

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PASTOR

We Give Thanks

As the old hymn says: “Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings, see what God has done! Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your many blessings, see what God has done.” Although we are thankful all year, Thanksgiving Day is a day we set aside to remember and give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. It is a day many gather with family and friends and give thanks for all God has provided for us throughout the year. It is good for our hearts when we give thanks. In giving thanks we find joy in the midst of difficulties and we remember that all we have comes from God.

In November, we will be counting our blessings in many ways at AES Ministries. The Wednesday worship theme is “Count Your Blessings.” We will hear about love and forgiveness, and will take time to truly “count our blessings.” On November 6, we will remember and give thanks for the saints of AES Ministries who have passed away this past year. You will also be able to remember and give thanks for saints in your lives by lighting a candle. There will be a pancake supper at Augustana (November 8) and a meatball dinner at East Sveadahl (November 13) where funds will be raised to share our blessings with others. On November 20, we will have Thanksgiving worship with First Presbyterian, St. James Methodist, and AES Ministries. Worship will be at 6:30 at First Presbyterian and following worship with will have a time of fellowship with pumpkin pie. On Thanksgiving Day (or the day before) we are invited to help First Presbyterian serve a community Thanksgiving meal. Another way to share the blessings God has given us with others.

As a way to remain mindful our blessings, each congregation will have a place/poster where when you are here during November, you will have the opportunity to write down something for which you are thankful. You could do this at home, too! “Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your blessings, see what God has done!”

Pastor Kathleen

AUGUSTANA

November Circles

- Nov. 1: Rebecca Circle **11:30 am** - Encore
 Nov. 1: Martha Circle 7:00 pm – (A)
 Nov. 15: Sewing Circle 8:30 am – (A)

Acolytes

- Nov. 6: Emily Gronewold & Maya Kulseth
 Nov. 13: Austin Spitzner & Dawson Gertsema
 Nov. 20: Macyn Hirschmann & Jackson Miest
 Nov. 27: Parker Friedrich & Mason Lenning

Altar Guild

Becky Schmidt, DeAnn Lenz, Jean Leopold, Gladys
 MacMaster, Andrea Sandberg, Carol Zarn

Blood Pressure Screening

- Nov. 6: Bryan Nelson

Communion Servers

- Nov. 6: Stan Kunkel, Jessie Shores
 Nov. 13: Greg Thulien, Jessie Shores, Terry Engel,
 Lynn Watson

Greeters

- Nov. 6: Sheryl Ericksen
 Nov. 13: Roger & Mary Jo Hagen
 Nov. 20: Ruth Haler
 Nov. 27: Jim & Jackie Harrington

Lectors

- Nov. 6: Rick Carlson
 Nov. 13: Paul Missling
 Nov. 20: Kathy Eiden
 Nov. 27: Terry Engel

Radio Sponsor

- Nov. 27: Jayne Anderson, In Memory of Warren,
 Adeline & Rusty, at Augustana

Missionary Sponsors

- Nov. 6: Marge Jenkins
 Nov. 13: Kyla Schlomann
 Nov. 20:
 Nov. 27:

Ushers

Lynn Watson, Darrell Ask, Patrick & Rachel Casey,
 Kristen Gertsema, Roger Hagen, Jim Harrington

AUGUSTANA

Coffee Hour

- Nov. 6: Darrell & Leora Ask, Jim & Jackie
 Harrington
 Nov. 13: Phillip & LaVonne Anderson, Lisa
 Carlson, Ruth Haler
 Nov. 20: Raymond & Judy Berg, Jim & Jean
 Leopold
 Nov. 27: Myron & Sally Engel, Dick & Marlys
 Gilbertson

Memorials

- In Memory of Duane Nessler
 \$ 75.00 Green Lake Ministries
 In Memory of Raymond Bass
 \$ 10.00 Cemetery

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.

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.

Baptisms

We welcomed into God's family, Augustana's family, and AES Ministries, Destiny Marie Whitehead on September 28th and Adelyn Faith Boone on October 9th. Please continue to keep Destiny and Adelyn and their families in your prayers as they grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Marriages

Arica Otte and Tyler Connell - October 15, 2016
 Rachel Erdal and Jeremy Augst - October 22, 2016

Please keep these newlywed couples in your prayers as they continue through life's journey.

Funerals

Raymond James Bass, passed away on September 29, 2016 & funeral was held on October 3, 2016.
 Please continue to keep Ray's family in your thoughts and prayers.

EAST

RADIO BROADCASTS

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

ACOLYTES

Nov. 6:

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Lynne and Leigh Rolshoven

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Janet Bloomquist and Tom Anderson

VISITING COMMITTEE

Mary Ann Menssen and Phyllis Jurgens

WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting in November

USHERS

LECTORS

Nov. 6: Jerry Norens
 13: Leigh Rolshoven
 20: Dena Bridges
 27: Kris Sues

RADIO SPONSORS

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a radio broadcast this past year. Our radio audience appreciates hearing a worship service each Sunday.

In 2017, East will provide sponsors for these Sundays: January 29, April 30, July 30, October 29, and December 31.

THE POWER OF ONE VOTE

ONE VOTE kept Aaron Burr - later charged with treason - from becoming President. [1800]
ONE VOTE caused Charles I to be executed [1649]
ONE VOTE made Texas part of the U.S. [1845]

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

The Service of Christian Burial was held for **Donald Kenneth Forsyth** on October 15, 2016, at East with burial in the East Sveadahl Cemetery. Donald was born November 28, 1922, and passed away on Monday, October 10th.

May God's peace comfort his family and friends.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Viola, Wilma, Norman, Emery, Dianne, Jacob, Chloe, Pedro

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through September	\$49,536.81
Received through September	34,672.53
Behind through September	- \$14,864.28
Received in September:	\$ 6,397.80

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY!

- 3 Jarah Hagen (12-8)
- 12 Rebecca Newberg (1-27)
- 14 Nathan Ewert (12-1)
- 15 Ron Fast (12-12)
- 16 Gloria Thulien (12-19)
- 19 Burton Wolner (12-)
- 28 Cheryl Wolle (2-6)
- 29 Don Menssen (2-5)
- 30 Hannah Huelsenbeck (12-28)

If there are additions or corrections, please let Susan know the correction information. Thanks!

ONE VOTE saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment. [1868]

ONE VOTE changed France from a monarchy to a republic. [1875]

ONE VOTE made Adolf Hitler head of the Nazi Party. [1923]

ONE VOTE per precinct would have elected Richard Nixon, rather than John Kennedy, President. [1960]

I'm only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something, and what I can do, I ought to do and that by the grace of God I will do.

-- Brett Blair, 1999

FROM THE OFFICE

November News

SPECIAL NOVEMBER DATES

- + World Community Day, November 4
- + All Saint's Sunday, November 6
- + Daylight Savings Time End, November 6
- + Election Day, November 8
- + Martin Luther's Birthday, November 10
- + Veteran's Day, November 11
- + Christ the King Sunday, November 20
- + Thanksgiving Worship, November 20
- + Thanksgiving Day, November 24

Remember!

Turn Back

Daylight Savings Time end on **Sunday, November 6th**. Turn your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed on Saturday, November 5th!

Facebook

"Like" us

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

Weather

Cancellations



With the coming of winter weather, we ask you to please use your best judgement and common sense before venturing to church events. Your safety is of the utmost importance. Please check the sources listed below for cancellations before you leave home:

For church closings at both East and Augustana – listen to FM 101.5 (KRRW) or AM 8.60 (KNUJ) or check the AES website at www.augustanachurch.org
Confirmation classes and **Youth activities** are automatically cancelled when school is closed or there is an early dismissal due to weather conditions.

Vacation

Time Off

Pastor Kathleen will be on vacation the following dates in November:
November 23-26 [Wednesday-Saturday]

Welcome

New Members

We will welcome new members at Augustana and East Sveadahl on **Sunday, November 13**. Please speak with Pastor Kathleen if you are interested in becoming a member at Augustana or East Sveadahl.

Confirmation

Confirmands

These young people were confirmed at the service at Augustana on October 2, 2016. Please continue to pray for them.

Amber Nicole Carlson	Olivia Sue Fredin
Kennedy Lauren Gertsema	Samuel John Kulseth
Haley Corrin Lothert (2015 Class)	Jennifer Sharee Lothert
Destiny Marie Whitehead	

Thanksgiving

Service Pies Volunteers

This year's Thanksgiving Worship Service will be at 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church followed by fellowship and pumpkin pie. We will be giving thanks with members of the First Presbyterian Church, the St. James Methodist Church, and AES Ministries.

Pumpkin pies are needed for the fellowship time following Thanksgiving worship at First Presbyterian on November 20th. If you can bring a pie, please contact either church office by November 16. Extra pies will be used for the community Thanksgiving Day meal at First Presbyterian.

On Thanksgiving Day (or the day before) we are invited to help First Presbyterian serve a community Thanksgiving meal. Volunteers are needed in these areas:

Wednesday, November 23 – 4:00 pm

- ~ People are needed to help debone turkeys and set tables

Thursday, November 24 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Thanksgiving Day

- ~ Help process carry out orders and cut pies
- ~ Deliver carry out orders
- ~ People to serve the meal (serving line)
- ~ Table servers (reset places and refill coffee)
- ~ Dishwasher operators

Thursday, November 24 – 1:00 – 2:00 pm Thanksgiving Day

- ~ Clean-up Crew

We encourage food handlers to be there by 10:00 am for a quick review of safe food handling tips. Then we pray together at 10:30 am and prepare to serve.

A couple of other ways people can help:

- ~ provide pies,
- ~ save plastic bags from Super Fair for carry-outs.

Contact the Augustana or East Sveadahl church office to volunteer.

SPECIAL DECEMBER DATES

- + **December 10: Saint Lucia Day**
- + **December 18: Children's Christmas Program**
- + **December 24: Christmas Eve Communion Services: 4:00 pm East; 5:30 pm Augustana**
- + **December 25: Christmas Day Service: 9:00 am Augustana on radio; No East Service**
- + **January 1: New Year's Day: 8:30 am Augustana; 10:30 am East**



NOVEMBER EVENTS



**November 4:
Friday**

Church Women World Community Day

World Community Day is **Friday, November 4th, 1:30 pm** in the First Lutheran Social Hall, enter the North doors. The 2016 theme is “Sharing Gifts at the Table”. The goal of this worship is to unite the faith community in a time of praise and worship that demonstrates Christ’s reconciling love to the community, the country, and the world. All are welcome.

**November 5:
Saturday**

Quilt Show

The Prairie Sampler Quilt Guild Quilt Show is **Saturday, November 5th from 9 am-4 pm** at the Comfrey school gym. “Quilts in the Valley of the Jolly Green Giant” will be presented by Mike Ellingsen at 10 am and 2 pm. Lunch is served from 11 am – 1 pm.

**November 6:
Sunday**

All Saints’ Day at Augustana and East Sveadahl

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. The readings and liturgy on All Saints’ **Sunday on November 6th** call us to rejoice in all the saints: those who have died and now rest in Christ, those who live now, and those yet to come. We will remember the saints whose funerals have been here since the last All Saints Day.

From East:

Ruth Elaine (Oredson) Beck	December 23, 1920 – November 19, 2015
Leslie Herman Nelson	July 4, 1929 – August 8, 2016
Frances Marian (Forsyth) Ostberg	September 24, 1915 – August 25, 2016
Donald Kenneth Forsyth	November 28, 1922 – October 10, 2016
Erland Leonard Olson	September 5, 1926 – June 25, 2016

From Augustana:

Leon Sandberg Kermit Anderson (Long Lake) Earl Palmquist
Duke Nessler Helen Sharp Margaret Warling
Muriel Hagen (Long Lake) Raymond Bass Joel Wellnitz

**November 6:
Sunday**

Potato Bake Fundraiser – Bake Sale

Wellspring’s Fundraiser, the Potato Bake and Bake Sale, is **Sunday, November 6th, 11 am – 1 pm**, at the American Legion. Menu: baked potatoes with all the fixings, The proceeds will help support our programs. Free will donation. Take outs available.

**November 7:
Monday**

Coffee & Conversation

Wellspring’s next event in the Coffee & Conversation Caregiver’s Education series is **Monday, November 7th**. Jane Kuhlman will present “Chair Yoga” at Butterfield Community Building, 8:30 am; St. James, Prairie View Dining Room, 9:30 am; and

**November 8:
Tuesday**

All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes

Augustana Lutheran Churchmen's All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper is **Tuesday, November 8th, 4:30-7:30 pm** at Augustana. Adults - \$6.00; Children 6-12 - \$2.00; Age 5 and under – Free.

**November 11:
Friday**

Veteran's Day

This National Holiday was first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 as Armistice Day. By a bill in Congress in 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day. It was to be a day of reflection--a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation". Thank our veterans for the sacrifices they have made for us.

**November 13:
Sunday**

Swedish Meatball Dinner

The East WELCA will be serving their Swedish Meatball Dinner on **Sunday, November 13th from 11 am – 1 pm**. The menu includes Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberries, glazed carrots and corn, bread, bars and beverages. Free will donation.

**November 17:
Thursday**

Give to the Max

The Supersized Golden Ticket

Give to the Max Day is **Thursday, November 17th**. Please consider making a donation to Augustana, East, or any Minnesota non-profit organization or school and take advantage of this 24 hour online giving/donation program available on GiveMN.org. It's easy! Go to www.GiveMN.org, type 56081 or any zip code into the "find a cause" search box at the upper right hand corner, and page through until you find your organization. In addition to hourly Golden Ticket drawings on #GTMD16, they will award prizes to organizations at the end of the day.

Beginning Tuesday, November 1, visit GiveMN.org to schedule your gifts to be processed on Give to the Max Day. It's just like scheduling your bills to pay automatically.

**November 20:
Sunday**

Christ the King

We are coming to the end of the Church year. Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year. The next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent which begins the church year all over again. Christ the King Sunday is a summary of the whole year. Christ is worshipped as sovereign ruler over all creation, nations, and people. Christ's rule is one of peace and justice. Christ is the One who claims our highest loyalty. Christ was enthroned upon the cross and will return as humankind's ultimate sovereign and judge. The color of the paraments you will see on the altar, pulpit and lectern will be white. They are white because it is a festival of our Lord.

**November :
Sunday**

Hospice Memory Tree of Lights

The Hospice Memory Tree of Lights memorial service is **Sunday, November 20th, 2:00 pm** at the Mayo Clinic. Call 1-800-327-3721 ext. 6364 for more information.

The service is held to honor and remember our loved ones.

**November 24:
Thursday**

Thanksgiving Day Blood Drive

St. James Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, November 24th 7:30 am – 11:30 am

National Guard Armory

For appointments call 1-800-733-2767

or register online at www.redcross.org.

All presenting donors will receive a complimentary pumpkin pie
courtesy of Super Fair Foods.

**December 4:
Sunday**

Silent Auction

Youth will be having a Silent Auction at Augustana on **Sunday, December 4 from 9:30 am - 11:00 am**. The bidding will end at 11:00 am; merchandise may be picked up starting at 11:15 am. Proceeds will go to the next ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston.

Journey Through Grief

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring an eight-week grief group for families and individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. The dates are: **Wednesdays, October 26 -December 14 from 10 am to noon** at St. John the Baptist Church, 632 S. Broad Street, Mankato.

There is no cost to attend these programs, but preregistration is necessary. Attendees are asked to pre-register ASAP. For more information or to register, please call 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

Grief and the Holidays

The holidays can be especially difficult for a person who is grieving. We invite adults who have experienced the death of a loved one to join us for a gathering to discuss the healing benefits of holiday rituals on either of the two dates. As in previous years, **Grief and the Holidays** attendees will learn about special ways to help them cope and remember deceased loved ones in the coming season. Light refreshments will be served. The dates for the three sessions are:

- ~ **Tuesday, November 1 - 6 to 8 pm**; healing rituals, create a seasonal memory keepsake
Madison East Center Community Room, 1400 Madison Ave., Mankato
- ~ **Tuesday, November 8 - 6 to 8 pm**; a painting event with Laura Nelson of Design & Wine.
Cost is \$10 per person. Light refreshments served.
Madison East Center Community Room, 1400 Madison Ave., Mankato
- ~ **Tuesday, November 15 – 5:30 to 6:30 pm**; we'll join with the Hope group as Liz Power
Hawkinson, L.I.C.S.W., helps you "Ease into the holidays" with chair yoga.
St. John the Baptist Church, Matthews Hall, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato

There is no cost to attend these programs, but preregistration is necessary. For more information or to register, call the Hospice office at 507-385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free).

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for all families interested in homeownership for the 2016-2017 build season in Sibley, Watonwan, Blue Earth, Nicollet, and LeSueur counties. 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.

MIA Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation

Five hundred years ago, one man took a stand that shook Europe and changed the world. Now you can see the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation, brought to life through astonishing artworks and historical objects, traveling outside Germany for the first time ever. This exhibition includes paintings, sculpture, gold, textiles, and works on paper – as well as Luther’s personal possessions and recent archaeological finds.

The exhibition runs **October 21 – January 15** at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, 2400 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis.

To reserve group and individual tickets call 612-871-3000 or go online to www.artsmia.org/luther

GLLM Camping Opportunities

Creative Souls Craft Retreat – November 18-20 at Green Lake Bible Camp

Bring your crafting supplies for a weekend of crafting, walking, devotions, a massage, and napping. Begins at 7 pm on Friday, ends at noon on Sunday. Cost is \$135 for meals, double occupancy lodging, and programming. Register online at www.gllm.org.

Dinner Theater – December 1, 2, 3, 9, 10 (5:30 pm), and 11 (4:00 pm) at Green Lake Bible Camp

The production is “*Bethlehem PD*”. To reserve tickets call 1-320-796-2181. Cost: \$40 for a four-course meal and show.

Thank You

The Frances Ostberg family is sincerely grateful for all your prayers, visits, and gifts through the years. Thank you for all who helped with her memorial service. East Sveadahl holds a special place in all our hearts.

Thank you to everyone who made our FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST on the Children Sabbath Sunday a success. We raised \$489.00 for TLC. Blessings to all.

- WELCA Board and Nancy Kunkel’s Thrivent Action Team

WELCA News

East Sveadahl

Celebrate!

The Annual Christmas Party

The **Christmas Party** is, **December 1** beginning at **6:30 pm**.

The food: Committee #1 – Lynne and Leigh, co-chairs

The decorations: Committee #2 – Evonne and Lorita, co-chairs

The program: Committee #3 – Fran and Betty, co-chairs.

Please invite your guests and then let Fran and Betty know the number of guests you are bringing.

Lefse

A Christmas Treat

There's still time to order your lefse! The cost is \$8.00 per pound. Please contact, Erma [375-5080], Evonne [375-7273], Sonja [507-381-4206], or Janet [375-5308] to place an order.

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Augustana

Come Party!

Invitation

The East Sveadahl WELCA extends an invitation to all Augustana women to come to our Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 1st beginning with supper at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Lynne [507-381-1082] or Leigh Rolshoven [507-380-5702]. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party.

Meeting

WELCA will meet on **Sunday, November 6th** during Coffee Hour.

Gifts

Gifts for St. Peter

WELCA will be collecting items for St. Peter Hospital **November 1st – November 23rd**. Items can be put in the boxes located in the Fireside Room. If you have any questions, call Sandy Berg.

Suggested Gift Donations for St. Peter Residents

Thank you for your generosity.

Gift Cards:

C & S Supply, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target, Family Fresh market, Gustavus Book Mart, Michael's Craft Store, Old Navy

Clothing:

Men's L-6XL Women's L-4XL

zip-up (all the way) hooded sweatshirts, jeans, pajama sets (pants & t-shirts)

Pajama bottoms and sweatpants, robes, plain colored t-shirts, button-up flannel shirts, socks, underwear, boxer shorts, slippers, shower sandals, shoes (shoelaces or velcro) size 7 to 15.

Hygiene Items:

Shampoo, body wash, deodorant, hand and body lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes (single packs, not multiple packs) men's combs, Appreciated are Old Spice, Irish Spring, items from Bath & Body Works and other brands that you like, too!

General Gift Ideas:

Books, CDs, DVDs released in 2014 & 2015, alarms clocks - battery or plug in; wristwatches, wireless sketchbooks, drawing pads, watercolors and watercolor pads, paint by number, felt posters, and assorted art and craft kits, search-a-word, crossword puzzles, colored pencils, pens, #2 pencils, personal CD players personal FM radios, headphones, holiday candy and sugar free candy, Instant Decaf coffee (no glass jars, plastic only)

Let's Roll !

Augustana Lefse Rolling Workshops

Everyone is welcome to come help make lefse for our St. Lucia Christmas Shoppe. I have applied for a Thrivent Action Team project and hope to receive the \$250 Community Impact Card. With this card I will purchase the potatoes, flour, and butter. Potatoes and butter will be available for you to pick up in the church kitchen. The flour, which is added to the potato mixture just before we roll out the lefse, will also be available in the church kitchen. If you have any questions, please contact me at 375-3462. -- Judy Anderson

Workshop Dates: Friday, November 4th - 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 10th - 9:00 a.m.

Monday, November 14th - 9:00 a.m.

[Recipe follows on the next page.]

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LEFSE

3 c. Mashed Russet potatoes	1 Tbsp. sugar
1/2 stick butter (1/4 c.)	1 c. flour (add right before rolling)
2 Tbsp. cream or half & half	1 tsp. Salt

Cook Russet potatoes until just one; don't overcook as they tend to absorb water. Drain and mash them well. Measure out 3 cups and add the butter and cream; mix in the sugar and salt. The flour will be added just before we roll the lefse.

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 9, 2016

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

Judy opened meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report approved.

Approximately 60 people attended & enjoyed the Benson Family on Guest Day on September 18th.

WELCA French Toast Bake will be on Sunday, October 16th, during coffee hour. Preparations will be made on Saturday. Workers are needed on Sunday to help serve and cleanup. Nancy has received \$250.00 from Thrivent Dollars to purchase supplies. Monies collected from the breakfast will be donated to TLC.

WELCA has made reservations to attend Church Basement Ladies at the Fairmont Opera House on Saturday, November 12th, at 2 P.M. Tickets are \$30. TMT bus will be provided. Please contact Jayne Anderson by October 20th, to reserve tickets and, or a ride. Will stop to eat after the play.

We will collect items for St. Peter State Hospital. Items can be brought to the Fireside Room no later than November 23rd.

Mission project tabled until January meeting. Would like some suggestions for this project.

Received a thank you from Maurine Broste for the cookies.

Current officers have agreed to serve again in 2017. Judy Berg, President; Jayne Anderson, Vice President; Judy Anderson, Treasurer; Carol Zarn Secretary.

The next board meeting will be Sunday, November 6th, during coffee hour.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

EAST SVEADahl WELCA MINUTES – September 29, 2016

On Thursday, September 29, 2016, Women of ELCA met for a brief meeting to put boxes together for Operation Christmas Child and make plans for making of lefse and plan meatball dinner.

Applied for and received seed money from Thrivent Financial of \$250.00 which was used to purchase gifts for children to go to Operation Christmas Child. We put together 18 boxes. Such a warm feeling to do this for the less fortunate children in the world.

Decided to make lefse and have a Swedish meatball dinner for fundraiser this year.

Making of lefse is to be done on Friday, October 14 at 9 AM and Saturday, October 22 at 9AM. Everyone is welcome to buy the lefse for \$ 8.00 per lb./package. Let Janet, Erma, Sonja or Evonne know.

Decided to have a Swedish Meatball Dinner on Sunday, November 13th following worship services. All committee members will be asked to help out with this fundraiser.

Applied for and received seed money from Thrivent Financial for \$250.00 which will help in purchasing food items, etc. for Swedish Meatball Dinner.

As of October 22, lefse has been made and is in freezer of refrigerator in kitchen. Add your name to list on refrigerator door and make payment to Evonne, our treasurer. Secretary, Sonja Coleman

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – October 12, 2016

Present: Dominique Berg, Kathy Eiden, Terry Engel, Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington, Deanna Hoffman, Mark Kulseth, Stan Kunkel, Kari Miest, Greg Thulien, Lynn Watson, Pr Kathleen, Rick Carlson & Judy Thulien
Absent: Jessie Shores

President Mark Kulseth called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by Kathy Eiden.

Secretary's report was approved as printed.

Deanna gave the Financial Secretary report. Donations are remaining close to 2015

Treasurer's report was presented by Judy Thulien. It is noted that the rebate from the city has been received for the LED lights. This was placed in Property/Building account. All other items were regular payments made. MSC to approve as presented.

Pastor Kathleen: TLC is going great. It is being very well received. She is busy with funerals, three weddings, baptisms, visitations, working on stewardship with October 23 the day we present our Estimate of Giving and the Time & Talents sheets. New members will be received on November 13th.

AES Ministries: No meeting. Next meeting is November 2nd. Greg did remind the council of the AED instruction by Kathy Rathman following worship on October 16th.

DOFFM Rick: Communitywide Event will be held at Memory Lanes on October 30th with bowling and pizza.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: They are evaluating the TLC program and preparing for Children's Sabbath (October 16). Kari also requested that we look into purchasing a supply cart that can be used for TLC. Lots of trips are made to get the supplies needed for their projects. They will research availability and prices.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: Kathy states that they are excited as the visitor bags are being picked up and will continue to restock and add additional items as they refill them.

Finance: Mark reported that they met with Judy Thulien and went over several checking accounts. Also discussed a new report for the council each month.

Property/Cemetery: They have received the tuck pointing bid for repairs needed to the exterior of the church to prevent water from getting in the walls. Stan also checked with another contractor and find that the bid of \$31,922.00 is in line with the work needed. This will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January for approval. Both doors are in at Overson's and they are waiting for Tom Sues to install them. Stained glass has been repaired for the south door and will be installed with the door. New bathroom is completed.

Youth Ministries: They are planning a Christmas breakfast, also will be recruiting the junior high grades to attend the November Youth Gathering and planning for activities for older youth.

Worship and Music: Cec Kulseth and Heidi Engel are sharing the organist position with each serving two Sundays in the month. Heidi is doing the TLC service, and Cec is accompanying the choir. The 500th anniversary of the Reformation will be observed thru the year with the use of special hymns. Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship will be at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 20th at 6:30 PM with fellowship to follow. Terry asked the council for permission to attend a continuing education workshop at Gustavus on November 5th on choir directing, & ushering. Cost of the workshop is \$95.00. MSC to approve.

OLD BUSINESS: Parking lot update - will be adding 2" of limestone. This will be a harder surface as it sets. Also discussed was lighting for the lot and backside of the church. Mark will contact Mike regarding this. Will also check with the city if street lights might be added. Stewardship Sunday is October 23rd. Rolls, cheese and fruit will be served. Mark is looking for help in the kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark will be contacting the Nominating Committee to get them to obtain candidates for Council and committees as needed for 2017. The storage garage was discussed to see if we can remodel yet this fall. Jim Harrington will be contacting a person to check availability. Electricity will also need to be run to this

building. A resignation notice was received from DOFFM Rick Carlson to be effective January 1, 2017. Council has accepted his resignation.
Next meeting is November 9th at 8 PM

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COMMUNION SERVERS: November 6th: Stan & Kathy
November 13th: Greg, Jessie, Terry & Lynn

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Deanna Hoffman, Secretary

EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – October 13, 2016

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 7 p.m.. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Creig Noren, Wayne Jurgens, Cindy Torkelson, and Pastor Kathleen along with Mykia Lundberg.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

September minutes were read by Janet with a motion by Wayne, seconded by Creig and passed to approve.

In the absence of Jana Anderson, Financial Secretary, Tom presented her report which was accepted as read.

Treasurer Creig Noren presented the Treasurer's report. Motion by Janet, seconded by Wayne and passed to approve report.

Mykia Lundberg, our church custodian, presented some ideas to help with her job. One thing we discussed is better communication with her as to funerals and special events at church. It was decided that cleaning of the altar will be by the Altar Committee.

Tom asked that if anyone is not familiar with any of the thermostats in church to please ask him about it before changing anything. If you do change something, please put it back to where it was.

Pastor Kathleen presented her report. She has been very busy with funerals and weddings. She also shared with us that TLC is going really well and she is very pleased with the turnout.

In the absence of Susan Anderson, church secretary, Tom presented her report.

- As October has five Sunday's the 5th Sunday will be noisy offering. It was decided that the money will go into the Operation Concern Fund.

Old Business:

1. The chair lift for the church was discussed. Project will be tabled for the time being due to conflicts.
2. Tom thanked everyone who helped with cleaning out the basement of the parsonage so items could be brought to the recycling center pickup.
3. Front doors were discussed.
4. With the pending sale of the parsonage, the church will lose the barn for storage. We will need a small building to house the garden and cemetery tools.
5. Tom reported that the phone used for the radio services is now working.

New Business:

1. Janet announced the upcoming Meatball Dinner will be on Sunday, November 13. Some of the proceeds will go towards the new front doors. Look for further information in the newsletter.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

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

Thanksgiving is a time of quiet reflection...
an annual reminder that God has, again, been ever so faithful.
The solid and simple things of life are brought into clear focus.
~Charles R. Swindoll

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF AUGUSTANA

What - St. Lucia Day Christmas Shoppe

When - Saturday, December 10, 2016

6:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Where - Augustana Lutheran Church Fireside Room

This is our 31st year for the "Christmas Shoppe"

The Christmas Shoppe is an extension of our St. Lucia Day. It is a place where we make available for sale, "homemade" & "homegrown" items donated by all of us at Augustana, young & old, male & female. St. Lucia Day is hosted by Augustana Lutheran Church - the entire community is invited to join us!

Again we are going to have the time honored favorites like spritts, sugar cookies, thumbprints, chocolate caramel filled, date filled, date pinwheels, and Swedish coconut cookies just to name a few. As usual, we will have our famous, delicious homemade Augustana potato lefse for sale.

You may make cookies or bars to help supply our Christmas Shoppe. For those of you who cannot prepackage yours, please have your baked goods to the church by noon on Friday. They will be packaged for you.

Here are a few suggestions of items to donate for the Christmas Shoppe

Nationality Specialties

Jams and Jellies

Baked Goods

Homemade Breads

Candy

Pickles

Honey

Relish

Time and Money

(No houseplants please, they do not sell very well)

Money donations may be sent to:

Judy Anderson, WELCA Treasurer
70913 N. Long Lake Drive
St. James, Minnesota 56081

or to the church office, P. O. Box 151

Checks should be made payable to: WELCA Christmas Shoppe

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A Few Simple Requests from us to you are . . .

- * Wrap all baked goods and foodstuffs in Saran Wrap, Handi-Wrap, or zip-lock bags, to keep it fresh and sanitary. (This is a must)

- * Make a firm tray under your baked things with cardboard, hard paper plates, etc. This will make for better handling.

- * Wrap items in 1 dozen or 1/2 dozen packages.

- * Label and price all your own items! (Example: 1 dozen Date bars), these are your donations, you know best what you have in them.

- * Decorate your donations with a simple red bow made from yarn, ribbon, cord, string, or a sticker. Let's make every item a special gift to purchase in our Christmas Shoppe

- * Bring all packaged donations to the Fireside Room on Friday, December 11th, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

DOFFM REPORT

Since there was no interest from Grades 9-12 in going to the Chanhassen, we decided to try something similar but with a new twist. We will be going to the Penumbra Theatre in St. Paul on December 22 to see the Black Nativity. This is the traditional nativity story but with an entirely black cast. And the traditional Christmas carols are sung in a gospel style. More details are listed below. I hope you will consider going to this event.

K-2nd

November 5: We will have activities at Augustana from 1:00-4:00 pm. Our theme will be Moses.

3rd-5th

November 12: We will be going bowling at Memory Lanes from 1:00-4:00 pm. The cost is \$5 and will include pizza and a pop at the bowling alley.

3rd-12th

January 22: We will be going tubing at Mt. Kato. You will receive more details closer to the event.

6th-9th

November 19-20: Junior High Youth Gathering in Willmar. Youth who are signed up will be receiving information the first week in November.

6th-12th

November 30: The youth will be serving the supper for TLC at 6:00 pm. I will text you to let you know what time you need to be there.

December 4: The youth will be having a Silent Auction at Augustana from 9:30-11:00 am. The proceeds from this will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering trip in Houston.

December 18: The youth will be serving the Christmas Brunch prior to the Christmas Program. We will be serving from 9:00-10:00 am.

9th-12th

December 22: We will be attending the Black Nativity play at the Penumbra Theatre in St. Paul. The cost is \$15 and it will include a meal. If we have enough chaperones, I will order the tickets on November 11.

TLC SPECIALS

December 14: Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

December 18: Christmas Program at Augustana at 10:30 am.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

November 1: Education Committee meeting at 1:00 pm.

November 6: Youth Committee meeting at 9:00 am

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David Webster, Visitation Pastor

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