

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

SEPTEMBER REMINDER

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Train children in the right way, and when old they will not stray. -Proverbs 22:6

As the school year begins we pause to give thanks for all of the teachers in our lives. Faith and education go hand in hand in our tradition. Far too often I believe we take the witness of our educators for granted. We forget that when we begin our lives we are like empty jars waiting to be filled with all this world has to offer. Much of how we experience life around us, outside of what we can directly see and hear, comes from our ability to understand and interpret large amounts of information.

Our ability to comprehend our greater surroundings has in no small part come to us through the care and working of educators. We are constantly inundated with information moment by moment. The way in which we process all of that data helps to inform the ways we plan our day. If you are able to make it through a day without being completely overwhelmed, perhaps it would be well to thank your creator, for giving you a brain that can handle the input; and then thank an educator for helping you develop the tools you need to interpret this raw data in all of its forms.



Our faith, our trust in God, also works in much the same way. We are presented with any number of challenges and amalgam situations regularly while our mind struggles to make sense of everything. In the life of faith, we discover that much of this doesn't make any sense at all. Yet, we have come to trust that in the great love which the Lord has for us, the Holy Spirit walks with us through all trials and tribulations. We have only come to that understanding through the work and witness of those who have come before us. Faith is not something simply received by osmosis, it is cultivated in us through care, patience, and experience. Much like our education faith cannot so easily be quantified, yet we cannot even begin to fathom where we would be without this acquired trust.

Then, also too both faith and educated skills are and must be topics of the home, the responsibility of the whole community. As the pastor does not grow a church by themselves, neither does an educator teach alone. All of us are responsible for the growth in our whole community. The young and mature offer to one another perspectives and opportunity to learn and grow together.

May we all be instruments of education for one another and offer our full support to those who specialize in equipping for the skills we all need for life.

Study hard children of God!

Pr. Erik



Pastor's Report for August

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Thank you to everyone who helped with National Night Out

Planning and Preparing for the Summer Murder Mystery

Thank you to Dustin Moran, Pete Stadem, and Joel Stadem for continuing to coach the softball team.

Preparations underway for Sunday School and Confirmation Programs for the upcoming year.

I am continuing to work with Family Promise for their fall funding campaign

Ministerial Acts:

8/9/18 Funeral for Betty Swenson



Our next Family Promise Week is this month Sept. 16 to Sept. 24

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 began Sunday, Aug. 26 and will continue until all volunteer slots are filled. As usual, 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

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.

Thank you so much for volunteering!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Doug Gorans & Terry Swenson
 VISUAL ARTS: Trudy Gorans & Christy Swanson
 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kathy Lindblad (9/2) Tracy Gorans (9/9)

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
Sept 2	Camy Erickson	Karen Schueler	Peggy & Wendall Dahl
Sept 9	Gene Gatewood	John Christianson	Bonnie & Pete Swenson
Sept 16	Jess Gatewood	Laurie Burks	Karen & Sherman Schueler
Sept 23	Jordan Gatewood	Anne Christianson	Kathy & Mike Lindblad
Sept 30	Holli Hopp	Matthew Johnson	Mary & Leroy Hinthier

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	TELLERS	ACOLYLES
Sept 2	Jake Vlaminc	Kim Gorans	3	Steven Carlson
Sept 9	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	4	Jacob Flannigan
Sept 16		Kim Gorans	5	Matthew Johnson
Sept 23	Scott Johnson	Jake Vlaminc	6	Nicholas Flannigan
Sept 30		Scott Johnson	1	Tucker Swanson



Sunday Morning Coffee after 9:30 worship services

Summer is over, but

since our Sunday morning worship services will continue to be at 9:30, coffee time will also continue to be after worship at 10:30. If you are willing to bring treats and serve coffee on a Sunday morning, 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!!**

From the Food Shelf

With the summer coming to an end, we are in need of volunteers! There are various positions available such as produce assistance, shopping assistant, backroom helper or drivers, you can volunteer as little as 4 hours a week and various days are available. Please stop in or call Gwen at 235-2641 for more information. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank You,

Alan Ziehl,

Executive Director

Kandiyochi County Food Shelf

Concorde Bank and TRIAD are sponsoring a coffee hour at the Blomkest Community Center Tuesday September 11th at 9:30 AM.



TRIAD is an organization tackling common forms of crime and fraud against our older generation. Such as credit card, identity theft, internet and phone fraud targeting our Senior Citizens.

Please join us for some helpful information, coffee, treats and good neighbors.

13th Annual

PORK LOIN DINNER

Wednesday, September 12th
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Kandiyochi

\$10.00 Adults, \$5.00 ages 6-11
5 years & under free

Menu~

Pork Loin, Potatoes, Gravy
Corn, Coleslaw, Rolls,
Desserts. Milk/Coffee

(Handicap Accessible and Air
Conditioned!!)

Stewardship, Finance, and Estate meeting

8-09-2018

Present: Doug H, Doug J, Pastor Erik R, Gene G, Amy Bigot

Absent: Jake V

Business:

1. Amy Bigot (regional gift planner from the ELCA) presented information on starting an endowment fund. Fund A endowment is a long-term investment plan. It is designed to fund current and future ministries. \$25,000 is needed to start a fund A endowment. Amy reviewed a ministry funding plan. It is good to have a policy if the church receives a gift of money or something of value. Amy will have another 1 to 2-hour meeting if the church decides to start an endowment fund.
2. Reviewed the financial statement of the general fund dated July 31, 2018
YTD balance of **(\$3,429.23) Negative.**
Line of credit at Concorde banks \$9,800.00. \$2,000. were gained on the budget deficit in July \$5,200 remains on the line of credit.
3. Garage door repairs of \$907.75 were needed at the parsonage.
4. \$2,200 will be saved on insurance premiums by switching carriers.
5. Next meeting Thursday September 13, 2018 @ 8:00 PM
Pete Swenson.

JULY REMINDER 2018

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	July 31, 2018	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 76,727.00		\$ 43,351.90
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 10,275.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,447.00		\$ 35,607.13
Total	\$ 156,174.00		\$ 89,234.03
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 85,804.80
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (3,429.23)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ (2,949.76)
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (6,378.99)

BORROWED MONEY

Transfer Building Fund Savings	\$	
Loan from Bank Line of Credit	\$	9,800.00
Total Funds needed for July	\$	(16,178.99)



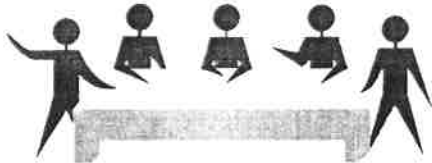
Property Committee meeting- Sunday August 12, 2018

Present: Mike L., Jordan G., Doug J., and Gene G.

Business:

1. Fixing urinal is in the works
2. Electrician is coming this week to replace sub panels.
3. Ryan E. worked on the air conditioning in church.
4. Cemetery board is trimming trees- asked about taking out some trees in the park at the same time.
5. Mike L. replaced fern connection on the sump pump from the elevator

Sec. Gene Gatewood



Parish Education Meeting

August 21, 2018

6:30 pm

In attendance were Pastor Erik, Patti Flannigan, Dustin Moran, and Christy Swanson

Items of discussion included:

Rally Day - First day of Sunday School will be September 9th at 10:30 a.m. followed by ice cream sundaes. Teachers who are willing to help this year include: Cami Erickson, Gretchen Lindblad, Marny Behrends and Crystal Moran.

Confirmation with Pastor Erik will be Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning September 12th. Jon Burks as graciously offered to assist the youth in preparing a meal for their class.

Luther League Grades 7 -12 will be having an upcoming meeting with Laurie Burks, Svea's Youth Coordinator Volunteer to plan out the year ahead.

October 21st "Church Family Sunday School" will be held during the 10:30 Sunday school hour. Fall Festival activities are being planned. The congregation is welcome and encouraged to join in the fun!



Something to Chew On

Dear Theophilus,

So, you want to grow your church? Congratulations! You have taken your first step on this amazing journey of transformation. If you want a quick fix, divert the next busload of immigrants to your front door. It helps if they speak your language and are already Lutheran. Given our current Lutheran immigrant shortage, I suggest you start advertising in Sweden or Norway. You could also start having lots of babies! Just think, if each person in your congregation had one baby you would double your membership in about nine months.

If this plan seems too ambitious, try an attraction-based strategy. Gut your sanctuary and add stadium seating with a stage. Replace scary Halloween music with the latest hits on Christian radio. Install a café. Hire a young, hip pastor with ink sleeves. Consult a professional in advertising and make every event more exciting than the last. Remember, push the bounds of fashion or people will lose interest.

But perhaps you don't have the energy or the budget to seduce the general public with your charms. You could always use high pressure tactics. Go door to door with pamphlets about Jesus. If they try to shut you out, stick your foot in the door. The pain is temporary, but the gain is eternal. Consider calling out the sins of passersby on a busy street corner. You could also take a more subtle approach and systematically dismantle your friends' beliefs with proofs from the Bible. Maybe you're the kind of person who would be more comfortable with the meek and mild approach.

Consider a strategy that relies on friendship and social service. Create a culture of dependency where you give free goods to those in need. Don't talk about the Savior. Be the Savior! Wait to close the deal until they walk through your doors. Then ambush them with a new member's class, a set of offering envelopes, and a role on the church council! Who could say no to that?

If these four time-honored strategies for growing a church do not fit you, simply go where the people are and be a Christian. After all, the only person you can control is you. Express your love of God through worship, study, and a life of reconciliation. Be honest about your faults, and trust God in all things. Healthy growth does not happen through proselytizing which depends on what humans do. Healthy growth comes through evangelizing which proclaims what God has done.

Yours in Christian Love and Service, Evan Gelista

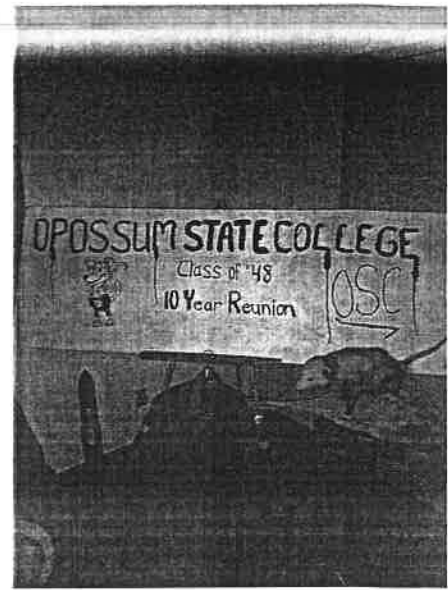
Contributed by: Rev. Daniel Morris, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Skokie, Illinois

PICTURES FROM THE PLAY "My Alma Martyr"

Thank you everyone who helped in making this play a success!



1948 Class of Opossum State College



Opossum College Mascot



*"Obnoxious" Phineas Bluster (Jake) & "horror writer"
Cliff Clarence (Gene)*



*Molly (Camy), Frankie (Jordan), Lana (Kristi),
Gloria (Patti) and Milton (Dave)*

LMM



Annual Golf Scramble

Saturday, September

22, 2018

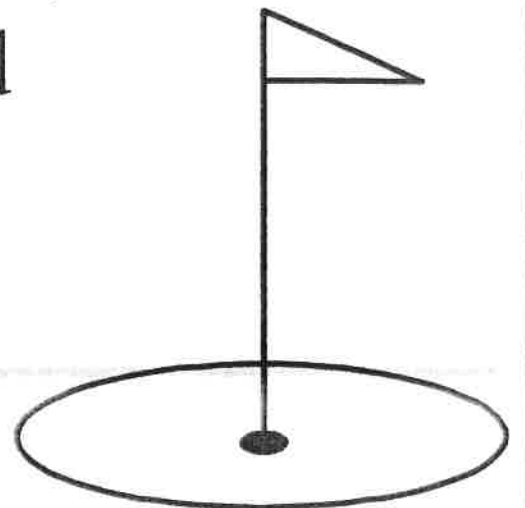
3 P.M.

Raymond Golf Course

Grilled Hot dogs provided

Bring a dish to pass

All Men invited!



Lakeland Conference Women of the ELCA

FALL GATHERING

Please join us on

Thursday-Sept. 27, 2018

5:00 p.m. Registration - \$10.00 includes dinner

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Gathering Program

"FROM SORROW TO JOY"

**Speaker: Pastor Daniel Bowman from the
Hawk Creek Lutheran Church, Franklin, MN**

**Location: Green Lake Bible Camp
9916 Lake Ave. S, Spicer, MN**

Send registration by Sept. 18 to:

Laurie Rothers, 20181 County Road 8, Glenwood, MN 56334

Greetings from the Lakeland Conference

Women of the ELCA Board



The annual "Fall Gathering" will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018.

The location is at Green Lake Bible Camp, 9916 Lake Avenue S, Spicer, MN 56288. Parking is available across the road in the chapel parking lot. The dinner and Gathering will be in the Chrysallis House next to Green Lake. A shuttle cart from parking lot to lodge will be provided for those having difficulty walking.

Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. and the Gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10.00 which includes dinner.

Deadline for registration is Sept. 18 and should be sent to:

Laurie Rothers, 20181 County Road 8, Glenwood, MN 56334. Make checks payable to Lakeland Conference. You can still come and register the day of the Gathering as well.

The theme is "From Sorrow to Joy".

The speaker is Pastor Daniel Bowman, from Hawk Creek Lutheran Church, Franklin, MN. In 2016, tragedy struck the congregation of Hawk Creek resulting in a total loss of their church. They have gone through the stages of loss and grief together and have worked to rebuild. Pastor Bowman will share the story of Hawk Creek in his message "From Sorrow to Joy: Discovering God's Presence in Difficult Days".

There will also be:

- Training workshops for officers and committee chairpersons.
- 2 Door Prizes given.
- Dinner served at the beginning of the Gathering.


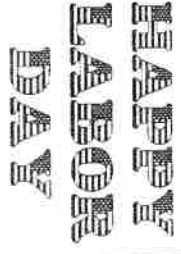
Please add the following events to your 2019 calendar. Details on each, event will be sent closer to the date.

- 2019 SW MN Women of the ELCA Convention Saturday & Sunday, May 3 & 4, at First Lutheran Church in Marshall, MN.
- Spring Gathering on Saturday morning, April 6, 2019. Location yet to be finalized.

If you have any questions about the Fall Gathering event, call 231-3274 or 320-444-1171 or e-mail: r.k.markfelder@gmail.com. Thank you.

Karol Markfelder - Secretary of the Lakeland Conference WELCA Board

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 30 9:30 am WOV Church Services 10:30 am SCS & Coffee fellowship						1 9:30-10:30 am "I Love Coffee with Rachel" at Parsonage
2 9:30 am Praise Worship/Comm 10:30am Coffee Fellowship	3 	4 2:00 pm Peace Circle at Church 7:30 pm Worship/Music Mtg	5 6:00 am LMM/Breakfast Bible Study	6 1:30 Patience Circle at Marikay's Cabin	7	8
9 Rally Sunday 9:30 am Praise Worship/Comm 10:30 Sunday School & Coffee fellowship/ Property & Memorial Mtgs	10	11 9:30 am TRIAD Seminar at Blomkest Community Center	12 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer 6:30 pm Confirmation	13 8:00 pm SFE Meeting	14	15
16 9:30 am ELW Worship 10:30 am SCS & Coffee Fellowship	17	18	19 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer 6:30 pm Confirmation	20 7:30 pm Council	21	22 Fall Begins 3:00 pm LMM Golf Scramble in Raymond
Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise
23 9:30 am Praise Service 10:30 am SCS & Coffee Fellowship	24	25 Reminder articles due	26 6:00 am LMM/Breakfast Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation	27 5:00 pm WELCA Fall Gathering at Green Lake Bible Camp	28	29
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Carter Christopher
Kaylee Vlaminck | 15. Sandra Landin
Leia Todd |
| 2. Ana Palmquist | 16. Joshua Gravley
David Erickson |
| 3. Lucy Brink
Max Brink | 17. Kari Stadem |
| 4. James Gorans | 20. Karen Schueler |
| 5. Douglas Johnson | 22. Brian Gorans
Peggy Dahl |
| 6. Deborah Johnson
Cameron Behrends | 24. Leroy Hinthier |
| 8. Tristan Swenson
Peter Johnson | 26. Tami Newberg
Delphia Swenson |
| 9. Matthew Gorans
Brooklyn Lindblad | 27. Patty Thompson
Ethan Swierenga |
| 10. Carleton Larson | 29. Wendell Dahl |
| 11. Calmon Peterson | 30. Laura DeWenter
Keith Oslund
Araya Palmquist |
| 12. Marc Gorans
Tiffany Rustad | |