

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church

MAY REMINDER

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2022

Read: 2 Corinthians 3

Today Kari and I were sharing the highlights from our devotional readings. I was contemplating 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Paul is talking about how in the book of Exodus, Moses would veil his face after talking with the Lord because people couldn't stand to look at the brightness of it. Then Paul goes on to say that even in his day, when the Old Testament was read in the synagogues, there was a veil on the hearts of the unbelieving Jews, because "the veil is taken away in Christ" (verse 15). When a person can't recognize Christ as his Messiah, he doesn't recognize the fullness of God. When a person reads the Law without Christ, she can't stand the brightness of Jesus' love.

As I was sharing these insights, I also brought up a concern I had about an area where Kari's a little touchy. Pretty soon we were arguing about who was right about this area, and from there it devolved into who has a better style for getting things done. Kari is very organized and makes her lists, classifying each task into "Must," "Should" and "Maybe." That way she can get the most important things done first. I'm a "go with the flow" kind of guy (I know you all are very surprised to hear this!), and I tend to drop everything on my list and listen to someone's story (or tell my own) for the twelfth time, because that's loving your neighbor. Kari claims that feeding your neighbors is also loving them.

Why do we have this need to be right? To be better? To put someone else's style down? When I want to make a Law, I'm not recognizing the fullness of God or the brightness of Jesus' love. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Liberty to make a list, to tell a story, to feed my neighbors or to listen to them. "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:17) Lord, help me to recognize Your love in the many and varied ways people serve You. Amen.

Peter and Kari Stadem

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Council Minutes: 4/21/22

Reported by: Kristi Gatewood



Present: Josh Larson, Christy Swanson, Kristi Gatewood, Tucker Swanson, Louise Swenson, Dianne Johnson, Pastor Dean Johnson.

Absent: Carter Christopher, Jake Vlaminck, Lois Nelson,

Pastor Dean presented the pastor's report.

- Calvary will go down to one service on Sundays during the summer. This service will be held at 9am.
- Svea's service is still set at 10:15am. Council discussed moving the service to 10:30am during the summer to allow the Calvary pastors more time to get to Svea after service at Calvary. More discussion to come.
- Pastor Ingrid will be taking a hiatus this summer.
- Council held a vote to make a amendment to the contract with Calvary for their services. The contract will be extended till September 1st, 2022. Motion made by Dianne and seconded by Louise. Council approved.

Continuing business.

- SFE made a suggestion that the \$700 budgeted towards the Lakeland Conference go to Ridgewater Campus Ministry. The Conference has suggested that churches donate directly to missions rather than donations going to the conference and them distributing it to missions. Council approved this suggestion.
- The council discussed an alternative for online giving. You can set up automatic transfers through your bank to donate to Svea Lutheran Church. The online giving service that we were using had a fee and there was not enough participation to justify continuing the service.
- May 15th will be the last day of Sunday School. We will celebrate our Sunday School teachers. There will also be a Friend in Faith event in the park.

Meeting adjourned.



This month we are featuring **Pastor Dean Johnson**. He is one of the four ministers from Calvary that Svea does cooperative ministry with Svea.

Dean Elton Johnson grew up on a farm near Lanesboro, Minnesota. He attended Luther College in Decorah, IA and Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN where he attained degrees in Business Administration and a Master's of Divinity. He completed another Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College in 2002. His career experiences include serving as a parish pastor in Willmar, Minnesota for 49 years, a Chaplain where he served for 38 years in the United States Army National Guard where he attained the rank of Brigadier General, and two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives, seven terms in the Minnesota Senate where he served as both the Senate Minority and Majority Leader. In 2007, Dean was elected to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota, re-elected to another 6 year term in March, 2013 and retired from the Board in 2019. He is married to the former Debbie Dean Baker of Omaha, Nebraska.



*"For we are God's servants, Working together,
you are God's field, God's building." - 1 Corinthians 3:9*

FYI...Southwestern Minnesota Online Synod Assembly will be taking place Saturday, June 11th - 9am-6pm

Kari and Pete Stadem are Svea's elected delegates for the Online Synod Assembly. Kari and Pete will join other voting members of SW MN Synod to:

- Worship together
- Discover how faith is strengthened through Bible study
- Hear reports and review the work of synod officers, leaders and partner ministries
- Adopt a budget and approve compensation guidelines
- Receive and consider resolutions
- Elect synod council, board members and other leaders

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

Contemporary Service Kari Stadem, Accompanist


Traditional Service Megan Gilles, Organist

Communion Assistant: Lois Nelson

Visual Arts: Holli Hopp and Louise Swenson

Ushers: Wendell Dahl and Doug Hopp

	<u>ASSISTANT MINISTER</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>Tellers</u>
May 1	Jordan Gatewood	Lois Nelson	2
May 8	Karen Schueler	Sherman Schueler	3
May 15	Gene Gatewood	Doug Johnson	4
May 22	Jordan Gatewood	Holli Hopp	5
May 29	Louise Swenson	Arianna Gilles	6
	<u>Screen</u>	<u>Sound</u>	
May 1	Brian Gorans	Kim Gorans and Ben Johnson	
May 8		Brian Gorans	
May 15	Jake Vlaminck	Scott Johnson and Ben Johnson	
May 22	Scott Johnson	Jake Vlaminck and Ben Johnson	
May 29		Kim Gorans	

<p><u>Pastors for May</u></p> <p>May 1 Pr. Naomi Mahler May 8 Pr. Dean Johnson May 15 Pr. Ingrid Skilbred May 22 Pr. David Severtson May 29 Pr. Dean Johnson</p>	<p><u>Office hours:</u> </p> <p>Wednesday: 10 am to 2:00 pm Thursday 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. (Hours vary on Thursdays)</p> <p><u>Pastor Ingrid’s office hours:</u> Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.</p>
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May Events at Svea

May 1—May Day baskets for shut ins.

May 8—Mother’s Day gift from Svea youth

May 15—last day of Sunday School, Sunday School teacher recognized. Friends in faith meal in park and games.

A Baby Shower

honoring
 Jess Gatewood and Josh Nelson
 May 7th, 2:00 pm at Svea Church



Diaper Raffle: Bring a pack of diapers in any size for a chance to win a special prize!

Registered at Target, Amazon & Lucky Duck. Please bring gift receipt if able.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the March 20th Congregational Conversation! Pastor Ingrid has collected all of the notes and stories from the event and will be putting them into a report for the Svea Church Council.

Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Conversation Part 2 of 2

On Sunday May 1st, during coffee fellowship, Pastor Naomi and Pastor Ingrid will be inviting small group conversation around the final 3 questions.

4. What have been the most important spiritual experiences, lessons in belief, or steps of faith that have occurred for you because of the ministry through Svea Lutheran Church?

Describe what and how they happened. What was most helpful?

5. What are the essential, central characteristics or ways of life that make the ministries of Svea Lutheran Church unique? What is most important about the community of Svea Lutheran?

6. Make three wishes for the future of Svea Lutheran Church.

Your answers to these questions will help the leadership of Svea to understand Svea' ministry and develop an imagination for what Svea's future could hold. All members are encouraged to participate!!!

Appreciation

Sharing Gratitude for All Sunday School Teachers

During 10:15 am worship on Sunday May 15th we will recognize and celebrate the ministry of all Svea's dedicated Sunday School teachers. Please come to worship and share your gratitude!



Note of Thanks

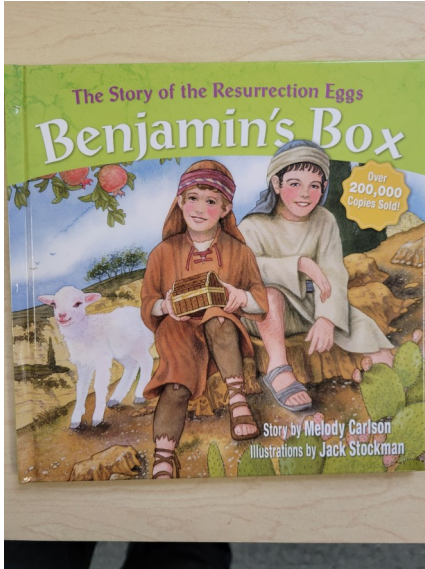
I want to THANK the Svea Lutheran Church congregation for the kindness and generosity shown to me when I had my hip replacement surgery. I appreciate all the well wishes, the emails and the beautiful fleece blanket that kept me warm during my recovery. God bless you all.
Janel Skindelien, Faith Formation Coordinator at Calvary Lutheran Church



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.

THE STORY OF BENJAMIN'S BOX



The story of Benjamin 'Box was the theme of **Friends in Faith** event on Sunday, April 10th. It is a story about when Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Benjamin first thinks he is a teacher, then a king. But as he follows Jesus throughout the week, filling his wooden box with special treasures along the way, he finally learns the REAL good news—Jesus is all about love.

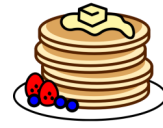


Lois reading the book to students.



Christy helping students filling their boxes

Another Successful Easter Breakfast



Donations made to the pancake breakfast go to the church soft-ball league.



Getting ready to serve pancakes.



Jerry always makes things run smoothly.



Levi in charge of serving the pancakes



A friendly, helpful kitchen staff.

Wednesday night Lenten service 6th graders helped served dinner at Calvary. Here Ben is helping out.



Thrivent helps with funding.



Willmar Area Churches Day Camp 2022 at Vinje Lutheran Church and Shores of St. Andrew's Bible Camp

Dates: July 18-21, 2022 (Monday-Thursday)

Time: **Pre-school:** 8:00 am–11:30 am (Monday-Wednesday) Thursday schedule: 8:00 am-1:30 pm (at Shores of St. Andrew)

K-5 grades: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Location: Drop off at Vinje Lutheran Church between 7:30-8:00 am.

Pick up at Vinje Lutheran Church at 11:30 am (Pre-K) and 4:00 pm (K-5).

Why Day Camp?

At day camp kids will participate in age appropriate Bible study, worship and activities like crafts, games, and spend time with trained college-aged young adults who have a passion for kids. Campers will experience and enjoy all sorts of camp fun with the comfort of sleeping in their own bed each night. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce your child to the magic of summer camp!

More information to follow!



MARCH REMINDER 2022

SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	March 31, 2022	Budgeted	Year To Date
Disbursements - Staff	\$ 102,262.00		\$ 17,439.75
Mission Support	\$ 14,745.00		\$ 12,420.89
Operation - Expenses	\$ 47,560.00		\$ 11,117.76
Transfers			\$ 2,188.00
Total	\$ 164,567.00		\$ 43,166.40
Year to Date Receipts and Transfers			\$ 27,546.48
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses			\$ (15,619.92)
Year End Carry-over for Benevolence Dist			\$ 12,405.89
Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer			\$ (3,214.03)
Total Funds available after March 2022 expenses:			\$ (3,214.03)

2022 Lenten Personal Care Kit Collection Drive



A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed money or care kit items! As of April 27th we are just a few items short of having enough for **108** care kits! We could still use monetary donations to purchase the few remaining items needed and to pay for the shipping. It costs \$2.65 to ship each kit and add the toothpaste at the delivery point.

With all of the natural disasters, political strife and wars going on around the world, there is a huge ongoing need for these kits.

Plans are being made to assemble and package the kits on a Sunday in June.

Thank you again for your generosity!!



Family Promise News

Our second host week for Family Promise is May 29 – June 4.

Our guests continue to stay full time at the Day Center. Currently there are 3 families living at the Day Center, all different from the last time we hosted. Our director, Kelsey, is again expecting several changes by the end of May. For now, we will continue to bring the evening meal to the Day Center around 6:30 p.m. three or four times during the week and also provide groceries for breakfasts and lunches as needed.

Sign up for evening meals will begin May 15th. You may sign up at church on Sundays, call Karen Schueler at **320.894.4566** or email shkaschu@gmail.com. Karen will continue to make arrangements to pick up the prepared meal and deliver it to the Day Center in Willmar.

Also, if you would like to contribute money to help purchase the groceries for lunches and breakfasts, that would be great, too.

Thank you for caring about families who struggle to find stable housing! _____

SALAD LUNCHEON

At Lake Lillian United Lutheran Church

Speaker: Sheriff Scott Hable

"Scam, Identity Theft, Fraud.....what to know and how to handle it!"

Everyone Welcome: Men, Women, Friends, Neighbors

THURSDAY, May 26, 2022

11:30 am

***Free-will Offering**



PROTECT YOURSELF!!

- 👤 Join us as we hear of the latest scams!
- 👤 Learn of fastest growing crime in USA!
- 👤 Get armed with tips and tricks of avoidance!



SVEA CHURCH CALENDAR

MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Praise Church Services	2	3	4 6:00 pm Confirmation	5 6:30 am LMM 1:30 pm Ladies Bible study at Louise Swenson	6	7 2:00 pm Baby Shower for Jessie Gatewood in Fellowship Hall
8 9:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am ELW Church Services	9	10	11 6:00 pm Confirmation	12 6:30 am LMM 8:00 pm SFE	13	14
15 9:00 am <u>Last day</u> of Sunday School; 10:15 am Praise Church Services	16	17	18 6:00 pm Confirmation	19 6:30 am LMM 7:30 pm Church Council	20	21
22 10:15 am Praise Church Services	23	24	25  Reminder articles due	26 6:30 am LMM	27	28
29 10:15 am WOV Church Services Family Promise	30 MEMORIAL DAY 9:00 am Services at Cemetery Family Promise	31 Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise

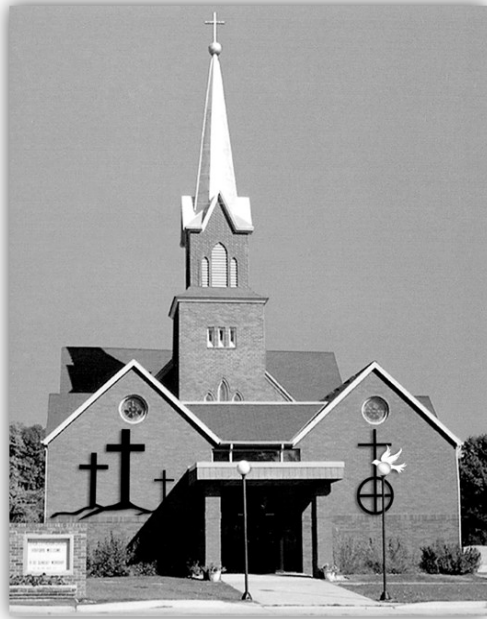
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SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

1. Gene Gatewood
2. Gregory Garberich
Kylie Kowalczyk
3. Russ Nelson
4. Julie Bloch
Jared Ascheman
5. Shelby Boone
7. Linda Fixsen
8. Trudine Gorans
11. Philip Stadem
Tatum Schoeppler
Rai Anne Erickson
14. Virgil Swenson
Erica Rustad
17. Joshua Sebring
Jacob Ruter
19. Debra Negen
Daniel Swenson
Hailey Eischens
Jase Bowen
20. Katie Bloch
21. Andrew Lindblad
22. Travis Dahl
23. Jordan Gatewood
24. Kristen Bowen
25. Mason Munkholm
Max Munkholm
26. Thomas Freed
27. Michael Wenberg
28. Timothy Swierenga
Wesley Joel Thorson
31. Ethan Johnson