

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

MARCH REMINDER

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By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Genesis 3:19

What is age but a number of rotations around the sun which we have managed to survive? Is it the sum of experiences we have gained? Is it an impassable barrier to a social circle that includes those who agree with one approach and excludes those with a different approach? The generation gap, purely a moniker of survived rotations continues to be a division in society.

One generation is entitled, the other static and stuck in their ways. One generation impetuous the other impatient. We have come to be divided children from parents and grandparents from grandchildren who have forgotten the context and society in which the other was raised. We have become a society who sees family as something or someone entirely other. "Not my generation" we say, "not your parent's Trek," "not my president," "not my..." fill in the blank. Yet, we are responsible for the ones who came before and those who have come after.

The division lines that have been drawn permeate even our most basic conversations about who are neighbors are and what their motivation for living in our community might be. Yet, young and old will all go down to the dust. In the span of history both young and old generations have always seen one another as foreigners, never fully understanding the ways in which the new lives adapt to the world around them. This has led to no shortage of conflict and strife over the centuries, even now today Millennials and Boomers clash with all the sound and fury of an old brass band. But, when all the fervor and boisterous bothering has passed, and we stand over the grave, or lean in by the hospital bed the conflict of the generations are as nothing.

We are who we are brothers and sisters, beautiful creations of God one generation to the next. This month will find ourselves together young and old at the table of the Lord who decrees "you are but dust." Is one generation so different from the next? All of us yearn to hear that at the end of our lives, that the dust is not the finality of our existence. All of us yearn to know that the cross we mark on our forehead is the sign of something greater than the sum of our parts.

We are who we are in Christ Jesus created in a time and place for a purpose. We are those who in faith bear the actions and reality of Christ's cross into the world for all generations. We are those who say together young and old that the dust of our bones is not the final resting place. That we are indeed temporary pieces in an eternal reality centered on the cross we bear on our brow.

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Whatever shall we do in the time between?

The peace of the Lord be with you and all the saints!
Pastor Erik

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 1st – Jessie Gatewood; 12th – Jon Burks; 26th Doug Johnson
USHERS: Wendell Dahl & Troy Erickson
VISUAL ARTS: Stacey Vlaminc & Tracy Gorans

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING	
March 5	Camy Erickson	Matthew Johnson	Laurie & Jon Burks	
March 12	Philip Stadem	Lois Nelson	Matt & RaiAnne Erickson	
March 19	Gene Gatewood	Doug Johnson	Jason & Nicole Kowalczyk	
March 26	Holli Hopp	Tucker Swanson	Lyle & Deb Portinga	

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	ACOLYTES	TELLERS
March 5	Scott Johnson	Erin Johnson	Zach Flannigan & McKayla Hopp	3
March 12		Jake Vlaminc	Courtney Carlson & Kaylee Vlaminc	4
March 19	Brian Gorans	Kim Gorans	Zach Flannigan & Matthew Lindblad	5
March 26		Jon Burks	Ashley Behrends & McKayla Hopp	6



MARKET UNDER GLASS

**A TWO DAY VINTAGE & HANDMADE
MARKETPLACE**

MARCH 10 & 11

STACY'S NURSERY & FLORAL
2305 HWY 12 EAST, WILLMAR

Friday 10 AM – 6 PM *Saturday* 9 AM – 3

\$5 PER PERSON.

CHILDREN 12 & UNDER ARE FREE.

Early Bird Shopping:

FRIDAY 8 AM – 10AM (\$15)

TICKET SALES BENEFIT

FAMILY PROMISE

Christy Swanson, Vendor is Red Door
Bonnie Swenson, Vendor is Svea Flowerbed

THANK
YOU

Thank You!!

Thank you to all the people who came to our surprise 50th Anniversary coffee, cake and dinner. We really were surprised. God sure has blessed us with some great friends. Thank you and God bless all of you!
Doug and Holli Hopp

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to the benefit in our time of need.

Everything is very much

appreciated and it means a lot to us.

Thanks. Tony and VaLoris Anderson & family.



DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLES

All you can eat Belgian Waffles.
Free-will donation to Family Promise.
Proceeds help with the church roofing project.
Roseland Reformed Church
March 6, 4:30-7pm



Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time starts March 12th. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead

Svea Lutheran Church Council Minutes
February 16, 2017

Present: Pastor Erik, Jon Burks, Tammy Garberich, Jessie Gatewood, Tracy Gorans, Kathy Lindblad, Doug Johnson

Absent: Courtney Carlson, Laura Christenson, Matt Erickson, Lois Nelson

1. Opening 7:00 pm

2. Devotions – Pr. Erik

3. Council meeting minutes – January –approved by email

4. Pastor's Report- to be printed in the reminder, report in summary- Stevens's ministry in progress- (shared ministry with Lake Lillian United Lutheran. Lent March 1st Ash Ed, 7:00 Wed night service, Luther League will serve lunch after. Luther League planning trip to: Give kids the World: June 24th – July 1st. Thank you Doug and Holly, Gene and Jordan, John and Laurie for Valentines Dinner, approx. \$400.00 raised for Family Promise. Working on Bible Study on line, short study 10-15 min to do on your own. To be ready before Palm Sunday. "Matthew Passion Story. Ministerial acts- Owen Larson baptized Feb 12th. Will be gone from April 18-16th conference/education.

5. Committee Reports

a. *Stewardship, Finance, and Estate-* Full report will be published in the reminder.

b. *Parish Education-* Will meet the week of February 20th

i. *Adult Ed-* no report

c. *Property-* Jan 29th cleaning of the church- (no janitor). Hired Roger Iverson cleaning service. Feb 12th property manager position discussed and recommended to council to have Jordan Gatewood. Jordan Gatewood was recommended for the Property Manager of Svea Lutheran Church to the Council. Council voted favor of having Jordan. Project in green room to replace counter and sink was recommended to council. Approved by council. Funds may be coming from Memorial Committee.

d. *LMM-* Continuing to meet on Tuesdays

e. *Worship and Music-* worked on Lenten season and talked about having communion more often.

f. *Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Scholarship-* Continue work with Family Promise

g. *Library-* There was no report

h. *Memorial-* Two cordless mic's being looked at. Recommended youth board pay for one? Council approved purchase of microphones

i. *Youth board-* Trip to Give the Kids the World. Lock-in suggestions to- fast for 24 hours

(Council Minutes Cont.)

6. Continuing business

- a. Property Manager Position- Approved by council-
- b. Strategic Planning/ All committee meeting/2020 meeting Strategic Planning meeting will be at 1:00 Sunday Feb 19 at church parsonage.
- c. Play is March 10th 11th 12th. Thrivent cards from Jake and Karen.

7. New Business

- a. Open Carpeting Fund- Approved. Front door fund Approved.

8. Communion Assistants

- March 1- Jess
- March 12- Jon
- March 26- Doug

9. Thank You cards – Two were sent

10. Next meeting date: March 16, 2017, 7:00 pm

11. Closing prayer The Lords Prayer

12. Note—all committee meeting Sunday February 26th after church- Council will provide bread and soup.

Property Committee meeting- Sunday February 12th, 2017

The Property Committee met on Sunday, February 12. The committee discussed the property manager position and recommend hiring Jordan Gatewood as manager. Committee will work out further details and snags later. A meeting will be held later to review the position. Replacing a new sink and faucet, taking out the hot plate and replace a new counter top in the Green room was discussed. Committee will look into hail damage on parsonage and will determine what needs to be done.

Gene G.

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	January 31, 2017	Budgeted	Year to Date
Disbursements – Staff	\$ 75,849.00		\$ 6,635.68
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 1,275.00
Operation – Expenses	\$ 61,974.00		\$ 2,219.00
Total	\$ 155,823.00		\$ 10,629.68
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 10,406.25
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (223.43)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ 1,318.00
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ 1,904.57

SFE meeting 12-08-2016

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

Business:

1. Officers

Chair – Pete Swenson
Treasure – Doug Hopp

2. Reviewed the statement of the General Fund dated 1-31-2017

YTD balance of – **(\$223.43) negative**

Additional monies currently in General Fund Check Book

\$1318.00 designated for various other funds of Svea Lutheran Church

\$6833.85 Remainder from 2016

\$7928.42 General Fund Checking account balance as of 1/31/2017

3. Improvements Needed to Church Building

- Discussed the future need of capital to replace the carpet in Front Steps, Narthex, Library and connecting rooms. As well as Fellowship hall; Including improving soft spots in floor, improve stage and off stage storage.
- **Committee recommends that Council set up an allocation of funds with in the Building account for this need with a goal to complete project prior to 150th Anniversary celebration**

3. Discussed recommendations for allocation of Balance from 2016 (\$6833.85)-

Committee recommends the following

\$833.85 Svea Church Global Missions

\$500.00 Family Promise

\$500.00 Svea Lutheran Scholarship

\$500.00 Endowment fund (Set up to help defer educational expenses of Seminary Students)

\$500.00 beginning balance to the Carpeting project.

4. Cosmetic Damage to Parsonage by Hail

\$10559.16 has been received from Insurance company for the damage to siding.

\$ 2858.06 is being held by the Insurance company pending repairs.

Property committee will need to decide if the repairs should be completed to get the remaining \$3758.06. Or, postpone replacing siding to two sides of the Parsonage and sink the \$10559.16 into a fund for future parsonage improvements i.e. new windows and siding all four sides. The Second option forfeits the held balance of \$3758.06. Further, insurance would not cover any future claims on the two damaged sides of the Parsonage. Asked the insurance company for an extension of time for decision to be made.

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

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Vlaminck

Acting Secretary

Pastor's Report for February 2016

Stephen's Ministry training is underway with 5 individuals from United Lutheran Church in Lake Lillian.

This is a joint ministry of pastoral care and outreach. We will be sharing Stephen Ministers as the program begins and grows.

Lent is approaching. Thank you to Kari Stadem and the Worship Committee for their input as we prepare for this season.

Luther League is planning a trip to Give Kids the World. Thank you to Laurie Burks and Diane Johnson for their continued work with this program.

Thank you to Doug and Holli Hopp, Jon and Laurie Burks, Gene Gatewood, Jordan Gatewood, for help and leadership with the Valentine's Dinner.

Working on an online Bible Study focusing on the Passion Story to be ready for Holy Week.

Ministerial Acts:

2/12/17 Baptism for Owen Larson

Pastor's Dates:

April 18-26 continuing education



Family Promise News

It's just a month away until our next **Family Promise Host Week April 2-9**. Please check your calendars to see when you will be available to volunteer.

Remember we have a variety of ways to help out from driving our hosts to and from the day center in Willmar, to preparing and serving the supper meal, to hosting during the evening from 5:00 to 8:00, to overnight hosting, to laundry, and finally to set up and take down the bedrooms.

The volunteer **sign up will begin Sunday, March 12th**. There are three ways to sign up:

- ⑩ go to our church website at www.svealutheranchurch.org and click on the Family Promise tab
- ⑩ sign up at church on Sunday mornings
- ⑩ call or email Karen Schueler--phone 995-6568, email shkaschu@frontiernet.net

By volunteering for Family Promise you are helping families from our area who don't have a home at present to have a safe and welcoming place to stay while they work to get their lives back on track.

Matching Fund Offer

Family Promise of Kandiyohi County is very thankful for the anonymous matching fund offer we have received. Any donations received from Jan. 1 to June 30, 2017 will be matched up to a total of \$20,000.00. Please consider giving a generous donation to help FPKC reach this goal! Thank you!

This year for Lent we take a journey of 40 days of Lamentation and Prayer. In the 5 Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday we will hear the book of Lamentations read in our evening gatherings. This poem was written by the prophet Jeremiah while the people struggled to understand their identity in a foreign land. It is a woeful poem full of anguish and regret at having failed to follow God's will. This



attitude and experienced formed the people of Israel as a law oriented people even up to Jesus day.

In Matthew's Gospel we begin Lent with the warning against 'overt piety' as a lead-in to the Lord's Prayer.

Jesus was often confrontational with the lawful authorities in reinterpreting the law for the people as God's gift and guidance for the people.

So we too in Lent will be interpreting the Lord's Prayer through the lens and scope of Lamentation. The need for repentance as our identity in an often foreign and hostile society. Please join us in these 40 days of reflection.

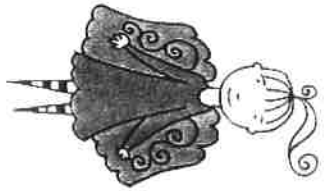


Lenten Services

Lenten Services will be held on the following dates:

March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12

"During the season of Lent, Pastor Erik will be offering the opportunity for individual confession and absolution prior to Wednesday evening services from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This season is time of self-reflection. Individual confession can be as Luther said "a sure a firm consolation for the conscience." Services start at 7:00 pm with a coffee fellowship following services. Youth are in charge of refreshments.



SVEJA



LUTHERAN
LUTHER LEAGUE
PRESENTS
THE EDUCATION OF ANGELS

By Mathew Carlin

A Dinner Theatre

March 10th and 11th at 6:30

March 12th at 1:00

For reservations call 995-6500

\$20.00 adults

\$12.00 for 12 and under

All proceeds go to the youth summer mission trip.

"Produced by special arrangement with Theater Publishing LLC of Cedar Rapids Iowa"



LAKELAND CONFERENCE WOMEN OF THE ELCA
SPRING GATHERING
"DECLUTTERING-SPRING CLEANING
MIND, BODY, SPIRIT"

SATURDAY - APRIL 1, 2017

8:30 AM REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

9:00 AM GATHERING

AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SPICER, MN



Speaker: Amy Larson from Appleton, MN

Cost: \$10.00 which includes noon lunch. Registration deadline Mar 24

Make checks payable to: Lakeland Conference

SEND REGISTRATION TO SANDRA MATTHEWSON, P.O. Box 367, BELGRADE, MN 56312

MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service/Coffee following</p>	<p>2 1:00 pm Quilting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:00 am Truel Adult Ed, 9:30 am SCS & Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am Praise Service Lakeland Conference Assembly</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Delphie's/potluck</p>	<p>8 6:00 pm First Communion Instruction 7:00 pm Lenten Service/Coffee following</p>	<p>9 1:00 pm Quilting 8:00 pm SFE Mtg</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm "The Education of Angels" Dinner Play</p>	<p>11 9:30-10:30 am "I Love Coffee" with Rachel at Parsonage 6:30 pm "The Education of Angels" Dinner Play</p>
<p>12 NO TruelU 9:30 am SCS & Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am WOV Worship/Communion 1:00 pm "The Education of Angels" Dinner Play <i>Daylight Saving Time starts</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:00 am LMM/Breakfast/ Prayer</p>	<p>15 6:00 pm First Communion Instruction 7:00 pm Lenten Service/Coffee following</p>	<p>16 1:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Council</p>	<p>17 </p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:00 am Truel Adult Ed, 9:30 am SCS & Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am Praise Service</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer</p>	<p>22 6:00 pm First Communion Instruction 7:00 pm Lenten Service/Coffee following</p>	<p>23 1:00 pm Quilting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:00 am Truel Adult Ed, 9:30 am SCS & Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am LBW Service/Communion</p>	<p>27 Reminder articles due</p>	<p>28 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer</p>	<p>29 6:00 First Communion Instruction 7:00 pm Lenten Service/Coffee following Reminder published</p>	<p>30 1:00 pm Quilting</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>April 1 <i>Spring Gathering</i> at Faith Lutheran Church in Spicer. 8:30 am Registration 9:00 am Gathering</p>

March 2017
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 3. Emma Skoglund | 18. Ben Vlaminck |
| 4. Debra Tonsfeldt | Madelyn Swierenga |
| 5. Marlene Christianson | 19. Linda Roelofs |
| 8. Jennifer Jacobson | 23. Zachary Mohr |
| 9. Andrea Jacobson | 25. Tricia Jansen |
| Angela Lindblad | Lynn Ascherman |
| 10. Jennifer Lothert | 26. David Stadem |
| 11. Kaitlyn Lindblad | Tara Sickels |
| 14. Roy Christianson | 27. Benjamin Johnson |
| Jerome Jacobson | 29. Kari Eckhoff |
| Garrett Swenson | Jacob Vlaminck |
| 16. Betty Peterson | 30. Andrew Dahl |
| Nicholas Lothert | Andrew Stadem |
| 17. Lyle Portinga | 31. Sarah Chambers |
| | Warren Matson |
| | Debra Portinga |