

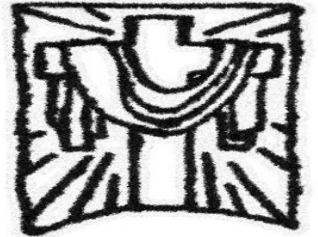
Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

February 2024 Newsletter

Pastor's Column



LENTEN SCHEDULE



"A CHILD LIKE FAITH"

Where does faith begin?

Why did Jesus emphasize, time and time again, the importance of children in our midst?
Join us on Wednesdays throughout Lent, to hear from lay members their stories from childhood
surrounding faith and how that informs their faith today.
We will be gathering around Holden Evening Prayer.

THE WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

- March 6 – 5:00 – 6:30 pm Supper at Augustana – Augustana WELCA serves.
6:30 pm Service – Heather Missling will be speaking.
- March 13 – 5:00 – 6:30 pm Supper at East
6:30 pm Service – Dale and Deb Anderson will be speaking.
- March 20 – 5:00 – 6:30 pm Supper at Augustana
6:30 pm Service – Kinzee Miest will be speaking.

HOLY WEEK

- March 24 – 10:00 am Joint Palm Sunday Worship Service at Augustana
Lunch and Easter Egg Hunt to follow the service.
- March 28 – 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service at Augustana
- March 29 – 12:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service at Augustana
6:30 pm Good Friday Worship Service at East

EASTER

- March 31 – 8:00 am Easter Communion Worship Service at Augustana
9:00 am Easter Breakfast at Augustana
8:45-9:45 am Rolls and Coffee at East
10:00 am Easter Communion Worship Service at East

AUGUSTANA - MARCH**CIRCLES**

March 5: 9:30 am Rebecca Circle – Fireside
 6: 9:00 am Martha Circle – Fireside
 19: 9:00 am Sewing Circle – Augustana

LECTORS

March 3: Kristen Gertsema
 10: Terry Engel
 17: Lisa Carlson
 24: Jim Moody
 31: Deb Style

MEMORIALS

In memory of Ardis Petterson
 \$10 – Special Gifts

In memory of Bert Swenson
 \$783.34 – Stained Glass Window Fund
 \$230.00 – Technology/Music
 \$506.66 – Youth Education
 \$100.00 – Undesignated

In memory of LaVonne Watson
 \$1,000.00– Stained Glass Window Fund
 \$1,000.00 - Undesignated

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to furnish Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday, call the church office and your name will be placed on the schedule.

ALTAR GUILD

Jeanne Miest, Kari Miest, Colleen Newman,
 Judy Thulien, Mary Anderson

GREETERS

March 3: Jeanne Miest
 10: Deanna Hoffman
 17: Stan & Nancy Kunkel
 24: Lisa Carlson
 31: Doug Erdal

NOISY OFFERING

March 31: National Youth Gathering Fund

AUGUSTANA - MARCH**TRANSITIONS****Funerals**

Joni Janovsky passed away February 12, 2024.
 A funeral will be held at a later date.

Bette Flater passed away on February 2, 2024.
 Her funeral will be held April 17, 2024

May God's peace comfort their family and friends.

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

Please call the church office to sponsor
 our Missionary.
 The cost is \$20.00 for a week.

RADIO INFORMATION - 1370 AM

Sponsor a half hour broadcast for \$40.00.
 East sponsors the 2nd Sunday of the month,
 Augustana sponsors the 4th Sunday of the month,
 5th Sundays are split between the churches.
 To sponsor an Augustana broadcast, call 375-4792.

The March 24th radio broadcast from Augustana
 is available for a sponsor.

COMMUNION SERVERS

March 3: Jill Beckius & Sandy Berg
 10: Dean Swenstad & Margo Spang

USHERS

Terry Engel, Jim Leopold, Myron & Sally Engel,
 Ruth Halder, Andrew Freitag,
 Andre Freitag, Mark Kulseth

ELECTRONIC GIVING

1. Electronically: visit church website and click on the "Secure Contributions" tab, or scanning our QR Code
2. Secure Contributions: visit church Website www.augustanachurch.org
3. Give+Text: from your phone, text number 844-686-4439 (unique to Augustana)
4. Offering envelopes: through the mail or into the Drop box.



Questions? Contact Financial Secretary,
 Deanna Hoffman 507-317-7724.

EAST MARCH

RADIO BROADCASTS

March 3: First Lutheran, St. James
 10: East Sveadahl
 17: First Lutheran, St. James
 24: Augustana
 31: East

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman, Julene Hoffman

VISITING COMMITTEE

Teresa Andrews and Janet Bloomquist

USHERS

Wes Beck

LECTORS

March 3: Kris Suess
 10: Evonne Moll
 17: Wes Beck
 24: Joint at Augustana
 31: Tom Anderson

EAST RADIO SPONSORS

March 10:
 March 31:
 April 14:
 May 12:
 June 9:
 July 14:

If you would like to sponsor any of the 2024 broadcasts, please contact Susan. Cost is \$40.00. Thank you.

The next time you're feeling down,
 think about all the terrible things
 that didn't happen to you.

-Barbara Johnson

If it weren't for the last minute,
 nothing would get done!!

EAST MARCH

TRANSITIONS:

PRAYER CONCERNS: Penny, Brianna, Barb, Cassian, Mike, Jamie, Marie, Joann, Darryl, Phyllis, Tim A., Kathy, Erma, Bruce, Jana, Sam, Tom, Chloe, Orval

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through January	\$ 7,949.17
Received through January	\$ 4,095.72
Behind through January	- \$ 3,853.45
Received in January	\$ 4,095.72

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HAPPY BAPTISM DATE

2 Camron Fast [10-15]
 3 Darryl Jensen [1-2]
 5 Lisa Shellum [4-4]
 13 Clinton Berlin [4-8]
 Lloyd Ostberg [4-11]
 Aleisha Weiss [5-7]
 14 Mason Lenning [6-29]
 17 Terry Bloomquist [4-16]
 20 Tom Anderson [4-5]
 24 Ashley Keosaksith [4-15]
 28 Janet Bloomquist [5-2]

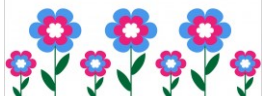
EASTER LILIES

This year the WELCA will be ordering the Easter lilies for Easter Sunday.

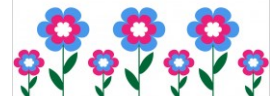
Please contact **Sonja [507-381-4206]**, **Julene [507-317-3457]**, or **Susan [507-317-5293]** to place your order and to let them know who you are giving your plant in memory of or in honor of by **Thursday, March 21st**.

The cost of a lily is \$20.00. Please send your payment to Evonne Moll, 29612 700th Ave., St. James, MN 56081.





AES MARCH NEWS



MARCHING ON



As agreed upon in the AES partnership, worship times will once again switch in March. Beginning on

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:00 am worship will be at East Sveadahl

10:30 am worship will be at Augustana

BOLD WOMEN'S SUNDAY - WELCA BRUNCH

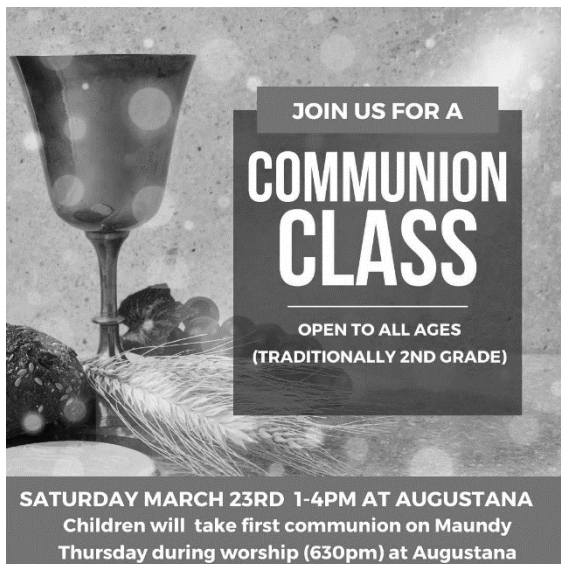
✧ BOLD WOMEN'S SUNDAY ✧ You are cordially invited to help us continue celebrating Bold Women's Sunday by being our guests for brunch, after church, on March 3. We will be serving French toast, sausage, fruit, milk, juice & coffee. Please come and be our guests.

See you there!

♥ Augustana WELCA BOLD WOMEN



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS - Saturday March 23rd, 1:00 - 4:00 pm



I will be offering a communion class at Augustana for anyone who is interested in learning and deepening their understanding of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This class is open to all ages. I do ask that a parent or caregiver attends with their child. This class would traditionally be held for 2nd graders, but again I am opening it up to anyone who feels called by the Spirit to partake in the Sacrament or has been communing but would like to learn more.

First Communion will take place on Maundy Thursday at Augustana (March 28th at 6:30 pm).

SHARING AN EASTER LILY ?

Augustana has made special arrangements to purchase Easter Lilies & Pastel Mums at a cost of \$15.00 per plant. These plants will be used to glorify the sanctuary for our celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior on March 31st at worship. The plants may be picked up anytime following the service. Please plan to share a plant with the congregation to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and to enjoy in your home for months after. Please fill out the form and return it to the church office by Tuesday, March 26th, call the church office at 375-4792, or e-mail your request to aeslutheran@gmail.com before that day. Thank you!



PALM SUNDAY/EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be a Joint Worship service at Augustana on Palm Sunday, March 24th at 10:00 AM with an Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch to follow at 11:00 AM.

**Children will be singing during service that day. Please have your child there by 9:30 to practice.*

Children ages 0-12 are welcome to hunt for eggs, while parents enjoy Christian fellowship and a meal in the Augustana Church social hall.

Please register by calling either church office.

**Please have your child registered by Sunday, March 17th.*

BLESS A CAMPER

We are excited to be launching our BLESS A CAMPER campaign now through May. We have a great group of AES youth attending Green Lake Bible Camp & Shetek Ministries Mini camp this summer. The purpose of this campaign is to help support these children to make the financial portion less straining on families. Our goal is to make it possible for all AES youth to attend. You will find each church has a poster for BLESS A CAMPER. If able/interested, please take an envelope. All information on how to help BLESS A CAMPER is enclosed, along with a stamped envelope. The AES Youth thank you in advance, and we look forward to sharing their experience with you this summer!

PASTORAL INFORMATION

VISITS: If you would like a visit, please contact them: Pr. Mandy 375-4792 (office), 651-800-6692 (cell), email aesministriespastor@gmail.com, or Lyla at 507-439-6940 (home) or 507-227-9250 (cell)

REQUESTS: If you have pastoral care requests and concerns, please relay them to Pr. Mandy and Lyla via an email, call, or text so that no concern or request is forgotten.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We appreciate your care and concern for family members and friends by placing them to our Prayer Concern list in our bulletin. We believe in the power of prayer! If you have added someone to our prayer concerns, **please let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there.**

KEEPING in TOUCH

Facebook: "Like" the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, etc.

AES Ministries website: www.aeslutheran.org

Address changes: Augustana office 375-4792, or Susan at East 507-317-5293

Weekly Bulletins: All bulletins are posted weekly on the AES Ministries website home page

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

The weekly Prayer Meeting is Monday morning at 10:00 am. Type in the link to join (or click on the link on the website). All are welcome to join.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77502081644?pwd=NTdkeXB6TUlrazliSzVKZkhwTjg1UT09>

THANK YOU

East Sveadahl Church and WELCA, thank you so much for your support of the Food shelf. Your contribution of \$2,379.90 received in 2023 allowed us to purchase items and restock our shelves. ...

We are grateful for your continued donations and willingness to help others in need.

Sincerely Watonwan County Food Shelf Board

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS - Sunday, March 10th

Remember to turn your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR before going to bed.

SPRING FEVER AT GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP - April 20, 2024

On April 20, Green Lake Bible Camp is offering a 1-day camp experience for all 2nd through 6th graders. This is a great way to learn what camp is all about for those who have never been before. The deadline to register is April 12. Cost to attend is \$40, and scholarships are available.

Financial Facts - January 2024

	January	YTD
Total Giving	\$ 20,855.71	\$ 20,855.71
Total Expenses	- \$ 14,348.68	\$ 14,348.68
	+ \$ 6,507.03	+ \$ 6,507.03

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This is a positive start to the New Year.

To fulfill the 2024 Budget as approved at the Annual Meeting we need donations of \$3,573 per week.

Also, as we begin the new year, I would like to remind you of giving opportunities to support our "Radio Broadcasts" at \$40 per month (this is solely funded through donations).

Gifts to the Missionary Program and support for World Hunger and Disaster Relief, in any amount are appreciated. These monies are forwarded directly to the SWMN synod for distribution in those areas.

Thank You to ALL for your continued support of Augustana.

Respectfully Submitted - Judy Thulien - Treasurer

EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – February 8, 2024

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7 pm at East Sveadahl. Those present were Tom Anderson, Janet Bloomquist, Kris Suess, Dana Avila, Lori Urevig, Sonja Coleman, and Pastor Mandy.

Absent: Cindy Torkelson & Susan Anderson

Tom Anderson, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Pastor Mandy opened with prayer.

The January 11, 2024 minutes were approved as written in the newsletter.

Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Kris Suess presented their reports. A motion by Dana, seconded by Janet, and passed to approve the reports as presented.

Tom presented the bills. The Aadland Pipe Organ Co., Art Aadland, has been working on repairs for the church organ. The cost for the first repairs were \$3,585.00, and the additional cost for the new power supply is \$2,508.00. A motion by Dana, seconded by Lori and passed to approve paying of bills.

The noisy offering for December 2023 and January 2024 was \$106.44. It was decided to add the February noisy offering and split the total ½ to St. James and 1/2 LaSalle Fire Departments.

- The first Bible Study with the youth who are attending the National Youth Conference was held and well attended. There are 14 youth and 4 adults attending. Erick Avila will be attending the MYLE (Multicultural Youth Leadership Event) which will be held prior to the Youth Conference.
- Look forward to the following dates where the ROAR youth will be singing at East Sveadahl during the service – February 25 and April 28.

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Pastor Mandy presented her report:

- Sunday, February 18, will be the installation of the AES and church council members at both churches.
- Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday & Valentines Day. There will be a Valentines Party at ROAR and a noon drive by for Ashes at Augustana along with a 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Augustana. East will be serving the Wednesday suppers on February 28 and March 13. See the February newsletters for complete schedule for Lent.
- Sunday, February 28 is the Watonwan River Conference at 2 p.m. at Trinity in Madelia. All are invited.

Reminders –

Wednesday, April 10 is the AES Baked potato fundraiser at Augustana, and August 11 is the AES annual picnic.

A discussion on the internet connection at church was discussed. We will be going with Christiansen Communications as our internet service at a cost of \$79.00 per month along with an installation fee of \$79.00.

In appreciation to Lynne & Leigh Rolshoven and Teresa Andrews for all the Sunday morning goodies it was decided to give them each \$100.00 to help defray the cost.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next church council meeting will be March 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES OF EAST SVEADAH L LUTHERAN CHURCH - February 4, 2024**153rd ANNUAL MEETING OF EAST SVEADAH L LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The 153rd annual meeting of the East Sveadah L Lutheran Church was held on Sunday, February 4, 2024 following the Sunday Service and a potluck dinner with 22 members in attendance.

Chairman, Tom Anderson opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

Pastor Mandy opened with a prayer.

A motion by Wayne Jurgens, seconded by Dana Avila, and passed to accept the 152nd Annual Meeting Minutes as printed in the 2023 Annual Report.

Tom highlighted some of the congregational statistics from page 5 of the annual meeting report.

The financial and written reports of the church organizations were highlighted and approved as written. Tom thanked Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary and Kris Suess, Treasurer for volunteering their time for their positions.

Pastor Mandy highlighted the on-line giving option for church donations. Anyone interested should contact Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary.

Pastor Mandy commented on her report as written in the annual report: 1) this was the first annual Ecumenical Bible School with First Lutheran, First Presbyterian and AES Ministries and another is being planned for 2024, 2) Pastor Mandy participated in the Butterfield Threshing Bee's Sunday Service for the first time. Pastor Mandy stated that God rejoices when Christians come together and that part of ministry is sharing stories.

Tom commented on the Bible Studies at East following the Sunday services as very uplifting and is hopeful that they will continue.

Tom presented the nominating committee ballot for 2024. As all positions on the ballot are filled by volunteers, a motion by Janet Bloomquist, seconded by Fran Anderson, and passed to accept a unanimous ballot. The results of the ballot are as follows: (All volunteered for the positions)

Church Council (1 for 3 year term) - Tom Anderson

Auditor (1 for 3 year term) - Dale Anderson

Head Usher (1 for 2 year term) - Wayne & Bernie Jurgens

Nominating Committee (2 for 2 year term) - Teresa Andrews and Angie Noren

Lector Coordinator (1 for 1 year term) - Kris Suess

Decorating Committee (2 for 2 year term) - Pete & Emily Christenson

Delegate to Synod & Conference (1 man/1 woman for a 1 year term) - Erick & Dana Avila

The Cemetery Association meeting was held with Wes Beck presiding.

The East Sveadah L annual meeting resumed with the following:

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Old Business:

- The organ was in need of repair and the cost was \$3,585.00.

New Business:

- AES Council consists of 8 members – 2 from each church council and 2 at large. For 2024 the East Council members for AES Council will be Dana Avila (1 year remaining) and Tom Anderson (volunteered for another 2 year term) and the at large members will be Lori Urevig (2 year term) and Teresa Andrews (1 year remaining).
- The 2024 East Sveadahl Lutheran Church budget proposal was presented. A motion Lynne Rolshoven, seconded by Sonja Coleman, and passed to approve the proposed 2024 budget with one correction – the total budget amount should be \$95,390.00. It was noted that the East portion of the AES Parish Administration costs for 2024 are 34% and Augustana is 66%.
- The 2024 East Sveadahl Proposed Resolutions were read. A motion by Lisa Shellum, seconded by Bernie Jurgens, and passed to adopt the resolutions as presented.

Special thanks was given by Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary, for the great monetary support from everyone, and Tom Anderson thanked Pastor Mandy for all her work with AES Ministries and that we are very thankful to have her.

As there was no other business, a motion by Janet Bloomquist, seconded by Tammy Stevens Rathman, and passed to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Bloomquist, East Sveadahl Council Secretary

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 28, 2024

President Mark Kulseth called the meeting to order at 9:59 am.

Pastor Mandy led us in the Opening Litany.

Time was given for congregation members to read over last year's Annual meeting minutes from January 22, 2023. These minutes were approved and seconded with no one opposed.

Committee and organization reports are posted in the Annual Report. Please contact a committee member if you have any questions.

Mark Larson presented the Audit Committee report. The Audit Committee-Mark Larson, Jackie Harrington and Jim Moody-did review the books for Augustana and found no issues.

Judy Thulien presented the Treasurer's Report, also announcing that she is planning to retire on June 30, 2024. The Thrivent Annuity was cashed in so this will no longer be listed under Income. Noted \$14,748 over budget. Fund Activity Report and Money Market Memorial Savings as listed in the report.

President Mark Kulseth informed the congregation that the building insurance increased to \$14,000 in 2024. It was decided to stay with the current insurance company with a few changes to the policy. The church was insured for 1.7 million with a \$3,000 deductible. This will change to a \$20,00 deductible, insured for 1 million at the cost of \$10,000 for 2024, approximately \$5,000 in savings. The amount of money from the CD that matures on June 13, 2024 will be moved to the Building/Insurance Deductible account under Memorial Savings. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded, and no one opposed.

Question regarding the Thrivent Choice dollars that was kept in a savings account. This money was disbursed between the youth, Men's group, WELCA, and music /technology. You have to have a Thrivent policy and you also have to notify Thrivent if you would like your money sent to this account. Contact Tim Flitter for information as to how this can be done and to explain the Thrivent Choice dollars and Thrivent gift cards.

Reflections of success: VBS, AES Joint picnic, St, Lucia, and 14 youth that will attend the National Gathering, just to name a few.

Augustana Church council: Terry Engel reported for the nominating committee. Mark Kulseth and Lisa Carlson completed a 6-year term and Kristi Zellmann decided not to run again. Jill Beckius agreed to a second term. Jim Harrington, Margo (Engel) Spang, and Doug Erdal will fill the other seats. Lyle Anderson was voted to serve as an Augustana council representative to the AES Joint Council, if he is willing to serve. Member at large, Lisa Carlson was voted for a 2-year term to AES Joint Council. Next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 24 with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 24.

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Proposed Budget for 2024-Judy noted that there was one correction under Pastoral Expense: Pension & Insurance @ 74% should be 66%; the other 34% from East Sveadahl. This is based on the CCC's from each congregation. Judy does not receive these numbers until January. Mark Kulseth stated that cuts to the budget were made as much as possible. Motion to approve the Budget was made and seconded.

Jim and Shirley Moody will focus on mutual ministry within the congregation.

Question was made regarding an updated membership list.

Old Business-nothing noted

New Business

Election of Congregational President is Stan Kunkel

Projects for 2024-stained glass, parking lot, youth, trimming of trees at the cemetery

Time & Talents-shortage on volunteers

Other-will plan for another Congregational Meeting in June to update members regarding finances

Pastor Mandy led us in a prayer prior to lunch.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am

Respectfully submitted, Jill Beckius

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES-FEBUARY 13, 2024

Present-Lynn Watson, Deanna Hoffman, Sandy Berg, Judy Thulien, Jeff Price, Lyle Anderson, Stan Kunkel, Kirsten Freitag, Dean Swenstad, Pastor Mandy, Jim Harrington, Margo Spong, Doug Erdal, Jill Beckius

Absent: Darrick Miest

Stan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Jim Moody presented a report regarding the cemetery. Stated he would like to get a group together this spring to find all the aluminum markers on all cemetery plots. The Bylaws for the cemetery state that members of Augustana and any ELCA church of the Southwestern MN Synod are able to purchase plots. Jim currently has 2 copies of the cemetery map and would like someone to take over this position.

Paul Missling, AES Youth Director, shared some upcoming events. Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, there will be an indoor Easter Egg hunt again this year following a 10 am Joint Church Service at Augustana with a meal to follow. Green Lake Bible Camp is hosting a 1-day camp on Saturday, April 20th. The cost is \$40 for the day. This would be a good opportunity for kids that would like to see what camp is all about. VBS is scheduled from July 8th-11th, 8:30 am to 11:30 at First Lutheran church this year. There will be a program on Thursday, July 11th at 6:30 pm in the Park. Take home lunch is being provided.

Karen Heller, Janitor, the candle in the sanctuary does not burn evenly. She is changing the candle out on Monday, sometimes Tuesday. Karen has asked that people text her if there is a change to the schedule. She does set her cleaning schedule around the activities in the church so if something changes, it would be helpful for her.

Minutes from the January Council minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes made by Lynn and seconded by Lyle.

Reports:

Judy Thulien presented the Treasurer's report. She noted that postage seemed higher than normal for January.

Reports for the annual meeting were mailed out along with Offering envelopes but also found that it will now cost \$1.50 for each undeliverable newsletter mailing that is returned to the Post Office. Will need to review the membership list. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Lynn and seconded by Sandy. Motion was made by Sandy to approve the Amazon Prime membership and seconded by Dean.

Deanna presented the giving report.

Pastor Mandy's report

Lenten services are all planned. Has asked members to share their faith reflections. Held a noon and evening prayer group. There is a Memorial service for Bette Flatter on April 17, 24. Hosting a communion class March 23rd. Held a National Youth Gathering Bible study which was well attended and currently planning more for the Gathering. Ecumenical Ashes to Go at Augustana with First Lutheran and First Presbyterian on Ash Wednesday as well as Communion Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm at Augustana. Lifting up Pastor Mandy

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as she will be writing 4 entries in the 2025 Sunday in Seasons which was quite a lengthy process to get to this point.

AES Ministries did not meet.

Committee Reports:

Education-ROAR students will be singing at East Sveadahl on Feb 25th, March 24th at Augustana, and April 28th at East Sveadahl. March 24th Palm Sunday will be a 10 am Joint church service at Augustana followed with a meal and an indoor Easter Egg hunt. Registration deadline will be March 17th. Will be asking Confirmation students to help stuff eggs and to help with prizes. Green Lake Bible Camp is hosting a 1-day camp on Saturday, April 20th. The cost is \$40 for the day. Will find out the registration deadline. Plan on walking in the Railroad Days parade again on June 22nd. Still bracelets to hand out and will ask for candy donations. VBS “Living Water” will be July 8th-11th from 8:30 to 11:30 at First Lutheran church. There will be a program at 6:30 pm at the Memorial Park. Future events: Mankato Moondogs baseball Family Faith Night. \$10 a ticket which includes a pop & chips. Family board game night and hoping to plan another fishing outing.

Evangelism/Social Ministry-did not meet

Worship, Music & Technology-did not meet

Finance-did not meet

Property/Cemetery-The front carpet for the steps is scheduled for the last week in April.

Youth Ministry-The appetizers for the Super Bowl were a hit. They had 13 kids, ages 1 to 12, for Parent’s Night Out. They had games, worked on a craft, made heart-shaped pizzas, and decorated cookies. The income from the meal that they served during the annual meeting was a little over \$500. February 25th they are planning to go bowling at Springfield, MN for Grades 6-12. There will be no project camp out this year as they will just be getting back from the National Youth Gathering.

Old Business:

Stewardship-There are 6 church committees. Would like each committee to plan a meal and explain where they spend their money. April 21st will be the first Stewardship meal after church and youth will present. We can also utilize the screens during church to demonstrate where our church dollar goes. Another idea was a Stewardship bulletin board.

New Business:

Annual calendar-Pastor Mandy and Judy Berg have been working on a calendar and posting all the events throughout the year. Members can then sign up to help serve or pick a Thrivent card that helps cover the costs of the event.

Membership list-will need to be updated

Hiring staff for replacement for Judy Thulien as treasurer.

Discussion regarding a request for a keypad lock for the back door. At this time we will continue as is.

Updating the Constitution-council members should read through the constitution to understand what your committee is responsible for. Pastor Mandy will contact the Synod office. There is a free service that allows you to send in a copy of your Constitution and they return it to you with suggestions. Any updates will need to be approved by the Synod office. Motion to approve was made by Lyle and seconded by Lynn.

Next Council Meeting will be March 12 @ 7 pm.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Beckius

EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH - CHURCH STAFF AND OFFICERS - 2024

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