

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

OCTOBER REMINDER

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2022



On Sunday October 9th 7 youth, 6 from Calvary and 1 from Svea will affirm their baptism at the 10:15 service at Calvary. They are Keelan Darger, Ty Larson, Mason Luft, Ryan Newberg, Izaiah Sweep, Makayla Johnson, and Solenne Ruff. I invite you to pray for them as they prepare to say, “YES!” to their faith.

I know that even at this point of their faith journey many of them are skeptical about the life of faith. They wonder if it really makes a difference or matters in life. But haven't many of us wondered this at some point in our lives?

So, what would you say to these confirmands about why you believe? How does your faith make a difference in your life? How does your faith make a difference in the lives of other people?

I want to encourage all of you reading this to think about your own faith and baptism. What are you doing to strengthen your faith and live out your baptism? What does it mean for you? Remember it is not about getting anything “right”, or having the correct beliefs it is about a living relationship with God. If you too are struggling with your faith please find an opportunity to explore it more.

For myself, I find my relationship with God strengthened when I worship or take time to read scripture, or when I do my devotions, but mostly I find it strengthened in the company of other believers. It's different for everyone but it's good to figure out how to connect. Our faith isn't just for us to feel good, but it is meant to be shared with the world.

So, I hope you can share it with others – these youth being confirmed or someone else – through word or action. Share about your faith, share about God's love, share about God's forgiveness and show people what it means to you!

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Council Minutes: 9/15/22

Reported by: Kristi Gatewood



Present: Josh Larson, Christy Swanson, Kristi Gatewood, Louise Swenson, Lois Nelson, Jake Vlaminck, Pr. Dean Johnson

Absent: Tucker Swanson, Dianne Johnson, Carter Christopher

A contract to continue the partnership between Calvary and Svea has been approved and signed. Contract effective Sept 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023.

Pastor Dean started the discussion of holiday services.

- Thanksgiving Eve- Calvary usually has service at 6:30pm and serves pie and coffee after. Do we want to have service at Svea this night? If so, what time?
- Christmas Eve- Calvary usually has services at 3pm, 5:30pm, and 10pm. Do we want to have service at Svea this night? If so, what time?

Christmas Day- Christmas in the barn. Discuss time at a later date.

As of September 25th, Svea service will be held at 11am.

As of September 25, Calvary will hold services Saturdays at 5:30pm and on Sundays at 8am and 10:15am.

SFE report: Changing budget set up for 2023. This year we left the budget to plan for payment of a full-time pastor. In 2023 we will change the budget based on what we plan to pay Calvary according to our contract with them.

SFE also discussed an end of year \$500 bonus for our organist. Lois motioned and Louise seconded the motion.

The praise team is welcoming instrumentalists! Please let the Worship and music committee know if you are interested in getting involved. The idea of a form of compensation was brought up for praise team volunteers. Worship & Music and SFE can discuss this topic more.

Josh brought up that the Easter Sunday Breakfast is open for a fundraiser to support. Please let a council member know if you have any ideas.

Status of the Parsonage- Property committee will be winterizing the parsonage. We would like to have a congregational meeting in October and another later this year to discuss the sale of the parsonage.

Library Committee: The Library is up and running. Come check out books and other stuff.

Minutes (Cont.)

October 2nd- Friends in Faith Fall activity. Lunch will be served after service and then they will head out to the Fall Festival at Gatewood farm.

October 9th- Lois will meet with the confirmation age+ kids on the third floor for activities. 9:45-10:45am.

Meeting adjourned.



OCTOBER 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: Christy Swanson

Visual Arts: Trudy Gorans and Christy Swanson

Ushers: Matt Erickson and Josh Larson

	<u>ASSISTANT MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
Oct 2	Gene Gatewood	Lois Nelson	6
Oct 9	Karen Schueler	Arianna Gilles	1
Oct 16	Jordan Gatewood	Doug Johnson	2
Oct 23	Holli Hopp	Louise Swenson	3
Oct 30	Gene Gatewood	Sherman Schueler	4

	<u>Screen</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Oct 2	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans
Oct 9		Jake Vlaminck
Oct 16	Scott Johnson	Brian Gorans
Oct 23		Kim Gorans
Oct 30	Jake Vlaminck	Ben Johnson

Pastors for October Worship

Oct 2	Pr. David Severtson
Oct 9	TBD
Oct 16	Pr. Dean Johnson
Oct 23	Pr. David Severtson
Oct 30	Pr. Naomi Mahler

Office hours:

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



Pastor Naomi's office hours:

Monday: 11:00 am—2:00 pm



Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies' Bible Study will meet on October 4th at 1:30 pm.
This month, Louise Swenson will host the Bible study.



Join us at Grandpa's Granary

FALL FESTIVAL

At
GATEWOOD FARM

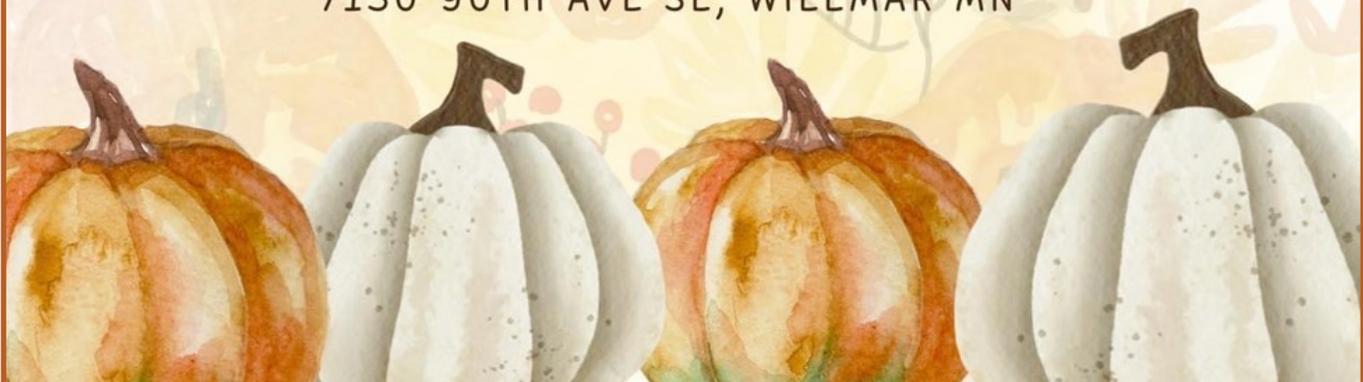
ATTRACTIONS:

4 ACRE CORN MAZE, HAYRIDE
BARNYARD PETTING AREA, MINI MAZE
CORN PIT, BAKE SALE
FOOD FOR PURCHASE
AND MUCH MORE

TICKETS:

AGE 5&UNDER-FREE
STUDENT&SENIOR(AGE 65+)-\$7
ADULT ADMISSION- \$10

OCTOBER 1ST, 2ND, 8TH AND 9TH
SATURDAYS: 10AM TO 5PM
SUNDAYS: 12PM TO 5PM
7130 90TH AVE SE, WILLMAR MN





Svea Lutheran
Friends in Faith
Fall Fun

Sunday, October 2, 2022

*A noon Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall
after worship services, then on to the
Gatewood Farm for some fall activities.*

Bring your farm clothes.

All are Welcome!!

One Sunday morning, everyone in one bright, beautiful, tiny town got up early and went to the local church.

Before the services started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families, etc. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon everyone was evacuated from the church, except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew, not moving... seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence. Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the man and said, 'Don't you know who I am?'

The man replied, 'Yep, sure do.'

Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?'

'Nope, sure ain't,' said the man.

Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?'

The man calmly replied, 'Been married to your sister for over 48 years.'





Are you Curious on what is going on in the Library. Well George Knows.

There are many new books for ages from 0 to 110. Some new Authors are Mary Seifert and Zachary Jones. These two authors are from Willmar, both were featured in the West Central Tribune, and Dean Urdahl who is from Grove City. So fun to have local authors in the library of who some of us may know. Nathan Jorgens (a Minnesota author), Rita Mae Brown and Sneaky Pie Brown, Francis Rivers, Lori Copeland and Angela Hunt,

New Children's books have been added also, along with new chapter books. New Authors for the children are Jan Brett, Roland Dahl, Marcus Pfister, and Carl Sams (a Minnesota Author). The children's books are organized so they can put them back easily- there are stickers on the books that coordinated with the stickers on the shelves.

As an incentive for all to read the existing books and the new books in the library there are incentives for all ages. Children from babies to 5th grade who read 10 books will get a prize upon completing them and returning them back to the library. Young Adults from grades 6 to 12th grade will also receive an incentive if they read 5-chapter books. Let's not forget those of us out there who are 18 and older, yes there are incentives for you also- read 5 books and receive a gift also.

Also new to the library is a Jigsaw Puzzle check out. We have a few available, and could use a few more. Should you have a fun puzzle you would like to donate, please drop it off at the desk in the library.

Books can be checked out anytime. There is a tablet on the desk- just write in your name, book, date checked out and date returned. Once you have completed with your list of reading, check with one of the library committees' people and they will get you your prize.

Starting in October 2, the library will be open during Sunday School hour for the Sunday School students to come in and pick out a book and get a little prize once the book has been returned in two weeks. Of course, you can check out books any time, but there will be one of the library committee members there during this time.

Another exciting event will be in November where the library has some fun activities. On a Wednesday night (yet to be determined depending on when the speaker can come) will be a get together for all in the Svea and the surrounding communities. There will be either a speaker or an activity to bring all together. We are going to try this starting in November and then every other month going forth. Look for more information concerning these events in the Reminder, which will be for all ages.

It would be wonderful, if once a book has been read, a little book report in the Reminder would be great. Is always good to share what has been read.

PICTURES FROM RALLY DAY SUNDAY



Rally Day was held on September 18th. Kids and parents enjoyed a game of kickball and treats in the park.

This year there are 15 kids in the Sunday School program. Thanks again to the following teachers, Chelsey, Christy, Crystal, Jackie, Jordon and Kristi for donating your time and talents to our youth.



Gretchen kicking up her heels



Run Mom Run!



Parents and Teachers watching the games

RALLY DAY WAS A FUN DAY



Dad gets involved in the action too.



Perfect day for kick ball



Dustin getting ready to play kick ball



Pr. Dean giving a Children's sermon

Family Promise News



Our last Host week for 2022 is October 23rd - 29th. We will begin volunteer sign ups on Sunday, October 2nd. Family Promise continues to guest families at the Day Center so once again we are only responsible to provide 3 or 4 evening meals and deliver them to the Day Center at the Presbyterian Church in Willmar, plus buying some groceries for breakfasts and lunches at the day center.

Remember you can sign up to volunteer at church on Sundays, by calling Karen Schueler at **320-894-4566** or emailing shkaschu@gmail.com.

Thank you so very much for any help you can give.

Karen Schueler, FP coordinator

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour



Now that Sunday worship starts at 11:00, our coffee time will begin at 10:30. Please come to worship early and enjoy a treat and some visiting time in the fellowship hall.

As always, the mission committee is asking for volunteers to help make the coffee and to also bring treats. Please sign up to serve on the list in the fellowship hall where you get your coffee. Thank you!

AUGUST REMINDER 2022

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	August 31, 2022	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 102,262.00	\$ 102,262.00	\$ 45,252.73
Mission Support	\$ 14,745.00	\$ 14,745.00	\$ 18,560.86
Operation - Expenses	\$ 47,560.00	\$ 47,560.00	\$ 31,213.69
Transfers			\$ 7,263.00
Total	\$ 164,567.00	\$ 164,567.00	\$ 102,290.28
Year to Date Receipts and Transfers			\$ 87,343.95
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (14,946.33)
Year End Carry-over for Benevolence Dist			\$ 12,405.89
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (2,540.44)
Total Funds available after August 2022 expenses:			\$ (2,540.44)

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR



OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 30 SCS 9:45 am Coffee 10:30 am Praise Wor- ship 11:00	Oct 31		6 pm Confirma- tion			1
2 SCS 9:45 am Coffee- 10:30 am Praise Wor- ship 11:00	3	4 1:30 pm Ladies Bible Study at Louise Swen- son home	5 6 pm Confirma- tion	6 6:30 am LMM 8:00 pm SFE	7	8
9 SCS 9:45 am Coffee- 10:30 am ELW Wor- ship 11:00	10	11	12 6 pm Confirma- tion	13 6:30 am LMM 7:30 pm Church	14	15
16 SCS 9:45 am Coffee- 10:15 am Praise Wor- ship 11:00	17	18	19 6 pm Confirma- tion	20 6:30 am LMM	21	22 Jackie Jensen/ Josh Larson wed- ding 
23 SCS 9:45 am Coffee- 10:30 am ELW Wor- ship 11:00 Family Promise	24 Family Promise	25 Reminder articles due Family Promise	26 6 pm Confirma- tion Family Promise	27 6:30 am LMM Family Promise	28 Family Promise	29 Family Promise

**REMIINDER
OCTOBER 2022
SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SVEA MN 56216**



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Carly Wenberg | 22. Kathleen Lindblad |
| 2. Darla Sowers | 24. Stephanie Kardell |
| Thea Johnson | Jay Lindblad |
| 4. Ty Larson | 26. Nicole Kowalczyk |
| 5. Roger Moran | 27. Douglas Hopp Jr. |
| 6. Violet Newberg | 29. Chris Pederson |
| Donavon Stuhr | Emma Hopp |
| 8. Blake Bowen | 30. Patti Schultz |
| 9. Jessica Gatewood | John Gorans |
| 10. Jada Jacobson | Judy Sebring |
| 11. Shelly Gatewood | Jennifer Lindblad |
| 13. Trent Thompson | Carol Johnson |
| 14. Zachary Sowers | 31. Stacey Vlainck |
| Gretchen Lindblad | Amber Schueler |
| 17. Kyran Cadmus | |
| Janet Thompson | |