

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

JUNE REMINDER

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Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshipped God, singing,

*'We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty,
who are and who were,
for you have taken your great power
and begun to reign. Revelation 11:16b-18*

The long winter has finally seemed to pass us by; it is good to give thanks for all that we look forward to in this summer. It is the season of graduations and transitions as students move to and fro while many families travel to see the great sights.

We are also in a season where we seem particularly divided as a people of faith among issues of women's rights and immigration. The lectionary readings this month in a timely way speak to the unity of God's people in the church both in the theology of our trinitarian understanding of God and our ecclesial understanding of being one church with many members.

In a tradition that is the first-born of the 'protesting' or protestant generation it's a small wonder that so many still consider conflict an oddity, or challenge. I propose that conflict is our go-to setting as a people in the church and as a people of God. But for the Grace of God in Christ Jesus our rebellious, divisive, and conflicted ways would have left us all in ruin- this is the message we live. We are a conflicted people always in conflict with each other and with our creator, who by the love of God's Son are brought face to face with his unity and challenged to do better.



The passage above speaks to God's reign who in Jesus Christ has been our king even in and through our conflicts. For this we can be grateful, because while transitions in life can be troubling, and changes in societal trends may cause trepidation we need not fear the conflicts that arise. We are those who in the love of Christ may run headlong into differing opinions and positions.

With Christ as our head, we are allowed to disagree trusting that his love will hold us together in our common struggles in the service of the same Jesus Christ.

God's Peace be with you in this season.

Pr. Erik

Svea Lutheran Church Council

May 16, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Brian Gorans, Dustin Moran

1. Call meeting to order 7:30 pm: President Doug Johnson
2. Devotions were presented by Pastor Erik G. Rundquist
 - A. Discussed what it means to be a welcoming church
 - B. Discussed how our faith impacts the immigration process
3. Council meeting minutes from April 14th, 2019 were approved
4. Pastor's report: Pastor Erik
 - A. Church is now the largest donation segment for the Millennials
 - B. VBS is in the works – Svea is hosting this year
 - C. Two summer trips for youth
 1. Sr high to Two Harbors with Tentmakers Leadership Quest
 2. Canoe trip with Confirmation age kids down the Crow Wing River
 - D. Pastor will be absent May 29th – June 2nd
5. Committee reports:
 - A. Stewardship, Finance & Estate Committee
 1. April expenses exceeded receipts by \$40
 2. YTD income has exceeded expenses by \$3,804
 3. Easter offering was \$3,862
 4. Lent offering totaled - \$1,815
 5. 1/3 of Lent offerings \$599 allocated to Missions
 6. Discussion on stewardship and reasons for giving – using personal stories
 7. Envelopes are available for donations for flood relief in Midwest
 - B. Worship & Music
 1. No meeting
 - C. Property Committee
 1. Requested timed lock on back door – cost of about \$600 - Council approved
 2. Sump pump will be installed into the Fellowship Hall – east closet
 3. Requested to replace a number of picnic tables – Council approved property

committee to use their discretion in replacing picnic tables as needed with funding to come from the Memorial Committee Funds

4. Park cleanup day scheduled for June 2nd
5. Council to provide food & drinks for cleanup day

D. LMM

1. Wild Game Feed was a success on Saturday, April 27th

E. Memorial Committee

1. Has a checking account balance of \$8,680

6. New Business

A. Ushers/Tellers/Counter responsibilities

1. Discussed best practices
2. Training has not been scheduled yet

B. Working to schedule interview with potential organist candidate

C. Fund raising for flood victims – envelopes in Narthex

D. 2020 Celebration – council with congregation input to determine the type of event

E. Murder Mystery planned for February 2020

f. Plan to update church pictorial directory fall of 2019 in advance of 2020 Celebration

7. Communion assistants

May 19th - Pastor's choice

May 26th - Pastor's choice

June 2nd - Doug J.

June 9th - Dustin M.

June 16th - Pastor's choice – Kandi Park 1 service at 11:00 am

June 23rd - Pastor's choice

8. Thank you cards:

A. Council sent two thank you cards

9. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 @ 7:30 pm

10. Closed meeting with Lord's Prayer



Pastor's report:

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Pastor trip to California May 29 – June 2nd

Pastor's Report

Thank you to everyone who helped with Easter and Holy Week services.

The retreat I attended in Indiana was informative and restorative as we discussed how Holy Communion brings God's people together.

We are hosting vacation Bible School this year, June 16- 19 and looking for volunteers.

There is a senior high retreat being offered June 9-15th please see Pete Stadem if there is any interest.

I am working on a jr. high canoe trip down the Crow Wing River- dates to follow soon.

Continuing to work on hiring a music director-we have an interested candidate

Conference and Ministerial meetings have concluded for the year.

Ministerial Acts:

Baptism for Annelise Rundquist on April 20

Pastor's Dates:

May 30-June 1 SWCA synod assembly

June 7-8 SWMN synod assembly



Park clean-up will be June 2, after worship services.

Food and drinks will be provided. The Memorial committee will replace some old picnic tables that are needed.



Family Promise
of Kandiyohi County

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for Family Promise last week. We hosted three families which included 3 adults and 5 children ranging in age from 3 to 13. Your generosity and kindness is so important to these people who are struggling through some difficult times in their lives.

Our next opportunity to host is August 11 - 18.



JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS: Mike Lindblad and Gary Newberg

VISUAL ARTS: Holli Hopp and Louise Swenson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Doug Johnson (6/2) Dustin Moran (6/9)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ASST MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>GREETERS & OFFERING</u>
June 2	Holli Hopp	Pete Stadem	Trudy & Doug Gorans
June 9	Jordon Gatewood	Louise Swenson	Anne & John Christianson
June 16	Camy Wenberg	Matthew Johnson	Louise & Dan Swenson
June 23	Marny Behrends	Tucker Swanson	Teresa & Doug Johnson
June 30	Jessie Gatewood	John Christianson	Mindy & Tim Swieringa

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROJECTION</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	<u>TELLERS</u>	<u>ACOLYLES</u>
June 2		Scott Johnson	1	Tucker Swanson
June 9	Jake Vlaminck	Stacey Vlaminck	2	Nick Flannigan
June 16		Kim Gorans	3	
June 23	Scott Johnson	Jake Vlaminck	4	Jacob Flannigan
June 30		Brian Gorans	5	Steven Carlson



Thanks to Camy Wenberg who handed out these lovely handmade roses to the Mothers on Mother's day during church service.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The July, August, September 2019 devotional booklets are now available in the Narthex. Also, available in large print.



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If anyone would like an old green hymnal, they are in the Narthex to pick up.



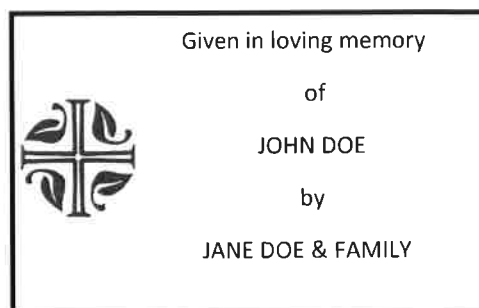
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals

*Our new ELW Hymnals
have arrived.*

If you would like to purchase one in honor of, in memory of, or for a special occasion for someone, please let Pastor or Deb know. The price is \$22.50.

*Checks payable to SLC
Memorial Fund.*

Here is what the stickers (2"x 4") will look like once placed in the hymnals.





SFE Meeting 5/9/2019

Present: Pete Swenson, Doug Hopp, Jake Vlaminck, Gene Gatewood, Pastor Erik

1. Reviewed Financial Statement for April Dated 4/30/2019

A. April receipts \$15,391.72 less expenses \$15,352.20 = \$39.52

B. YTD receipts \$54,638.87 less expenses \$50,834.41 = \$3,804.46

C. Slowly eating in to the one-time generous offering received in January

D. April receipts include offerings for Lent, Maundy Thursday, Easter.

Also, Softball and Mission health kit collections

1. Easter Offering totaled \$3,862.22

2. April Lent offerings \$940. Season Total = \$1815

3. 1/3 of Lent offerings, \$598.95, paid to Mission committee.

4. \$110 paid to Missions for Health kits. \$145 paid to Svea Softball

2. \$200 sent to Discretionary Fund to bring balance up to \$500

3. Snow removal cost yet to be billed. Check with Cemetery Board about possibly sharing the cost.

4. Worship & Music committee has a highly qualified candidate for the position of music director.

Estimating recruiting cost to \$1000. Possibility of share with another congregation.

5. Discussion on funding for the 150th Anniversary book. Recommend taking pre-orders for books.

6. Discussion on stewardship and reasons for giving. Looking at including personal giving stories with the offering statements sent to members

7. Next Meeting 6/13/2019 @ 8:00 PM

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

APRIL REMINDER 2019

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 30, 2019 Budgeted Year To Date

Disbursements - Staff	\$ 93,729.00	\$ 30,051.97
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 5,775.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 58,277.00	\$ 15,007.44
Total	\$ 170,006.00	\$ 50,834.41
Year to Date Receipts		\$ 54,638.87
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses		\$ 3,804.46
Net Designated/Transfer		\$ 918.95
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer		\$ 4,723.41

Bethesda

(Willmar, MN) The Bethesda Board of Directors proudly announce plans to develop a new senior living project in New London, Minnesota.

Preliminary development designs include 72 private senior apartments including; independent and assisted living, advanced care assisted living and memory care assisted living.

Emerging site designs feature a continuation of the vibrant energy of Bethesda's Willmar campus and include a town center; featuring a chapel area, open community areas, dining spaces, recreational opportunities, spa, and the addition of a new satellite Club Bethesda wellness center.

"It has been a remarkable time in the history of Bethesda. We have experienced tremendous growth and development within our skilled nursing facility over the past 5 years and we are now eager to continue our attentions on expanding other areas of Bethesda's mission that will enable us to serve the growing need for senior living options in West Central Minnesota." said Michelle Haefner, president and CEO for Bethesda.

An "aging as desired" housing model is planned to uniquely empower residents to embrace their personal lifestyle choices while providing access to tailored health related services within the campus continuum that strives to keep residents within their local communities and couples living together longer.

Construction is anticipated to begin Summer of 2019 with a grand opening expected in the summer of 2020.

Prospective tenants and families interested in floorplan and leasing information are encouraged to contact the Welcome Center at (320) 214-5643 or info@bethesdawillmar.com, following the groundbreaking ceremony. Find more information at bethesdawillmar.org.



Save the Date!

for Bethesda's annual meeting luncheon and social. We are excited to share with you and your delegates all of the exciting ways our mission is impacting our community!

THURSDAY, JUNE 20
11:00AM - 1:00PM

CARRIE'S CHAPEL AT BETHESDA
901 Willmar Avenue SE
Willmar, MN

QUESTIONS Caroline Chan (320) 235-7925

SLC MISSION PROJECTS



Sunday School children helped assembled health kits for missions.

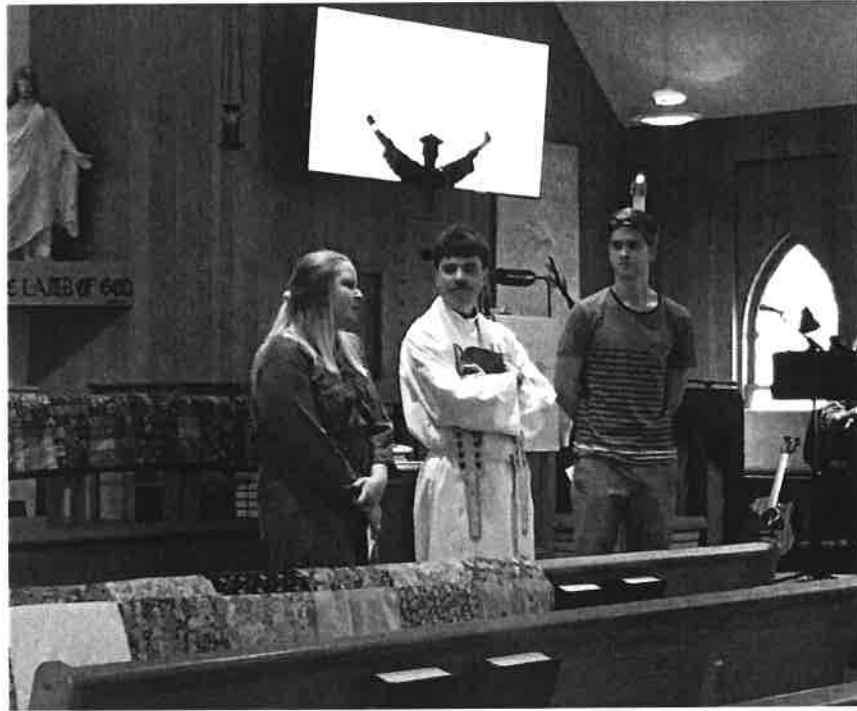


Quilts being displayed during worship service.



Newborn hats to be given to Rice Memorial Hospital.

MAY EVENTS



Courtney Carlson and Phillip Stadem received a monetary Scholarship from SLC for graduating from High School.

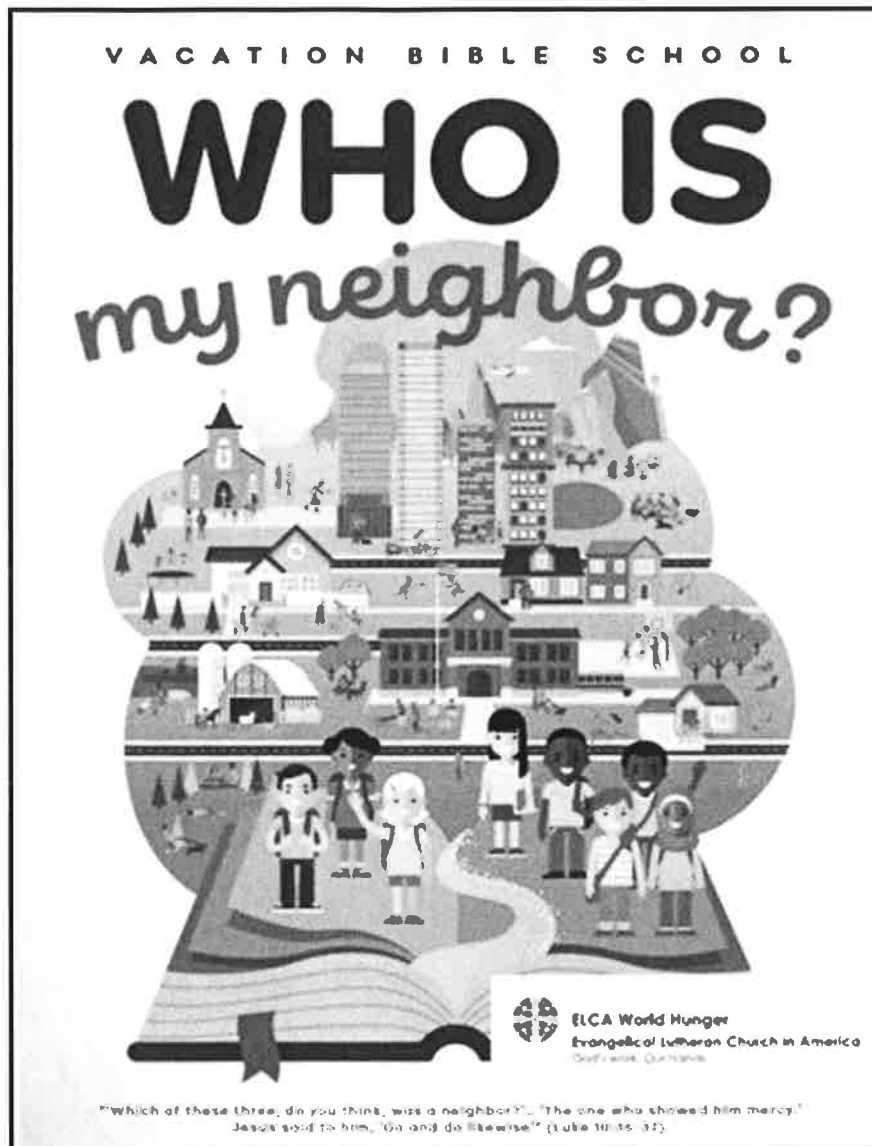


Flags were placed at the cemetery for Memorial Day.



Another successful barn dance at the Gatewood farm.

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 16-19 from 5:30 pm—8:00 pm at Svea Lutheran church. The theme is **WHO IS my neighbor?**



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 so very much to those who have served coffee and treats recently.

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.

Svea Lutheran Church

June 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Philip Stadem graduation party 11:00- 2:00 PM at his home.
2. 10:00 am ELW Worship Service 11:00 am Coffee fellowship 12 PM Park Clean-up	3	4 9:30 am Peace Circle at church	5	6	7 <i>Synod Assembly at Redwood Falls</i>	8 Courtney Carlson graduation party at SLC 1-4 PM <i>Synod Assembly at Redwood Falls</i>
9 10:00 am Praise Worship Service 11:00 am Coffee fellowship & Memorial mtg	10	11	12	13 8:00 pm SFE meeting	14  Flag Day	15
16 11:00 am Praise Worship Service at Kandi Park #1 FATHER'S DAY VBS 5:30-8 PM	17 VBS 5:30-8 PM at SLC	18 7:30 pm Church Council VBS 5:30-8 PM at SLC	19 VBS 5:30-8 PM at SLC	20	21  <i>Summer begins</i>	22
23 10:00 am WOV Worship Service 11:00 am Coffee fellowship	24	25 <i>Don't forget</i> Reminder arti- cles due	26	27	28 Reminder printed	29
30 10:00 am ELW Worship Service 11:00 am Coffee fellowship						

REMIINDER

JUNE 2019

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 2. | Dianne Johnson
Laura DeGraw
Channing Gravley | 17. | Cole Christopher |
| 3. | Lucille Johnson
Darren Solbrack
Jackson Carlson | 18. | Shirley Peterson |
| 5. | Kevin Schueler | 19. | Lillian Eastlund
Gary Newberg
Carl Fixsen |
| 6. | Matt Erickson | 21. | Cody Thorson |
| 10. | Lori Sommers | 22. | John Christianson
Emily Tonsfeldt |
| 11. | Michelle Stadem | 23. | Ben Christianson
Tucker Swanson |
| 12. | Scott Johnson
Jeremy Carlson | 24. | Julie Christianson |
| 14. | Matthew Petersen | 25. | Lacy Elliott |
| 15. | Ina Holt | 28. | Sherman Schueler |
| | | 29. | John Sebring
Craig Nelson |