

# AES MINISTRIES

## Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

### October Newsletter

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#### *From The Pastor*

*But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1*

In her later years, my Grandma Jolson ended each of our visits by reminding me that she loved me and she was praying for me. Most times she also added, “I pray for every single member of my family from John (her oldest son-in-law) down to Hunter (at the time, her youngest great grandchild).” I grew accustomed to hearing these words from one of the most important people in my childhood, and maybe there were times I even took them for granted. What I came to understand as I grew into adulthood, was just how important those words of love were to me. How those words and the actions behind them, gave me confidence, trust, and reassurance. When I remember her now, I can still hear her saying those words to me. I knew and experienced God’s love through Grandma. I learned I could trust in God because of what my Grandma taught me modeled for me and how she loved me. Of course, there were others who did the same. My parents, other family members, Sunday School teachers, VBS teachers, pastors...they all helped me understand God’s love for me and what it means to live as a child of God.

We promise to do the same for all the children here at AES Ministries. On Sunday, October 28, six young people will affirm their faith in the Service of Affirmation of Baptism. We have worked together with parents to guide them in their faith formation. Now they will publicly affirm their faith and promise to continue to live in the covenant God made with them in holy baptism. What a privilege it is to be a part of the faith journey of our children and youth.

God has called us each by name and loves and treasures us as His very own child. Please pray for our young people affirming their faith pray God continues to give us all we need at AES Ministries to raise our children in the Christian faith. Remember, you are a cherished child of God.

Pastor Kathleen

## **Augustana October**

### **Circles**

- Oct. 2: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle at Encore  
Oct. 2: 7:00 pm Martha Circle - Augustana  
Oct. 16: 8:30 am Sewing Circle – Augustana

### **Acolytes**

- Oct. 7: Peyton Wolner, Carter Wolner  
Oct. 14: Dylan Reid, Talyn Tande  
Oct. 21: Volunteers  
Oct. 28: Lizabeth Lothert, Paris Morrow

### **Altar Guild**

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

### **Blood Pressure Screening**

- Oct. 7: Bryan Nelson

### **Communion Servers**

- Oct. 7: Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson  
Oct. 14: Lisa Carlson, Kristen Gertsema, \_\_, \_\_  
Oct. 28: Confirmation- \_\_, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_,

### **Greeters**

- Oct. 7: Lois Hultgren  
Oct. 14: Gene & Carol Zarn  
Oct. 21: Cleo Olson  
Oct. 28: Myron & Sally Engel

### **Lectors**

- Oct. 7: Deb Style  
Oct. 14: Kari Miest  
Oct. 21: Jim Moody  
Oct. 28: Lisa Carlson

### **Radio Sponsor**

The radio broadcast on October 28<sup>th</sup> from Augustana is sponsored by Myron & Sally Engel.

### **Radio Broadcasts**

Sponsor a month for \$65.00 or one of four segments for \$16.25 each. March through August broadcasts are from East Sveadahl due to early service times.

### **Memorials**

In memory of Carol Knaak - \$10.00  
to Building Fund  
In memory of Ron Bocock - \$15.00  
to Music Fund

## **Augustana October**

### **Ushers**

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

### **Missionary Sponsors**

- Oct. 7: Marge Jenkins  
Oct. 14: Lois Hultgren  
Oct. 21:  
Oct. 28:

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

### **Coffee Hour**

- Oct. 7: Joyce Pierson, Bert & Gerry Swenson  
Oct. 14: Ruth Haler, Jim & Judy Anderson  
Oct. 21: Cleo Olson, Darrick & Kari Miest  
Oct. 28: Jim & Jean Leopold, Ray & Judy Berg

### **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 **October** is available.

### **Transitions Weddings**

Brittany Krogstad and Anthony Lenz  
September 15<sup>th</sup> in rural St. James

Ashley Petersen and Kristopher Anderson  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Augustana

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

### **Passing**

Martha Lindquist passed away on August 24, 2018 and interment was held at Fort Snelling, Minneapolis.

Please continue to keep her family  
in your thoughts and prayers.

### **Transfer**

Richard Wolner transferred membership to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fairmont, MN.

## East October

### OCTOBER RADIO BROADCASTS

October 7: First Lutheran, St. James  
14: Albion  
21: First Lutheran, St. James  
28: Augustana

### ALTAR COMMITTEE

Charlotte and Kris

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Lori and Evonne

### VISITING COMMITTEE

Sonja and Julene

### WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting

### USHERS

Steve and Charlotte

### LECTORS

October 7: Evonne Moll  
14: Janet Bloomquist  
21: Jerry Noren  
28: Janet Bloomquist

### RADIO SPONSORS

December 30: The family of Herbert and Karen  
Noren

May I never miss a sunset or a rainbow  
because I'm looking down.

Smart is when you believe only half of what  
you hear. Brilliant is when you know which  
half to believe.

## East October

### **TRANSITIONS:**

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on  
Sunday, September 23 was **Gavin Alexander  
Michael Menssen**, son of Racheal Menssen. Gavin  
was born August 1, 2018. His sponsors are Ryan  
and Harley Westman. Welcome to God's Family,  
East Sveadahl, and AES Ministries!

Congratulations to **Brittany Krogstad** and  
**Anthony Lenz** who were married September 15,  
2018. May God bless them as they begin their life  
together.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Gladys and family,  
Joann, Erma, Becky, Viola, Brian, Pat, Wilma,  
Orval, Barbara, Norman, Jacob, Chloe

### **ADDRESS CHANGES:**

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:**

Needed through August	\$44,216.64
Received through August	27,187.93
Behind through August	-\$17,028.71
Received in August	\$ 3,888.05

### **Happy Birthday -- Baptismal Birthday**

2	Cindy Torkelson	11-25
	John Wolle	11-23
10	Shannon Hayostek	12-4
15	Tama Bridges	11-29
	16 Scott Reinke	
17	Denae Bridges	12-24
	Sonja Coleman	11-23
	18 Judy Beck	11-25
	27 Emily Braaten	4-22
30	Lowell Bloomquist	11-18
	31 Tiffany Fast	12-16

Encourage each other to build each other up.  
-The First Book of Thessalonians

## AES October News and Upcoming Events

### TLC/Confirmation

October 3 - TLC begins at 2:00 pm for grades K-6, as the schools will begin early dismissal. This continues through April. Preschool class begins at 4:00 pm.

October 17 -There will be no TLC or Confirmation due to the school break.

October 31 -There will be a Halloween Party when the students arrive, and worship will be at 4:30 pm with supper following at 5:00 pm, so students will be able to go “trick or treating” with their families.

### 2018 Confirmation Class

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at East and 10:30 pm at Augustana (**Note worship time change**). The following students have completed confirmation classes, have written a faith statement, and are ready to make public affirmation of their baptism.

**Jack Mahoney-Berg** (Dominique Berg & the late Wendy Mahoney-Berg)

**Emily Gronewold** (Chad & Tracey Gronewold)

**Macyn Hirschmann** (Autumn Morrow and Ben Hirschmann)

**Nikolas Knaack** (James & Kami Joosten and Russell Knaack)

**Mason Lenning** (Bev Lenning and Curt Lenning)

**Kimberly Lothert** (Karla Lothert & the late Jay Lothert)

### WELCA NEWS

Watowan River Conference Fall Gathering – Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at Zion Lutheran Church in Odin. Registration and coffee begin at 8:30 am with 9:00 am program by Missy Berg Heilman. Cost of lunch is \$7.00.

The East WELCA is going to pack 18 Operation Christmas Child boxes. We will be packing the boxes on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at East Sveadahl. The cost to send the boxes is \$9.00 per box. If you would like to donate to the shipping cost, please contact Erma (507-630-1489).

The East WELCA is taking orders for lefse. The cost is \$8.00 per pound. Please contact Sonja (507-381-4206), Janet (507-327-0318) or Evonne (507-828-9943).

### Welcoming New Members

We will be welcoming new members to Augustana and East Sveadahl on **Sunday, November 18**. If you or someone you know is interesting in joining one of our congregations, please contact Pastor Kathleen. You can e-mail her at [prkathleen@embarqmail.com](mailto:prkathleen@embarqmail.com) or call her at 375-4792.

### Pastoral Visits

Please contact Pastor Kathleen if you are hospitalized and would like a visit, or if you or a family member need to be added to our homebound visit list. You can contact her at church at 375-4792. Deacon Lyle Klee is also visiting our hospitalized and homebound members.

## Electronic Giving

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

## Address changes for both churches

Changing your address – going "south", coming "north", moving – please get your ADDRESS CHANGE to Sue at Augustana or Susan at East.

## Weather Announcements

**East:** Listen to 101.5 FM (KRRW, St. James station) or 8:60 AM (KNUJ, New Ulm) for any church closings. If school is closed early, confirmation and TLC will be cancelled.

**Augustana:** Listen to 860 AM KNUJ; 101.5 KRRW; Channel 12 KEYC TV; or check the AES web site at [www.augustanachurch.org](http://www.augustanachurch.org) for any snow emergency information.

## Thank You's

To the members of AES Ministries,

The Watonwan County Relay for Life/American Cancer society would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to the members of AES Ministries for your support this year as we continue to fight for the cure. Your dedication and willingness to help at our Spring Pancake Breakfast and Summer Relay for Life events have helped raise approximately \$ 79,000 in Watonwan County. Your relay team " AES Grounds for Hope" has contributed over \$1000 in 2018. AES Ministries devotion and service to our community and those lives touched by cancer is very much appreciated.

Sincerely, Watonwan County Relay for Life Leadership Team

Thank for the plate of cookies that I received for the God's Work. Our Hands project.

Viola Sandberg

Thank you to Pastor Kathleen and Deacon Lyla for your welcome visits. Thank you to my Augustana Church family for your prayers, concerns, visits and treats. I greatly appreciate the beautiful quilt given to me. I am truly blessed to be a part of and a member of Augustana. Thank you and God's blessings to all of you.

Spike Ewert

Augustana Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting our summer camp ministry and partnering with Green Lake Lutheran Ministries! The mission support given will be used to further the ministries happening on our sites and in your congregations.

Sincerely, Travis Aufderheide-Executive Director, GLLM

East Sveadahl Lutheran Church,

From the bottom of our hearts we wish to thank you for your generous donation to WELLSRING Faith in Action, Watonwan County. Your support is greatly appreciated and much needed. Thank you.

From the Board of Directors and staff at Wellspring

(Thank You's-Cont.)

Dear East Sveadahl Lutheran Church,

Many, many thanks for allowing us to host "Culture thru Cuisine" in your beautiful church! And an especially Big Thanks to Janet B. and Sonja C. for all their help and hard work! God Bless!

The Uniting Culture Committee-Cindy Torkelson, Sandy Sunde, Jane Wolle and a host of other grateful members!

Dear Members of East Sveadahl,

Thank you for your recent payment which has been applied toward your congregation's mission support for 2018. The mission support will be used to further the ministries happening on our sites and in your congregations. ... Thank you for your continued support and partnership in spreading the gospel through outdoor ministry. ...

Sincerely, Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director. GLLM

## Coming Up in November

- **Daylight Saving Time** ends November 4th. Remember to turn your clocks back!
- **All Saints' Day- November 4<sup>th</sup>** We remember those who have passed since All Saints' Day 2017.
- **Augustana Churchmen's Annual Pancake Supper** - Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm at Augustana. Adults \$6, Children 6-12 \$2, Age 5 & under-Free.
- **Thanksgiving Service at Augustana**-multi church, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

## Partner Ministry/Community Events

### Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

**Fall Frenzy Youth Retreat | October 12-13** Grades 2-6 at Green Lake Bible Camp

If you had a great time at summer camp, this is your chance to come back! Join us as we gather together to explore God's word and enjoy games, songs, and campfires in the cool crisp air of fall. Some of our wonderful summer camp counselors will be back to lead us in our activities! Invite your friends! You won't want to miss this fun overnight at camp! Contact KP at 320-796-2181 or [retreat@gllm.org](mailto:retreat@gllm.org)

### Reformation Sunday, October 28

During October, Protestants celebrate the work of the Reformers – Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, and others – who brought about much needed change in the Christian Church. These four teachings were at the heart of their contributions: Word Alone-the Bible is the surest guide for faith and life; Grace Alone-We are right with God when we accept God's love given to us freely; Faith Alone-It is by believing and trusting, not through our own works that we find salvation; and the Priesthood of all Believers-Christians are all on the same level—we are reciprocally and mutually one. Reformation Sunday is celebrated in Protestant churches on the Sunday nearest October 31, the anniversary of the Luther's posting on the church door.

### Mayo Clinic

**Grief and the Holidays - Healing Holiday Rituals**, ways to cope and remember deceased loved ones during the holidays will be identified. In addition, participants will create a memory keepsake. It will be offered in Mankato on November 13 and in Fairmont on November 15.

(Mayo Clinic-cont.)

A second holiday event, *Grief and the Holidays - Creating a Holiday Keepsake*, will be held in Mankato on November 20. Hospice will partner with Laura Doyen of Design & Wine to offer a wood pallet workshop, at Laura's business in lower North Mankato. Participants will create a remembrance pallet and can choose either a 7"x 7" for \$10 or 12"x 12" for \$20.

**Pre-registration is required. Space is limited, so we ask that attendees pre-register ASAP.** To register for Fairmont sessions, please call 507-238-8154. For Mankato sessions, please call 507-594-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989 (toll free). Please see posters in Social Hall for more information.

## Wellspring Caregiver Education Series

"Legal Questions and Answers" presented by Jan Zender, Attorney At Law. 8:30 am Butterfield Community Building; 9:30 am St. James Prairie View Dining Room; 10:30 am Madelia Amberfield Sr+ Dining Room.

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

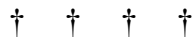
October is **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**. Did you know –

- + **NO** community is exempt from domestic violence.
- + **NO** person chooses to be a victim of domestic violence
- + **NO** community, even rural Minnesota, is going to escape domestic violence.

It is important that awareness be brought to communities so victims are aware of programs to assist them, and communities are made aware of what domestic violence is and how it not only affects victims but their communities.

## Minnesota Valley Action Council-Energy Assistance Program

If you or someone you know has difficulty paying their monthly energy bills, please request an application by calling MVAC at (507) 345-6822 or (800) 767-7139 or downloading the application from MVAC's website at [mnavac.org](http://mnavac.org). Applications will be available on October 1, 2018 and the deadline to apply is May 31, 2019. More information is posted in Augustana's social hall and on bulletin board in East.



## AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 5, 2018

The AES Ministries Joint Council met on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 7:00 pm at Augustana. The following members were present: Teresa Andrews, Leora Ask, Judy Berg, Janet Bloomquist, Kathy Eiden, Wayne Jurgens, Mike Menssen, Steph Reed, Pastor Kathleen, and Susan Anderson. Visitor: Judy Thulien. Members absent: none

Leora Ask called the meeting to order.

Janet Bloomquist led us in a devotion entitled "A New Beginning" from Words of Hope by Pastor Don Roberts, former pastor of East and West Sveadahl.

### PASTOR KATHLEEN'S REPORT:

She has been busy getting ready for the Fall schedule.

She has officiated at a funeral; there will be two weddings and a baptism in September.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The Church Picnic went well and was well attended.

(AES Minutes-cont.)

The church directory pictures have been taken. Completion of the directory is on schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There are no official activities planned for God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. The lunch on the lawn will go on as planned. The only projects scheduled for the day are being done by the Augustana WELCA. They will be delivering cookies and cards to their housebound members. Even though AES Ministries won't be doing community events on this Sunday doesn't mean that we aren't active in our community. Some of the on-going projects we are involved in are the Wednesday services and meals, the Relay for Life food stand and team, the Community Meals we serve, our joint Thanksgiving service, and the Vacation Bible School. The East WELCA visits their homebound members once a month.

The Thanksgiving Worship Service with First Presbyterian and the Methodist churches will be held Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Augustana. All the churches will be involved in leading the worship.

The TLC Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm during the worship service.

The Christmas Service schedule is: Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm at East, 5:30 at Augustana.

There will be no TLC on December 19<sup>th</sup>. There is a possibility of our youth and adults attending a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the Guthrie Theater.

There will be an adult Advent Bible Study offered in December by a member of AES Ministries.

A Halloween Party is being planned for part of the October 31<sup>st</sup> TLC. Pizza will be served for supper that evening. If the road is open, there will be Trick and Treating offered at Augustana.

The Joint Board will be serving the TLC supper on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

AES Ministries will be serving the Thursday Community Meal on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We will serve Tater Tot Hotdish, carrots and celery, bread, bars, and beverages. Each church is asked to bring three pans of bars. The Joint Council will purchase the food. If you would be willing to help serve the meal, please contact Leora Ask.

Pr. Kathleen asked us if we had any questions she should bring to the Community Meal Board meeting. Our concern is if we are serving those who we want to serve, those who really need this meal, or is it just another social gathering. Who are we serving? Who should we be serving?

Pr. Kathleen wants us to think about worship times. When we change worship times, the community isn't always aware of the changes. Non-members who come to worship at the usual designated time will find a closed church which isn't a positive for our churches. We want to be welcoming to those in our community, not just churches for our members. What can we do to be open to all?

At this point in the meeting, Pastor Kathleen left. The Board discussed her compensation for 2019. Judy Thulien shared financial information on the guidelines for pastors. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that Pastor Kathleen's salary be increased from Step 13 to Step 14 following the SWMN Synod Compensation Guidelines. This will be presented to the councils at their September meetings.

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

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson

**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – September 12, 2018**

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

Absent: Paul Missling

President Jim Harrington called the meeting to order. Kari Miest shared devotions.



(Augustana Minutes-cont.)

Secretary's report was approved as printed. Financial comparison report is staying steady but still short. Treasurer's report was presented by Judy Thulien. The Property – Supplies and Maintenance is over budget which is the expenses to upgrade the internet and computer equipment. Cost of painting the Fireside entry will also be taken from this line item. MSC to approve as presented. Judy informed the members that the preliminary budgets will be distributed in October for recommendations for 2019. Waste Management is still billing us for picking up their dumpster when we discontinued service. Kristen will be checking on this for us. **Pastor Kathleen:** Been busy getting ready for TLC which started today. Lyla Klee is a great help for Pastor and is very well received by our members. Still need servers for meals for TLC for this fall. Had a baptism at East. Confirmation started 9/12.

**AES Ministries:** Steph Reid reported on their meeting of 9/5. October 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Community Meal at First Lutheran. Need 2 pans of bars from council. 9/19 TLC meal will be coordinated by Kristen Gertsema and Steph Reid with the council serving. 11-18 will be the community Thanksgiving service. Pr. Clint Firstbrook will preach. Pie and Coffee Social to follow. December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm will be the TLC Christmas program with meal to follow. Christmas Eve services will be 4:00 pm at East and 5:30 pm at Augustana.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Education:** Education committee expressed their appreciation for all the dedicated teachers we have for TLC. October 24<sup>th</sup> is the Confirmation Banquet and October 28<sup>th</sup> is Confirmation. November 7<sup>th</sup> will be the first mentor meeting.

**Evangelism/Social Ministry:** Will organize to send cards to college students. They will also help with receiving new members.

**Stewardship/Memorial/Finance:** Deanna questioned the number of offering envelopes to order. It is decided to hold at the same number and to encourage members to sign up for online giving thru Vanco.

**Church Property/Cemetery:** Cement work behind the church is completed. Concrete will be striped to mark the parking spaces. New sink is installed in the kitchen.

**Youth Ministry:** No meeting

**Worship & Music:** Planning services for All Saints, Confirmation, and a Gather service. The wireless microphones need to be replaced. This does not include the hand help microphones. Will need two at a cost of \$1000-\$1200. Terry Engel will be asked to attend our next council meeting to explain what is needed to update them.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Directory is almost complete. We had a very good participation for this. St. Lucia celebration will be December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jim Anderson, who has been head usher for many years, has requested that he be replaced. Bumpers will be installed on the new cement to prevent parking on the intended sidewalk.

Next meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Steph Reid will share devotions.

Communion Servers:

October 7<sup>th</sup>: Dominique & Lisa

October 14<sup>th</sup>: Kristen, Steph, Jim & Lisa

October 28<sup>th</sup>: Deanna, Kathy, Greg & Kari

Close with the Lord's Prayer

Secretary: Deanna Hoffman

### **EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – September 13, 2018**

The East Sveadah Church Council met on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7 p.m. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Evonne Moll, Wayne Jurgens, Jana Anderson, and Pastor Kathleen.

(East minutes-cont.)

The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Kathleen.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist, read the minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> East Council meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer, Evonne Moll and Financial Secretary, Jana Anderson presented their reports. A motion by Janet, seconded by Wayne, and passed to approve the reports.

Tom presented the outstanding bills. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Janet, and passed to approve paying of bills.

Crystal Valley contract for prepay heating was discussed. A motion by Janet, seconded by Wayne, and passed to prepay for the same amount of gallons as last year.

**Pastor Kathleen** highlighted the following:

- TLC started last Wednesday with 8 students from East Sveadahl.
- East will be having a Baptism on September 23.
- Mason Lenning will be confirmed this year at East.

A Thank You was read from Green Lake Bible Camp for our annual contribution and also from Wellspring for our donation of \$85.03 which was our noisy offering from July. Noisy offering from September will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Wayne reported on the AES meeting on September 5. See complete report in newsletter.

**Old Business** – New front doors are installed along with new furnaces and air conditioning upstairs.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be October 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, East Council Secretary

## **EAST SVEADAHL LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES-SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

A special meeting of the voters of the congregation of East Sveadahl Evangelical Lutheran Church was held following the Sunday service on September 2, 2018 with 19 voting members present.

The meeting was in regards to the bids for the new furnaces and air conditioning. A vote was taken and Jeff Nelson was hired receiving 12 of the votes cast.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Church Council Secretary

## **AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 16, 2018**

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

Judy opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary and Treasurer Reports were approved.

WELCA served the first TLC meal on Wednesday, September 12th. Thrivent Action Dollars were used to purchase groceries. Swedish meatballs, macaroni and cheese, bread sticks, veggies and bars were serve to 90 people.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday was September 9th. WELCA members delivered plates of cookies and visited with our shut ins.

WELCA will serve coffee hour on Sunday, September 30th. This will be a fund raiser for the stained glass windows. Judy Berg has a Thrivent card for this coffee hour. Each circle (Rebecca and Martha) is asked to provide 2 workers, and 4 dozen breakfast items.

(Augustana WELCA minutes-cont.)

There will also be a Bakeless Bake Sale during this coffee hour. No baked items will be sold, but instead, donate money you would spend on baking or buying items.

Fall Gathering will be held October 6th at Zion in Odin. RSVP to Judy Berg by October 2nd.

Thanksgiving service this year will be held at Augustana with United Methodist, East Sveadahl, First Presbyterian members participating. Pumpkin pies will be requested from each church for coffee following the service.

Mission Project ideas were discussed. The Game Day at Brandt Ridge has been enjoyed by all residents there for two years, and we will look at continuing that. Also mentioned was a pillow cleaning service that will come to church and clean pillows and comforters. Selling pies from Baker's Square before Easter was also mentioned. Officer's for the coming year will need to be considered. Sue Melheim has a birthday October 6th. A gift card from the Collage will be given to her from WELCA. Thank you and donations were reviewed.

The next WELCA Board Meeting will be held October 7th, 9:30 in the Fireside room.

Our meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jayne Anderson, Acting Secretary

### **EAST SVEADAHL WELCA MEETING MINUTES-September 23, 2018**

The East Sveadahl Women of the ELCA held a meeting on Sunday, September 23, 2018, at 9:00 am before church. Eight members attended.

President Janet Bloomquist led discussions for the upcoming events. Committee #2 will be serving the meal for TLC on Wednesday, October 3. Be there at 4:00 pm; supper is a 6:00 pm.

It was decided to do Operation Christmas Child again this year. Erma will apply for a Thrivent gift card of \$250.00 to help in the purchasing of Christmas gifts for the boxes. It costs \$9.00 to send each box.

Donations to help with the cost of sending the boxes would be appreciated. On Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm we will meet at East to put together the Christmas Child boxes. Boxes are due between November 19 and November 28.

Discussion and decision made to not hold a Swedish meatball Dinner this fall.

Lefse will be made again this year. Dates in October will be decided later for the making of lefse. Anyone interested in getting lefse, place your order with Janet, Evonne, or Sonja. Price is \$8.00 per pound.

We were asked by the Augustana ladies to join in with their quilting projects. We thank them for asking, but it was decided to continue on our own as we have a few quilt tops to complete.

On October 18, East Sveadahl will help with the Community Meal served at First Lutheran. Serving is from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Several members will be furnishing bars and helping prepare and serve the meal.

Respectfully submitted, Sonja Coleman

# 2018 Hurricane Response

## **The situation:**

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States. Currently, Lutheran Disaster Response is responding to Hurricane Florence and monitoring other storms as they develop.

Most recently, Hurricane Florence has devastated our neighbors in the North and South Carolina, leaving millions without power, thousands of homes damaged or destroyed, hundreds of road closures and 37 reported deaths. Rising rivers kept displaced communities away from their homes for days, and the extent of the damage is not yet fully known.

## **Our response:**

Lutheran Disaster Response, through Lutheran Services Carolinas, has made an initial financial commitment to support immediate relief efforts in the most impacted communities in both North and South Carolina with relief supplies which may include water, food and other basic needs.

Your gifts designated for “Hurricane Response” be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

## **What you can do:**

### **Pray**

Please pray for people who have been affected by hurricanes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

### **Give**

Gifts designated to “[Hurricane Response](#)” will be used to assist those affected by these hurricanes until the response is complete.

## **Connect:**

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA’s response:

- Share this [bulletin insert](#) for Hurricane Florence with your congregation and encourage support.
- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response [alerts](#).
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#).
- Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) and follow @ELCALDR on [Twitter](#).