

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

MAY REMINDER

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Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." John 21:20

Many people have told me over the years have said to me, "If people just knew their Bible better..." I hope I don't have to tell you that simply knocking a person over the head with the scriptures is largely ineffective and often leads to a headache. We are those who are sent into the world to tell and live out the new reality created through Christ's death and resurrection.

This excerpt from John is the first of our readings that comes after we remember the resurrection of the Lord. It is no mistake that Christ sends us into the world almost immediately after he has returned from the dead. It is by all means brothers and sisters a rather fearful world which we are sent out into. We may be mocked and ridiculed for professing a trust in one who was previously dead. We may be called delusional and unpatriotic for placing our hope in one executed by the state. We may face the very same cross of death on which the savior of the universe was forced to hang.

So it is, that Christ says "Peace be with you." Up to this point the world of the day has come together to crucify Jesus. So the disciples are understandably afraid. Association with this man Jesus is potentially deadly. Jesus speaks to those who are afraid. Fear is not going to stop the growing kingdom of heaven. Jesus sends his disciples out into the world despite all the potential for harm. In the opening lines of the Gospel John speaks of Jesus ministry going into a hostile world. It should come as no surprise to us then that here at the end Jesus encourages his followers into that same hostile world.

Yet the message of this story remains, if anything of what we have born witness to in the events of Holy Week is going to get to the world, then surely it must be told. We are instructed brothers and sisters to enter this world with all haste, to bear the good news that a hostile world so needs to hear. The good news of Jesus victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil is not a story that can simply be absorbed by osmosis or contact with "nice people." Peace be with you brothers and sisters as we go into the world together to tell the story.

Pr. Erik

Svea Lutheran Church: Council Agenda-April 20, 2017

Present, John Burks, Courtney Carlson, Matt Erickson, Kathy Lindblad, Doug Johnson, Lois Nelson, Jessie Gatewood, Tammy Garberich

Absent-, Laura Christenson, Pastor Erik, Tracy Gorans

1. **Opening 7:00 pm**
2. **Devotions** – Kathy
3. **Council meeting minutes – March –approved by email**
4. **Pastor's Report- Pastor's Report for April, 2017**

Thank You to everyone who helped with the Holy Week Services this year. We had a strong attendance at each service with many volunteers helping with several of the elements.

Online Matthew's Passion Bible Study was launched with some success. There were at least 40 people who participated in the first session although participation dropped off towards the end. Pr. Peter Olson and I will be revisiting this for next year, and likely "re-tooling"

I was recently elected president of the Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ridgewater College.

Vacation Bible School plans are in the works. Possibly June 11-14 or June 18-21. The theme for this year will God's Call to the Refugee, the Orphan, and the Widow based loosely on the program we ran in 2015. I will be looking for help in putting this together. (Thank You Courtney for volunteering.)

I recommend that this congregation participate with Zachary Flannigan to affirm his faith in the Triune God. (Confirmation) on May 14. (Council to approve or deny this affirmation). *Council approved, motion made, 2nd and carried.* Council would like to congratulate Zach on his confirmation.

A reminder that Property Committee is up to give a temple talk in April and Parish Ed. is in May. On a side note, Greetings for Wartburg Seminary, the staff and students greet Svea in the name of Jesus Christ and thank us for our continued work of proclaiming the Gospel. We are highly encouraged to seek out those in our midst who may be considering a call to ordained ministry. It is forecasted there will be a great shortage of pastors in the years to come. The seminaries are working to be more flexible with changing populations in our pews, but we are all of us called to seek out leadership in our congregations and for the need of the whole church. This is a most restful and engaging conference I am attending, and look forward to speaking more to this when I return.

There were no Ministerial Acts this month.

Pastor's Dates: June 25-30 vacation

5. **Financial Report-** Doug Johnson presented to Council, and will be published in the Reminder.

6. **Committee Reports**

- a. *Stewardship, Finance, and Estate-* Full report will be published in the reminder. Highlights requiring Council Action were- SFE committee suggests that the newly hired Property Manager be issued a credit card for use as needed to preform needed repairs/purchases pertaining to property upkeep. \$500.00/month limit imposed on credit card. *Council approved, motion made, 2nd and carried.* SFE committee discussed the need to acquire a "fill-in" secretary while Deb is on vacation. Rachel will assist with all the secretarial duties except check writing and recording of offerings in Power Church Program. SFE committee recommends that council approach one of the previous employed secretaries and request that they fill-in with only the responsibilities of check writing and offering recordings while Deb is away. *Council approved, motion made, seconded and carried.*

- b. *Parish Education*- Meet on April 6. Discussed Vacation Bible School, Svea is hosting. Courtney volunteered to help. Possible VBS dates are the June 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st. Parish Ed to take care of the meal on June 18th. We will meet again on May 4, to discuss further plans. Discussion was on Child Protection Policy and we need to move forward on this for insurance reasons. Pastor has a sample policy we will look at and go forth. Along with this we would need Sunday school teachers in place by July for training. Parish Ed will do the Temple Talk on May 7, Lois will present. Pastor reported the on line bible study went well during Easter. Jake is finishing the True U study on Sundays. Discussion on Confirmation Sunday on May 14, Lois will contact the photographer, get the altar flowers and get the cake for the 9:30 coffee. Discussion was that in the future that this will be the duty of Parish Ed. Pastor will get the Bible. Noted that we have three high school graduates this year. Congratulations to Hannah, Taylar and Brooklyn. Meeting closed in prayer.
 - i. *Adult Ed*- no report
- c. *Property*- Property committee to possibly ask the cemetery board to help fund the improvement of the street access. The 2020 celebration. it was talked about asking the Building Fund to help with funding on enclosing the front under the awning. Carpeting is also being discussed; this would be for all but the sanctuary. Are looking at considering another bid. Discussed about types of carpeting and what would be best. The sink in the quilting room is done, and Mike put a new top on the Baptismal Font.
- d. *LMM*- No report
- e. *Worship and Music*- Pastor is gone April 23. Pastor Harvey will be here. May 7th is the last day of Sunday school. May 14 is Confirmation. June 4 is Pentecost- this will be a short service then will send out the congregation to go and gather peoples from the area and bring them back for communion and pot luck. This will be a 10:45 service. The summer service schedule will then begin on June 11 at 9:30 am
 - i. *Visual Arts*- Visual Arts also met April 9th at 10:15. We discussed taking down the altar on Thursday for Maundy Thursday and then the plan for things to go back up on Saturday night after the vigil. Also suggested that we have Deb send out and e-mail for Easter flowers. No new business.
 - ii *A/V committee*- Schedule for sound is being set up for June through the end of year.
- f. *Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Scholarship*-

Mission Committee Minutes

04/12/2017

Members present: Karen Schueler, Sherman Schueler, Pastor Erik, Doug Hopp and Holli Hopp

Absent: Kathy Lindblad, Tammy Garberich and Matt Erickson

- 1 Karen mentioned that our check book balance was \$2,177.95.
- 2 It was approved to give \$1,000.00 to ELCA Disaster relief.
- 3 It was approved to give \$300.00 to Ridgewater Campus Ministry to help with Meals for the students.
- 4 It was discussed to have a special offering for Green Lake Ministries on Sunday, May 21, 2017.
- 5 We volunteered to make a supper for Monday of VBS in June.

Scholarship

The following Scholarship were discussed and approved.

1. Jon Rundquist \$500.00 for Luther Seminary.
2. Brooklyn Lindblad \$100.00
3. Hannah Christopher \$100.00
4. Taylor Sowers \$100.00

The senior students will be presented with their scholarship gift on Sunday, May 21st 2017 at church service. A letter will be sent to each student asking them to be present at service for presentation.

Respectfully,
Holli Hopp

- a. *Library-*. No report

Memorial- We met April 9th at 10:00. They would like approval to buy 8 oz. plastic cups and 4 oz. ice cream bowls. Each item would cost around \$230.00. With shipping it would be around \$500.00 Please let Holli Hopp know when this is approved and she will order them.

- b. *Youth board-* Going to Give the Kids the World in Florida, dates are June 24 through July 1 have been confirmed. Plans are moving forward as scheduled.

6 Continuing business

- a. Deb will be taking leave of absence May 1st to May 17th ask Louise if she would be interested in doing checks and contributions for 2 weeks. SFE minutes, please note the council action was approved for a previous secretary to handle these duties.
- b. Property committee will give temple talk in April during announcements.

7 New Business

- a. Approve Scholarships for the 3 seniors Hanna Christopher, Taylor Sowers and Brooklyn Lindblad. *Motion made, 2nd and carried.* Council congratulates the graduates.
- b. Pastor Harvey will be here on the 23rd of April to lead in worship.
- c. In an effort to streamline church's operation, Committees with funds available are encouraged to pay bills in a timely manner as submitted to them or directed by council. *Motion made, 2nd and carried.*
- d. A friendly reminder- It has been brought to the council's attention we need to remind our younger youth the church is not a playground and need to be respectable of the Church Property.
- e. Special offering to the Fire fighters for hoods over their helmets on fire Fighter Sunday.

8 Communion Assistants

May 7 Tammy Garberich	May 14 Jessie Gatewood
May 21 Jon Burks	May 28 Doug Johnson

- 9 **Thank You cards** – none

10 **Next meeting date:** May 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm

11 **Closing prayer** The Lords Prayer

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Dave Chambers & Doug Hopp
 VISUAL ARTS: Holli Hopp & Louise Swenson

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
May 7	Jessie Gatewood	Sherman Schueler	Mary & LeRoy Hinthier
May 14	Philip Stadem	John Christianson	Dean & Darla Sowers
May 21	Gene Gatewood	Doug Johnson	Gary & Julie Newberg
May 28	Marny Behrends	Louise Swenson	Shelley & Tammy Garberich

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	ACOLYTES
May 7	Brian Gorans	Jake Vlaminck	
May 14		Scott Johnson	Mckayla Hopp & Ashley Behrends
May 21	Jake Vlaminck	Kim Gorans	
May 28		Jon Burks	Courtney Carlson & Kaylee Vlaminck

DATE	COMMUNION ASST	TELLERS
May 7	Tammy Garberich	6
May 14	Jessie Gatewood	1
May 21	Jon Burks	2
May 28	Doug Johnson	3



Orlando, Florida

HELP US FLY

FOR MISSION WORK AT GIVE KIDS THE WORLD!

Zach Hannah Taylor Courtney Erin
 Philip Laura Kaylee

To donate: take an envelope on the poster in the Narthex and place it in the offering plate.

Thank You!!

Pork Chop Dinner

At United Lutheran Church
Lake Lillian

Menu: Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw
Vegetable, Bread/butter, Beverages,
Desserts

Serving 4:30 – 7:00 pm

One chop dinner-\$10
Two chop dinner-\$13



Yearbook Correction

Betty Peterson
3120 N. Chestnut St, #103
Chaska, MN 55318

If you know of any other corrections
For the 2017 yearbook, please let the office know.
Thanks, Deb

SFE committee meeting 4-13-2017

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

Business:

1. Reviewed the financial statement of the General Fund dated 3-31-2017
YTD balance of – **(\$4772.99) negative**
\$1,061.16 greater **deficit** than month end February 2017
All benevolences paid through first quarter of the year
All expenses for March 2017 totaled \$12,397.80
Income totaled \$11,584.88

2. Current Line of Credit at Concorde bank has a ZERO balance
\$15,000.00 available to advance if needed

3. Building Fund currently holds approximately \$23,000.00
\$10,000.00 designated for parsonage repairs
Hail damage insurance claim payment

\$5,000.00 designated for Park Improvements

Partially funded by Tommy Swenson memorial money

4. SFE committee suggests that the newly hired Property Manager be issued a credit card for use as needed to perform needed repairs/purchases pertaining to property upkeep
\$500.00/month limit imposed on credit card
Council action requested

5. SFE committee discussed the need to acquire a “fill-in” secretary while Deb is on vacation

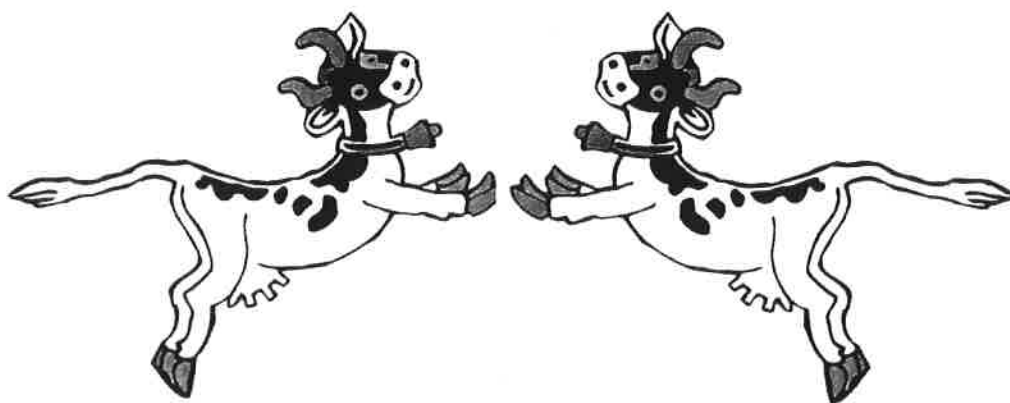
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SFE committee recommends that council approach one of our previously employed secretaries and request that they fill-in with only the responsibilities of check writing and offering recordings while Deb is away

Council action requested

6. Treasurer needs to collect employment paperwork from Jordan G. and Rachel R.
Jordan G. as our Property Manager
Rachel R. as our “temporary” church secretary- While Deb is on vacation

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer
Respectfully submitted, Doug Johnson, Secretary



Gatewood's' Barn Dance

Come on out to the Svea Church Barn Dance at the
Gatewood Farm
Friday, May 26th 8:00 - 10:00 pm

PICK UP WHERE YOU LEFT OFF AND LEARN SOMETHING NEW

There will be snacks, root beer & water

Clean up will be Saturday May 20th at 1:00 pm
If you have a broom, please bring it with.

Anyone who would like to donate a pan of bars is appreciated.

ALL AGES WELCOME





Greetings from camp!

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries (GLLM) is excited to be sharing the life-changing love of Jesus once again this summer! Our goal is to provide a safe place for children, youth, and families to learn and grow in their faith in authentic, new, and meaningful ways, all in the beautiful setting of camp. We invite you to spend time with us this summer as we engage in thoughtful Bible Study, energetic worships and delightful fellowship along with fun, laughter, and God’s abiding love guiding us each day! Attendance at Bible Camp is an experience that lasts a lifetime, planting seeds of faith that are powerful and sustaining. Join us this summer and ignite your faith in new and wonderful ways!

Our 2017 summer theme is “Faith: On Fire!” Campers will spend time at camp learning about how their faith is a gift from God, and how that faith can motivate their lives. Using the daily themes of gather, build, ignite, and feed, our summer staff will guide camper through fun and meaningful Bible studies that use scripture and interactive activities to fuel thoughtful conversations about “God’s role in their Lives. At the end of the week campers will have new ways to think about how they can be active participants in their faith life and the lives of other as well.

God’s peace,
Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Program Team

P.S. Make camp a priority this summer and see how it changes your life!

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**MARCH REMINDER 2017
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

	March 31, 2017	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 75,849.00		\$ 18,295.10
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 4,500.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,974.00		\$ 11,052.71
Total	\$ 155,823.00		\$ 33,847.81
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 29,075.22
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (4,772.59)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ 477.84
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (4,294.75)

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Handwritten: <i>May 1</i></p> <p>7 9:30 am last day of SCS; 10:00 am Coffee/fellowship 10:45 am Praise Service/Communion</p>	<p>1 7:00 pm AV Mtg</p>	<p>2 6:00am LMM Prayer</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:00 pm Parish Ed Mtg</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 9:30-10:30 am "I love Coffee" with Rachel at the Parsonage. Welcome!</p>
<p>14 10:00 am Coffee; 10:00 am Memorial Mtg 10:45WOV/ Confirmation</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6:00 am LMM/Breakfast/ Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm Council</p>	<p>19 8:00-10:00 pm Gatewood Barn Dance Reminder articles</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 10:00 am Coffee fellowship; 10:45 am Praise Service/Communion</p> <p>Recognition of Seniors</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 6:00 LMM/Prayer</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship; 10:30 am LBW/Communion Worship</p>	<p>29 AM Memorial Service in Cemetery Coffee following</p>	<p>30 6:00 am LMM Reminder Published</p>	<p>31</p>			<p>Family Promise here June 25-July 2</p>

May 2017
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1. Gene Gatewood
- 2. Gregory Garberich
Kylie Kowalczyk
- 3. Russ Nelson
- 4. Julie Bloch
Jared Ascheman
- 5. Shelby Boone
- 7. Linda Fixsen
- 8. Trudine Gorans
- 11. Philip Stadem
Tatum Schoeppler
Rai Anne Erickson
- 14. Virgil Swenson
Erica Rustad
- 17. Joshua Sebring
Jacob Ruter
- 19. Debra Negen
Daniel Swenson
Hailey Eischens
Jase Bowen
- 20. Katie Bloch
- 21. Andrew Lindblad
- 22. Travis Dahl
- 23. Jordan Gatewood
- 24. Kristen Bowen
- 25. Mason Munkholm
Max Munkholm
- 26. Thomas Freed
- 27. Michael Wenberg
- 28. Timothy Swierenga
Wesley Joel Thorson
- 31. Ethan Johnson
Mae Freeberg