 6:

### ALTAR COMMITTEE

Joann Jensen, Janet Bloomquist

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Tom Anderson, Erma Griffith

### VISITING COMMITTEE

Kris Suess and Erma Griffith

### WELCA HOSTESSES

Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, Birthday Party

Committee #1: Program/Decorating –

Kris, Julene, Teresa

Committee #2: Serving – Evonne, Lorita

### USHERS

Creig Noren

### LECTORS

May 6: Dale Anderson

13: Mike Menssen

20: Creig Noren

27: Erma Griffith

### RADIO SPONSORS

East is responsible for these broadcasts in 2018.

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

Cost is \$65.00 per Sunday.

July 29: Wally & Phyllis Jurgens

September 30:

December 30: Herbert Noren Family

*A light heart lives long.*

## AES May News and Upcoming Events

### AES Summer Read

**AES Ministries Summer Read, “Life of the Beloved,” by Henri Nouwen.** The book costs \$8.30. Please contact the church office, if you would like a copy of the book. Order will be placed on May 15. We will also purchase some for the church libraries. The book is described this way from the publisher, “This spiritual classic began as a simple request from one friend to another. Fred Bratman, a secular journalist and writer, asked friend and renowned author Henri Houwen to write a book explaining the spiritual life in terms that he and his friends could understand, avoiding theology and technical language. Nouwen’s answer has become one of the most cherished books of our era.” About the author, “Henri Nouwen is considered one of the great spiritual writers of our day. He taught at Harvard, Yale, and Notre Dame and spent ten years at the L’Arche Daybreak community in Toronto.”

### TLC

The last TLC of the school year will be on May 2, 2018. Following worship (5:30 pm) we will have a picnic (6:00 pm) to celebrate a great year! Menu: hamburgers, hotdogs, beans, tator tots and Dilly Bars!

### Youth Committee

Youth Committee meets on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in Fireside Room at Augustana.

### East Sveadahl WELCA Annual Birthday Party

The East Sveadahl WELCA invites you to their Annual Birthday Party on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with a light supper at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program, *When Life Gives You Lemons...Make Lemonade*. Need a little zest in your life? Our Lemonade women’s gathering will be a time of encouragement and laughter. You’ll learn about a fun and easy “upcycling” project, plus enjoy delicious lemonade and supper. “Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 is the scripture for the evening. Please RSVP to Evonne Moll (507-828-9943) or Lorita Nasman (507-621-0315). Looking forward to seeing you!

### New Members

We will be welcoming **new members** to Augustana and East Sveadahl. New members will be received at **Augustana on May 20, at the 10:30 am service** and at **East Sveadahl in June**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining one of our congregations, please contact Pastor Kathleen. You can e-mail her at [prkathleen@embarqmail.com](mailto:prkathleen@embarqmail.com) or call her at 375-4792.

### 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’s youth. Registration is required and forms can be found at participating churches and on the church website: [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org). Please contact Kathy Eiden or Pastor Kathleen with questions. This year’s theme is “**Shipwrecked – Rescued By Jesus**”

## AES Youth

**Ninth Grade Confirmation:** We will meet on Wednesdays, May 2 and 16, at 6:30 pm. Students and parents will meet together on Wednesday, May 16, at 7:30 pm to plan the fall confirmation service and the confirmation final project.

**Grades 5-8 Mini Lock In at East Sveadahl!** On Friday, May 18, from 7:00-11:00 PM. If you have a sporting event and get there a little late, that's OK. Games, snacks, campfire and lots of fun! Sign up on the bulletin board at Augustana.

**ELCA Youth Gathering:** All youth and adult leaders attending the Gathering will meet on Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 pm. This is one of our "Getting Ready" meetings. Our experience at the Gathering will be all the better if we take time to meet and be ready for all we will experience in Houston. Following the meeting, the group designing the t-shirts will meet for the final planning.

## Senior Recognition and Baccalaureate

**East Sveadahl:** High School graduates will be honored at the 8:30 am service on Sunday, May 20. Following worship, stay for coffee and treats in their honor.

**Augustana:** High School graduates will be honored at the 10:00 am service on Sunday, June 3. There will be reception in their honor (including the East Sveadahl graduates) beginning at 9:00 am that day. There will be a table reserved for each family.

**Community Baccalaureate Service:** All St. James High School graduates are invited to participate in the community baccalaureate service. It will be held on Wednesday, May 30, at 7:00 PM at St. James Catholic Church.

### Congratulations to our AES Graduates

Jadyn Anderson  
Casey Currier  
Madison Dougherty

Hannah Janzen  
Garrett Larson  
Mercedes Lenning

Hayley Lothert  
Mackinzee Miest  
Hannah Salazar

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

## First Communion

Congratulations to the nine students who received their First Communion on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Augustana.

Jenavieve Knaack, daughter of Kami & James Joosten and Russell Knaack

Vivian Leach, daughter of Christine & Jesse Leach

Hayleigh Lingbeek, daughter of Kari & Randy Adrian and Greg Lingbeek

Lydia Overson, daughter of Vicki & Trent Overson

Dylan Reid, son of Ryan and Steph Reid

Ava Spitzner, daughter of Heather & Jeremy Spitzner

Talyn Tande, son of Ashley & Adam Johnson and Seth & Kaye Tande

Carter Wolner and Peyton Wolner, sons of Jody & Mike Wolner

## 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.

## Facebook/Website

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

## WELCA NEWS

### 31<sup>st</sup> 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 p.m. Convention Opening: 12:15 p.m. (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.

## Thank Yous

Dear WELCA Family-Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers to brighten my home at Pleasant View. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Bernice Olson

A big Thank You to WELCA for the lovely Easter flowers and visit – God Bless, Lois Hultgren

Thank You to WELCA for the beautiful flowers given to us at Easter time. Thank you to Ruth & Lawrence Haler for the cookies, anniversary wishes and visit, and to Judy & Ray Berg for the cookies, anniversary gift & visit. We enjoyed all the cookies very much! Thank you to everyone who sent us anniversary wishes. Bette & Don Flater

Dear friends of AES-Thank you for sending me the Advance monthly newsletter from church. I do enjoy reading about you and how busy you stay. It will always be my home church. So many names have been added to your membership – that’s good news! You have the best leadership with Pastor Kathleen. Greetings to you all. Eunice Arnold

Thank you to the following who shared Easter lilies at East: Steve Johnson Family, Kris Suess Family, Lowell Bloomquist Family, Dale Anderson Family, Paul Torkelson Family, Herbert Noren Family, Lisa Shellum Family, Lori Urevig Family, Ray Anderson Family, and Jim and Rita Nasman, Angie Noren, Dennis Coleman Family, and Tammy Stevens and Don Rathman.

## Partner Ministry/Community Events

### Good Samaritan Bowl

Join in on the Fun! The **Annual Good Samaritan Bowl** will be here soon, and team sign-up has begun! Bowling times are Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9-11, 12-2, 3-5 and 6-8 or Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 12-2, 3-5. Bowlers will be invited to collect pledges. The minimum charge per bowler is \$25 (\$100/team of four) which includes shoe rental, bowling and eligibility for a number of door prizes. The event will be held at Madelia Lanes this year. If you bowl a 30, 70, 120, 200, or more this event is for you! It is all about having fun for a great cause. Scores don't matter! The funds raised will be split 50/50 between Good Samaritan - St. James (Dining Room Furnishings) and Good Samaritan - Mt. Lake (Resident Room Furnishings). Thanks to our fabulous sponsors, Firemen, Ambulance squad members, and members of the Police departments can grab their family or co-department members and join in on the fun at no charge on Saturday from 6-8. When the slots are full, they are full. We also offer special discounts for youth church groups. Call Misty at 375-3286 or 427-2464 to see what times are available, to ask any other questions, and to register your team! Be sure to call soon in order to get your free t-shirts. See you at the lanes!

### MAYDAY! Peace Conference at Gustavus

“Mighty Be Our Powers: Gender, Justice, and Peacebuilding” with featured speaker Noble Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Wellspring

May 5 – Prom Mini Grand March at Good Samaritan Complex

Coffee and Conversation - Caregiver Education Series: Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> “Benefits of Aroma Therapy”; 8:30 am-Butterfield Community Building, 9:30 am-St. James Prairie View Dining Room.

Aging, Dementia & Caregiving Seminar presented by Krisie Barron of Embrace on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:15 pm to 6:30 pm at the Prairie View Dining Room, St. James. Light supper provided.  
RSVP 375-1276

### May Friendship Day

Church Women United will celebrate **May Friendship Day-“Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God’s Presence”** on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, St. James. Offering will be for the Backpack Program and Fellowship of the Least Coin.

### Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

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

### 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](http://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.

## Mental Health – Suicide Prevention

May is designated as **Mental Health Month**. It was created in 1949 to raise awareness about mental health conditions and the importance of mental wellness for all. In the spirit of the month, the ELCA recommends that all congregational and community leaders create and encourage a dialogue with congregation and community members about mental health awareness and the destigmatizing of mental illness. Nearly every person in the pews has been touched by mental illness in some way; individuals and families do not need to suffer in silence. Our faith communities can be an active and sympathetic sanctuary for people living with a mental illness, their family members, friends, advocates and allies. Help is available to you, and there is hope for all of us!

The mission of **Lutheran Suicide Prevention Ministry (LSPM)** is to eliminate death-by-suicide. LSPM accomplishes this through awareness, education and advocacy. Our ministry acts on the goals from the 1999 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted social message, Suicide Prevention. We are a grass-roots organization, empowered by volunteers who have been affected by mental illness and/or suicide. **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 800-273-TALK (8255).**

### AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – April 11, 2018

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

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by John Coleman

Secretary's Report was approved as printed. Financial Comparison Report shows YTD donations lower than 2017.

Judy Thulien discussed the Treasurers Report. There were no exceptions. MSC to approve as printed.

**Pastor Kathleen:** We will be receiving new members on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Noisy Offering on April 29<sup>th</sup> will go to World Hunger. She is checking on Conference dues for our church. Community meal served at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church is a go. We will serve on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Will plan at May Council meeting. Pastor will be gone on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Lyla Klee will fill in and be on call. Pastor will be taking a class at Seminary for Executive Certification in Non Profit Fundraising.

**AES Ministries:** Next meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Education:** VBS will be June 4-8. Graduation Sunday is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Graduation reception will be at 9 AM in Social Hall. TLC will be purchasing some technical equipment to further the options for programming. Last TLC is May 2<sup>nd</sup> with a grill out planned.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** Greg reported that several of the envelope boxes not picked up have been delivered. Will continue on that.

**Stewardship/Memorial/Finance:** No meeting

**Church Property/Cemetery:** Windows are in all the classroom doors. Filtered water system is in. New sink will be installed in the kitchen.

**Youth Ministry:** Easter breakfast was discussed. Attendance was down, so will plan for something different for next year. Youth are scheduled to work steak fry on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Pr. Kathleen will e-mail families. Graduation gifts have been purchased. AESY committee is working together to plan a mini-lock in from 7-11 PM for grades 5-8 on Friday May 18<sup>th</sup> at East. Games and food will be provided. Committee will be helping in June to plan the upcoming year for the Senior High night and also helping with it.



*(Augustana minutes, cont.)*

They will be serving the TLC meal on April 18<sup>th</sup> with proceeds going to the Houston Gathering. Dominique has set up background check with a company recommended by the Synod. Will be starting with TLC volunteers first. Next meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM.

**Worship and Music:** Gather service is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>. Setting 8 will be used for the summer and Come Let Us Worship in the fall. Blue Grass Sunday was a big success.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mark Kulseth informed the council of the options we have available to eliminate the mud problem. Bids will be obtained for 2-3 different options. Computers for the offices were discussed. Pr. Kathleen has options for replacements. After discussion, the final recommendation is to purchase 2 computers for the offices, and the enhancement equipment for TLC at a cost of \$1,766.98 (\$309.98 will be TLC) from New Ulm Telcom. Motion by Steph Reid, seconded by Greg Thulien and carried. To be Wi-Fi capable in the entire church it was decided to purchase Ubiquiti at a cost of \$1,238.08. Motion by Greg Thulien, seconded by Steph Reid and carried. Office 365 programming was also discussed and recommendation is to use the monthly \$6.00 option as it ends up being cheaper than purchasing the program. MSC to pay \$6.00 monthly. Deanna advised Larson Scholarship applications for 3 students who qualified. They were approved by Council. Personnel Committee is in process of preparing for Employee Evaluations. Plan to do the reviews on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Deanna presented the information regarding a new photo directory. We will be going with the Community Connect booklet. This directory can be updated within 4 years for free. MSC to proceed with the contract and scheduling. Deanna is the coordinator. Pictures will be on Wednesday-Saturday in 1 week. We can still submit photos (up to 10) free. Deanna will need persons to help with contacting our members for scheduling.

Next meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8 PM

Devotions – Kathy Eiden

Communion servers:

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Paul Missling & Steph Reid

May 13<sup>th</sup>: John Coleman, Kathy Eiden, Kristen Gertsema & Kari Miest.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary, Deanna Hoffman

### **EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – April 1, 2018**

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7 p.m. Those present were Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Erma Griffith, George Nasman, Susan Anderson, and Pastor Kathleen.

Chairman Tom Anderson, called the meeting to order. Pastor Kathleen opened with prayer.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the March 8, 2018 meeting. A motion by Erma, seconded by George and passed to approve the minutes as read.

Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented her report. Motion by Wayne, seconded by Jane,t 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 Wayne, seconded by George, and passed to approve paying of bills.

*(East minutes, cont.)*

The Lenten supper donations and offerings in the amount of \$290.81 were discussed. A motion was made by Wayne, seconded by George, and passed to donate the money to ELCA World Hunger. The special offering taken for MN Girls Are Not for Sale was discussed. A motion by George, seconded by Erma, and passed to approve rounding the offering up to \$100 and also include the April 29 Noisy Offering to be sent to MN Girls Are Not for Sale.

**Pastor Kathleen highlighted the following:**

- The community meals will begin on April 18 at First Lutheran in St. James. AES will host the May 17 meal. Everyone is welcome.
- A new AES picture directory is being planned. Watch newsletter for dates and places.
- May 7-10 Pastor Kathleen will be at Luther Seminary for a training
- The Bluegrass Sunday lunch brought in \$4,000.00 for the youth to attend camp.
- Friday, May 18, East Sveadahl will host a mini lock-in for youth grades 5-8 from 7 -11 p.m.  
Susan Anderson, Church Secretary, presented her report.  
It was decided that Sunday, May 20, will be the graduation quilt Sunday.

**Old Business:**

- Update on the locking of the organ when not in use took place.
- Tom updated us on the new front doors.

**New Business:**

- Sunday, May 6, a group of people from Sweden will be here and present a program at 4 p.m. followed by supper which is open to everyone. The Swedish group will be here for a few days and will digitize our old records which are in Swedish and translate for us.
- In 2020 East Sveadahl will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church. The members who volunteered at the annual meeting to be on the committee for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration will be contacted to begin planning.  
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
The next meeting will be May 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

**AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 17, 2018**

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

- Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.
- The flowers were delivered to shut ins for Easter. These visits and flowers are very well received.
- Synodical Gathering is June 29th and 30th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud. Applications have to be sent in by June 8th. A delegate is needed to attend. Anyone wishing to make up a Personal Care Kit should have them brought to church so they can be delivered to the Gathering at this time.
- Plans are being made to try and reschedule the Spring Gathering, which was cancelled on Saturday, April 14th, at Augustana, because of the snow storm. The guest speaker, that was scheduled to come, will be contacted to see if she is available at another time in May. More definite plans will be made after hearing from her.
- East Sveadahl Birthday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16th.
- Judy Berg will be contacting Marlys regarding serving the June Birthday party at Pleasant View, and also, check to see if she has entertainment scheduled. This would be on Wednesday, June 13th.
- Thank you's were received from Lois Engel, Bernice Olson for the flowers, and from CADA. for the \$150.00 donation they received from WELCA.
- Next WELCA Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 15th, in the Fireside Room.
- Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary