

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

DECEMBER REMINDER

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2023

What an interesting and unique time for the worldwide church and here we are wading through it like a fly-fisherman wades into the stream as he is fishing. As he is whipping his fishing line through the air and waiting for the elusive trout to take the fly. In such manner we wait also as we enter the Advent/Christmas season. The fly-fisherman is waiting but he is being active, and this doesn't mean we just sit down and wait but we are being active as we wait. We are preparing the way as we wait. We are a waiting faith; we are always waiting for the coming of Christ and we are actively waiting. There are many new challenges for the church today. Declining attendance, declining in giving, division amongst our society but we wait, we actively wait. We feed the hungry, cloth the naked, care for the sick, help the homeless. As Brother Martin says, "God doesn't need our works, but our neighbor does", we actively wait. The church will survive the times and challenges, as it always has. Church will look different in the future, again it is always changing. As your new Senior Pastor I look forward to walk with you during this unique and interesting time.



Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

**WE WELCOME PASTOR DWAIN
TO SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Worship & Music Committee

November 30, 2023

Present: Kari Stadem, Kathy Lindblad, Kristi Gatewood



Traditional Advent services will use WOV, Dec 3 & 17. Sunday School kids Christmas program December 17. Christmas Eve - praise service in the morning. Kari will check with Calvary pastors to see if it can be earlier than 11.

Christmas Eve Candlelight service is at 5 pm. Kari is in charge of the music. Christmas in the Barn, 9 am at the Tonsfeldt farm. Kari will coordinate with Jacki on the bulletins for these 2 services.

December 31 is the only Sunday of Christmas season; as usual, the service will be mostly singing carols.

January 7 (praise service) will begin Epiphany; Megan and Kari have a liturgy rotation in mind for traditional services.



Sunday School Children will present:

"THE WONDER"

Travel back 2000 years ago to a dusty little town called Bethlehem. There we will meet Benjamin, an artist and a dreamer, who helps his Pappa discover the wonder of the child born in their stable. Come join us on **Sunday, December 17th** during worship service as the Sunday School children will share the wonder of that long-ago Christmas night.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24 5:00 PM

Candlelight service at Svea.

December 25 9:00 AM

Christmas in the Barn at the Dale Tonsfeldt farm.

Dress warm.



DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Contemporary Service: Gatewood Family, Accompanist

Traditional Service: Megan Gilles, Organist

Communion Assistant: Josh Larson

Visual Arts: Karen Schueler, Lois Nelson and all Team Members

Ushers: Gary Christopher and Mike Lindblad

	<u>ASSISTANT MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
Dec 3	Louise Swenson	Sherman Schueler	1
Dec 10	Gene Gatewood	Lois Nelson	2
Dec 17	SS Program	Pastor	3
Dec 24 (AM)	Jordan Gatewood	Louise Swenson	4
Dec 24 (5 PM)	Karen Schueler	Doug Johnson	4
Dec 25	Service in the barn		
Dec 31	TBD	TBD	5
	<u>SCREEN</u>	<u>SOUND</u>	
Dec 3		Kim Gorans	
Dec 10	Scott Johnson	Ben Johnson	
Dec 17		Jake Vlaminck	
Dec 24 (AM)	Brian Gorans	Scott Johnson	
Dec 24 (5 PM)		Brian Gorans	
Dec 31		Kim Gorans	

Pastors for December Worship

Nov 3 Pr. Dean Johnson
 Nov 10 Pr. Wayne Kopitzke
 Nov 17 Bishop Dee Pederson
 Dec 24 Pr. Wayne Kopitzke
 Dec 25 Pr. Dwaine Sutherland
 Dec 31 TBD

Thanks to the ladies that helped decorate the church for Fall and Christmas!



Bible Studies

Tuesday, Dec 12, 1:30 pm

Ladies Bible Study will meet at Delphie Swenson home. Deb Portinga will provide the treats. All Ladies are welcome.



Lutheran Men in Mission meets regularly every Thursday at 6:30am. Join them for breakfast and a bible study. All men are welcome to attend.

Christ in our Home devotional booklets for January –March are now available in the Narthex. Larger print version is available also.

SVEA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



MANY PEOPLE IN THE AREA ATTENDED THE PARTY



A VISIT FROM SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS



CELEBRATING TOGETHER



SHELLY HELPING HANDOUT GOODIE BAGS



MRS. SANTA CLAUS VISITING WITH THE GUESTS



LINDA AND JACKI HELPING WITH-GOODIE BAGS

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



DOUG JOHNSON READING THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM THE BIBLE



GENE, KRISTI AND JORDAN ENTERTAINING THE CROWD. *NOW WHATS LOIS UP TOO?*



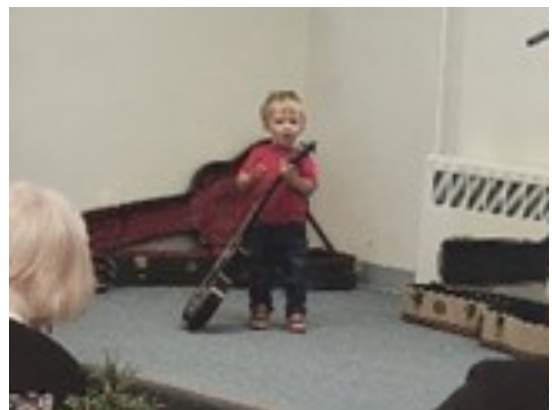
GENE, JORDAN AND THE GATEWOOD GRANDCHILDREN.



A VIOLIN DUET FROM ARIANNA AND ZOEY GILLES



ALWAYS GOOD LAUGHS FROM LOIS AND LINDA



THE FUTURE GATEWOOD MUSICIAN



Dean's Retirement Open House will be held on Saturday, December 9 from 1- 4 pm in Bethany Hall. A short program will be held at 2:30. No gifts please.

On Sunday, December 10th, Calvary will have one service at 9:30 with Pastor Dean preaching.



Harleigh Helen Nelson was baptized on November 26th. Parents are Jessica Gatewood and Joshua Nelson. Her sponsors are: Megan Gallagher and Brian & Julie Moenkedick. Grandparents are Gene & Shelly Gatewood. Pastor Wayne Kopitzke officiated. This was Svea's seventh baptism this year.

POTATO TOPPER BENEFIT FOR COLTON SWENSON

SFE and LMM sponsored a benefit for Colton Swenson, who recently was involved in a ATV accident. Colton is the son of Tracy Swenson of Prinsburg and Stephanie Swenson of Svea. The benefit raised approximately \$6,646.00 and served 116 people.

Thank you to the following: Jennie-O, turkey; Sherman & Karen Schueler, beef; Johnson Fur, potatoes; Taco Johns, condiments; Jake & Stacey, organizing the event; LMM wives helping with the food. Many others collecting items for the silent auction. There are so many, many numerous people that helped. **Again, thanks to everyone!!**



JUDY LARSON AND JERRY NEGEN HELPING SERVE THE GUESTS.

WAY TO GO SVEA !!



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.

Thank you

Sunday school children handed out flags to the veterans at church.



Senior Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
Pastor Dean E. Johnson

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December 1, 2023

Dear Sister Congregation:

"Gledelig jul".

You are cordially invited to the annual Norwegian language service at Calvary Lutheran in Willmar on Saturday, December 23rd, at 7:00 pm. We are having a Lillejulaften service (Little Christmas Eve) with Norwegian scripture reading, prayers, songs, and sermon. The service folder will be in Norwegian with full English translation.

After the service in the sanctuary, there will be a fellowship time in Bethany Hall with coffee and treats.

We encourage men, women and children who have bunads (Norwegian festive garb) or Norwegian sweaters to wear them to the service.

We would appreciate it if you could announce this event in your congregation and to anyone in your community who may be interested. We continue this tradition each year as we celebrate the Christmas Story and our heritage. We hope this worship service and the following fellowship hour may be especially meaningful to young and old.

Mange Takk,

The Little Christmas Eve Committee of Calvary Lutheran Church

"JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY AND TODAY AND FOREVER." HEBREWS 13:8



OCTOBER REMINDER 2023
 SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	October 31, 2023	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 70,622.00		\$ 42,279.73
Mission Support	\$ 12,400.00		\$ 6,635.74
Operation - Expenses	\$ 52,723.00		\$ 59,677.28
Transfers			\$ 197,212.90
Total	\$ 135,745.00		\$ 305,805.65
Year to Date Receipts and Transfers			\$ 311,051.27
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ 5,245.62
Year End Carry-over from 2022			\$ 7,480.00
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ 12,725.62
Total Funds available after October 2023 expenses			\$ 12,725.62

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & OTHER FLOWERS

If you would like to place a plant in the church for Christmas, please have it delivered on/or before Wednesday, December 20th, in the quilting room. You are responsible for arranging your own delivery. You may pick up the plant after the December 31st service. 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: _____

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR... The deadlines for the 2023 Annual Reports are set: All Committee reports are due Friday, January 8TH. Please leave them in the church office. Thank you!

SLC Annual Meeting will be held on January 21st following the 11:00 am worship service.

Potluck dinner will follow the meeting.



THE SWEETEST
Christmas
Soirée

Friday, December 15

Please Join Us

- **Date:** Friday, December 15th
- **Time:**
 - **In-Person Bake Sale & Basket Preview 10 am - 5 pm**
 - Location: Carrie's Chapel at Bethesda's Willmar Campus. Purchase Baked Goods. Bid on Christmas Baskets, Gift Certificates, Quilts, and purchase Raffle Tickets for Meat Raffle.
 - **Virtual Event begins at 7:00 pm**
 - View on Bethesda's YouTube channel, Bethesda's Facebook page, or our Event Page. Enjoy an evening of local and regional musicians, alongside your opportunity to bid on Christmas Baskets, Gift Certificates and Quilts.
- **How can you can be a part of the celebration?** We are looking for:
 - Baked Goods.
 - Donations of Baskets, or items and we will assemble Baskets, to auction off.
 - Gift Certificates to auction off.

Proceeds from the Sweetest Christmas Soirée will directly benefit resident life at Bethesda. Resident life strives to create meaningful connections, enriching experiences, and vibrant communities that make life at Bethesda brighter.

Questions? Please contact Mary Latham at (320) 262-5064 or mary.latham@bethesdawillmar.com.

Event Sponsors:



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Anfinson Gilbertson Wealth Management,
Pope Design Group, Friends of Bethesda
Teresa Holwerda - State Farm, Hansen Advertising, Fischer Laser Eye Center,
Lori DeAntoni Interior Designs, Punt Companies LLC, Prinsbank

A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND CHRISTMAS FAVORITES, *together at home*

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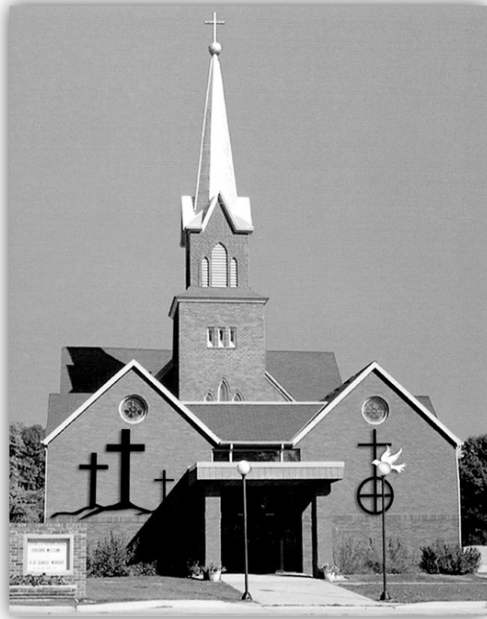
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR



DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 <i>NO Sunday School</i> 10:00am coffee 11:00am Worship					1	2  Noon X-mas Dinner
3 9:45 am Sunday school 10:00 am Coffee 11:00 am WOV	4	5	6 6:30pm Confirmation	7 6:30am LMM	8  Budget Request due	9
10 10:00 am Coffee 11:00 am Praise Worship 12:00pm SFE	11	12 1:30 pm Ladies Bible Study at Delphies	13 6:30pm Confirmation	14 6:30am LMM	15	16
17 10:00 am Coffee 11:00 am Sunday School x-mas program	18	19	20 6:30pm Confirmation	21 6:30am LMM 7:30pm Church Council	22	23
24 Morning service TBD  5:00 pm Christmas Eve	25  9:00 am Xmas in the Barn at Dale Tonsfeldt farm	26	27	28 6:30am LMM	29	30

REMINDER
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1. Laurie Burks
Westen Kopischle
- 3. Donna Anderson
Phyllis Gorans
- 5. Tony Swenson
- 7. Ellie Bowen
Tammy Garberich
Brian Solbrack
- 8. Justin Solbrack
- 12. Crystal Moran



- 13. Marny Behrends
- 14. Paulette Ascheman
- 16. Todd DeGraw
- 18. Dennis Feifarek
- 19. Rita Schoeppler
Joel Swenson
- 21. Carolyn Moore
- 24. Brent Landin
- 26. Katie Mott
- 31. Taylar Sowers