

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

JANUARY REMINDER

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Then he said to the slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." –Matthew 22:9

Jesus offers a parable to his disciples about the need for the kingdom of God to grow by means of an invitation. This is a single verse of a much longer, fascinating parable concerning God's thoughts on invitation.

What does it mean brothers and sisters to be welcomed somewhere or invited into something?

Generally, in my experience being welcomed somewhere holds the implication that a person can tolerate you well enough as to not take offence at your presence.

To be invited into a situation or home, requires that the inviting party actually wants you to take part in an activity or situation. To say this another way, welcoming is a passive realization that there are people among us. On the other hand an inviting community actively seeks people out. So it is in a congregation as well. Are we a welcoming congregation or an inviting congregation?

There are many occasions in life where we invite people specifically rather than simply being welcoming. We provide food and drink; we tell stories, we support those we have invited to mark the occasion with us.

We mark occasions in the life of the faith in much the same way - we provide food and drink in Holy Communion, which is life. We tell stories of our life in Christ, and the lives of the saints. We support the gifts of our neighbors as offerings to the Lord. We then go out into the world to live out the reality we experience as Christians.

Do we welcome others into this reality or do we invite them?

This isn't simply another social circle, but a way of life. This lifestyle in community with the world is a living expression of hope and salvation. We are the living breathing body of Christ.

When did you last welcomed someone into such a reality? When did you invite them?

In this New Year brothers and sisters the opportunity comes to us again and again to be a place of welcome or invitation. We are called to be as the slaves in this parable. To go out into the main streets and invite all who would come. The banquet has been prepared and the meal is ready.

Let us go forth with such fervor as to fill God's table in this place.

Pr. Erik

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ACOLYTES: TBD
USHERS: Jon Burks & Sam Bowen
VISUAL ARTS: Team Members

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
January 1	Camy Erickson	Louise Swenson	Doug & Teresa Johnson
January 8	Jordan Gatewood	Matthew Johnson	Doug & Trudy Gorans
January 15	Holli Hopp	Anne Christianson	Dan & Louise Swenson
January 22	Camy Erickson	Doug Hopp	John & Anne Christianson
January 29	Phillip Stadem	Karen Schueler	Tim & Mindy Swieringa

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	TELLERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
January 1		Kim Gorans	6	Lois Nelson
January 8	Jake Vlaminck	Jon Burks	1	
January 15		Erin Johnson	2	Tracy Gorans
January 22	Brian Gorans	Scott Johnson	3	
January 29		Jake Vlaminck	4	Lois Nelson

Saturday Morning Coffee & Treats

Where: Parsonage

*When: January 14, February 11,
March 11, & April 1*

(Further dates TBD)

Time: 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

*Come and join in fellowship, enjoy a cup of
coffee (or two) and have some yummy treats!*

*Please let Rachel know if you are interested or
plan to come to the coffee times.*



SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
December 15, 2016

Present: Pr. Erik Rundquist, Jon Burks, Tracy Gorans, Lois Nelson
Deb Portinga & Jake Vlamincik.

Absent: Matt Erickson. Jessica Gatewood, Shelly Gatewood & Erin Johnson.

Opening- 7:00 pm by President Jake V.

Council Meeting Minutes- November minutes approved by e-mail.

Pastor's Report. There were three ministerial acts: a baptism, wedding & a funeral.
Pastor's monthly report is in the Reminder.

Committee Reports-

Stewardship, Finance, and Estate-Council approved budget for 2017 with an exception to add \$2400 for a property Manager which Council approved to hire.

Parish Education

Sunday School Program is set for December 18 during worship services. Faith Five gatherings meet 6:00 pm before Advent Services.

LMM- 6:00 am weekly Tuesday Bible Prayer gathering.

Worship and Music- Praise service schedule is every other Sunday with WOV & LBW on alternating Sundays.

Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry and Scholarship- Mission funds have been distributed for the year.

Library- No Report

Memorial- Committee agreed to gift \$100 to Blue Star Mothers. A request was given to purchase small ice cream dishes & clear glasses for church kitchen. A donation from Dorothy Blomgren family was given to memorial committee and a thank you note was sent to Cheryl Johnson for her monetary gifts to purchase flowers and update archives for the church.

Property-parsonage garage door has been repaired, but a new door needs to be replaced in near future.

Youth Board- no meeting

Continuing Business-Vanco is in place and congregation to be informed at a later date. Membership roster list is being updated and a recommendation to form a membership task force concerning inactive members.

New Business- Council approved the upcoming ballot for 2017 and agreed to add \$27/yr to insurance policy for an ice rink in park. Annual meeting is January 15 after services with a potluck dinner to follow. Member's last names A-P bring hot dish & R-W bring salads. Council to work and bring a dessert.

Communion Assistants- January 1-Lois N. January 15-Tracy G. January 29-Lois N.

Thank You cards- sent to various members.

Next Meeting- Annual Meeting; January 15, 2017 at 11:45 am meeting, dinner following.
Council Meeting: January 19, 2017 at 7 pm.

Closed- Lord's Prayer

Pastor's Report for December 2016

Working on Sunday School Christmas Program to be used in place of Sermon on December 18.

Special Thank You to: Crystal Moran, Gretchen Lindblad, Camy Wenberg, Marny Behrends, Pete Stadem, Ryan Erickson, and Bob Roloefs.

Wednesday Evening Services being "lay led" Holden Evening Prayer

Thank You to Kari Stadem for leading the service.

Thank You guest speakers: Sherman Schueler, Lois Nelson, Ryan Erickson, and Marny Behrends.

Hymn Sing in Roseland was a good time- thank you to everyone who came and participated.

Svea will be hosting in December 2017

Helped with Senior Christmas Meal. It was well attended and I have heard many compliments.

Thank You to: Gene and Shelly Gatewood, Jon and Laurie Burks, Lois Nelson, Jessie Gatewood, Jordan Gatewood, Dave and Patti Chambers, Stephanie Kardell, Courtney Carlson, Stephen Carlson, and Josh Nelson

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services in the barn have been planned.

Thank you to Dale and Debbie Tonsfeldt for the use of their barn and animals.

Ministerial Acts: November 20, Wedding for Camilla Wenberg and Dave Erickson

November 27, Baptism for Max Brink

December 8, Funeral for Dorothy Blomgren



New to Svea Lutheran Church

Svea Lutheran Church is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.

To: Sweden

Behold I bring you good news of great joy. . . unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord," Luke 10-11.



Major joys to share this year include: a *visit from Beijing of friend and missionary Dorcas Wang.

*Celebrating 27 years serving the Lord in the Ordained Ministry of Word & Sacrament (first time inhibited by limited mobility these days!).

Ordained at Sweden 10/29/89



*Watching, livestreamed 24/7, from Washington DC, the hatching to fledging (flight) of two Bald Eagles."

*Another joy was watching live stream (again) the historic kickoff celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the 95 thesis on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, October 31, 1517, on the Eve of All Saints Day. Thus began the Reformation which impacted all of Christendom. The event this year was historic in

that it was co-hosted by the LWF (Lutheran World Federation - which originated in Lund, Sweden in 1947) and Pope Francis. (At: "YouTube Pope Francis in Sweden") In 1952 I was privileged to be sent by the St. Paul District Luther League, Augustana Synod Lutheran Church to the



First Youth Convention & 2nd LWF Assembly which met in Hannover, Germany. This year a Prayer Service in the Lund Cathedral took place first. Then the Joint Ecumenical Service in the Malmo Arena about ten miles away.

Pictured: LWF Pres. & Gen. Sec. with Pope Francis then the King & Queen of Sweden.

*Another joy was the publication of the book, "Jonathan Edwards: A Life Well Lived," by Dr. Allan Hedberg, with reference to my sister, Carolyn Linn, and a quotation on the back cover from me.

Along the way during the year, much of the time was holding up the verse in **Colossians 3:2**, "**Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,**" as we lived through the presidential election campaign; loss of a worship building, St. James Anglican Cathedral, in a law suit against the diocese; death of remarkable professor, C. Peter Wagner, two cousins, Diane Mills and James McGee, and Aunt Stella Arnold Dunbar. But as **Habakkuk declared 3:17-18**, "**Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail, and the field yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.**"

A most blessed Christmas and New Year!

Pastor Arlynn

Arlynn C. Turnquist

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The Rev. Dr. Arlynn C. Turnquist, 336 E. Alluvial Ave. #20, Fresno, CA93720; 559-438-3074

SFE meeting 12-08-2016

Present: Jake V., Pastor Erik R., Gene G., Peter S., Doug H., Karen S., Doug J.

Business:

1. Reviewed the statement of the General Fund dated 11-30-2016

YTD balance of – **(\$7,868.55) negative**

We missed our November payment to Mission Support
SW MN Synod

We borrowed **Zero** more from either the Building fund or Concorde Bank in November
We were able to pay back Concorde loan of \$3,000.00 in early December
\$20.98 interest accrued

We project funds needed to meet our obligations between November 30, and December 31, 2016-

Approx. \$14,000.00 in operational costs

Approx. \$8,000.00 (building fund and transferables)

\$22,000.00 needed

- \$3160.00 Dec. 4th offerings

Approx. \$19,000.00 needed

\$9,000.00 carry-over from 2015

Approx. **\$10,000.00** should get us through to year end

Three offerings left to receive it

2. Custodian contractor

Current one lacks workers compensation insurance coverage

If they do not carry it on their employees, we must

\$357.00/year additional insurance cost to us

This committee recommends to council that we add coverage to our current policy

Then- hold meeting with current contractor and assist him in getting necessary coverage

We can then cancel our coverage when he provides us with a certificate of coverage

3. Discussed recommendations from Personal Committee-

2017 salary increases for paid employees

Pastor Erik R. - follow synod guidelines

Secretary Deb P. - 3% increase in hourly wage

Additional paid position suggested-

Property Manager

The personnel committee also recommends the council appoint or hire a Property Manager position. The position is a coordinator/ manager role to facilitate one point of contact for maintenance, cleaning, & repairs of the church property. This position could be filled with a member of property committee, current staff person or another church member that is involved with the maintenance of the church property. The committee recommends this position to have a nominal salary of \$75 per month if there are no volunteers. The job responsibilities of this position would include:

1. Manage the contract cleaners. Be the conduit for communication to the contract cleaners. Notify the cleaners if there is cleaning that needs attention, maintenance where required.
2. Responsible for the overall repair and maintenance needs of the church and church property.
3. Manage the contracts for snow removal and lawn care of the church property.
4. Assume the responsibility of managing all of the custodian job description that is not covered by the contract cleaners.

5. Key person the congregation and staff would contact when they have property repairs or maintenance or cleaning needs identified for the church property.
6. Property Manager would bring all repairs and maintenance and improvement recommendations to the Property Committee of the church for action.
7. Work with the Property Committee to establish a Capital Improvement budget annually.
8. Property manager would be paid \$15 per hour for maintenance/cleaning work performed as authorized by the building committee.

The personnel committee recommends Jordan Gatewood for the Property Manager position. Jordan Gatewood has agreed to these duties pending the church council adoption of the position and acceptance of his recommendation for the position. If this position is adopted, it is further recommended that a communication plan is put in place to inform the congregation of the duties this position includes and who to contact for assistance. Jordan Gatewood's cell number is 320-905-0663

4. 2017 Proposed Budget

Council Action Requested- See attachment

5. Next meeting: Thursday February 9, 2017 @ 8:00pm

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Johnson

Secretary

NOVEMBER REMINDER 2016

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	November 30, 2016	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 47,337.00		\$ 65,191.20
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 14,750.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 88,257.00		\$ 53,636.48
Total	\$ 153,594.00		\$ 133,577.68
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 125,709.13
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (7,868.55)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ (2,529.29)
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (10,397.84)

BORROWED MONEY

Loan from Building Fund \$ 5,450.00

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH

As recommended by Church Council

Proposed Budget**2016****2017****DISBURSEMENTS**

Organist	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
Office Secretary	\$ 8,112.00	\$ 8,363.00
Property Manager		\$ 2,400.00
Social Security (Employee). etc		
Supply Pastors	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,000.00
Pastor's Salary (3)	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 39,226.00
Pension & Health	\$ 18,509.00	\$ 18,025.00
Pastor Social Security	\$ 3,667.00	\$ 3,835.00
Housing Equity	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00

MISSION SUPPORT (BENEVOLENCE)

SW MN Synod	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 15,300.00
Lakeland Conference	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
Green Lake Ministries	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00


OPERATIONS

Social Security	\$ 621.00	\$ 824.00
Professional Expenses (1)	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,173.00
Fuel (2)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,200.00
Utilities (2)	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,327.00
Parsonage (2)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Property	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 5,075.00
The Lutheran	\$ 760.00	\$ 760.00
Church/Office Supples	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,165.00
Church-Copier/Lease, Etc	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,800.00
Worship/Music Ministry	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Education/SCS/VBS	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
VBS	\$ 1,000.00	
Library	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Delegates/Conference	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Custodian/Contractor	\$ 8,640.00	\$ 8,640.00
Mowings/Snow Blowing	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Discretionary Fund	\$ 500.00	
Worship Arts	\$ 160.00	\$ 160.00
Sewer Assessment	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Other		

Total	\$ 153,594.00	\$ 155,323.00
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Per week General Fund Needs	\$ 2,953.73	\$ 2,986.98
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JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NO SCS 10:45 LBW/ Communion	2	3 6:00 am LMM/Prayer	4	5	6	7
HAPPY NEW YEAR		1:30 pm Patience Circle at Delphies/Potluck				
8 9:30 am Family SCS; 9:45 Luther League Mtg; Coffee fellowship 10:45 am Praise Worship Year End Reports Due	9	10 6:00 am LMM/Prayer/ Breakfast	11	12	13	14 9:30-10:30 am Coffee at Parsonage 
15 9:30 am SCS; 10:15 am Coffee; 10:45 am WOV/ Comm Worship 11:45 am Annual Meeting Potluck dinner	16	17 6:00 am LMM/Prayer	18	19	20	21
Martin Luther King Jr. Day		6:00 am LMM/Prayer	7:00 pm 2020 Mtg	1:00 pm Quilting, potluck		
22 9:30 am SCS; 10:15 Coffee Fellowship; 10:45 am Praise Worship Family Promise Week 22-29	23	24	25	26	27	28
		6:00 am LMM/Prayer		1:00 pm Quilting, potluck Reminder articles due		
29 9:30 am SCS; 10:15 am Coffee Fellowship; 10:45 am LBW/Communion Worship	30	31				
	Reminder Published	6:00 am LMM/Prayer/ Breakfast				

January 2017
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2. Jeremy Negen
Troy Erickson | 15. Troy Bjerkness
Douglas Peterson |
| 3. Sarah Garberich
Pamela Moran | 16. Doreen Cox |
| 5. Alicia Oslund | 18. Courtney Carlson |
| 7. Rodney Lothert | 19. Daniel Garberich |
| 8. Louise Swenson | 21. Millicent Johnson
Jerry Negen |
| 9. Ed Keys | 26. Sadie Vlaminck |
| 10. Teresa Johnson
Drake Vlaminck | 27. Laura Christianson |
| 13. Sara Freed | 28. Kurt Garberich |