

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

APRIL REMINDER

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Good Friday

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. -Galatians 2:19-20

As we look upon the cross this year, (and every year) it will be important that we remember we too hang upon the cross. A result of our own most grievous faults, our idolatrous ways, and our lack of desire for the common good, will have crucified our Lord yet again, and we right along with him. While this is not the whole of story, it is a significant element in the Christian experience.

It is also a sign of mature faith to recognize we were the ones responsible for Jesus death when it very clearly should have been our own.

This year at the Good Friday service there will be an element of the service in which we remember these words of St. Paul. We will be participating in a remembrance of our own part in Christ's crucifixion and the repercussions of our actions. We are going to remember that idolatry leads to death, destruction, and the dismemberment of the body of Christ.

There is hope as well, when we will remember the glory of Christ's resurrection at the Easter Vigil as well as the Sunday of the Resurrection services. I invite you to participate and journey through the whole of our remaining Lenten services as well as Holy Week including the brilliant sunrise of Easter morning.

As a fellow traveler in this season, I look forward to walking alongside you all the way to the cross and the empty tomb.

Blessings on your meditation in the weeks ahead,

Pr. Erik



Svea Lutheran Church Council

March 21, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Brian Gorans, John Christianson (Sec.), Linda Roelofs, Tammy Garberich, Kathy Lindblad, Doug Johnson (Pres.), Gene Gatewood (Vice-Pres.), Dustin Moran, Rev. Erik Rundquist
Absent: Courtney Carlson

1. **Call meeting** to order 7:30 pm: President Doug Johnson
 2. **Devotions** were presented by Pastor Erik G. Rundquist
 - A. Discussed how God is involved in our life's highlights and lowlights
 3. **Council meeting minutes** from February 21st, 2019 were approved
 4. **Pastor's report:** Pastor Erik
 - A. Pastor Erik is back
 - B. Good response from the congregation confessions
 - C. Good attendance has been experienced at the noon Lenten Services
 - D. Lakeland Conference was held – good attendance
 1. Approved budget funding
 2. Changed funding based upon scaled membership average worship attendance
- 5. Committee reports:**
- A. Stewardship, Finance & Estate Committee
 1. SFE committee recommended to replace 200 hymnals with the new Cranberry Lutheran hymnals at \$22.50 each. Church will save \$2.00 per hymnal if they are ordered by March 31
 2. Council moved and approved the purchase of 200 new hymnals with an expected cost of \$4,500
 3. Council moved and approved that 30% of the Lenten offering be donated to Global Missions
 4. Council requested Deb Portinga to send contribution statements for first quarter of 2019 to members
 - B. Worship & Music
 1. Lenten services at noon and evening on Wednesdays
 2. Searching for an Organist
 - A. Talking with prospects
 3. Discussed taking out 2 half pews in mid church for access with wheelchairs
 - A. Decided to ask if people would use
 - B. Doug Johnson will follow up with discussions
 4. Pastor discussed first communion age
 - A. No age limit to be imposed on accepting first communion
 - B. Parents discretion will determine when children accept first communion
 - C. Planning Maundy Thursday for first communion
 - C. Property Committee
 1. Worked on water problems in church basement
 2. 50' of church water gutter became dislodged
 - A. Property Comm will check with insurance
 3. Looking to replace old trees in the park when ground dries up

- D. LMM
 - 1. Wild Game Feed – set for Saturday, April 27th, 2019
 - A. Discussed ways to increase participation
 - B. Discussed advertising opportunities
- E. Memorial Committee
 - 1. Donated \$5,000 to Bethesda for stain glass windows in the Chapel
 - 2. Members commented the windows look very nice
 - 3. Memorial Committee will purchase new hymnals up front- chance of reimbursement through member participation
- 6. **Continuing business:**
 - A. Congregational Strategic Planning
 - 1. Council meeting on April 14th, 2019 at parsonage
 - 2. Council to help set church calendar
 - B. Svea Church 150th Anniversary Committee is meeting
 - 1. Plans are being worked on for a 2020 celebration
 - C. Youth looking at a fishing and camping trip this summer
- 7. **New Business**
 - A. Armed Intruder Resources – Church Mutual Insurance Company
 - 1. Discussed an active shooter plan
 - 2. Wisdom in having a plan for emergencies – ie: fire & medical
 - 3. Emergency response for medical
 - 4. Potential for greeters to stand by front doors
 - B. Easter Breakfast
 - 1. Sponsored by the softball team – kids & parents
 - 2. Looking for softball players involvement
 - C. Compensation of supply staff for cancelled services – policy
 - 1. Pay 50% of scheduled rate
 - D. First communion
 - 1. No age requirement
 - 2. Parents discretion when kids receive first communion
- 8. **Communion assistants**

March 24 th	Pastor's Choice	
March 31 st	Pastor's Choice	
April 7 th	Courtney	
April 14 th	Kathy L.	
April 18 th	1 st Communion kids	
April 20 th	Easter Vigil	
April 21 st	Sunrise	Tammy G.
April 21 st	Easter	Doug J
- 9. **Thank you cards:**
 - Ace Bonnema
 - Matt Erickson
 - Confirmation boys – Jacob, Nick, Tucker, Matthew, Stephen
- 10. **Next meeting:** Thursday April 11th
- 11. **Closed meeting** with Lord's Prayer

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Brian Gorans and Pete Swenson

VISUAL ARTS: Tracy Gorans and Stacey Vlaminck

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Courtney Carlson (4/7) Kathy Lindblad (4/14)

Tammy Garberich (4/21, 7 AM) Doug Johnson (4/21, 10 AM)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASST MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>GREETERS & OFFERING</u>
April 7	Jesse Gatewood	Matthew Johnson	Peggy & Wendall Dahl
April 14	Jordan Gatewood	Sherman Schueler	Bonnie & Pete Swenson
April 21 7 AM	Camy Wenberg	Pr. Erik	Kathy & Mike Lindblad
April 21 10 AM	Marny Behrends	Holli Hopp	
April 28	Gene Gatewood	Karen Schueler	Karen & Sherman Schueler

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>TELLERS</u>	<u>ACOLYLES</u>
April 7		Jake Vlaminck	5	Steven Carlson
April 14	Jake Vlaminck	Brian Gorans	6	Nick Flannigan
April 21 7AM	Scott Johnson		1	
April 21 10 AM		Kim Gorans	1	Jacob Flannigan
April 28		Brian Gorans	2	Matthew Johnson

Upcoming Bridal Showers

*Please join us for a
bridal shower honoring*

Heather Horning

Bride to be of

Cole Christopher

April 27, 10 AM

Svea Church



Open House Bridal Shower for
Maddie Frisch bride to be of Zach Mohr
to be held on Saturday, May 4th
10 AM—12 Noon at
Blomkest Community Center
All are welcome!



Baby Shower

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

The shower will be held on April 7th after worship services. A lunch/brunch is being planned. The couple is registered at Target.

Baptism Announcement

Erik & Rachel Rundquist

Announce the baptism of

Annelise Marlene Rundquist

Saturday, April 20, 2019

7:00 pm

Svea Lutheran Church

RECEPTION 5:00—7:00 pm

A light dinner will be served in the fellowship hall. Please join us.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE MINUTES

- Working on Liturgy for Sunday's and Lenten Services.
- There will be a Lenten Service each week at noon with light lunch to follow. Regular Lenten Service in the Eve.
- Still looking into more options for a organist.
- Talking about taking out 2 half pews in mid church to make it possible for those in wheelchairs to sit up closer.
- Looking into purchasing some of the newest hymnals. Red cover.
- There will be classes for those that will be receiving First Communion.
- Easter banner to be made by Sunday school students.

Kathy Lindblad



We will be ordering **200 ELW Hymnals** for our worship service. If you would like to purchase one in honor of, in memory of ,or for a special occasion for someone, please let Pastor Erik or Deb know. The price is \$22.50. Would make a nice gift!



We are replacing the green hymnal now with the new cranberry ELW hymnals, If you would like a green hymnal, please feel free to take one.



If you would like to place a flower in the church for Easter, please have it delivered on Saturday morning, April 20th. You are responsible for arranging your own delivery. If you would like to acknowledge your flower in the Easter bulletin, please fill out the form below or let the office know (995-6500) by April 18th. You may pick up the plant after Easter Services. Thank you!

Your name: _____

Lily or other flower (please indicate which)

In Memory of:

In Honor of:



Pastor's Report for March

I returned to full time responsibilities on March 3rd. Thank you for allowing Rachel and I to spend some time with new baby Annelise

Lenten Services are better attended at noon with lunch, but evening attendance is on the rise as well. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve soup and help with services.

The flooding in the basement seems to be under control. Thank you to everyone who assisted in those constructive and cleanup efforts.

There has been positive response to interactive corporate confession on Sunday morning.

The search continues for a part-time director of music, but progress is being made.

There were no Ministerial Acts this month

Pastor's Dates:

April 23rd -May 2nd Continuing Education



SFE Meeting 3/14/2019

Present: Pete Swenson, Doug Hopp, Doug Johnson, Jake Vlaminck, John Christenson, Pastor Erik.

1. Reviewed Financial Statement for January Dated 2/28/2019
 - A. **February receipts \$6,914.50 less expenses \$12514.31 =-\$5,599.81**
 - B. **YTD receipts \$29,844.10 less expenses \$24,054.60 = \$5789.50**
 - C. In January received **two** generous offering totaling **\$11,600**
 - D. Gift To Kari for Years of Service expensed to Organist Line Item.
2. Megan Gillis has Prepared for 2 Services that were Canceled for weather. Pastor Linda also prepared for a Sunday Service and a Wednesday Confirmation Meeting. Agreed to Pay both individuals half of normal compensation
3. Conversation on the New Cranberry Hymnal.
 - A. Suggest that Memorial Committee proceed with replacing the current 200 copies of the Green Hymnal used in the pews.
 - B. Dedication stickers to be placed in the New Hymnals can be purchased by family Members and funds used to reimburse Memorial Committee.
 - C. Further Suggest the old Hymnals be made available to Members of the Congregation.
4. Discussed Ideas of helping Svea be a more inviting Church. An idea of name tags for members was discussed so visitors can learn the names of people of Svea.
5. **Suggestion to council to designate 30% of Lent offerings to the Mission Committee.**
Next Meeting 4/11/2019 @ 8:00 PM
Closed with the Lord's Prayer

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	February 28, 2019	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 93,729.00	\$	14,729.92
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00	\$	2,550.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 58,277.00	\$	6,774.68
Total	\$ 170,006.00	\$	24,054.60
Year to Date Receipts		\$	29,844.10
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses		\$	5,789.50
Net Designated/Transfer		\$	150.00
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer		\$	5,939.50

Most Richly Blessed

"I asked for strength that I might achieve; I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey. I asked for health that I might do greater things; I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy; I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of men; I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all things that I might enjoy life; I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing that I had asked for, but everything that I had hoped for. Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered; I am, among all men, most richly blessed."

--Prayer composed by an unknown Confederate soldier between 1861 and 1865



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

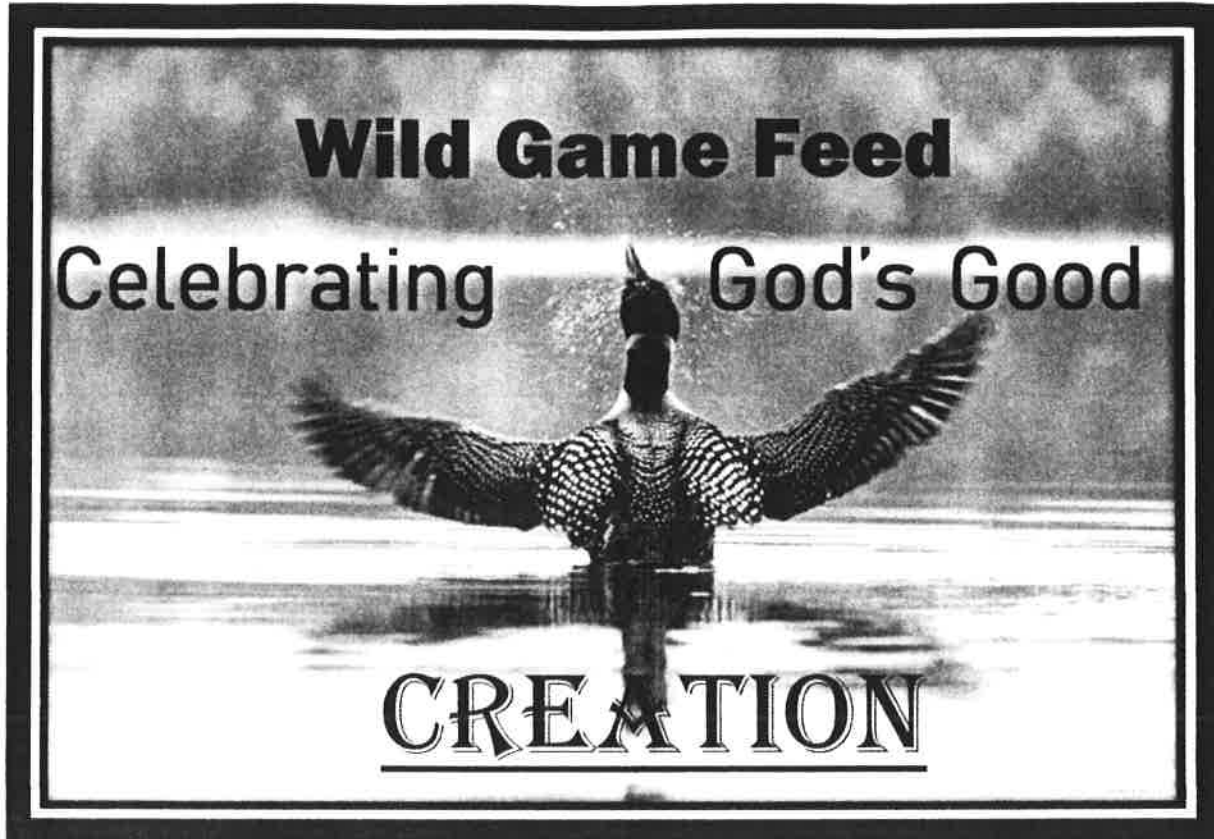
April 7 - nail clippers

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].



◆ {Svea Church, Svea, Minnesota} ◆

5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019

Potluck

Please bring your favorite game dish to share or a side dish (drink, chips, potatoes, beans, salad, dessert, etc.).

Ray Valley, Speaker

Husband and father of 2 boys, son in law of Sherman Schueler, Aquatic Biologist, Founder of lake monitoring program with DNR and now with Navico (makers of the Lowrance fish finder) developing cloud-based lake mapping technology, avid hunter, angler, Sturgeon expert, Firefighter, engineer, first responder, and past president of his church. Ray will share from his life experiences and how we can help our lakes be clean and healthy. Ray is knowledgeable about the history of conservation and passionate about having a land ethic.

Free will offering basket at the serving table for community missions.

With all the snow melt this year, the Fellowship Hall consumed water problems. Thanks to all who helped with the clean up. Also, a new sump pump was installed.



Taking a break



Matt installing the sump pump

Volunteers were:

Doug and Matthew Johnson

Mike and Andy Lindblad

Pastor Erik

Brian Gorans

Karen & Sherman Schueler

Christy and Tucker Swanson

Steven Carlson

Jacob Flannigan

Matt Erickson

Gene and Jordon Gatewood

Pete Swenson



BLOMKEST FIREFIGHTER RELIEF
ASSOCIATION WELCOMES YOU TO
THEIR 3RD ANNUAL

Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over and celebrate with us!

APRIL 13 • SATURDAY • 11 AM
THE BLOMKEST COMMUNITY CENTER

BRING YOUR OWN BASKETS
EASTER BUNNY WILL BE MAKING AN APPEARANCE!



Join us for Easter Services

April 14 - 10:00 A.M. - Palm Sunday

April 18 - 7:00 P.M. - Maundy Thursday service
April 19 - 7:00 P.M. - Good Friday service

April 20 - 7:00 P.M. - Easter Vigil service

April 21 - 7:00 A.M. - Sunrise Easter service

8:00-9:30 A.M. - Pancake breakfast

10:00 A.M. - Easter service



Svea Lutheran Church

April 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 9:30 AM Peace Circle at Middle Fork Café, Willmar. 1:30 Patience Circle at Church 7:30 PM Worship/Music Mtg	3 12 PM and 7 PM Lenten Service 6 PM Confirmation	4 1 PM Quilting at Church 8 PM SFE Meeting	5	 6 9 AM WELCA Spring Gathering at Kerkhoven Lutheran Church
7 10 AM Praise Service; 11 AM SCS & <i>Baby shower</i> following service	8	9	10 6 AM LMM/Bible Study/Breakfast. 12 Noon and 7 PM Lenten Service 6 PM Confirmation	11 1 PM Quilting at Church 7:30 PM Church Council	12	13
14 10 AM Palm Sunday; 11 AM SCS & Coffee Fellowship & Memorial Mtg; 12 PM strategic planning meeting at Parsonage	15	16	17	6 PM Confirmation 18 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	19	20 5-7 PM Baptism Reception for Annelise Rundquist 7 PM Easter Vigil/ Baptism Service
21 7 AM Sunrise Service 8 AM Easter Breakfast 10 AM Traditional Easter Service	22	23	24 Reminder Articles due 6 PM Confirmation	25	26	27 10 AM <i>Bridal Shower</i> for Heather Horning 5:30 PM <i>Game Feed</i> at Church/potluck
28 10 AM WOV Service; 11AM SCS & Coffee Fellowship	29	30				

REMIINDER

APRIL 2019

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH

12651 15TH ST SE

SVEA MN 56216



1. Kim Gorans
2. Tracy Swenson
Bryson James Moran
Tanner Chambers
4. Camilla Erickson
5. Zayna Eischens
6. Marcy Dahl
8. Lyn Hallberg
10. Holli Hopp
11. Marlene Erickson
Eleanor Swenson
Chelsey Thompson
12. Mary Hinthier
Jason Lindblad
Austin Kowalczyk
Kimberly Gravley
13. Michael Lindblad
14. David Garberich

15. Joshua Larson
Rachel Rundquist
Kristi Schwickerath
16. Sarah Stadem
Kylie Moran
June Berg
19. Abby Moran
20. Dustin Moran
Valor Gorans
Madison Bowen
21. Scott Swenson
22. Scott Feifarek
Dale Tonsfeldt
23. Blake Lindblad
24. Tracy Gorans
Kyiah Oslund
25. Michael Pederson
26. Robert C. Johnson
28. Hubert Fixsen