

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

MAY REMINDER

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The month of May generally plays host to the feast of Pentecost; the descent of the Holy Spirit to the disciples and believers gathered together. We remember in this time the formation and empowering of God's working on earth in the ministry of the whole church. During this season of *time after Pentecost* during the Sunday service we will be commemorating different saints of the church as examples of what discipleship has looked like, or might look like for others.

To kick off this practice we begin with my favorite: Saint-Eric of Upsala, Sweden; patron saint of Stockholm. His day is still remembered in the Lutheran Church as May 18. King Eric was known as "Lawgiver" he was also known for being a warrior of some renown who led the first Swedish crusade against the [then] pagan Fins. On May 18, 1160 during the Ascension Day Mass he was informed of a Finnish strong man, and raiding party seeking his life. Legend records the King as proclaiming, "Let us at least hear the Mass, which we shall soon receive in paradise."

Rather than retreating to safety or taking up arms in the midst of the gathered Christian assembly, after the proclamation of Gospel had been heard, he and his men at arms walked calmly into the company of his enemies where they were immediately cut down and beheaded.

Although the authenticity of this legend is questionable at best, it does serve to illustrate the work of faith in face of certain death. The world in which King Eric lived was often violent, tribal, and brutally sectarian. Yet, his witness to the grace of God offered at the table as the power over death contributed far more to disciplining his enemies than his work with either the sword or the law. Shortly after his assassination many tribes in Finland began to request and play host to Christian priests and churches. There are some glossed over details to this history, but the point remains- our truest witness to our faith lies in practicing what we believe whatever besets us.

May the Spirit of all grace continue to strengthen the resolve of all the saints in Svea and abroad!

Pr. Erik

SAINT ERIC



Minutes from Svea Church Council meeting April 19th, 2018.

7:30 p.m.

Present: Lois Nelson, Dustin Moran, Matt Erickson, Pastor Erik, Kathy Lindblad, Tammy Garberich, Doug Johnson, Tracy Gorans, Courtney Carlson, Gene Gatewood.

Absent: Kaylee Vlaininck

The meeting was called to order by Doug Johnson and Pastor Erik led with devotions.

Council approved the Confirmation of Ashley Behrends on May 20th, 2018.

We discussed using real bread for communion.

Family Promise will be at Svea May 20-27, 2018.

Laurie Burks has agreed to be the, Volunteer Youth Coordinator for Svea Luther League. She will be installed on Sunday April 22, 2018. There will also be a dinner for the youth and their parents following the church service that day.

Council composed a Church closed weather policy. Pastor Erik will call into Operation Snow desk (or Weather desk) by 7:00 am on Sunday morning. In Pastors absence the President of Council will make the call.

Church safety needs will require more discussion at a later time.

The Sunday school children along with any adults wanting to participate, will be packing Care packages, (1-towel, 2 soaps, a nail clipper, toothbrush and a comb) during the Sunday school hour on April 22, 2018. These packages will be sent out by the Mission committee.

A Barn dance is scheduled at the Gatewood farm, May 25th, 2018.

The Svea Softball team needs a coach. Possibly Dustin Moran. We are unsure who is going to play this year.

The signature card for the Scholarship Fund is moving from Holli Hopp to Tammy Garberich.

The question of how to pay the bills while running under our Operating deficit was brought up. Council advised to continue the same way Doug has been doing it. Floating money from the building fund to the general fund.

3- Thank you cards were sent out.

Communion assistants are, Matt Erickson – April 22, 2018. Gene Gatewood April 29, 2018 and Lois Nelson May 6, 2018.

Next meeting: May 17th, 2018 @ 7:30.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Gorans



Pastor's Report for April 2018

Helped lead Luther League Lock-in.

Thank you to Jordan Gatewood, Kristi Oberdieck and Jon Burks for their assistance and leadership with this event. There were 8 youth who participated.

Thank You to everyone who helped with Holy Week services. This was a meaningful experience for many who attended services as well as myself.

Attended the Valparaiso Institute of Liturgical Studies-

-The topic of conversation centered around the development of an active catechumenate and living as a church in Baptismal promises. Next year will focus on Holy Communion.

Planning for Confirmation of Ashely Behrends – Council Action Needed

Planning for Youth Activities into the summer and revitalizing Luther League with the help of our new Youth Coordinator: Laurie Burks.

There were no ministerial acts

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Back to the Basic Bible Study

Started on April 29th, there will be two Bible Studies on Sundays. One at 9:30 am Sunday morning at Church and one at 4:30 pm at the Parsonage. The bible study reflects old stories we were taught in Sunday School. We will try to provide sitters for small children at the afternoon gathering. Everyone is welcome to attend.



2020 Anniversary Book Update

The 150th Anniversary of our Church will be here before you know it. The committee has done a wonderful job establishing the scope of the project, writing articles, gathering stories, recording events, and tossing ideas around. We are now at the point where we need you to step up to the plate and share your memories, photos, and suggestions. A survey/questionnaire was e-mailed out last week, also check the church narthex to learn more about how you can contribute to our Celebration or contact Jan Thompson.

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASST MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>GREETERS & OFFERING</u>
May 6	Gene Gatewood	John Christianson	Dianne & Scott Johnson
May 13	Jessie Gatewood	Tucker Swanson	Andrea & Jerome Jacobson
May 20	Jordan Gatewood	Anne Christianson	Jan Thompson & Ed Key
May 27	Marny Behrends	Holli Hopp	Lynn Hallberg & Troy Erickson

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>
May 6	Scott Johnson	Erin Johnson	Ashley Behrends & Austin Palmquist
May 13		Brian Gorans	Jacob Flannigan & Steven Carlson
May 20	Jake Vlaminck	Scott Johnson	Matthew Johnson
May 27		Kim Gorans	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASST</u>	<u>TELLERS</u>
May 6	Lois Nelson	4
May 13	TBD	5
May 20	Doug Johnson	6
May 27	Kathy Lindblad	1

Congratulations

---TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE---

Ashely Behrends will be confirmed on May 20th. Congratulations and God's blessing to her.

Best Wishes to Emily Behrends, Laura Christianson and Erin Johnson. They are 2018 High School graduates this year. Senior recognition will be on Sunday, May 27th.

Congratulations to Laurie Burks. She was installed on Sunday, April 22 and will be the Volunteer Youth coordinator for the Svea Luther League.

Way to go!

MARCH REMINDER 2018

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	March 31, 2018	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 76,727.00		\$ 16,622.18
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 4,500.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,447.00		\$ 15,868.17
Total	\$ 156,174.00		\$ 36,990.35
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 30,439.58
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (6,550.77)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ (179.30)
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (6,730.07)

BORROWED MONEY

Transfer Building Fund Savings			
Loan from Bank Line of Credit	\$ 2,475.00		
Total Funds needed for MARCH	\$ (9,205.07)		



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is one of America's most treasure patriotic observances. In that tradition, we honor those who have given their lives defending our freedom. To all who have served and sacrificed in the line of duty and to their families, we give THANKS and will always remember.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made, and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.





Gatewood's Barn Dance

Come on out to the Svea Church Barn Dance at the
Gatewood Farm
Friday, May 25th 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 19th 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





Sunday Morning Coffee

Summer is fast approaching and so are our Sunday morning after worship coffee times.

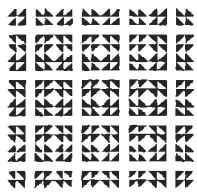
If you are willing to bring treats and serve coffee on a Sunday morning during June, July or August, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall or call Karen Schueler at 995-6568. All proceeds from coffee hour go to support mission projects throughout the year. THANK YOU!!

THANK
YOU

100 Personal Care Kits Assembled

The Global Mission Committee sends a hearty thank you to everyone who donated items and money for the Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. We collected enough toothbrushes, soap, nail clippers, combs and towels to prepare **100 kits**. We also received enough money to ship the kits and buy toothpaste to be added to the kits upon arrival to their destination.

During the Sunday School hour on April 22nd our Sunday School kids and adults put all the kits together. What a fun time we had! The kits will be boxed up and taken to the SWMN Women's Convention in June and then will be delivered with all the other kits collected from our synod to Lutheran World Relief. Last year over 200,000 personal care kits were to delivered to people all over the world who suffered from drought, floods, famine, earthquakes, hurricanes, wars, and political relocations.



Thursday Afternoon Quilt Ladies

Many thanks to May Freeberg, Ina Holt, Marlene Erickson, Louise Swenson, Holli Hopp and Karen Schueler who spent their Thursday afternoons at church (plus many hours at home) during January through mid-April making 28 quilts. These quilts will be on display during worship on Mothers' Day, May 13th and will then be donated to several charities including Safe Avenues, Salvation Army, Lutheran World Relief and one to the Green Lake Bible Camp Auction.

Also, thanks to Lois Erickson who joined the quilt ladies and spent her time knitting a few dozen infant hats for the new arrivals at Rice Hospital.

Family Promise News



Family Promise Host Week is just a few weeks away - May 20-27. 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 will begin Sunday, April 29th. There are three ways to sign up:

- go to our church website at 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
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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.

Also, please note we have a quick turn around to our next hosting week June 24 – July 1.

Thank you so much for volunteering!

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Why is it good to volunteer?

The more we give the happier we feel. **Volunteering** increases self-confidence. You are doing **good** for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a **volunteer** can also give you a sense of pride and identity.

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Pamphlets and brochures are available on the table in the Narthex

Svea Lutheran Church Women
12561 15th St SE
Svea, MN 56290

Dear Svea Lutheran Church Women,

Bethesda is pleased to announce that construction of our new Town Center and Chapel renovation project began last month!

This project will enrich the lives of our seniors through access to destinations on the Bethesda campus; places to go, people to see and things to do. Most importantly, our residents and families will have a new Chapel that will accommodate everyone worshipping together. Other destinations include a café, gift shop, children's play area, enrichment room, walking trail and family gathering spaces.

Bethesda has been blessed with the opportunity to receive a \$350,000 Challenge Grant to assist in the completion of the new Town Center and Chapel on campus! The grant, sponsored by six local families who asked to remain anonymous, means that all new pledges or contributions to Bethesda, if made between now and June 30, 2018, will be matched dollar for dollar.

To raise the matching funds needed to receive this grant opportunity, the Caring Hearts Club has been established! Enclosed, you will find copies of the program brochure that will give you a better understanding of the Caring Hearts Club. **Your consideration of displaying the brochures or distributing to congregation women who may have an interest in supporting our seniors is much appreciated.**

If you would like to host a presentation on the program to your women's groups, we would be happy to share more about how this project will enhance the lives of the senior's in our communities.

I can be reached on my direct line at 320-214-5600 or via email at stefanier@bethesdawillmar.com. Thank you for your partnership in mission and ministry.

With Gratitude,

Stefanie Ryan, Director
Bethesda Foundation



P.S. 100 Caring Hearts is a great way to honor a wife, daughter, mother or grandmother!

100 Women. 100 Caring Hearts.



Become "1 of 100" Caring Women Building the Heart of Bethesda

You are invited to join Bethesda's Caring Hearts Club! Become "1 of 100" Caring Women for the Town Center. 100 Women/100 Caring Hearts is an appeal where 100 women (or more) contribute \$1,000 each to collectively raise \$200,000. That's right, \$200,000!

How is that possible? Because every \$1,000 donation will be matched, dollar for dollar, by a group of local families through Bethesda's Challenge Grant!

If you've already made a pledge, thank you. Here is another opportunity to give and double your donation. Be "1 of 100" women and make an even bigger impact through the matching Challenge Grant.

TIME IS A FACTOR! We have until **June 30, 2018**, to get 100 women committed to impacting the future of Bethesda. Your donation will help us build our new Chapel and Town Center - the Heart of Bethesda.

To acknowledge your donation, a beautiful nameplate honoring you (or a loved one) will be placed on the Caring Hearts donor wall at Bethesda.

Contributions are also welcomed in honor of mothers, daughters, grandmothers, wives, friends and work-place women and in memory of those who have passed. **This contribution makes an excellent gift for a birthday, Mother's Day or anniversary.** What better way to be remembered.

How can you be "1 of 100" Caring Women?

- 1) Donate or Pledge \$1,000
- 2) Ask 3 women to join you and do the same

Together we can make this Town Center happen!

YOU CAN AFFORD TO SUPPORT!

Here's the Breakdown -

<u>One Year Pledge:</u>	<u>Two Year Pledge:</u>
\$250 per quarter or	\$125 per quarter or
\$83.34 per month or	\$41.67 per month or
\$19.24 per week or	\$9.62 per week or
\$2.74 per day	\$1.37 per day

Contributions to 100 Women/100 Caring Hearts can be made via the following ways:

- 1) Check or cash gifts are welcomed. Make checks payable to "Bethesda Foundation."
- 2) Online through our secure donation platform at www.BethesdaWillmar.org
- 3) Contact Stefanie Ryan, Foundation Director:
Email: stefanier@bethesdawillmar.com
Direct Phone: 320-214-5600










Thank you for your consideration of making a positive difference in the lives of our seniors.

For More Information: 901 Willmar Avenue SE | Willmar, MN 56201
320-214-5600 | www.BethesdaWillmar.org

**Bethesda
Foundation**

The Bethesda Foundation strives to build community by encouraging generosity, promoting civic engagement and enhancing the quality of life for those we serve through philanthropy.

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 am LMM Bible Study/ Breakfast 	2 6:30 pm Confirmation	3 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Marlene Erickson's	4	5  9:30 -10:30 am "Coffee with Rachel" at Parsonage
6 9:30 am SCS & Bible Study; 9:45 am Coffee fellowship: 10:45 Praise Service/Com 4:30 pm Bible Study at Parsonage	7 May 6 th 9:30 am SCS appreciation and family event	8 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer	9 6:30 pm Confirmation	10 8:00 pm SFE Mtg	11	12
13 9:30 am SCS & Bible Study; 9:45 am Coffee; 10:45 WOV Service/Com 4:30 pm Bible Study at Parsonage Happy Mother's Day	14	15 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer	16	17 7:00 pm Church Council 	18	19 1:00 pm barn cleaning at Gatewood's 
20 Confirmation 9:30 am SCS & Bible Study; 9:45 am Coffee; 10:45 Praise Service/Com 4:30 pm Bible Study at Parsonage	21	22 6:00 am LMM Bible Study/Breakfast 	23	24	25 8:00 pm Barn Dance at Gatewood's 	26  Reminder! due Family Promise
27 Sr Recognition 9:30 am SCS & Bible Study; 9:45 am Coffee fellowship: 10:45 LBW Service/Com 4:30 pm Bible Study at Parsonage	28 Memorial Day 	28 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer	30 Reminder published	31		

**MAY 2018
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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