

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

JANUARY REMINDER

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As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. “And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” “And immediately they left their nets and followed him. “As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. -Mark 1:16-20

“This year I’m going to eat less chocolate,” is an example of an annual promise I make to myself. Generally, we call these promises “resolutions.” These may seem like constitutionally mandating a socially acceptable alteration to brag about. We may all make promises related to the new year. However, we all know that these are often lofty goals and only marginally true. A resolution is generally only true in the understanding that words create reality, but the absolute truth of that statement is likely in conflict with experience. Rarely, have I ever tracked my chocolate intake, or made other practical steps to reduce my consumption of this beautiful creation of God. While it may be an admirable goal, most resolutions are rarely carried for more than a few weeks. January and the New Year brings along the season of Epiphany the season of light and the story of God’s calling through Jesus Christ to all people to be fishers of people. The beauty and wonderful nature of God’s call state that it’s not an option for Christians. It’s a command “Follow me!” The cross stuck on our forehead mandates that we follow him. We are Christologically mandated to follow in God’s own footsteps. The question for each of us in this new year, now that the choice has been made for us, how are we going to respond? Perhaps, it would be a good time to read the scriptures for some guidance in this task? Perhaps joining an assembly of people in discussing and living out God’s guidance is a good start if the task we have been given seems difficult? What would it mean for each of us to more intentionally increase our reading of the scripture along without participation in the assembled community? We are God’s good resolution for this year, what will that mean for you?



Pr. Erik

Pastor's Report for December 2017

Thank You to everyone who participated in the preparation and setup of the Senior Dinner.

A reminder that we are all responsible for the care and visitation of one another.

Midweek Advent services are completed for the year.

Thank You to Kari Stadem for providing the music on Wednesday Evenings.

The use of incense will not be practiced for the remainder of the season.

Work with Family Promise continues in our efforts to procure sustainable funding from the larger community.

Thank you to the Mission cmte. For dispersing their funds to various ministries outside the congregation.

We will be having a joint worship service with Roseland Reformed, and Blomkest Baptist hosted by Roseland Reformed on January 14th at 9:30. No Sunday School in Svea. Multi-generational activities to be held at Roseland.

I have applied for student debt reduction through the SWMN synod. To possibly be awarded in January.

Thank you to Gretchen Lindblad, Camy Erickson, Marny Behrends, and Ryan Erickson for their work with the Sunday School.

Thank you to the congregation for joining in Christmas festivities at the Parsonage on January 17th. Rachel and I always enjoy company.

I will be starting EMR training on January 11th to be completed by March 29

No Ministerial Acts this month.

Pastor's Dates:

January 21, Annual Meeting

February 10, Equipping Congregations Day

February 16-21 vacation

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Scott Johnson & Andy Lindblad
ACOLYTES: Jacob Flannigan (1/7) Steven Carlson (1/21) Ashely Behrends (1/28)

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
January 7	Gene Gatewood	Louise Swenson	Deb & Lyle Portinga
January 14	None	None	Linda & Bob Roelofs
January 21	Jordan Gatewood	Tucker Swanson	Patti & Dave Chambers
January 28	Lois Nelson	Karen Schueler	Deb & Dale Tonsfeldt

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	TELLERS
January 7	Jake Vlaminck	Scott Johnson	Tracy Gorans	4
January 14	None	None		5
January 21	Brian Gorans	Brian Gorans	Kathy Lindblad	6
January 28		Kim Gorans		1



Thank you so very much for the delicious noon meal, the "Goody Bag" and the

entertainment on December 2.

Thank you, also, to all the workers and entertainiers. It was all very enjoyable.

Sincerely, Evie Bendel



Thank you very much for your recent donations! We appreciate this so much, especially during this holiday season.

Thank you for organizing a fund drive through the church for us- this helps us out a lot!

Thank You,

Board of directors & Staff

Kandiyohi County Food Shelf



Joint Worship Service

There will be a joint worship service with Blomkest Baptist and Rosland Reformed Churches on January 14th at 9:30 am. A potluck dinner will be served following the service. Svea members are asked to bring a salad.



Annual Meeting

Church's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21st after worship services.

A potluck dinner will follow. Last names starting with A-L bring a salad, M-Z bring a hotdish and Coucil members a dessert.

Family Promise News

Our next Host week is January 21- 28. Sign up for volunteers will begin December 31st. Remember you can sign up to volunteer at church on Sundays, on our website at 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.

Svea is hosting these dates in 2018:

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

Opportunities for Missions

Coffee Hour- Please sign up to serve!!

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. This is an easy way to help with missions. **As of December 24th, coffee donations have raised over \$1200.00 for missions!**

Sunday January 21th is Family Promise Sunday!

Our first week of hosting begins this day and we will be receiving a special offering for Family Promise of Kandiyohi County. Envelopes for this special offering will be available on Jan. 7th and at worship on Jan. 21st.

Coming Up during Lent:

Because of all of the disasters that have occurred over the past months we are going to be collecting items for LWR Personal Care Kits during the Lenten season. Please start checking out sales on:

sturdy combs

adult size toothbrushes

metal nail clippers

bath-size bars of soap

light weight bath-size towels (between 20"x40" and 52"x27") dark colors preferred

More information will be printed in the February Reminder

Svea Lutheran Church Council Minutes-November 16, 2017

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

Absent: Courtney Carlson, Lois Nelson

Opening 7:00 pm

1. **Devotions** – Pastor Erik
2. **Council meeting minutes** – October minutes –approved by email
3. **Pastor's Report-** To be printed in Reminder.
4. **Financial Report-** To be printed in Reminder.
 - a. *Stewardship, Finance, and Estate-*. To be printed in the reminder.
 - b. *Parish Education Family* Sunday planned, mentor program to be started again. Wed eve.
Adult Ed- No meeting
 - c. *Property-* To be printed in Reminder
 - d. *LMM-* Serving pie for Thanksgiving Eve. Working on book of Ezekiel
 - e. *Worship and Music-*
 - i Visual Arts. No Meeting
 - ii *A/V committee-*
 - f. *Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Scholarship-* .
 - g. *Library-*
 - h. *Memorial-*
 - i. *Youth board*
5. **Continuing businesses**
 - a. nominating will finalize ballot.
 - b. Senior Dinner meal
 - c. Christmas program December 17th, December 24 snow day.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Declare housing budget. \$10,000 Pastor Declared for 2017.
 - b. Age and Frequency of communion. 1- Every Sunday Communion in 2018. To help those that can't be there every Sunday. Discussion on lowering age for child receiving communion. More discussion about this.
7. **Communion Assistants**
 - November 12, Laura Christenson
 - November 22. Lois Nelson
 - November 26. Matt Erickson
8. **Thank You cards** – 1 written
9. **Next meeting date:** December 21, 2017 @7:00pm
10. **Closing prayer** The Lord's Prayer
11. **Motion made 2nd and adjourned**

Submitted Lois Nelson

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Tammy Garberich, Jessie Gatewood,

Absent-Lois Nelson, Courtney Carlson

Opening 7:00 pm

1. **Devotions** – Pastor Erik
2. **Council meeting minutes** – November minutes –approved by email. Pastor’s report in Reminder.
3. **Pastor’s Report-** Pastor’s Report for December 2017. –Will be printed in the reminder.
4. **Financial Report-** Doug Johnson read the report that will be printed in the reminder. 2018 Budget recommended by Finance Committee as passed.

Committee Reports

5. *Stewardship, Finance, and Estate-*. To be printed in the reminder.
 - a. *Parish Education-* NO MEETING
 - i. *Adult Ed-* “Is the Bible Reliable” series will be held in the Winter months.
 - b. *Property-* Met December 10, discussed updates on bathrooms. Will get estimates. Some lights were fixed.
 - c. *LMM-* Still meeting on Tuesday mornings at 6AM—Welcome to all men- please come
 - d. *Worship and Music-*Christmas Eve Service will be held at 5:00 pm and the 9:30 am Christmas Day Service in the Barn will be held at the Debbie & Dale Tonsfeldt farm.
 - e. *Global Missions, Evangelism, Social Ministry, and Scholarship-* minutes in reminder.
 - f. *Library-*. Mary doing a great job keeping library organized.
 - g. *Memorial-* NO Meeting
 - Youth board-* Selling Calendars, Svea buttons and note pads. Checking into attending Leadership Quest in the summer.

1. Continuing business

- a. 2018 ballot was approved for the annual meeting.

2. New Business

- a. None

3. Communion Assistants

January 7, Kathy Lindblad

January 21, Tracy Gorans

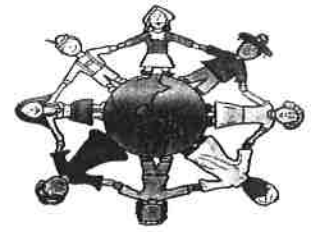
4. Thank you cards – 2 were written

5. Next meeting date: January 25, 2018 @7:00pm

6. Closing prayer The Lords Prayer

7. Motion made 2nd and adjourned

Global Mission Committee Minutes for Dec. 13



The Global Mission Committee met after Advent Service.
 Present: Pastor Erik Rundquist, Tammy Garberich, Sherm Schueler, Doug Hopp, Holli Hopp and Karen Schueler

We talked about distributing our available funds to different organizations and agreed on the following:

Hope Pregnancy Center - \$150.00
 Safe Avenues - \$150.00
 Salvation Army - \$150.00
 SWMN Synod Advent Gift - \$150.00

Doug & Holli Hopp are retiring from membership on the Mission Committee and we thanked them for their many years of dedicated service on this committee.

No new meeting was scheduled at this time.
 Karen Schueler, treas.



NOVEMBER - DECEMBER REMINDER 2017 SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 1 thru December 27, 2017	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 75,849.00	\$ 72,933.00
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,974.00	\$ 54,441.32
Total	\$ 155,823.00	\$ 145,374.32
Year to Date Receipts		\$ 141,318.26
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses		\$ (4,056.06)
Net Designated/Transfer		\$ -
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer		\$ (4,056.06)

BORROWED MONEY

<i>Funds Available from 2016</i>	\$ 4,000.00
Total Funds available November - December 2017	\$ (56.06)

Pastor O.E Turnquist and his family
(served Svea from 1937-1947)



PASTOR AND MRS. O. E. TURNQUIST
ARLYNNE, MARILYN, AND CAROLYN

Times Gone By
1937-1947

Pastor O.E Turnquist was Pastor in Svea from April 1937 until August 1947. Pastor Turnquist carried out a very energetic rural church program. The brotherhood was organized in 1938. Extensive repairs and improvements were made at the parsonage and church and the debt accumulated during the depression was liquidated. His balanced preaching of the law and Gospel stimulated faithful church attendance. Pastor Turnquist helped the church celebrate its 70th Anniversary. Arlynne Turnquist is still a member of Svea Church. She serves as an interim Pastor in Fresno, California at the Shepherd of the Valley Church. Pastor Turnquist and his wife are buried at Svea Cemetery.

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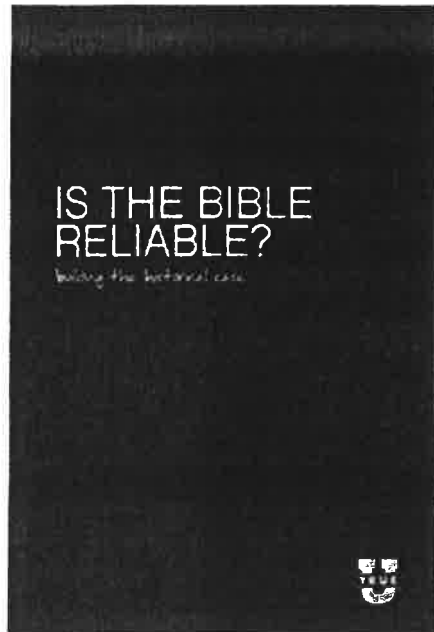
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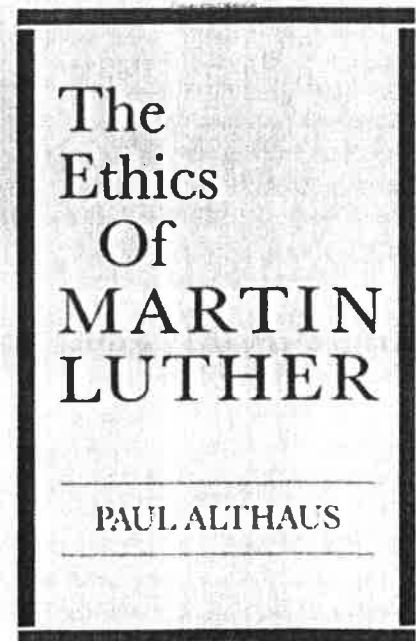


Starting in January we will be discussing and reviewing the question of "Is the Bible Reliable?" it is the second portion of the course from TRUE U. This course should provide some interesting discussion around a text all Christians hold in Common. We begin at 9:30 on January 7th in the fellowship hall.

In the Library:

For those interested in a uniquely Lutheran perspective of the place of theology in daily living this short book by German theologian Paul Althaus has aged well. First written in 1972 it covers areas of law, vocation, marriage, and family life. I highly recommend this text for those curious about the Christian response to the stresses of the world. Ages 16+

-Pr. Erik



Stewardship, Finance, and Estate meeting 12-14-2107

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

Absent: Doug J., Karen S.

Business:

1. There are no monies borrowed from the building fund.
2. Have 13,675 line of credit debt.
3. We are running about normal Year to date on expenses.
4. As of December 13, we need 16,403.25 to be even at year end.
Offerings received in November: \$15,120.09
Offerings to date in December: \$7102.50
As of December 14, it looks like we will meet our budget but still have our line of credit debt.
5. There are no large expenses to the end of the year other than normal budgeted expenses.
6. We will come in under budget for expenses for the year.
7. Still need to transfer 1,000 to youth from the budget.
8. Pending any action from council we will pay all expenses and carry our line of credit debt into next year if needed.

Acting Secretary,
Gene Gatewood

New Guardian Angel programs being organized in Omaha, Atlanta and Denver

The courtroom was packed with mothers and children of all ages. Jeni, a young mother who fled gang violence in El Salvador, appeared that day with her children, ages 2 and 5. "When I met Jeni before court, she was nervous about what might happen even though she had found a lawyer after asking the judge for more time to do so. But her lawyer wasn't with her and she was nervous. We talked in the waiting room. She explained everything to me and then accepted my offer of a short prayer as she waited for her name to be called. Then I accompanied her in court," said Mary Campbell, a Guardian Angel volunteer and program director for the ELCA AMMPARO program.

AMMPARO is the ELCA's strategy for Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities, which includes the Guardian Angel program. The program is the physical presence of the church in court. We bring our faith with us wherever we go, but this is the intentional presence of the church in courtrooms to accompany migrant children and families during their



hearings and legal processes.

To glimpse what it is like to accompany migrant children and families through the Guardian Angel program, watch a video at [Vimeo.com/157458987](https://www.vimeo.com/157458987).

Present, prayerful support in confusing and difficult circumstances

Volunteers in Los Angeles and Chicago attend court wearing either Guardian Angel T-shirts or buttons. They talk with families and children before hearings, help them understand what to expect in the courtroom, answer questions and offer to pray with them. Margie Rivera, a Guardian Angel in Chicago, said, "The experience is exhilarating! I saw their faces change from serious concern to almost a smile of relief as I explained that help is here to accompany them in court."



And Hellen Rios Carrillo, a volunteer in Chicago, said, "Our warm presence,

accompanying and praying is very important. For most, their rights are being denied and finding friendly faces of people who respect them and are willing to show support in those moments are vital."

New Guardian Angel programs are being organized in Omaha, Atlanta and Denver. The Omaha program is a collaborative program of the Nebraska and Western Iowa synods. Contact the Rev. Rebecca Sheridan at rebecca@nebraskasynod.org for information. To sign up for the programs in Atlanta or Denver, contact Barbara Tedlow (Atlanta) at nanbarbarasnead@icloud.com or the Rev. Alena Lamirato (Denver) at pastoralena@yahoo.com.

For information about AMMPARO and the Guardian Angel program, go to ELCA.org/ammparo or contact Campbell at mary.campbell@elca.org.

JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year! 2018	2 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 2:00 pm Peace Circle at church/potluck	3 6:30 pm Confirmation	4 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Delphie's/potluck	5	6
7 9:30 am SCS; 10:00 am Coffee/fellowship 10:45 am Praise Service/Communion	8	9 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer	10 6:30 pm Confirmation	11 1:00 pm Quilting	12	13  9:30-10:30 am "Coffee with Rachel" at Parsonage
14 9:30 am Joint Worship Services at Roseland Reformed Church/potluck following	15 	16 6:00 am LMM/Breakfast Bible Study	17 6:30 pm Confirmation	18 1:00 pm Quilting	19	20
21 9:30 am SCS; 10:00 am Coffee fellowship & Memorial Mtg: 10:45 am Praise Service/Communion/ Annual Meeting/ potluck Family Promise>>	22 Family Promise>>	23 6:00 am LMM/Prayer	24 6:30 pm Confirmation	25 1:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm Church Council Family Promise>>	26 Reminder articles due! Family Promise>>	27 Family Promise>>
28 9:30 am SCS; 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship; 10:45 am LBW Worship	29	30 6:00 am LMM/Prayer Reminder Published	31 6:30 pm Confirmation			

January 2018
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2. Jeremy Negen
Troy Erickson | 15. Troy Bjerkness
Douglas Peterson |
| 3. 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 |