



Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

JULY REMINDER

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2024



Pastor's Report

Thoughts For July....

In the midst of summer our thoughts turn to summer vacations, time at the lake, observing how the crops are maturing in a challenging weather related season and of course celebrating our Nation's 248th Birthday as the 13 Colonies became Independent from England! As citizens we became free to govern ourselves and later became the United States of America!

In the context of our Christian Faith as we hear and read the Gospel readings, we will hear how Jesus called and sent out the Twelve Disciples with the message of Repentance and Healing. He continued His ministry with the Feeding of the Five Thousand and showing His compassion to all people that He encountered!

Jesus message to us that in a unique but meaningful way He calls us to be His followers, practice daily repentance as Martin Luther strongly encouraged, receive forgiveness and go forth with our lives! Even in the summer months, we never always know what the Lord wants us to do, but He is clear that we are to love one another, encourage one another and as difficult as it is, pray for our enemies and those who have offended and hurt us! He understands and will give us grace and strength to endure!



So, during the month of July, let us have a renewed attitude and spirit and ask the Lord, what is my calling and how might I advance the Kingdom of God!

As always, my prayers and best to each of you and your loved ones!

Pastor Dean



June Council Minutes

June 16th , 2024

Svea Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Present: Pastor Dean, Josh Larson, Carter Christopher, Chelsey Moran, Jake Vlaminck

Meeting commenced @ 0940 with Pastor Dean leading in prayer

- Erika (@ Calvary) providing faith formation information to Pastor Dean regarding confirmation for October, 13th 2024. Svea Lutheran Church confirmands are Levi Swanson & Matthew Gerdes
- Park meeting set for Tuesday June 18th @ Christy Swanson's
- Community People are dragging baseball field and will be spraying some round up
- Visitations with Svea Lutheran Church members @ Bethesda & Copperleaf are ongoing by Pastor Dean
- Mike Lindblad getting prices on windows in church basement
- Communion will be at the rail on the 1st and 2nd Sundays
- June 26th-28th Pastor Dean will be out of office
- January, February & March Pastor Dean in AZ. Discussions on fulfilling this role while he is absent have begun. Mentions of Pastor Wayne & Pastor Ingrid have been brought up.
- Jake Vlaminck waiting on some time to install the security system @ church. There will be motion detection systems at the East and West entrances of church.

There will be **NO** council meeting in July

Meeting adjourned @ 1000

Future discussions @ August council meeting:

- ◆ 2025 Svea Anniversary plans?
- ◆ Svea Park fundraiser updates?
- ◆ Updates to fill Pastor Dean's role while in AZ?

50th Anniversary of Vietnam



Pastor Dean and Debbie in his Military Uniform where he served 38 years as a Chaplain. Debbie and Dean were on there way to Alexandria, Minnesota to speak to 208 Viet Nam Veterans on Sunday June 16th as Douglas County honored, thanked and welcomed these Veterans Home. Chaplain Johnson was the Speaker for the Event which was attended by over 1000 citizens.

If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.

By Ronald Regan



MAY REMINDER 2024 SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	May 31, 2024	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 70,622.00	\$	19,549.14
Mission Support	\$ 12,400.00	\$	5,191.70
Mission Support to Year End		\$	12,637.00
Bethesda Foundation - Van		\$	5,000.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 52,723.00	\$	27,206.50
Transfers		\$	28,753.35
Total	\$ 135,745.00	\$	98,337.69
Year to Date Receipts and Transfers		\$	103,726.73
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses		\$	5,389.04
Year End Carry-over from 2023		\$	12,637.00
Year End Carry over from fourth quarter 2023 Benevolence		\$	2,717.35
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer		\$	20,743.39
Total Funds available after May 2024 expenses		\$	20,743.39

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Contemporary Service The Gatewood Family, Accompanist

Traditional Service Megan Gilles, Organist

Communion Assistant: Tucker Swanson

Visual Arts: Holli Hopp and Louise Swenson

Ushers: Dustin Moran and Kim Gorans

	<u>ASSISTANT MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
July 7	<i>The Gatewoods</i>	<i>Louise Swenson</i>	4
July 14	Karen Schueler	Lois Nelson	5
July 21	The Gatewoods	Sherman Schueler	6
July 28	Holli Hopp	Arianna Gilles	1
	<u>Screen</u>	<u>Sound</u>	
July 7	Jake Vlaminck	Ben Johnson	
July 14		Kim Gorans	
July 21	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans	
July 28		Scott Johnson	

Thank you for all your blessings that you share with us!

SUMMER COFFEE AND CHURCH SERVICE TIME



COFFEE TIME WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 AM

WORSHIP TIME WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 AM

Pastor Dean E. Johnson is serving Svea Lutheran Church.

For any emergencies or a need for any pastoral care; or any concerns, comments or questions, please contact Pastor Dean E. Johnson by phone at: 320-260-3642 or email: sendeanjohnson@hotmail.com



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. Thanks to our AV Team for your faithful service.



Church League games are on Thursday nights at Swansson Fields.

The game times vary each week.

Come and support our Svea Lutheran Churches Softball Team!!



THE SVEA SOFTBALL TEAM



Front Row: Pete Stadem, Austin DeLuna, Coach Jerry Negen and Levi Swanson. Back Row: Ty Larson, Danny Martinez, Mitch Swierenga, Drew Schroeder, Tucker Swanson, Tate Baumgren and Jackson Gatewood.

The Svea History Book Committee is meeting on July 14th after church. A light meal will be served.



BIBLE STUDIES

Ladies' Bible Study

will meet on July 9th at 1:30pm at TBD
Please bring a treat to share.
All ladies are welcome.

Lutheran Men in Mission

LMM meets on Thursday mornings at 6:30 am.

NO LMM July 4th, 2024

Breakfast is served followed by a Bible study.
All men are welcome.



**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**



Family Promise News

Thank you, Thank you to everyone who helped by preparing an evening meal or donating money to buy weekly groceries for our June 17-23 Family Promise Week. The three suppers were delicious and I have enough grocery money left over for a good start on buying groceries for our next host week!

Family Promise is such a good way to share with and care for families in our area who are in need of help to stabilize their family living situation.

Our next FP host week at Svea is September 9-15



Summer Mission Coffee Time

Please come join in on our coffee/treat time every Sunday morning before worship at 9:30! We still have several Sundays open to sign up for serving.

Thank you so very much to everyone who has volunteered to bring treats and make coffee. It is very much appreciated!

Quilts and Kits

All of the 37 quilts made by our “quilting ladies” this past winter have now been delivered and thankfully received by these 3 organizations.

Lutheran World Relief -19

Eagles’ Healing Nest for homeless Vets in Sauk Centre - 12

Heartland Girls’ Ranch in Benson – 6

Our 129 personal care kits were delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

Once again, a big thank you goes out to all of our congregation members who helped in any way with these two great mission projects that will let all the recipients of these items know that people care about them.

Thankful • GRATEFUL • Blessed

Bethesda

"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations."
Psalm 100:5

June 3, 2024

Pastor Dean Johnson
Svea Lutheran Church
12651 15th St SE
Svea, MN 56216

Dear Pastor Dean,

On behalf of Bethesda Foundation, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Svea Lutheran Churches generous donation of \$5,000.00 on May 26, 2024, which supports our mission of serving others together in faith, community, and life, specifically the medical transportation van.

Your congregations decision to bless our ministry is deeply appreciated, and we are honored to have Svea Lutheran Church as a partner in amplifying Bethesda's mission. Through the churches contribution, your congregation continues to brighten the everyday lives of those we serve, allowing us to continue spreading God's love and enhancing the lives of our residents.

Once again, thank you to Svea Lutheran Church for your kindness and commitment. Your congregations support makes a significant difference in the work we do at Bethesda Foundation.

Warm regards,

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Thank you for your incredible generosity, friends at Svea Lutheran!

Serving others together in faith, community, and life.

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~THANK YOU~

Dear Svea Church,

My husband and I visited Svea Church Friday. Thank you so much for the information. What a beautiful church and lovely setting.

We found the historical pictures and the confirmation pictures. What a delight to see my grandfather's confirmation picture from 1906. Plus we found the confirmation pictures of all his older siblings. In 1907 they moved from their farm in Roseland Township to Willmar. So those pictures were very timely.

What a wonderful gift that the church community has maintained all those pictures and has them on display. I appreciate that so much as I'm sure many others have over the years.

Thanks to you and to all have dedicated themselves to this historical record keeping over the years.

Rebecca Dougherty



Thank you to all the Lovely Ladies who came out to the Larson Quonset or dropped off cards, gifts, & recipes to celebrate Karli, the soon to be bride of Kristof Jensen (Jacki Larson's son.)

The love, warm thoughts & prayers for a great marriage are greatly appreciated.

Love and thanks,
Jacki Larson and
Kristi Gatewood.



SVEA PARK CLEAN-UP



All are Welcome!

When: Wednesday
July 10th

Time: 5:00 pm

Hot Dogs & Chips

Kickball after done
cleaning

*please bring any
lawn equipment
that would be
helpful*





MEET MORE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS!!



Dan Gorans



**Dan, Nikki, Stella, Thea and
Deighton Johnson**



Marie Brooks



The Nick Flannigan Scholarship Fund

The Svea Church Council has established a Scholarship Fund in memory of Nick Flannigan. Each Year the Memorial Committee may receive applications for Scholarships and will be approved by the Finance Committee and the Church Council. Applicants to the Scholarship Fund is open to members of the Greater Svea and Blomkest Communities. Memorial gifts and other financial considerations are to be directed to the Scholarship Fund. This Memorial Fund is for the purpose of assisting students to attend another educational institution following High School. And to keep the memory and the life of Nick Flannigan before us as a community.

Thanks, Pastor Dean

**30th Annual
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Best Ball
Tournament*

**LUTHERAN
MEN^{IN}
MISSION**

Friday, July 19, 2024
Redwood Falls Golf Club,
Redwood Falls, MN

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

Registration Deadline: Monday, July 15th



The Svea Youth Book Club Bookish Party was topped the Best Seller list!!



Stay tuned for information on “The Next Chapter” coming on August 15th at 2pm the Fellowship Hall at Svea Church!!



The Summer Book Read has begun.

You can start any time and the end date is August 15th at 2:00pm for the Bookish Read Party!! Gift Cards to Target will be handed out for the TWO AGE GROUPS for the TOP 5 READERS!!

Pre-K to 4th Grade-“The Playground Group”.

5th Grade and above-the “Novel’ Group.

THE RULES ARE:

- ◆ Have your parents sign off on the books you read.
- ◆ Name of Book.
- ◆ Number of Pages
- ◆ and your parent’s signature.

(There are sheets in the Library to write down what you read. Please take one or make your own sheet at home.)

If you read **over 300** pages, that counts as **TWO** books.

You may check out books from the Library, just write them down. The Library People, will put your books away; just leave them on the desk in the library.

You may read books you have at home.

Reading is the BIG thing...but MOST OF ALL-HAVE FUN!!

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR



JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4  NO LMM NO Softball	5	6
7 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Worship Service	8	9 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study at TBD	10  5pm Svea Park Clean up Hot dogs & Chips & Kickball Game Afterwards	11 6:30am LMM Softball @ 6:30pm	12	13
14 9:30am Coffee 11:00am Praise Service SFE &The Svea Historic Book Committee After Church	15	16	17	18 6:30am LMM	19 2:30pm LMM 30th Annual Golf Tournament	20
21 NO Council Meeting 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Worship Service	22	23  8:00pm Music Meeting	24	25 6:30am LMM	26  Reminder Articles Due	27
28 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Praise Service	29	30	31			

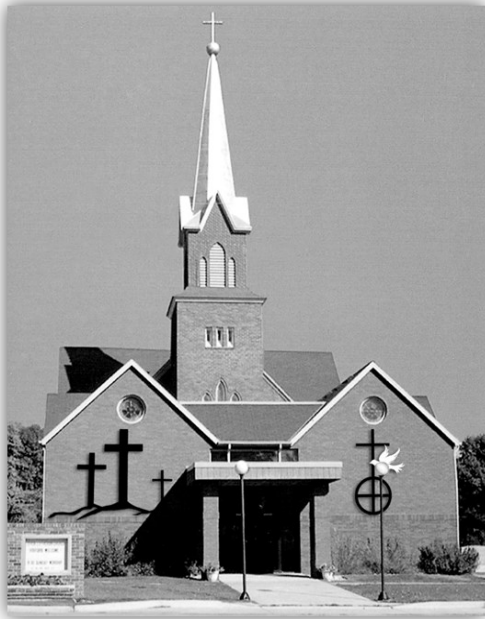
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

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. Arlyne Turnquist

28. Hannah Christopher

Levi Swanson

29. Terrance Swenson

Patti Schueler

Courtney Jacobson

30. Marci Dahl

Olivia Bowen