

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

DECEMBER REMINDER

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The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In 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. In 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.' - Jeremiah 33:14-16



This month tries the patience of many as we wait for the beloved holiday of Christmas. In between work expectations, conflicts in families, conflicts in the nation, and family responsibilities it can be difficult to truly enjoy the days ahead. During times like these it is good for us to pray for one another and for the world.

In our worship and meditation this month we will be engaging in a service known as “Prayer for the Healing of the Nations” as an opportunity to engage our faith in a global context. Advent is a season of discomfort and hope for a better world to come. It is a season of preparation to receive the Savior of Nations; not as a baby, but as the promised Messiah who will come to deliver us at the end of all things.

This is the same hope which the prophet Jeremiah spoke of in this prophecy for the restoration of Israel; a righteous branch will execute justice and righteousness in the land. When we remember that Christ’s promise to return brings a new kingdom, the restoration of Judah becomes a restoration of God’s kingdom. In this Messiah we are preparing to receive is the one who will bring justice and righteousness to all the Earth.

This is a proclamation of good news, hope, and peace for all of God’s people around the world. It is good news that everything we have understood about this world is going to be fundamentally changed in the return of Jesus Christ. It is the hope that we might be able to see one another and all our neighbors as children of God. The branch of David which was Jesus Christ, has become for us the branch of Christ’s deadly cross. In Christ’s death is God’s righteousness for the redemption of the world.

As we gather in this month, we will sing hymns and offer prayers of hope for healing between borders and peace among nations. This is a season of preparation and anticipation, so let us keep ready for the day that will come as we hold in faith all the children of God.

God bless everyone in this season of Advent!

Pr. Erik



Pastors Report for November

-We gave out Bibles to Benjamin Johnson and Garret Swenson on Reformation Sunday

-I attended the SWMN synod mandated boundary workshop for 6 contact hour training.

-There was helpful conversation concerning the importance for everyone who works in the church and with other people to observe dignified and healthy boundaries within their relationships.

-Thank you to those who assisted with Family Promise.

-I continue to work with the Worship and Music Committee as well as others for Advent and Christmas services. We are still looking for a music director / organist.

There were no ministerial acts this month



Family Promise News

Thank you very much to everyone who gave to the special offering for Family Promise of Kandiyohi County during November. Our offering totaled \$1230.00 and is eligible for the \$25,000.00 matching fund challenge Family Promise has going until the end of January!

This year the Assemblies of God Church is designating Family Promise of Kandiyohi County as the recipient for all the free will offerings received at their **Christmas Nights of Music program *Four Tickets To Christmas***. If you are able, please take the time to attend and help support Family Promise. **Performances are Dec. 13-16**. There is no charge for the tickets, but you need a ticket to get in. Call the AG church office at 235-2529 or go to willmarag.org/events/nom2018 to reserve your tickets.

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Family Promise Host Weeks Schedule

March 10 – March 17

May 19 – May 26

August 11 – August 18

November 3 – November 10



Svea Lutheran Church Council Minutes
October 25, 2018 @ 7:30.

Present: Kathy Lindblad, Tracy Gorans, Pastor Erik, Doug Johnson, Matt Erickson, Gene Gatewood.

Absent: Lois Nelson, Tammy Garberich, Dustin Moran, Courtney Carlson, Kaylee Vlainck.

Pastor Erik opened with devotions.

Reviewed the council minutes from September 20, 2018. Council approved.

Pastor read us report and we discussed the Ridgewater Campus ministry program.

Reviewed the committee reports that had been turned in.

Memorial committee bought a roaster for the church kitchen.

Youth group has a plan to participate in "Feed my starving children" at the Willmar middle school

We will ask Doug to get Laurie a debit card for the youth account.

Teresa Johnson would be one candidate for the treasury position for the Youth.

LMM raised approx. \$7050.00 on the Joshua Cofer fund raiser.

Starting November 4, 2018 Church start time will be at 10:00 am. Sunday school will start at 11:00 and go until 11:45.

The Good Grief Bible Study will be starting this fall, probably during Sunday school.

All Hallo's Eve service will be at 7:00 p.m. – Doug Johnson will assist.

Communion assistants:

November 4- Gene Gatewood

November 11- Tammy Garberich

2 Thank you cards were sent.

The next meeting will be **Tuesday November 13th @ 7:30 (not Thursday)**

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Gorans

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: John Christianson & Robert Roelofs

VISUAL ARTS: Karen Schueler & Lois Nelson & all Team Members

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kaylee Vlaminck (12/2) Lois Nelson (12/9) Doug Johnson (12/25)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASST MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>GREETERS & OFFERING</u>
Dec 2	Gene Gatewood	Doug Johnson	Julie & Gary Newberg
Dec 9	Marny Behrends	Louise Swenson	Kathy & Mike Lindblad
Dec 16	Camy Wenberg	Holli Hopp	Mary & LeRoy Hinthier
Dec 23	Jessica Gatewood	Lois Nelson	Darla & Tylar Sowers
Dec 24		Tucker Swanson	Deb & Lyle Portinga
Dec 30			Julie & Gary Newberg

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>TELLERS</u>	<u>ACOLYLES</u>
Dec 2	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	4	Nicholas Flannigan
Dec 9		Kim Gorans	5	Steven Carlson
Dec 16	Scott Johnson	Jake Vlaminck	6	Tucker Swanson
Dec 23		Kim Gorans	1	Matthew Johnson
Dec 24	Brian Gorans	Scott Johnson	1	Jacob Flannigan
Dec 30		Jake Vlaminck	2	

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & OTHER FLOWERS

If you would like to place a plant in the church for Christmas, please have it delivered on/or before Saturday, December 15th. You are responsible for arranging your own delivery. You may pick up the plant after December 30. We would like to acknowledge your flower in the Christmas bulletin. Please fill out this form and leave it in the offering or office.

Your name. _____

Poinsettia or Other (please indicate which)

In memory of:

In honor of:



Traditional candlelight Christmas Eve Services
on Monday evening, 5:00 pm on December 24.



Please join us as we celebrate Christ's birthday. Christmas Services in the Barn will again be at the Dale Tonsfeldt farm. Services start at 9:30 am. Thank you Dale & Debbie for hosting!



Thank you to Dan & Louise, Brian & Tracy, Doug & Holli, Karen, Lois, Stacey, Kathy, Bonnie and Pastor for making our church so festive for the holiday season.



Thank You

A word of thanks for all you do.

Rev. Erik, Lutheran Men in Mission, Lois, Stacey and members of the congregation.

A simple "thank you" hardly seems to be enough for all the support, prayers and love shown to our family. Coming to the church has been such a warm welcoming to us. Svea Lutheran may be a small town church but it's the Reverend and members that make it big with many blessings. You all have such huge caring, loving hearts. Thank you for sharing with our family.

May God continue to bless the church and his people.

Thank you.

On behalf of the Cofer family.



Sunday Morning Coffee after 10:00 worship services

Winter is 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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GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Coming Home for Christmas

BY DAVE ELIASON & BRIAN PEARSON

2018 Dinner Theater | Green Lake Bible Camp
December 6, 7, 8, and 9 at 5:30 PM
December 8 at 12:30 PM

Join us for a delicious four course meal and an evening of theater and music with your friends and loved ones.

Tickets: \$40. Tickets go on sale October 15th.

To make your reservations, contact Karen at
(320)796-2181 or kpeterse@gllm.org

Peace and reconciliation in Colombia



At the House of Peace and Reconciliation in Medellín, Colombia, Lutherans strive to bring peace to a community torn by conflict for many years. Founded by Misión Luterana Emaús, a mission start of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO), the House focuses on equipping people in the Comuna 13 neighborhood to resolve conflicts peacefully.

Since 1964, armed conflict in Colombia has left more than 600,000 people dead and has displaced nearly one of every 10 Colombians. While the recent peace agreement between the government and the main guerrilla group holds promise, former combatants need to be reintegrated into everyday life.

"Our vision is not only to preach the gospel but to live the gospel in our community," said John Hernandez, pastor of Emaús. "The gospel gives us a special language to talk not only about peace but also reconciliation. Generally, in the Comuna 13, the need is to learn to coexist, to accept those that think differently."

Last year, the House of Peace and Reconciliation hosted a multi-session certificate program on peace and reconciliation that attracted 25 students from Comuna 13, and other faith communities and human rights and peace-focused organizations in Medellín. Students committed to replicating at least some of what they learned in their communities and organizations.

In the House's theater group, young participants use theater as a creative tool to process experiences and heal. This year they are preparing to perform an adaptation of the Bible story of the feeding of the 5,000 throughout the neighborhood and for the national IELCO education gathering.

They hope to send a message "that we can abandon the presumption of scarcity and begin to trust in the abundance of resources around us," Hernandez said.

OCTOBER REMINDER 2018
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	October 31, 2018	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 76,727.00		\$ 61,233.62
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 14,775.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,447.00		\$ 50,967.32
Total	\$ 156,174.00		\$ 126,975.94
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 120,936.11
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (6,039.83)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ 310.00
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (5,729.83)

BORROWED MONEY

Transfer Building Fund Savings	\$ 3,528.00
Loan from Bank Line of Credit	\$ 6,800.00
Total Funds needed for October	\$ (16,057.83)



Stewardship Finance Estate Meeting

Present: Doug Hopp, Doug Johnson, Pete Swenson, Gene Gatewood and Jake Vlaminck

Reviewed October statement with a balance of -\$16,057.83 including loan

Letters to Congregation will be sent out.

Budget proposal for 2019

Questions on supply pastor needs and how many weeks total time off for the pastor with six weeks paid parental leaves

Tough decision with large budget with increases

Share with council - tabled discussion for December meeting

Bank statements for youth and scholarship forms to follow up with.

Next meeting on December 6 at 8:00 pm

HOMEFRONT CONNECTION

Connecting Military Families to Their Community

October 15, 2018

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Tax Receipt

The Willmar Area HomeFront Connection received the contribution(s) listed below:

Gift Date	Gift Amount
September 4, 2018	315.00

Thank you so much for your contribution to HomeFront Connection. We are a 501c3 dedicated to helping the families of military personnel. We work with the area VFW and American Legion clubs to help our local veterans and also support the families of deployed soldiers. With generous contributions like yours, we have been able to help the families with deck repairs, installing homes with handrails and assistance with air conditioning and heating needs. We appreciate your generosity!!

Staining deck



Installed railings



Thank you for your generosity.

Dick Reitsma

Dick Reitsma
President

HomeFront Connection
1404 16th Street SW, Willmar, MN 56201

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2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 12:30 Senior Dinner
2 10:00 am Praise Service/ Communion 11:00 am SCS & Coffee fellowship	3 Don't forget BUDGET REQUEST DUE	4 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer 9:30 am Peace Circle at Church	5 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Advent	6 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Delphies 8:00 pm SFE Mtg	7	8
9 10:00 am ELW/Service Communion 11:00 a SCS & Coffee fellowship; 12-3 Open House	10	11 6:00 am LMM/ Prayer	12 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Advent Services	13 7:30 pm Church Council Mtg	14	15
16 10:00 am Praise Service/ SCS X-mas program ; 11:00 am Coffee fellowship	17	18 6:00 am LMM Bible Study/ Breakfast	19 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Advent	20	21	22
23 10:00 am WOV Service/ Communion 11:00 am Coffee fellowship; NO SCS	24 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 9:30 am Christmas in the Barn	26 NO Confirmation Reminder articles due	27	28 Reminder printed	29
30 10:00 am Lessons & Carols; 11:00 am Coffee fellowship; NO SCS	31 New Year's Eve	Jan 1, 2019 New Year's Day 	2 NO Confirmation	3	4	5

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. | Laurie Burks | 13. | Marny Behrends |
| 3. | Donna Anderson | 14. | Paulette Ascheman |
| | Phyllis Gorans | 16. | Todd DeGraw |
| 5. | Tony Swenson | 18. | Dennis Feifarek |
| 7. | Ellie Bowen | 19. | Rita Schoeppler |
| | Tammy Garberich | 23. | Jean Feifarek |
| | Brian Solbrack | | Joel Swenson |
| 8. | Justin Solbrack | 24. | Brent Landin |
| | Owen Moenedick | 26. | Katie Mott |
| 12. | Crystal Moran | 31. | Taylor Sowers |