

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

JUNE REMINDER

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The line “You’re looking at now, now. Everything that happens now, is happening now” and the scene in which it takes place is one of my favorite scenes and dialogue in the whole of my theater experience.

For those who have seen the science fiction spoof film “Spaceballs” directed by Mel Brooks, this particular line of dialogue may bring some smiles. It is strange way for the director to illustrate the then current practice of releasing video cassette movies almost immediately after their arrival in theaters. At this point the characters in the movie are patiently waiting for the next part of the film to begin by watching the movie which they are in the process of filming in a comedic fashion.

This scene can also be an amusing illustration for the life of the church. During the late spring through early fall the church practices the season of ordinary time or time after Pentecost. We seem to spend our summer waiting. We often struggle in the “nowness” of discipleship. The anticipation of Advent is not yet here, the solemnity of Lent has passed us by as well as the thrill of Easter.

We are in the routine of being the church presently, here and now. So, what do we do? Well, we drink coffee, and... sometimes we even find the time to attend the Sunday service. But, we can't really just sit drink coffee, and twiddle our thumbs for six months, so we find things to do like: Vacation Bible school, Church league softball, and summer fundraisers. All of which are well intentioned, and genuinely good expressions of the Gospel. Perhaps however, beyond VBS, fun games of softball, and murder mysteries we might consider that we are the church together living in the now. St. Paul writes concerning the voice of the Lord,

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

*‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’*

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! - 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

There will never be a better time than the present to remember God’s blessings in the hearing of the Word, the receiving of the Sacraments, and the practicing of God’s grace together even because of the activities we use to keep ourselves occupied in this ordinary time. This is the time of ordinary people in the ordinary church, who have experienced extra-ordinary grace in Jesus Christ. Perhaps now is the time to talk with a loved one about baptism? Perhaps now is the time to consider your call to ministry? Perhaps now is the time to study the Holy book with your friends? What are we going to do now friends in faith?





Pastor's Report for May

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Wild Game Feed. Thank you to Pete Stadem and Family for your presentation.

Confirmation has completed its classes for the year- thank you to parents and students for your support. I am looking forward to next year

Back to the Basics Bible Study continues and will continue through the summer. We will no longer have an afternoon session.

We are always looking for help with Family Promise- especially over-night hosts. We are looking for two individuals who might be willing to spend a night or two at church.

BWCA Luther League trip is planned for July 15-20. Still looking for a female chaperone, currently 7 youth and 2 adults are accounted for.

Outdoor services planned for June 3, and July 8th

There were no ministerial acts this month.



Worship & Music Committee Meeting- May 1, 2018

May 20th-Confirmation Sunday. Ashley Behrends will be confirmed.

June 3rd, Summer worship schedule starts at 9:30 am
Also, worship service at Kandiyohi Park # 1 at 11:00 am.

July 8, 9:30 am-outdoor church services in the Svea Park.

June-Synod Assembly. Pastor Erik will lead Saturday am worship service for assembly.

August 5th at 9:30 am-outdoor church services in Svea Park.

Discussed having communion services every Sunday.

September 9th, 10:45 am Rally Sunday.

Clean Up Your Neighborhood

Community Park Clean Up and Potluck on Saturday June 23, from 8:00 a.m. to lunch time. We are hoping for a community-wide event. Please join for some community service and stewardship of our park space.

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Mike Lindblad & Gary Newberg
 VISUAL ARTS: Holli Hopp & Louise Swenson

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
June 3	Camy Erickson	Karen Schueler	Teresa & Doug Johnson
June 10	Holli Hopp	Tucker Swanson	Anne & John Christianson
June 17	Gene Gatewood	Sherman Schueler	Louise & Dan Swenson
June 24	Marny Behrends	Holli Hopp	Trudy & Doug Gorans

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	TELLERS	COMMUNION ASST
June 3	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	2	Matt Erickson
June 10		Jake Vlaminck	3	Tammy Garberich
June 17	Scott Johnson	Erin Johnson	4	
June 24		Brian Gorans	5	



Svea Church,
 I would like to express many thank you for your generous gift of \$100. I intend on saving

this money for future use. Following High School, I will enjoy summer for a few months before I leave for United States Marine Corps boot camp. Boot camp is at MCRD Parris Island, South Carolina. After graduating from boot camp and officially becoming a Marine, I will begin training in Missouri at Fort Leonard Wood, Finally, after all the training I will receive a duty Station and begin working in the Marin Corps as a Motor T Operator.

Thank you + God Bless,
 Emily Behrends

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up his countenance on you, and give you peace" Numbers 6:24-26



Seasonal "Christ in our Home" "Devotional Booklets for July, August, September are now available for pick-up in the Narthex.

VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 24-27 from 6:00-7:30 pm with supper at 5:30. VBS program will be on Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm.



Anyone looking into attending college, Pr. Erik has information about Church Universities.



Svea Softball Schedule for June
 (all games are played at Swanson Field in Willmar)

June 7: 6:15 pm at Red
 June 14 6:15 pm at Red
 June 21 7:15 pm at Red
 June 28 7:15 pm at Yellow

APRIL REMINDER 2018

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	April 30, 2018	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 76,727.00		\$ 25,293.15
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 5,775.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,447.00		\$ 20,861.39
Total	\$ 156,174.00		\$ 51,929.54
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 48,600.81
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (3,328.73)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ 419.18
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (2,909.55)

BORROWED MONEY

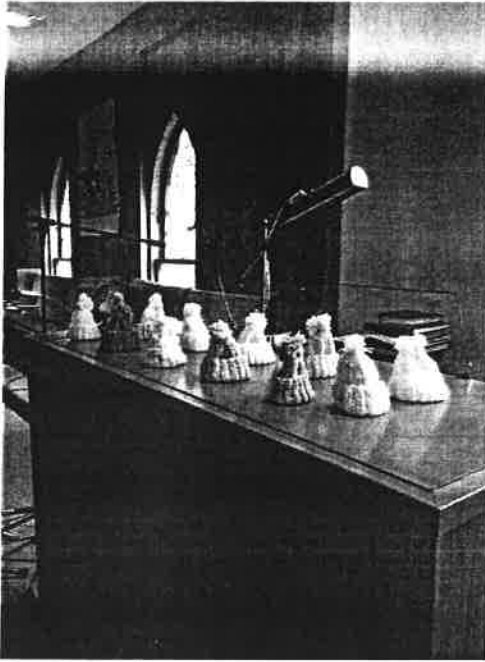
Transfer Building Fund Savings	\$ 175.00
Loan from Bank Line of Credit	\$ 7,300.00
Total Funds needed for April	\$ (10,384.55)



Stewardship-Finance Meeting- May 10, 2018

1. Two payments of Portico were made in April as there were no payments paid in March.
2. As of April 31, we have spent 1/3 of this year's budget.
3. \$7,300 line of credit has been spent of the \$15,500 of the available funds.
4. Discussion on tax laws and effects of charitable giving. Amy Biggot, ELCA Regional gift planner, will be speaking with SFE about Endowment funds.
5. Talked about 2020 goal funding for carpet. In 1992 carpet expense was \$9,412.00.

May Church Events



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 were displayed on Sunday, May 13th during worship service. The quilts will 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.



Congratulation to Ashley Behrends on her recent affirmation of faith.
Confirmation was on May 20th.



Family Promise News

A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone who helped with Family Promise from May 20 through 27th. We had a busy week serving 2 single women and one family of a mom and son all week; as well as another mom and toddler son who were with us for just one night.

We have a very short turn around before our next host week – June 24 – July 1. 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, June 3rd. There are three ways to sign up:

- go to our church website at and click on the Family Promise tab
- sign up at church on Sunday mornings
- call or email Karen Schueler--phone 995-6568, email

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.

On a side note – Family Promise is the same week as Vacation Bible School, so it will be a very busy week!

Thank you so much for volunteering!

Sunday Morning Coffee



Summer is here and so are our Sunday morning after worship coffee times!

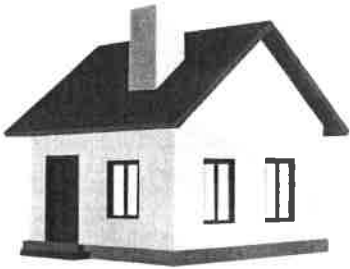
If you are willing to bring treats and serve coffee on a Sunday morning during June, July or August, please sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall or call Karen Schueler at 995-6568. All proceeds from coffee hour go to support mission projects throughout the year. **THANK YOU!!**

By the Numbers

Median House Value in our zip code: \$128, 194

Avg. Mortgage Payment: \$1,178 a month.

Median Student Debt Load for MN in 2016: \$25,548



The average price of corn in 2017 was \$3.57 a bushel.

In 2014 it was \$4.05 a bushel.



Average Income in our zip code in 2012 was: \$63,140

Estimated Household Income for 2016: \$73,320



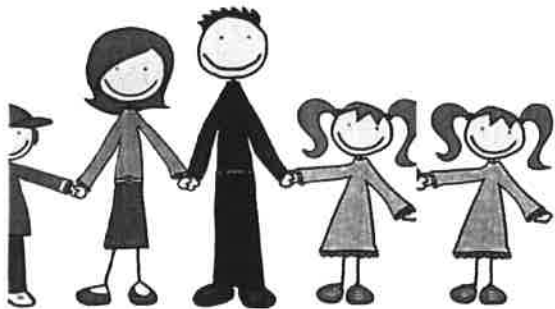
In 2017 your Pastor & Rachel gave away about 7% of their income to Svea Church and another 1% to other charities.

Their goal for 2018 is 9% to Svea Church and 2% to other charities.

If you are curious about their story please ask.

The median age in our zip code is 36 years.

The average family is 2 parents with 2.7 children. Between 2000 and 2010 there was a 19% drop in population in our zip code. It is estimated that we have recovered in 2016 to a 12% drop in population from 2000. Our current estimated population for our zip code is 736.



In 2014 our average Sunday worship attendance was 90 and in 2017 it was 71.

Our church membership in 2014 was 415 and in 2017 it was 414.

These numbers represent averages and estimates of the financial resources and expenditures of our parish. All of these averages are a matter of public record through church records, Census data, and publications of the Internal Revenue Service.

Our finances in action



So far in 2018 we have gathered to hear the Word of God and receive the Sacraments on 29 occasions. We have spent roughly \$22,500.



We currently have 14 students in Sunday school and confirmation class. Our youth continue to meet for fellowship and missional activities. For an approximate cost of \$7,800.

We have given away nearly \$20,000 for world and local missions. We have sewn 28 quilts and packaged 100 personnel care kits that will be sent to those in need locally and globally.



Your pastor is out in the parish every week offering spiritual care and guidance for the members of this parish. This too has a cost, roughly \$1,000.



What does this mean?

There are many conclusions that can be reached from all of these numbers. It is important to take notice that while the relative population is in decline, Svea church is not. Also, we are getting younger in the past 2 years we have been blessed with more baptisms than funerals. Much of our ministry is funded by younger members who for a variety of reasons may not attend worship services as frequently as in previous generations. The cost of living is also substantially higher than in previous decades. Wages have increased steadily in our corner of the world, while the price of grain and milk have stagnated and declined. We should not feel guilty for the things that are beyond our control. Svea Church will continue to carry out our mission so long as we are called to do so!

A couple more numbers to consider, the actual cost to fund the work we do together for the rest of the year is \$26.67 per family per week. Or a little more than \$5 a day per family, which is often less than a family's daily coffee or burger expense. When it comes towards church giving the biggest consideration is a matter of how much do we each value the work we do and the message received from our Creator?

SUMMER EVENTS

50's Drive In

Nostalgic Food & Fun!
Since 2002



Sunday, June 10
4 - 7pm

Calvary Lutheran Church
302 Olena Ave, Willmar, MN - Parking Lot

Come to Calvary for a Nostalgic 50's Dining Experience!

- ◆ Burgers, hot dogs, fries & onion rings
- ◆ Milkshakes, root beer floats & more
- ◆ 50's Sock Hop Music
- ◆ Wait Staff will wear 50's clothing.
- ◆ Wear your poodle skirts & letter sweaters!
- ◆ Open to the public... everyone welcome.

NEW THIS YEAR! Order with the Cashier, take a number and your food will be delivered to you by our awesome wait staff!

Proceeds fund youth activities & missions trips.

Front Row Parking for Collector Cars!

In the event of rain, event will be held inside the church.



Friday - June 15, 2018

Midsummer Festival

Chicken Dinner

5:00-7:00 pm

Menu: Don Boli's Fried Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans, Colelaw, Ostkaka, Bread, Beverage and Dessert

◆ Adults: \$11 ◆ 12 yrs. and under: \$5.00

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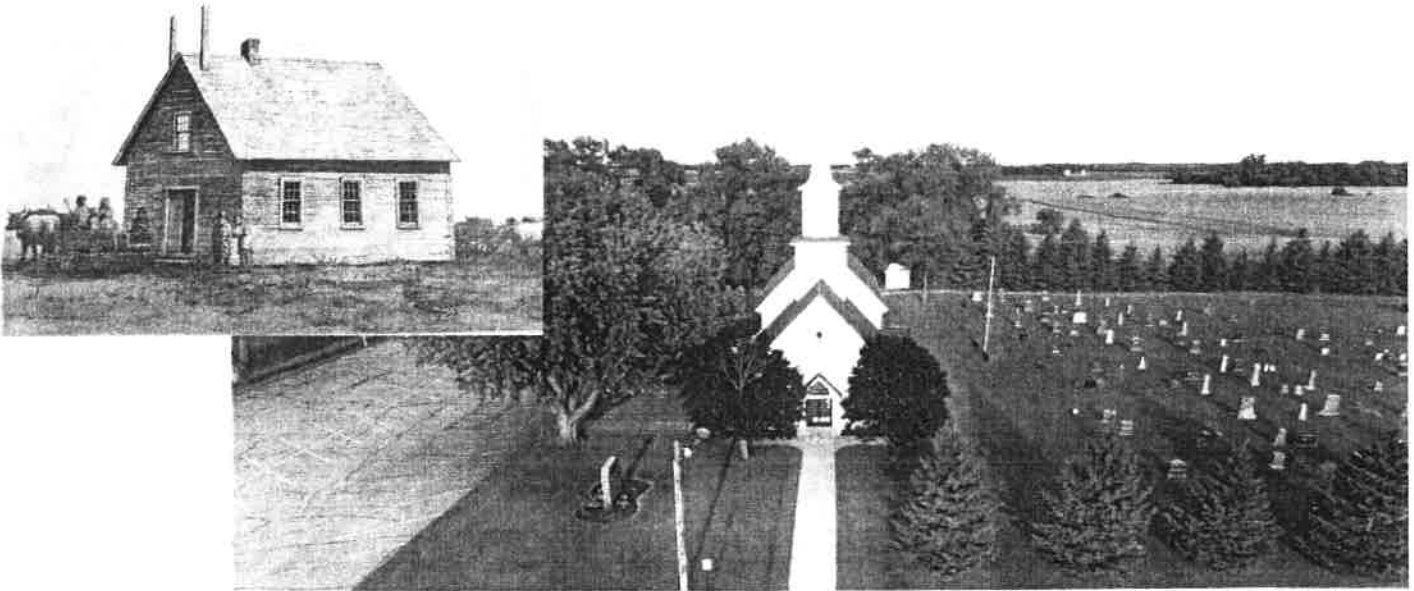
**811 LAKEVIEW STREET S.
LAKE LILLIAN, MN**

TRIPOLIS IS 150! LET'S CELEBRATE!

1868-2018

"Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the Earth."

Psalm 104:30



Join Us For Our

150th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 23, 2018 & Sunday, June 24, 2018



Saturday – Ice Cream Social 2pm-5pm

Music, History Tours, Gaga Ball, Inflatable, Lawn Games, Future Vision

Sunday – Worship at 10am



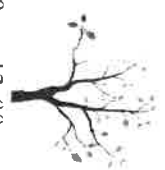
Dinner at 12:30pm (reservations needed)

Group Photo and Cake & Coffee in the afternoon



Tripolis Evangelical Lutheran Church
3249 County Rd 8 SE, Kandiyohi, MN

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 1 9:30 am Praise Service/Comm 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship/Bible Study						
3 9:30 am Praise Worship/Comm 10:30 am Coffee/Fellowship 11:00 am Worship at Kandi Park #1	4	5 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 2:00 pm Peace Circle 7:30 pm Worship/Music Mtg	6	7 6:15 pm Softball Swanson Field-Red	8 Synod Assembly in Redwood Falls	9 Synod Assembly in Redwood Falls
10 9:30 am WOV/Communion 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship/ Memorial Mtg/ Bible Study	11	12 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study// Breakfast 2:00 pm Peace Circle	13	14 6:15 pm Softball Swanson Field-Red 8:00 pm SFE Mtg	15	16 9:30am-10:30 am "I Love Coffee" with Rachel at Parsonage. Welcome!
17 "Father's Day" 9:30 am Praise Worship 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship/Bible Study	18	19 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 2:00 pm Peace Circle	20  7:30 pm Church Council	21 7:15 pm Softball Swanson Field-Red	22	23  8:00am-12:00pm Community/polluck park clean-up
24 9:30 am LBW Worship 10:30 am Coffee/Fellowship/Bible Study VBS 6:00-7:30 pm Supper at 5:30 --Family Promise--	25 VBS 6:00-7:30 pm Supper at 5:30 --Family Promise--	26 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 2:00 pm Peace Circle VBS 6:00-7:30 pm Supper at 5:30 --Family Promise--	27 <i>Reminder</i> Articles Due VBS 6:00-7:30 pm Supper at 5:30 Program at 7:30 pm --Family Promise--	28 7:15 pm Softball Swanson Field-Yellow --Family Promise--	29 <i>Reminder Published</i> --Family Promise--	30 --Family Promise--

June 2018
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 2. Dianne Johnson
Laura DeGraw
Channing Gravley | 17. Cole Christopher |
| 3. Lucille Johnson
Darren Solbrack
Jackson Carlson | 18. Shirley Peterson |
| 5. Kevin Schueler | 19. Lillian Eastlund
Gary Newberg
Carl Fixsen |
| 6. Matt Erickson | 21. Cody Thorson |
| 10. Lori Sommers | 22. John Christianson
Emily Tonsfeldt |
| 11. Michelle Stadem | 23. Ben Christianson
Tucker Swanson |
| 12. Scott Johnson
Jeremy Carlson | 24. Julie Christianson |
| 14. Matthew Petersen | 25. Lacy Elliott |
| 15. Ina Holt | 28. Sherman Schueler |
| | 29. John Sebring
Craig Nelson |