

AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

September Newsletter

From The Pastor

Yes, It Really is September!

It seems as though summer just began, and now here we are, getting ready for Fall. How quickly the time has gone. Yes, the saying is true, time flies. Even though we know this it seems we so often wish time away. We can't wait for something bigger, better, and more exciting. We think tomorrow will somehow be better than today. We wait for the perfect day and perfect circumstances before we can find any joy. Or we worry about tomorrow so much that we forget about today. And there is this, we try to squeeze so much into our day that our day becomes a blur of activity that causes exhaustion. This blur of activity can be especially true for families during the school year and it can be overwhelming.

What is it that prevents you from living in the present and appreciating each day? Slow down and take the time to become aware of the gifts that can be found in each day. A smile, a sunrise, a talk with a friend, a hand squeeze, learning something new, or seeing someone else's accomplishment. There is so much each to for which to be grateful, which in turn brings joy.

Families, my prayer is that as a new school year begins and many activities along with it, that you will take time to appreciate the gift of each day. When you are at a sporting event, be there, and don't think about what you have to do when you get home. Don't worry about a little mess at home, it will wait for you. Take care of yourself. On TLC Wednesday, cherish this time with your family. Worship together, eat together at church, enjoy the holy moments of laughter, encouragement and support from those who surround you at church. This school year I pray you won't run yourself ragged trying to fit everything into the day. I pray you can see the gifts that surround you each day.

As the new school year begins, we also begin our fall programming. We begin with "God Work. Our Hands." Sunday, on September 8. Also beginning in September are TLC, choir, confirmation, mission circles, sewing circle, youth group, and a new worship schedule. Many opportunities for you to find rest for your souls, to worship, to share your gifts, to grow in faith, to be the body of Christ together, and to serve God and God's people. You can see the church calendar and announcements for all that is happening at AES Ministries in this newsletter.

Pastor Kathleen

AUGUSTANA - SEPTEMBER

Circles

- Sept. 3: Rebecca Circle-11:30 am, Encore
Sept. 10: Martha Circle-7:00 pm, Fireside Room
Sally Engel, Hostess
Sept. 17: Sewing Circle-8:30 am at Augustana

Acolytes

- Sept. 1:
8: Brandi Pierson & Sydney Engelking
15: Dawson Gertsema & William Knaack
22: Lizabeth Lothert & Paris Morrow
29: Carter Wolner & Peyton Wolner

Communion Servers

- Sept. 1: Paul Missling, Lyle Anderson
8: Stephanie Reid, Terry Engel

Greeters

- Sept. 1: Ruth Haler
8: Myron & Sally Engel
15: Bert & Gerry Swenson
22: Jim & Shirley Moody
29: Jim & Jackie Harrington

Lectors

- Sept. 1: Kathy Eiden
8: Kirsten Freitag
15: Rick Carlson
22: Les Zellmann
29: Kari Miest

Radio Sponsor

The radio broadcast on Sept 22nd from Augustana is sponsored by Kathy Eiden, in memory of Joe Eiden and Ja`Mason Moffett.

Radio Broadcasts - Sponsor a month for \$65.00. September-February broadcasts are from Augustana due to early service times.

Transitions

Martha (Marty) Miller passed away on August 2, 2019 and her funeral was held at Augustana on August 7, 2019.

Eunice Arnold passed away on June 21, 2019 and her funeral was held at Augustana on August 14, 2019.

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

AUGUSTANA - SEPTEMBER

Ushers

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

Altar Guild

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

Missionary Sponsors

- Sept. 1: Marge Jenkins
8:
15: Bill & Kirsten Freitag
22: Gary & Diane Missling
29:
The cost is \$20.00 per Sunday to help support our missionary.

Blood Pressure Screening

Sept. 8 (one week later): Kristi Zellmann

Coffee Hour

- Sept. 1: Jim & Jackie Harrington, Dorothy Christianson
8: Jim & Judy Anderson Stan & Nancy Kunkel
15: Darrick & Kari Miest, Ruth Haler
22: John & Jeanne Miest, Ron & Becky Cobb
29: WELCA serves

Altar Flowers

The month of September is available. 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 Martha (Marty) Miller
\$525.00 - Stained glass window fund

In Memory of Eunice Arnold
\$40.00 - Undesignated
\$60.00 - Stained glass window fund

In Memory of Larry Radenbaugh, who passed away on March 16, 2019, service on March 21, 2019. Son of LaVonne (Radenbaugh) Wachlin and Roland Radenbaugh
\$100.00 – Youth Education

EAST - SEPTEMBER

TRANSITIONS:

Keegan Joshua Hodgden, son of Katie and Matthew Hodgden, was baptized Sunday, August 11, 2019. Welcome to God's Family, East Sveadahl, and AES Ministries.

Congratulations to **Ashley Irene Anderson and Jose Lopez Montenegro** who were married on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at East. May God richly bless them as they begin their life together.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Beck, Darryl, Dana, Pat, Wilma, Vickie, Becky, Brian, Orval, Jacob, Barbara, Chloe

ADDRESS CHANGES: Steven Noren - 4 Oakbrook Ct. Apt. 1, Bloomington, IL 61704-2270

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through July	\$ 40,075.00
Received through July	23,936.72
Behind through July	- \$ 16,138.28
Received in July	\$ 2,506.06

Happy Birthday

Happy Baptismal Day

- 3 Laura Sense 9-20
- 7 Charles Noren 11-21
- 9 Harold Noren 10-5
- 13 Brogan Eineke 5-27
- 15 Michael Menssen 10-11
- 16 Steven Johnson 11-2
James Krogstad 12-10
Terry Thulien 10-10
- 18 Creig Noren 12-4
Logan Sizer 12-1
- 19 Tammy Stevens-Rathman 10-27
- 21 Britta Torkelson 10-23
- 22 Nick Griffith 8-6
- 25 Keagan Jurgens 12-10

Friends are the chocolate chips
in the cookie of life.

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EAST - SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER RADIO BROADCASTS

- September 1: First Lutheran, St. James
- 8: Albion
- 15: First Lutheran, St. James
- 22: Augustana
- 29: Augustana/East Sveadahl

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Janet Bloomquist and Lori Newberg

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Janet Bloomquist and Wayne Jurgens

VISITING COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman and Julene Hoffman

WELCA HOSTESSES

USHERS

George Nasman

LECTORS

- September 1: Dale Anderson
- 8: Augustana (Joint)
- 15: Jerry Noren
- 22: Sonja Coleman
- 29: Tom Anderson

RADIO SPONSORS

If you would like to sponsor the September radio broadcast, please contact Susan. Cost is \$65.00 per Sunday.

September 29: Need a sponsor

December 29: Wally and Phyllis Jurgens

*Wherever God takes you – go;
Whichever the task – do it;
Wherever the challenge – accept it;
Whenever the call – answer it;
Whichever the lesson – learn it;
However dark the path – follow it;
Because wherever God takes you,
It is worth it.*

AES September News & Upcoming Events

September Schedule

Sunday, September 1st – Communion Worship Services
9 am - East; 10:30 am - Augustana

Sunday, September 8th – ***GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.***

Held at Augustana

9:30 am - Coffee Hour, Blood pressure screening

10:30 am - Joint Communion Worship Service

11:30 am - Lunch on the Lawn

12:30 pm - Projects

REGULAR SUNDAY FALL SCHEDULE for AES Ministries

Begins on September 15th continuing through February:

9:00 am service at Augustana, 10:30 am service at East

Communion Services: 1st Sunday of the month – East & Augustana

2nd Sunday of the month – Augustana

TLC (Teaching the Love of Christ) WEDNESDAYS starting September 11:

3:20 pm Youth Activities at Augustana

6:00 pm Worship Service at Augustana – All are invited

6:30 pm Supper at Augustana – All are invited

God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019

Augustana and East Sveadahl will have one joint worship service at 10:30 at Augustana on September 8th, followed by lunch on the lawn. We have different opportunities available for “God to work with our hands.”

- Baking cookies (pre-made dough) for local organizations including hospital staff and law enforcement, among others, to show our appreciation. **9:00 am, Saturday, September 7th at Augustana church kitchen. Cookies will be delivered after lunch on Sunday, September 8th.**
- Augustana WELCA will be delivering cookies to the shut-ins of the congregations. **10:00 am, Saturday, September 7th will be the WELCA cookie packaging at Augustana. Cookies will be delivered after lunch on Sunday, September 8th.**
- “Carol” favorite hymns to residents of Prairie View, Brandt Ridge and Pleasant View. Those who wish to sing in our big group will go through the hymns at church to warm up after lunch on September 8th. Pastor Kathleen will be leading the worship services at Brandt Ridge and Pleasant View that afternoon. **We will “carol” at Brandt Ridge at 1:30 pm.** After that, we will encourage AES Pleasant View residents to join us at the service in the Pleasant View chapel, with service at 2:30 pm. **We will “carol” at Pleasant View at 3:00 pm.**
- There will greeting cards in the social hall and members can write notes to residents at the Veterans Home in Luverne, Minnesota. There are about eighty beds at the facility and the cards will be given to Deb Grote, the Veterans officer for Watonwan County.

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- WELCA will be collecting school supply items, such as markers, glue, glue sticks, tissue and other items used by students in need at our local school. These donations can be dropped off at Augustana church office.

We hope to have many of you step up and choose one or more of these ways to share some of God's love. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the social hall at Augustana and entry at East. For more information, contact Lisa Carlson (507) 317-1893 or Terry Engel (507) 720-2336.

Choir News

Come, Raise your voice in song! I would like to extend an invitation to all who would like to sing. Choir rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 PM at Augustana. If you are a seasoned singer, or have never given it a thought, I would like you to consider this. Always looking for any musicians. I would like to extend this invitation to both Augustana and East Sveadahl members. We've had the opportunity to sing together as a joint choir on special services, why not more often? Please feel free to talk to me if you have questions. See you on Wednesday, September 4th.

Singing His Praises, Terry Engel

TLC Food/Workers Needed!!

TLC will begin on Wednesday, September 11 **We need to fill the TLC meal schedule.** Meals this year, due to scheduling change, will be served at 6:30 pm. We ask that you help us to fill the meal list by contacting the church office (375-4792) or signing up on the list on the bulletin board in the social hall at Augustana or entry at East. Please consider helping to make another TLC year a great success!

****Needed TLC Snack Time items**** - Frosted Flakes and Honey Nut Cheerios, microwave popcorn (Orville Redenbacher and Pop Secret pop the best in our microwave), Goldfish crackers, chips, pears and peaches fruit cups, granola bars, and Ritz Crackers. You can leave the snacks at either church.

WELCA NEWS – Augustana

Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, Sept 10th at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Sally Engel - hostess.

The Bakeless Bake Sale

The Augustana Women of the ELCA are hosting a "Bakeless Bake Sale" and serving coffee hour at Augustana on Sunday, September 29th. The proceeds from the sale will go toward the Stained Glass Window Fund. Donations can be given at worship and coffee hour that day or dropped off at the church office. Any questions, please call Judy Berg at 375-4759.

The Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraising Poem

Many is the time I heard you say
I would rather give a "Dollar" than bake today
And so, we are asking you to help more or less
To make our Bakeless Bake Sale a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take
To Bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake
Or send in the amount of money it takes to buy
A dozen rolls or maybe a pie
We know you can help us if you will but try.



Meals on Wheels

Augustana's dates for Meals on Wheels are September 30th-October 4th, and October 7th-11th.

If you are able to help with these dates, please contact Greg Thulien at 507-327-7892. Any assistance with deliveries are greatly appreciated!

St. Lucia Organizational Meeting

Our meeting will be on Sunday, September 22nd following worship in the Fireside Room. We invite anyone interested to attend and bring ideas and comments so that we can continue to offer this beautiful welcome to Christmas to our members, friends and community. As always - many hands make light work. Our celebration will be held this year on Saturday, December 14th. Thank you-Deanna Hoffman

WELCA NEWS – East Sveadah

East WELCA will be having a **Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 2nd** from 10 am – 2 pm! Start thinking about contributions you can make. There will be crafts and baked goods; lunch will be available; and a raffle for a beautiful quilt! Thanks!

Noisy Offering – September 29th

Whenever there are five Sundays in a month, a special “Noisy” offering for a mission outside our congregations is taken. Start saving your coins for this special offering on September 29th!

Thank You's

AESY – Thank you for the nice graduation reception and the gift I received, and also for the quilt that I will take with to RCTC. Thank you for all of the support I have been given throughout the years.

Olivia Fredin

Dear Pastor Kathleen and Augustana Friends,

My mom wants me to let you know what a wonderful day she had with you, and to say a great big “Thank you!” for coming out to see her. She was tired, but oh-so-happy at the end of the day, and is now extending the joy by telling her new friends about it. Special thanks to Leora for the tea cake and to Eugene for his kitchen help.

God Bless! Susan Weaver for Maurine Broste
P.S. I really liked being back there too!

Heifer International gratefully recognized East Sveadah Lutheran Church and Augustana Lutheran Church for serving the Lord through faith efforts and exercising your gifts and donations to end hunger and poverty. These congregations have richly blessed families in need with gifts of livestock and agriculturally sound training to help families become self-reliant.

Pierre N. Ferrain, Heifer President & CEO

East Sveadah, Thank you for the gift of money and the fellowship that we share in Christ. God Bless!

Pr. Dave Fretham

Dear East Sveadah Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response. . . .
Thank you for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

The Rev. Robin Brown, Mission Funding Director, Congregations

Dear AES/First Presbyterian Vacation Bible School, Thank you for your generous gift of \$220.00 to ELCA ministries through ELCA Good Gifts! The gifts were designated for one piglet, one rooster, chicks and a couple of goats. Christina Jackson-Skelton, ELCA Mission Advancement

On behalf of the Watonwan County Relay for Life, I would like to offer a heartfelt “Thank You” to all the members of AES Ministries for all your continued support in the fight for a cure. Together, we can help those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Our AES “Grounds for Hope” team raised almost \$1,000 in luminary bag sales. Your willingness to help work at the food stand, and “Take a swing at Cancer” throughout the evening brought in over \$4,300 in donations. After the Relay Event on July 26th, donations for the Watonwan County Relay for Life in 2019 stand at over \$ 81,000 with additional donations still coming in. Blessings to you all.

Watonwan County Relay for Life Leadership Team Member, Terry Engel

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church, Thank you for supporting the mission and ministries of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries with your 2019 Support of \$1,556.00.....In addition to your financial support, I invite you to continue to keep GLLM in your prayers.

Blessings, Travis Aufderheide, Executive Director

Facebook/Website

Like us on Facebook: Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries
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 – (H) 507-439-6940 or (C) 507-227-9250.

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.

Partner Ministry/Community Events

FLCW is hosting Camino de Santiago Walk (Pilgrimage Journey in Northern Spain)

Thursday, September 5th, 7 pm in the Social Hall of First Lutheran, St. James. Pr. Matt and Becky will tell of their walking a spiritual journey, taken in 2017. Men, women, and teens are welcome. Beverages, fellowship, and treats will follow.

The Watonwan County Food Shelf

The Watonwan County Food Shelf has been extremely busy this summer. A record 107 families were served in July, with 10,500 pounds of food being distributed. The cost to serve our neighbors in need each month is between \$2,000 and \$3,000 (all being spent on food and personal care items).

(Wat. Co. Food Shelf-cont.)

Thank you to those that contributed to Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless Challenge Grant in July, but otherwise, the food and cash donations during the summer months has decreased. Your continued support is so very much appreciated. Please see the list of current items needed.

Current needs: pinto beans, macaroni and cheese, crackers, pasta, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup, fruit sauce and juice, instant potatoes, hamburger/chicken/tuna helper, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, vegetables, soup, spaghetti/tomato sauce, tuna, meal in a can, Ramen noodles, cake mix, toilet tissue, dish/laundry/bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, plastic and paper bags.

****The Watonwan County Food Shelf is looking for volunteers.**** We are looking to begin providing evening hours on the second Monday of every month by appointment, starting in October. Please contact Pastor Matt Seegert at 375-3472 or Debbie Schmillen at 375-5711 if you or someone you know is interested in being trained as an evening volunteer.

Upcoming Green Lake Lutheran Ministry Events

Fall Colors Retreat - September 19-22

Vikings & Lamentations Retreat - September 27-29

For more information, contact GLLM Camp at (320)796-2181 or retreat@gllm.org.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

When: Thursdays, Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2019 12:00-1:30 pm

Where: Augustana Lutheran Church, St. James

Why: Reduce personal stress, change negative self-talk, communicate more effectively, deal with difficult feelings, and make tough decisions.

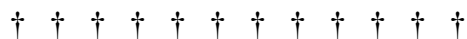
Lunch will be served-it's free! Resource book may be purchase for \$25.00, please call WELLSRING to register-(507) 375-1276

Cultivating Generous Congregations In Smaller Member Settings

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod invites you and your ministry team to participate in a three-part seminar experience that will enrich the way you and your congregation approach generosity and giving. Cultivating Generous Congregations (CGC) is an interactive seminar of the Lake Institute on Faith & Giving. CGC demonstrates how pastors, deacons, and ministry leaders can energize congregational generosity.

This is a great opportunity! Your congregation or parish will have personal guidance and coaching throughout and following the CGC seminars.

First gathering: Sat., Sept. 28, 2019, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran, Marshall, MN.



AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – AUGUST 14, 2019

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

(Augustana Church Council minutes – cont.)

President Dominique Berg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. K. Miest shared Devotions

Motion by P. Missling, second by J. Coleman to approve July 10th minutes as amended that “Deanna Hoffman did not request a laptop. It was a recommendation from the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

New Business: We need to line up a service for snow removal. John Coleman will work on that.

Pastor’s Report: Reported on funerals and baptisms. Pastor spoke on the ELCA voting to become Sanctuary Denomination and gave a “Talking Points” handout on what it means and doesn’t mean.

AES Report: Recapped the church picnic. Next meeting will be in September.

Giving Report: Discussed the possibility of having an “On-Line Giving Sunday Sign-Up”.

Treasury Report: No issues. Motion by S. Reid, second by K. Gertsema to approve July Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried.

Education Committee: TLC kicks off on September 11th. Kids arrive around 3:30, Church at 6:00 p.m., Supper at 6:30 p.m. Deanna Hoffman sent emails to all the committees in hopes of getting the meal schedule filled up. October 23rd – Confirmation Banquet

Evangelism and Social Ministry: September 8th - God’s Work Our Hands – WELCA will make the cookies. We need volunteers for shut-in deliveries and “carolers.” Joint service with lunch on the lawn to follow. The “carolers” will sing at Brandt Ridge from 1:30 – 1:50 and then head to Pleasant View for the 2:00 p.m. service; “caroling” will begin around 3 p.m. Pastor Kathleen will be delivering the message at the 2 p.m. service.

Finance Committee: Presented a \$2,000 budget for the purchase of 2 laptops. Motion by S. Reid, second by L. Carlson to approve proposed budget. Motion carried.

Property and Cemetery Committee: J. Coleman believes that they have found the root cause to the damp walls. He and A. Freitag were able to do the patch work themselves. Time will tell.

Worship and Music Committee: September 15th change in liturgy and service times. Augustana service 9:00 a.m. and East Sveadahl service at 10:30 a.m.

Youth Committee: Attempting to pull together monthly activities for the kids. We will meet with kids and parents after the September 11th kick-off Service/Supper.

Unfinished Business: What should be done with the church doors?

Communion Servers: Sept. 1st – Paul, Lyle Sept. 8th – Terry, Steph, Lisa, Greg

Oct. 6th – Lisa, Domonique Oct. 13th – Lisa, Terry, Steph, Kristen

Next month’s meeting: September 11th 8 p.m. – Paul Missling will share prayer and devotions Meeting was ended with the Lord’s Prayer at 8:23 p.m.

Stephanie Reid, Vice President

EAST SVEADAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – August 8, 2019

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, August 8, 2019. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Wayne Jurgens, Erma Griffith, Evonne Moll, Jana Anderson, and Pastor Kathleen.

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

The July minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Evonne Moll presented her written report. A motion by Erma, seconded by Wayne, and approved to accept the report as presented.

Financial Secretary Jana Anderson presented her report. A motion by Evonne, seconded by Janet, and passed to approve the report.

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

The AES annual picnic was held on Sunday, August 4 and went very well. Motion by Wayne, seconded by Erma, and passed to donate \$250.00 to Relay for Life for the hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream which were left over from the Relay and used at our AES annual picnic.

Our AES annual picnic for 2020 will be on August 2, 2020, and East is requesting a joint service that Sunday at East as we want our sister church there to help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary.

Service times will change in September. Augustana will be at 9:00 am and East will be at 10:30 am starting September 15th. September 8 is a joint service at Augustana which is God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday.

Pastor Kathleen highlighted the following:

- East will be having a baptism on Sunday, August 11.
- Pastor Kathleen has had a number of funerals.
- TLC planning is underway.

AES Council did not meet in Augusta.

Susan asked for communion helpers on October 6. Evonne and Erma volunteered.

Discussion on the 150th Anniversary celebration took place. The date is August 2, 2020. The new carpeting needs to be decided as we have to have a congregational meeting to finalize the purchase.

A thank you was read from Pastor Dave Fretham for remembering him on his retirement.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be September 12, 2019 at 7 pm.

Secretary, Janet Bloomquist

AUGUSTANA WELCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 11, 2019

Present: Judy Berg, Nancy Kunkel, Kathy Eiden, Carol Zarn

Judy Berg opened the meeting with devotions.

Secretary Report was approved. No full treasurer report available at this time.

Gods Work our Hands is Sunday, September 8th. We will again bake and deliver cookies to our shut ins. Cookies will be packaged Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Another project we will have is for anyone to write notes to the veterans at the Veterans Home in Luverne. Cards will be available on a table in the social hall in the basement. WELCA will serve the TLC meal on Wednesday, September 18th. We will serve chicken hot dish, jello and bars.

Bakeless Bake Sale will be September 29th. Start to think about what you would spend to purchase or bake items for a bake sale. WELCA will serve coffee hour that Sunday. Money from the bakeless bake sale and coffee hour will be donated to the Stained Glass Window fund.

Fall Gathering is Saturday, October 5th, at First Lutheran Church.

A meeting and plans will be getting underway for St. Lucia, which will be held on Saturday, December 14th.

We received thank you's from Pine Ridge Retreat Center and from Women of the ELCA in America.

The next WELCA Board meeting will be Sunday, September 15th in the Fireside Room during coffee hour after church. Our meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Carol Zarn, Secretary