



Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

April REMINDER

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2023

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

John 20:21-22



Every year during the Easter season we hear these final words from Jesus to his followers. Jesus is leaving them, but they will not be alone. Jesus gives them the Holy Spirit, so they can continue to be near and follow him.

For this reason, Easter is traditionally a time of goodbyes, and so I guess it’s fitting that I say my farewell to you all now too. Of course, I’m not Jesus. None of us are! But, it’s when we say “goodbye” that we confront again those doubts and questions we have about our future, and it’s natural to wonder if we’re heading in the “right” direction, or whether we have what we need to reach our destination.

When Jesus said “goodbye,” he didn’t give his followers a roadmap of where to go and how to get there, but he gave them the Holy Spirit, as the source of all gifts they would need to discern and pursue their way forward.

This Easter season, may you be reminded that Jesus gives you the Holy Spirit again. Just as Jesus breathed the Spirit on his first disciples, so now this same Spirit is only ever one breath away. In fact, we are often most receptive to the Spirit when we reach the end of our abilities, feeling low and powerless, knowing that God is the only one that lifts us up.

People of Svea Lutheran, the Spirit is among you, bringing you peace and purpose. May you not rely on your own ability to understand or do what is necessary, but may you lean into God’s grace and guidance. Through the Spirit, you have a future. So, take these words from Jesus to heart: “Peace be with you.”

Pastor David Severtson

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Minutes: 3/16/23
Reported by: Kristi Gatewood

Present: Josh Larson, Andy Lindblad, Ty Larson, Brent Landin, Christy Swanson, Carter Christopher, Jake Vlamnck, Kristi Gatewood, Pastor Dean
Absent: Darla Sowers

Pastor's Report:

- Easter Service at Svea will be at 11am.
- Dean's retirement is set for June 25th. His last Sunday preaching at Svea is set for June 18th.
- Pastoral supply is set up through June.
- Pastor David's last Sunday at Calvary will be April 30th. We discussed having a goodbye for David during coffee on his last Sunday at Svea. More discussion to come.
- Dean asked about recognizing the high school seniors at Svea in April. More discussion to come.

Other business:

- Svea's personnel committee should have 3 people on it and currently only has 2. Kristi will check with the current members and ask if they would like to remain on the committee and discuss adding another person.
- The Mutual Ministry committee should have 3 people on it and currently only has 2. Jake will check with the current members and ask if they would like to remain on the committee and discuss adding another person.
- Parsonage sale
- Offers have been made on the house and we plan on closing by the end of May.
- A motion was made to sell the parsonage as is, meaning that we will not do any further fixes prior to the sale. Christy motioned and Jake seconded. Motion passed.
- Deb has turned in her resignation from her secretary position. We will be putting the job description in the reminder and a note in the bulletin.
- We will have a Pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday. The softball team is not in need of any money so the council decided the fundraiser money will go into the carpet fund. Josh will look into getting a Thrivent card for supplies.
- Josh will talk to Mike Lindblad about getting a quote for carpeting the church.

The next council meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 7:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Meeting adjourned.

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Communion will be the first and second Sundays of each month.

Contemporary Service Kari Stadem and Gatewood Family, Accompanist

Traditional Service Megan Gilles, Organist

Communion Assistant: Josh Larson

Visual Arts: Kristi Gatewood and Stacey Vlaminc

Ushers: Wendell Dahl and Brian Gorans

	<u>ASSISTANT MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
April 2	Gene Gatewood	Lois Nelson	2
April 9	Louise Swenson	Karen Schueler	3
April 16	Jordan Gatewood	Levi Swanson	4
April 23	Holli Hopp	Arianna Gilles	5
April 30	Karen Schueler	Doug Johnson	6

	<u>SCREEN</u>	<u>SOUND</u>
April 2	Scott Johnson	Jake Vlaminc
April 9		Jake Vlaminc
April 16	Brian Gorans	Ben Johnson
April 23		Kim Gorans
April 30	Jake Vlaminc	Ben Johnson

Pastors for April Worship

April 2	Pr. David Severtson
April 6	Pr. David Severtson
April 9	Pr. Dean Johnson
April 16	Pr. David Wall
April 23	Pr. Dean Johnson
April 30	Pr. Ingrid Skilbred

Office hours:

Monday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Thursday 10:00 am— 12:00 pm (Hours vary on Thursdays)



Pastor's office hours:

Monday: 11:00 am—2:00 pm

BIBLE STUDIES

Ladies' Bible Study

will meet on April 11 at 1:30pm at Delphie Swenson home.
 Please bring a treat to share. All ladies are welcome.



Lutheran Men in Mission

LMM meets on Thursday mornings at 6:30 am. Breakfast is served followed by a Bible study.
 All men are welcome.

Noisy Offering will be the second or third Sunday of each month during the closing song. Sunday School children will go into the congregation with tin buckets to collect your spare change. The noisy offering will be designated for a need determined by the Sunday School. Thank you for your participation!

Parish Secretary—P/T

Svea Lutheran church is seeking a part-time office secretary Duties include preparing weekly bulletins, monthly newsletters and other general clerical duties. Skills include: knowledge of word, publisher and excel. Must have strong organizational skills and pay close attention to detail. Hours vary per month. If interested call: Josh Larson 320-979-4454


If you would like to contribute a plant to Easter Sunday’s garden, **please bring plants to church no later than April 8th. Thank you!**

Your name: _____


Lily or other flower (please indicate which)

In Memory of:

In Honor of:



Annual Rose Sale
ORDER FLOWERS
MARCH 7, 2023 UNTIL
APRIL 25, 2023



RED OR LOLLIPOP HALF DOZEN | \$15.00
6 roses with greens in Red or Multi-colored

RED OR LOLLIPOP DOZEN | \$25.00
12 roses with greens in Red or Multi-colored

SPRING BOUQUET | \$20.00
Mix of Seasonal Flowers



Drive-thru pickup on Thursday May 18th

Location: Uptown Willmar (Former JC Penney East Door Entrance)
** Facing the road between Cashwise and Walmart.

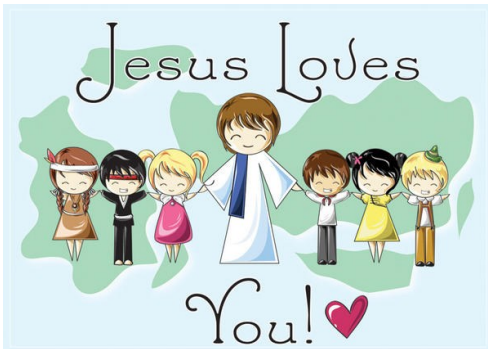
Time: 12:00pm to 5:00pm

Profits from the Rose sale benefit AIM's program's for people with disabilities.

To place an order
320-231-1777
www.aimwcm.org

FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS

Bryson, Blake and Taryn will be receiving their first communion on Maundy Thursday. For their occasion they made first communion prayer boxes. Members of the congregation were invited to write a bible verse or a prayer and put in their keepsake boxes.



Blake



Bryson



Taryn

Worship & Music Committee

Report – March 9, 3:45 pm

Present: Pastor David Severtson, Gene Gatewood, Kari Stadem

Lent – Traditional service is Setting 6, first Sunday went OK

Praise service is as usual – avoiding “Alleluia” in liturgy and songs during Lent

Holy Week – Megan arranged her schedule to play for all of Holy Week – Maundy Thursday at 7 pm, Good Friday at noon, Easter Sunday at 10:30 (or maybe 11:00?). Palm Sunday will be praise team.

Kathy and Gene are working on the cross in the front of the sanctuary, which will once again dramatically convey the message of Good Friday and of the Resurrection.

Post-Easter: (beginning April 16)

Traditional will go back to Setting 10, which is pretty celebratory

Praise will do some elements from one of 3 liturgies we’ve done in the past – TBD.

Kari Stadem, Chair

FEBUARY REMINDER 2023			
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT			
	February 28, 2023	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 70,622.00		\$ 9,621.40
Mission Support	\$ 12,400.00		
Operation - Expenses	\$ 52,723.00		\$ 11,918.55
Transfers			\$ 13,850.00
Total	\$ 135,745.00		\$ 35,389.95
Year to Date Receipts and Transfers			<u>\$ 30,006.42</u>
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (5,383.53)
Year End Carry-over from 2022			<u>\$ 7,480.00</u>
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ 2,096.47
Total Funds available after February 2023 expenses			\$ 2,096.47
<i>BORROWED MONEY</i>			

Don't forget to check out our church's website at: svealutheranchurch.org

The website has worship services schedules, worship streaming, monthly reminders, family promise and much more. Thanks to our AV Team for your faithful service.



HOLY WEEK

Services at Svea

Maundy Thursday Services April 6, 7:30pm

Good Friday Services April 7, Noon

Easter Breakfast April 9, 9:00-10:30am

Easter Sunday Services April 9, 11:00am



Sunday School children doing a reenactment of The Last Supper.

EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

April 9, 2023

SERVING 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

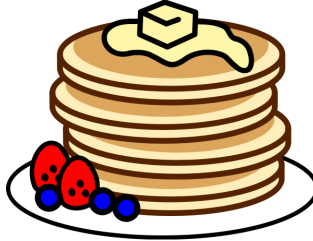
Pancakes

Sausage Links

Milk

Orange Juice

Coffee



FREE WILL OFFERING

All proceeds go to the church carpet fund

Sunday school children constructed a stain glass look out of tissue paper and inserted phrases in them for the things they have done wrong.





LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

SW MN Synod Spring Gathering
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Gloria Dei Church in Redwood Falls

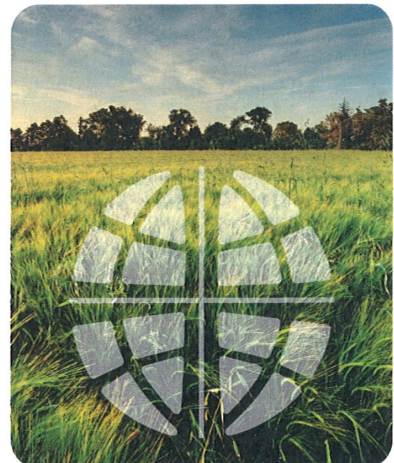
- 8:30 a.m. **Registration** / Rolls, Coffee, and Juice
- 9:00 **Opening Remarks and Hymn Sing** led by Bishop Dee Pederson, and Reynold Dittbenner, and John Woodford. Music by Lowell Krogstad and Emily Berg
- 9:45 **Bible Study**
- 10:15 **Business Meeting**
Fill vacancies on board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Conference Reps.
Scholarship for Seminary and Endowment Fund Contribution
LMM Golf Tournament date July 21, 2023, at Redwood Falls Golf Course and Purpose
- 11:00 Mr. Ted Mathews (Topic of Stress Management) or National LMM Video
- 11:45 **Lunch / Meet and Greet**
- 12:15 p.m. **Breakout Session #1**
A. Shalom Hill Farm Director, Keith Newman – Programs, Purpose, Rebuild
B. Faith Chest Building with Al Hillmer and Reynold Dittbenner – Why, Cost, Tools, Instructions
C. LMM Ambassador, Pr. Tim Schroeder – LMM Tools for Ministering with Men
- 1:00 **“Faith, Trust in God” – Pr. Troy Pflibsen, SW MN Synod Director for Evangelical Mission**
Each man is asked to bring two Bible verses with the word “Faith” to the session.
Come and join the discussion on Faith.
- 2:00 **Breakout Sessions #2**
A. Shalom Hill Farm Director, Keith Newman – Programs, Purpose, Rebuild
B. Faith Chest Building with Al Hillmer and Reynold Dittbenner – Why, Cost, Tools, Instructions
C. LMM Ambassador, Pr. Tim Schroeder – LMM Tools for Ministering with Men
- 2:45 **Closing Worship and Communion** with Offering led by Pr. Bryant Kaden, Bishop Dee Pederson, and Pr. Lowell Krogstad
Installation of Officers

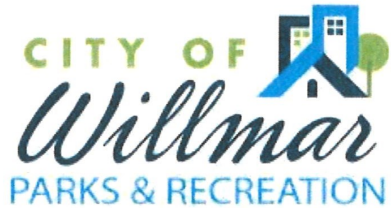
Depart for Home Drive Safely!

To register please fill out the registration form and mail to LMM Treasurer, Reynold Dittbenner at 24533 State Hwy 4, Sleepy Eye, MN 5608.

Cost: \$25 per person -OR- \$75 per congregation whether 3 people participates or four+.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Spring Gathering.





Is your church or organization looking for a fun and exciting way to connect as a congregation or group?

Is your church or organization interested in connecting with other churches in the area?

If you've answered yes to either of these questions, we have the program just for your church or organization and its members!

The Willmar area has a church softball league that plays every Thursday night through the summer. Several churches and organizations in the area have teams in this and find it's been a great experience for their youth and adults that play. Here is one testimonial from a player,

"My name is Jason Kowalczyk from First Covenant Church and I've played church softball now for several years. I look forward to doing this with my boys and our team every year. It's been a fun way to bond and get to know other teams and churches. One thing I like the most is when we all pray afterwards together."

If you'd like more information on this, please reach out to the Willmar Parks & Rec. Department at (320) 235-1454 or email the following:

Anita Nelson anelson@willmarmn.gov

Rachel Centellas rlawton@willmarmn.gov

Leagues will be starting up in May, so don't delay getting signed up! Contact us today!



SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 30 9:45 SS 10:00am Coffee 11:00am Praise						1 
2 9:45 Sun- day School 10:00am Coffee 11:00am Praise	3	4	5 <u>NO</u> Con- firmation	6 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service	7 Noon- Good Fri- day Service	8
9 9:00-10:30am Pancake Break- fast 11:00am Easter Ser- vice	10	11	12 6:15pm Confirmation	13 6:30am LMM 8:00pm SFE	14	15
16 9:45 Sunday School 10:00am Coffee 11:00am Praise	17	18	19 6:15pm Confirmation	20 6:30am LMM 7:30pm Church	21	22 
23 9:45am Sunday School 10:00am Coffee 11:00am ELW Worship/	24	25	26 6:15pm Confirmation	27	28	29

REMIINDER

APRIL 2023

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH

12651 15TH ST SE

SVEA MN 56216



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Kim Gorans | 15. Joshua Larson |
| 2. Tracy Swenson | Kristi Schwickerath |
| Bryson James Moran | 16. Sarah Stadem |
| Tanner Chambers | Kylie Moran |
| 4. Camilla Wenberg | June Berg |
| 5. Zayna Eischens | 19. Abby Moran |
| 6. Marcy Dahl | 20. Dustin Moran |
| 8. Lyn Hallberg | Valor Gorans |
| 10. Holli Hopp | Madison Bowen |
| 11. Marlene Erickson | 21. Scott Swenson |
| Chelsey Thompson | Dale Tonsfeldt |
| 12. Mary Hinthier | 23. Blake Lindblad |
| Jason Lindblad | 24. Tracy Gorans |
| Austin Kowalczyk | Kyiah Oslund |
| Kimberly Gravley | 25. Michael Pederson |
| 13. Michael Lindblad | 26. Robert C. Johnson |
| 14. David Garberich | 28. Hubert Fixsen |