

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

JUNE REMINDER

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2022

Philippians 1:12-13 "...continue to work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose."

There's a tension between "being" and "doing" that is confusing to me. My generation (Boomers) was the first to start to place more emphasis on "who I am" than on "what I do." "I gotta be me!" "Follow your inner voice!" Self-actualization and individualism became watchwords in the 1960s and 1970s, to the point that those younger than I are not confused by them, but take them for granted.

Finding out "who I am" was not a concern of several American generations before mine. Had I been born 100 years ago, my thoughts would have been something like: I am a woman, an American of Swedish descent, a Norling by birth, a Stadem by marriage, a Lutheran Christian, a daughter, a wife, a mother, a grandmother. Those roles, mostly given to me but a few chosen by me, define me, and now I can get on with the business of doing what I'm called to do, or what I want to do, depending on what I believe about God and His interest in my life.

Nowadays, people can spend years and fortunes in therapy, trying to figure out "who they are." Studies have shown that as choices multiply in stores, satisfaction decreases. Surely that's also true in our identities. If I can truly be "anything I want to be" and do "anything I want to do," then I'm likely to be unhappy with whatever I turn out to be or do, because maybe I could have been or done something so much greater. Some become so paralyzed by figuring out who they are that they never get around to doing anything. Good News! God has never had an identity crisis, either for Himself or for us. It's interesting that in the Bible, the bulk of the words are spent telling us who God is and what He has done. It's not about us after all! In Exodus, before God gives Israel the Ten Commandments, He says, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt..." (Exodus 20:2) before giving a single commandment. When Jesus came to earth, His first preaching was "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:15, Luke 4:18-21). In every New Testament letter, Paul begins by reminding his readers of what God has done for them in Christ Jesus. Only after those reminders do God, Jesus or Paul tell us things about ourselves, or tell us what to do.

The assurance that the Lord our God is building His kingdom can give us confidence in several ways. It makes difficult circumstances easier to endure, as we can believe that "He works all things for our good" (Romans 8:28). Even our worst enemy, death, is conquered. We don't have to panic when we make mistakes, fail or even sin, because "where sin increased, grace abounded all the more" (Romans 5:20). And we don't have to fret about "who we are," because we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people," (1 Peter 2:9) and we can confidently do the good works "which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life" (Ephesians 2:10).

Kari Stadem

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Council Minutes: 5/18/22
Reported by: Kristi Gatewood



Present: Josh Larson, Christy Swanson, Kristi Gatewood, Tucker Swanson, Louise Swenson, Dianne Johnson, Pastor Dean, Carter Christopher, Jake Vlaminck, Lois Nelson

Absent: -

Jake gave a presentation for a new online giving option through Donor Box. There is now a *Donate button on the Svea Lutheran Church website. There is no monthly fee. There is a small fee per transaction. You must enter your first and last name but can still make yourself anonymous by checking that box. The council had a motion from Christy and a second from Dianne to go forward with using this service. Vote passed. Thank you Jake for getting this set up!*

Pastor Dean presented the pastor's report.

- Change in office hours: Naomi will be at Svea for office hours on Wednesdays from 10am-2pm.
- Gretchen Lindblad will be the contact for summer Day Camp(VBS). These day camps will include Calvary, Svea, and possibly a few other churches. More info to come. Please contact Gretchen if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help.
- Svea will be holding Sunday service at 10:30 during the summer starting May 29th. This will allow Calvary pastors more time to get to Svea.
- Calvary will go down to one service on Sundays during the summer. This service will be held at 9 am. Calvary also has a Saturday evening service held at 5:30 pm.

A motion was made to have coffee/social hour before church during the summer. Coffee starts at 10am. Motion made by Lois. Seconded by Dianne. Motion passed.

Christy motioned that the Lenten offerings (\$715) goes to global missions. Dianne 2nd the motion. Motion passed.

Giving statements will go out May 31st.

There was discussion to keep the offering plate at the back of the church going forward rather than passing the plate.

Packing care kits- Wednesday, June 8th at 6 pm we will be packing care kits. All are welcome. Consider bringing your friend in faith. We plan to have pizza and games after packing the kits.

We discussed having some church services out in the park this summer. Worship and Music and the sound crew will coordinate on dates.

Acolyte assignment- Assistant ministers, please acolyte on non-communion Sundays. Communion assistant will acolyte on those Sundays.

Meeting adjourned.

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Contemporary Service Kari Stadem, Accompanist

Traditional Service Megan Gilles, Organist

Communion Assistant: Dianne Johnson

Visual Arts: Holli Hopp and Louise Swenson

Ushers: Troy Erickson and Scott Johnson

	<u>ASSISTANT MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
June 5	Holli Hopp	Lois Nelson	1
June 12	Gene Gatewood	Sherman Schueler	2
June 19	Karen Schueler	Arianna Gilles	3
June 26	Jordan Gatewood	Louise Swenson	4
	<u>Screen</u>	<u>Sound</u>	
June 5	Jake Vlaminc	Kim Gorans and Ben Johnson	
June 12		Scott Johnson	
June 19	Brian Gorans	Ben Johnson	
June 26	Scott Johnson	Jake Vlaminc	

Pastors for June Worship Service

June 5	Pr. Naomi Mahler
June 12	Pr. David Severtson
June 19	Pr. Dean Johnson
June 26	Pr. Naomi Mahler

Office hours:

Wednesday: 10 am to 2:00 pm
 Thursday 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (Hours vary on Thursdays)



Pastor Naomi's office hours:

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

APRIL REMINDER 2022

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT



	April 30, 2022	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 102,262.00	\$	\$ 17,439.75
Mission Support	\$ 14,745.00	\$	\$ 12,420.89
Operation - Expenses	\$ 47,560.00	\$	\$ 15,142.01
Transfers		\$	\$ 2,508.00
Total	\$ 164,567.00	\$	\$ 47,510.65
Year to Date Receipts and Transfers			\$ 44,849.48
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (2,661.17)
Year End Carry-over for Benevolence Dist			\$ 12,405.89
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ 9,744.72
Total Funds available after April 2022 expenses:			\$ 9,744.72

BORROWED MONEY

Thank you to Pastor Ingrid Skilbred for her ministry at Svea this past year.

Pr. Ingrid's last Sunday was May 15th. President Josh Larson and the congregation presented Pr. Ingrid with a gift and a warm farewell.



Council President Josh Larson thanking Pr. Ingrid for her service.

Dear Jesus' Disciples of Svea Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for the kind gifts given to me on May 15th! The blanket is full of beautiful colors and is so soft and warm! We love to cook at our house, so the Svea cookbook will be put to good use! The glass and postcard are wonderful reminders of our work together. Thank you for your partnership in ministry. Warmly, Pastor Ingrid

On-line Giving

Svea Lutheran church wants to make your giving easier, especially when you are not able to attend church. We have implemented a new program. It is called Donor Box. Just use your smartphone and take a picture of the QR reader. This will bring right to the donor box site to make your contribution to church. Any questions: you can contact Jake Vlamincck. You may also go to our website: svealutheranchurch.org and click on the donate icon.



Friends and Faith Pancake Dinner. Another fun, successful event.



Ty and Matthew tending to the pancakes



Kathy mixing up the pancake mix.



Sunday School children being served pancakes.



Ben helping serve the food.



Our friendly helpers Lois and Jacki



Blessings of the quilts on May 8th service.

Thank you to the Svea Quilters - Shelly Gatewood, Holli Hopp, Karen Schueler, and Louise Swenson for sharing their gifts with our community and the world. Over 40 quilts will be distributed to Safe Avenues, Heartland Girls' Ranch, Eagles Healing Nest, and Lutheran World Relief. One quilt will also be auctioned off this summer at the Green Lake Bible Camp Quilt Auction!



Quilt to be donating to Green Lake Bible Camp for the July Auction.

THE 38TH ANNUAL
QUILT AUCTION

FRIDAY JULY 22
 Quilt Review • 3:00 - 8:00 PM
 Silent Auction Opens • 3:00 PM
 Hotdish Supper • 4:30 -7:00 PM
 Beachfront Concert • 5:30 -7:00 PM

SATURDAY JULY 23
 Quilt Review • 9:00 - 11:00 AM
 Bounce House • 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM
 Pulled Pork Lunch • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Live Auction Begins • 12:00 PM
 Silent Auction Closes • 4:00 PM
 Online Quilt Auction Closes • 5:00 PM

Fresh Doughnuts and Concessions available throughout the weekend.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Friends and Faith will be putting together the personal care kits on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. A supper will be served. This is open to anyone wanting to help.

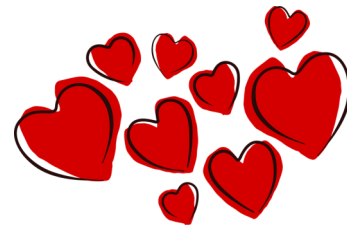
The last day of Sunday School was May 15th. Our Sunday School Teachers were presented with a plant for their faithful service this past year. Thank you to Chelsey Thompson, Gretchen Lindblad, Jacki Jensen, Christy Swanson, Crystal Moran, Jordan & Kristi Gatewood for your teaching.



Plants were given to Sunday Day School Teachers.



Sunday School Children expressed their love to Ryan Erickson by drawing sidewalk chalk in his memory.



CONGRATULATIONS ZOE AND ARIANNA GILLES

Zoe and Arianna Gilles have been selected after two rounds of the State Piano Contest to play in the Minnesota Music Teachers Association 85th Annual Honors Concert on May 21, 2022 at 7PM at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The first two rounds of competition they performed individual solos. For the Honors Concert they will perform a new piece in 20 member ensembles each on their own grand pianos in front of 1,000+ audience members under the direction of a conductor.



Thank you to Zoe and Arianna for providing your musical talents at Svea services and Megan for playing for our Sunday services.

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Thank you so much for the May Day meal/treats. Many, Many thanks for the comfy cozy blankets given to Ron and I. You truly are "God's work, your hands."

God bless you all,
Marlene & Ron.

Thank You

What a great surprise I got on Sunday when I went to Svea Church with my daughter Laurie Burks and was given a beautiful blanket and a bag of delicious lunch & goodies. Heartfelt thanks and blessings to all of you. God Bless you all for your gifts. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! Evie Bendel

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A big thank you for the May Day treats and flower. To all who had a part in putting them together- especially the Sunday School. Thanks you & God Bless,
Martin Shirley Knoll



Brian Gorans

Thank you!

Thank you to our AV team for all you do. They faithfully record our church services and run the sound system.



Ben Johnson



Jake & Stacey Vlamincik



Jake & Stacey Vlamincik, Scott Johnson and Kim Gorans



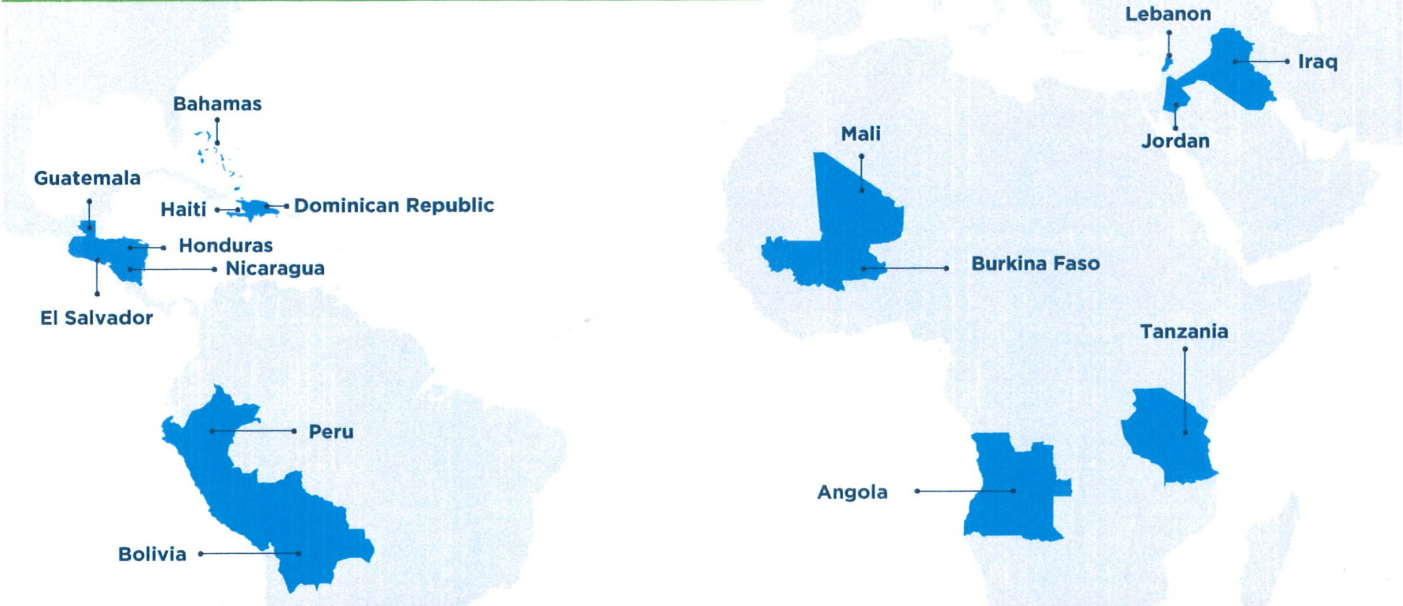
Don't forget to check out our church's website at: svealutheranchurch.org
The website has Worship services schedules, Worship streaming, monthly reminders, family promise and much more.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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WHERE DID YOUR QUILTS AND KITS GO IN 2021?



COUNTRY	SHIPPING WAREHOUSE	LWR PARTNER AGENCY	QUILTS	BLANKETS	SCHOOL KITS	PERSONAL CARE KITS	FABRIC KITS	BABY CARE KITS	MASKS
ANGOLA	MN	Hope for Angola	7140			2900	305		
BAHAMAS	MN	Convoy of Hope	2040		3360	5800		750	
BOLIVIA	MN	Food For The Hungry			13440				
BOSNIA	NW	IOCC	6800			1160		3000	
BURKINA FASO	NW	OCADES	4760		3920	2320	610	1500	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	NW	FH			9520			2700	
EL SALVADOR	MN	SLS	9520			6960		3600	
GEORGIA	MN	UIHP	22100		2800	2900		1500	10640
GUATEMALA	NW	FH	4080		12320	6380		3300	5320
HAITI	MN	FH	5100			2320		2100	
HONDURAS	MN	ChildFund						6900	15960
	MN	Moravia			3920	4060		3000	
	MN	Childrens Gift Ministry	5440		13440	1740		2100	
IRAQ	NW	World Help	5440	1360	5040			900	
JORDAN	NW	World Help	4080	1360	3920			2400	
LEBANON	MN	Anera	6800		13440	4060			
NICARAGUA	MN	World Help	3400	510		580		3900	
PERU	NW	Food For The Hungry	17000		7280			1200	
SERBIA	NW	IOCC	4420		4760	4930			
TANZANIA	MN	CCCT-WAMA	9520		6720	6960			
UKRAINE	MN	NorthStar	4760			6960			
TOTAL			122,400	3,230	103,880	60,030	915	38,850	31,920

361,225
NEIGHBORS IN NEED

IN 19 COUNTRIES

122,400 QUILTS
3,230 BLANKETS

60,030 PERSONAL CARE KITS
103,880 SCHOOL KITS

38,850 BABY CARE KITS
915 FABRIC KITS

31,920 FACE MASKS

The 2021 quilt and kit numbers were impacted by delayed and rescheduled Ingatherings, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Thankfully more churches have been able to open and volunteers have graciously increased their generosity.

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6:30 am LMM	3	4
5 10:30 am Church Services/ Traditional	6	7	8 6:00 pm supper/personal care kits	9 6:30 am LMM 8:00 pm SFE	10	11
12 10:30 am Church Services/Praise	13	14 	15	16 6:30 am LMM 7:30 pm Church Council	17	18  Kaylee Vlamminck & Jay Marcus wedding
19 10:30 am Church Services/ Traditional	20	21	22  Reminder articles due	23 6:30 am LMM	24	25
26 10:30 am Church Services/Praise	27	28	29	30 6:30 am LMM		

REMIINDER

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SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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