

# *Svea Evangelical Lutheran Church*



## **MAY REMINDER**

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2024



# Pastor's Report

### The Commemoration of Spring and Hope

First, thank you so much for giving Debbie and Myself the opportunity and privilege to be among you to serve Svea congregation as your Pastor. You have warmly welcomed us and encouraged us. We are grateful for your support and prayers as we move forward.

May is an important and meaningful month in the life of the Church and Svea Lutheran Congregation. In addition to the weekly church services we will observe Pentecost Sunday on May 19th. This is a Red Banner Day in the Christian Church. The name comes from the Greek word pentekoste which means fiftieth. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is a special day because it is the beginning of the Christian Church. Jesus promised that He would not leave us alone as He was making preparation to Ascend to Heaven to be with the Father. Therefore, He gave the gift of the Holy Spirit with the command to go forth and "Make Disciples of All Nations"! The Holy Spirit is symbolized by wind, the first breathe of creation, secondly, fire to represent to believers enthusiasm replacing our fears with courage and the dove which symbolizes Peace that comes with the presence of the Holy Spirit. To commemorate this day on May 19th, please wear something Red.

Importantly as well on May 19th, we will be receiving new members into the Congregation of Svea Lutheran. The Church Council has approved the potential members and we will welcome them into the fold. At 9:30 AM that morning, the new members and their families along with the congregation are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a reception and welcome. Beginning that Sunday, the regular church service will be held at 10:30 AM and thru out the Summer months. Please say and extend a welcome to the New Members. We also want to congratulate Tucker Swanson upon his graduation from Willmar High School and wish him well. In memorium and respect, we remember and acknowledge Tucker's classmate who died last May and would have graduated with Tucker and his class. To his parents, Mike and Patti, His Brothers, Zachery and Jacob and Grandparents and extended family, please know that we have and will remember you in our prayers and thoughts.

Finally, and importantly, our Nation pauses on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> to observe Memorial Day which before 1970 was known as Decoration Day because the Women of the North and South began to go to cemeteries and place flowers on the graves of the fallen soldiers who had died in the Civil War. In 1971 it became a Federal Holiday for us as citizens to pause, attend Memorial Services and spend time at our Nation's cemeteries to honor and give thanks for all who have served our Country in time of War and have given their life to protect freedom and liberty which we are granted.



So, May is an important and vital month as Christians, members of Svea and for our Nation. For each of these events and occasions, we ask for and solicit your prayers and support.

As always, my best and prayers to you and your family.

Pastor Dean



## April Council Minutes

**APRIL 21st, 2024**

### **Svea Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> 2024**

### **Svea Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

**Present:** Pastor Dean, Josh Larson, Christy Swanson, Chelsey Moran, Carter Christopher, Tucker Swanson, Jake Vlaminck, Darla Sowers, Brent Landin

Meeting commenced @ 09:30 with a prayer led by Pastor Dean

#### Memberships @ Svea Lutheran

- ◆ New member names were discussed for Svea Lutheran with a motion made by Brent, a second by Chelsey - motion passed - memberships were accepted.
- ◆ New Members will be welcomed May 19<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Starting May 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning service to start @ 10:30
- ◆ Security System
  - Heartland?
  - Ring?
  - Jake to assess/check pricing
- ◆ Christy getting a committee together for church/city park fundraiser – on committee Brent Landin, Desrae Forst, Matt Erickson, Dustin Moran, Chelsey Moran, Pete Swenson, Christy Swanson
- ◆ Josh reported in lieu of Finance Committee – “Finances look good, better than ever.”
- ◆ Well passed inspection
- ◆ Softball team needs supplies – money coming from softball account – Josh, Ty, Tucker will be addressing

#### **Future discussions @ May council meeting:**

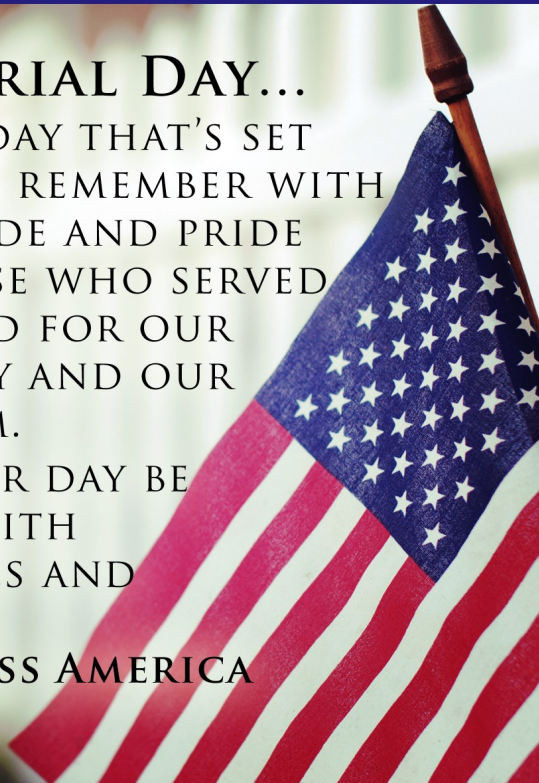
- ◇ Playground Equipment summer fundraiser
- ◇ 2025 Svea Anniversary plans?

Meeting adjourned at 10:05am with the Lord’s Prayer

# MEMORIAL DAY...

...IS THE DAY THAT'S SET ASIDE TO REMEMBER WITH GRATITUDE AND PRIDE ALL THOSE WHO SERVED AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY AND OUR FREEDOM.

MAY YOUR DAY BE FILLED WITH MEMORIES AND PEACE.  
GOD BLESS AMERICA



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## Svea Lutheran Churches Salute to Veterans

Service at 9:15am  
With Potluck Coffee and Treats  
To follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank You for Your Service!

CELEBRATE ★ HONOR ★ REMEMBER



### MARCH REMINDER 2024

### SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT

March 31, 2024

Budgeted

Year To Date

Disbursements - Staff	\$ 70,622.00	\$ 11,546.85
Mission Support	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 2,717.55
Mission Support to Year End		\$ 12,637.00
Operation - Expenses	\$ 52,723.00	\$ 14,539.33
Transfers		\$ 1,040.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 135,745.00</b>	<b>\$ 42,480.73</b>

Year to Date Receipts and Transfers		\$ 36,472.51
Year to Date Receipts Less Expenses		\$ (6,008.22)
Year End Carry-over from 2023		\$ 12,637.00
Year End Carry over from fourth quarter 2023 Benevolence		\$ 2,717.35
<b>Total General Fund/Designated/Transfer</b>		<b>\$ 9,346.13</b>

**Total Funds available after March 2024 expenses** \$ 9,346.13

### **BORROWED MONEY**

**APRIL 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:** Darla Sowers

**Visual Arts:** Holli Hopp and Louise Swenson

**Ushers:** Troy Erickson and Scott Johnson

	<b><u>ASSISTANT MINISTER</u></b>	<b><u>LECTORS</u></b>	<b><u>Tellers</u></b>
May 5	Louise Swenson	Arianna Gilles	1
May 12	The Gatewoods	TBD	2
May 19	Karen Schueler	Doug Johnson	3
May 26	The Gatewoods	Sherman Schueler	4

	<b><u>Screen</u></b>	<b><u>Sound</u></b>
May 5		Kim Gorans
May 12	Jake Vlaminck	Ben Johnson
May 19		Jake Vlaminck
May 26	Brian Gorans	Scott Johnson

**Svea Lutheran Churches Pastor for May 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](mailto:sendeanjohnson@hotmail.com)

Don't forget to check out our church's website at:  
**[svealutheranchurch.org](http://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 May 14th 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.



**Grief Care:** The Grief Support Classes are on Mondays from 5:15-6:30pm with  
light refreshments beginning at 5:00pm at Bethesda. The Sessions are being led by  
Pastor Dean E. Johnson. Any questions call Pastor Dean at: 320-260-3642 or email at:  
[sendeanjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:sendeanjohnson@hotmail.com)



**MAKE A NOTE:** There is a change in Coffee and Church Service Time beginning on May 19th, 2024 which is Pentecost Sunday.

Remember to wear RED for Pentecost Sunday.

**COFFEE TIME WILL BEGIN AT 9:30 AM**

**WORSHIP TIME WILL BEGIN AT 10:30 AM**



**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY:** Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Pastor Dean E. Johnson will induct New Members to Svea Lutheran Church during the Church Service.

**Welcome to our Church Family!!**



**Church League Softball starts** on Thursday, May 16th, 2024 at Swansson Fields. The game times vary each week.

**Come and support our Svea Lutheran Churches Softball Team!!**



**Mission Coffee Time**

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

**Volunteers Needed!!** Looking for people to help with Sunday Services as an Assistant Minister or a Lector. Please let Jacki Larson know if you are interested in helping out on Sundays. Svea Lutheran Church greatly appreciate everyone who is willing to help out. **THANK YOU!!**

**Notes from the Kitchen:**

After the Dinner Theater, there is a red cooler and several cake/dessert pans that were left.

Remember to pick them up, please!!

Also, please drop off clean plastic bowls with covers.

Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who participated, helped out and came to the play—"The Deadly Incentive". The Svea Theater Group raised \$4,500.00. Bartenders: Johnson & Johnson received \$342.00 in tips. So, \$792.00 was donated to The CummUNITY Closet and \$4,050.00 was donated to the Svea Park Project.





## Family Promise News

As of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Executive Director who was hired in 2019 is no longer with Family Promise. The Family Promise Board of Directors has taken over management for now and is looking for a new Executive Director. All guest family services are continuing uninterrupted. Family Promise has an excellent full-time Guest Family Case Manager and also a part-time evening and weekend Church Relations Director.

The next Family Promise host week for Svea Lutheran Church is June 17 – 23.



## Mission Quilts

On Wednesday afternoons from January through April, a group of Svea women have been making quilts to distribute to several different local and worldwide charitable organizations. This year they completed 34 quilts!

These quilts will be on display and dedicated at our May 12<sup>th</sup> worship service.

Our thanks and appreciation go out to Louise Swenson, Karen Schueler, Holli Hopp, Kathy Lindblad and Shelly Gatewood for this needed ministry!

*“God could not  
be everywhere, and  
therefore he made  
mothers.”*





# Friends in Faith



## 2024 Lenten Personal Care Kit Collection Drive

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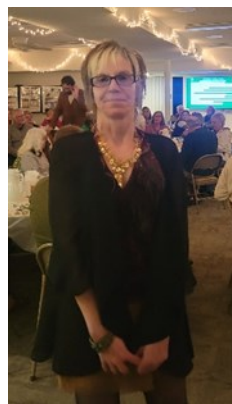
**SVEA did it!**

We surpassed our goal of collecting enough items for 100 personal care kits and were able to make **128 kits** for people around the world who are hurting from wars, famines, natural disasters and in need of basic items to help them survive!

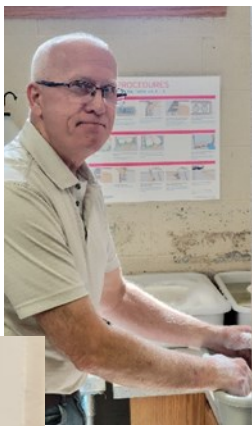
These kits were assembled at the Friends in Faith event after worship on April 28<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered to the Lutheran World Relief shipping warehouse in St. Paul later this month.



# A DEADLY INCENTIVE HIGHLIGHTS









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 **Global Refugee  
Lutheran Immigration  
& Refugee Service**

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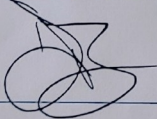
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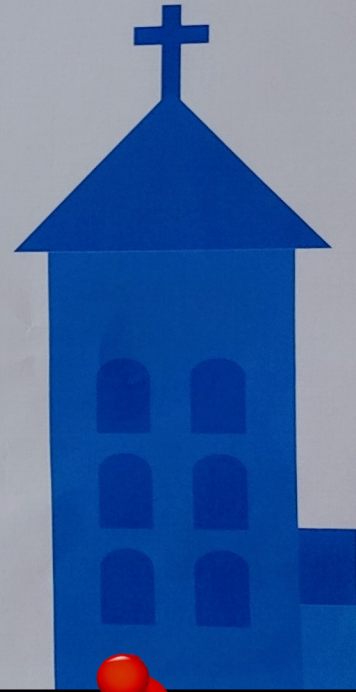
### TOP GENEROUS CONGREGATION

On behalf of all of us, thank you for your generosity in 2023!



Dan Beirne

Director of Mobilization & Faith Relations



## Bethesda Member Church

Svea Lutheran Church

*Thank you for making a difference  
in the lives of others*

For over a century, Bethesda, a Christian nonprofit, provides exceptional care for older adults and families through a comprehensive range of services including nursing, independent and assisted living, adult day services, home health, therapy, hospice care, and wellness centers.

As a member church, Svea Lutheran Church has a representative on our Board of Directors and a direct influence on the lives changed at Bethesda. Your generous donations to the Bethesda Foundation support vital programs like our Chaplaincy and Hospice Care, enhancing the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for making every day moments brighter with your contributions and prayers, truly making a difference in the lives of our residents, their families, and our communities.

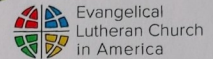
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*Serving others together in faith, community, and life.*

## MISSION SUPPORT

2023



Svea Lutheran Church

THANK YOU

from the

Southwestern Minnesota Synod

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.  
In grateful appreciation for giving

**\$10,428.00**

for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Your Mission Support means you partner with us in God's mission to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus as we:

- Equip lay leaders of congregations to be the church in this time: studying who they are today; providing best practices; strengthening hospitality; supporting lay ministers; calling rostered ministers; dealing with conflict; re-forming ministries.
- Engage rostered ministers for support, prayer, and discernment; prepare for candidacy and new calls; provide professional development; gather for friendship and growth.
- Connect the people of our congregations as they serve their communities; grow through networks and affinity groups; begin new ministries; and develop global partner relationships.

Your gifts help change the lives of thousands of people across the synod and beyond. Please accept this expression of deep thanks and appreciation. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your generosity.

*Bishop De Peders*

Synod Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Chalvian A. Eaton*

Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# SVEA LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR



## MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm Last Day of Confirmation	2 6:30 LMM	3	4
5 9:45am Last Day of Sunday School 10:00am Coffee 11:00am Worship Service	6	7	8	9 6:30am LMM	10	11
12 <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b> 10:00am Coffee 11:00am Praise Service SFE After Church	13	14 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study at ???	15	16 6:30am LMM  Softball	17	18
19 Pentecost & New Member Sunday 9:30am Council Meeting 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Worship Service	20	21  <i>Reminder articles due</i>	22	23 6:30am LMM  Softball	24	25
26 9:30am Coffee 10:30am Praise Service	27 9:15am <i>Memorial Day Salute to Veterans .</i> Potluck Coffee and Treats to follow in Fellowship Hall.	28	29	30 6:30 LMM  Softball	31	



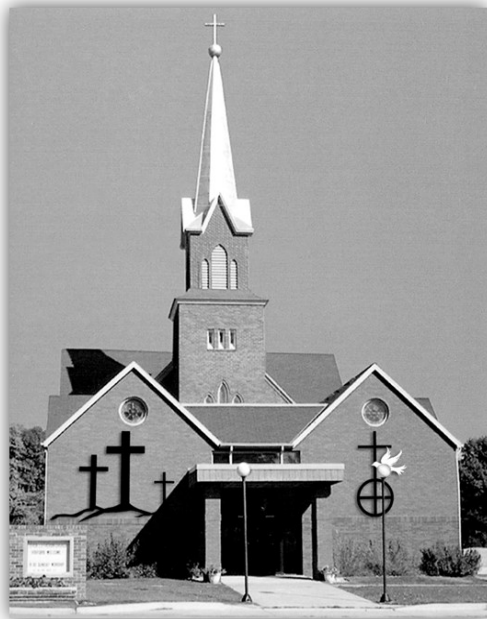
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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

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. 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