

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadah1 Lutheran Churches

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PASTOR

Giving Thanks

In this month of Thanksgiving, we give thanks in many ways. We give thanks by remembering the saints no longer with us on earth. We give thanks for those who have served in the military to protect us and our country. We give thanks by stewarding our gifts of time, talent, and financial resources. We give thanks by welcoming our new members and acknowledging the gift they are to our congregations. We give thanks by sharing in Thanksgiving worship with First Presbyterian and St. James United Methodist churches.

- All Saints' Day On Sunday, November 4, we will remember and give thanks for all the saints at Augustana and East Sveadah1 who have passed from death into eternal life since last All Saints' Day. We will have a special litany and light candles in remembrance. You will also have an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of saints in your life.
- Veterans Day Veterans Day, November 11, falls on a Sunday this year. We will honor and give thanks for the Veterans in our midst on that day. If you are a veteran, wear or bring something from your years of service.
- Stewardship On Sunday, November 4 and 11, the messages will focus on stewardship of time, talent, and financial resources. At Augustana, please bring your "God's Work, Our Hands," serving opportunity sign-up sheet, and your 2019 giving intention card on November 11.
- New Members On Sunday, November 18, we welcome new members at both Augustana and East Sveadah1. If you or someone you know would like to join one of our congregations, please speak with Pastor Kathleen.
- Thanksgiving
Worship On Sunday, November 18, at 6:30 pm we gather with First Presbyterian and St. James United Methodist churches for a Thanksgiving service. The service will be held at Augustana. The offering will go to the St. James Food Shelf.

A prayer for this month of Thanksgiving from the Lutheran Book of Worship: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastor Kathleen

AUGUSTANA

November Circles

- Nov. 6: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle - Encore
 7:00 pm Martha Circle - Augustana
 Nov. 20: 8:30 am Sewing Circle - Augustana

Acolytes

- Nov. 4: Austin Spitzner, Dawson Gertsema
 Nov. 11: Hayleigh Lingbeek, Lydia Overson
 Nov. 18: Jena Knaack, William Knaack
 Nov. 25: Peyton Wolner, Carter Wolner

Altar Guild

Audrey Swanson, Lisa Carlson, Leora Ask,
 Janice Vetter, Judy Engelking, Tami Larson

Blood Pressure Screening

- Nov. 4: Deb Style

Communion Servers

- Nov. 4: Deanna Hoffman, Dominique Berg
 Nov. 11: Kristen Gertsema, Jim Harrington,
 Steph Reid, Deanna Hoffman

Greeters

- Nov. 4: Bert & Gerry Swenson
 Nov. 11: Jim & Jackie Harrington
 Nov. 18: Rick Carlson
 Nov. 25: Darrell & Leora Ask

Lectors

- Nov. 4: Jean Leopold
 Nov. 11: Ruth Haler
 Nov. 18: Kirsten Freitag
 Nov. 25: Kathy Eiden

Radio Sponsor

- Nov. 25: Jayne Anderson - In Memory of Warren,
 Adeline, and Rusty. (from Augustana)

Missionary Sponsors

There are NO sponsors for November.
 The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday to help
 support our Missionary.

Ushers

Eugene Zarn, Philip Anderson, Dennis Johnson,
 John Miest, Bryan Nelson, Rich Olsen,
 Gary Schwanz, Bert Swenson, Greg Thulien,
 Les Zellmann

AUGUSTANA

Coffee Hour

- Nov. 4: Ruth Haler, Dick & Marlys Gilbertson
 Nov. 11: Darrell & Leora Ask, Myron & Sally Engel
 Nov. 18: Judy Sizer, Greg & Judy Thulien
 Nov. 25: Joyce Pierson, John & Jeanne Miest

Memorials

In Memory of Carol Knaak
 \$25.00 – Undesignated Fund
 \$500.00 – Undesignated Fund

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.

The month of **November** is available.

Radio Broadcasts

Sponsor a month for \$65.00 or one of four segments for \$16.25 each. September-February broadcasts are from Augustana due to early service times.

Transitions

Marriages

Abby Walker and Austin Pinke were married
 October 20th in St. Peter.

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

Funerals

Troy Westman passed away on October 10, 2018. A graveside service was held at Mt. Hope Cemetery on October 15, 2018.

Gonzalo "Tito" DeAnda passed away on October 10, 2018, and his funeral was held at Augustana on October 17, 2018.

Please continue to keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Confirmation

Confirmed on October 28, 2018:
 Jack Mahoney-Berg Emily Gronewold
 Macyn Hirschmann Nickolas Knaack
 Kimberly Lothert

EAST**RADIO BROADCASTS**

Nov. 4: First Lutheran, St. James
 11: Albion
 18: First Lutheran, St. James
 25: Augustana

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Joann Jensen and Janet Bloomquist

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

George Nasman and Erma Griffith

VISITING COMMITTEE

Mary Ann Menssen and Phyllis Jurgens

WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting in November

USHERS

Keith and Lori Newberg

LECTORS

Nov. 4: Sonja Coleman
 11: Mike Menssen
 18: Erma Griffith
 25: Lori Newberg

SNOW REMOVAL

November – George Nasman

RADIO SPONSORS

December 30: Herbert and Karen Noren Family
 In 2019, East will provide sponsors for these
 Sundays: March 31, June 30, September 29, and
 December 29.

Address change for David Webster

Prairie Senior Cottages
 1705 19th Avenue SW
 Willmar, MN 56201

Pastor Webster moved from Pleasant View in
 St. James to Prairie Senior Cottages
 on Thursday, October 24th.

EAST**TRANSITIONS:**

The Service of Christian Burial was held for **Viola Evelyn (Lange) Noren** on October 13, 2018, at East. Viola was born August 1, 1931 and passed away October 4.

The Service of Christian Burial was held for **Lowell Arnold Bloomquist** on October 22, 2018, at East. Lowell was born October 30, 1937 and passed away October 17.

Dorothy Thulien passed away October 2, 2018 and was buried in the East cemetery on October 20, 2018.

May God's peace comfort their families and friends.

Mason Lenning was confirmed on October 28th.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through September	\$49,743.72
Received through September	30,526.99
Behind through September	- \$19,216.73
Received in September:	\$ 3,339.06

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!

I am 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.

AES NOVEMBER NEWS

SPECIAL NOVEMBER DATES

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| + All Saint's Sunday, November 4 | + Veterans Day, November 11 |
| + Daylight Savings Time End, November 4 | + Thanksgiving Worship, November 18 |
| + Election Day, November 6 | + Thanksgiving Day, November 22 |
| + Martin Luther's Birthday, November 10 | + Christ the King Sunday, November 25 |

+ All Saints' Day – November 4

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 4th 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:

Joan Edith (Peterson) Alde
Viola Evelyn (Lange) Noren
Lowell Arnold Bloomquist

March 3, 1945 – May 6, 2018
 August 1, 1931 – October 4, 2018
 October 30, 1937 – October 17, 2018

From Augustana:

Jeffrey Clair Anderson (non-member)
Martha Ruth Elliot (non-member)
Gerald Lee Schwanz (non-member)
Mary Jo Bass
Carol Diane Knaak
Martha Elizabeth Lindquist
Troy Douglas Westman
Gonzalo "Tito" DeAnda (non-member)

November 17, 1963 – December 6, 2017
 December 29, 1926 – February 26, 2018
 April 22, 1951 – March 5, 2018
 June 5, 1948 – July 12, 2018
 February 2, 1947 – August 15, 2018
 June 6, 1923 – August 24, 2018
 December 19, 1965 – October 10, 2018
 November 7, 1989 – October 10, 2018

+ Pancake Supper – November 6

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

+ Augustana Stewardship Sunday – November 11

“God’s Work, Our Hands”- Augustana Stewardship Sunday - November 11th

Dear Members of Augustana,

We are grateful for your time, talents, and giving in this past year. Your generosity helps Augustana to grow and maintain all of its important ministries as we continue to work together to share God’s word. As we ask God to help us plan for the ministry and outreach of our congregation for 2019 and beyond, please reflect on the blessings you have been given and how you can use them to do God’s work in our congregation, community, and our world. Members will be receiving a letter and a message from Pastor Kathleen for you to consider “God’s work, Our Hands”- what can my hands do? Please join us for a special coffee hour following the service on November 11th. May God continue to bless us through the ministries we are doing here.

Augustana Stewardship Committee

+ Newsletter Deadline – November 16

The deadline for the December newsletter will be Friday, November 16th, please note change of date. Thank you.

+ Junior High Youth Gathering – November 17 and 18

Thirteen youth and four adults will be attending this Gathering in Willmar. The theme is “Undeniably Known” based on I Corinthians 13:12. Rachel Kurtz is the speaker.

+ Welcoming New Members – November 18

Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a member of Augustana or East Sveadahl? Please contact Pastor Kathleen. We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, November 18th.

+ Thanksgiving Worship – November 18

Thanksgiving worship will again be a joint service with Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries, First Presbyterian Church, and United Methodist Church. Worship will be held at Augustana on Sunday, November 18th at 6:30 pm. The offering will go to the St. James Food Shelf. Following worship there will be a pie and coffee fellowship. What a wonderful opportunity to worship with our friends and neighbors and then to share in a time of fellowship.

+ Vacation – November 19 - 26

Pastor Kathleen will be on vacation **November 19-26 (Monday-Monday)**. Lyla Klee is on call. The Augustana Church office will be closed November 22-23.

+ TLC News

November 21: No TLC, confirmation, worship, or supper
December 12: TLC Christmas Program is at 5:30 pm.

+ Guthrie Theater Trip – December 9

An Intergenerational Trip to the Guthrie Theater to see “A Christmas Carol.”

Why a church trip to the Guthrie? When we go the theater to see a live play or musical, it often helps us connect with the world and humanity in a deeper and bigger way. When in a play, like “A Christmas Carol,” we see greed and conflict and its effects, we are moved to examine our own lives. Or, we are moved to greater understanding and compassion for others. There is something about a live performance that connects us in ways reading a book or seeing a movie can't. Live theater also sparks our imagination and our creativity, and we begin to dream of what is possible in our own lives and for the world. This particular play, a classic, has inspired generations to a more meaningful Christmas. A Christmas of remembering and celebrating why it is God sent Jesus for us.

We have reserved tickets for Sunday, December 9. We would like our youth to have an opportunity to see this play and so the cost for youth will be \$15 (due to youth fund picking up some of the cost). Grades 7-12 are invited to sign up without an adult. Elementary aged students must sign up with an adult. Adult tickets are \$48.20 and senior citizen (65 and over) price is \$30.50. The play is not recommended for children under age 5. Generous donors are paying for a coach bus. We will leave at 10:00 am for the 1:00 pm show. We must know numbers by November 9. Please let me know if your child/children would like to attend and also if you would like to attend. We have 40 tickets. College students home from break may also attend. The cost for their tickets is \$30.50. Let me know as soon as possible to reserve your seat.

Pastor Kathleen

+ Facebook / Website

“Like” the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for updates, pictures and inspiration. 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 – 507-439-6940 or (C) 507-227-9250.

+ Changes

Do you have a new address, phone, or e-mail? Please contact your church secretary (Sue or Susan) with the information so that we can stay in touch.

+ Prayers and Praises

We appreciate your care and concern for family members and friends by adding them to our Prayer Concern list in Sunday’s bulletin. This truly shows the power that we do place in prayers. If you added someone to our prayer concerns, could you also let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there.

+ 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), Channel 12 KEYC-TV, 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.

+ 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. Visit our website www.augustanachurch.org and click on the “Secure Contributions” tab. Contact Financial Secretary Deanna Hoffman or Pastor Kathleen with questions.

+ Thank yous

Thank you to WELCA for the cookies that I received for the God’s Work. Our Hands. project.

Lois Hultgren

Thank you to Judy Engelking and Jean Leopold, new co-chairs of the Augustana funeral committee. We also thank all who work at the funerals and bring food for funerals. Sharing a meal and fellowship at a funeral is important to families and brings great comfort. Thanks to all who make this possible.

Thank you so much to WELCA for the gift certificate that was given to me on my birthday!

Sue Melheim

Dear East Sveadahl Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$145.16 to Lutheran Disaster Response. ...

Thank you for joining with the whole church, Lutheran Disaster Response, and our local partners. Your gifts are bearing the love of Christ to many in need.

The Rev. Daniel Rift

SPECIAL DECEMBER DATES

- + December 8: Saint Lucia Day
- + December 9: Trip to the Guthrie Theater
- + December 12: Children's Christmas Program
- + December 24: Christmas Eve Communion Services: 4:00 pm East; 5:30 pm Augustana

WELCA INFORMATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Augustana WELCA ~

- ~~ The WELCA Board will meet Sunday, November 11, 2018 after church in the Fireside Room.
- ~~ The East WELCA invites you to their annual **Christmas Party** on Thursday, December 6th at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Janet Bloomquist at 375-5308.
- ~~ 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 be getting a \$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 Judy Anderson at 375-3462.

Workshop Dates: Friday, November 2nd – 9:00 a.m.
 Friday, November 9th – 9:00 a.m.
 Tuesday, November 13th – 9:00 a.m.
 Friday, November 16th – 9:00 a.m.

LEFSE RECIPE

3 C. Mashed Russet Potatoes	1 Tbsp. sugar
½ 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 done; don't overcook as they tend to absorb water.
 Drain and mash or rice 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.

- ~~ **Gifts for St. Peter Hospital** - WELCA will be collecting gifts for the St. Peter Hospital from November 1st through the 26th. Items can be put in the boxes located in the Fireside Room. Needed items: Gift cards, cash donations, hygiene products, socks and underwear (male and female, L-5x), shoes (men's 9-14), art activities and craft supplies, and more are appreciated. Help spread holiday cheer! Visit Target kiosk to find a list of client wishes. The Volunteer Council thanks you for your help.

East WELCA ~

- ~~ The WELCA **Christmas Party** is Thursday, December 6th at 6:30 pm. Invite your guests now, then let Kris (507-380-3462), Julene (507-317-3457), or Teresa (507-621-2557) know the number of guests you are bringing. Evonne and Lorita are in charge of the decorating and program for the evening.
- ~~ The WELCA will be making **lefse**. The cost is \$8.00 per pound. Please contact Sonja (507-381-4206), Janet (507-327-0318), or Evonne (507-828-9943).

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~~ WELCA at East Sveadahl is doing a **new cookbook** for the 150th Anniversary. We would like to have it completed and ready to purchase by the summer of 2019. Recipes can be submitted to the box by the coffee area at church, emailed to lrolshoven@isd840.org or mailed to Lynne or Leigh Rolshoven at 928 6th Avenue South, St. James, MN 56081. All previous recipes in the most recent cookbook will be included and do not need to be re-submitted.

Abbreviations should be as follows: tablespoon = Tblsp, teaspoon = tsp, cup = C. Please proofread your submissions for errors.

Also, please add a quick note as to how many cookbooks you think you might be interested in ordering. The more we order, the cheaper they are! The deadline for submissions is Sunday, March 31, 2019.

COMMUNITY EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ Turn Back – November 4

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4th. Turn your clocks **back one hour** before going to bed on Saturday, November 3rd.

+ Potato Bake Fundraiser – November 4

Wellspring's Fundraiser, the Potato Bake and Bake Sale, is Sunday, November 4th, 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.

+ Wellspring's Caregiver Education Series – November 5

The topic on Monday, November 5th is "What's New In Medicare" presented by Robin Thompson, Senior LinkAge Line. Times and places: 8:30 am Butterfield Community Building; 9:30 am Prairie View Dining Room, St. James; 10:30 am Amberfield Sr+ Dining Room, Madelia.

+ Veterans Day – November 11

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.

+ Grief and the Holidays – November 13, 15, 20

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is offering themed sessions, open to adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. Registration is required.

Healing Holiday Rituals – An educational seminar identifying ways to cope and remember deceased loved ones during the holiday season. Create a memory keepsake.

Tuesday, November 13th 6-7:30 pm, Community Room, Madison East Center, Mankato

Call 507-594-2989 by Friday, November 9 to register.

Thursday, November 15th 1:30-3 pm, Fairmont United Methodist Church, 119 E. Second St.,

Fairmont. Call 507-238-8154 by Monday, November 12 to register.

Creating a Holiday Keepsake – Laura Doyen will help you create a special keepsake (wood pallet) in remembrance of your loved one.

Tuesday, November 20th 6-7:30 pm, Design and Wine, 300 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato

Call 507-594-2989 by Friday, November 16th to register. Fee: 7"x7" - \$10; 12"x12" - \$20

† Thanksgiving Day Blood Drive – November 22

Thursday, November 22nd 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.

† Christ the King – November 25

We are coming to the end of the Church year. Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year. The following 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.

† Medicare Information – November 28

Wellspring is hosting "Medicare Open Enrollment" on Wednesday, November 28th, 9 am-4 pm in the Activity Room, Prairie View Apartments. Senior LinkAge Line representatives will be available to evaluate and assist in choosing the best insurance plan for you. Please call Wellspring (507-375-1276) to register.

† Christmas in Christ Chapel – November 30, December 1 and 2

The Christmas in Christ Chapel program at Gustavus Adolphus College will be given November 30, December 1 and 2. "Visions of Divine Mystery", presented by over 350 students, will be a sharing of the Christmas message through music, readings, prayer, and dance. For more information, call 507-933-7001 or see www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations.

† Christmas Sharing Tree

The St. James Women of Today are sponsoring the Christmas Sharing Tree. During the week of Thanksgiving, the banks and several businesses will have trees with tags for requests for children's gifts. Gifts are to be returned to the trees by December 12th.

† Journey Through Grief – October 31 - December 19

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 31 - December 19 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 registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, please call 507-594-2989.

† GLLM Opportunities

Creative Souls Craft Retreat – November 16-18 at Green Lake Bible Camp

Bring your crafting supplies for a weekend of crafting and fellowship. Cost is \$135 for meals, double occupancy lodging, and programming. Register online at www.gllm.org.

Dinner Theater – December 6, 7, 8, 9 (5:30 pm), and 8 (12:30 pm) at Green Lake Bible Camp.

The production is "*Coming Home for Christmas*". To reserve tickets, call 1-320-796-2181.

Cost includes a four-course meal and show. Come celebrate the Christmas season at camp!

+ 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 mnvac.org. Applications will be available on October 1, 2018 and the deadline to apply is May 31, 2019. More information is posted on the bulletin boards in both churches.

EAST SVEADahl CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – October 11, 2018

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Erma Griffith, Lori Urevig, George Nasman, Wayne Jurgens, Pastor Kathleen, and Susan Anderson.

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the September 13th East Council meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

In the absence of Financial Secretary, Jana Anderson, Tom presented her report. Treasurer, Evonne Moll presented her report. A motion by Erma, seconded by George, and passed to approve the reports.

A motion by Lori, seconded by Janet. and passed to move \$75,000.00 from the checking account to our Mission Investments fund.

Tom presented the outstanding bills. A motion by Wayne, seconded by George, and passed to approve paying of bills. The 2018 budgeted amount of \$1,200.00 for the Cemetery will be paid.

Pastor Kathleen highlighted the following:

- Pastor Kathleen has had three funerals and one wedding this month.
- October 30 at 7 p.m. Our Savior's in New Ulm will host a Bishop Listening Post. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Pastor Kathleen.
- Comments have been made about having Cottage Meetings as in the past. Council was in favor and some planning needs to be done.
- Ten youth are signed up for the Jr. High Youth Gathering in Willmar.
- AES will host the Community Meal at First Lutheran on October 18.
- On Sunday, October 14, all children from 3 years of age – second grade will receive a Story Bible during church and one child will receive a regular bible.
- An Intergenerational event is being planned for December 9. The group will be going to "A Christmas Carol" at the Guthrie Theater. If you are interested in going, contact Pastor Kathleen. The group will be taking a coach bus so if you would like to make a donation towards the bus, contact Pastor Kathleen.
- Lyla Klee will be the pulpit supply on November 25 and December 30.

New Business

- A thank you was read from the Multi-Cultural Committee for our help at this event.
- Snow removal was discussed.
- Revisited new carpeting in the church. A new bid will be obtained.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be November 8, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, East Council Secretary

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GENEROUS STEWARD

RESPONSIBLE – As stewards we have been entrusted with God's abundant gifts and blessings. Generosity calls us to be faithful with those gifts, using them for their intended purposes. "To whom much has been given much will be expected."

EXPECTANT – Generosity is an act that anticipates a promising future. Our God fills us with hope and possibility for our lives. As we live generously we do so with great expectance that our God will provide as He has promised.

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – October 10, 2018

Present: Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson, John Coleman, Kathy Eiden, Kristen Gertsema, Deanna Hoffman, Jim Harrington, Kari Miest, Steph Reid, Greg Thulien, Judy Thulien, and Pastor Kathleen

Absent: Paul Missling and Kyla Schломann

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Devotions were shared by Steph Reid

Secretary's report was approved as printed. Financial report shows a slight gain from past month.

Judy Thulien presented the Treasurer's report. No exceptions and income/expenses were in line. MSC to approve as presented.

Pastor Kathleen:

We have had several funerals and there has been an increased need for Pastoral Care with several health issues.

SWMN Theological Conference is coming up. Bishop Jon is having a Bishop Listening Post on October 30th at 7 PM. He is wanting to connect with the churches and see what is happening locally. Jim, Deanna, Judy and Greg plan to attend.

The Jr High Youth Gathering is coming up in November.

Pr. Kathleen is planning a Sr High Youth trip to the Guthrie Theatre. A coach bus has been generously paid for by some members and may have openings for members that would like to attend.

AES Ministries: Meet November 7th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Will meet October 15th

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No meeting

Stewardship/Memorial/Finance: No meeting.

Judy passed out the sheets of expenses to each committee to look over to help prepare for the 2019 budget.

Church Property/Cemetery: Thanks to Jim Harrington for spraying the weeds in the parking lot.

St James Electric has repaired 2 lights on the NW corner of the church that were broken.

Tuck pointing to start.

Youth Ministry: No meeting

Worship and Music: Have updated the Time and Talents sheets for next year.

Are also checking with Deanna on adding Give Plus + to add texting to our giving program.

Confirmation Banquet is October 24th. Kristen & Steph will coordinate this.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Anthony with Peterson/Anthony met with us to discuss the insurance coverage and selection of a carrier. Several questions were asked, and John will do some more research and follow up at a later meeting. Also have questions on the insured value of our organ which he will also check.

Painting lines for parking on the new cement will be completed when the weather permits.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Engel met with us to propose the purchase of 2 wireless microphones. The ones we currently use were purchased in 2006 for \$1,485 and are 600 MH. This frequency will be obsolete in July 2019. Two new mics will need to be purchased by then at a cost of \$1,000-1,100 each (including a rebate). Terry will track and be sure that we order before rebate goes off. He was also asked to check on video technology for our church. There are lots of things to consider, with the cost being around \$50,000 at this time. He will check other companies and also other options.

Council members whose terms expire in January 2019 are: John Coleman (1), Kathy Eiden (1), Jim Harrington (2), and Deanna Hoffman (2)

Nominating Committee is: Jean Leopold, Stan Kunkel, Jessie Shores, Lynn Watson, and Jim Moody

Audit Committee: Mark Larson, Myron Engel, and 1 more member is needed

AES Joint Council terms expiring: Judy Berg (Member rep) and Kathy Eiden (Council rep)

Next meeting is November 14th at 8 PM.

Communion Servers:

November 4th: Deanna & Dominique

November 11th: Kristen, Jim, Steph & Deanna

December 2nd: Deanna & _____

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Deanna Hoffman

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – October 7, 2018

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

Judy opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

Bakeless Bake Sale, Sunday, September 30th: Money received from envelopes and coffee hour amounted to \$877.50 to which WELCA will add \$122.50 to donate \$1,000.00 to the Stained-Glass Window Fund.

Fall Gathering was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Odin, on Saturday, October 6th. There were 40 ladies in attendance, with nine churches being represented. A very interesting and informative program on BIO Girls (Beauty Inside and Out) was given.

Thanksgiving Ecumenical services will be held Sunday, November 18th at Augustana. WELCA serve the lunch after the services. We will purchase and donate 7 pies.

Mission Project: Does anyone have a suggestion what could be done for a project?

Officers for WELCA for 2019: President, Judy Berg; Vice President, Jayne Anderson; Treasurer, Judy Anderson; Secretary, Carol Zarn

We will again be collecting items for Christmas gifts for St. Peter State Hospital. Please bring items (see list in Newsletter) to the Fireside Room by November 26th.

Circles will be asked for any suggestions for St. Lucia monies. Last year it was: 10% Whisper of Hope; 10% Operation Concern; 20% AESY; 20% Campership; and 10% Lutheran Disaster. 20% goes to St. Lucia and 10% goes to the Convention Fund.

Conference President, Vice President. meeting will be held at Augustana on January 26th. Morning lunch will be served.

Received a thank you from CADA.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, November 11th, during coffee hour in the Fireside Room.

Our meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GENEROUS STEWARD

GRATEFUL – Generosity is born out of a grateful response to the abundance and blessings that God has showered upon us.

FAITHFUL – Generosity is based upon the obedience to, the conviction of, the dependence upon, and the assurance of God's promises.

REGULAR – Like breath itself, our generosity is essential to a full and healthy Christian life.

PROPORTIONATE – Generosity is based on being faithful with what we have been given, not on what we don't have to give.

TITHE – Generosity understands that we are to return to God the first portion of all our resources – time, talent, and possessions. The Biblical standard for a tithe is 10%.

JOYFUL – God loves a cheerful giver. Generosity should be done out of great joy and thanksgiving. It is a JOY to have been blessed by God to be a blessing in return.

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 7th 3:00-6:00 p.m.

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Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner, Pastor
Lyla Klee, Visitation Deacon

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