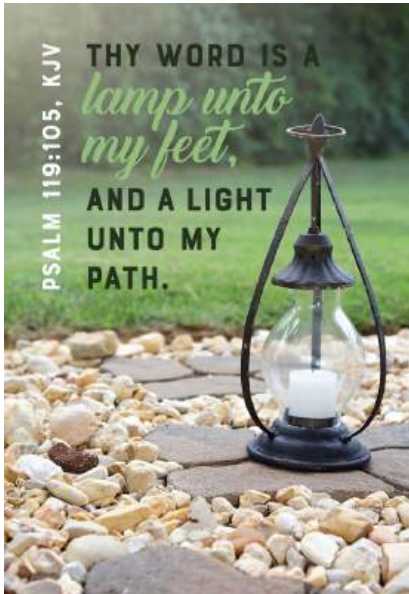




LAKES AREA MINISTRY PARTNERS
 Augustana & Eksjo Lutheran Church
 of Detroit Lakes and Lake Park



MARCH

2025



LENTEN SERVICES






- Mar 5: *Ash Wednesday* / Augustana: 5:00 pm Service / Eksjo: 6:00 pm Meal • 7:00 pm Service
- Mar 12: Augustana: 5:00 pm Service / Eksjo: 6:00 pm Meal • 7:00 pm Service
- Mar 19: Augustana: 5:00 pm Service / Eksjo: 6:00 pm Meal • 7:00 pm Service
- Apr 2: Augustana: 5:00 pm Service / Eksjo: 6:00 pm Meal • 7:00 pm Service
- Apr 9: Augustana: 5:00 pm Service / Eksjo: 6:00 pm Meal • 7:00 pm Service
- Apr 13: *Palm Sunday*
- Apr 17: *Maundy Thursday* / *No services*
- Apr 18: *Good Friday* / Augustana: 4:30 pm Service / Eksjo: 6:00 pm Meal • 7:00 pm Service
- Apr 20: *Easter Sunday*





March 2025



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Lutheran Churches of Detroit Lakes & Lake Park

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2025 LAMP Officers

President: Financial Officer: Cynthia Westlund

2025 LAMP BOARD MEMBERS:

Augustana Lutheran:
Eksjo Lutheran: Ila Lindstrom

LAMP Parish Staff

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Pastor: Bob Kirchman 218-533-0323 / bobkirchman23@gmail.com
Admin Asst: Dawn Moore 218-238 - 5762 lamp@arvig.net

TO KEEP INFORMED

***Please take time to read this Monthly Newsletter, there is ALOT of information in it!**



> **ATTENTION** <
March 24

If Newsletter items are not in there the office **BY the Deadline**,

will be no guarantee that it will get in the Newsletter.

If no one is in the office and non emergency, please leave a detailed message on the answering machine and I will get back to you when I return to the office. Dawn

Emergency Contact: Pastor Bob Kirchman
218-533-0323 / bobkirchman23@gmail.com
Eksjo Youth Director: Cole Wixo
701-361-5973 / colewixo@gmail.com

If you need to get ahold of me, (Dawn)
Contact: Pastor Bob, Cole, Diane or Kathy M
Eksjo: Diane Midthune at 218-290-7395
Augustana: Kathy Michaelson at 218-439-6900

Music and Worship Meeting Minutes · February 4, 2025 (unapproved)

Present: Bobbie C, Pr. Bob K, Dawn M, Diane M, Janee ND, Jean O, Marlys

Devotions: **Jesus Calling** by Sarah Young

Discussion:

Ash Wednesday is March 5.

Lenten Services will be each week at both churches.

Lenten Theme will be the Beattitudes from Jesus' only recorded sermon in the bible.

Holy Week will have Good Friday Services at both churches.

Maundy Thursday remembrances of Jesus' Last Supper / The Institution of Holy Communion will be Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday will focus on Palm Sunday and not try to incorporate the entire Holy Week in the worship. Eksjo has a children's program which will be about 20 minutes which will be in the Eksjo celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

A calendar indicating celebration of communion days for 2025 has been placed at Eksjo.

Several members had to leave due to commitments but the remaining harmoniously selected hymns for February and the first two weeks of March.

Respectfully submitted by Pastor Bob Kirchman





Sunnyside Care Center

16561 US Hwy 10
Lake Park, MN 56554

Lindstrom Senior Living

30455 Lehigh Ave Apt 209
Lindstrom, MN 55045
Barbara Welken

Viking Manor

317 4th St NW, Ulen MN
Lester Kiehl (A)



Remember in your prayers and/or with a visit or card our members in nursing homes, under Hospice care or unable to get to services. It is so appreciated and a great way to put your faith into action.



PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYER: Robin Colsen^(A), Addie DeBord (friend of Rotter's), Danielle Eidenschink (friends of Michaelson's), Tracey Ginnaty^(A), Connie Jahnke (mother of Liz Wixo), Marv & Iris Johnson^(A), Linda Maher^(A), Tricia Maloney (sister-in-law of Kathy Michaelson), Joe Morrison (friend of Joe Skogmo), Dan Olson (friend of Skogmo's), Kathy Omberg (sister of Rick Michaelson), Dannika Pollock^(E), Amy Porter^(E), Ashley Stumbo, Mary Thompson (mother of Mike Thompson)

Soldiers in Service and/or deployed: Brian Anderson, Hailey Frohman (daughter of Mark & Carolyn Palm), Bailey Johnson (son of Sonja), Jake Keibke (son of Marty & Patty), Gavan Mikkelsen (son of Jason & Mindi), Matt Score, Alex Strehlow (son of Anessa & Geminie Strehlow), Kellynn Zinck (niece of Janet Olson), Parker Weyer

If someone has lost or knows of someone who has lost a very special person in their life, please e-mail the obituary and information about the deceased to Dawn at lamp@arvig.net. It is very important to extend our sympathy and prayers at a very difficult time to members of our LAMP family! **Thank You!**



Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of Stuart Lindstrom. Stuart passed away Saturday, February 15, at Essentia, Fargo. Celebration of Life Service was held Saturday, February 22 at the Lake Park Legion. Larry was the father of John Lindstrom of Josh Larson.

David Donehower Funeral Home

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Our deepest sympathies to family and friends of Georgia Abbott. Georgia passed away Saturday, February 15, at Essentia, Fargo. Georgia was the mother of Jason Abbott.

*David Donehower Funeral Home*

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Please keep Stuart and Georgia's family and friends in your prayers.

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May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.  
And rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the Palm of his hand





*From the desk of Pastor Bob Kirchman*

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Our up-coming Lenten worship services, 5:00 at Augustana and 7:00 at Eksjo will center around The Sermon on the Mount. We mainly remember them as the Beatitudes. Jesus tells us that God blesses us even when we are in a “bad place.” Our Lenten worship explores what it means for us to be blessed by God in times and places in which the world sees as bad.

Lent encourages us to look at how the world rejects its creator. It encourages us to be aware of the grace of God. Life offers wonder filled moment after wonder filled moment until we reach the mystery of the end. Lent helps us spot the wonder in every moment. For God is here and God can be seen through the cracks of our existence. The shared laugh of loved ones, the unspeakable compassionate silence in the face of sadness...

During Lent, I hope we can put the finishing touches on a new arrangement between Augustana and Eksjo. For over ten years, we have been in an arrangement originally designed for multiple participating churches but now only have two churches. Eksjo and Augustana are looking at an arrangement where Augustana would contract with Eksjo for ministry expenses. Many of us are used to the idea of a “parish” where multiple churches are under one umbrella organization, but churches are moving away from that idea. Contracts allow member churches more flexibility in making arrangements with each other and entail less financial risk for individual churches. A “parish arrangement” makes it considerably more difficult for individual churches to leave. Member churches of “parishes” are financially responsible even if they no longer have money/members to support the parish. Contracts can be changed to respond to changing circumstances, parishes not as easily.

For most of us, we will not see a difference in how we are. Myself, the pastor, will continue to fulfill all the pastoral duties and even though Augustana is considerable smaller than Eksjo, and contributes a great deal less than Eksjo to the costs of ministry, it will receive the same level of pastoral services it has been receiving. In an ideal world, the amount each church contributes to the costs of ministry, reflects the anticipated work load that each church requires. Practically, we know that there will be some weeks where one church or the other will get the lion’s share of the pastor’s time. The most important thing to remember is that this is not only a business arrangement. It is a relationship built up for over ten years.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Bob*





## Cole's Youth Report / February 2025

Youth Director Cole Wixo: 701-361-5973 / colewixo@gmail.com



### January 26<sup>th</sup>:

Pickleball challenge courts for youth of all ages. The weather was not the greatest, but we still had 18 student participants join in the tournament.

High energy, and lots of fun.

Many prizes were given away.

### February 21<sup>st</sup>:

Lock-in for area students in grades 7 - 9 at Eksjo.

43 students stayed overnight at the church. We started the evening off with some devotions on kindness and inclusion and then played team building games for the first 3 hours. At midnight we ate pizza and then students were able to watch movies or play games until breakfast the next morning.

A huge **thank you** to Rachael Johnson, Tom & Sarah Kleven, Marie & Kraig Nelson, Liz Wixo, Joe Conrad, Toby Eiter, Steph & Bernie Poegel for chaperoning all night and helping put the church back together the next morning.

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Student Led Worship Service 9:00 am at Eksjo.

The confirmation students picked the readings, music and helped format the service.

Two children's messages using puppets.

Joseph and his brothers.

Samson and Delilah.

Congregational message was in the form of a skit titled "Who is the REAL Jesus?"

**Students did an AWESOME job! A must do again!!**

### First Communion Classes

7 students participated in the three classes and will receive their first communion on Sunday March 2.

### Bible Study at LPA

We meet on the first and third Friday mornings of the month before school.

Attendance has been good (15 - 18 students the last few meetings.)

Pathways will be here Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> to promote VBS which will be held at Eksjo the second week of July.

**Make sure to check out all the fun pictures on facebook!**





## Eksjo's Confirmation Schedule

- Mar 5: Ash Wednesday / 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship Service
- Mar 12: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship Service
- Mar 19: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship Service
- Mar 26: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship Service
- Apr 2: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship Service
- Apr 9: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship Service

**\*\*Youth Leaders will be serving meals before Wednesday night services during Lent. We will cook the main dish, serve, and clean up. If you would like to sign up to bring a side dish or desert, there will be a sign-up sheet in the church basement.**



## Eksjo's Acolyte Schedule

- Mar 2: Nydia Mikkelsen
- Mar 9: Tydan Eiter / Maks Olson
- Mar 16: Emma Bjerke / Averi Hazelton
- Mar 23: Addison & Easton Welter
- Mar 30: Brooklyn & Ella Kirkevold

- Apr 6: Nydia Mikkelsen
- Apr 13: Addison & Easton Welter
- Apr 20: Nydia Mikkelsen
- Apr 27: Addison & Easton Welter
- May 4: Lydia Wixo / Addi Schwartz
- May 11: Nydia Mikkelsen

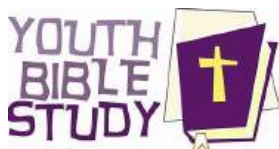


## Augustana Sunday School

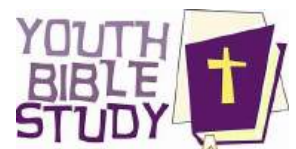
- March 9: Sunday School · label Girl Scout cookies / Noisy Offering
- March 23: Sunday School / Noisy Offering



Watch for announcements of upcoming events from Cole Wixo



**Youth Bible Study**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month / 7:45 - 8:20 am  
held at LPA High School · Room 212



# Attention Eskjo Women

**Eksjo Lutheran Church**  
Published by Ruth Lerud  
February 15 at 6:18 PM

There has been interest in having a ladies night event by joining in this craft night at Bucks Mill Brewing. You would be responsible for your own craft and beverage expenses. Welca would provide snacks. They do have non alcoholic beverages also. If we have guys and /or kids that wish to take part we could do that also. We would need to get signed up this week. Talk to Ruth .

**Pottery Night**  
MARCH 6TH 6-8  
Thu, Mar 6 at 6 PM  
Pottery Night at Bucks Mill Brewing  
Bucks Mill Brewing  
Shared to Detroit Lakes Area Swap and Shop

## What to expect

Registration via email or pm is required for this event. [craftyotter@yahoo.com](mailto:craftyotter@yahoo.com)

Join us for an open studio style event at Bucks Mill Brewing. 824 WASHINGTON Ave, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

There will be lots of pottery options to choose from. Ranging in price from \$20-\$45.

We'll be painting Gnomes and Beer Steins along with a verity of other Items. Don't miss out on the fun.

RSVP is required for this event. RSVP by sending me an email at [craftyotter@yahoo.com](mailto:craftyotter@yahoo.com) Please include the names of everyone who will be in your group.

The items will be fired in a kiln and be ready for pickup in 10-12 days. Once they are fired in the kiln they will be food safe and dishwasher safe. Paint and brushes will be provided

## UPCOMING March LAMP EVENTS

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- Mar 3: 6:30 pm LAMP Restructure meeting at Eksjo
- Mar 4: 4:00 pm Music & Worship Meeting  
7:00 pm / Theology on Tap
- Mar 5: Ash Wednesday
- Mar 7: World Day of Prayer
- Mar 18: 7:00 pm / Theology on Tap
- Mar 20: 10:00 am Pastor Leads worship at Sunnyside
- Mar 24: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



PLEASE JOIN US TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR

**ERIN HEIDINGER**

HELP HER WIN HER BATTLE WITH  
**STAGE 3 BREAST CANCER**



**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> · 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

*Cormorant Community Center*

In October 2024, Erin was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer, specifically Invasive Ductal Carcinoma, which is known to

be a faster-growing cancer.

Her treatment will consist of approximately 15 rounds of chemo, then surgery, and then possibly more chemo and radiation.

Erin is an LPA Class of 98' graduate who now works at Lakes Community Cooperative in Lake Park.

This benefit will include gun raffles, a silent auction, breakfast feed, door prizes and a bake sale. Please consider not only attending, but donating items as well to support Erin in her battle.

Items for the silent auction and bake sale can be dropped off at Lakes Community Coop - Lake Park Office with Britney Ronning:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Bake sale items can also be dropped off at the







# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN NEWS



**Missions Statement:** We are a community of people created, empowered to give witness to God's activity in the world.

Visit our website at <http://www.augustanalakeeunice.com/>

## Augustana Council

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Marlys Skogmo, Pres/Music    | 218-849-0928 |
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| John Osborne, Sec            | 701-371-2778 |
| Kathy Michaelson, Treas/Evan | 218-847-4951 |
| Mary Rotter, Christian Ed    | 651-335-0396 |
| Chris Nybo, Social Ministry  | 218-847-2527 |

### **Music & Worship:**

Marlys Skogmo 218-849-0928

### **Women of Augustana:**

Shirley Purington, Pres 218-439-6610

Alex Score, SS Treas 218-841-4464



21896 County Hwy 22  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

## **March Worship: 10:45 am**

**Weekly Bible Study:** Wednesday at 10:00 am

**Quilting:** Tuesday at 10:00 am

- Mar 3:** 6:30 pm LAMP Restructure meeting at Eksjo
- Mar 5:** **Ash Wednesday** / 5:00 pm Lenten Service
- Mar 9:** Sunday School / Noisy Change
- Mar 11:** 9:30 am Council Meeting
- Mar 12:** 5:00 pm Lenten Service
- Mar 19:** 5:00 pm Lenten Service
- Mar 20:** 10:00 am Pastor leads Worship at Sunnyside
- Mar 23:** Sunday School / Noisy Change
- Mar 24:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- Mar 26:** 5:00 pm Lenten Service

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*"I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.  
He gave me life that I can enjoy all things."*



To donate electronically  
please scan the PayPal QR

## **March Worship Assistants**

### **Reader**

### **Server**

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Mar 2:</b> Sue     | ** <i>Cupboard Cookies</i> |
| <b>Mar 9:</b> Rotter  | Rotter's                   |
| <b>Mar 16:</b> Cheryl | Cheryl & Cristy            |
| <b>Mar 23:</b> Arden  | ** <i>Cupboard Cookies</i> |
| <b>Mar 30:</b> Rick   | Kathy                      |

**March Ushers:** Rick M and Cole R, John O (Jim K sub)

**\*\*Communion Assistants:** **Mar 2:** Shirley **Mar 9:** Rotter  
[Thank you to Etta for baking Communion Bread]

**\*\*Etta has baked Communion bread for Communion Sundays.**

It is in the freezer in the kitchen. Please return unused Communion bread to the freezer following Communion Sundays.

**Coffee Servers:** Please sweep coffee room each Sunday following fellowship and please take home dirty towels/dish rags and wash and return them.

**Note:** When it's **Cupboard Cookie Sunday** please jump in to help out: set up, make coffee, count the coffee money, sweep, load & start dishwasher, shut off lights and so on ...Thanks!

**Usher Duties:** Hand out bulletins/greet people; change hymn numbers on hymn board; light altar candles; count offering and fill out a slip to include with the offering and fill out the weekly sheet; count number of worshippers, Communion Sundays (usually the 1st & 2nd Sundays) make sure communion items are in place, fill cup tray and wafers, place wine chalice and grapefruit juice on the altar.

**REMEMBER:** Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, while you can... **Thank you for all you do!**

**Note:** Please take time to sign up to read, help with Communion and serve. The sign up is on the bulletin board in the coffee room ... so nice when it's filled out way in advance!

**A special note:** if you aren't able to actually serve coffee, you can sign up to supply the goodies and the serving will be done by someone who is at church. **Thank You!**

**Don't forget to turn in your Central Market receipts. The basket is in the Narthex. Shirley picks them up regularly and adds them up! Great refund that Central Market gives to Augustana!**



Once again, Augustana and the Noisy Change (Sunday School) has purchased Girl Scout cookies. The Sunday School kids will be labeling them with a Bible verse and Augustana's name and address. Mid-March we'd like anyone to take some and deliver them to a neighbor, a friend, a police officer, a fireman, someone in the hospital, someone in a nursing home, for someone's birthday ... just give them a package of cookies and make their day! We're supporting the Girl Scouts and doing a little Evangelism cheer!

# Augustana Church Meeting Minutes · December 10, 2024 · Approved

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**Attending:** Interim Pr. Bob Kirchman, Arden Shustad, Marlys Skogmo, John Osborne, Kathy Michaelson, Chris Nybo, Alex Score

The meeting was opened by President Marlys Skogmo.

Prayer led by Pr. Kirchman

**Secretaries Report:** John Osborne / The minutes were read by John. Motion made by Arden to approve, Alex seconded, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy M / Kathy handed out the monthly treasurer's report. We are approximately -\$4,700 year to date in our accounts, this is a slightly higher loss than average for this time of year. However, we should have a credit in the LAMP account because the Interim pastor's compensation is lower than Pastor Noel's. Overall the congregation is in good shape financially. Marlys brought up that people over 70 can donate directly from their retirement accounts to the church with no tax consequences. Motion to approve made by Alex, seconded Arden, carried.

**Pastor's Report:** The Bible study has been well received and going well except for weather related cancellations. Augustana Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30 pm.

**Social Ministry:** Chris Nybo / Donations to the Christmas families has been going well.

**Property:** Arden Shustad / Nothing new to report.

**Worship and Music:** Marlys Skogmo / A new music book has been purchased for the organist to replace the old one.

**Christian Ed.:** Alex Score / The noisy offering has been started again and is going well.

**Stewardship and Evangelism:** Kathy Michaelson / The letter placed in the bulletin encouraging people to give has had a positive response. Ads have been placed in the Detroit Lakes and Pelican Rapids newspapers showing service times and congregation information. Christmas cards have been sent out from the congregation to individuals who have a tough time making it to Sunday service. Motion made by Arden to approve all reports, seconded Alex, motion carried.

**Old Business: LAMP** / A letter has been received from Eksjo congregation council giving notice that they are leaving the LAMP parish. Eksjo will terminate their relationship with LAMP on December 31, 2025. Augustana and Eksjo councils plan to have a joint meeting to discuss if the two congregations can work together after Eksjo leaves LAMP, and what that relationship might look like. Bishop Bill Tesh will be invited to the meeting.

**Signs:** A new front has been placed on the main brick sign. Plans are progressing on installing new lighting on the permanent road sign and the cross on the front of the building.

**New Business:** \$100 has been donated to sponsor Rotary food hut at the Detroit Lakes Poles N Holes fishing derby fundraiser.

There will be no council meeting in January 2025. The next meeting will be the congregation annual meeting on Sunday, January 19, 2025. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Motion to close meeting made by Chris, seconded John, carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Faithfully submitted by John H. Osborne / Augustana Secretary*



**MEETING  
MINUTES**



## Ladies' Annual Meeting Minutes · February 2, 2025

\* \* \* \* \*

10:00 am / President Shirley called the meeting to order.

**Present:** Chris, Marlys, Sue, Linda, Shirley, Kathy, Kay

**Secretaries Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** Income: 2024 / \$4,286. Expenses : 2024 / \$4,432. Check book balance year end: \$7,297.  
Sitting very good.

**Income:** From coffee time, rummage sale, We Care slips, miscellaneous donations.

**Expenses:** donations, flowers, cleaning, children's candy bags, WELCA Conference etc. / Approved

**Old Business:** Great rummage sale once again.

**New Business:** Donation approvals for Giving Hearts Day:

Laker Prep, Boys and Girls Club, Lakes Crisis Center, Hospice, Church's United, Solutions.

All approved for \$100 each.

*Regular yearly donations* to Sunnyside, Ecumen, Oak Crossing each for \$200. Approved.

*Food Pantry* will be donated to in March, Food Share Month.

*Rummage Sale* in June again. Date to be determined at a later date.

*Quilting* will begin in February. We have two graduates. We have enough baby / Baptismal quilts completed last year.

**Spring Cleaning** will be scheduled for March. Sign up will be on the bulletin board.

Adjourned 10:30 / *Respectively submitted by Kathy Michaelson*



*Spring Cleaning is here! Yeah Spring!*

*There will be a sign up sheet,  
on the bulletin board, for small cleaning jobs around the church.*

*Time to spruce up.*

*Sign up for a couple of chores and date when it's completed.*

*We'd like them all done by Palm Sunday, April 13.*

*Thanks a ton.*





2-9-2025

Ryker and Lily Arne  
handing out Valentines



Augustana was one of the Uffda Grub Hut sponsors for Breakfast Rotary's Poles and Holes ice fishing derby. Thank you for helping Rotary raise money to donate back into our communities!

12-22-2025



Everett Score, Lily Arne, Etta Rotter, Ryan Francis,  
Ryker Arne, Cole Rotter & Axel Score




Happy 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Shirley (Purington)  
Looking fine at 89!!



THANK YOU · THANK YOU · THANK YOU

Thank you for your gift to Hospice of the Red River Valley.

We are honored to serve patients + families + couldn't without the support we receive from donors.



**Giving Hearts Day**  
**Thank you!**

Funds raised on Giving Hearts Day will be used to support our shelter, Mary's Place, and provide safety, hope, and healing for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

Your gift helps us provide critical services that empower survivors to rebuild their lives while also giving them a safe place to reside. Together we can fight domestic violence and foster safe, healthy families.

Thank you for sharing your heart with children and families in need.  
Together we can give hope.



Augustana member

On behalf of the residents and staff of Sunnyside, thank you for your generous donation!

Sincerely,  
Kleather Baer  
Life Enrichment Specialist

WELCA of Augustana -  
Thank you for showing your LOVE to the Club on Giving Hearts Day 2025!

Your gift will enhance opportunities for the 350+ youth we serve to explore more STEM, art + music activities.

Thanks,  
Carina



Breakfast  
**Rotary**   
Club of Detroit Lakes

District 5580

**Thank You** to everyone who fished, ate hotdish, took a chance with a raffle, sponsored ... our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Poles and Holes Fishing Derby! Our proceeds, from this event, get donated back into our area through supporting youth activities, literacy projects, children's programming, health and wellness initiatives... You support our event and we support our communities!  
Again, **THANK YOU!**



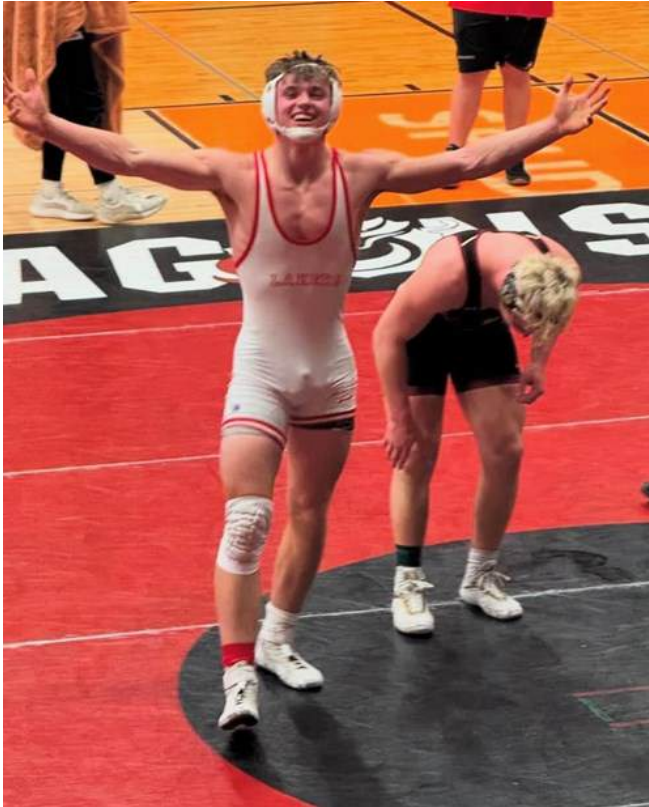
**CONGRATULATIONS Ryan!**

**Ryan Francis on his wrestling, qualifying to state Friday, Feb 28 & Saturday Mar 1, 2025 !!**

**Section AA State Bound!**

**Please keep Ryan in your prayers to keep him safe and healthy during this exciting adventure!**

**(Ryan is a very active, confirmed member of Augustana Lutheran Church.)**



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# EKSJO LUTHERAN NEWS



**Mission Statement:** Standing in God's grace, we seek to be the hands, feet and voice of Christ in our community and world.

## Eksjo Council

Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm

### Council Members

- Travis Amundson (701) 238-0126
- Melanie Hanson (Pres) (218) 530-0385
- Lisa Lindstrom (218) 850-4844
- Daryn Minske (218) 849-6334
- Janee Nelson Dehler (612) 619-3879
- Paul Rustad (VP) (701) 261-7681
- Rob Schwartz (Sec) (218) 532-2358
- Steven Westlund (218) 234-9413



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Lake Park, MN 56554

## March Schedule / Worship: 9:00 am

### Confirmation Schedule on page 7

- Mar 3: 6:30 pm LAMP Restructure meeting at Eksjo
- Mar 4: 4:00 pm Music & Worship Meeting
- Mar 5: **Ash Wednesday**  
6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship
- Mar 6: 6:00 pm Pottery Night / Buck's Mill
- Mar 8: 10:00 am Kindred Sisters / Janet Olson's
- Mar 12: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship
- Mar 17: 6:30 pm / Council Meeting
- Mar 19: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship
- Mar 20: 10:00 am Pastor leads Worship at Sunnyside
- Mar 24: **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- Mar 26: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship

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## Attention Coffee Servers

"If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to switch weekends with someone else. You can find the year's serving schedule in the serving booklet or on the calendar hanging by the dishwasher in the church kitchen."

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## Attention Ushers

Please start ringing the bell at 9:00 am



**Prayer Chain:** The prayer chain is in place, but new prayer warriors are always welcome.

Call Janet Olson at 218-238-5594 or 218-280-8685 to sign up or to request prayers. **"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."**

Matthew 6:8

## March Worship Assistants

Refer to your Worship Assistant Booklet for instructions

### READERS

### ACOLYTE

- |                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mar 2: Melissa Amundson | Nydia Mikkelsen              |
| Mar 9: John Francis     | Tydan Eiter / Maks Olson     |
| Mar 16: Tammy Anglin    | Emma Bjerke / Averi Hazelton |
| Mar 23: Paul Rustad     | Addison & Easton Welter      |
| Mar 30: Traci Raknerud  | Brooklyn & Ella Kirkevold    |

### USHERS

- Mar 2: Bruce Nelson, Davey Nelson, Jed Swegarden, Jud Komrosky
- Mar 9: Bruce Nelson, Davey Nelson, Jed Swegarden, Jud Komrosky
- Mar 16: Jim & Abby Anderson
- Mar 23: Craig & Sharon Schmidt
- Mar 30: Jeff & Lynn Sanborn, Dennis & Ruth Lerud

**\*\*Ushers** you will need to count the offering after church, record it on the spreadsheet behind the Altar, on the sheet indicated who counted it, and who they gave it to, then the offering must be given to a council member or Jeff Sanborn. If its given to a council member, that person would be responsible for dropping it off at Jeff's house. **Make sure you email the Attendance and Offering to Dawn at the office.**

### COFFEE SERVERS

- Mar 2: Andrea Pollock / Maria Alder
- Mar 9: Rita Westlund / Cynthia Westlund
- Mar 16: Britney Ronning / Sharon Schmitt
- Mar 23: Melany Wynn / Laura Bergren
- Mar 30: Brooke Gardner / Becky Swegarden

### ALTAR GUILD

March: Laura Bergren / Melissa Amundson

### CHURCH CLEANERS

March: Dot Francis / Lynn Sanborn





# Eksjo Church Meeting Minutes • January 20, 2025 (Approved)



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**Present:** Rob Schwartz, Mel Hanson, Daryn Minske, Travis Amundson, Pastor Bob Kirchman, Treasurer Jeff Sanborn

**Absent:** Lisa Lindstrom, Traci Raknerud, Paul Rustad, Janee Dehler, Youth Director Cole Wixo,

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm / Pastor Bob opened with a devotional Psalm 16 and prayer.

**Previous meeting minutes:** Motion to approve previous minutes by Mel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Travis, motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Finished approx \$23,000 ahead budget, total Money Market earnings approx \$42,000, Oil rights were approx \$47,000. Audit will be conducted the morning of the annual meeting (Dot and Amy). Jeff is reconciling the debit card with receipts and description from Cole. Motion to move \$100,000 from our checking to the Money Market account by Mel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daryn, motion carried. Rob will work with Schwan to get this done. Motion to approve treasurers report by Rob, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daryn, motion carried.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor is visiting Ulen and Frazee nursing homes so mileage will be up a bit. Pastor requested Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, to go visit his brand new granddaughter, Congrats Pastor Bob and family! Pastor suggested the we can handle the worship service in his absence. Pastor will work with Cole to have the service outline ready.

**Youth Director Report:** Cole was absent but left a report for council which will be in the newsletter.

### Old Business:

**Eksjo / Augustana restructure update:** nothing new from Augustana on the contract supplied, Rob will follow up with the LAMP members after the annual meeting to get a meeting lined up for the end of February as discussed with both churches on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Light bulbs** have been installed in the sanctuary and basement hallway.

**TV purchase was cancelled:** Refunded as there was more discussion that seemed to point to need more research done to ensure we understand what it would be used for, who would manage it (if wanting to put the service on it, etc.).

**Stoles / Banner:** no new updates.

### New Business:

**Oil rights zoom call:** met with Mark Sugden Pemberton Law Firm about the oil rights, Janee, Jeff, Rob, Mel, and Pastor Bob attended, very informative and exciting. Mark seemed very knowledgeable with ND oil rights and shared a lot of information in easy to understand language, we agreed that hiring them would be the right decision to represent Eksjo to navigate these investments. Mel shared information from a person she found online that was managing oil rights for themselves and their church and was nice enough to go over some of the offers Eksjo had received over the past few months, and had some great suggestions about Lease terms, supplying our own contact for the companies to, and other items. Rob made a motion to hire Mark Sugden from Pemberton Law firm in Alexandria with regards to Eksjo's oil rights, 2<sup>nd</sup> Travis, motion carried. Jeff will reach out to them to let them know and will follow with them about a potential property claim in MN, making sure we have staked our claim on all our rights, along with getting all of our oil rights on a spreadsheet (it was discussed we may have 8 or 9 of them).

**Website:** Rob has been working on getting the Eksjo website up and running again with Kevin Mitchell. Rob as been working redesigning the website, he is asking for help with ideas, content, pictures, etc. Please reach out to Rob to help him. Rob can easily add the content, but needs assistance from members developing the content for it.

**Lenten Services:** Pastor indicated Eksjo will have all Lenten services, including Maundy Thursday service, will plan to service light meal prior to the services / Rob will get with Cole to work with the Kitchen staff to get a plan together involving the confirmation kids.

**Weather Closure:** Discussed all option to get the word out as soon as possible, Rob will follow up with Cole to see he received the admin access for letting the TV stations know about potential cancelations.

**Thank you's** to Volunteers / we plan to take a moment at the annual meeting to thank all of the volunteers.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm .

*Respectfully submitted by Rob Schwartz*







**Church Cleaning Schedule Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board before you enter the kitchen area. Months Needed : April, July, and December.**

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**Eksjo's new**



Rob is working on redesigning the Eksjo website, he needs assistance from members to provide the **Content** for the website such as history, stories, ideas, pictures, etc.

Please reach out to him at 612-804-8082 or rschwartz50@hotmail.com

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS: <https://eksjolutheranchurch.org/>

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We will be creating a supplement page to the church directory. If you missed getting your picture in before, please send one in now. Also, please take time to review the already published book and let me know if your information needs to be edited.

Thank you, Janee Nelson Dehler. / janeedeehler@hotmail.com or text to 612-619-3879.



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Two volunteers are needed to serve on Altar Guild for November at Eksjo. Contact Joyce Newton if you would be willing to volunteer. (701-730-5950).

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**Thank You  
Mark Palm  
for keeping our  
parking lot clean!**





Eksjo will again be ordering plants for Easter Sunday from Bergen's. If you would like to purchase a plant for the altar, please contact Joyce Newton at [ajnewton@arvig.net](mailto:ajnewton@arvig.net) or call / text 701-730-5950.



Plants may be given in honor or memory of someone.  
**Orders must be received BY March 13<sup>th</sup>.**

| <u>Plants Available:</u>                                    | <u>Number of Plants</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6" Easter Lilies - \$9.00 ( <i>Classic White</i> )          | _____                   |
| 6" Asiatic Lilies - \$9.00 ( <i>Assorted Colors</i> )       | _____                   |
| 10" Easter Lilies Triple - \$24.00 ( <i>Classic White</i> ) | _____                   |
| 9" Hydrangea - \$29.00                                      | _____                   |
| 6.5" Mum - \$9.00 ( <i>assorted colors</i> )                | _____                   |
| 5" Azaleas - \$13.00 ( <i>assorted colors</i> )             | _____                   |

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Attached is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies/Plant(s)  
*Checks made payable to Eksjo Altar Guild.*

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you for sharing with us  
 you may take your plant home after the Easter Worship Service*





2-21-2025 L

43 students stayed overnight at the church. We started the evening off with some devotions on kindness and inclusion and then played team building games for the first 3 hours.

At midnight we ate pizza and then students were able to watch movies or play games until breakfast the next morning.

A huge thank you to Rachael Johnson, Tom & Sarah Kleven, Marie & Kraig Nelson, Liz Wixo, Joe Conrad, Toby Eiter, Steph & Bernie Poegel for chaperoning all night and helping put the church back together the next morning.



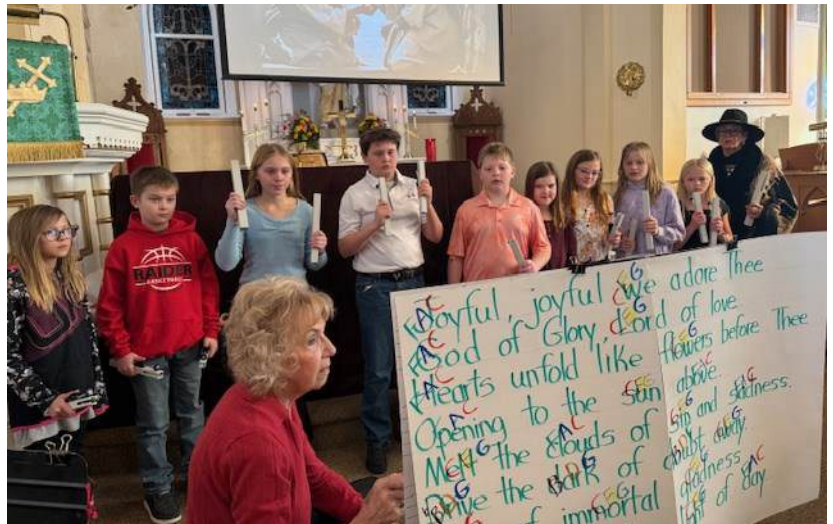
Cole Wixo Ava Poegel Addie Schwartz



Cole Wixo Ciara Johnson Haley Sandland.



Bobbie leading Sunday School kids in singing



2-23-2025

Student Led Worship Service at Eksjo  
The confirmation students picked the readings, music and helped format the service.  
Two children's messages using puppets.  
Joseph and his brothers / Samson and Delilah.  
Congregational message was in the form of a skit titled "Who is the REAL Jesus?"  
Students did a great job!  
A must do again!



Camden Kleven playing the Ukulele

