

AES MINISTRIES
Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



ROAR

RALLY SUNDAY is September 29th from
9:30 – 10:00 am at East Sveadahl – come get registered!

**Registrations need to be turned in before
or on Rally Sunday!**



ROAR will be held Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

We are looking forward to a great year of ROAR
and cannot wait to see you all this Fall!

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held Sunday, September 8th.



SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

- September 1: 9:00 am Communion Worship Service at East
10:30 am Communion Worship Service at Augustana
- September 8: *GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. and BLESSING OF BACKPACKS*
9:00 am Communion Worship Service at East
10:30 am Communion Worship Service at Augustana
- September 15: 10:00 am Joint Worship Service at Augustana
Bully Pulpit with campership fundraiser lunch to follow
- September 22: *NEW MEMBER SUNDAY*
9:00 am Worship Service at East
10:30 am Worship Service at Augustana – Noisy Offering
- September 29: 10:00 am Joint Worship Service at East – Pastor Andy (Pulpit Swap)
Rally Sunday with lunch served after the service

AUGUSTANA

CIRCLES

September 3: 9:30 am Rebecca Circle
 September 4: 9:00 am Martha Circle
 September 17: 9:30 am Sewing Circle

USHERS

John Coleman, Doug Erdal, Andrew Farr,
 Stan Kunkel, Lloyd & Andrea Sandberg,
 Kyla Schlomann

LECTORS

September 1: Kristen Gertsema
 8: Thomas Berg
 Joint @ Augustana 15: Lisa Carlson
 22: Jim Moody
 Joint @ East 29:

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.

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Janet Plath**
 \$50 – Green Lake Ministries
 \$10 – Stained Glass Window Fund
 \$20 – Radio Broadcast
 \$200 – Camperships
 \$50 – Undesignated

In memory of **Vivian Anderson**
 \$20 – Stained Glass Window Fund

In memory of **Ellie Kulseth**
 \$20 – Stained Glass Windows Fund
 \$30 – Undesignated

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 2023. Augustana sponsors the 4th Sunday of the month, and the first two of the four 5th Sundays of 2023. To sponsor an Augustana broadcast, call 375-4792.

September 22nd: Available

AUGUSTANA

TRANSITIONS

None to report

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

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

The month of September is available

NOISY OFFERING

Sunday, September 22nd

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.

ALTAR GUILD

Lisa Carlson, Leora Ask, Janice Vetter,
 Judy Engelking, Tami Larson

GREETERS

September 1: Bill & Kirsten Freitag
 8: Deanna Hoffman
 Joint @ Augustana 15: Stan & Nancy Kunkel
 22: Lisa Carlson
 Joint @ East 29: John & Jeanne Miest

COMMUNION SERVERS

September 1: Kirsten Freitag & Sandy Berg
 8: Jill Beckius & Dean Swenstad

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Martha Circle

The Church office will be closed Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

EAST

TRANSITIONS:

A Celebration of Life was held for **Kathy Ann (Nordgren) Christenson** on August 13, 2024 at East with burial in the LaSalle Lutheran Cemetery. She was born February 23, 1963 and passed away August 6, 2024.

May God's peace comfort her family and friends.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Penny, Brianna, Mike, Jamie, Marie, Wynette, Joann, Darryl, Phyllis, Tim, Erma, Bruce, Jana, Sam, Tom, Chloe, Orval

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through July	\$55,644.19
Received through July	48,831.12
Behind through July	- \$11,813.07
Received in July	\$ 8,884.40

USHERS

Bryon Christenson Family

Happy Birthday Happy Baptismal Day

- 3 Laura Sense 9-20
- 7 Charles Noren 11-21
- 8 Lyla Avila
Wilmar Tietz 9-24
- 9 Zane Eineke 3-4
- 13 Brogan Eineke 5-27
- 15 Michael Menssen 10-11
- 16 Steven Johnson 11-2
James Krogstad 12-10
Terry Thulien 10-10
- 19 Tammy Stevens-Rathman 10-27
- 20 Riley Husby 11-24
- 21 Britta Torkelson 10-23
- 22 Nick Griffith 8-6
- 25 Keagan Jurgens 12-10
- 26 Londyn Anderson 2-23
- 30 Lowlla Lenz 11-3

*God gave me friends so I
wouldn't have to laugh alone.*

EAST

SEPTEMBER RADIO BROADCASTS

September 1: First Lutheran, St. James
 8: East Sveadahl
 15: First Lutheran, St. James
 22: Augustana
 29: East Sveadahl

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman and Julene Hoffman

LECTORS

September 1: Wes Beck
 8: Dale Anderson
 15: Joint Worship, Augustana
 22: Torkelsons
 29: Marshall Smith, Dacen Anderson,
 Evonne Moll

VISITING COMMITTEE

Sonja Coleman and Julene Hoffman

RADIO SPONSORS

September 8:
 September 29:
 October 13:
 November 10:
 December 8:

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

Be Inspired 7 Days a Week

Start each day with inspiring tips like these:

1. Happy is a decision you can make.
2. More blessings are on their way.
3. You are braver than you know.
4. One smile sparks another.
5. Fun is still the best stress cure there is.
6. Hope helps, hope heals.
7. **A prayer is a wish with wings.**
 From Francy Anderson



AES SEPTEMBER NEWS



The **REGULAR SUNDAY FALL SCHEDULE** for AES Ministries
begins on **October 6th** continuing through February:

9:00 am service at Augustana

10:00 am Augustana Coffee Hour

10:30 am service at East

Communion Services: 1st & 2nd Sunday of the month – East & Augustana

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

We will be finishing fleece blankets to give to Human Services during coffee hour today. All Hands are welcome to help with this simple task.

Our congregation has many hands that are busy in our community doing God's Work in many ways. Here are just a few: Relay For Life, Chamber, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, 4-H, Watonwan Food Shelf, Veterans driver, Meals on Wheels, and Sewing quilts that are given to Human Services, MVAC and Lutheran World Relief. We also provide books in our Little Free Library and food in our Little Free Pantry. Our AES Youth are also cleaning our ditches.

Remember to use the hands God gave you to do His work in our community however you are able.

Be sure to wear your “God’s Work. Our Hands” shirts to worship that day.

MONDAY STUDY GROUP WITH PASTOR MANDY

Are you looking for Christian adult education? Join our study group on Mondays at 3pm at East Sveadahl. We are currently studying the similarities and differences among Lutheran denominations as well as digging into the ELCA Social Statements. Plan for one hour! Bibles and resources are all provided!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Are you wanting to become a member of Augustana or East Sveadahl?

Tuesday September 10th at 7pm at Augustana there will be a new member class. Come and learn about AES, the ELCA, and the different ministries we partake in. We will officially welcome new members at both congregations on Sunday September 22nd during worship services. Please grab a new member form from either church office or Pastor Mandy to fill out in advance.

MOVIE NIGHT

Come to the Movie! An outdoor movie – weather permitting – will be shown at East on Friday, September 20th at 7:00 pm. Bring your chair and come for the movie and snacks. The movie will be indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate. Watch the bulletins for more information.

BREWED THEOLOGY

Come join us at the Eagles on Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm. You can order food, a beverage (alcoholic or non) and enjoy fellowship. You do not need to drink an alcoholic beverage to be part of this. This event is completely optional for anyone who would like to attend!

WELCA'S BAKELESS BAKESALE

The Augustana WELCA is hosting a **"Bakeless Bake Sale"** and serving coffee hour at Augustana on Sunday, October 13, 2024, during coffee hour.

Donations can be given at worship and coffee hour that day or dropped off at the church office.

The Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraising Poem

Many is the time I heard you say
I would rather give a "Dollar" than bake today
And so, we are asking you to help more or less
To make our Bakeless Bake Sale a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take
To bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake
Or send in the amount of money it takes to buy
A dozen rolls or maybe a pie.
We know you can help us if you will but try.



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Facebook: "Like" the Augustana/East Sveadahl Ministries Facebook page for pictures, updates, etc.

AES Ministries website: www.aeslutheran.org

Address Changes: Augustana office – 375-4792 or Susan at East 507-317-5293

Weekly Bulletins: The bulletins are posted weekly on the AES Ministries' website home page.

PASTOR VISITS

Our Pastors would like to visit you! If you would like to be visited in your home, in the hospital, wherever, please contact them: Pr. Mandy 651-800-6672 or 375-4792 and Visitation Deacon Lyla Klee at 507-439-6940 and her cell 507-227-9250.

PRAVERS AND PRAISES

We appreciate the concern and care you show for family members and friends by placing them on the Prayer Concern list in our bulletins. We do believe in the power of prayer! If you have added someone to our list, please let us know when to remove their name if the need is no longer there. Thank you.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Rhubarb leaf garden stone from me while fundraising for my trip to New Orleans. I am forever grateful to those who purchased leaves and supported my efforts.

The trip was an amazing experience that I will never forget.

– Kaitlyn Schlomann

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the members of AES Ministries for their contributions towards the National Youth gathering in NOLA. It was an honor to be able to attend as a chaperone and it was so fun to see the kids in a completely different environment and watch them worship with thousands of other teens. I am truly grateful for the experience that you all provided for me. I would also like to thank those who supported Kait in her rhubarb leaf garden stone fundraiser.

– Kyla Schlomann

Dear East Sveadahl Lutheran Church, Thank you for your gift of \$50.00 to ELCA World Hunger. ... Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

– In Christ, ELCA

Dear East Sveadahl Lutheran Church, Thank you for your \$225.00 gift to Crescent Cove in memory of Cassian Torkelson. Your generous donation supports our mission of providing care and support to children and young adults with a shortened life expectancy, and to their families who love them . . .

– Jenny Floria

FINANCIAL FACTS

	July	YTD
Total Giving	\$14,349.15	\$108,956.69
Total Expenses	- \$12,143.49	\$ 94,860.57
	+ \$ 2,205.66	+ \$ 14,096.12

Respectfully Submitted – Lauren Moll - Treasurer

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUCEMENTS

Camp Oz, a grief camp for children, is Saturday, October 5 at Kiwanis Camp Patterson on Lake Washington in Madison Lake, MN. This free daylong grief camp is designed for children in grades 1-12 who are affected by grief caused by the death of a loved one. Registrations will be accepted through September 27th.

Register at mayoclinichealthsystem.org at “Camp OZ” or for information call 507-594-2989.

AES JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES – August 1, 2024

Members present: Tom Anderson, Lisa Carlson, Jim Harrington, Stan Kunkel, Lori Urevig, Pr. Mandy, and Susan Anderson

Members absent: Teresa Andrews, Dana Avila, Judy Berg

Stan called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at Augustana.

No AES Ministries members were present to present concerns.

Prayer concerns and praises were shared, and Pr. Mandy led us in prayer.

The secretary’s report was accepted as presented in the August Newsletter.

PR. MANDY’S REPORT

She is very positive about her return to a very busy ministry. In July, she has officiated at a wedding and two funerals, participated in Vacation Bible School and the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, visited our Green Lake campers, led Brewed Theology, visited several hospitalized members, and enjoyed the Augustana WELCA party.

Vacation Bible School will be at Augustana in 2025.

Pr. Mandy will be attending a continuing education class (Women in Ministry) in Sioux Falls, August 6-8 and will be on a family vacation August 21-27. Deacon Lyla will be on Call.

She presented her plan for Confirmation. Confirmation class will be attended by 9th and 10th graders with the Confirmation service in the fall of their junior year.

She is forming a pre-confirmation group (6th, 7th, and 8th graders) which will meet one Sunday a month. They will attend the Junior High Gathering held each fall in Willmar.

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OLD BUSINESS

Picnic details were reviewed.

The service will be held indoors. Slides of the Youth Gathering will be shown. The youth will help with the service.

NEW BUSINESS

The worship schedule for September was reviewed and finalized.

- September 1: 9:00 am Communion Worship, East
10:30 am Communion Worship, Augustana
- September 8: GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY
9:00 am Communion Worship, East
10:30 am Communion Worship, Augustana – Baptism
- September 15: BULLY PULPIT – Fundraiser lunch for Camperships
10:00 am Joint Worship, Augustana
- September 22: NEW MEMBER SUNDAY
9:00 am Worship, East
10:30 am Worship, Augustana
- September 29: RALLY SUNDAY FOR ROAR – Lunch to follow
10:00 am Joint Worship, East
Pulpit Rotation: Pr. Andy at East, Pr. Mandy at First Presbyterian, Pr. David at First Lutheran

In October the times will switch: 9:00 am Augustana, 10:30 am East Sveadahl

- October 6: 9:00 am Communion Worship, Augustana – Stewardship Sunday
10:30 am Communion Worship, East
- October 13: 9:00 am Communion Worship, Augustana
10:30 am Communion Worship, East – Blessing of the Harvest

Discussion was held on how to proceed with a youth program.

A motion by Tom, seconded by Lori to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting is Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 pm at East.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson, Secretary

EAST SVEADAH L COUNCIL MINUTES -- August 8, 2024

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 7 pm at East Sveadahl. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Dana Avila, Lori Urevig, Cindy Torkelson, Kris Suess, Pastor Mandy, Sonja Coleman, and Susan Anderson.

Tom Anderson, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order and Pastor Mandy opened with prayer. Secretary, Janet, presented the July 9, 2024 minutes and they were approved as read.

Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary, presented her report, and Kris Suess presented the treasurer’s report. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Janet, and passed to approve the reports as presented.

Pastor Mandy presented the following:

- There will be a funeral on Tuesday, August 13 at East.
- We had campers at Lake Shetek & Green Lake Bible Camps and Pastor Mandy visited Green Lake.
- Pastor Mandy attended a continuing ed class entitled “Women In Ministry” in Sioux Falls. The class was covered by grant money obtained by the Synod and was very good.
- Study group on Monday, August 12 is cancelled due to the funeral on Tuesday.
- Since Confirmation was changed to a two-year program for 9 – 10 graders, Pastor Mandy is having a pre-confirmation class entitled “Youtherans” for 6-8 graders once a month which will be held at both East and Augustana alternately on Sundays. There will be lessons and youth group activities

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- September 10 there will be an AES new member class for both churches, and September 22 will be new member Sunday at both churches. East will have cake following the service.
- Brewed Theology in July had 32 people in attendance. August 28 at 7 p.m. will be another session at the Eagles at 7 p.m.
- August 21-28 Pastor Mandy will be on vacation. Deacon Lyla will be on call and will be pulpit supply.
- Sunday, September 8 is “God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday. Each church will have their own service.
- Sunday, September 15 is a joint service at Augustana with Bully Pulpit at 10 a.m. and lunch to follow. All proceeds will go the AES camper fund.
- Sunday, September 29 is the fifth Sunday with a joint service at East beginning at 10 a.m. It is also Rally Sunday and a pulpit exchange Sunday with AES, First Presbyterian, and First Lutheran. AES will have Pastor Andy from First Lutheran as guest pastor that Sunday.
- Sunday, October 6 the service times change.
- Sunday, October 13 is tentatively set for Harvest Blessing Sunday at East.

AES minutes are written in the newsletter.

Old Business:

- Completed the AES picnic plans. Table set up will be Saturday at 10 a.m.
- September 20 an outdoor movie night at East is being planned with treats at 7 p.m. Movie to be determined.

New Business:

- Noisy offering for August will go to ELCA World Hunger. Since August is a matching funds month, East will send \$50.00 during the month to meet the deadline. October noisy offering will go to Operation Concern.
- A motion by Lori, seconded by Cindy, and passed to give Lynne, Leigh and Teresa a donation to help defray the cost of the Sunday morning coffee treats. A big THANK YOU, ladies, for doing that. It is much appreciated.

A thank you from Crescent Cove for the donation was presented.

A thank you was given to Francie Anderson for donating the flag in the cemetery.

Motion by Janet, seconded by Wayne, and passed to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next church council meeting will be September 12, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – August 14, 2024

Present - Lyle Anderson, Sandy Berg, Doug Erdal, Kirsten Freitag, Jim Harrington, Stan Kunkel, Darrick Miest, Pastor Mandy, Jeff Price, Dean Swenstad, Lynn Watson

Absent - Jill Beckius

Meeting was called to order at 7:08. Pastor Mandy started the meeting with Prayer.

Motion by Lynn to approve the minutes from the last meeting and seconded by Kirsten

Reports: Lauren presented the Treasurer's report. Noted she is continuing to work with Judy T on how to do reports. She also noted that she had looked into a new Cloud (backup system) for her work she does on Church Windows. Currently we use Church Windows cloud at the church which costs \$1,900 a year, and Judy had used Backblaze at home to back-up her work which is only \$72 a year. After discussion the committee had a motion by Jeff and seconded by Darrick to switch our church account to Backblaze. Lauren also noted that the utilities have been paid by the church, and that the men's group had said they were going to pay for this. Darrick asked her to give him the bills, and they will give the money to them for the bills. Lynn asked on behalf of the Education Committee (ROAR) if they could have their own checkbook. Lauren was not sure due to the fact she had been informed that the previous treasurer was not in favor of them having their own account. After some discussion and looking back in our minutes it has been approved several months ago. Motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Sandy that ROAR is able to get their own account with having 2 people on the account, one from Augustana and one from East. Deanna shared the giving report, and we are up around \$10,000 from last year, much of this increase is from people giving from their retirement funds. (continued)

Deanna had checked into other options for types of envelopes, etc., and it was much higher because of the shipping.

AES Ministries - They spent much of their time discussing the annual picnic. They also went through worship times for services. Services times are as follows: Sept 8th 9:00 worship service God's Work Our Hands; Sept 15th Joint worship service at 10:00 am at Augustana with Bully Pulpit and a Free Will offering Meal for Camperships served by the youth families who attended camp; Sept 22nd 9:00 am worship service / New Members Sunday; Sept 29th Joint Service at 10:00 am at East / Rally Sunday for ROAR. Note (Pastor Mandy will not be leading service, Pastor Andy will be from First Lutheran, and she will be leading worship at the Presbyterian church, Pastor Swap Sunday). Note time change is happening in October for services Oct 6th 9:00 am service, Oct 13th 9:00 am Harvest Blessing. They also discussed the Coordinator of Youth position.

Pastor Mandy's Report - Pastor Mandy reported the VBS was a huge success, and they averaged around 100 children per day. She also noted that Augustana will be the host place for the 2025 VBS. She noted that the youth/chaperones who attended the New Orleans (NOLA) trip shared their experiences on Aug 11th at the joint service at East. She stated it was an amazing / wonderful trip. She also noted that the 2027 National Youth Gathering will be held in Minneapolis, MN. Pastor Mandy stated that we had youth this year at two different camps with the younger ones at Lake Shetek, and the older ones at Green Lake. She was able to go up and visit the older kids at Green Lake on Monday. Pastor Mandy shared the feedback about Lake Shetek Camp as it was our first year having children attend, and the feedback was they enjoyed the camp much more than Green Lake and had many activities for them to do. Between the two camps around 12 youth attended, and some of the youth went as Community Guides. The church will be looking at the two options for next year with the positive feedback they got back about Lake Shetek, and also looking and taking in consideration that the Shetek camp is 1/3 of the cost of Green Lake, it is an hour closer, and has a lot more ministries. Pastor Mandy reported she held Brewed Theology at the Eagles, and it was well attended with around 35 or so people. The next one will be Aug 28th. She has been holding a Bible Study group out at East on Mondays from 3pm to 4pm but is going to rename it as a Study Group, as they have a variety of topics. She noted her numbers went up by a couple and is averaging around 9 people now. Pastor Mandy attended a conference Aug 6-8th in Sioux Falls, the topic of the conference was Woman in Ministry. Pastor Mandy is counseling a couple for their Pre-Marital Counseling with the wedding being in Oct. Pastor Mandy will be on vacation from Aug 21-28. Deacon Lyly will be on call and will do Pulpit Supply on the 25th. Pastor Mandy will have Baptisms on Sept 1st and 8th. A new youth group is being formed for grades 6-8th and the group will be called Youtherans. They will meet 1 time a month on Sunday evening with 30 min. lessons, and then do more youth group activities. Pastor Mandy will send out letters this week. Jr. High Gathering in Willmar will be in Nov. Our expenses for Vacation Bible School were \$296.34 and will be split between East.

Education - They are working on setting up registration for Wednesday night ROAR from 6pm to 7pm with having a meal 1 time a month before ROAR. They are also working at getting supplies and lessons ready for this Fall.

Worship, Music & Technology - They met on Aug 5th (youth) Kaitlyn and Jenna brought ideas about changing worship up by having a more contemporary service. The worship committee was very open to the ideas and are planning to have more traditional services on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month and on the 3rd and 4th more of a contemporary service. Starting Sept 1st we will use the Come, Let us Worship. Pastor Mandy reported that Terry E. had found a Public Domain of Pre-Recorded hymns and they sounded very good. We will be using Pre-Recorded Music on Aug 25th. We will use this resource when we don't have an Organist as Heidi will remain a part time organist.

Evangelism/Social Ministry - The group will be working on Gift Bags to Welcome New Members. God's Work. Our Hands / Coffee Hour

Finance - They talked about the cloud that was part of Lauren's report, and Darrick and Deanna discussed with the group the cost of offering envelopes and will need to continue to look into.

Property/ Cemetery - Dean and Stan mowed cemetery. Ryan Reed sold his business, but the person who bought it will continue to mow it at no cost as Ryan had until the end of the season. The new owner will then give us a quote to mow the lawn and cemetery. We will have to re-budget for this or look for volunteers. The

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mowing takes around 8 to 9 hours. We had a leak in the dishwashing room. Plumbers came and looked, and it was leaking from under the flooring. The plumbers will be rerouting how our water supply works.

Youth - Youth who attended the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans spoke about their experience on Aug 11th. Youth will be working at the Threshing Bee in Butterfield at the Steamer Cafe as a fundraiser from 6 to 10:30 am on Aug 18th. On Sept 7th, youth will be setting up and serving at LaSalle's 125th Anniversary. Youth Committee will discuss the menu for the Oct 6th Stewardship meal. Oct 23rd will be serving for the Confirmation banquet. We are planning a Bonfire and Night games for grades 6-12 in Oct but need to talk to Tom Anderson to see if we can do this. We also discussed the Calendar through May with ideas and fundraisers. As a youth committee we want to get out a calendar with events, activities, and dates to each youth so they can see upcoming events and make plans to save the dates. We also discussed talking to youth to come to our meetings either monthly or quarterly has not been decided yet, but we would like to hear what they would like to do for activities, and service projects.

Old Business -We discussed the need to fill a council position. A couple of options on how to fill the position can be: 1. Have the person fill until the end of year Jan, or they can take it now and then finish the rest of the 3 year term, which would be another additional 2 years or they could take a year term. Council members are to ask people and think about who can serve. Pastor Mandy was asked to come up with a job description for a Youth Coordinator. Pastor Mandy stated she does not need someone to build relationships as she is doing this, and this would be a paid position. We talked about the number of hours this person may work and 5 hours a week 20 hours a Month was discussed. We will continue to discuss this at the next meeting. Our first Stewardship Meal Rotation will be on Oct 6th with the Youth and Education Committee hosting and presenting a slideshow on how stewardship is used and needed for the activities/education/faith growing youth to happen. We discussed updating our member's directory. Sandy Berg said she would talk to Arica Connell to see if she would be willing to help out with making a new directory. Sandy stated she talked to Arica, and she said she would be willing to help out. Council would like more information/details on the process and are hoping Arica could come to the next Council Meeting in Sep. Sandy will check to see if she is available. We also talked about who could do the photography part of the directory, and Dean was going to talk to Heather. We also have other members whom we can ask. A question was asked if we could also have East members in our directory with their information, as we are a two-point parish and many times we send cards to members, and it would be nice to have their address. We will discuss this with East. It was brought to the council's attention that John and Cec took care of maintaining the organ.

New Business - New Members Sunday will be Sept 22nd. New Member class will be held Sept 10th. Sept 15th Bully Pulpit with Meal / Donations will go to Camperships.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Berg

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SEPTEMBER 8TH – God’s Work. Our Hands. Blessing of Backpacks
Communion Worship ~ 9:00 am East Sveadahl 10:30 am Augustana

SEPTEMBER 15TH – Bully Pulpit Campership Lunch Fundraiser
Joint Communion Worship ~ 10:00 am Augustana

SEPTEMBER 22ND – New Member Sunday
Worship ~ 9:00 am East Sveadahl 10:30 am Augustana

SEPTEMBER 29TH – Rally Sunday for ROAR Pulpit Swap
Joint Worship ~ 10:00 am East Sveadahl Lunch follows
Pastor Andy from First Lutheran leads worship

AES MINISTRIES

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