

**AES MINISTRIES**  
Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches  
**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025**

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***PASTOR'S COLUMN***

***DECEMBER HAPPENINGS***

*December 3: 6:30 pm East WELCA Christmas Party*

*December 13: 8–10:30 am Saint Lucia Celebration at Augustana*

*December 14: 10:00 am Joint ROAR Christmas Program at East  
Dinner for all follows the service.*

*Free will offering: Proceeds to the Youth Fund*

*December 17: 5:30 pm ROAR Family Potluck Supper at Augustana  
6:00 pm ROAR Christmas Party at Augustana*

*December 21: 4:00 pm Blue Christmas Service at Sturm Funeral Home*

***December 24: Christmas Eve Worship Services***  
***4:00 pm Communion Worship at East***  
***6:00 pm Communion Worship at Augustana***

*December 25: The Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day*



## AUGUSTANA

### CIRCLES

Do Not Meet in December

### USHERS

John Coleman, Andrew Farr, Stan Kunkel,  
Kyla Schlomann, Adrian Farr, Kaitlyn Schlomann

### LECTORS

December 7: Lisa Carlson  
14: Joint @ East – Children's Program  
21: Jim Moody  
24: Kirsten Freitag  
28: Kari Miest

### ALTAR GUILD

Becky Schmidt, Carol Zarn, Jill Beckius

### MEMORIALS

In memory of **Sally Engel**

\$300 – Worship/Music Technology for new Hymnals

In memory of **Cleo Olson**

\$10 – Stained Glass Window Fund

\$686.64 – Undesignated Memorials

### COMMUNION SERVERS

December 7: Andrew Freitag & Darrick Miest  
14: Jeff Price & Nicole Meyer

### RADIO INFORMATION 1370 AM

Sponsor a half-hour broadcast for \$40.00.

East sponsors the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, Augustana  
sponsors the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month,  
and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in 2025.

To sponsor an Augustana broadcast, call 375-4792.

December 21<sup>st</sup>: Available

### LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Worship/Music/Technology

### GREETERS

December 7: Eugene Zarn  
14: Joint @ East – Children's Program  
21: Lisa Carlson  
24: Bill & Kirsten Freitag  
28: Greg & Judy Thulien

## AUGUSTANA

### TRANSISTIONS

#### Baptism

We welcomed **Bennett Bauers Anderson Waller**, son of Corey Waller & Jadynd Anderson, into God's Family and AES Ministries on November 2, 2025.

We welcomed **Dean Honor Bakke**, son of Aaron & Alicia Bakke, into God's Family and AES Ministries on November 9, 2025.

Please continue to keep them and their family in your prayers as they grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles:

Receiving their bibles on November 16<sup>th</sup>:  
**Kenny Zezulka**

### 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](http://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.

### POINSETTIAS

Special arrangements have been made to purchase Poinsettias through Augustana at the cost of \$10 per plant. These plants will be used for the Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>. An order form was sent with the December newsletter.



Please fill out the Poinsettia form and who it is in memory of or in honor of and return it to the Church Office by **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** or call the church office at 375-4792 before that day.

### NOISY OFFERING

December 28<sup>th</sup>: Lutheran World Relief

## EAST

### TRANSITIONS:

**Wayne Richard Wolle** was buried in the East Cemetery, November 10, 2025 following the service at Sturm Funeral Home. He was born December 14, 1947, and passed away October 28, 2025.

**Zoey Rayne Lenz**, daughter of Anthony and Brittany Lenz, was baptized November 2, 2025. Zoey was born September 21, 2025.

**Cayden Huelsenbeck, Stella Christenson, and Dakota Menssen** received their bibles on November 16, 2025.

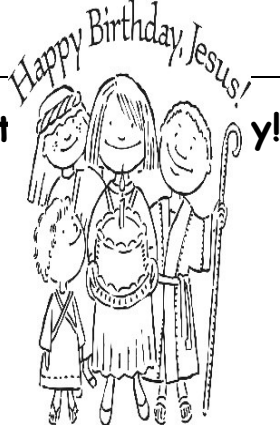
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Cub, Brenda, Mike, Jamie, Marie, Darryl, Phyllis, Bruce, Sam, Tom, Chloe, Orval

### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through October	\$76,741.70
Received through October	55,516.58
Behind through October	- \$21,225.12
Received in October	

### Happy Birthday & Bapt y!

- 3 Dennis Coleman [5-16]
- Camryn Lenz [2-19]
- 9 Anthony Lenz [12-24]
- 16 Brittany Lenz [1-22]
- 17 Jessica Anderson [1-26]
- 18 Derek Fast [12-19]
- Sue Ann Forsyth [1-26]
- 20 Cathy Anderson [3-8]
- Chloe Anderson [1-13]
- 21 Emily Anderson [2-14]
- 22 Ava Huelsenbeck [2-22]
- 23 Ed Knickrehm [ ]
- 27 Morgan Bohlin [2-13]
- 28 Racheal Menssen [5-19]
- 30 Sam Christenson [4-20]
- 31 Shalea Schloss [4-15]



### December Noisy Offering: Humane Society

#### Can you help?

Positions will be open on the February ballot. Could you fill a position? Talk to Bernie or Lorita.

## EAST

### RADIO BROADCASTS

December 7: First Lutheran, St. James  
14: East  
21: First Lutheran, St. James  
28: Augustana

### ALTAR COMMITTEE

Evonne Moll, Cathy Anderson

### VISITING COMMITTEE

Deb Anderson, Charlotte Johnson

### LECTORS

December 7: Mariah and Penny  
14: ROAR Christmas Program  
21: Danon, Trisha, Dacen, Emery  
24: Joe, Erica, Marshall, Bella, Myles  
28: Kris

### RADIO SPONSORS

December 14: Lori Urevig and Lisa Shellum  
January 12: Wayne and Bernie Jurgens

Thank you to those who sponsored broadcasts during the year.

### 2026 RADIO SUNDAYS

We sponsor the second Sunday of every month and two fifth Sundays in 2026. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast in 2026, call Susan. Thank you!

### Christmas Decorating Committee

Lisa Shellum, Lori Urevig, Pete and Emily Christenson, Lee and Susie Carlson

### POINSETTIAS

The Altar Committee will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the church. If you would like to help defray the cost of the poinsettias with a \$20.00 or more donation, please send your donation to Evonne (29612 700<sup>th</sup> Ave., St. James).



Call Evonne (838-9943), Cathy (621-2838), or Susan (317-5293) to let them know who you are giving your donation in memory of or in honor of by **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.



# AES DECEMBER NEWS

## ~~ CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Lauren will be gone Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Sue Melheim will sit in the office Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Susan is also available.

## ~~ EAST WELCA CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 3

The East WELCA Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> with supper at 6:30 pm followed by the program. We look forward to seeing our friends.

## ~~ CHRISTMAS PARTY INVITATION – December 3

The East WELCA invites all Augustana women to their annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Janet Bloomquist at 507-327-0318. See you at the party!

## ~~ AUGUSTANA WELCA MEMBERS – December 13

Calling all bakers/treat makers - We are in need of baking and treats for our Christmas Shoppe on December 13<sup>th</sup> for our St. Lucia Celebration. Please bring your donations to the Nursery at Augustana on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for sharing your creations. Plan to join us on Saturday from 8 - 10:30 am to enjoy the beauty and tasty breakfast prepared for you! Wonderful celebration to usher in the Christmas season! Come and enjoy it with us!!

## ~~ SAINT LUCIA CELEBRATION – December 13

Soon all the candles and luminaries will be lit welcoming everyone to Augustana's annual St. Lucia Festival. Please know that all members of Augustana are encouraged to attend this very special day. Breakfast is from 8 – 10:30 am (free will offering); the Christmas Shoppe is open 8 – 10:30 am. You will be charmed by the simplicity and warmth of a "candle-lit" breakfast. Come celebrate with us!

## ~~ ROAR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – December 14

The ROAR Christmas Program is Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. This is a joint worship service at East. Children are asked to **be at church at 9:15 am**. A dinner – scalloped potatoes/ham, vegetable, dessert – will be served after the service with proceeds going to the Youth Fund.

## ~~ NEWSLETTER DEADLINE CHANGE – December 16

Because of the Christmas holiday schedule, please have your December newsletter articles turned in by **TUESDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

## ~~ GIVING

As the calendar year comes to an end, prayerfully remember your church in this season of giving!

## ~~ FINANCIAL BOOKS – December 28

The financial books of East and Augustana close on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please take care of any financial business before that date. Thank you!

## ~~ PR. MANDY - December 29 - 31

Pr. Mandy will be out of the office Monday – Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>.

## ~~ BLUE CHRISTMAS - December 21

When the Christmas season rolls around, and the first notes of your favorite Christmas songs start to play over Thanksgiving dinner or while walking through the grocery store, it can be both a joyous, yet difficult reminder. The classic Christmas experience is one filled with families and friends, as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. But, when we see empty chairs around the table, or empty benches during church services, it can bring a deep sadness. For those celebrating, perhaps for the first time, without a loved one, the holiday season can feel very lonely and uncertain.

A Blue Christmas service recognizes the loss and loneliness that can be felt during the holidays for those who are missing loved ones. It is a service that specifically enables individuals to experience their grief, as well as express what they are feeling, so they can find a sense of calm and hope. For these reasons, a special Blue Christmas worship service will be held at the **Sturm Funeral Home**, led by local pastors on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm**.

At the Blue Christmas worship, we will join in sharing prayers and music and hearing scripture that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn. God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The short service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

## ~~ WINTER CANCELLATIONS

Winter weather is coming! We ask you to please use your best judgement and common sense before venturing to church. Your safety is very important to us! Please check the sources listed below for cancellations before you leave home. If school is cancelled or closed early, confirmation classes will also be cancelled

### CHURCH CLOSINGS:

Listen to 860 AM (KNUJ), Channel 12 KEYC-TV, check the AES web site at [www.aeslutheran.org](http://www.aeslutheran.org) or our Facebook page for any snow emergency information.

## ~~ ANNUAL REPORTS and ANNUAL MEETINGS

### Financial Reports:

All Financial Books from both congregations need to be closed. Please ready your financial reports as you have done in the past. You will be notified when the reports will be audited.

### Written Reports:

Please send Augustana reports to the church secretary by **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**.

Please send East reports to the church secretary by **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**.

Reports for both congregations: Pastor's, 2025 Annual Meeting, AES Ministries, WELCAs, Worship and Music, Youth, Property, and Resolutions

For Augustana: Evangelism/Faith Chest/Grounds for Hope, Finance/Stewardship/Memorial, and Martha, Rebecca, and Sewing Circles

### Annual Meetings:

Augustana Annual Meeting – **Sunday, January 25, 2026**, following the 9:00 am worship service.

East Annual Meeting – **Sunday, February 1, 2026**

## ~~ THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone who participated in our WELCA Mission project (Dice Game) at Brandt Ridge, Thrivent Action Team Event.

Thank you, Pastor Mandy and Deacon Lyla, for bringing our Youth (Halle, Becca, Dacen, Jaydyn, Makya, and Kaitlyn) and the help in wrapping prizes and working the tables, sharing fellowship with the residents. Judy Berg for doing Devotions. Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by everyone.

Blessings, Nancy Kunkel – Thrivent Action Team Leader

Thank you from Martha Circle for helping water the church flowers this summer, Mary O, Barb P, Joleen N, Becky S, Carol Z, Jeanne M, Kristi Z, and Nancy K. Thank you, Kristi, for shopping and planting the flowers. Martha Circle

Just a big Thank you to everyone that participated and helped with the Operation Christmas shoebox project. It truly is a huge eternal impact on these children, showing the love of Jesus. Thank you. Lorita Nasman

## ~~ EAST LIBRARY'S NEWEST ADDITIONS

*A Global Babies Collection* by Fund for Global Children

We have three new board books that are just delightful! They are very simple and effective. Perfect for sharing with a little one! The photography is stunning of babies from around the world. The three books are *Global Baby Bedtimes*, *Global Babies*, and *Global Baby Playtime*.

*Pascual and the Kitchen Angels* by Tomie De Paola

This book will make you smile! Tomie De Paola has such a wonderful way of taking a real person and making a legend out of them! When Pascual was born the angels sang. "So it's no surprise when he grows up and wants to join a monastery to help the poor. But when Pascual meets the friars, they send him to the kitchen to cook for them." He's a shepherd. He knows nothing about cooking! A nice surprise happens in the kitchen for Pascual and the friars!

*Minnen: An Immigrant's Story Memoirs of Lars Herman Beck* by Michael A. Miller from translation by Walter T. Eickmann

The Rev. Lars Herman Beck, PhD., D.D. immigrated from Sweden to southern Minnesota with family in 1869. With his memoirs he recorded this story of his interesting life as an immigrant, a farmer, a railroad worker, a Lutheran minister, a teacher, and mentor. He was a founding president at Upsala College, studied at St. Ausgar Academy which became Gustavus Adolphus College, at Augustana College, and Yale University. This book, printed a century after his memoirs, is based on Eickmann's manuscript with additional material and photos.

*Daily Wisdom For Teen Girls: Morning and Evening* Compiled by Barbour Publishing Staff

This book is a wonderful way to start and end your day with God every day of the year! "Spend daily quiet time in His presence and savor every word of encouragement and faith-building inspiration as you come to know and understand that God loves and cares about you-no matter what!" I'd like to add that as I read the book I could relate to many of the devotions as an almost 70 year old!

Hope you have fun "checking out" some of these books!

### Financial Facts for October 2025

	October	YTD
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 9,208.45</b>	<b>\$ 125,280.07</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>- \$ 12,181.10</b>	<b>- \$ 161,441.18</b>
	<b>- \$ 2,972.65</b>	<b>- \$ 36,161.11</b>

Our Year-to-Date expenses are significantly behind the total giving. At the end of October, the "Budget Remaining" for 2025 is -\$2,687.50. This is concerning. Please know that our checkbook is not in the red at this time, but we probably won't have much left at the end of the year.

I know many individuals often make a year-end donation to the church. If it is your intent to make a Year End donation, please have it in the church office by 12:00 noon on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for supporting All the missions of Augustana!

- Respectfully Submitted, Lauren Moll - Treasurer

**AES MINISTRIES JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES****Did not meet in November****EAST SVEADAH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - November 13, 2025**

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, November 13 at 7 pm. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Kris Suess, Pastor Mandy, Sonja Coleman and Susan Anderson.

Absent: Dale Anderson, Lori Urevig & Cindy Torkelson

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

Pastor Mandy opened with prayers brought forth by the council.

The minutes from the October 9, 2025 meeting were approved as written in the newsletter.

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

Tom requested outstanding bills. Approved to pay.

**PASTOR MANDY'S REPORT:**

- She has had one baptism, one confirmation, and one funeral since last meeting.
- Pastor Mandy is officially on the Southwest MN Synod Council and is on the Servant Leadership Rooster Committee.
- Sunday, November 7, Pastor Mandy had a Youtherans meeting with nine youth attending.
- Sunday, November 23 at 6:30 p.m. is the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church.
- Sunday, December 21 at 4 p.m. is a Blue Christmas Service at Sturm Funeral Home. All are invited.
- Monday Study Group is going well.
- Sunday, November 16 & 23 will be a special offering for ROAR so they will be able to fill Christmas Stockings for the Food Shelf.
- A special THANK YOU to the East WELCA for donating money to the Food Shelf and Operation Concern Fund.

**AES MEETING REPORT: NONE**

Susan Anderson reported on the replacement of the church's copy machine. A motion by Kris, seconded by Wayne, and passed to accept a donated copier from River Bend Business Products with a \$300.00/year service contract. A Thank You will be sent to River Bend Business Products.

**OLD BUSINESS: NONE****NEW BUSINESS:**

- Noisy offerings were discussed. It was decided that the January 2026 offering will go to the ROAR program. We were also reminded that the November 2025 noisy offering will be on Sunday, November 23 and will be given to the Sharing Tree.
- Anyone willing to volunteer to be on the ballot for the 2026 Annual Meeting, please let Bernie Jurgens or Lorita Nasman know.
- Snow removal was discussed.
- The furnace thermostat seems to be malfunctioning. Tom will call for repair.

A thank you was given for the memorial donation from Al and Sue Peterson in memory of Al's brother-in-law, Lawrence Haler.

As there was no further business, a motion by Janet, seconded by Wayne, and passed to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting will be Thursday, December 11, 2025.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES -- November 12, 2025**

Present: Sandy Berg, John Coleman, Stan Kunkel, Pastor Mandy, Nicole Meyer, Darrick Miest, Bob Moll, Jeff Price, Lynn Watson, Jill Beckius

Absent: Jodi Coleman, Andy Freitag, Dean Swenstad

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Jeff shared devotions, and Pastor Mandy started the meeting with prayer concerns. Sandy made a motion to approve the minutes from last month, seconded by Lynn. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Lauren presented the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the report was made by Lynn, seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

**Giving report:** Deanna presented the giving report. Noisy Offering for Operation Concern was \$496.82.

**Pastor Mandy's report:** Since our last meeting, there have been two baptisms, and one student was confirmed. Youtheran's group met on November 2, with nine youths in attendance. First Presbyterian Church is hosting an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on November 23 at 6:30 PM. Blue Christmas will be held on Sunday, December 21, at 4:00 PM. Confirmation class continues to meet Wednesday nights during ROAR with two students attending. Pastor Mandy continues with the Monday Study Group at East Sveadahl and Brewed Theology on November 17 at the VFW at 7:00 PM.

**Committee reports:**

**Education Committee:** Planning for the Christmas program, which will be on Sunday, December 14, at 10 AM at East. Following the program, a meal will be served by Augustana youth. The ROAR Christmas Party will be held on December 17 and will be a potluck event. We are planning a special offering at both churches on November 16 and 23rd for the stocking project.

**Evangelism/social ministry committee** did not meet.

**Worship/music and technology:** We will be using the recorded music for the next two Sundays.

**Finance committee:** They have been working on the 2026 budget. Jeff shared more information regarding the building insurance premiums for 2026.

**Property/Cemetery Committee** did not meet.

**Youth/ministry:** The youth committee has been selling tickets for the turkey dinner on November 19. Taylor Berg will be chaperoning for the Junior High Youth Gathering. Upcoming events: snow tubing (date to be determined), January 25 Bingo at the nursing home, and February 15 Bingo during coffee hour.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Stewardship:** We would like to see each committee host a meal and provide more information on how their funds are used, or offer temple talks during Sunday service. More information to follow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Pianist position:** A motion to approve Tara Larson as the pianist for two Sundays a month, with December 1 starting date was made by Darrick, seconded by Nicole.

**MN Paid Leave Law:** This law will go into effect January 1, 2026, for all staff who receive a W-2. Darrick offered to talk with Mark Larson for more information on this new process.

**Pastor's housing allowance:** Motion to approve 30% of the Pastor's income for housing allowance was made by Sandy and seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

**Usher/Altar Guild responsibilities:** We would like to update this information, as it is outdated.

**Other:** The Pancake supper on November 4th was a success. Darrick wanted to thank everyone who helped serve and all who came out to support it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Beckius



## WELCA BOARD MINUTES – OCTOBER 30, 2025

Present: LeeAnn Nibbe, Nancy Kunkel and Jeanne Miest

- \*LeeAnn handed out the treasurer's report and the minutes which were previously sent out, were both approved.
- \*Bake-less Bake Sale took in \$641.00 which will go to the Food Shelf to use for Thanksgiving meals or as they need it.
- \*Brandt Ridge Game Day was a huge success with plenty of helpers, including Youth kids and WELCA ladies. There were lots of residents joining in the fun and they won prizes and enjoyed ice cream and cookies with us.
- \*We will again do gift baskets in appreciation of our church staff. LeeAnn will order them, and Jeanne will deliver them.
- \*St. Lucia celebration will be on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will have sign-up sheets to help with serving and ask all church members to donate baked goods to the Bake Shoppe. Advertising is expensive so we will see if someone would like to apply for a Thrivent card to defray the cost. There are 2 lefse workshops set up on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Since we are no longer selling greeting cards and have \$536.80 in that fund, we will ask circle members for suggestions on how to disperse of that money before the end of the year.
- \*We will again do gift bags and cards to shut ins in December. Rebecca Circle will put them together and deliver them. We will apply for a Thrivent card for that event.
- \*We set a date for the annual Baby Shower for Jesus. It will be January 11<sup>th</sup> with WELCA serving brunch during coffee hour. We will ask anyone wanting to donate items or money to please put it in the basket by the Fireside room when it gets closer. The items collected will be donated to the local Human Services.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Miest, temporary secretary



**POINSETTIA** — This shrub, native to Mexico, is at the heart of legend about a poor girl who wanted to bring Baby Jesus a gift one Christmas Eve. As she walked to church, she gathered a bouquet of weeds — which Jesus miraculously transformed into lovely red flowers. Thus, the poinsettia (named for Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico who first brought the plant to America) is known Mexico as la flor de la Nochebuena (flower of the Holy Night). The poinsettia is also an ideal Christmas symbol because its leaves turn red when deprived of sunlight and its flowers (the red inner buds) bloom in December.

We celebrate Christ's birth by referring to it in the date placed on all our coins, civil records, and vital documents. It is inscribed upon metal and written on parchment and engraved on the cornerstones of great buildings. It is on every newspaper, every check, every deed, and it is universally acknowledged at the beginning of a new life.

Every human transaction is related to the birth of Christ. It cannot be avoided or evaded. God has seen to it that this event is more widely advertised than anything on earth that is or that ever has been.

—Dr. Walter Wilson

Dear Lord,

You have brought us to Christmastime once more. Help us not to get lost in the glitter and the glow, but to see the true glory of the birth of Your only begotten Son. Keep our hearts from clinging too tightly to parties, presents and decorations, and turn our eyes instead to Christ — who bears Your very image and brings us Your message of love and hope.

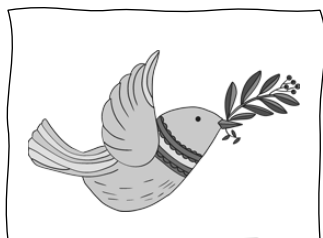
In the glorious name of Christ, we pray. Amen.



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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Mandy France, Pastor  
Lyla Klee, Deacon

HAPPY NEW YEAR



The AES Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our Augustana and East Sveadahl family for your continued support and your partnership in telling the good news of Jesus Christ.

We wish you and yours  
a peace filled, blessed Christmas season  
and a very Happy New Year.

*"Herein is love.  
Not that we loved God  
but that he loved us and sent His Son"*  
1 John 4:10