

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadah1 Lutheran Churches

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Pastor's Column

Confirmation

Most of us remember our confirmation class time. For some it included memorization, public questioning, and maybe even a test. You may remember it fondly or with mixed feelings. You may wish you had listened more closely, or you maybe are grateful for all you learned. What most of us have in common is that confirmation included study of *Luther's Small Catechism* and study of scripture. These are still at the heart of what we learn in confirmation at AES Ministries.

On Sunday, October 27, three of our young people will affirm their baptism at Augustana. It is a good time for all of us to think about what our own confirmation Sunday meant to us and still means to us. It is also a good time to think about the promises we made and to examine what those promises mean for us today.

This is what our young people affirm at their confirmation:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

What it means for us changes at each stage of our lives. Someone who is homebound cannot come to worship for the Lord's supper, so we take it to them. Serving all people looks different for a high school student than someone who is retired. Striving for justice changes as our community changes. For sure we need our community of faith and we need God's love and forgiveness offered in the Lord's supper to live the promise we make at confirmation. Throughout our lives, the call of the baptized remains the same: "let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." May each of us continue to pray about how God is calling us to live out the promises we made at our confirmation.

Pastor Kathleen

AUGUSTANA

OCTOBER CIRCLES

- Oct. 1: 11:30 am Rebecca Circle, Encore
Oct. 1: 7:00 pm Martha Circle, Fireside Room,
Augustana
Oct.15: 8:30 am Sewing Circle, Augustana

ACOLYTES

- Oct. 6: Levi Miest, Hayden Davis
13: Austin Spitzner, Ava Spitzner
20: Hayleigh Lingbeek, Maya Kulseth
27: Dylan Reid, Talyn Tande

ALTAR GUILD

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

- Oct. 6: Deb Style

COMMUNION SERVERS

- Oct. 6: Lisa Carlson, Dominique Berg
Oct.13: Terry Engel, Lisa Carlson,
Stephanie Reid, Kristen Gertsema
Oct.27: Confirmation -

GREETERS

- Oct. 6: Darrell and Leora Ask
13: Jayne Anderson
20: Greg and Judy Thulien
27: Lisa Carlson

LECTORS

- Oct. 6: Terry Engel
13: Jim Moody
20: Judy Thulien
27: Lisa Carlson

COFFEE HOUR

- Oct. 6: Ray & Judy Berg, Myron & Sally Engel
13: Jim & Jackie Harrington,
Dorothy Christianson
20: Darrell & Leora Ask, Lisa Carlson
27: Stan & Nancy Kunkel, Judy Sizer

AUGUSTANA

TRANSITIONS **FUNERAL**

Phyllis Deinhart, mother of Linda Madison, passed away on September 12, 2019, and her funeral service was held at Augustana on September 21, 2019.

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

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Hilary (Engel) Birdsell was transferred to St. John Lutheran Church, Montgomery MN.

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

- Oct. 6:
13
20:
27: Gene and Carl Zarn
The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday.

RADIO SPONSOR

The broadcast on October 27 from Augustana is sponsored by Eugene and Carol Zarn.

RADIO BROADCASTS

Sponsor a month for \$65. September through February broadcasts are from Augustana due to early service time.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 6: Marge Jenkins in Loving Memory of Roy Jenkins.

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.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Eunice Arnold -- \$300, Undesignated.

USHERS

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

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

The Service of Christian Burial was held for **Harold Rodney Noren** on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at East. Harold was born September 9, 1924 and passed away August 23. May God's peace comfort his family and friends.

Congratulations to **Rebecca Jane Newberg** and **Benjamin Ross Christenson** who were married on Saturday, August 31, 2019 at Lake Hanska Lutheran Church. May God richly bless them.

Congratulations to **Brianna Wolner-Reed** and **Justin Kilmer** who were married on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Watona Park in Madelia. May God richly bless them.

A memorial service was held for **LuAnn Marie Forsyth** on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at Pilgrim Funeral Home, Madelia. LuAnn was born December 18, 1957 and passed away September 16. May God's peace comfort her family and friends.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jerry and Fran, Kevin and Kate, Beck, Darryl, Pat, Vickie, Becky, Brian, Wilma, Orval, Barbara, Jacob, Chloe

ADDRESS CHANGES:

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through August	\$45,800.00
Received through August	27,411.22
Behind through August	- \$18,388.78
Received in August	\$ 3,474.50

Happy Birthday Happy Baptismal Birthday

- 2 Cindy Torkelson 11-25
- John Wolle 11-23
- 8 Daniel Avila 4-14
- 15 Tama Bridges 11-29
- 16 Scott Reinke
- 17 Denae Bridges 10-24
- Sonja Coleman 11-23
- 18 Judy Beck 11-25
- 27 Emily Braaten 4-22
- 31 Tiffany Fast 12-16

EAST

RADIO BROADCASTS

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

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Lynette Noren and Lisa Shellum

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Erma Griffith and Evonne Moll

VISITING COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman and Julene Hoffman

WELCA HOSTESSES

No meeting in October.

USHERS

Steve and Charlotte Johnson

LECTORS

- Oct. 6: Evonne Moll
- 13: Leigh Rolshoven
- 20: Erma Griffith
- 27: Creig Noren

RADIO SPONSORS

December 29: Wally and Phyllis Jurgens

LOST & FOUND

Two jackets hanging in the entry at East!

1. Black woman's Nautica button jacket M-L with a Family Care artificial tears bottle in one pocket; a Nivea shimmer lip care product in the other.
2. Ecru/tan light weight button woman's jacket (CS Essentials) size M.

AES October NEWS

CONFIRMATION – October 27

Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 27th, at 9:00 am at Augustana. The following students have completed confirmation classes, have written a faith statement, and are ready to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Sydney Engelking (Rob and Becky Engelking)
Kaylyn Meyer (Jeffrey Meyer, Melanie Augst and Ben Swan)
Brandi Pierson (Lisa Pierson and Doug Firchau, Ron Pierson)

We pray: “Father in heaven, for Jesus’ sake, stir up in these youth the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering and bring them to eternal life. Amen” (From *ELW Affirmation of Baptism Service*, p.236)

FALL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE – October 6 – 8

This year’s Fall Theological Conference will be held Sunday - Tuesday, October 6 - 8 at the College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota. The theme is “Everyday Spirituality -- going deeper and wider”. Pastor Kathleen and Visitation Deacon Lyla Klee will be attending.

STEAK FRY – October 12

AES Youth and Adults will be working the Steak Fry on Saturday, October 12th. We need your help! Please be at the VFW at 4:45 pm. Thanks!

REFORMATION SUNDAY – October 27

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.

BIBLE STUDY – December 1, 8, 15, 22

"Bah Humbug!" The rumor is true! Scrooge will be here for adult education the four Sundays in Advent starting December 1, 2019. So, if you have ever uttered "bah humbug," asked for a second chance at anything, or asked who is worthy of redemption, please join Ron and me after church at 10:15 am in the Fireside Room.

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in need of redemption and *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Matt Rawle shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in this Charles Dickens classic. Through the three ghosts in the book, past, present, and future, we will continue our spiritual journey this Advent as we once again look at this familiar story through the eyes of faith.

Please come join us for coffee and conversation. No supplies needed - just you!

"God bless us everyone!"

Becky and Ron Cobb

CHURCHMEN'S ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER – November 5

The Augustana Churchmen's Annual Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, November 5th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Free Will Donation.

TLC

SNACKS: Thank you to everyone who brought snacks! As of right now, we have plenty. Your generosity is overwhelming.

SUPPERS: Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up to serve the suppers. The first open date is in January of 2020!

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Facebook: "Like" the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, and inspiration

AES Ministries website: www.augustanachurch.org

ADDRESS CHANGES

Changing your address – please inform Sue at the Augustana Office or Susan at East Sveadahl. We would like to stay in contact with our students going off to school this fall. Please send their address! Thank you.

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.

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. Kathleen at 375-4792 (church) or 507-276-1615 (cell) and Lyly Klee at 507-439-6940 (home) or 507-227-9250 (cell).

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, TLC activities and confirmation will be cancelled.

AUGUSTANA: Listen to 8.60 AM KNUJ; 101.5 KRRW; Channel 12 KEYC TV; or check the AES web site at www.augustanachurch.org for any snow emergency information.

WELCA NEWS

The **Watonwan River Conference WELCA Fall Gathering** is Saturday, October 5th at First Lutheran Church, St. James beginning with coffee and registration at 9:00 am. The meeting and program begin at 9:30 am. Rosine Hermodson-Olsen will present the program – “Made in the Image of God”. The offering goes half to the synod and half to Lutheran Disaster Relief. Please join us – everyone is welcome! Cost is \$7.00 for the luncheon.

The **WELCA 2020 Gathering** will be in Phoenix, Arizona July 16 - 19. Register opened September 30, 2019 and is online at welcatg.org.

AUGUSTANA WELCA

Augustana **WELCA board** meets Sunday, October 13th at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

AUGUSTANA SEWING CIRCLE

Can you tie a knot? (If "knot", we will show you). You don't have to be a seamstress to come help at Sewing Circle. We gather the **third Tuesday of each month** to tie quilts (and have coffee too). The quilts are then given to people of our congregation who move to a nursing home, babies being baptized, graduates, as well as many other worthy organizations such as: our local Human Services, Head Start, Salvation Army, CADA house, and Lutheran Social Services just to name a few. We gather about **8:30 - 11:30 am** so if you can come even for an hour, it would be GREAT!

Please join us!

EAST WELCA

We will be making **lefse** again this year. If you would be willing to help in any way, please contact Janet, Erma, Julene, Teresa, or Sonja. It will be sold at the Bazaar, or by ordering from Janet, Erma, Julene, Teresa, or Sonja.

The East Sveadahl **150th Anniversary cookbook** is being printed and will be available for purchase by the end of October. The cost is \$15.00 per cookbook.

The **Bazaar** is fast approaching. Keep working on your contributions.

THANK YOU

Dear East Friends, Thank you to the East WELCA for the wonderful cookies and visit. Both were very much appreciated.
Burt and Wilma Wolner

Dear Members of East Sveadahl, Thank you for your generous wedding gift. Alyson and I are so fortunate to be surrounded by such a supportive community. We look forward to putting your gift towards a down payment on our future home.
Sincerely, Tyler and Alyson Klinkner

Thank you to Kris Suess and Wayne Jurgens for sprucing up the shrubbery in the front of the church. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 to ELCA World Hunger.....Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our neighbors around the world.

Rev. Robin Brown, ELCA Mission Funding Director

Thanks to the WELCA Ladies for the cookies we received on God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. They were so fresh & delicious!
Don & Bette Flater

Dear Augustana and East Sveadahl, Thank you for your gift honoring us on our 150th Anniversary.
Lake Hanska Lutheran Church

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 3rd:

All Saints' Day

We remember those who have passed since All Saints' Day in 2018.

AUGUSTANA

*Bella Connell, Elois Overson, James Ewert, Barbara Hoyle
Carol Campbell, Eunice Arnold, Martha Miller, Phyllis Deinhart*

EAST

Aladeen Noren, Dona Johnson, Evelyn Johnson, Harold Noren, LuAnn Forsyth

Daylight Saving Time

DST ends. Remember to turn your clocks back before going to bed!

Tuesday, November 5th:

Augustana Churchmen's Annual Pancake Supper

4:30 – 7:00 pm Free Will Donation

Sunday, November 10th:

Martin Luther's Birthday!

He was born in 1483 making this his 536th birthday!

Friday-Saturday or Saturday-Sunday, November 22nd-23rd or 23rd-24th:

Jr. High Youth Gathering

Youth in grades 6-9 will gather in Willmar. Theme is "Walk Humbly".

Sunday, November 24th:

Thanksgiving Celebration

6:30 pm at First Presbyterian. Coffee and Pie to follow.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers needed to train for a mass dispensing exercise. Do you like to act? Ever wanted to role play? Individuals to play a role are one type of volunteer that we will need to participate in the state-wide exercise on June 17th, 2020. This will assist us in testing the mass dispensing site system so we can accommodate the variety of individuals who will present themselves during a real event. There is also a need for volunteers to be greeters, screeners, and forms reviewers to assist in completing forms, both written and online. Others will be needed to assist with medication dispensing, health education, ushers, interpreters, and more. Volunteers don't necessarily need a medical degree to participate, as each county will be conducting training for these and other positions needed to operate the site. A training session is being planned for October. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Julie Peterson at Julie.Peterson@co.watonwan.mn.us.

ACE – Adverse Childhood Experiences

Mayo Clinic Health System has a free program they are putting on from October 7th - November 17th for adults to help assist youth combat the effects of adverse childhood experiences. Below is a link to more information about the program. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you, Hannah Rushing, Mayo Health System, 375-8602, ext. 5-8602.
<https://mayoclinichealthsystem.org/adverse-childhood-experiences>

WELLSPRING

The next **WELLSPRING Coffee & Conversation Caregiver Education Series** event is Monday, October 7th at 9:00 am at the Butterfield Community Building. The Watonwan County Sheriff's Department will present "Rural Safety".

Powerful Tools for Caregivers, reduce personal stress, change negative self-talk, communicate more effectively, deal with difficult feelings and make tough decisions, are held on Thursdays, September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm at Augustana. Resource book is \$25. A free lunch will be served. Call 507-375-1276 to register.

Katie Barron, Caregiver Educator with Embrace, will lead **Agging, Dementia, Caregiving OH MY!!** on Tuesday, October 15th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Watonwan County Human Services Community Room. A light supper will be provided. R.S.V.P. 507-375-1276. She will be answering questions that you don't know how to ask when it comes to aging, dementia, and caregiving.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has difficulty paying their **monthly energy bills**, please request an application by calling MVAC (Minnesota Valley Action Council) 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, 2019, and the deadline to apply is May 31, 2020. More information is posted in Augustana's social hall and on the bulletin board in East.

GREEN LAKE OPPORTUNITIES

October 11th - 12th – Fall Frenzy Youth Retreat (grades 2-6) Friday-Saturday

November 15th - 17th – Creative Souls Retreat

November 19th – Summer 2020 Program Launch Day (see poster on bulletin board)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring these sessions:

Journey Through Grief – 8 week group for families and individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. Thursdays, October 24 - December 19, 10 am – noon, Fairmont United Methodist Church, 119 E. Second Street. *No session November 28th.

Wednesdays, October 30 - December 18, 10 am – noon, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 Broad St., Mankato

Free of charge. Register at 507-238-8154 (Fairmont), 507-594-2989 (Mankato)

Ease into the Holidays -- open to adults who have dealt with the death of a loved one.

1. **Healing Holiday Rituals:** Wednesday, November 20, 6-7:30 pm, Community Room, Suite 354, Madison East Center. Light refreshments served. Registration deadline is Friday, November 15th.

2. Creating a Holiday Keepsake: Wednesday, December 4, 1:30-3 pm or 6:30-8 pm, Design and Wine, 300 Belgrade Ave., N. Mankato. Light refreshments served. Fee: \$10 per person (7x7); \$12 per person (12x12) Registration deadline is Friday, November 29th.

To register or for more information, call 1-507-594-2989. Check the flyers on the bulletin boards at each church.

AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING – September 4, 2019

The AES Joint Council met on Wednesday, September 4, 2019, at Augustana.

Those members present were Janet Bloomquist, Wayne Jurgens, Steph Reid, Judy Berg, Leora Ask, Greg Thulien, Pastor Kathleen, and Susan Anderson.

Members absent: Teresa Andrews and Mike Menssen.

Guests: Terry Engel and Judy Thulien.

The meeting was opened by Janet Bloomquist. Devotions and prayer were given by Steph Reid.

Janet recognized Terry Engel. Terry has been approached by a member of the Prairie Land Parish and was asked to present the following to the AES Joint Council. With lower attendance numbers at both Lake Hanska and Zion churches (The Prairie Land Parish), their Joint Council is looking at options for their future. They would be interested in meeting to talk about the success of the AES partnership and options for the future. This is all just in the talking stage.

Changing the months of our meetings had been discussed. It was decided that if a holiday falls during the week of an AES council meeting, the meeting date would be moved to the next Wednesday. The meetings will stay in the odd months (January, March, May, July, September, and November).

It was noted that the turnout for the Church Picnic was less than in previous years. A suggestion was made that for the coming years, the tables need to be in shade.

God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday was discussed. Plans are set – singing at Pleasant View and Brandt Ridge, baking and delivering cookies, writing greeting cards, and collecting school supplies for Northside. Worship is a joint service at 10:30 am, lunch is at 11:30 pm with the afternoon activities to follow. Everyone is invited to the coffee hour at 9:30 am.

The Joint Council will serve the November 6th TLC meal. Members volunteered to bring items from the list of needed supplies for the meal.

The Fall Worship Schedule was reviewed. Starting September 15, 2019, Augustana worships at 9:00 am; East at 10:30 am.

The Thanksgiving Worship service was discussed. This year it will be only First Presbyterian and us participating in the service as the Methodist Church will be closed. It will be on November 24th, 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church. Judy Berg volunteered the Augustana WELCA to furnish pies. We were reminded that First Presbyterian Church needs help to serve their Thanksgiving Community Meal. Those who are available to help would find this a rewarding experience.

East Sveadahl will celebrate their 150th Anniversary on August 2nd, 2020. With the long history of partnership between the churches, they would very much like to have a joint service that morning at East. There will be a joint service, catered meal, afternoon program, and times of fellowship. There would be no Church Picnic in 2020. The Joint Council agreed that there would be one service at East to celebrate. The Augustana WELCA and Council have offered their help that day.

The Council discussed the information Terry presented. It was decided to present the information to both councils before proceeding.

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Visitation Deacon Lyla Klee is an important member of the AES staff. In appreciation of her work, the Council will pay her expenses to attend the Fall Theological Conference and the Synod Conference. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay her registration fees and other expenses to conferences. It was noted that her wages hadn't been changed in 3-4 years. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to raise her wages to \$20.00 per hour plus mileage. Her visitation expenses are shared 50/50, and her pulpit supply is split 73/27.

Judy Thulien joined the meeting to explain the Pastor's compensation package. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to keep Pr. Kathleen on the Gold Plan (insurance). Her salary package will be discussed at the November meeting.

The Christmas Eve service times were discussed. Christmas Eve is on a Tuesday. The 4:00 pm service is at Augustana; the 5:30 pm service is at East.

The next meeting will be November 6th at 7:30 pm. Leora Ask will give devotions.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson, Secretary

EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – September 12, 2019

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, September 12, 2019. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Wayne Jurgens, Erma Griffith, Evonne Moll, Lori Urevig, James Nasman, Susan Anderson, and Pastor Kathleen.

Tom called the meeting to order and Pastor Kathleen opened with prayer.

August minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer, Evonne Moll, presented her written report. In the absence of Jana Anderson, Tom presented the Financial Secretary's written report. A motion by Janet, seconded by Erma, and passed to accept the reports as presented.

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

Pastor Kathleen highlighted the following:

- TLC started yesterday, September 11.
- Planning for fall activities.

AES Council met on September 4 and Janet reported. See complete report in newsletter.

The church received a memorial from the Harold Noren family.

The WELCA cookbook is at the printer. A motion was made by Lori, seconded by Wayne, and passed to pay half of the printing cost for the cookbook now and to pay the remaining amount in 90 days. The sale of the cookbook will then repay the church.

Discussion on the 150th Anniversary celebration took place. The date is August 2, 2020. The new carpeting has been picked. The bid for the carpeting was \$8,149.60 from Hanska Furniture and for laying the carpet was \$6,996.50 from Josh Brown. A motion was made by Lori, seconded by Janet, and passed to accept the total bid of \$15,146.10 and to proceed with the project.

A 2020 calendar with pictures of the church was discussed. It was tabled until checking on cost, and if it's still possible to have them printed by December of this year.

A conversation on an elevator took place. There is a \$25,000.00 possible grant available to help with the cost. Council requested further information as to cost and feasibility before moving any further.

A motion by Janet, seconded by Erma, and passed to donate \$50.00 to Wellspring.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be October 10, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES -- September 11, 2019

Present: Lyle Anderson, Dominique Berg, Lisa Carlson, John Coleman, Terry Engel, Kristen Gertsema, Kari Miest, Paul Missling, Steph Reid, Kyla Schlomann, Greg Thulien, Deanna Hoffman, Judy Thulien, and Pastor Kathleen.

President Dominique Berg called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. P. Missling shared devotions.

Motion by G. Thulien, second by S. Reid to approve August minutes as presented. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Movie Room – microwave and old TV will be gotten rid of to make room for more much needed classroom space.
- Julie Peterson, Emergency Management – it will be put in the bulletin and the newsletter to ask for volunteers to be trained for a mass dispensing plan.
- TLC Meal – January 22 council will serve.

Pastors Report: Pastor Kathleen reported that the first night of TLC went well.

She has had a couple of funerals also.

AES Report: Picnic went well.

2020 is East's 150th Anniversary on August 2nd so there will be one service at East and they will take care of the picnic with a catered dinner and WELCA will serve the afternoon program.

AES will serve the TLC meal on November 6th.

We will send Lyla to the Theological Conference and pay for the hotel and conference registration.

Lyla's salary will be increased to \$20/hour.

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

Treasury Report: J. Thulien presented the treasurers report for review. Motion by K. Gertsema, second by S. Reid to approve the treasurer report as presented. Motion carried.

Education Committee: Confirmation Banquet will be on October 23rd with Confirmation on October 27th.

Evangelism Committee: Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief again this month.

Finance Committee: Met on September 10, all is well.

Property and Cemetery Committee: Flagpole rope was decayed from wear. We would like to thank the Miest family for donating a new rope and flag.

Old portion of the cemetery had a tree branch down that has been taken care of.

New sidewalk along the South side of church has been poured.

Ciske's cut down the Mulberry tree on the North side of the church which cost about \$600. The churchmen have offered to donate \$200 to Crossroads church to help with the cost.

John talked with Andy Freitag and he said the walls will be done by Christmas. St. Lucia was brought up and John will talk with Andy to see having it done by then is an option.

We need someone to do snow removal for this upcoming winter.

Worship & Music: Next meeting is October 8th.

Youth Committee: They will begin work on gathering Confirmation information. We work the Steak Fry on October 12.

Unfinished Business:

- Closet cleaning continues. Check out the pew on the West end of the Fellowship hall for things that need a new home.

Communion Servers:

October 6 – Lisa, Dominique

October 13 - Terry, Steph, Kristen, Lisa

October 27 (Confirmation) –

November 3 – Kristen, John

Next month's meeting:

October 9, 2019 at 8 pm – Steph Reid will share devotions

Meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer at 9:10 pm.

Kyla Schlomann, Secretary

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES -- September 15, 2019

Present: Judy Berg, Judy Anderson, Nancy Kunkel, Jeanne Miest, Carol Zarn

Judy opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved.

God's Work Our Hands. 20 plates of cookies were delivered to our shut-ins, school supplies were collected, and 40 cards written to veterans in the Veterans Home in Luverne.

WELCA will serve the Wednesday meal for TLC on September 18th.

Bakeless Bake Sale will be Sunday, September 29th. WELCA will furnish the snacks and serve the coffee hour. Money from the Bakeless Bake Sale and coffee hour will be donated to the Stained-Glass Window Fund.

Fall Gathering is at First Lutheran Church, St. James, on Saturday, October 5th. Registration is at 9 a.m., program at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$7.00 for the luncheon. Rosine Hermodson-Olson from First Lutheran will be the speaker.

There will be a St. Lucia Meeting during coffee hour on Sunday, September 22nd. St. Lucia will be Saturday, December 14.

It was voted and approved that WELCA will donate \$200.00 to the St. Peter State Hospital rather than collect Christmas gift items this year.

Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 24th, 6:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Pumpkin pie will again be served.

Looking ahead, Synodical Convention will be May 2, 2020, at Redwood Falls. Personal care kits are being collected this year.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, October 13th, in the Fireside Room, during coffee hour.

Our meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

- U.S. Flooding
- 2019 Hurricane Response
- U.S. Tornadoes
- Cyclone Idai
- U.S. Wildfires
- Indonesia Earthquake and Tsunami
- South Sudan Relief
- Africa Drought
- Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis
- AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors

The September 29th Noisy Offering given in both churches went to Lutheran Disaster Response. There is more information at elca.org/disaster.

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