

# *Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## **JULY REMINDER**

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**2023**



We are Free...

Almost 250 years ago, the 13 Colonies in the Eastern part of the US rose up and declared that they as a people were free from the rule, governance and taxation of the British. The Colonists declared their freedom and wanted to determine their own destiny. So, on July 4th, we celebrate and commemorate our freedom as American Citizens. We do so by family and friends gathering, picnics, attend parades and pause to remember our freedoms. It is interesting to note that 3 US Presidents died on July 4th. They were President Adams, Jefferson, and Monroe. As Americans we spend about \$1.5 billion on fireworks and over 10,000 people are injured. We have a right to celebrate and we ought to do so.

In our Faith Walk, the Scriptures speak of freedom as well. John, 8:32 states, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". In the work and activity of Christ Jesus, he has ultimately given us freedom from the bonds of sin, spiritual death, and the worry about our eternal wellbeing. Christ has promised to be with us in this life and also in our eternal life.

Knowing this will provide freedom for us in our daily lives. Dr. Martin Luther King proclaimed in the Civil Rights movement that the desire for all people is to be free.

As Americans, let us give thanks and pause to cherish our freedoms of opinion, press, practice of religion and where we desire to live and work. Our forefathers granted us freedom. Christ also gives freedom to us as his Children.

My Best and Blessings,

Pastor Dean

**Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Council Minutes: 6/15/23**

**Reported by: Jake Vlaminc**



**Present:** Pastor Dean Johnson, Josh Larson, Christy Swanson, Carter Christopher, Darla Sowers,  
Jake Vlaminc

**Absent:** Kristi Gatewood, Ty Larson, Andy Lindblad, Brent Landin

**Pastor’s Report:**

Pastor Dean will be staying on as pastor at Calvary and Svea until the end of August.

Agreement between Svea and Calvary and pulpit supply schedule out to 8/27/2023.

Currently Calvary is working on calls.

**Financial Report:**

Jake updated council on SFE meeting

The May General Fund Report is showing negative \$153.83. The small deficit is thanks to a large one time ‘charitable contribution deduction’ from a member.

The ‘Svea Parsonage Legacy’ fund has been set up with Thrivent Financial and will be under the control of the Cemetery Board. A check for \$175,602.90 has been sent to open the account.

**Other business:**

Council reviewed a resume from a candidate seeking the Secretary Position. Motion made and seconded for Personal committee to interview candidate and take appropriate action. Added the committee should hire immediate if they approve of candidate. Approved.

New air conditioner compressor, condenser and blower motor installed.

Donations of gift cards to be made to members that are school teacher for class room supplies. Class room supplies will also be made available in the Narthex.

**The next council meeting** is scheduled for August 17th at 7:30 pm in the fellowship hall;

A July meeting may be called if need may arise.

Meeting adjourned.



| <b>MAY REMINDER 2023</b>                             |                      |                 |                      |
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| <b>SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>      |                      |                 |                      |
|  | <b>May 31, 2023</b>  | <b>Budgeted</b> | <b>Year To Date</b>  |
| Disbursements - Staff                                | \$ 70,622.00         | \$              | 22,753.01            |
| Mission Support                                      | \$ 12,400.00         | \$              | 2,683.76             |
| Operation - Expenses                                 | \$ 52,723.00         | \$              | 27,037.29            |
| Transfers  |                      |                 | \$ 196,852.90        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 135,745.00</b> |                 | <b>\$ 249,326.96</b> |
| <b>Year to Date Receipts and Transfers</b>           |                      |                 | <b>\$ 249,173.13</b> |
| <b>Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses</b>           |                      |                 | <b>\$ (153.83)</b>   |
| <b>Year End Carry-over from 2022</b>                 |                      |                 | <b>\$ 7,480.00</b>   |
| <b>Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer</b>        |                      |                 | <b>\$ 7,326.17</b>   |
| <b>Total Funds available after May 2023 expenses</b> |                      |                 | <b>\$ 7,326.17</b>   |

**JULY 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:** Jake Vlamick

**Visual Arts:** Holli Hopp and Louise Swenson

**Ushers:** Kim Gorans and Dustin Moran

|         | <b><u>ASSISTANT MINISTER</u></b> | <b><u>LECTORS</u></b> | <b><u>Tellers</u></b> |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| July 2  | Karen Schueler                   | Louise Swenson        | 3                     |
| July 9  | Gene Gatewood                    | Doug Johnson          | 4                     |
| July 16 | Louise Swenson                   | Sherman Schueler      | 5                     |
| July 23 | Jordan Gatewood                  | Levi Swanson          | 6                     |
| July 30 | Holli Hopp                       | Arianna Gilles        | 1                     |


|         | <b><u>SCREEN</u></b> | <b><u>SOUND</u></b> |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------|
| July 2  |                      | Kim Gorans          |
| July 9  | Scott Johnson        | Ben Johnson         |
| July 16 |                      | Brian Gorans        |
| June 23 | Kandi Park #1        | Kandi Park #1       |
| July 30 |                      | Jake Vlamick        |

| <b><u>Pastors for July Worship</u></b> |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| July 2                                 | Pr. Ingrid Skilbred      |
| July 9                                 | Pr. Pr. Elizabeth Becker |
| July 16                                | Pr. Dean Johnson         |
| July 23                                | Pr. Ingrid Skilbred      |
| July 30                                | Pr. Elizabeth Becker     |

**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



**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 organization skills and pay close attention to detail. Hours vary per month. If interested call: Josh Larson 320-979-4454.



***Please join Betty Gorans during our coffee hour (9:30 am) before church services on July 2 to help celebrate Betty's birthday. Coffee and cake will be served. Happy birthday blessings to her!***



## July 17-21

Calvary will once again do Day Camp at The Shores of St. Andrew! Kids that will have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to sign up. You will register your children in the grade they will complete in the 2022/2023 school year. We will be bussing from Vinje and spending the day at camp. Green Lake Lutheran staff will be leading us.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER REGISTERED for camp go to [www.gllm.org](http://www.gllm.org), then on the right drop down menu choose Summer Ministry – Summer Camp – Grades K-5 – Click register for Day Camp - On site Day Camp Week 6 - and use code

WILLMAR2023 to receive \$80.00 off per child.

IF YOU HAVE REGISTERED before log into your child's account and choose Add A Session - Onsite Day Camp Week 6 and next to their names should be an "add a code" at checkout – WILLMAR2023 is what you enter.

Drop off will be at 8:30 AM at Vinje with a leave time of 8:40 AM so make sure you are on time please. Pick up will be 4 PM also at Vinje. I can't wait to see them all there!

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Erica Mathews  
320-444-0626

[erica@calvarywillmar.org](mailto:erica@calvarywillmar.org)

(Please note there will be no fee for any Svea Students wanting to attend. We will reimburse you.)

Svea will be conducting worship services at Park #1 on July 23 at 11:00 am. Please bring your own lawn chair.



**FAMILY PROMISE  
OF KANDIYOHI COUNTY**

*Grand*  
**OPENING**

**New Family Housing Shelter**  
545 Pacific Ave SW, Willmar

**JULY 11, 2023**

**RIBBON CUTTING at 11am**  
**OPEN HOUSE 11am - 1pm and 4pm - 6pm**

The graphic features a blue background with gold and yellow text and decorative elements like a pair of scissors and a ribbon.

## Thank you notes



On behalf of Debbie and myself, we want to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the Recognition and Celebration of my 50<sup>th</sup> year of Ordination. Your presence, prayers and encouragements will be remembered for a long time. Calvary and Svea are 2 wonderful congregations of caring and committed people and we are most blessed and fortunate to be a part of your lives. As Paul stated in Philippians, "I will remember you... in the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ...I will hold you in my heart"!! Again, our thanks and may the good Lord bless and keep you in His Stead, now and forever.

Pastor Dean and Debbie



We are forever grateful and appreciative of our Svea & Calvary Church family. It has been a tremendously difficult and unforeseen journey with the passing of Nick. Our family has been blessed by all of the wonderful people that have touched our hearts through their prayers, love, and support. Thank you to everyone who gave gifts, meals, hugs and their time during this unexpected time. A special thank you to Pastor Dean, as well as all the fantastic people who helped with the funeral service and fellowship refreshments; admiration to all of the wonderful bakers.

With our hearts broken, we continue to pray for strength with each passing day.

Love, Flannigan Family ~ Mike, Patti, Zachary, Jacob and forever in our hearts Nick



*Thank you for the Scholarship money. The scholarship I received will be going towards my first semester at Ridgewater College this fall. There, I will be studying to earn a Liberal Arts degree. After attending Ridgewater, I will be continuing my education towards earning a health and physical education degree, in hopes to teach and coach at the high school level.*

Jacob Flannigan



# LUTHERAN MEN<sup>IN</sup> MISSION



## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

- Registration: 2:30 pm
- Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm
- Price: \$75.00 per golfer  
Includes GOLF CART,  
green fees, meal, prizes  
and a donation to LMM

**Friday, July 21st, 2023**

Redwood Falls Golf Club,  
Redwood Falls, MN

***Registration Deadline: Monday, July 17th***



### *Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry*

#### **Fund for Leaders Endowment**

The SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provides seminary tuition scholarships. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings.

The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM's Fund for Leaders Endowment to help grow leaders.

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

# SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR



## JULY 2023

| Sun  | Mon            | Tue   | Wed       | Thu   | Fri   | Sat                                      |
|--|----------------|---|-----------|---|---|--|
| <b>July 30</b><br>9:30am coffee; 10:30am ELW Worship               | <b>July 31</b> |   |           |   |   | <b>1</b>                                 |
| <b>2</b><br>9:30am coffee; 10:30am ELW Worship                     | <b>3</b>       | <b>4</b><br><br><b>FOURTH JULY</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>8:00pm<br>Worship/<br>Music mtg | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>                                 |
| <b>9</b><br>9:30am coffee; 10:30am Praise Worship; 12:00pm SFE Mtg | <b>10</b>      | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br>6:30am<br>LMM                  | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b>                                |
| <b>16</b><br>9:30am coffee; 10:30am ELW Worship                    | <b>17</b>      | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b> | <b>6:30am</b><br>LMM                        |  | <b>22</b><br>Green Lake<br>Quilt Auction |
| <b>23</b><br>11:00am<br>Worship<br>Service at<br>Kandi Park<br>#1  | <b>24</b>      | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>6:30am<br>LMM                  | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>                                |
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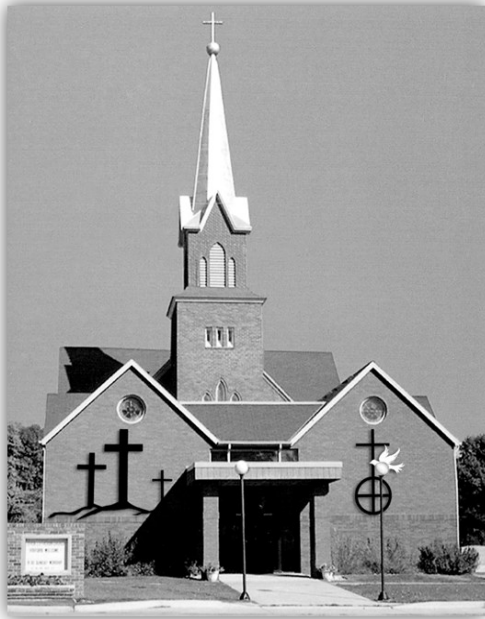
## REMIINDER

JUNE 2023

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SVEA MN 56216



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1. Katie DeGraw  
Lola Elizabeth Larson
2. Betty Gorans
3. Jeremy Anderson
6. Mark Stuhr
7. Nicole Bregel
8. Mitchell Swierenga
11. Erin Johnson  
Mara Hallberg
12. Roland C. Swenson
13. Amber Holland
14. Stella Jo Johnson
16. Samuel Bowen
17. Lorene Freed  
Gary Nelson
18. Mark Freed
19. Rebecca Johnson
20. Eric Swenson  
Matthew Johnson
21. Evelyn Pregler
22. Matthew Lindblad
23. Jason Kowalczyk
24. Olof Larson
25. Lacy Elliott  
Christian Roelofs
26. Nadine Landin  
Dean Lindblad
27. Arlynne Turnquist
28. Hannah Christopher  
Levi Swanson
29. Terrance Swenson  
Patti Schueler  
Courtney Jacobson
30. Marci Dahl  
Olivia Bowen

