

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

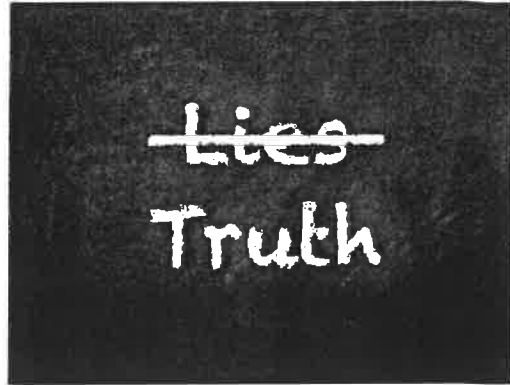
OCTOBER REMINDER

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www.svealutheranchurch.org

*“For this I was born, and for this
I came into the world, to testify to the truth.
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to
my voice”*

John 18:37b-38



There is much to be said today about testimony and falsehood. As Christians we are called to speak well of each other, but not only speaking. We need to do well for one another, acting always for the best of the neighbor. If we are to live as those who have received the living God, full of grace and truth, then we would do well to live out that reality. There is nothing in this world so fragile as the bonds between neighbors. Speak the truth to them, act in truth for them, and represent the one who is truth faithfully. Jesus testified to the truth of God's desire for a loving, dignified, life for all of creation. Our sin in a desire to be gods over and against other human beings brought about the death of God.

Yet God in Christ chose to act that our lives might be graced with hopeful joy in the presence of God and creation. If all of us acted in this way, with this desire for all people we might all get along as Christ intended. Please hear this also, if you have ever been harmed by your neighbor, I am one who listens, and I will believe you.

Listen to the truth fellow children in Christ!

Pr. Erik



Pastor's Report for September

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Murder Mystery this year. We collected \$315.00 for L.S.S. of MN as well as \$315.00 for Homefront Connection of Willmar. \$3379.00 was collected for needs to be later specified.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to teach Sundays School and help with confirmation this year. I am looking forward to working with everyone as well as teaching the youth in many and various formats.

I have been working with Lutheran Campus Ministry to plan a "steak holders' dinner" to help with the community and church relationships. The event is October 2nd at 6:00 and is open to all members of Lutheran Churches in the Lakeland Conference.

I have been working with Family Promise of Kandiyohi County for their fall funding appeal.

I have been working with W & M committee as well as Kari Stadem to find an organist/director of music for the congregation starting in February.

Ministerial Acts: September 13th funeral for Mark Rew.



Family Promise News

We had a busy Family Promise Host Week Sep. 16-23. We hosted 3 families including 4 adults and 4 children. **Thank you so very much to everyone who volunteered!** Family Promise would not exist without many people volunteering their time and it is so very much appreciated by the families we serve.

Our last Family Promise Week for 2018 is coming up quickly - November 4-11.

Please check your calendars to see when you will be available to volunteer. Remember there are 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 on Sunday, Oct. 14, 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!



Svea Lutheran Church

Council minutes:

August 16, 2018.

Council met at 6:30 pm due to a softball game at 8:15.

Those present were Pastor Erik, Kathy Lindblad, Dustin Moran, Tammy Garberich, Tracy Gorans, Doug Johnson, Courtney Carlson, Matt Erickson & Gene Gatewood.

Absent were Kaylee Vlaminck and Lois

Nelson. Pastor led the meeting with devotions.

Pastor's report was read.

We reviewed minutes from the last meeting and council approved.

We discussed National Night Out, next year someone notify the West Central Tribune and the radio station. It was estimated that approximately 30 people attended this year.

We also discussed the possibility of an Endowment fund for the church.

We went over the financial statement.

We also discussed the new insurance policy

Discussed changing the time for worship and Sunday school. Discussed having worship service first and Sunday school to follow.

Property committee is looking at cutting down some of the trees in the park.

Also noted that we need to keep the churches air conditioners clean over the summer. God's works our hands is looking for a project to do this fall.

We will be having a backpack blessing service.

The play is quickly approaching, tickets are selling well. They are looking for some help in the kitchen.

Communion assistants are, Doug Johnson September 2, 2018 and Tracy Gorans September 9, 2018

Sent out one Thank you note.

The next meeting will be September 20, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Gorans

SFE Meeting 9/13/2018

Update

Present: Doug Hopp, Doug Johnson, Pastor Erik Rundquist, Jake Vlaminck

1. **Reviewed Financial Statement for Period ending August 31, 2018**
 - a. **YTD Balance (\$12,128.93). This includes bank loan of \$6800.00**
 - i. Offerings \$90,649.11 + Loan \$6800.00 – Expenses \$102778.04
 - b. 2017 Surplus of \$3,208.94 fully exhausted and held in General fund
 - c. Fuel Line item is over budget
 - i. High prices in January and February for Natural Gas
 - ii. Moved to a Monthly Budget; currently a credit with Natural Gas supplier
2. Discussion on Youth Ministry Budget
 - a. Revisited discussion from SFE meeting in February 2018
 - i. The process suggested in February is consistent with the refunding of the Pastoral Discretionary funds.
 - ii. **Request council discuss and send guidance to SFE committee**
 - b. Discussed the youth treasure position and the need to two signatories on the checking account. **Council action suggested.**
3. Received a refund form Brotherhood Mutual insurance of \$370.81. Sent a payment of \$1,676.64 to new insurance provider, Church Mutual.
4. Discussed the need to budget for an Organist or Music Leader in the future. Will need more information from Music and personal committees.
5. Next Meeting 10/11/2018 @ 8:00 PM
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

AUGUST REMINDER 2018

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	August 31, 2018	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 76,727.00		\$ 49,153.89
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 11,550.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,447.00		\$ 42,074.15
Total	\$ 156,174.00		\$ 102,778.04
Year to Date Receipts			<u>\$ 97,449.11</u>
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (5,328.93)
Net Designated/Transfer			<u>\$ (315.72)</u>
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (5,644.65)

BORROWED MONEY

Transfer Building Fund Savings	\$ -
Loan from Bank Line of Credit	<u>\$ 6,800.00</u>
Total Funds needed for August	\$ (12,444.65)

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Jerome Jacobson & Jerry Negen
 VISUAL ARTS: Trudy Gorans & Christy Swanson
 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: **Courtney Carlson (10/7) Gene Gatewood (10/14)**

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
Oct 7	Camy Erickson	Pete Stadem	Darla & Taylar Sowers
Oct 14	Holli Hopp	Louise Swenson	Julie & Gary Newberg
Oct 21	Gene Gatewood	Lois Nelson	Deb & Lyle Portinga
Oct 28	Marny Behrends	Tucker Swanson	Dianne & Scott Johnson

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	TELLERS	ACOLYLES
Oct 7	Jake Vlaminck	Stacey Vlaminck	2	Steven Carlson
Oct 14		Scott Johnson	3	Matthew Johnson
Oct 21	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	4	Jacob Flannigan
Oct 28		Kim Gorans	5	Nicholas Flannigan



We are looking for a piece of artwork, based on Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD,

when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Please submit ideas to Pr. Erik or Deb by October 14.

Coffee Time



**Sunday Morning
 Coffee after 9:30
 worship services**

Fall is upon us and it's a good time of year to gather after worship, share in some fellowship and, of course, have a cup of coffee and a treat. 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!!



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September 1, 2018



Svea Lutheran Church Council
Worship & Music Committee
Pastor Erik Rundquist

Dear Council, Committee and Pastor Erik:

It is with gratitude and sadness that I offer my resignation as Church Musician. I love leading worship at Svea, but my life as a grandmother, mother, relative and friend has become such that I need a flexibility of schedule that I can't have with a weekly commitment. It's taken me several months to decide this, because I do so appreciate the opportunity I've had to use my gifts, be a leader and pretty much do what I want. O

Thank you so much for the past 13 years — it's been a lot of fun and very rewarding to partner with all of you in providing meaningful and excellent music for the worship services at Svea.

I will continue to lead music until February 1, unless a replacement is found before that. And I will gladly train in my replacement(s) as much as possible. So, my last Sunday will be Sunday, January 27, and I will make sure the replacement(s) have songs planned for the month of February before I finish.

I also plan to be available to fill in at a moment's notice if needed. I think that will be valuable for the new musician(s), who can be assured that if they get sick or have to go somewhere suddenly, I can substitute —as I did for Jacque G before she died.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead music, and being so supportive as a congregation and as leadership over the years.

God bless us, everyone!

Kari Stadem

THIS YEARS SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS



Teachers are:
Camy Erickson
Marny Behrends
Gretchen Lindblad
Chrystal Moran



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JOSH COFER BENEFIT

Potato Topper Meal | Silent Auction | Bake Sale

Saturday, October 20th
5:00pm - 7:30pm

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This Benefit is being held for Josh Cofer who is 33 years old and a Willmar native. Josh is the son of Sandy Cofer and the late Joel Cofer; sister of Jaime (Cody) Thorson and their two sons of Clara City. Josh was diagnosed with Diffuse B Cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in the right side of his chest this summer. Shortly after being diagnosed, he was hospitalized for two weeks and has since been undergoing chemotherapy treatments in the Twin Cities. Josh has temporarily relocated from the Twin Cities, where he has lived for eight years, and has been living with his mother, Sandy, in Willmar while he undergoes his treatments. Josh is also unable to work at this time and unsure of when he will be able to return.

The funds raised from this Benefit will go to help with Josh's medical expenses, costs of travel to and from the Cities as well as personal needs expenses while he is unable to work.

On behalf of Josh's Family
WE
THANK YOU

Please Join Us

United Lutheran Church In Lake Lillian, MN Is hosting its Annual

FALL FESTIVAL 5:00-7:00 PM

Swedish Meatball Supper
Produce, Craft, & Bake Sale

Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018

Adults ♦ \$10 6-12 yrs ♦ \$3 5 yrs & under ♦ FREE

MENU: Swedish Meatballs, Potatoes, Vegetable, Beverage,
Coleslaw, Rolls, Desserts, Beverage



HOPE LUTHERAN'S ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR In Sunburg! SAT., OCTOBER 6th - 10am-1pm

Come & See
What's Happening at

LUNCHEON MENU

Wild Rice Soup or Chili ~ Ham Sandwiches ~

Salad ~ Rommegrot ~

Variety of Pies

Don't Forget The

QUILT RAFFLE

DRAWING at 1 pm

(Need not be present to win)

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APRONS & CRAFTS Area For Gifts

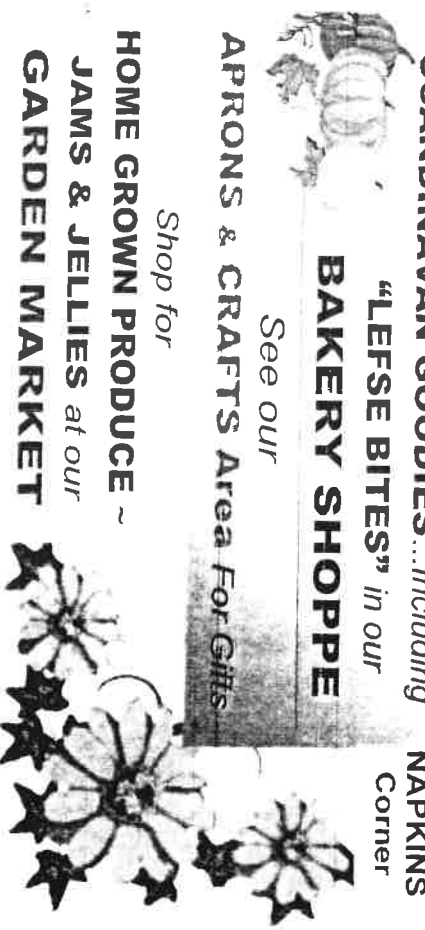
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 7 9:30 am Praise/Communion Service 10:30 am SCS & Coffee fellowship	1 	2 9:30 am Peace Circle at church with potluck 6:00 pm Stake holder's dinner at Lutheran Campus Ministry	3 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 6:30 pm Confirmation	4 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Deb Portinga home	5	6  9:30-10:30 am "Coffee with Rachel" at Parsonage
14 9:30 am ELW/Communion Service 10:30 am SCS & Coffee fellowship & Memorial Mtg	15	16	17 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study/Breakfast	18 8:00 pm SFE Mtg	19	20 5:00-7:30 pm Benefit for Josh Cofer At Church
21 9:30 am Praise/Communion Service 10:30 am SCS & Coffee fellowship	22	23	24 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 6:30 pm Confirmation	25 7:30 pm Church Council 	26 Reminder articles due!	27
28 Reformation Sunday 9:30 a. WOV/Communion Service 10:30 am SCS & Coffee fellowship	29	30 Reminder Published	31 6:00 am LMM/Prayer 6:30 pm Confirmation 			

**OCTOBER 2018
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Carly Wenberg | 19. Julie Moenkedick |
| 2. Darla Sowers | 21. Anne Christianson |
| 4. Ty Larson | 22. Kathleen Lindblad |
| 5. Roger Moran | 24. Stephanie Kardell |
| 6. Violet Newberg
Donavon Stuhr | Jay Lindblad |
| 8. Blake Bowen | 26. Nicole Kowalczyk |
| 9. Jessica Gatewood | 27. Douglas Hopp Jr. |
| 10. Jada Jacobson | 29. Chris Pederson |
| 11. Shelly Gatewood | Emma Hopp |
| 13. Trent Thompson | 30. Patti Schultz |
| 14. Zachary Sowers
Gretchen Lindblad | John Gorans |
| 17. Kyran Cadmus
Janet Thompson | Judy Sebring |
| 18. Opal Fixsen | Jennifer Lindblad |
| | Carol Johnson |
| | 31. Stacey Vlaminck |
| | Amber Schueler |