

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

May Newsletter

From The Pastor

Living Out the Baptismal Promises We Make to Our Children

I write this on the last day of TLC. What a wonderful year of faith formation we have had at AES Ministries! Our children have grown in their faith in Jesus Christ. They have made new friends and become better friends in Christ. They have learned to sing their faith. They have had time to work on their homework, play games, and simply have fun together as part of this body of Christ. Here is what some of them say about TLC:

“What I like best are the teachers and Pastor. I like that we have someone to teach us about God and Jesus. I am thankful it gives all of an opportunity to learn about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.” *Dylan*

“I like that we can learn about Jesus and God, all the snacks, all the games, all the fun and what I can learn.” *Maren*

“I like playing games, eating snacks and hanging out with friends. I get to learn about God and Jesus.” *Ava*

“I like to hear how to grow in my faith. I love the teachers and the food after church. *Erick A.*

“I like going to class and reading about Jesus. It gets me closer to the Lord.” *Danon*

“I like the games, fun and food.” *Peyton*

“I like games, food, fun, and time to do homework. It is fun to learn and fun to do all kind of the stuff we do here.” *Talyn*

“I like Pastor Kathleen and the teachers.” *Jena*

“What I like best is the music and I am thankful I get to see my friends.” *Kaitlyn*

“What I like best is when we have class. I am thankful it is fun.” *Elizabeth*

“It is fun and I like the games.” *Carter*

“I like class and am thankful you can make friends at TLC.” *Adrian*

“I like playing games and music. I am thankful TLC teaches me more about my religion.” *Hayleigh*

Everything we are doing at TLC is helping our children discover they are beloved children of God given gifts to share at church, home and school. Even our snack time is important. Our snack time is much like Sunday morning coffee hour, it is about more than the food. It is a time to connect, to support and to encourage one another (and laugh a lot, too). Thank you for your continued prayers, support and encouragement of this wonderful ministry

Pastor Kathleen

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May Circles

- May 7: Rebecca Circle-11:30 am, Encore
May 7: Martha Circle-7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Judy Anderson, Hostess
21: Sewing Circle-8:30 am at Augustana

Acolytes

- May 5: Austin Spitzner, Ava Spitzner
12: William Knaack, Jena Knaack
19: Dylan Reid, Levi Miest
26: Volunteers

Communion Servers

- May 5: **No Communion**
12: Lisa Carlson, Kristen Gertsema,
Stephanie Reid

Greeters

- May 5: Darrick & Kari Miest
12: Les & Kristi Zellmann
19: John & Jeanne Miest
26: Ron & Becky Cobb

Lectors

- May 5: Kathy Eiden
12: Jean Leopold
19: Kristen Gertsema
26: Deb Style

Altar Guild

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

Radio Sponsor

The radio broadcast on May 26th from
East Sveadahl is sponsored by Kaethe Morgan.

Radio Broadcasts

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

Memorials

In Memory of Lois Overson
\$20.00 - Stained Glass Window Fund
\$10.00 - Undesignated

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May Ushers

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

Missionary Sponsors

- May 5: Martha Circle
12: Paul, Heather & Branten Missling
19: Bill & Kirsten Freitag
26: Martha Circle
The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday
to help support our missionary.

Blood Pressure Screening

May 5: Bryan Nelson

Coffee Hour

- May 5: Jim & Judy Anderson, Ray & Judy Berg
12: Gene & Carol Zarn, Greg & Judy Thulien
19: Jim & Jean Leopold
Dick & Marlys Gilbertson
26: Stan & Nancy Kunkel, Lisa Carlson

Altar Flowers

- May 5:
12: Paul, Heather & Branten Missling
19:
26:

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 Baptisms

We welcomed into God's Family,
Augustana's family, and AES Ministries,
Ashlee Dianne Augst, the daughter of
Rachel & Jeremy Augst, on April 7, 2019.

Please continue to keep Ashlee and her family in your
prayers as she grows in the grace and knowledge of
Jesus Christ.

Address Changes

Henry Peters has recently moved to:
31927 County Road 23
Akeley, MN 56433

**EAST
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TRANSITIONS:

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on April 14th were:

- Michael James Suarez**,
son of Jose and Sarah Lopez;
- Daniel James Avila**,
son of Jose and Dana Avila; and
- Erick Mario Avila**, son of Jose and Dana Avila.
Welcome to God’s Family, East Sveadahl,
and AES Ministries!

The Service of Christian Burial was held for **Dona Marie (Monsen) Johnson** on Saturday, April 20, 2019. Dona was born June 7, 1924 and passed away April 5, 2019. May God’s peace comfort her family and friends.

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

ADDRESS CHANGES:

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through March	\$ 17,265.00
Received through March	\$ 10,632.72
Behind through March	- \$ 6,632.28
Received in March	\$ 5,346.92

**Happy Birthday
Happy Baptismal Date**

- 2 Kaden Suggs 5-13
- 12 Bev Lenning 6-19
Ken Moll 6-10
- 17 Jared Bridges 7-28
Chad Wolle 8-13
- 22 Angela Noren 2-1
- 26 Daxtyn Anderson 8-5
- 29 Mercedes Lenning 8-20

Additions or corrections? Please contact Susan.

Cheerfulness is the habit of looking at the good side of things.

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RADIO BROADCASTS

- May 5: First Lutheran, St. James
- 12: Albion
- 19: First Lutheran, St. James
- 26: Augustana

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Kris Suess and Tammy Stevens Rathman

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Tom Anderson and Evonne Moll

VISITING COMMITTEE

Kris Suess and Erma Griffith

WELCA HOSTESSES

- Wednesday, May 15th, 6:30 pm – Birthday Party
- Committee #1 – Serving – Julene, Teresa
- Committee #2 – Program/Decorating –
Cindy, Bernie

USHERS

Creig Noren

LECTORS

- May 5: Erma Griffith
- 12: Mike Menssen
- 19: Kris Suess
- 27: Cindy Torkelson

RADIO SPONSORS

Broadcasts sponsored by East:

- June 30: Cora Noren’s family
 - September 29: Need a sponsor
 - December 29: Wally and Phyllis Jurgens
- If you would like to sponsor the September 29th broadcast, please contact Susan.

“I wonder why people say ‘Amen’ and not ‘A Women?’” Bobby questioned. His little friend replied, “Because they sing hymns and not hers, silly.”

Love binds everything together in perfect harmony.

AES May News and Upcoming Events

Senior Recognition and Baccalaureate

Augustana: High School graduates will be honored at the 10:30 am service on Sunday, June 2nd. There will be a reception in their honor beginning at 9:30 am that day. There will be a table reserved for each family. (No East Sveadahl graduates this year)

Community Baccalaureate Service: All St. James High School graduates are invited to participate in the Community Baccalaureate Service. It will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, May 29th at First Lutheran Church, St. James.

Congratulations to our AES Graduates

Amber Carlson
Samuel Kulseth

Olivia Fredin
Jennifer Lothert

Kennedy Gertsema
Destiny Whitehead

The St. James Graduation ceremony will be held June 2nd at 2:00 pm at the High School Event Center.

Graduation Open House

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

Vacation Bible School

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

Vacation Bible School will be roaring adventure with an African Safari theme! At ROAR - VBS, kids discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the stand-out activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life - something we call "God Sightings." Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! So, mark these dates on your calendar: June 3-7 at Augustana. The fun starts at 8:30 am and will end at 11:30 am. Registration is necessary and is available at Augustana and online. Of course, we will need lots of volunteers: station leaders, crew leaders, kitchen help, decorators, purchasing supplies, etc. What is great about the multitude of volunteers is that no job looms too large! Many hands make light work. If you can help, please contact Kathy Eiden, Director at 507-227-1555, or Pastor Kathleen. It will be one of the best weeks of your summer! See you there!! **When you register, you will receive the ROAR CD with all of the great songs we will be learning!**

WELCA

Martha Circle

Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, May 7th in the Fireside Room at 7:00 p.m. Judy Anderson – Hostess

WELCA Birthday Party Invitation

The East Sveadahl WELCA invites all AES Ministries women to their annual Birthday Party celebration on Wednesday, May 15th beginning with a light supper at 6:30 pm. The program is entitled "Coffee". Please RSVP to Julene Hoffman (507-317-3457) or Teresa Andrews (507-621-2557) by Friday, May 10th, if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you!

East Sveadahl WELCA

Don't forget to submit your recipes for the anniversary cookbook. The deadline is the end of May. Recipes can be mailed to Lynne Rolshoven, 928 6th Ave. S., St. James, emailed to lrolshoven@isd840.org, or put into the plastic box on the table in the entry. Thank you!

Thank You's

Thank you to all who helped make Holy Week and Easter meaningful at Augustana and East Sveadahl. Think of all the people it took: musicians, office staff, altar guild, ushers, custodians, bread bakers, lectors, acolytes, communion assistants, kitchen help, cooks, financial secretaries and counters, and other volunteers too numerous to mention. What a blessing to have so many people willing to serve God and God's church so that we can share the Good News of Easter. Thanks again to all who helped in small or big ways during this busy time of the church year! Pastor Kathleen

Thank you to all who participated in the Bible study of the gospel of John. There is more learning to be had and rumor has it that Scrooge might make an appearance during Advent! Stay tuned! Becky Cobb

Dear Members of AES Ministries

Thank you so much for your donation of items to our High School Food Pantry. It is amazing to watch our students with income issues have the chance to "shop" and pick out items they need but otherwise would be unable to purchase.

Sincerely, Linda Becken, Watonwan County Backpack Program/Food Pantry

Thank you to the members of East Sveadahl in grateful appreciation for giving \$1,500 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries. ... SWMN Synod

Thank you to the members of Augustana in grateful appreciation for giving \$6,522.57 for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synodical and churchwide ministries. ... SWMN Synod

Dear Members of East Sveadahl - With joy we received your gift of \$750.00! This gift has been designated to the fat-tire bike fund and will be used to purchase fat-tire bikes used in the programs of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. ... Thank you for again partnering with us in such meaningful ways! Sincerely, Travis Aufderheide

Thank you to the following who shared Easter lilies at East: Steve Johnson Family, Kris Sues Family, Bloomquist Family, Dale Anderson Family, Paul Torkelson Family, Herbert Noren Family, Lisa Shellum Family, Lori Urevig Family, Ray Anderson Family, Jim and Rita Nasman, Angie Noren Family, Harold Noren Family, and Matt Fisch family.

Augustana Lutheran Church Members-I am enjoying the 2019 Church directory, thank you for sending it. My best memories are of Augustana and East Sveadahl churches (see full letter posted in social hall)
Eunice Arnold, Brookdale Clear Lake, 780 West Bay Area Blvd. Apt. 2305, Webster, Texas 77598

Facebook/Website

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

Pastoral Visits

Pastor Kathleen and Visitation Deacon Lyla would like to visit with you! If you would like them to come to your home, the hospital, or wherever, please contact them: Pastor Kathleen - 375-4792 or (C) 507-276-1615; Deacon Lyla - (H) 507-439-6940 or (C) 507-227-9250.

Electronic Giving

Electronic giving for Augustana is now available on our church website. It is convenient and secure. You may give a one-time donation to a special fund or sign up for regular automated giving from your bank account or credit card. If you would like to give electronically, visit our church website: www.augustanachurch.org and click on the "Secure Contributions" tab. Questions? Contact Financial Secretary Deanna Hoffman or Pastor Kathleen.

Partner Ministry/Community Events

Synodical Conference

The 32nd SWMN WELCA Convention is May 3rd & 4th at First Lutheran Church in Marshall. Judy Anderson will be attending as our delegate. School kit items collected will be delivered to the convention at this time. Judy Berg is ordering the school kit bags for these items to be placed in.

2019 Synod Assembly

June 7-8, 2019 at the Redwood Area Community Center (RACC), Redwood Falls, MN.
Theme: Everyday Spirituality Please register each person attending the assembly prior to Friday, May 17, to take advantage of the early bird rate. If you have questions about the 2019 Synod Assembly, please call Tammy Sather in the Synod Office at 507.627.9041 or email her at tammy.sather@swmnelca.org.

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

Charity Golf Tournament

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will hold a charity golf tournament on Saturday, June 1st (2 pm) hosted by Atikwa Golf Course at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, MN. The purpose is to raise funds for camp scholarships for kids who can't afford to attend summer camp. We are hoping you can help spread the word and sign up a foursome from your church to support this fundraising cause. As former camp counselors, my wife and I, along with GLLM Executive Director Travis Aufderheide, are running this event and fundraiser.

We are reminded that "All kids are our kids" and our golf tournament proceeds will directly support this cause. The youth attending camp will certainly appreciate your support. Sign up by calling the golf course. We have spots for 88 golfers, we hope each church can send one team to support this event. Any questions please contact us. Thanks! Tyler and Katie Malotky 320-491-0947, 320-491-6648

Upcoming Green Lake Events

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

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

35th Annual Quilt Auction - July 27th at Green Lake-more information in June/July newsletter.

For more information, check Green Lake website at www.gllm.org

Wellspring Caregiver Education Series

Caregiver Education Series – Monday May 6th "Adapting to Changes, as We Age" presented by Katie Wotjalewicz, Psy.,D.,LP - 8:30 am, Butterfield Community Building; 9:30 am Prairie View Dining Room; 10:30 am Amberfield Sr+Dining Room, Madelia.

May is Mental Health Month

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. Help is available to you. 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 17, 2019

Present: Lyle Anderson, Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson, John Coleman, Terry Engel, Kristen Gertsema, Kari Miest, Paul Missling, Jeff Nelson, Steph Reid, Kyla Schломann, Greg Thulien, Deanna Hoffman, Judy Thulien
President Dominique Berg called the meeting to order at 8:00pm. L. Carlson shared devotions.

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

New Business:

- Bluegrass Band – April 28th, Mark Kulseth and crew will be making spaghetti. Pastor will ask youth campers to come and speak and help work. We are hoping to raise \$7,000-\$8,000
- Scholarships – Motion by S. Reid, second by G. Thulien for Amber Carlson, Olivia Fredin, Kennedy Gertsema, and Sam Kulseth to receive scholarships. Motion carried. Each student will receive \$4,700.00.
- Bible Camp – 25-28 kids will be going this year!

Pastors Report: Pastor Kathleen reported that she has been busy with baptisms, Holy Week, and Easter prep. Next week (April 24th) is the last night of TLC. Jim is working on getting something mounted to the pulpit so the Gospel and sermon can be put on Facebook. Synod Assembly will be June 7th & 8th in Redwood Falls, please let pastor know if you are interested in going.

AES Report: Didn't meet. Our congregation representatives are council members Greg Thulien and Steph Reid and congregational members Leora Ask and Judy Berg.

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

Treasury Report: J. Thulien presented the March treasurer's report. Motion by K. Schломann, second by K. Gertsema to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Judy Thulien. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Engel, second by L. Carlson to move \$3,771.04 from the youth designated funds to the camperships account. Motion carried.

Education Committee: Next school year brings no early outs on Wednesdays so they are looking at how things can be rearranged to make it work with TLC. The possibility of 6:00 pm worship with supper following has been discussed thus far. They will continue brainstorming to come up with a solution that will benefit our families. They discussed VBS which will be the first week in June 2019.

Evangelism Committee: Working on ideas for God's Work Our Hands. Working on materials for new member folders and other ideas to help with outreach. Asked if the upcoming Bluegrass Band Sunday can be advertised on the public access channel and on the radio. T. Engel will take care of getting that done. A box will be placed by the stained-glass window sign in the Narthex so that people can donate at any point.

Finance Committee: Bill to Lifetouch for the directories and submitted photos was paid from Evangelism/Outreach.

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Property and Cemetery Committee: G. Thulien and S. Kunkel will fill in for Jim while he is gone over Easter. Please avoid that large frost boil in the alley, the city will take care of it as soon as they can. The wasps in the kitchen during the window fundraiser meal are being dealt with. Discussion on what to do with the old front doors now that they have been returned. K. Schломann & J. Coleman will take care of getting rid of the TV and cart in the shed. Discussion was had on relocating the flower fridge to make room for shelving in that storage room for all the paper goods so that they are all in one area for all to locate and use. Altar Guild ladies will be consulted about what would be the best location of the flower frig. Bids were received for repair/painting of the plaster in the Sanctuary. Motion by G. Thulien, second by S. Reid to accept both bids and move ahead with the project. Motion carried.

Worship & Music: Met and discussed the Holy Week Schedule. Joint choir will sing for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. May will start setting 8 and June will start Come Let Us Worship God. June 23rd will be a community worship service at 10:30 am to coincide with Railroad Days, location is TBD.

Youth Committee: A mini lock-in is planned for June 7th at East Sveadahl from 7pm -11pm. Grades for the lock-in are TBD. They will meet again in May.

Unfinished Business:

- Evaluations will be in May.
- Defibulator will be checked over to make sure all is still working well. G Thulien will contact Mark Nielsen to get that done.

Communion Servers:

April 21 (6:19am) - Greg, Dominique

April 21 (9:30am) - Greg, Dominique, Steph, & Kari

May 5 - No Communion, Pastor gone, no one available to preside over communion

May 12 – Lisa, Steph, Kristen

Next month's meeting:

May 8, 2019 – John Coleman will share devotions

Motion by K. Gertsema, second by J. Coleman to adjourn at 9:12pm. Motion carried.

Meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Kyla Scholmann, Secretary

EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES –

Because of the weather, no April meeting was held.

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - APRIL 7, 2019

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Jayne Anderson, Carol Zarn

Judy opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

WELCA served the Lenten supper on Wednesday, March 27th. \$322.00 was collected in funds from the supper. This will go towards the Stained Glass Window Fund.

Spring Gathering was held at Augustana on Saturday, April 6th. There were 34 women in attendance, with 9 churches being represented. A salad luncheon was served after the program and meeting.

Flowers will be delivered to shut-ins the week before Easter.

Synodical Gathering is being held at First Lutheran Church in Marshall, Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th. Judy Anderson will be attending as our delegate. School Kits will be brought and donated at this time.

Would like your thoughts as to whether or not, we would, again, like to help serve the birthday lunch at Pleasant View in June. Last year we needed more people to help serve, and also, visit with the residents. We would like to know if there is enough interest to continue this project.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, May 5th, at 9:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary