

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church
NOVEMBER REMINDER

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2020

¹⁰When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; ¹¹and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,

"For he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. ¹²But many of the priests and Levites and heads of families, old people who had seen the first house on its foundations, wept with a loud voice when they saw this house, though many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted so loudly that the sound was heard far away.-Ezra 3:10-13

If this pandemic and anxious election have showed us anything it is that life is not soon going to go back to what it was before. We are always a people in transition working through change. Not all transition and change are appreciated. Often these changes are downright irritating. "We don't like it," "we don't agree," "####" have been heard lately throughout the congregation. Those views are valued and needed sentiments that are entirely Biblical. I have also heard from a few voices that people are not sure how we will continue live together as a people when these challenges have brought so many hurts and pains to the community.

The people of Israel had many of these same troubles when they returned from exile in Babylon. They wanted to get back to normal, to a life that was before the great calamity. It was ordained that the people would rebuild the temple. But not everyone approved. When the foundation was laid the people rejoiced and many wept when they looked back. So great was the disagreement that the sound could not be distinguished between praise and weeping even far away.

Yet both agreed immediately that God was good, whose steadfast love endured forever- for all the people. We have all gone through calamity upon calamity this year. Whatever the future holds for us, we will not be the same as we were. We have a sure foundation on which we all stand steadfast in Jesus Christ. We have the assurance of Christ's love for all the people, and much like Israel of old we will follow our God even through what remains of this pandemic and challenge that remains. We may not all agree on the way forward, but we can all agree that God continues to provide for us in our time of need, and guide us into a renewed community of praise.



Svea Lutheran Church Council

October 14, 2020

Council Minutes

2020 Svea Lutheran Church Council Members

Present for the ZOOM teleconference call: John Christianson, Dianne Johnson, Brian Gorans

Present at Church: Gene Gatewood, Louise Swenson, Linda Roelofs, Camy Wenberg

Absent: Ashley Behrends, Dustin Moran

Call to order: President Gatewood

September 17, 2020 Minutes: approved via e-mails

Devotions: Pastor Erik shared John 14: 1-3 and from Matthew discussing Heaven and how we envision it to be.

Pastors Report:

1. Reading Group on Dear Church continues-waiting to begin other group conversations.
2. Continue to call members without access to internet.
3. Confirmation is scheduled for November 1, 2020.
4. Open Conversation scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2020.
5. "Social Justice God's Justice" scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2020.
6. Working with Lutheran Campus Ministry and Lakeland Conference pastors.
7. Available for pastoral care in emergencies.
8. October 25, 2020 3rd graders will receive their Bibles.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship, Finance, and Estate:

1. See Attachment for financials.
2. A financial update letter will be mailed before Thanksgiving.
3. Three level proposed 2021 budget was reviewed.

Parish Education:

1. Sunday School going well with good material.
2. Christmas Program will be presented considering masks and protocols.

Worship and Music: Kari Stadem will provide music on October 18th due to Megan Gillis is in quarantine.

Property: no report

Global Missions: no report

Adult Education: *committee inactive*

LMM: no report

Visual Arts: no report

Library: no report

Audio/Visual: Audio equipment is responding better changing to a different channel.

Memorial: no report

Youth: no report

Personnel: no report

Strategic Planning: no report

Continuing Business:

1. Offering envelopes: Inquiries done for printing envelopes with no names and numbers reduces costs. Brian Gorans, Louise Swenson, and Dianne Johnson will contact members who have not contributed in three years.
3. Armed intruder discussion tabled.
4. Church use policy tabled.
5. The first Open Conversation meeting was off to a good start. Focus to continues in faith and love.

New Business:

1. Pete and Kari report that the Bethesda fundraiser will be a virtual auction with the theme “Baskets for Bethesda”. They will be asked for more information that will be posted in the November *Reminder*.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2020 7:30 pm

Meeting Adjourned MSP closing with the Lord’s Prayer.



Family Promise

Thank you so much to Cathy Erickson, Trudie Gorans, Anne Christianson, Camy Wenberg, Deb Portinga, Holli Hopp and Terry & Delphie Swenson for providing the supper meals for Family Promise the week of October 18-24th. Family Promise could not exist without you!

Personal Care Kit Thank You!

If you remember back to Lent last spring, we, as a church, were collecting items for Personal Care kits which include a towel, 2 bars of soap, a toothbrush, a nail clipper and a comb, then COVID 19 entered the scene. A few weeks ago, Louise Swenson, Holli Hopp and Karen Schueler got together at church and prepared the kits from the items that had been gathered. We had enough supplies for 58 kits! A big thank you goes out to all of you who donated to this worthy cause!!

Those personal care kits along with 11 quilts made earlier this year were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse in South St. Paul on October 24th.

Thanks, Karen



Pastor's Report for October 2020

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Open Conversation meeting. Planning next conversation pending council action.

-working on conversation about Social Justice as God's Justice, would like input from council Reading Group on Dear Church continues nicely, nearly finished with this book, considering another text to read on subject of White Supremacy and White Privilege

-continuing to call members without access to internet

Attending MFT classes on Tuesdays August 25-December 15 it's going very well, enjoying the class and the material.

Working with Lutheran Campus Ministry and Lakeland Conference pastors to move forward with ministry together in a pandemic.

Still available for pastoral care in emergencies.

Attended Synod Fall Theological Conference with the theme of Challenging Pastoring in the Secular World and COVID 19. It was an interesting discussion

Bibles will be given to 3rd graders on October 25

Affirmation of Baptism Service will be November 1, at 10:00 a.m.

There is now a group Facebook page entitled mission and outreach entitled "Svea Community Mission"

No Ministerial Acts this Month

Vacation: October 15-18, November 5-16



Congratulations to the third grade students that received their new bibles on October 25th.

Levi Lindblad Kylie Moran Braiden Landin



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



Parish Ed Meeting 10/13/20 @ 7:30 p.m.

In attendance: Pastor Erik, Patti Flannigan, Shelly Gatewood, Teresa Johnson, Dustin Moran

Items of discussion:

Sunday School - On-site and Take Home Lessons are both available. Sunday School is slated to be moved inside for those interested in attending. Material for Sunday School Take Home Lessons are available to be picked up in the church library on the Friday prior to Sunday service. Teachers, helpers and volunteers are always welcome to assist.

Bible Sunday – Third grade class will receive their Whirl Kids Study Bible on Sunday, October 27th. The Whirl Bible matches up with the Sunday School lesson plans.

Confirmation – Arrangements are being made for Confirmation on November 1st, 2020; Brady Anderson, Steven Carlson, Jacob Flannigan and Matthew Johnson. Confirmation class continues to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Online lessons will be coming soon on the Church Facebook page for the entire congregation.

Discussion was held regarding the Sunday School Christmas Program for ideas with the on-going social distancing requirements; discussion to continue.

Next meeting is scheduled: November 17th at 7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER REMINDER 2020

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	September 30, 2020	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 95,777.00	\$ 95,777.00	\$ 67,632.51
Mission Support	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 61,740.00	\$ 61,740.00	\$ 30,683.67
Transfers			\$ 21,993.85
Total	\$ 175,517.00	\$ 175,517.00	\$ 135,310.03
Year to Date Receipts and Transfers			\$ 122,457.99
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (12,852.04)
Net Designated/Transfer			\$ -
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (12,852.04)
Total Funds available after September 2020 expenses:			\$ (12,852.04)
<i>BORROWED MONEY</i>			
PPP - Loan			\$ 17,160.00

Seniors to keep in our thought and prayers during this Covid isolation time:

Bethesda Grand - 901 Willmar Ave SE, Willmar, MN 56201

- Lillian Eastlund
- Lucille Johnson
- Violet Newberg
- Eleanor Swenson

Copperleaf Senior Living - 1550 1st St. N, Willmar, MN 56201

- Lois Erickson
- Opal Fixsen

Chaska Heights Senior Living -3120 N. Chestnut St. Chaska, MN 55318

- Betty Peterson

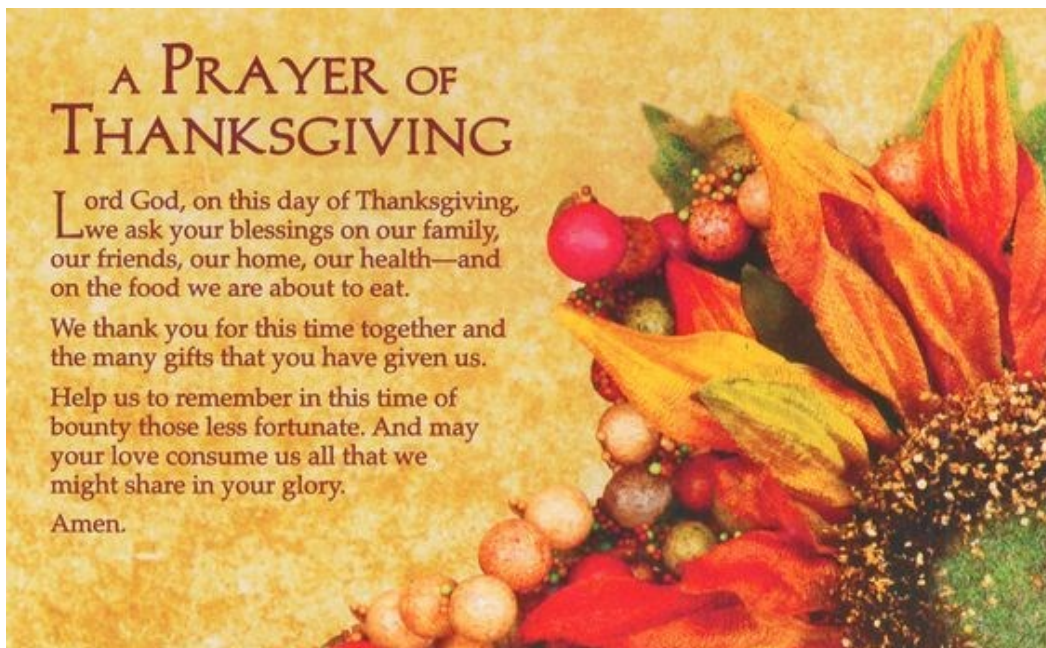
West View Village-1425 19th Ave SE, Willmar, MN 56201

- Doris Olson

Prairie Meadows- 800 5th Ave NW, Kasson MN 55944

- Emma Skoglund

Also, anyone else that is homebound during this trying time.



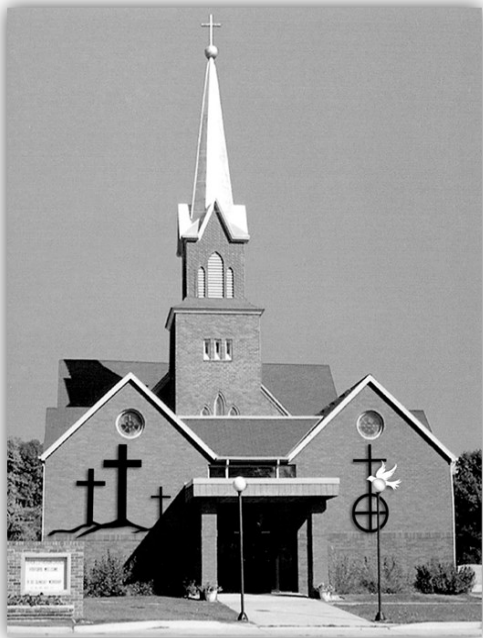


SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 AM Church; Confirma- tion 10:50 AM SCS	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:00 AM Church Ser- vices; 10:50 AM SCS	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15 10:00 AM Church Ser- vices; 10:50 AM SCS	16	17 7:30 PM Parish Ed mtg.	18	19 7:30 PM Church council mtg	20	21
22 10:00 AM Church Ser- vices; 10:50 AM SCS	23	24  Reminder articles due	25 7:30 pm Thanksgiving eve service	26 	27	28
29 10:00 AM Church Ser- vices; 10:50 AM SCS	30					

**REMIINDER
NOVEMBER 2020
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Frank W. Christianson
Cameron Swenson | 14. Rodney Anderson
Lois Erickson |
| 2. Christopher Gorans | 16. Rev. Erik Rundquist
Sarah Leshuk
Patrick Knake |
| 3. Cori Thompson | 17. Reid Christianson
Jamie Thorson |
| 4. Bonnie Swenson | 21. Amber Oslund |
| 6. Joseph Tonsfeldt | 22. Marcia Solbrack |
| 7. Christy Swanson
Melinda Swierenga | 24. Zachary DeGraw |
| 8. David Chambers | 25. Judy Larson
Brantley Thorson |
| 10. Patricia Flannigan | 26. Emily Carlson |
| 11. Joel Stadem
Daniel Stadem
Luke Freed | 27. Peter Swenson |
| 13. Byron Feifarek
Wesley Daniel Thompson | |