Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church JUNE REMINDER

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2024



Pastor's Report

The Scents of Summer

The June calendar states that on June 20th, it is the First Day of Summer. Yes, for most people we like the summer season as we can be outdoors, the crops are planted, and the activities are playing baseball, softball, golf and fishing. Summer vacations are being planned, camping with family and friends and reunions with family.

Summer in the Church year is the Season of Pentecost where we continue to hear and read about the earthly ministry of Jesus. He begins by teaching about the Sabbath Day and its importance in the lives of people. Historically, the Sabbath is a Day of Rest. The Third Commandment states, Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy. This means we are to be open to the hearing of God's Word and not despise it. It means that we are gifted to attend worship services with others from our congregation and guests. It means that we are to freely give 1 hour a week out of 168 to worship with others, hear the preaching of God's Word, pray and participate in Holy Communion.

In the Season of Pentecost, we will hear of Jesus casting out demons that prevent people from believing and practicing their Faith. Yes, there are demons all around us attempting to dissuade us from believing and living the Christian life. Bear in mind the power and influence of the Holy Spirit is stronger than the power of evil and the whiles of the Devil. Jesus continues to teach ordinary people like us how to further hear and understand the workings of Almighty God. He uses images of sowing and growing in the Kingdom. Finally, we will hear once again the story of Jesus calming the storm midst the evil and chaos in this world. He asks us to trust Him for we are His Children.

Finally, on June 16th we will pause and honor our Fathers whether they be living or not. Our Fathers are a gift from God and in many ways they along with our Mothers have guided and mentored each of us in our lives. It is also a Day to remember our Heavenly Father which has given us our physical life but has made provisions for our Eternal Life now and in the future days. So, we give thanks and appreciation for our Fathers and all they have done for us.



So, it is Summer, 2024!! May each of you find time for recreation, rest, satisfaction in work and play and a renewed Faith in the Lord as we travel with Him during His earthly ministry. May you be safe and filled with the Holy Spirit of Almighty God.

With Appreciation and My Best!!!!!
\Pastor Dean

May Council Minutes



May 26th, 2024

Svea Lutheran Church Council Minutes

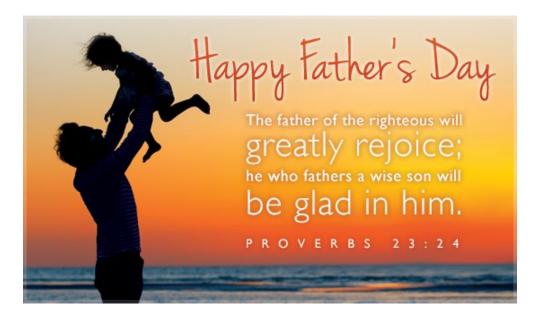
Present: Pastor Dean, Josh Larson, Christy Swanson, Chelsey Moran, Tucker Swanson

Meeting commenced @ 09:00 with a prayer led by Pastor Dean

- Finance committee proposed \$5,000 to be donated to Bethesda Van Council approved
- Finance committee proposed \$15,000 to be placed in a 3 month Certificate of Deposit and also \$15,000 to be placed in a 6 month Certificate of Deposit
- Church is applying for Twins Community Fund for park
- Memorial Garden was discussed to be placed in church cemetery
- Will continue working on Svea Park Fundraising
- August 4th Service @ Big Kandi Park 1 was approved

Future discussions @ May council meeting:

- ♦ Playground Equipment summer fundraiser
- ♦ 2025 Svea Anniversary plans?



Memorial Committee Minutes

Svea Lutheran Memorial Committee Minutes



March 2024

- Motion made and carried out to purchase Pastor Dean a computer for the church office.
- Motion made and carried out to purchase quilt batting for quilts.
- Looking into purchasing microphones for the Mystery Theater.

April 2024

- Motion made and carried out to send \$5,000.00 to Bethesda towards the purchase of a van for transporting residents.
- Purchase of a computer for Pastor Dean was \$1,702.00.

Respectively Submitted,

Holli Hopp

APRIL REMINDER 2024 SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT



April 30, 20	24	Budgeted		Year To Date	
Disbursements - Staff	\$	70,622.00	\$	15,967.83	
Mission Support	\$	12,400.00	\$	5,191.70	
Mission Support to Year End			\$	12,637.00	
Operation - Expenses	\$	52,723.00	\$	22,962.43	
Transfers			\$	10,322.00	
Total	\$	135,745.00	\$	67,080.96	
Year to Date Receipts and Transfers			\$	67,547.32	
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$	466.36	
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			\$	15,820.71	
Total Funds available after April 2024 expenses			\$	15,820.71	

JUNE 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: Josh Larson

Visual Arts: Holli Hopp and Louise Swenson Ushers: Jake Vlaminck and Doug Hopp

	ASSISTANT MINISTER	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
June 2	Karen Schueler	Arianna Gilles	5
June 9	The Gatewoods	Lois Nelson	6
June 16	Louise Swenson	Sherman Schueler	1
June 23	The Gatewoods	Doug Johnson	2
June 30	Holli Hopp	Levi Swanson	3

	<u>Screen</u>	<u>Sound</u>
June 2		Scott Johnson
June 9	Brian Gorans	Tracy Gorans
June 16		Jake Vlaminck
June 26	Scott Johnson	Ben Johnson
June 30		Kim Gorans

Svea Lutheran Churches Pastor for June is Pastor Dean E. Johnson.

For any emergencies or a need for any pastoral care, or any concerns, comments or questions, please contact Pastor Dean E. Johnson 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.

BIBLE STUDIES

Ladies' Bible Study

will meet on June 11th 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. Breakfast is served followed by a Bible study. All men are welcome.



The 2024 ANNUAL YEARBOOK

The Svea Lutheran Church 2024 Yearbooks are now available in the Narthex.

Remember to pick up your copy today!

Congratulations to our 2024 High School Graduate!







Tucker Swanson was given a \$100.00 Scholarship towards his future plans.

We wish him the best for his future.

MAKE A NOTE: The Change in Coffee and Church Service Time

COFFEE TIME WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 AM

WORSHIP TIME WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 AM





<u>Church League games are on</u> Thursday nights at Swansson Fields.

The game times vary each week.

Come and support our Svea Lutheran Churches Softball Team!!

Christ in our Home Devotional Booklets for the months of July, August and September are now available for pick-up in the Narthex. Larger versions are also available.



Family Promise has recently hired Ron Noyes as their Interim Director. He has several years of managerial experience and will be in place until a permanent Director is hired.

Our next FP host week at Svea is June 17 – 23.

Currently there are 5 guest families living at the center:

- 1. Family of 5 (Mother, Father, Daughter 4, Son 3 daughter 10 months)
- 2. Family of 3 (Father, Daughter 12, Son 10)
- 3. Family of 2 (Mother, Daughter 27)
- 4. Family of 3 (Mother, Son 4, Daughter 2. Has kids part-time)
- 5. Family of 4 (Mother, Father, Daughter 7, Son 1)

We need volunteers to:

Provide evening meals for Monday (17th), Tuesday (18th) and Thursday (20th).

Buy groceries for the rest of the meals during the week.

Because of the large number of guests, the cost of groceries will be larger than in the past, so it would be good to have 3 or 4 volunteers for that. We will receive a list of needed items for that week as a guide. You could either choose to personally buy groceries from a shortened list and delivery them to the residence bldg. on Pacific Ave. or donate money to have groceries purchased.

If you are able to help out with either a meal or grocery purchase, please call **Karen Schueler to sign up** at 320.894.4566 or email: shkaschu@gmail.com

Thank you!!!



Mission Coffee Time

Please come join in on our coffee/treat time every Sunday morning before worship at 9:30. A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to bring treats and make coffee lately. It is very much appreciated!

GRATEFUL • Blessed Thankful



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

May 8, 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 Memorial Fund generous donation of \$5,000.00 on May 5, 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,

Mary Latham

Foundation Director

Phone: 320-262-5064

Kristin Rucks

VP of Development and Marketing

Phone: 320-262-5381

Bethesda Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Tax Exempt 41-1457903). Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation. Please retain for your tax records.

Serving others together in faith, community, and life.

BETHESDA 901 Willmar Ave SE Willmar, MN 56201

Welcome Center: (320) 214-5643 www.BethesdaWillmar.org

Bethesda Grand Bethesda Club Suites Sunrise Village Senior and Assisted Living Centennial Square Senior Living Park View Village Assisted Living, Olivia Bethesda North Pointe, New London

Bethesda Hospice Bethesda At Home Bethesda Outpatient Therapy Bethesda Day Break Club Bethesda Bethesda Foundation

21 Quilts Homemade with Love in Svea



By Karen Schueler, Louise Swenson,
Holli Hopp, Kathy Lindblad and
Shelly Gatewood. Dedicated by Pastor
Dean E. Johnson on May 12th, 2024.

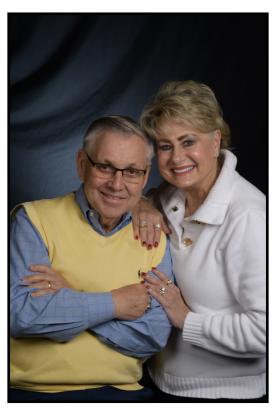








New Member Sunday was on March 19th, 2024 Meet some our New Members.



Pastor Dean E. and Debbie Johnson



Roger and Sharon Broman



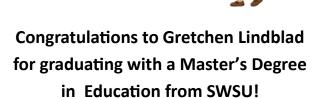
Brea Balderston joined Svea Church to be with her Family: Olof, Lola and Owen Larson.



Jeremy, Erica, Arthur and Ruby Negen

Congratulations to our Master's Graduate!!









SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR



JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4pm Tucker Swanson Grad Party
2 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Worship Service	3	4	5	6:30am LMM 6:30pm Softball	7	8
9 9:30am Coffee 11:00am Praise Service SFE after Church	10	11 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study at TBD	12	13 6:30am LMM 6:30pm Softball	14	15
16 Happy Father's Day! 9:30 Council Meeting 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Worship Service	17	18	19	20 6:30am LMM 8:30pm Softball	21	22
23 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Praise Service 30 9:30 Coffee 10:30 Worship	24	25 Reminder articles due	26	27 6:30 LMM 6:30pm Softball	28	29

REMIINDER JUNE 2024 SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH 12651 15TH ST SE SVEA MN 56216



- Dianne Johnson
 Laura DeGraw
 Channing Gravley
- Lucille Johnson
 Darren Solbrack
 Jackson Carlson
- 5. Kevin Schueler
- 6. Matt Erickson
- 10. Lori Sommers
- 11. Michelle Stadem
- Scott Johnson
 Jeremy Carlson
- 14. Matthew Petersen

- 15. Ina Holt
- 17. Cole Christopher
- 18. Shirley Peterson
- 19. Carl Fixsen
- 21. Cody Thorson
- 22. Emily Tonsfeldt
- 23. Ben ChristiansonTucker Swanson
- 25. Lacy Elliott
- 28. Sherman Schueler
- 29. John Sebring