

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

MARCH REMINDER

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When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he [Jesus] set his face to go to Jerusalem. Luke 9:51

The practice of Lent has arrived in all its meditative melancholy. Lent is a journey, as Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem to invite the whole of creation into God's abundant grace; so we also set our face on his cross and the abundant grace which we have received. While all the four Gospels take a slightly different take on Christ's appearance, ministry, and hermeneutic; the end result is the same. The man Jesus Christ was sent to die. Each gospel gives us a great many details concerning his death. Which while we may say as much, seems so easily and often taken for granted.



It is one thing to acknowledge Christ's death, it is even easily admitted that this action is somehow deserved by our own grievous actions as sinners. But to take up the stance that this was the graceful action for us to share with the world, to set our faces on the cross as our way of life is the challenge of our faith. The work of God for our salvation requires nothing of our own working. The response to this working for us, the changing of our lives as a result is only possible through the active work of the Holy Spirit actively calling us to set our hearts and faces on this new reality.

Lent is the practice of intentionally challenging our lives to be set on Christ's cross, his suffering, his glorious resurrection, and promise to return for all the faithful. We spend these 40 days in fasting, meditation, generous giving, and deliberate acts of contrition.

To help each of us facilitate a more intentional practice of Lent, we will be offering midweek devotional services during the noon hour and evening on Wednesdays. We will host study and instruction for the whole congregation around the topic of abundant grace in Holy Communion. We will be practicing corporate public confession as we seek to remember our baptism and its life changing reality.

I pray that we all will look forward to setting our face towards Jerusalem and the cross in this Lenten Season.

Pr. Erik



Svea Lutheran Church Council Meeting minutes 02/21/2019

Present: Gene G., Courtney C., Tammy G., Kathy L., Linda R., Brian G.

Absent: John Christianson, Pastor Erik R., Dustin Moran, Doug Johnson

Vice President Gene Gatewood opened the meeting and lead devotions.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: report is in the reminder.

Global Mission: report is in the reminder.

Property: phone problems in the church and parsonage are being checked into.

Continuing business:

Jake V. knows of a candidate for Organist position

Courtney C. may also know of a potential candidate

We should contact Laurie B. and ask that she call a Youth meeting to elect a Treasurer

New business:

Communion schedule looks fine and can be published in the 2019 Yearbook

Equipping Congregations to be held at Bethel this Saturday the 23rd of February

We recommend to limit how long the council meetings last and concluded for meetings to end around 9pm at the latest.

Four thank you letters were sent.

Gene G. closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Courtney Carlson, acting secretary



Christ in our Home booklets for April, May, June are available in the Narthex for pick-up. Large print editions are also available.



SFE Meeting 2/19/2019

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

1. Reviewed Financial Statement for January Dated 1/31/2019
 - A. Current **receipts \$23,199.60** less **expenses \$11,720.29 = \$11,479.31**
 - B. In January received **two** generous offering totaling **\$11,600**
2. Expenses for January are under budget
 - A. No organist payment
 - B. Discussed heating expense – Even with the cold snap a past credit on our budget payments at Dooley’s should carry us through
3. No Major Expenses forecasted for February.
4. Will have Supply Pastor expenses to pay in February. Will most likely use up the years budget for that line item. Encourage the use of Lay Services (volunteer congregational members) for any coverage after needed after February.
5. Next Meeting 3/14/2019 @ 8:00 PM

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Jake V.

JANUARY REMINDER 2019

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	January 31, 2019	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 93,729.00		\$ 6,696.80
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 1,275.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 58,277.00		\$ 3,748.49
Total	\$ 170,006.00		\$ 11,720.29
Year to Date Receipts			\$ 23,199.60
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ 11,479.31
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ 60.00
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ 11,539.31

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Wendell Dahl and Troy Erickson

VISUAL ARTS: Tracy Gorans and Stacey Vlaminc

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Doug Johnson (3/3) Dustin Moran (3/10)

DATE	ASST MINISTER	LECTORS	GREETERS & OFFERING
Mar 3	Jordan Gatewood	Lois Nelson	Shannon & Gary Christopher
Mar 10	Holli Hopp	Karen Schueler	Laurie & Jon Burks
Mar 17	Camy Wenberg	Doug Johnson	RaiAnne & Matt Erickson
Mar 24	Marny Behrends	Louise Swenson	Lynn Hallberg/Troy Erickson
Mar 31	Gene Gatewood	Anne Christianson	Janet Thompson & Ed Key

DATE	PROJECTION	SOUND	TELLERS	ACOLYLES
Mar 3	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	6	Matthew Johnson
Mar 10		Kim Gorans	1	Steven Carlson
Mar 17	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	2	Jacob Flannigan
Mar 24		Scott Johnson	3	Nick Flannigan
Mar 31	Scott Johnson	Kim Gorans	4	Matthew Johnson



*I would like to thank everyone who came or sent a card to help celebrate my 90th birthday. What an amazing day and fellowship! God has blessed me in so many ways and I am very thankful!
Thank you from the bottom of my heart,*

Richard Gratz & family.

To the Quilters,

Thank you so much for donating the quilt. It was beautiful.

*The **Tommy Swenson** fishing gets bigger and bigger every year. All the donations is what keeps the tournament going. Thanks again,
Mary Peterson*



Family Promise News

Our first host week for Family Promise in 2019 is **March 10-17**. Sign ups began February 24th. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. Remember you can sign up at church on Sundays, online at our website svealutheranchurch.org, or by calling Karen Schueler at 995-6568.

Thank you!

Svea – 2019

Family Promise Host Weeks Schedule

March 10 – March 17

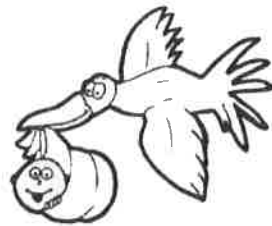
May 19 – May 26

August 11 – August 18

November 3 – November 10

Matching Fund Goal Reached!

The \$25,000.00 matching fund grant for donations to Family Promise ended January 31st. Our generous donors through the county and beyond came through donating well over the \$25,000 goal!! And that did not include any of the funds we received from the Christmas play offering at The Assemblies of God church in December. Thank you so much for donating to help homeless families in Kandiyohi County get their lives back together!



BABY SHOWER

Please join us for a baby shower honoring **Annelise Marlene Rundquist**,
daughter of Pastor Erik and Rachel.

The shower will be held on April 7th after worship services.

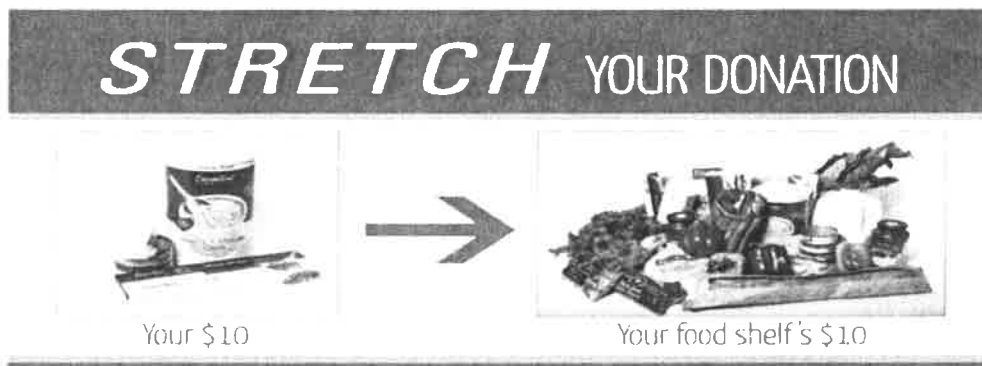
A lunch/brunch is being planned.

The family is registered at Target.

March is Minnesota Food Share Month

The month of March, the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf is competing with other Food Shelf's in Minnesota for grant dollars. The amount of grant dollars received is based upon the amount of revenue each Food Shelf receives during the month of March. Below are ways you can help us at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf.

Did you know that by donating as little as \$10 to the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf can help us purchase almost \$100 worth of Food through Second Harvest Heartland, our Food Bank? Cash is King!



Business & Civic Group Challenge:

We want to put out a challenge to all of you to compete with "like" organizations to see who raises the most amount of cash and/or food. We want you to get creative and have fun with this challenge!

Churches:

Set aside one Sunday out of the month to perhaps take a special offering for the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf and/or do a food drive.

Upcoming Food Shelf Fundraisers

Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra Concert

Sunday, March 4 3pm
WEAC Building Willmar
Free will donation during intermission

Woodbury Orchestra Concert

Sunday, March 24 4pm
Calvary Lutheran Church Willmar
Free will donation

Radio For Relief

Friday, March 22 7am-10am
Kandiyohi County Food Shelf

Bring your cash and food donation to the Food Shelf and Lakeland Broadcasting will be here and give you an opportunity to be on the radio.

Cub Foods Bagging for Tips

Saturday, March 9 10am-4pm

4 Pacific Ave SW Willmar MN 56201





Mission Meeting Minutes

Personal care kits

Items will be collected during Lent to assemble Personal care kits. Starting March 10th. A different item each week. List will be in Reminder.

Family Promise

Going good. 4 families in program now. 2 single women, Mom with 2 kids, Dad and Mom with 2 kids.

Svea hosting March 10-17. Need more help with overnights.

Sign up online or with Karen at church. Day center would take some help also.

March is Food Shelf month. March 24th special offering at church.

Svea received call from Bethel church asking if we would help their church when they serve a meal at Ridgewater College. Meals are Tues. at noon. Setup to cleanup is approx. 10:00-2:00. Asking for food or helping to serve.

Sunday coffee time could use more people to sign up to serve.



Sunday Morning Coffee after 10:00 worship services

Don't forget - Coffee and treats are available after every Sunday worship service in the fellowship hall, please come. It's a great opportunity to visit with our neighbors. Thanks go out to those who have served coffee and treats during the last two months.

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.

Lenten Personal Care Kit Collection Drive for 2019

Donate items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits to help people in need.

There continues to be many natural disasters occurring throughout the world. Our Global Mission Committee has decided to again sponsor the gathering of items to make Personal Care Kits during the Lenten season. Last year we donated 100 kits and our goal for this year is to collect enough supplies to make 110 Personal Care Kits that will help impoverished people around the world stay healthy in the midst of life's most challenging situations.

Each kit contains:

- 1 light weight bath towel (dark colors are best-Minimum size 20"x40" & Maximum size 52"x27")
- 2 bars of soap (any brand 4 to 5 oz. in original wrapping)
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clipper (either with or without a nail file)
- 1 adult size toothbrush (in original packaging).

Each week during Lent, we'll focus on collecting one of the kit items. Please bring your donation to worship and place it in the designated box.

March 10 - soap

March 17 - lightweight bath towels (Minimum 20" x 40" and Maximum 27"x 52")

March 24 - toothbrushes

March 31 - combs

April 7 - nail clippers

April 14 - (Palm Sunday) - soap

The kits will be assembled in May after worship during the Sunday School/Coffee hour. The exact date is not yet determined.

If you prefer, a donation of money towards the project is also very helpful. It costs approximately \$9.50 to purchase the items for each kit, plus \$2.65 to ship the kit and add the toothpaste at the final destination.

If you have any questions, please contact [Karen Schueler at 995-6568 or shkaschu@frontiernet.net].



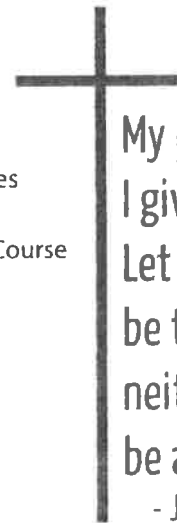
LUTHERAN
MEN ^{IN} MISSION

SW MN Synod Spring Gathering
Saturday, March 16, 2019
Gloria Dei Church in Redwood Falls

Register online at swmnelca.org/event/LMM2019

Registration deadline is March 9, 2019

- 8:30 AM**.....Registration - Rolls and Coffee and Juice
- 9:00**Opening Remarks & Hymn Sing by Bishop Jon Anderson
- 9:30**Bible Study
- 10:00**Business Meeting
- Fill Vacancies: Board Officers and Conference Representatives
 - Scholarship for Seminary
 - LMM Golf Tournament July 26, 2019 at Redwood Falls Golf Course
- 10:45**.....Video by Al Leedah
- **GREAT LEADERS INSPIRE ACTION:**
 - **THE WHY, THE WHAT, AND THE HOW**
 - Group discussion of video
- 11:30**.....Lunch (*take your box lunch to the first break out session*)
- 11:30** **Breakout Session #1**
- **A:** Eco-Faith, Ian Graue
 - **B:** Stations of the Cross, Pr. Bryant Kaden
 - **C:** Chest Building Demonstration, Reynold Dittbenner & Rick Sandry
- 12:30 PM**..Main Speaker, Pr. Lowell Krogstad
- 1:30** **Breakout Session #2**
- ...- **A:** Eco-Faith, Ian Graue
 - ...- **B:** Stations of the Cross, Pr. Bryant Kaden
 - ...- **C:** Chest Building Demonstration, Reynold Dittbenner & Rick Sandry
- 2:45PM**Closing Worship & Communion with Offering
Pr. Kaden of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
- 3:30**Depart for Home



My peace
I give unto you.
Let not your heart
be troubled,
neither let it
be afraid.

- John 14:27



MARCH 4 PANCAKE FEED

**Join us for a Pancake Feed on Monday,
March 4th!**

The proceeds of this pancake feed will go toward sending kids to Inspiration Hills Camp this summer, as well as helping those in need in the community.

**All You Can Eat
Pancakes, Eggs and
Sausages**

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Free-will Donation

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**Sending kids to
Inspiration Hills Camp**

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**Helping those
in need in
the community**

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**Hope to See
You There!**



March 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Spring arrives March 20th.</p> 					1	2
<p>3 10:00 am Praise Service; 11:00 am SCS & Coffee fellowship</p>	4	<p>5 9:30 am Peace circle at Church/ potluck 1:30 pm Patience Circle at Delphs/ potluck</p>	<p>6 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm Confirmation</p>	7 1:00 pm Quilting	8	9
<p>10 10:00 am ELW Service; 11:00 am SCS & Coffee</p>  <p>Family Promise</p>	11 Family Promise	12 Family Promise	<p>13 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study/ Breakfast 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Lenten Service 6:00 pm Confirmation Family Promise</p>	<p>14 1:00 pm Quilting 8:00 pm SFE Family Promise</p>	15 Family Promise	<p>16 8:30 am-3:30 pm LMM Spring Gathering in Redwood Falls Family Promise</p>
<p>17 10:00 am Praise Service; 11:00 am SCS & Coffee</p> 	18	19	<p>20 6:00 am LMM/Bible Study/ Breakfast 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Lenten Service 6:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>21 1:00 pm Quilting 7:30 pm Church Council</p>	22	23
<p>24 10:00 am WOV Service; 11:00 am SCS & Coffee fellowship Special offering for Food Shelf</p>	25	26	<p>27 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Lenten Service 6:00 pm Confirmation</p>	28 1:00 pm Quilting	29	30
<p>31 10:00 am Praise Service; 11:00 am SCS & Coffee fellowship</p>						

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3. Emma Skoglund
- 4. Debra Tonsfeldt
- 5. Marlene Christianson
- 8. Jennifer Jacobson
- 9. Andrea Jacobson
Angela Lindblad
- 10. Jennifer Lothert
- 11. Kaitlyn Lindblad
- 14. Roy Christianson
Jerome Jacobson
Cora Lindblad
Garrett Swenson
- 16. Betty Peterson
Nicholas Lothert
- 17. Lyle Portinga

- 18. Ben Vlaminck
Madelyn Swierenga
- 19. Linda Roelofs
- 23. Zachary Mohr
- 25. Tricia Jansen
Lynn Asheman
- 26. David Stadem
Tara Sickels
- 27. Benjamin Johnson
- 29. Kari Eckhoff
Jacob Vlaminck
- 30. Andrew Dahl
Andrew Stadem
- 31. Sarah Nelson
Warren Matson
Debra Portinga