

**AES MINISTRIES**  
Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches  
November 2021 Newsletter

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*Pastor's Column*

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I look forward to another great month of ministry with AES. November is a busy month with preparations for the Thanksgiving holiday and Advent. It is easy to get caught up in full schedules this time of year and forget to take time to acknowledge our blessings and give thanks to God. I am reminded, however, in the midst of the hustle and bustle that God calls us to spend our time with grateful hearts. Gratitude is contagious and it brings joy. What comes to mind when you pause to give thanks? What has God done for you that fills your heart with gratitude?

One thing I am deeply thankful for is the gift of intergenerational ministry. I am a firm believer that our youth can learn so much about life, ministry, relationships etc. from adults and in return, our adults can learn the same from our youth. On November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Augustana, I will be having a Mentor and Student meeting for confirmation students. The Mentor Program is designed to build intergenerational relationships within the church. If you are a confirmation student who does not have a mentor, I encourage you to find an adult within the church who is not a family member and ask them if they would be your mentor during your confirmation years. If you cannot find someone, please reach out to me.

I give thanks to God for you, dear church, just as Paul gave thanks for the church in Philippi. "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:3-5). I am grateful to do the work of Jesus Christ with you. I am grateful to be serving as your pastor.

With Gratitude,

Pastor Mandy France

## AUGUSTANA

**MEMORIALS:** None to report

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the church office if you wish to provide altar flowers for a particular Sunday. Your name will be placed on the schedule.

### COFFEE HOUR

November 7: Available  
14: Available  
21: Available  
26: Available

### LECTORS

November 7: Judy Thulien  
14: Les Zellmann  
21: Jim Moody  
26: Kari Miest

### Altar Guild

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

### Ushers

Eugene Zarn, Dennis Johnson, John Miest, Bryan Nelson, Rich Olsen, Greg Thulien, Les Zellmann

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 7: Kristi Zellmann

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

1. Electronically: visit church web site and on the "Secure Contributions" tab
2. Secure Contributions: visit the church website [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org)
3. Give+Text: from your phone, text number is 844-686-4439 (unique to Augustana)
4. Offering envelopes: through the mail or into the drop box

Questions: Contact Financial Secretary, Deanna Hoffman 507-317-7724, [ddesigns@mchsi.com](mailto:ddesigns@mchsi.com)

## AUGUSTANA

### CIRCLES

Nov. 2: Rebecca Circle in Fireside Room, 9:30 am  
Nov. 3: Martha Circle in Fireside Room, 9:00 am  
Nov.16: Sewing Circle, 9:00 am, Social Hall

### MISSIONARY SPONSORS

Please call the church office to sponsor our Missionary. The cost is \$20.00 for a week.

November 7: Jim & Judy Anderson  
14: Martha Circle  
21: Martha Circle  
26: Available

### RADIO INFO ~ KSUM 1370 AM

Sponsor a half hour broadcast for \$40.00. East sponsors the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, Augustana sponsors the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays are split between the churches. To sponsor an Augustana broadcast, call 375-4792. The November 28<sup>th</sup> radio broadcast from Augustana is available for a sponsor.

**TRANSITIONS:** None to report

### THANK YOU

Thank you so much to my WELCA friends for the beautiful mum plant given to me on my birthday! It was so thoughtful and brightened up my home. And .....

A HUGE thank you to the Augustana congregation and church council for the cards and gifts received at the retirement Coffee Hour on Sunday, October 24. Sue Melheim

Dear Friends at Augustana Lutheran Church - Your gifts of mission support help us continue to provide opportunities for faith conversations that are so important to the relational ministry that happens at our three Green Lake Lutheran Ministries camps. Thank you for all of the ways that you support GLLM – your prayers, your presence, and your generosity. Gratefully, Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director.

**EAST****TRANSITIONS:**

A memorial service was held for **Donald Ray Menssen** on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the East Cemetery. Don was born November 29, 1935, and passed away October 18, 2021.

May God's peace comfort  
his family and friends.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Tom, Sam, Ray, Everette, Erma, Chloe, Mary Ann, Orval, Charles, Michelle

**ADDRESS CHANGES:****STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:**

Needed through September	\$53,676.00
Received through September	57,238.76
Ahead through September	+ \$ 3,562.96
Received in September	\$ 3,002.42

## Happy Birthday Happy Baptismal Birthday

3 Jarah Hagen 12-8  
11 Michael Suarez 4-14  
12 Rebecca Christenson 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

**Martin Luther's birth date was  
November 10, 1483.  
He would be 528 on Wednesday!**

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.

**EAST****RADIO BROADCASTS**

November. 7: First Lutheran, St. James  
14: East Sveadahl  
21: First Lutheran, St. James  
28: Augustana

**ALTAR COMMITTEE**

Tammy Stevens-Rathman and Julene Hoffman

**VISITING COMMITTEE**

Deb Anderson and Charlotte Johnson

**LECTORS**

November 7: Janet Bloomquist  
14: Kathy Christenson  
21: Kris Sues  
28: Evonne Moll

**USHERS**

Matt Fisch

**RADIO SPONSORS**

November 14: The Molls  
December 12: Jerry and Lynette Noren

Thank you to all our 2021 sponsors.

**Thank You**

East Sveadahl WELCA,

Thank you for all the hard work and planning that went into creating such a lovely bridal shower on our behalf! We were blown away by the thoughtfulness of all the details and truly grateful for such a special evening. Thank you also to the group for the generous Target gift card and the beautiful scatter kindness wall art. It meant so much for us to get married at East Sveadahl, and we appreciate the warm welcome. We hope you are all doing well! Take care!

Love, Matt and Abby Jurgens

Thank you to Gloria Thulien for the children's books given to the East Library in memory of her son, Brian (Trucker) Thulien.

## AES SEPTEMBER NEWS

### PASTOR VISITS

Our Pastors would like to visit you! If you would like to be visited in your home, in the hospital, wherever, please contact them: Pr. Mandy at the church office 375-4792 or cell 651-800-6692 and Visitation Deacon Lyla Klee at 507-439-6940 and her cell 507-227-9250. Pastor Mandy can also be reached by email at the church [aesministriespastor@gmail.com](mailto:aesministriespastor@gmail.com).

Pastor Mandy is still in the process of learning everyone's name and connecting to the face. We realize that on Sundays letting her know face to face of pastoral care requests and concerns is more personal, but receiving these in a written form, such as an email at [aesministriespastor@gmail.com](mailto:aesministriespastor@gmail.com) or a text or phone call to her above cell number will ensure that there are no requests missed. Contact the church office by phone or email or email Susan Anderson, and we will see that requests are passed along.

**Please note: hospitals do not automatically notify churches of members being admitted. The request for an in-hospital visit by the pastor must come from the person admitted or a family member, due to privacy issues. Please contact Pastor Mandy or Deacon Lyla with these requests.**

### MEALS ON WHEELS

November 8-12 & 15-19 are Augustana's designated weeks to deliver "Meals on Wheels" and volunteers are needed. All are welcome! Please contact Greg Thulien, 507-327- 7892

### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Watonwan County Food Shelf is putting together Thanksgiving Baskets this year and has asked local churches to help identify families and/or individuals who could benefit from receiving one. If you know someone who would enjoy a basket or if you yourself would like one, please let Pastor Mandy know. This will be confidential. A list of food items in the basket will be coming out in the near future. On Tuesday November 23rd from 5-7pm, there will be a packing event at the food shelf to put the baskets together. This would be a great service project for confirmation students and their mentors! Any questions, please contact Pastor Mandy or the food shelf.

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

The National Youth Gathering will be held July 22, 2022, through July 28, 2022, in Minneapolis at US Bank Stadium. The deadline for registration is November 22<sup>nd</sup> so the committee will be focusing on outreach to the youth. **There is a sign-up sheet on the office door for those interested in the national youth gathering.**

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

**Facebook:** "Like" the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, etc.

**AES Ministries website:** [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org)

**Address changes:** Augustana Office 375-4792 or Susan at East 507-317-5293

**Weekly Bulletins:** Sunday bulletins will be posted weekly on the AES Ministries website home page

**PRAYERS and PRAISES**

We appreciate the concern and care you show for family members and friends by placing them on the Prayer Concern list in our bulletins. We do believe in the power of prayer! If you have added someone to our list, **please let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there.** Thank you.

**MONDAY MORNING PRAYER MEETING**

The Weekly Prayer Meeting is Monday morning at 10:00 am via Zoom. Type in the link to join (or click on the link on the website)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77502081644?pwd=NTdkeXB6TUlrazliSzVKZkhwTjg1UT09>

**ST. LUCIA CELEBRATION 2021**

It is with a sad heart that we will be unable to welcome our members and friends again this year. We cannot have any food prepared off site brought in (Bake Shoppe) plus the Candlelight Breakfast is not food that can be served as take out. Everyone will miss all our beautiful decorations as well. We hope that we can get to a point in this pandemic that we can truly get back to normal and be able to continue this celebration and welcome everyone again. Hopefully see you in 2022 for St Lucia. Any questions, call Deanna Hoffman 507-317-7724

**ANNUAL AUGUSTANA CHURCHMEN'S PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Augustana Churchmen** are hosting a drive-up/pick-up **Annual Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7:30 pm. Pancakes, sausages, and apple sauce. Free will donations. Pick-up will be at the back door off the alley.

**ALL SAINTS' DAY ~ November 7<sup>th</sup>**

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Festival of All Saints'. Traditionally on that day, the Church takes time to remember with thanksgiving the lives and witness of people who have died in the faith and who are now part of the Church triumphant! This is a day to remember that we are one in the "Communion of saints" with the Church through all ages.

***Victoria Arlene (Wolle) Janzen***

*January 1, 1945 – January 31, 2021 ~ Burial at East May 1, 2021*

***Merlin Arnold Reinke***

*February 10, 1935 – February 11, 2021 ~ Burial at Calvary Cemetery February 20, 2021*

***Donald Ray Menssen***

*November 29, 1935 – October 18, 2021 ~ Burial at East October 23, 2021*

***Leon Edward Olson, non-member***

*October 28, 1942 – November 7, 2020 ~ Burial at East November 12, 2020*

***Harriet Lorraine (Olson) Steege, non-member***

*May 5, 1924 – November 24, 2020 ~ Burial at East December 9, 2020*

***Kristopher John Lee and Asher Gene Lee, non-members***

*March 20, 2021 – March 20, 2021*

***Gertrude Coleman***

*October 21, 1927 – December 25, 2020 ~ Burial at Mt. Hope December 31, 2020*

**Sharon Malott**

*July 19, 1936 – December 26, 2020 ~ Burial at Long Lake January 2, 2021*

**Marilyn Hager**

*May 27, 1940 – December 18, 2020 ~ Burial at Mt. Hope*

**Colleen Ann Nessler**

*June 14, 1937 – January 1, 2021 ~ Burial at Mt. Hope January 9, 2021*

**Kaethe Morgan**

*Born 1924 in Kolberg, Germany – January 31, 2021 ~ Burial at Mt. Hope June 19, 2021*

**Robert Miller, Jr.**

*December 20, 1936 – April 6, 2021 ~ Burial at Mt. Hope April 10, 2021*

**Lynda Marie Overson**

*June 7, 1951 – April 25, 2021 ~ Burial at Mt. Hope July 31, 2021*

**Joyce Erdal**

*February 8, 1961 – September 1, 2021*

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**ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE ~ November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Worship service at 6:30 pm, Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at First Presbyterian Church – Bring a dessert to share and fellowship to follow service.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ~ Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> DST ends. Remember to turn your clocks BACK before bed.**

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**AES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 7, 2019**

The AES Ministries Joint Council met on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at 7:00 pm at Augustana following protocols – masking and social distancing. Those present: Janet Bloomquist, Becky Cobb, Terry Engel, Wayne Jurgens, Susan Anderson, and Pr. Mandy. Not present: Teresa Andrews, Leora Ask, Mike Menssen, Mark Kulseth. Visitor: Erica Garza

Wayne called the meeting to order. Pr. Mandy opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made (Janet), seconded (Terry), and carried to approve the minutes as presented in the newsletter.

**PR. MANDY’S REPORT**

Pr. Mandy has been busy with visitations, confirmation, adjusting to her many roles, and is concerned, with everything that is happening, that nothing gets overlooked. She would strongly encourage AES Ministries to find a Youth Coordinator to take care of their activities.

In order to find a way to help with their work loads, the Board asked that Pr. Mandy and Erica outline on paper the jobs that they do and can handle, and then, the jobs that need to be done and aren’t getting done. The Board can then look at how to provide help.

Erica is working more hours than she was contracted for. A motion was made (Janet), seconded (Terry) to compensate Erica for the hours she works which she will submit on a monthly timecard. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

(cont.)

Pr. Mandy and Erica presented information for discussion about TLC. Some of the discussion topics were: busing options, how to best spend the additional time the children are here (2-5:30 pm instead of 3:15-5:30), how to deal with COVID protocols to best protect our children, the idea of adding service projects for the children and how to staff them, how to prevent staff burnout, and the absolute need for more help, and the how and the where to get that help.

COVID protocols were reviewed and discussed. Everyone agrees that the guidelines and protocols present concerns and mandates that aren't agreeable to everyone. It must be understood by all that the plan is set up to keep all of our members safe and keep the church open. If the churches are to stay open, certain protocols must be in place and followed!

The answer to whether the church is open or if masks are needed is made after the numbers are released each Friday and can be found on the church website, on Facebook, and in an email that comes directly to you if we have your email address. If you are concerned, check these sources. We must all do our best to accept graciously the protocol that the Joint Council outlines.

Pr. Mandy will send our protocol to the Watonwan County Public Health office for reviewal. After their reviewal, the Council will reevaluate the proposal.

A motion was made (Terry), and seconded (Becky) to approve the Pastor's salary and insurance package for 2022 which will be the same as currently set. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at Augustana.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson, Secretary

### **EAST SVEADAHN LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – October 14, 2021**

The East Sveadahh Church Council met on October 14, 2021, at 7 p.m. at church. Those present were Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Erma Griffith, Evonne Moll, Lori Urevig, Susan Anderson, Sonja Coleman, Pastor Mandy along with Cindy Torkelson, Deb Anderson, and Dana Avila.

Tom Anderson, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

The September 2021 secretary's report was approved as read.

Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary, and Evonne Moll, Treasurer, presented their reports. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Erma, and passed to accept the reports as given.

The outstanding bills were presented by Tom. A motion by Janet, seconded by Erma, and passed to approve paying of bills.

Cindy Torkelson and Deb Anderson from the AES Education Committee updated the Council on the activities of the youth and TLC. They are in need of volunteer help for TLC. A request for a youth director was presented, and the Education Committee is looking into finding someone.

**Pastor Mandy presented her report:** Some highlights are:

- The confirmation bonfire was a great success with the youth asking to do it again.
- Pastoral care for our AES members is increasing.
- Pastor Mandy has joined the ministerium group in St. James and is finding it helpful.

**AES Report:** The complete report is in the newsletter.

**Susan's report:**

- Tama Bridges, a member at East, was on the front page of the Mankato Paper as the new lead infant teacher at the Lake Crystal Daycare Center..
- As Augustana has not found a Secretary as of yet, Susan was asked to do the weekly bulletins and newsletters until someone is found for the position.

As Eric Avila was unable to attend, his mother Dana spoke for him in regards to the pray ground area for the pre-school – second grade students in the back of the East Church sanctuary. The Council thought that it was going very well and thanked Eric for his efforts. (cont.)

**Old Business:**

- It was decided that the \$500 grant from the T.RowePrice Charitable given in Pastor Alms name, will be put in the charitable giving fund.

**New Business:**

- A request for purchasing copies of the Gather hymnal was made. Janet will look into the cost and availability. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Lori, and passed to pay half of the cost of the new laptop for Pastor Mandy.

As there was no further business we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next church council meeting will be November 11, 2021, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

### **AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – October 13, 2021**

Present: Mark Kulseth, Jill Beckius, Terry Engel, Lyle Anderson, Dean Swenstad, Judy Thulien, Lisa Carlson, Lynn Watson, Paul Missling, Deanna Hoffman, John Coleman, Kristi Zellmann, Pastor Mandy

Absent: Andy Freitag, Kyla Schlomann

Guests for TLC Presentation: Cindy Torkelson and Deb Anderson

Mark called the meeting to order at 7:30PM in the Social Hall and Dean shared devotions to open the meeting.

**Reports:**

Motion by John, seconded by Lynn to approve the Secretary's Report as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Lynn, seconded by Lisa to approve the Treasurers Report as printed. Motion carried.

Judy reported on Congregational Consulting Company-an Employer Retention Project related to retaining employees during the COVID pandemic. Judy took all the paperwork out to Suzann Olson to review and Suzann said everything looked good. Judy has submitted the paperwork. At some point, the amount received for Augustana will be \$18,165.57. The fee to be paid to the rep is \$1,500. Thank you, Judy Thulien, for completing all the paperwork. Much appreciated.

The Secretary and Custodial positions have been posted on Indeed.com. There will be a charge for each applicant that applies for the position.

There continues to be some confusion with the church credit card. Mandy has received the card in her name and will be calling to straighten it out as she now has a card in her name.

Deanna presented the Giving Report. Offering envelopes have arrived and will be mailed out to members.

**Pastor Mandy**

Currently ministering to many that have health concerns/crises, including some health concerns for her own son, Elijah. The Food Shelf is putting together food baskets for Thanksgiving and Pastor Mandy will be having the confirmations students help with the baskets.

**AES Ministries**

Erica's position-currently gets paid for 5 hours a week. Erica is an AES employee and she will be paid for the hours that she turns in. This will be handled by the AES Board.

Cindy Torkelson and Deb Anderson came to the meeting to share concerns about the TLC status. Early Out at school is even earlier so the students are arriving by 1:45PM and are present for TLC for a long period of time (1:45-6PM). Originally TLC was for Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade. It is now Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade so there are more students. 40-45 students are currently attending. Plan to add Community Service Projects. There is a need for Youth Director. Erica spoke to Wed eve church service and will speak to both church services on Sunday to make the needs known. More adult helpers are needed to be able to continue this program.

Cindy and Deb also suggested the idea of a Booster Club to support students going to Green Lake Bible Camp, the Jr. High Youth Gathering in Willmar-November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Sr. High Gathering-July 20-24, 2022 in Minneapolis, and Vacation Bible School. Discussion regarding this was tabled. (cont.)



**Committees**

Education-covered by Cindy and Deb.

Evangelism/Social Ministry/Education-Confusion about wearing a mask, not wearing a mask and how congregation members can be informed-on Facebook, church website, possibly answering machine message, sign on the door, etc. Lisa gets number from Julia at Public Health and that is the number that is used. The protocol that had been developed earlier this fall is being reviewed and revised as needed. Input from Watonwan Public Health Director has been solicited and currently waiting to have a few questions answered. Pastor Mandy has been receiving quite a few calls from members with ongoing questions. After much discussion, the protocol will continue to be reviewed and revised. As of this meeting, it will be MANDATORY for all in attendance at TLC (adults and students) to wear masks. Anyone refusing to wear a mask, will be asked to leave. If a student is kept home from school because they are ill, they SHOULD NOT attend TLC.

**Finance**-need to start working on the budget for 2022.

**Property**-Rognlie trimmed the bushes around church. Sound booth is in the process of being built. Payment has been made on the stained-glass window project. John will be notified when the company is ready to start.

**Youth**-did not meet

**Old Business**

There have been a couple inquiries about the open positions at church but no applications have been received. Ads will also be placed on Facebook.

Still need a fireproof locking cabinet. Lyle will also check the safe to see if he is able to get it open.

**New Business**

Retirement celebration for Sue Melheim and Jim Leopold on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, during coffee hour. Card and gift will be given to each of them. Judy will have the checks ready.

Men's Pancake Supper-will have Drive up/Pick up only. Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 5PM-7:30. Watch for more details.

ZOOM account-will use ZOOM in the future, if needed.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:40PM.

Next Council Meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30PM. Kyla will have devotions.

Respectfully Submitted-Kristi Zellmann, Council Secretary

**WELCA BOARD MEETING - September 22, 2021**

Present: Judy Berg, Becky Cobb, Nancy Kunkel, Jayne Anderson

The meeting was opened with devotions by Judy. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were approved.

God's Work Our Hands-Cards were sent to shut ins. We discussed providing books for the Little Libraries in town. There are currently 10, with a possibility of adding a couple more. Nancy will check with the City about our WELCA adding these. There are a lot of books from our Church Library that can be donated to these Little Libraries. Becky suggested we provide Food Houses throughout town, much like the libraries, only canned goods/boxed items. WELCA will support this project.

Bakeless Bake Sale will be October 3rd. Advertising and envelopes are in the October Newsletter. There will be no homemade items, only prepackaged. Donations from this will go to the Stained Glass Window Fund.

WELCA will be serving the TLC meal October 20th. Meal to be determined.

Devotional books are here. They will be distributed to our residents at Pleasant View, Mt Lake Good Samaritan, Brandt Ridge, and Prairie View. The mailing will include a note pad, and also a note. We will meet Tuesday, September 28th at 10:00 to get these ready for mailing.

Small poinsettias will be ordered for Pleasant View, Mt Lake Good Samaritan, Brandt Ridge, and Prairie View Augustana residents.

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St Lucia - There is no word on this. The possibility of having a type of bakeless bake sale to raise money if there was no St Lucia was discussed.

Donations were reviewed. Our next meeting will be October 13th at 9:30.

Audrey Swanson's birthday is September 26, please send her a card.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jayne Anderson

### **AES EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT - October 12, 2021**

We began with a prayer and thoughts that we need to ask ourselves; "What gifts have been given us? and may God guide us in God's World."

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

##### **Old Business:**

We discussed our curriculum, Dig In. It is going well for all levels.

The 3rd graders will get their Bibles October 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Mentor Program for the Confirmation students will begin in November. The 7th and 8th graders will be working with the TLC students as part of their confirmation. This is Catechism year for the 9th and 10th graders learning what it means to be a Lutheran.

The Faith Family Formation magazines from Spark will continue to be mailed out four times a year to our TLC families.

Becky's Adult Prayer Session continues on Mondays at 10 am. They are going well.

##### **New Business:**

- We discussed mask usage for TLC, and we will go along with our AES Covid Team which follows the Watonwan Public Health Covid team.
- We have concerns for our students that are not getting picked up at 5:20 pm. We are looking into a policy for the situation.
- Erica has asked families to have the Heja (hi ya) app for better communication. This is an app that is used with our Sports Booster Clubs in town. It has been working very well with schedule, mask, and transportation changes.
- School has early outs every Wednesday which has led to adding more to our TLC afternoon. So, the students will be adding service projects into the schedule. They have written to vets and next will be working on Operation Christmas Shoebox which is through the Samaritan Purse. There will be tubs at each church so parishioners can help our project. At the end of October, they will have a Fun Fall Festival planned with all the students.
- Transportation has been a challenge this year mainly because of Covid. The school bus system was willing to take our kids out of school early to come to church, but we decided we don't want our kids to miss more school. We will be using the TMT system. We are very appreciative of them working with us. Thank you, TMT drivers!!
- Our Christmas Program is in need of a volunteer to head it up, and volunteers are needed to help teachers with their large classes.
- We are in need of a Youth Director as soon as possible to head up Green Lake Bible Camp, VBS, Jr. High and Sr. High activities. Our Jr. High has a gathering in Willmar in November, and the Senior High has the National Gathering in Minneapolis 2022.
- The next Education Meeting is November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. We will try to meet the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. We apologize to the working parents who would have liked to be at these meetings, but it was difficult to schedule it in. Our AES Ministries has many evening meetings every month.

We concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Be Safe and Kind!

Sincerely, Cindy Torkelson, AES Education Chair