

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

July REMINDER

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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. - 1 Peter 2:9

What does it mean to be free? We remember this month the great uprising that gave birth to our nation. In July we commemorate and remember our Independence Day. On this day many young, twenty and thirty somethings, produced a document that would come to define a collection of communities for over two and half centuries. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Perhaps the most memorable line of this document, that people have taken heart for generations. But what does it mean?

What does liberty mean to you? Martin Luther wrote repeatedly that in Christ Jesus we are freed from sin, death and the power of the devil. We are a free and liberated people, in the state in which we live and the faith which we practice. It is a freedom from oppression, for something greater, something beyond ourselves. St. Peter calls us a royal priesthood- called out of the darkness of this world to proclaim mighty acts.

We have such a gift and responsibility in this time and place friends. What are we going to do with it? What do we stand for?

God bless you as you contemplate your freedom!

Pr. Erik



Pastor's Report for June 2018

Thank You to those who helped with the Memorial Day remembrance service and serving treats.

BWAC youth trip has been planned currently we have 6 participants and 2 chaperones including myself. We will be leaving on July 15 and returning July 20.

Thank You to Gatewood Family for hosting a wonderful barn dance.

Attended SWMN Synod Assembly along with Dan & Louise Swenson. Thank you, Dan & Louise, for attending this conference. The ministry of the synod continues in good order. Financially, the synod came out ahead at the end of the year. SWMN bishop and staff are appreciative of our continued support. There were no resolutions. The budget for fiscal year 2019 was approved as well as the compensation guidelines for rostered leaders for fiscal year 2019.

VBS is planned along with meals and activities to be hosted in Blomkest June 24-27.

Summer Murder Mystery planning and practice are underway. Dates of Performance to be August 23-27. Thank you to Linda Roelofs and Gene & Shelly Gatewood for leading this project.

There were no ministerial acts for this month.

Pastor Dates: vacation June 27-29



MAY REMINDER 2018

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	May 31, 2018	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 76,727.00		\$ 31,232.31
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 7,050.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,447.00		\$ 27,962.92
Total	\$ 156,174.00		\$ 66,245.23
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 58,915.31
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (7,329.92)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ (2,700.65)
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (10,030.57)

BORROWED MONEY

Transfer Building Fund Savings	\$ 875.00
Loan from Bank Line of Credit	\$ 7,300.00
Total Funds needed for May	\$ (18,205.57)

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: David Garberich & Peter Swenson
 VISUAL ARTS: Holli Hopp & Louise Swenson

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
July 1	Jordan Gatewood	Karen Schueler	Mindy & Tim Swieringa
July 8	Holli Hopp	Sherman Schueler	Deb & Dale Tonsfeldt
July 15	Camy Erickson	Pete Stadem	Patti & Dave Chambers
July 22	Jess Gatewood	Louise Swenson	Linda & Bob Roelofs
July 29	Gene Gatewood	Matthew Johnson	Shannon & Gary Christopher

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	TELLERS	COMMUNION ASST
July 1	Jake Vlaminck	Kim Gorans	6	Lois Nelson
July 8		Scott Johnson	1	Kaylee Vlaminck
July 15	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	2	
July 22		Jake Vlaminck	3	
July 29	Scott Johnson	Erin Johnson	4	



The family of **Doris Olson** will be hosting an Open House to celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, July 21, at the Blomkest Community Center from

2-6 p.m. No presents, please...only your presence. If unable to attend, greetings can to send to: Doris Olson, 1425 19th Ave SE, Apt B9 Willmar, MN 56201



Dear Svea Congregation,
 Thank you so much for the graduation gift of money. I will be using it towards my education at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Growing up in the Svea Church family, I have found the strength of faith which I will carry with me to college and the rest of my life! Thank you for all of the support.
 With Love,
 Laura Christianson



Thank you to the following people that helped with

Sunday School this past year:

Ryan Erickson Gretchen Lindblad
 Marny Behrends Camy Erickson



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

July 5: NO Softball
 July 12 7:15 pm at Red
 July 19 7:15 pm at Yellow
 July 26 8:15 pm at Red



Thanks again to the Gatewood family on hosting the barn dance again this year.



Synodical Report June 8th and 9th 2018

Louise & Dan Swenson, Synod Delegates

We will share some thought provoking comments made by Bishop John Anderson and from the Bible Study presenter.

- What is God up to in your congregation or community, ‘look for God’s presence’. Be a treasure hunter when looking for God’s presence and his revelation.
- Mission is both local and global. We are sent to care for our neighbor locally and around the world.
- Look for: maturity, inclusivity, vulnerability, empowerment, sustainability.
Love people like those who love their cats 😊.
- *Sameness loses vitality.*
- The community of Jesus nurtures life changing relationships with God, one another, and the world.
- Lily Project. Our Synod is one of four that participates with the national ELCA that gives grants to pastors who are in need when under the load of student loan debt. These grants help with debt reduction down to a need for a new computer, etc.
- Equipping Congregations – This annual gathering back in 2012 had only 200 participants. That was when it was known as equipping leaders. The ‘leader’ was removed from the title. The participation has grown to 800 in attendance. Mark your calendars for February 23, 2019. Willmar churches will continue to host the event.
- Be generous in your confessions. Discipleship is a ‘living faith’.
- Speak about faith with others. How? Prayer, Deeds/Words, Faith Practices, be an ‘Intentional Church’.
- As for votes: There were no issues! Appointment of representatives to offices within synod wide and pastor wage guidelines were not contested and easily approved.

Dan and I enjoyed attending the meetings and thank you for entrusting us this opportunity.

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ATTACKING CANCER IN OUR COMMUNITY

You are invited for the 25th Annual Relay for Life of Kandiyohi County on July

20th starting at 5pm for the Annual Relay for Life at the Willmar Middle School

Track. To register or for more information visit www.RelayForLife.org/KandiyohiMN

We are looking for Honorary Survivors from each community in Kandiyohi county to be recognized at the Relay. If you are interested, please contact Penny at 320.420.1751.

Church Council Minutes, May 2018

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13

2018 Svea Lutheran Church Council Members:

Present: Doug Johnson (Chair.), Dustin Moran, Kathy Lindblad, Tammy Garberich, Lois Nelson, Matt Erickson, Courtney Carlson, Rev. Erik G. Rundquist

Absent: Gene Gatewood (Vice-Chair.), Tracy Gorans (Sec.), Kaylee Vlaminck

AGENDA

1. Opening 7:30 pm: Doug Johnson
2. Devotions: Pastor Erik Rundquist did devotions on Pentecost/Baptism
3. Council meeting minutes: April 19, 2018 (see attach) Council action req. Motion made, 2nd and passed
4. Pastor's report: Pastor Erik Rundquist gave his report and will be published in the Reminder
5. Committee Reports
 - a. SFE- Jake V. (Sec) - (see attach) - financial statement to be published in the Reminder. Council discussed that we are on Budget, but have a negative balance, thus the SFE would like a Stewardship letter to be sent upon Council approval. A copy of the letter was emailed to Council Members and also available for review at the Council Meeting. A motion was made and 2nd and Council approved that the letter be sent. Discussion on to have Amy from the synod to come and talk to Finance and then come a 2nd time to talk about Retirement possibilities to the Congregation. Amy is an ELCA employee. Discussed transfer of signature cards for checks on various committees, those would be Memorial, Youth, and a Library CD. Discussion also that there is \$500.00 that is designated for the enclosing of the front of the church. Also have \$2500.00 designated of the estimate of \$30,000.00 for the new carpet. Along with this, discussion on repairing the lose floor boards in the Fellowship Hall. Discussed on how the 2020 committee is going to pay for the expenses that are going to be incurred for the celebration.
 - b. Worship & Music- Deb P. (Sec)- to be printed in the Reminder
 - c. Parish Ed. - Patti F. (Sec) - No meeting until August.
 - d. Property- Gene G. (Sec) - (see attach) to be printed in the Reminder. Discussed were the Electrical Sub panels that need to be replaced as they are out of date due to insurance inspection. Question brought up who finds our Insurance Companies. Doug Hopp is our contact person and approx. ever 3-4 years the insurance policies are reviewed, and quotes are taken. The well broke and has been fixed and working fine. Also, discussion on First Aid Kits and where they are. There is one in the Kitchen and in the usher's station. Matt Erickson said he would update them for us.
 - e. Global Missions- Kathy L. (Sec)- No meeting
 - f. Adult Ed.- COMMITTEE TEMPORARILY INACTIVE
 - g. LMM- Peter S. (Sec)-Continues to meet

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- h. Visual Arts-Tracy G (Sec)- No Meeting
- i. Audio/Visual- Tracy G. (Sec)-No Meeting
- j. Library- Teresa J. (Sec)- No Meeting
- k. Memorial- Tammy G. (Sec)- To be printed in the Reminder
- l. Youth- Courtney C. (Sec)-Courtney reported, did ditch clean up Wed May 16th. Are planning and discussing future plans. Possibly Food Packing in Redwood Falls if group would like

6. Continuing Business:

- a. Security & Policy- Council asked Pastor Erik on what Deb's feeling on security. Pastor Erik has visited with Deb and she is comfortable with the security of the church.
- b. Barn Dance- Gatewood's Clean-up is scheduled for 1:00 on 5-19-18
- c. Softball kick-off –There was not a schedule available as of 5-17-18, when starting up will have a full team.
- d. Scholarship Fund- account changes. The Check book for the Scholarship Fund will change from Holly Hopp to Tammy Garberich.

7. New Business

- a. Pentecost meal-was discussing at the Strategic Planning meeting, will not be able to happen this year.
- b. Park clean-up & potluck dinner- Was visited about and set up for June 23 from 8-noon with a Potluck meal at noon. June 30th will be the backup date.
- c. Stewardship potluck- will be July 8, Food will be provided after the Service in the park.
- d. Talked about if we should do a new Church directory. 2011 is the last one that was done. Discussion was to do another in September 2019. Lifetouch did the last one but there is another company that is out there that does them. Matt Erickson to check on this for us.

8. Communion assistants

- a. May 20th- Doug J.
- b. May 27th- Kathy L.
- c. June 3rd- Matt E.
- d. June 10th- Tammy G.

9. "Thank you" cards- Five was sent

10. Next meeting- Thursday June 21st, 2018 @ 7:30 pm, Motion made to adjourn, 2nd and passed.

11. Closing- Lord's prayer

Respectfully submitted, acting Secretary Lois Nelson

Stewardship, Finance, and Estate meeting 6-14-2018

Present: Doug H., Doug J., Gene G., Peter S., Pastor Erik R.

Absent: Jake V.

Business: Speaker Amy Biggot postponed until August 2018

1. Discussed our General Insurance Policy needs-

Jake V. and Doug H. met with a representative of Church Mutual Ins. Co. and discussed what that company might offer to us for coverage

Rep Tim Marks would like to meet again with full SFE committee and council- possibly July 19th @ 6:30 pm

Wisconsin Co. about 100 years old

Offer a 1-million-dollar umbrella policy in addition to normal insurance

Policy cost looks to be about \$900/year cheaper than current with better coverage

Current Insurance company is Brotherhood Mutual

Have had for 3 years + Policy renews in August 2018

2. Reviewed the financial statement of the General Fund dated May 31, 2018

YTD balance of – **(7,329.92)** negative

\$17,765.52 total expenditures in May 2018

\$10,644.50 total income in May 2018

Line of credit at Concorde bank as of May 31st **\$7,300.00** owed

Another **\$2,500.00** borrowed on 6-8-2018

Building Fund as of May 31st **\$825.00** owed

Council needs to start thinking about what to do should this trend to need to borrow monthly continues

3. Reviewed a bid to update electrical panels in the church building

\$3,722.00 is the bid- Hentges Electric, LLC. (Pat H.)

Requested a bid from a second electrician, however have not heard back

Strongly suggested that we have the work performed- (hazard)

Current balance of the Building Fund- \$27,000.00 (estimate)

\$2,400.00 undesignated

\$10,000.00 held from hail insurance claim at parsonage

Current balance of Memorial Fund- \$19,000 (estimate)

\$3,000.00 given to be used as needed

Property committee recommends that we proceed with repairs

SFE committee agrees that we proceed with repairs

Question: How will we finance the repairs?

COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED

4. Visited briefly about the need to get signature cards up to date at Concorde Bank

5. **Next meeting:** Thursday July 12th, 2018 @ 8:00pm

Doug Johnson, Acting Secretary

24th Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Best Ball
Tournament*

**LUTHERAN
MEN^{IN}
MISSION**

Friday, July 27, 2018

Redwood Falls Golf Club,
Redwood Falls, MN

- Registration: 2:30 pm
- Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm
- Price: \$65.00 per golfer
Includes GOLF CART,
green fees, meal, prizes
and a donaton to LMM

Registration Deadline: Monday, July 23

Register online at www.swmnelca.org/event/golf

Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry

Fund for Leaders Endowment

During 2017-18, the synod's Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provided \$13,435.73 for seminary tuition scholarships; \$9,200.00 is available for 2018-19. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings.

The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM's Fund for Leaders Endowment to help grow leaders. Fund for Leaders Endowment which generates investment income for the scholarships. Since its inception, this endowment has awarded scholarships of \$125,842.70 for seminary tuition.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Golf Tournament.



Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

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More than 99 percent of Minnesotans for whom we provided student loan counseling **avoided default & delinquency.**

We supported more than **900 individuals** with disabilities in living the life they want to live — at lower cost to tax payers.



Our newly-launched **Circle of Welcome** program works with congregations and other partners to **sponsor new refugee families**, about half of whom arrive with children.

LSS expanded caregiver counseling to veterans in **seven additional counties** through a Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs grant.



Host Home families in **three new counties** **Rice, Chisago & Becker** opened their homes to people with disabilities.

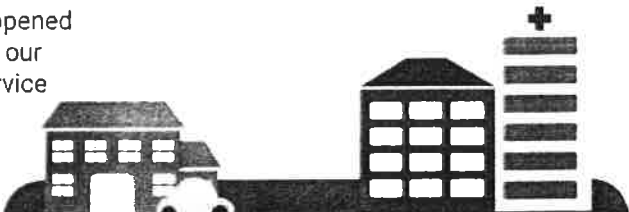


As one of the largest social service organizations in the state, LSS responds to Minnesotans' evolving needs with innovation and collaboration. In 2017, donations and partnerships with individuals, corporations and congregations allowed us to **continue supporting one in 65 Minnesotans** when they needed it most. These highlights offer a glimpse of the achievements your generosity made possible.

The **Center for Changing Lives Duluth** opened its doors in June, **adding four units** to our Renaissance Transitional Housing service and **10 apartments** for youth experiencing homelessness.



Record **donations and grants** allowed for improvements to make



We established new Senior Companion contracts with **two additional hospitals** to increase older adults' health outcomes and reduce healthcare cost through **community-based supports.**



TINY CHURCH BIG GOALS

With approximately 350 baptized members, two congregations, two new outreach ministry sites, multiple ministries and big dreams, “the Lutheran Church in Cambodia (LCC) is a young church that is on the verge of doubling its mission outreach with great zeal,” said Y. Franklin Ishida, ELCA global mission director for Asia and the Pacific.

Founded in 2010, the LCC is a product of the Lutheran Church in Singapore’s mission work—a denomination founded in partnership with the Lutheran Church in America, an ELCA predecessor. Although outside funding from the ELCA and the church in Singapore is still important for the young church, Daniel Orn, a founding pastor said the LCC aims to be self-sufficient by 2035.

In this mostly Buddhist country, however, growing the church through direct evangelism isn’t effective, Orn said. Instead, the church attracts people to the faith through the caring way its members live and through its holistic, innovative ministries. One such example is the LCC’s hostel project and congregation in Phnom Penh.

The hostel met a critical need for the LCC’s first congregation in Kruos Village, which had six

university students looking for affordable housing. By 2012 the hostel ministry had grown so much that the LCC was able to purchase three, three-story units.


Now the hostel has a congregation of 100 members aged 19 through 30 that represents 10 of Cambodia’s 25 provinces. Most are university students like Sareoun Chum, a young adult leader and hostel volunteer.

Chum appreciates that his church not only “works with the soul” but also focuses on serving the poor. One example of this is the LCC’s agriculture ministry, also started by the Kruos Village congregation, which educates people so they can grow produce in their gardens to eat and sell at the market. The ministry has helped the village become more food secure, Ishida said.

Aware of its roots as a mission start, the vibrant church is looking ahead to a time when it will engage in global mission work too. Orn said the LCC hopes “to send missionaries to serve to restore Christians in Europe in the next 20 to 30 years.”

Your Mission Support dollars are used by the ELCA churchwide organization to fund global ministry work, including the support of the Lutheran Church in Cambodia.

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Praise Service/Communion 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study	2	3 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study/Breakfast	4  Potluck picnic in Park at noon	5 NO Softball	6	7
8 9:30 am WOV OUTDOOR Service/Communion in the park. Dinner following	9	10 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 11:00 am Peace Circle at Louise Swenson	11	12 7:15 pm Softball-Red 8:00 pm SFE Mtg	13	14 <i>Blomkest</i> <i>Appreciation Days</i> Parade: 4:30 pm Supper: 5:30 pm
15 9:30 am Praise Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	16	17 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 6:30 pm Church Council	18	19 8:15 pm Softball-Yellow	20 5:00 pm Annual "Relay for Life" at Willmar Middle School	21
22 9:30 am E.I. W Worship Service 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship	23	24 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study/Breakfast	25 Reminder articles due	26 8:15 pm Softball-Red	27 Reminder published	28
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July 2018
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1. Katie DeGraw
Lola Elizabeth Larson
2. Betty Gorans
3. Jeremy Anderson
6. Mark Stuhr
7. LeRoy Larson
Nicole Bregel
8. Mitchell Swierenga
11. Erin Johnson
Mara Hallberg
12. Roland C. Swenson
13. Amber Holland
Zinia Jansen
16. Samuel Bowen
17. Lorene Freed
Gary Nelson
18. Mark Freed
19. Rebecca Johnson
Doris Olson
20. Eric Swenson
Matthew Johnson
21. Evelyn Pregler
22. Matthew Lindblad
23. Jason Kowalczyk
24. Olof Larson
25. Lacy Elliott
Christian Roelofs
26. Nadine Landin
Dean Lindblad
27. Elsie Feifarek
Arlynne Turnquist
28. Hannah Christopher
Levi Swanson
29. Terrance Swenson
Patti Schueler
Courtney Jacobson
30. Marci Dahl