

# *Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## *SEPTEMBER REMINDER*

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*You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,*

*so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.*

*O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever. Psalm 30:11-12*

When did we stop dancing?

If you were to stop in the church office on any given day of the week likely you would hear some form of outdated music, followed by the sight of a strange little man whirling about as if possessed by a restrained spastastic demon. We'll call that movement dancing for the moment, and it's not likely to be viewed in a public space. For while I enjoy the movement and energy involved in the creative process forming a sermon or newsletter article for example... I rarely move in such a way where peering eyes might see this expression. For the sake of this article let's bring dancing to its most basic form- a social activity of expression to the rhythm of a beat. We'll toss the idea that it has become entirely a precursor to a romantic encounter.

I imagine I am not alone in this isolated physical expression of music. Having attended more than a few weddings in my life, and other public functions we tend not to dance in view of the public. Barn dancing is the notable exception in this area. Barn dancing requires a small amount of skill and the ability to count to 3. There is also very little connection to another person as partners are thrown around like a whirling dervish in a shape resembling a square, or oval, or miss-shaped parallelogram. The opportunity for an actual connection to another person is remote. Perhaps this was the intent, developed in a time when merely touching another person was considered taboo?

Human beings suffer in isolation, it has been proven time and again that when we are left without human connections we suffer. We can surmise that the less we connect with the people around us, the more anxiety we begin to feel around our individuality. We become afraid to express our thoughts, emotions, and desires in public because we have lost our trusting connection to the neighbor. When was the last time you danced in front of another person or group for no other reason than you had something to express? When we look at young children, given some music and opportunity there is movement, unless they have been explicitly told not to move. If the children are in a group the movements become more energetic and evocative. This is their nature until the age where they have been conditioned by someone that such expression is unwanted. When were you told not to dance?

Enter now the church and the expression of worship we call the liturgy. The services of Holy Communion and Divine Word are essentially dances, there is movement, and expression to the words and music of the service. The way we move (or don't move) expresses our desire for love and forgiveness followed by our gratefulness for what has transpired in Jesus Christ. This is dance and expression we share with God's own spirit. We are connected in worship in the way that dancing often brings societies together to express great joy and sorrow. What if we were to carry that dance into the world around us? What if we were to dance more in general?

Perhaps if your neighbor were to see you they may want to join you? Dance more brothers and sisters- trust that the one who guides your movement seeks to bring you closer together.

God Bless you beloved children- Pastor Erik

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Doug Gorans & Terry Swenson  
VISUAL ARTS: Trudy Gorans & Christy Swanson  
ACOLYTES: Jacob Flannigan (9/17) Tyler Kowalczyk (9/24)

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
September 3	Marny Behrends	Louise Swenson	Jan Thompson & Ed Key
September 10	Pr. Erik	Matthew Johnson	Peggy & Wendell Dahl
September 17	Lois Nelson	Tucker Swanson	Bonnie & Pete Swenson
September 24	Jordan Gatewood	John Christianson	Karen & Sherman Schueler

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	TELLERS
September 3		Kim Gorans		4
September 10		Jake Vlaminck	Jon Burks	5
September 17		Scott Johnson		6
September 24	Jake Vlaminck	Kim Gorans	Doug Johnson	1



*Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Dear Rev Erik Rundquist & Parishioners*

*Svea Lutheran Members,*

*Thank you for your generous gift of \$72.00 given to GLLM. This gift was given from a special offering and is a terrific boost to camp! Your support is deeply appreciated and your thoughtfulness has been a blessing to our ministry. Thank you for helping us to reach others with the life changing love of Jesus in the vibrant setting of camps and retreats, our ministry depends on faithful donors such as yourself.*

*We want to thank-you for your generous donation to our S.E.Y. (Sexually Exploited Youth) Program. We appreciate your help in getting this information out to the community. It is people and churches like yours that make a difference in the lives of the exploited & victims of violence youth.*

*Thank you again  
God Bless You!!  
LSS Youth Programs*

*Sincerely,  
GLLM*



*We purchased your quilt at the Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction held recently, and just wanted to say thank you!*

*Dave & Esther Endicott  
Jenkins, MN*

### The Sin of Lying

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

## **Svea Lutheran Church: Council Agenda-July 21, 2017**

**Present**, John Burks, Matt Erickson, Kathy Lindblad, Doug Johnson, Jessie Gatewood, Pastor Erik, Tracy Gorans, Lois Nelson Tammy Garberich  
**Absent-**, Laura Christianson Courtney Carlson

### **Opening 7:00 pm**

1. **Devotions** – Pastor Erik
2. **Council meeting minutes** – June –approved by email
3. **Pastor's Report-** Pastor's Report for June, 2017 to be printed in reminder. In summary Vacation Bible school was good. Ketchup Sunday was a success. Working with Stevens Ministry in Lake Lillian. In the Murder Mystery Gala. Visited with Bishop John concerning the Campus Ministry. There were no Funerals, Baptism or Weddings.
4. **Financial Report-** Doug Johnson read the report that will be printed in the reminder.

### **Committee Reports**

5. *Stewardship, Finance, and Estate-*. To be printed in the reminder.
  - a. *Parish Education-* NO MEETING
    - i. *Adult Ed-* NO MEETING
    - b. *Property-* NO MEETING
    - c. *LMM- Golf July 21<sup>st</sup>* Gary Newberg and Jerry Negen to go. Doug Hopp will attend the Tri Annual National Meeting
    - d. *Worship and Music-* NO MEETING
      - I. *Visual Arts-* . NO MEETING
        - ii *A/V committee-* Talked about the News Letter on line in a more simplified form. Also email News Letters into one document instead of multiple documents
      - e. *Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Scholarship-* Met via internet. \$250.00 check to go to food shelf for the summer food drive.
      - f. *Library-*. NO MEETING
      - g. *Memorial-* To purchased glasses, ice cream dish's and two vacuums cleaners.
      - h. *Youth board-* Mission trip went well. Kids worked hard. Reported to the congregation during worship on July 5, 2017.

### **1 Continuing business**

- a. National night out on August 1, 2017. Matt to talk to sheriff to see if a car can come out and also the Blomkest Fire Department to see if a Fire Truck is available to come. Tammy will get water. Pastor Erik will get Ice Cream and put on the web site, also will ask the kids to hand out the invites.
- b. Talked about the Child Protection Policy if should be adopted. Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to adopt the Child Protection Policy.

### **2 New Business**

- a. A Security policy for the on line payments needs to be on file. Pastor handed out the Security Policy for Council review, to be discussed at the August meeting.

### **3 Communion Assistants**

August 13<sup>th</sup> Tammy Garberich  
August 27<sup>th</sup> Jessie Gatewood

- 4 **Thank You cards** – None
- 5 **Next meeting date:** August 17 2017 at 7:00
- 6 **Closing prayer** The Lords Prayer
- 7 **Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and adjourned**

## Svea Lutheran Church: Council Agenda-August 17, 2017

**Present,** Matt Erickson, Kathy Lindblad, Doug Johnson, Courtney Carlson

1. Pastor Erik, Tracy Gorans, Lois Nelson Tammy Garberich--- Doug Johnson presided the meeting in John's absence

**Absent-**, Laura Christianson, John Burks Jessie Gatewood

### Opening 7:00 pm

2. **Devotions** – Pastor Erik
3. **Council meeting minutes** – July, minutes –approved by email, Pastor Erik read minutes for those who were unable to open the attachment.
4. **Pastor's Report-** Pastor's Report for August, 2017. –Will be printed in the reminder—Highlights-Pastor said will be on vacation August 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. About \$950.00 was given to Lutheran Social Service from the Proceeds of the Dinner Gala in July.
5. **Financial Report-** Doug Johnson read the report that will be printed in the reminder.

### Committee Reports

6. **Stewardship, Finance, and Estate-**. To be printed in the reminder. Council action required on the Credit Card Policy. Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.
  - a. **Parish Education-** NO MEETING, but was discussed that have aproxamentley 30 children in attendance for Sunday School. Ryan and Courtney have said they will be available for teaching. But will need 6-8 teachers in total. Marny and Cammy will do the opening singing; The Library will possibly be open for book check out/activities during the Sunday School Hour.
    - i. **Adult Ed-** NO MEETING—but talked about, possibilities of having the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the TrueU for Adult Forum, in October possibly viewing the Reformation movie about Martin Luther. and will possibly have 3-4 bible studies for families
    - b. **Property-** Minutes were read and will be printed in the Reminder
    - c. **LMM-** Still meeting on Tuesday mornings at 6AM—Welcome to all men- please come
    - d. **Worship and Music-** to be printed in the reminder—Highlights are on September 10 Svea, Roseland and Blomkest will have a community service with packing Backpacks as a mission project. Also in October will have Hallow Eve service in Cemetery. Pete and Carrie are working with Campus Ministry Service at Ridgwater Willmar Campus.
      - I. **Visual Arts-** . NO MEETING
        - ii **A/V committee-** Report to be printed in Reminder—Highlights were on universal slides for projection, Pastor to possibly get a clicker to help with visual aids on the screens.
    - e. **Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Scholarship-** To be printed in reminder—highlights were received \$250.00 from Thrivent to help with expenses for filling the Backpacks on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September...
    - f. **Library-** NO MEETING
    - g. **Memorial-** To be printed in the Reminder—Highlights were they have purchased 2 shop vacs and discussed a handicap ramp for the parsonage for those that would be visiting the parsonage and required better access.  
**Youth board-** Courtney reported on her experience on the Mission Trip- was very amazing and rewarding.

### 1 Continuing business

- a. Talked about a bus for Church functions at a previous meeting- this was tabled for further discussion.
- b. Synod Campaign for ELCA- to raise funds for the Church Wide body has a Special Campaign to raise funds which supports missionaries/ Church development and such. Was discussed this would be a possible donation if there was a surplus of money at the end of the year.

### 2 New Business

- a. None

### 3 Communion Assistants

August 27<sup>th</sup> Jessie Gatewood  
September 10 John Burks  
September 17<sup>th</sup> Doug Johnson

- 4 **Thank You cards** – 3 were written

- 5 **Next meeting date:** September 21, 2017 @7:00pm

- 6 **Closing prayer** The Lords Prayer

- 7 **Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and adjourned**

Submitted Lois Nelson

**Pastor's Report for August 2017**

Summer Play- Raised \$956 for LSS MN and \$3400 roughly for murder mystery. Thank You to everyone who participated in this event.

**Pastor's Report the Highlights**

Fall Programing is Starting Again, SS, Confirmation, LL, Campus Ministry, Collegial Gatherings, WAMA, and Family Promise Funding Raising.

Sunday School and Confirmation programs are starting soon. Thank you for those who have volunteered to teach this year.

God's Work Our Hands Sunday will be held Sept. 10 at Blomkest Community Center in partnership with Roseland Reformed Church and Blomkest Baptist Church.

**Ministerial Acts:**

Funeral for Jennifer Johnson 8-7

**Pastor's Dates:**

August 24-26 vacation

September 24-26 Fall Theological Conference

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**Svea Church Library**

The library committee is putting together new activity bags with coloring sheets, colored pencils, crayons and books for our youth to enjoy during our Sunday service. The activity bags will be hanging outside the library ready for Sunday mornings starting September 17th!

**Minutes from meeting:**

Library Committee Meeting - 8/20/2017

Present: Mary Hinthner, Teresa Johnson

The library committee will be putting together activity bags to include bible coloring sheet, colored pencils, crayons, clip boards and books for our youth to enjoy during church services. New hooks will be mounted on the wall below the library window for easy access to grab on the way into church and replace after service. These will be available starting September 17th.

Funds to purchase supplies will come from our annual budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Johnson

**Stewardship, Finance, and Estate meeting 8-13-2017**

**Present:** Doug H., Doug J., Peter S., Jake V., Pastor Erik R.

**Absent:** Karen S., Jon B., Gene G.

**Business:**

1. Reviewed the statement of the General Fund dated 7-31-2017
  - a. YTD balance of **Negative (\$2,477.70)**
    - i. plus, our designated transfers of **\$1,239.00**
    - ii. plus, our balance due on LOC at Concorde bank **\$8,675.00**
  - b. Totaling **Negative (\$12,391.70)** as of 7-31-2017
  - c. Total intake of \$22,905.80 in July 2017
    - i. Offerings, LOC advancement, SVU monies, and out of property fund
  - d. Total checks written \$11,836.60 in July 2017
2. Credit card policy adopted by council for VANCO- electronic giving
  - a. Paid a small fee for not having policy in place in June 2017
3. Next meeting: Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Johnson, Secretary

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**JULY REMINDER 2017**

**SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

	July 31, 2017	Budgeted	Year To Date
<b>Disbursements - Staff</b>	\$ 75,849.00		\$ 43,327.12
<b>Mission Support</b>	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 10,275.00
<b>Operation - Expenses</b>	\$ 61,974.00		\$ 32,372.94
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 155,823.00</u>		<u>\$ 85,975.06</u>
<b>Year to Date Receipts</b>			<u>\$ 83,497.36</u>
<b>Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses</b>			\$ (2,477.70)
<b>Net Designated/Transfer</b>			<u>\$ 1,239.00</u>
<b>Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer</b>			<u>\$ (1,238.70)</u>

***BORROWED MONEY***

<b>Loan from Building Fund as of July 3, 2017</b>	\$ 8,675.00
<b>Total Funds needed for July</b>	\$ 12,391.70

# Community Get Together!

Blomkest Community Center

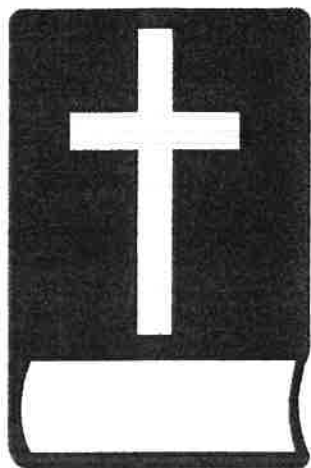
Sunday September 10, 2017

10:45 A.M.

Church Service

Lunch

Work project for all ages!

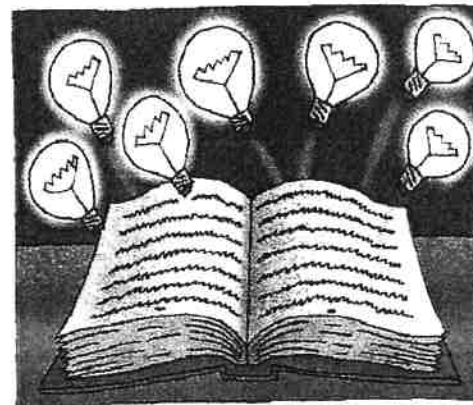


Roseland Reform

Blomkest Baptist

Svea Lutheran

Please Come!





This Year we will be joining with Roseland Reformed , Blomkest Baptist Churches for a joint worship, lunch, and mission project. Our mission project will be to assemble lunches for students at MACCRAY schools week-end lunch program. This is a highly accessible project for all ages. To assist with this project we are looking for donations of single serving food items see list below. These donations can be dropped off at church or

brought with to the community center September 10th for the project. Lunch will be provided. Portions of this project are being paid for with funds from Thrivent Financial.

We are collecting single serving non-perishable food items for a joint food-packing event. This is a list of the items that have been used in the past. It is **very important** that these items have a list of ingredients on **each unit** of the package. This is not an exhaustive list by any stretch, but should be helpful.

French Vanilla Cereal  
 Blueberry Toast Cereal  
 Lasagna Box Dinner  
 Tuna  
 Nutri-grain Fruit Bars (misc)  
 Rice Krispie Treats (1 Big One or 5 Small Ones)  
 Chili Nacho Chips  
 Juice - Grape  
 Mandarin Oranges  
 Almond Cereal  
 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Bar or Chocolate Chip  
 Protein Bar  
 Lasagna Cup  
 Peanut Butter Packets  
 Graham Crackers  
 Crackers  
 Oatmeal Cookies  
 Apple Sauce  
 Canned Chicken  
 Chef Boyardee—Ravioli, Spaghetti,  
 Raisin Boxes



## Family Promise News

Our next Family Promise Host Week is only a few days away, September 3 - 10. 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 guests 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 of the bedrooms.



The volunteer sign up begin Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. There are three ways to sign up:

- go to our church website at [www.svealutheranchurch.org](http://www.svealutheranchurch.org) and click on the Family Promise tab
- sign up at church on Sunday mornings
- call or email Karen Schueler--phone 995-6568, email [shkaschu@frontiernet.net](mailto: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 Goal Reached

I am very happy to report that Family Promise exceeded its matching fund goal of raising \$20,000.00 by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so very much to everyone who helped Family Promise reach this goal! A special thank you also goes out to the anonymous family who offered this matching fund grant.



## Sunday Morning Coffee

Thank you to those of you who have made coffee and served treats during coffee time so far this summer.

There is a new sign-up sheet now available in the fellowship hall to sign up to serve coffee during August, September and October.

If you are willing to serve on a Sunday morning, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall or call Karen at 995-6568. All proceeds from coffee hour go to support mission projects throughout the year. THANK YOU!!

**Your mission money at work!** The mission committee just sent a \$250.00 check to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf (formerly the Willmar Area Food Shelf) to help in their dollar for dollar matching fund raising effort going on during the month of July.

# Young leaders making a difference

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[ELCA.org/hunger](http://ELCA.org/hunger)



"A lot of the opportunities that used to exist for developing job skills and leadership skills – working in mom-and-pop shops or having paper routes – are missing now," says the Rev. Patrick Cabello Hansel of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. Recognizing the need for these skills, St. Paul's started the Young Leaders program. In the program, youth ages 11 to 15 participate in career tracks that include activities such as painting murals, growing food in community gardens or leading community initiatives. The Young Leaders program is supported in part by a grant from ELCA World Hunger.

"We don't just take kids who are stars," Pastor Hansel explains. "We've seen kids who are really troubled and watched them become more responsible, more focused and grow as leaders in school and in the community."

The program has had a huge impact. When

Carmen\* first came to the Young Leaders, she was quiet and shy. The confidence she gained, though, encouraged her to use her talents to become a leader among her peers. In time, Carmen developed her creative writing skills and became co-editor of *The Phoenix of Phillips*, the program's literary magazine. Her talents and leadership skills led to a scholarship offer from one of the premier private high schools in the area.

St. Paul's Young Leaders program is helping change the community by accompanying youth who will – and are – making a difference. "A lot of people have a negative view of youth as troublemakers," says Pastor Hansel. "But here, the youth get to see a community of Christians that cares about them, and the community can see their leadership and responsibility at work."

*\*Name changed for privacy*

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 I have enclosed my gift of \$250  
 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail** Make your check payable to "ELCA World Hunger." Place your gift in your congregation's offering plate or mail it to:

ELCA  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009



**Online** [ELCA.org/hunger/donate](http://ELCA.org/hunger/donate)

**Phone** 800-638-3522



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## SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>3</b> 9:30 am LBW Service 10:30 Coffee fellowship</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p>Family Promise</p>	<p><b>5</b> 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer 2:00 pm Peace at church</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Marikay's 7:00 pm Mission Mtg</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>10</b> 10:45 am Joint Worship/ Communion/Lunch at Blomkest Community Center</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 6:00 am LMM/ Bible Study/Breakfast</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation/ "How We Worship"</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:00 pm SFE</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b> <b>9:30 am SCS</b> 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am WOV Worship 12:00 (noon) Confirmation</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer</p>	<p><b>20</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:00 pm Council</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>24</b> <b>9:30 SCS</b> 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship; 10:45 am Praise/Communion Worship 12:00 (noon) Confirmation</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>Reminder Articles Due</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Reminder Published</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>

**SEPTEMBER 2017  
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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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|---|---|
| 1. Carter Christopher<br>Kaylee Vlaminc | 15. Sandra Landin<br>Leia Todd                        |
| 2. Ana Palmquist                        | 16. Joshua Gravley<br>David Erickson                  |
| 3. Lucy Brink<br>Max Brink              | 17. Kari Stadem                                       |
| 4. James Gorans                         | 20. Karen Schueler                                    |
| 5. Douglas Johnson                      | 22. Brian Gorans<br>Peggy Dahl                        |
| 6. Deborah Johnson<br>Cameron Behrends  | 24. Leroy Hinthier<br>Jon Barber                      |
| 8. Tristan Swenson                      | 26. Tami Newberg<br>Delphia Swenson                   |
| 9. Matthew Gorans<br>Brooklyn Lindblad  | 27. Patty Thompson<br>Ethan Swierenga                 |
| 10. Carleton Larson                     | 29. Wendell Dahl                                      |
| 11. Calmon Peterson                     | 30. Laura DeWenter<br>Keith Oslund<br>Araya Palmquist |
| 12. Marc Gorans<br>Tiffany Rustad       |   |