

# *Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## *November REMINDER*

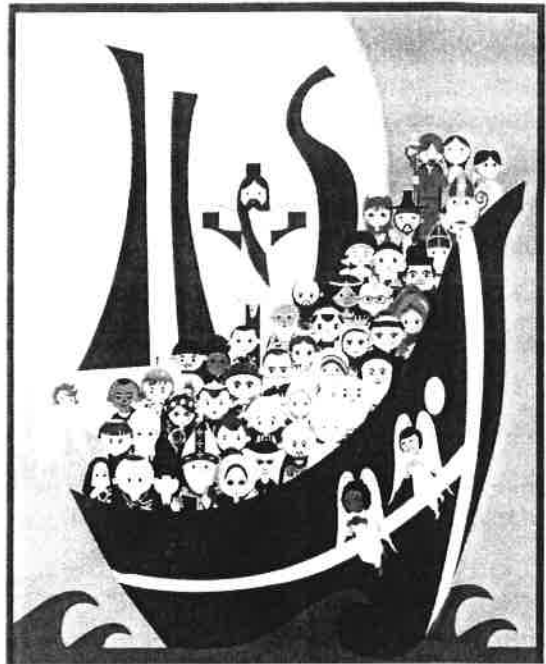
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*"Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one within your great design." -For All the Saints vs. 4 Lutheran Book of Worship, #174*

This month plays host to my favorite holiday. The celebration of All Saints Sunday, and the days of feasting that lead up to it, All Hallows and All Souls. This 3 day festival often combined in the celebration of All Saints Sunday is a day of celebration which illumines the work and purpose of the church as a community of faith. This holiday has been often over-looked and under appreciated by the larger community.

This holiday pays special tribute to the faithful Christians who though sinful throughout their life, also exemplified the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ.

We remember our dearly departed as those who were beacons to us in our growth as disciples. We remember the saints of long ago who persevered in faith despite dangers of being fed to lions, tigers, and bears. We come together to share in the Holy meal of communion which unites us all in the love of God. As our hymnody for day declares: in this person of Jesus Christ found in bread and wine, those still living struggle against the forces of sin which plague us; those who have departed shine in the glory of peaceful rest: still all of us are brought together by God's intention and design.



Truly an occasion to celebrate and remember often.

God's peace and hope be with all you saints in Svea and abroad!

Pr. Erik

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

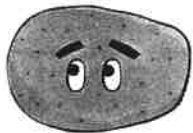
USHERS: Bruce Nelson & Gary Nelson

ACOLYTES: Matthew Johnson (10/5); Ashely Behrends (10/12); Jacob Flannigan (10/19)  
Steven Carlson (10/26)

VISUAL ARTS: Karen Schueler & all Team Members

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
November 5	Jordon Gatewood	Tucker Swanson	Deb & Lyle Portinga
November 12	Holli Hopp	John Christianson	Kathy & Mike Lindblad
November 19	Camy Erickson	Sherman Schueler	Dianne & Scott Johnson
November 26	Jessie Gatewood	Anne Christianson	Andrea & Jerome Jacobson

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	TELLERS
November 5	Jake Vlaminck	Kim Gorans		1
November 12		Brian Gorans	Laura Christianson	2
November 19	Scott Johnson	Erin Johnson		3
November 22			Lois Nelson	3
November 26		Kim Gorans	Matt Erickson	4



### POTATO TOPPER LUNCH and WATCH THE VIKINGS!

*Sunday, November 12th  
after worship services.*

10% OF PROCEEDS DONATED  
TO FAMILY PROMISE

Sponsored by Svea Luther League

Freewill Donation

**Everyone is welcome!**



**Thank you** for the collection of \$353 from your joint worship service of Blomkest Baptist, Roseland Reformed and Svea Lutheran. The money given to the **MACPAC** program will be used to supplement food for children on weekends. Thank you again for your generosity.

The MACPAC Committee



### A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

*Come and help Lois Erickson celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Saturday, November 18, from 2:00-5:00 pm at the church fellowship hall.*

*Everyone is welcome  
God's blessing to her!*



Thanks to Jeremy Carlson and his family for making our cemetery and park look beautiful again this summer.

## Pastor's Report for Council October 2017

### Attended Fall Theological Conference

- Lecture on Prophetic Preaching and Consistency within each Gospel Narrative
- Lecture on better and more effective communication

### Family Promise

- We will be hosting training session for volunteers hopefully in November.

Attended Family Promise Donor Dinner. We need to consider reaching out to all members

- Led Bible Study as a substitute for Pr. Teresa Kraft at Bethesda Community
- Met with Luther League to help plan events. Discussed Luther League Play and potato topper

### Ministerial Acts:

Baptism for Owen Holland September 24

Funeral for Sarah Garberich October 7

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Have you ever said to yourself, "Gee I'd like an Olive Wood carving from Bethlehem, Palestine, of Martin Luther holding the Bible to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation?"

Well, never fear now you can have your very own replica of the famous German reformer who inadvertently helped shape Middle Eastern politics and global trade nearly 5 centuries after his death.

We have a supply of Palestinian carvings depicting Luther as well as many other scenes and images of the faith, direct from Bethlehem, Palestine. These carvings will be for sale before and after services from now until Christmas.

All the proceeds from the sales will go to strengthen the witness of Christians living in the Holy Land struggling to hold onto their identity in the midst of nearly overwhelming opposition.

There is a display in the fellowship hall of this and many other pieces for sale. With questions or further information please contact Deb Portinga in the church office.



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

**Present:** Jon Burks. Kathy Lindblad. Tammy Garberich. Pastor Erik. Jessie Gatewood. Doug Johnson

**Absent:** Lois Nelson, Tracy Gorans, Courtney Carlson, Matt Erickson

### Opening 7:00 pm

1. **Devotions** – Pastor Erik
2. **Council meeting minutes** – August minutes –approved by email
3. **Pastor's Report-** Pastor's Report for September-Will be printed in the reminder—Highlights-Family Promise, 10 people here at Svea. Could use more volunteers.
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-* programmable thermostats are installed
    - c. *LMM-* Still meeting on Tuesday mornings at 6AM—Welcome to all men- please come
    - d. *Worship and Music-*
    - e. *ii A/V committee-*
    - f. *Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Scholarship-* Talked about joint worship service on Sunday 9-10-2017. Talked about joint mission project Gods work our hands. Talked about family promise. \$500.00 sent to hurricane relief.
  - F *Library-*
  - G *Memorial-* Memorial committee is going to pay for new refrigerator in parsonage...
  - H *Youth board-*

### 1 Continuing business

### 2 New Business

- a. Nominating comment should meet soon. Ballot should be approved on December Council Meeting

### 3 Communion Assistants

October 1 Tracy Gorans

October 15 Courtney Carlson

October 29 & 31 Kathy Lindblad

### 4 Thank you cards – 1 written

### 5 Next meeting date: October 17th, 2017 @7:00pm

### 6 Closing prayer The Lords Prayer

### 7 Motion made 2<sup>nd</sup> and adjourned



## Family Promise News

**Our next Host week is Thanksgiving Week November 19-26. I know that is a very busy time, but please consider helping out. We will begin volunteer sign ups on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Remember you can sign up to volunteer at church on Sundays, on our website at [svealutheranchurch.org](http://svealutheranchurch.org), or by calling Karen Schueler at 995-6568. We have volunteer opportunities for set up and take down, driving the FP van, cooking and serving evening meals, cooking and serving Sat. breakfast, evening hosts from 5:15 to 8:15, overnight hosts, and laundering of bedding.

Also, the 2018 Family Promise Host Week Schedule is out. Svea is hosting these dates next year:

January 21 – January 28

April 8 – April 15

June 24 – July 1

September 16 – September 23

November 4 – November 1

Please mark them on your calendars.

Thank you so very much for any help you can give. Karen Schueler, FP coordinator



### Coffee Hour

We all love our coffee and treats Sunday mornings and we are looking for volunteers to help make the coffee and to also bring treats. Please sign up to serve on the list in the fellowship hall where you get your coffee.

### Fall Food Shelf Drive

The Mission Committee is once again sponsoring a drive at Svea for the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. We will be having a special offering for the Food Shelf on Sunday, Nov. 19. Envelopes for this offering will be distributed with the Sunday bulletins on Nov. 12 and will also be available on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will also have a collection basket out for any non-perishable food donations. All food donations need to be delivered to church by Sunday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.



### Salvation Army Christmas Drive

The Advent and Christmas season is fast approaching. This time of year is filled with opportunities to share our abundant blessings. Please consider donating toys or personal items to the Salvation Army in Willmar. For your convenience, we will have a box in the Narthex available for donations from Thanksgiving to December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Calling all abled bodied faithful folks who would like to help model and shape the faith of our youth. We are starting our "Friends in Faith" program with our confirmation students in the month of November. If you are interested in serving as mentor, please contact Pr. Erik.



Dear Svea Church,

Thank you for your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response of \$1,262.00. Through your gift, you're spreading joy and changing lives throughout our shared community, and we're honored to be stewards of your generosity.

Personal donations are made possible through a partnership with Thrivent Financial and InFaith Community Foundation, a national charity with a mission to serve donors, spread joy and change lives through charitable giving. The Foundation, which is independent of Thrivent, offers simple, innovative giving options, to fit a donor's financial circumstances and charitable interest. Through Donor Advised and Collaborative Funds, donors decide when and how they give in order to take full advantage of tax benefits. The Foundation carefully manages these gifts and together with donors, grants more than \$10 million annually to charities serving local, national and global communities.

To learn more about creating a personal giving plan and legacy, contact a Thrivent Financial representative or INFaith Community Foundation at [contact@InFaithFound.org](mailto:contact@InFaithFound.org) or 800.365.4172.

Thank you again for your gift.

Sincerely,

Chris Anderson

President and Executive Director

Global Missions  
Committee Meeting  
October 12, 2017

Present: Doug Hopp, Holli Hopp, Pastor Erik Rundquist, Sherman Schueler, Karen Schueler, Matt Erickson, Kathy Lindblad, Tammy Garberich

We have a checking account balance of \$777.30 in our Global Missions account.

We discussed Mission Sunday, Oct. 15. Christina Nelson will speak about her trip to our companion synod in South Africa last February. A special offering for Disaster Relief will be taken.

We will again promote the Kandiyohi Area Food Shelf in November with a special offering on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Karen will put up a poster and basket for collecting food items.

After Thanksgiving, we will set up a collection basket for Christmas Salvation Army collections.

During Advent we will promote a mitten tree. We will ask everyone, especially children, to bring in mittens, gloves, hats, scarves to be donated to various local organizations.

With all of the natural disasters we have had in this country and around the world, the Lakeland Conference WELCA is emphasizing LWR personal care kits. We agreed to ask for donations for these kits, as we have a couple of times in the past, featuring one item per week during each week in Lent (starting Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>).

Our next Family Promise Week is November 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. This is Thanksgiving week. We discussed serving our pie/coffee after the Wednesday service in the Green room (quilting area) instead of in the fellowship hall.

Sarah Chambers has recently been on a mission trip to Germany and we agreed to give her \$500.00 from the Scholarship Fund to help with her expenses.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Karen Schueler, treasurer



A BIG THANK YOU TO **RACHEL** FOR VOLUNTEERING HER  
TIME IN KEEPING OUR WEBSITE UP TO DATE.  
[svealutheranchurch.org](http://svealutheranchurch.org)

## Stewardship, Finance, and Estate meeting 10-12-2017

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

**Absent:** Gene G., Jake V., Jon B.

**Business:**

1. Reviewed the statement of the General Fund dated 9-30-2017
  - a. YTD balance of **Negative (\$2,318.56)**
    - i. LOC at Concorde Bank \$6,675.00
    - ii. Building fund loan \$2925.00 (to be reimbursed with LOC)
    - iii. Designated transfers \$100.00
  - b. Total General Fund offerings for September 2017- \$8,023.54
  - c. Total checks written- \$11,301.08
2. Discussed briefly Synod guidelines for 2018 Pastor's Salary
  - a. 5% increase-health insurance
3. Next meeting: Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 pm.  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Johnson, Secretary

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### SEPTEMBER REMINDER 2017

#### SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	September 30, 2017	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 75,849.00		\$ 54,850.97
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 13,500.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,974.00		\$ 39,415.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 155,823.00</b>		<b>\$ 107,766.73</b>
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 101,348.17
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (6,418.56)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ 100.00
<b>Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer</b>			<b>\$ (6,318.56)</b>

#### ***BORROWED MONEY***

Transfer Building Fund Savings	\$ 2,925.00
Loan from Bank Line of Credit	\$ 6,675.00
<b>Total Funds needed for August</b>	<b>\$ (15,918.56)</b>



## Times Gone By—1967

### Reformation Pageant

450<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION  
Senior High School, Willmar MN

Fifty years ago, Local Community Members put on a Reformation Pageant including scripture readings, hymns and a pageant with five scenes.

Scene I....The Church—in the 1500

Scene II...Time for New Life

Scene III...The Diet of Worms

Scene IV...Lutheranism in America

Scene V... The Witness to the World.

Pastor A. B Pearson gave the announcements and Virginia Fixsen did a clarinet solo.

The full significance of the call for freedom was voiced by the 95 theses posted on the door of the CASTLE CHURCH in Wittenberg. This event was the beginning of the modern age of freedom for the will of man.



### Reformation Day

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#### INSPIRATIONAL STORY-Sent in by Lois Nelson

**A 10 year old little girl was asked by another classmate, "what is it like to be a Christian?". The girl replied, "it's like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then he cuts open the top and scoops out all of the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."**



*Dates: 11/12/2017*

*Time: 7:00pm*



## **Blomkest Baptist Church**

# *Harvest Fest*

Blomkest Baptist Church is holding their annual Harvest Celebration on Sunday evening, November 12th at 7:00 pm at the church. Crow River Band will provide an evening of musical entertainment.

### **EVERYONE WELCOME**

A free will offering will be for the Legacy House and Religion and Life Center at Ridgewater College

Free evening with pie and coffee to follow.

**Blomkest, MN**

The Legacy House, a place for people to come, free in need of clothes or household items.



# **Tuffda Day**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Atwater

## **Saturday, Nov. 4**

9 am - Noon

Coffee from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Scandinavian Meal  
from 10 a.m. - Noon

**Take Out Meals Available**

### **Scandinavian Meal includes:**

- Open Face Sandwich  
*(Rullepølse, Turkey or Ham)*
- Chicken Wild Rice Soup
- Fruit Soup
- Rømmegrøt
- Lefse
- Specialty Cookies


Handmade Gifts & Crafts • Puzzles  
Farmers Market with Fresh Produce

Baked Goodies including Scandinavian Treats & Lefse  
*(including kringla, almond cake, rosettes, krumkake, sandbakkels & more)*

Wayne's Peanut Brittle • Quilts • Much More

*Please join us for a morning of fun and fellowship!*

# NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Confirmation 6:30 pm	2 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Linda Roelofs	3	4
<b>5 Daylight Saving Ends</b> 9:30 am SCS 9:45 am Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am Praise Service	6	7 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer  2:00 pm Peace Circle at Church	8  <b>NO</b> Confirmation	9 6:30 pm Mission Mtg  8:00 pm SFE Mtg	10	11 9:30-10:30 am "Coffee with Rachel" at Parsonage  
12 9:30 am SCS 9:45 am Coffee fellowship & <b>Memorial</b> Mtg 10:45 am WOV/Communion <b>12:00 noon Potato Topper</b> <b>Lunch/Vikings game</b>	13	14 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study/ <b>Breakfast</b>	15  6:30 pm Confirmation	16  <b>Happy Birthday</b> <b>Pastor Erik</b>  7:00 pm Council	17	18  Lois Erickson 85 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebration <b>2:00-5:00 pm at church</b>  Turkey Bingo at Blomkest Community Center
19 9:30 am SCS & Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am Praise Service	20	21 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer	22  <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b> <b>Service/Pie &amp; Coffee</b>	23  <b>Happy</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	24  Reminder articles Duel!	25
<b>Family Promise</b> 26 9:30 am SCS & Coffee Fellowship 10:45 am <b>Healing Service/LBW</b> Communion	27  <b>Family Promise</b>	28  <b>Family Promise</b> 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer  <b>Reminder Printed</b>	29  <b>Family Promise</b> 6:30 pm Confirmation	30  <b>Family Promise</b>	<b>Family Promise</b>	<b>Family Promise</b>

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SVEA MN 56216**



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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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| 1. Frank W. Christianson<br>Roy Boone<br>Cameron Swenson | 14. Rodney Anderson<br>Lois Erickson                     |
| 2. Christopher Gorans                                    | 16. Rev. Erik Rundquist<br>Sarah Leshuk<br>Patrick Knake |
| 3. Cori Thompson   | 17. Reid Christianson<br>Jamie Thorson                   |
| 4. Bonnie Swenson  | 21. Amber Oslund   |
| 6. Joseph Tonsfeldt                                      | 22. Marcia Solbrack                                      |
| 7. Christy Swanson<br>Melinda Swierenga                  | 24. Zachary DeGraw                                       |
| 8. David Chambers  | 25. Judy Larson<br>Brantley Thorson                      |
| 10. Patricia Flannigan                                   | 26. Emily Carlson  |
| 11. Joel Stadem<br>Daniel Stadem<br>Luke Freed           | 27. Peter Swenson<br>Betty Swenson                       |
| 13. Byron Feifarek<br>Wesley Daniel Thompson             |  |