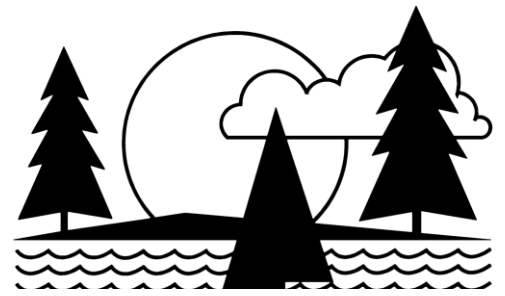


AES MINISTRIES

Augustana/East Sveadahl Lutheran Churches

AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER



Pastor's Column

AUGUST SCHEDULE

- August 4: 9:00 am Communion Worship Service at East
10:30 am Communion Worship Service at Augustana
- August 11: 10:00 am Joint Worship Service at East – Wendinger Band
Annual Church Picnic with Communion Service
- August 18: Threshing Bee Sunday
8:30 am Pr. Mandy is part of the worship service at the Bee
NO Worship Service at East
10:30 am Worship at Augustana with Deacon Lyla
- August 25: 9:00 am Worship Service at East with Deacon Lyla
10:30 am Worship Service at Augustana with Deacon Lyla

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

- September 1: 9:00 am Communion Worship Service at East
10:30 am Communion Worship Service at Augustana
- September 8: 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 lunch to follow
- September 22: TBD Worship Service at East
TBD Worship Service at Augustana
- September 29: 10:00 am Joint Worship Service at East
Rally Sunday with lunch served after the service

AUGUSTANA - August CIRCLES

Circles don't meet in August

USHERS

Terry Engel, Jim Leopold, Andrew Freitag,
Andre Freitag, Mark Kulseth

LECTORS

August 4: Judy Thulien
11: Kari Miest
18: Jim Moody
25: Jean Leopold

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

Jeanne Miest, Kari Miest, Colleen Newman,
Judy Thulien, Mary Anderson

MEMORIALS

In memory of **Bette Flater**
\$120.00 – Stained Glass Window Fund

In memory of **Joyce Pierson**
\$10.00 – Stained Glass Window Fund

MISSIONARY SPONSORS

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

COMMUNION SERVERS

August 4: Kirsten Freitag
11: Lynn Watson & Jim Harrington

NOISY OFFERING

Noisy Offering will be on Sunday, August 25th.

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August: Available

AUGUSTANA - August TRANSITIONS

TRANSFERS

Ron & Becky Cobb

FUNERALS

A Celebration of Life was held for **Vivian Anderson** on July 13, 2024, at Augustana. Vivian passed away July 6, 2024.

A Celebration of Life was held for **Janet Plath** on July 27, 2024, at Augustana. Janet passed away June 30, 2024.

May God's peace comfort their family and friends.

RADIO INFORMATION - 1370 AM

Sponsor a half hour broadcast for \$40.00.
East sponsors the 2nd Sunday of the month, and two of the four 5th Sundays of 2024.
Augustana sponsors the 4th Sunday of the month, and two of the four 5th Sundays of 2024.
To sponsor an Augustana broadcast, call 375-4792.

August 25th: 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 4: Greg & Judy Thulien
11: Darrick & Kari Miest
18: Ashley Johnson
25: Jim & Jean Leopold

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY

Sewing Circle

EAST**TRANSITIONS:**

Congratulations to **Erin Christenson** and **Aaron Oldenburg** who were married at East on July 5, 2024.

May God richly bless them
as they begin their life together

PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS:

Needed through June	\$47,695.02
Received through June	35,056.72
Behind through June	- \$12,638.30
Received in June	\$ 3,350.35

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

EAST**AUGUST RADIO BROADCASTS**

August 4: First Lutheran
11: East
18: First Lutheran
25: Augustana

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Teresa Andrews, Erma Griffith

VISITING COMMITTEE

Evonne Moll, Pat Buse

USHERS

Avila Family

LECTORS

August 4: Marshall Garza
11: Wayne Jurgens
18: NO EAST SERVICE
25: Leigh Rolshoven

RADIO SPONSORS

August 11: Francy Anderson
September 8:
September 29:
October 13:
November 10:

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

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

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



AES AUGUST NEWS



CAMPERS -- GREEN LAKE and SHETEK

Attending Green Lake Bible Camp July 28 - August 1 are **Dacen Anderson; Ezra, Erick and Vincent Avila; Thomas Berg;** and **Elizabeth and Tristan Shores.**

Abigail Meyer attended an earlier camp.

Attending Shetek Bible Camp July 28 – 30 are **Emery Anderson, Johnathan Berg, Miriam France,** and **Rebecca Meyer.**

PASTOR MANDY WILL BE GONE

Pr. Mandy will be gone Tuesday, August 6th through Thursday, August 8th at a continuing education course in Sioux Falls.

Pr. Mandy will be gone Wednesday, August 21st through Tuesday, August 27th on vacation.

Deacon Lyla will be on Call these days. She will lead worship on August 18th at Augustana and August 25th at both churches.

BREWED THEOLOGY

Brewed Theology is back! Come join us at the Eagles on Wednesday, August 28th 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!

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.

PRAYERS 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

Thank you to my East Sveadahl church family for your caring thoughts, prayers and concerns with the loss of my great granddaughter, Mira Grace Lenz. The wind chime is very special as it sounds like the East Sveadahl church bell. I Can't Thank You Enough! - Janet

Thank you to East Sveadahl for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and generous gift card to Hometown on my first Sunday back. It was so kind of you! - Pastor Mandy

Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School this year. It was a huge success because of all the volunteers who dedicated their time and talents. Thank you!
- Pastor Mandy

To Our Dear East Sveadahl Family,

Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Your gifts were from your hearts right to all of our hearts! Love you dearly, Cindy, Paul, Britta, Andrew, Soren, Annika, Beth

Dear Friends, Where does one begin to thank the members of Augustana and East Sveadahl for all the love shown to me on my birthday??? I feel like a kid again! Your cards, gifts, text messages, Facebook comments and your personal conversations with me have truly been a blessing. Uplifting each other is a powerful ministry. A ministry each one of us can do. Thanks for uplifting me! God loves you and so do I!
- Deacon Lyla Klee

To Augustana Church Family and AES Ministries, Thank you for my retirement party and the gifts. It was a fun celebration. It was my honor and privilege to serve here for 50 years. Thank you to all who encouraged and complimented me so often. I was blessed by all of you. Praise be to God.

- Cec & Family

Dear Church Family,

We are so appreciative of all the hard work and generosity you showed before, after and at the fundraiser for Rare Diseases in Children! Our total is over \$16,000! The bake sale was over \$2,000!

Crescent Cove and Krabbe Connect are also very appreciative of the results! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!
Much Love, Cindy and Paul

Dear Sveadahl Members, We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you and appreciation for the thoughtful and generous gift after the passing of our sweet Mira. The wind chime has given us a sense of peace at a time when we needed comfort, knowing our baby girl is always with us. It means so much, and we are grateful for all the support. God Bless.
- Anthony, Brittany, Lowlla, and Camryn Lenz

AUGUSTANA FINANCIAL FACTS JUNE 2024

	June	YTD
Total Giving	\$ 19,176.32	\$ 93,187.54
Total Expenses	- \$ 16,724.66	- \$ 83,687.56
	- \$ 2,451.66	- \$ 9,499.98

Respectfully Submitted, Lauren Moll - Treasurer

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUCEMENTS

WELLSPRING

Wellspring is presenting an Education Event on Wednesday, August 28th, at 3:00 pm at Brandt Ridge. Join Kim Askeland in Coloring and learn why it is so good for your Mental Health. Dessert and coffee will be served. Call Wellspring at 375-1276 to register.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Watonwan County Relay for Life-Saturday August 24th, 2024. Please mark your calendars as you are cordially invited to attend the annual Watonwan County Relay for Life. This year's event will once again be held at the Watonwan County Fairgrounds from 3:00-10:00 PM. "Living More In '24" is the theme of the event. Raising funds can make a world of difference and be a lot of fun. Help us light the night with memories of loved ones affected by cancer while providing hope to our community and beyond. Activities, events, fun, music, and food trucks throughout the event. Luminary bags are again available for \$ 5.00 each. AES Ministries team "Grounds for Hope" will again be participating. Please let us know if you would like to help in any way, and "Thank You" in advance for your support.

Watonwan County Relay for Life Leadership Team member, Terry Engel

AES JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES – June 27, 2024

Members present: Tom Anderson, Teresa Andrews, Dana Avila, Judy Berg, Lisa Carlson, Jim Harrington, Stan Kunkel, Lori Urevig, and Susan Anderson.

Members absent: None

Stan called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm at East Sveadahl. Stan and Tom have been in contact with Pr. Mandy, who is ready to return from her medical leave.

Prayer concerns were shared, and Tom led us in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Stan presented the Communication Guidelines and Constitutional Role of the Pastor. In support of our pastor, these Guidelines will be followed. As a reminder, they will be published at the beginning of each year.

NEW BUSINESS

The details of the Parish Picnic were reviewed. East is responsible for the meat, buns, condiments, dessert, and paper products. Augustana will furnish salads and beverages. Tom will order the root beer, Augustana will pay the bill. Mark Kulseth will get the tent. Tom asked for help in setting up the tables and chairs.

Discussion was held on how to proceed with a youth program. We need to provide for our preschoolers through our high schoolers. Volunteers will be encouraged to help with any of our youth programs.

ROAR will begin October 2nd from 6-7 pm at Augustana. Once a month a supper will be served at 5:30 pm followed by ROAR.

Augustana is starting a nursery on Sunday mornings during the worship service. Anyone can volunteer to help.

A motion by Lisa, seconded by Teresa to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is Thursday, August 1 at 7:00 pm at Augustana.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Anderson

EAST SVEADAH CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – July 9, 2024

The East Sveadahl Church Council met on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7 pm at East Sveadahl. Those present were Tom Anderson, Wayne Jurgens, Janet Bloomquist, Dana Avila, Lori Urevig, Cindy Torkelson, Pastor Mandy, Sonja Coleman and Susan Anderson.

Tom Anderson, Council Chairman, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Secretary, Janet, presented the June 14, 2024 minutes and they were approved as read.

Sonja Coleman, Financial Secretary, presented her report and in the absence of Kris, Tom presented the treasurer report. A motion by Wayne, seconded by Dana and passed to approve the reports as presented.

Tom presented the bills.

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Pastor Mandy presented the following:

- She hit the ground running with a number of things happening.
- VBS has 100 children attending. This is a joint venture and is being held at First Lutheran.
- Pastor Mandy and the youth will be leaving Tuesday, July 16 for the National Youth Conference in New Orleans.
- Bible camp for AES youth will start July 28.
- Bible Study will begin at East on Monday, July 15 at 3 p.m. All are welcome.
- August 21-27 Pastor Mandy will be on PTO leave/vacation.
- July 21 Lyla will be the pulpit supply as the New Orleans group doesn't return until early that morning.
- July 24 Pastor Mandy will continue with the Brewed Theology at the Eagles at 7 p.m.
- Pastor Mandy will be attending a continuing Ed course in Sioux Falls from August 6-8.
- At the August 11 joint AES picnic Sunday, the youth will be sharing their experience at New Orleans and assist with communion.
- August 18 is the Threshing Bee in Butterfield and East will not have a service. Lyla will be pulpit supply at Augustana that Sunday.
- Pastor Mandy is planning a pre-confirmation class once a month on Sundays beginning in October.
- Pastor Mandy thanked East for the flowers and gift card on her first Sunday back. We are happy to have her back.
- Sunday, September 22, will be new member Sunday at East.

AES minutes are written in the newsletter.

Old Business:

- East Sveadahl alarm system is now cellular rather than landline.
- Planned the AES picnic food.

New Business:

- Motion by Lori, seconded by Janet and passed to send Cec Kulseth a \$50.00 gift certificate in celebration of her 50 years as organist and as a thank you for filling in at East when needed.
- Rally Sunday will tentatively be September 29.
- September 20 an outdoor movie night at East is being planned with treats at 7 p.m. Movie to be determined.
Motion by Janet seconded by Wayne and passed to adjourn.
We closed with the Apostles Creed.
The next church council meeting will be August 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Bloomquist, Council Secretary

AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – July 10, 2024

Present: Lyle Anderson, Sandy Berg, Doug Erdal, Pastor Mandy, Stan Kunkel, Darrick Miest, Jeff Price, Lynn Watson, Jill Beckius

Absent: Kirsten Freitag, Jim Harrington, Dean Swenstad

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. Pastor Mandy started the meeting with a prayer.

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

Reports:

Lauren presented the Treasurer's report. Noted expenses for the month of June were building insurance and workers comp. Motion by Lyle to approve a retirement gift for Judy and seconded by Lynn. Tentative coffee hour celebration on August 4th. Discussion regarding how our data is saved in the church windows program. Lauren will check into this.

Deanna shared the giving report and will look at the different options for offering envelopes with Darrick.

AES Ministries - church picnic is planned for August 11. Augustana will be responsible for salads and beverages. Planning to set up on August 10. AES held a discussion of how to fill the youth director position. Pastor Mandy will write up a description of the main responsibilities for this position before any further decisions.

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Pastor Mandy's Report -

Officiated a wedding at East Sveadahl. Started planning for confirmation classes and will be starting a pre-confirmation group on the second Sunday of the month starting in October. Has been teaching at VBS this week. Leaving for National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next week. Pastor Mandy would like to thank everyone who helped to get everything set up for this trip. There are students attending Bible camp at Green Lake and Lake Shetek at the end of the month. There will be 2 funerals this month. There will be a Bible study at East on Monday afternoons from 3 to 4 starting July 15. Brewed theology at the Eagles on July 24 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Everyone had a good time at the last gathering, both members and non-members alike. New members Sunday on Sept 22 with a new members class the 2nd week in Sept.

Education - Sept 20 East will be hosting a family friendly movie night at 7 pm. Katie has been working on finding students and/or adults to help in the nursery during church service. MoonDogs baseball game-27 of the 30 tickets were sold. Plan on attending Faith night again next year and inviting all of AES. VBS has been going well. Program will be on Thursday night. Just a reminder that Augustana will be hosting next year. Looking at some fun summer activities-fishing family night, grill out or possibly a pool party at St. James Pool. Dates to be determined. Planning on opening online registration for ROAR on Sept 3-21 (similar to VBS registration.) Rally Sunday for ROAR will be Sept 29. ROAR will start on Oct 2 with a meal at 5:30 and music and classroom time from 6 to 7. ROAR will not be held on Oct 16, Nov 27, Dec 18, Dec 25, Jan 1, and April 16. Oct 23 ROAR will be out at East (Confirmation banquet at Augustana). Oct 30 Chili feed/Fall event. Dec 8 Christmas Program joint service at East at 10:30 worship. Dec 11 Christmas party. ROAR will host a supper on Nov 6, Dec 4, Jan 8, Feb 5 and March 5. ROAR students will sing on Jan 26 worship service at Augustana, Feb 23 at East, March 23 at Augustana and April 13 at East for Palm Sunday with Easter Egg hunt to follow. April 23 will be the last day of ROAR.

Evangelism/Social Ministry - did not meet.

Worship, Music & technology - will continue with the same setting during services for now. Looking for an organist and also checking how we can use our technology during services. Motion by Darrick and seconded by Lynn to compensate substitute organists at \$100 a service. Bully Pulpit will be available Sept 15 for a joint 10 am service. As a reminder we reimbursed them \$500 last year. Discussion about a mid-year congregational meeting.

Finance - held a discussion regarding raising money for our high building insurance deductible.

Property/cemetery - need to find someone to help mow the lawn at the cemetery. The one section that is needed takes about 4.5 to 5 hours a week. We had been paying for this once a year.

Youth - Worked on youth events calendar. Adopt a highway, hosting a car wash in Sept, Oct 25 game night, Nov 20 turkey dinner, and snow tubing in Jan. Youth committee was asked to help serve at the Threshing Bee on Aug 18 from 6 am to 10:30. Sept 2 Labor Day Godahl Day is hosting a kickball tournament. No cost to sign up and 9 to 13 people on a team.

Old Business:

Building security - locks were changed. You can turn in your old key and get a new one at the church office. Staff positions - looking at websites where we can make a job posting for an organist. Will also need to find a replacement for Margo Spang to serve on church council.

New Business:

Stewardship meals - Oct 6th at 9 am church service with a brunch to follow served by the Youth and Education Committees.

God's work, Our hands - Sept 8 will talk with Kirsten to see if she had any ideas from the WELCA groups.

Updating member directory - would like to check into the cost of books and photos-Evangelism committee.

Would like to check with church members, if anyone would be interested in taking family pictures

Pioneer Bank - Motion by Darrick to authorize Stan Kunkel to have signature authority and to remove Mark Kulseth and seconded by Lynn.

Motion by Sandy to adjourn seconded by Lynn. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

- Respectfully submitted, Jill Beckius