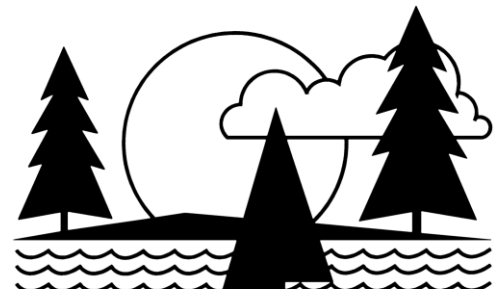


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AUGUSTANA - August **CIRCLES**

Circles don't meet in August

USHERS

Lyle Anderson, Dennis Johnson, Doug Nibbe,
Bryan Nelson, Rich Olsen, Greg Thulien,
Eugene Zarn, Les Zellmann

LECTORS

August 3: Judy Thulien
10: AES Picnic – Joint @ East
17: Jim Moody
24: Jean Leopold
31: Kristen Gertsema

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the church office if you wish to provide altar flowers for a particular Sunday, and your name will be placed on the schedule.

ALTAR GUILD

Jayne Anderson, Linda Connell, Joyce Nelson,
Louise Olsen, Deb Style, Deanna Hoffmann,
Cec Kulseth

MEMORIALS

In honor of Deacon Lyla Klee
\$40.00 – Radio Broadcast

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

Please call the church office to sponsor our Missionary. The cost is \$20.00 per week.
August: Available

COMMUNION SERVERS

August 3: Lynn Watson & Dean Swenstad
10: Joint @ East

NOISY OFFERING

Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, August 25th.
Donations go to Child Protective Services/Foster Care

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Sewing Circle

AUGUSTANA - August **TRANSITIONS**

TRANSFERS

Jack Mahoney - Berg

RADIO INFORMATION - 1370 AM

Sponsor a half hour broadcast for \$40.00.
East sponsors the 2nd Sunday of the month, and the last two of the four 5th Sundays of 2025.
Augustana sponsors the 4th Sunday of the month, and the first two of the four 5th Sundays of 2025.
To sponsor an Augustana broadcast, call 375-4792.
August 24th: Available

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
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.

GREETERS

August 3: Greg & Judy Thulien
10: Joint @ East
17: Ashley Johnson
24: Jim & Jean Leopold
31: Stan & Nancy Kunkel

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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Lauren will be gone from August 4 – 12.
Sue Melheim will sit in the office Tuesday Aug. 5,
Wednesday Aug. 6 and Thursday Aug 7,
from 9:30 am – 11:30 am.

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

PRAYER CONCERNS: Keith, Jimmy, Deb,
Cub, Brenda, Mike, Jamie, Marie, Wynette,
Darryl, Phyllis, Tim, Bruce, Sam, Tom,
Chloe, Orval

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through June	\$46,045.02
Received through June	36,672.59
Behind through June	- \$10,372.43
Received in June	\$ 4,633.66

Happy Birthday Happy Baptismal Date

- 1 Ron Askeland [9-8]
- Gavin Menssen [9-23]
- 4 Jim Callahan [9-20]
- 5 Samuel Braaten [6-7]
- 8 Matthew Anderson [9-3]
- 10 Mariah Grunewald [10-25]
- 12 Matthew Fisch [9-24]
- Julene Hoffman [9-16]
- 13 Andrew Beck [9-25]
- 14 Jeren Marxen [-73]
- 15 Noah Frances [10-12]
- 20 Tim Anderson [10-8]
- 21 Keith Newberg [9-30]
- 23 Dean Anderson [9-4]
- 24 Lori Urevig [9-24]
- 25 Chad Urevig [9-14]
- 26 Evonne Moll [10-6]

Additions or corrections? Please contact Susan.

He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.
- The Book of Proverbs

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.
- The Book of Philippians

STEWARDSHIP - CONTINUES

EAST

AUGUST RADIO BROADCASTS

August 3: First Lutheran
10: East
17: First Lutheran
24: Augustana
31: East

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman, Julene Hoffman

VISITING COMMITTEE

Evonne Moll, Cathy Anderson

USHERS

Avila Family

LECTORS

August 3: Wayne Jurgens
10: AES Picnic
17: NO EAST SERVICE/Threshing Bee
24: Lee Carlson
31: Evonne Moll

RADIO SPONSORS

August 10: Teresa Andrews
August 31:
September 14:
October 12:
November 9:
December 14:

We need sponsors for the above broadcasts!
If you would like to be a sponsor, please
contact Susan. Cost is \$40.00.

You've got to be very careful if you
don't know where you're going,
because you might not get there.
- Yogi Berra

Always laugh when you can;
it is cheap medicine.
Merriment is the sunny side of existence.
- Lord Byron

AUGUSTANA FINANCIAL FACTS JUNE 2025

	June	YTD
Total Giving	\$ 11,930.72	\$ 81,218.22
Total Expenses	- \$ 19,617.44	- \$ 101,287.87
	- \$ 7,686.72	- \$ 20,069.65

Respectfully Submitted, Lauren Moll - Treasurer

AES JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES – did not meet

EAST SVEADAHN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – July 10, 2025

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, July 10 at 7 pm. Those present were Dale Anderson, Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Lori Urevig, Cindy Torkelson, Pastor Mandy, Sonja Coleman, and Susan Anderson.

Absent: Kris Suess

Tom Anderson, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order and opened with prayers brought forth by the council.

Secretary Janet read the June 12, 2025 minutes. They were approved as read.

Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary, presented her report. In the absence of Kris Suess, Treasurer, Tom presented her written report. A motion by Janet, seconded by Cindy, and passed to approve the report as presented.

Tom presented the outstanding bills. A motion by Dale, seconded by Wayne, and passed to approve paying of bills.

A discussion took place on contracting for LP. A motion by Janet, seconded by Cindy, and passed to contract the same amount as last year at the cost of \$1.64 per gallon.

It was decided that the noisy offering for July will be given to the Texas Flood Relief through Lutheran Disaster Response.

PASTOR MANDY'S REPORT:

- VBS is next week with 78 children signed up to attend.
- Bible Camp kids had lots of fun.
- Deacon Lyla has shared with Pastor Mandy how much she appreciated her party on Sunday, June 29.
- Pastor Mandy has had one graveside service at East and one service at Sturm Funeral Home.
- Sunday, August 3 will be new member Sunday at both churches.
- Thursday, August 7 all ROAR students and families are welcome to an outdoor swim event 7-9 p.m. at the St. James Pool.
- Saturday, August 9 is an AES youth overnight campout.
- Sunday, August 10 is the annual AES Picnic.
- Sunday, August 17 is the Threshing Bee in Butterfield. East will not have a church service that day but are all welcome to attend the Threshing Bee service.
- Sunday, August 24, Deacon Lyla will be leading both services.
- Wednesday, August 27 is the rescheduled Ecumenical youth night at East from 7-9 p.m.

A discussion took place on doing a new church directory for AES Ministry. More information to follow.

AES REPORT:

No meeting since last report.

(continued)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Work Day on Saturday, June 14 was a great success. Thanks to all who helped.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Finalized AES annual picnic plans.

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

The next church council meeting will be August 14, 2025.

We closed with the Nicene Creed.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – July 9, 2025

Present: Sandy Berg, Jodi Coleman, John Coleman, Pastor Mandy, Darrick Miest, Bob Moll, Jeff Price, Lynn Watson, Stan Kunkel, Deanna Hoffmann & Lauren Moll

Absent: Jill Beckius, Dean Swenstad, Andy Freitag

REPORTS:

June 11th minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Darrick and seconded by Lynn.

Treasurer: Lauren presented the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Lynn and seconded by Sandy.

Giving: Deanna presented the giving report.

Pr. Mandy's report: one baptism of twins, one funeral for a nonmember at the funeral home, VBS is planned for July 21 – 24, many youth and adults are helping with the planning. Activities and programs are being planned for next year. Good feedback from parishioners on the new hymnals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education: Plans for VBS July 21-24, Swimming Pool Party for August 7th sponsored by ROAR.

Evangelism/Social Ministry: Did not meet this month

Worship, Music & Technology: Did not meet this month

Finance: Did not meet this month

Property/Cemetery: Did not meet this month

Youth/Ministry: July/August project planned, will be doing Bingo at the nursing home again. Bingo at the nursing home is a big hit with both the nursing home residents and the youth.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stewardship: Discussion about adding information to the pre-Church Facebook broadcast to show what the Church is doing in our community, pictures, and stewardship projects. Planning community meals for this Fall is possible.

Membership List/Directory: Research was presented and options were discussed. It was decided to bring to the joint council to see if East Sveadahl would be interested in doing this together.

AES Picnic is planned for August 10th, Augustana will be providing burgers and hot dogs.

New Member Sunday is planned for August 3. We currently have one new member planning to join and a few others that may.

The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jodi Coleman

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AUGUST SCHEDULE

- August 3: New Member Sunday at both churches
9:00 am [E] Communion 10:30 am [A] Communion
- August 10: AES Picnic
10:00 am [E] Communion Worship lunch follows
- August 17: No Worship Service at East - Threshing Bee
10:30 am [A] Worship
- August 24: Deacon Lyla leads worship in both churches
9:00 am [E] Worship 10:30 am [A] Worship
- August 31: 9:00 am [E] Worship 10:30 am [A] Worship

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Augustana & East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches
Pastor Mandy France Visitation Deacon Lyla Klee