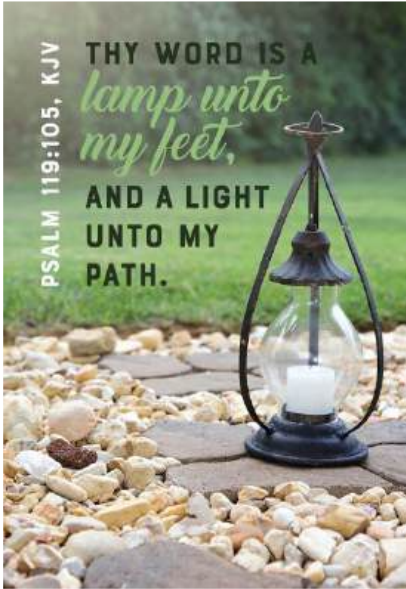




LAKES AREA MINISTRY PARTNERS
Augustana & Eksjo Lutheran Church
of Detroit Lakes and Lake Park



APRIL
2025



LENTEN SERVICES

- 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 / Eksjo: 6:00 pm Seder Meal
- Apr 18: *Good Friday* / Augustana: 5:00 pm Service / Eksjo: 6:00 pm Meal · 7:00 pm Service
- Apr 20: *Easter Sunday*





April 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Color Chart: ALL: Green Eksjo: Blue Augustana: Red Pastor Bob: Purple Youth / Cole: Orange</p> <p>Worship Times E: 9:00 am A: 10:45 am</p>		<p>1 10:30a Text</p> <p>4:00p Music & Worship</p> <p>7:00p Theology on Tap</p>	<p>2 A: 10:00a Bible Study</p> <p>LENT Services A: 5:00p Worship E: 6:00p Meal E: 7:00p Worship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:45-8:20a</p> <p>YOUTH BIBLE STUDY </p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Communion</p>	<p>7 E: Quilting 10:00a - 4:00p</p> <p>E: 7:00p ZOOM Prayer Gathering ALL WELCOME</p>	<p>8 10:30a Text</p> <p>A: 10:00a Quilting</p> <p>A: 9:30a Council</p>	<p>9 A: 10:00a Bible Study</p> <p>LENT Services A: 5:00p Worship E: 6:00p Meal E: 7:00p Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 E: 10:00a Kindred Sisters Place: TBD</p>
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<p>20 Communion</p> <p></p> <p>Easter</p>	<p>21 Office Closed</p> <p></p> <p>E: Quilting 10:00a - 4:00p E: 6:30p Council E: 7:00p ZOOM Prayer Gathering ALL WELCOME</p>	<p>22 10:30a Text</p>	<p>23 A: 10:00a Bible Study</p> <p></p> <p>Confirmation E: 6:00 Meal 6:30 Class</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Communion</p>	<p>28 </p> <p>E: 7:00p ZOOM Prayer Gathering ALL WELCOME</p>	<p>29 10:30a Text</p> <p>9:00a WELCA Conference 6 Spring Gathering</p>	<p>30 A: 10:00a Bible Study</p> <p></p> <p>Confirmation E: 6:00 Meal 6:30 Class</p>			<p></p>



LAMP PARISH NEWS

LAMP: Lakes Area Ministry Partners
 Augustana & Eksjo Lutheran Churches of Detroit Lakes and Lake Park



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TO KEEP INFORMED

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



> **ATTENTION** <
 April 28

If Newsletter items are not in there the office **BY the Deadline**, there will be no guarantee that it will get in the Newsletter.

**Attention:
 LAMP
 Graduates**



2025 LAMP Officers

President: N/A Financial Officer: Cynthia Westlund

2025 LAMP BOARD MEMBERS:

Augustana Lutheran:
 Eksjo Lutheran: Ila Lindstrom / Rob Schwartz

LAMP Parish Staff

Office: (218) 238 - 5762 lamp@arvig.net
 PO Box 327 or 409 Lake Street, Lake Park, MN 56554
 Pastor: Bob Kirchman 218-533-0323 / bobkirchman23@gmail.com
 Admin Asst: Dawn Moore 218-238 - 5762 lamp@arvig.net

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 * 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

I will be emailing all Graduates a questionnaire for them to fill out. Please return to the LAMP office ASAP / BY April 21. I would like to have the information for the May Newsletter, along with a Senior picture.

You may mail, e-mail (lamp@arvig.net) or drop off at the LAMP office.
 (There is a mailbox you may put it in.)

Senior Recognition Sunday

Eksjo: May 4, 2025

Augustana: N/A



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), Brad Lindblad (grandson of Kay Lindblad), 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



Our deepest sympathy to family and friends of DeLoyne Nelson. DeLoyne passed away Sunday, March 2, at Essentia Health, Detroit Lakes. Memorial Service was held Saturday March 8, at Eksjo Lutheran Church. Her final resting place will be at Strandvik Cemetery at a later date.

Wright Funeral Home

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Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Alden Mitchell. Alden passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Alden is the son of Greg & Piper and grandson of Kevin & Becky Mitchell. Celebration of Life Service was held on Sunday, March 16 at The Pines Venue in Davenport, ND.



*Please keep DeLoyne's & Alden's families and friends in your prayers.*



**Eleanore Anne Score**

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**Parents: Jacob & Alexandria Score**

**Sponsors: Erik & Berit Score**

**Lindsey Sternberg**

**Welcome to the LAMP family!**



## Augustana / Eksjo LAMP Restructure Meeting Minutes · March 3, 2025 · Approved



**Attending:** Interim Pr. Bob Kirchman, Arden Shustad, Marlys Skogmo, John Osborne, Kathy Michaelson, Mary Rotter, Rick Michaelson, Eksjo congregation Council, Cole Wixo.

**Absent:** Chris Nybo

This meeting was held at Eksjo church.

The meeting was opened by Melanie Hanson.

Pr. Kirchman read a short devotion, followed by a prayer.

The purpose of this meeting is to present and discuss Augustana congregation council's counter offer to Eksjo council's proposed contractual agreement offer.

Augustana's counter offer was presented to Eksjo council. Most of the explanation of Eksjo council's position was handled by Rob Schwartz, although others did participate. All members of Augustana did participate in the discussion. Eksjo council went through the proposed parish agreement and rejected all changes and additions Augustana council had proposed. The only exception Eksjo offered was that Augustana would receive two seats on the Pastor call committee and Eksjo would receive an unlimited number which would be determined by Eksjo council when the committee was being formed. The call committee would not have decision making power, but would only be able to make a recommendation to Eksjo congregation for the final call vote. Other than that one provision, the new agreement would be contractual. Eksjo would employ the Pastor and administrative assistant, and Augustana would pay a monthly amount of \$3,500 to Eksjo for Pastoral and office services. The contract would be for two years. Eksjo was asked how the \$3,500 service fee was arrived at since Augustana is currently paying about \$3,220 / month under the current LAMP partnership. Rob explained that Eksjo council felt this was a good number based on what Augustana had been paying for the last three years, and that this amount would be locked in for two years. So even though Augustana would be paying much more the first year, there would be no price increase the second year. Rob was asked what would happen after the second year. He replied that Eksjo council would review the expenses at that time and adjust the price to Augustana as they saw fit. There would not be a written out formula, it would simply be based on what the Eksjo council deemed appropriate.

Eksjo was asked about future plans of operation. Rob stated they planned to proceed as follows: 1) both Pastor Kirchman and Dawn the administrative assistant, would need to be terminated from their current positions. 2) a call for employment would be extended to Pr. Kirchman to be the permanent Pastor at Eksjo. Synod Bishop Tesh has already been consulted and is ok with this. 3) Dawn would be asked to be the administrative assistant for Eksjo church.

In addition, the following items would need to be completed before or shortly after Eksjo leaves LAMP. The treasury would need to be audited, funds dispersed to the two congregations, the LAMP treasury accounts would be closed, the LAMP sign at LAMP office would need to be taken down and a new one installed.

Toward the end of the meeting Eksjo council members said they would write up the proposed contractual agreement and send it to Augustana for approval. Augustana members said they would review it at the next council meeting on March 11, 2025.

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

## **Eksjo / Augustana LAMP Restructure Meeting Minutes · March 3, 2025 · Approved**

6:30 pm @ Eksjo Lutheran Church



**Present:** most Council members from Augustana and Eksjo. LAMP members from Eksjo. A few Members from Augustana, Pastor Bob, and Eksjo Youth Director, Cole Wixo.

Pastor Bob opened with devotionals and prayer.

Mel began discussion with going over changes suggested by Augustana vs the Eksjo proposed contract, Mel discussed the spirit of the document was to establish a contractual agreement rather than continue on with an arrangement that requires increased volunteers and complexity.

John inquired about why the need to change now, he cited past Eksjo congregations had been part of parish agreements. Rob responded by indicating that change was necessary due to lack of membership to the parish, 3 out of the 5 churches had dropped out since its inception, leaving an additional layer of complexity that is unnecessary, LAMP is not functioning the way it was intended with many aspects of the agreement not being fulfilled. Eksjo has a 72% financial responsibility but with has an equal voice on decisions, 2 Eksjo members are completing different payroll (1 for LAMP and 1 for Eksjo's Youth Director), difficulty locating volunteers to serve on committees such as LAMP, Rob expects by moving to a contractual relationship that it will not change the day to day things that happen at our respective churches but will streamline the administrative processes that each church has been accountable for in the past.

The group continued on making headway through the rest proposed changes, each side discussed their perspectives and both sides were mostly agreeable to the initial Eksjo contract with a few minor changes.

Then the topic of having Augustana members participate in Pastor or Operational changes, Eksjo accepted the request to have 2 members from Augustana participate in the Call process. The group then moved into the financial obligations section where both sides felt strongly; then after some discussion about how the financial ratio was calculated under LAMP – there was concern from Augustana that the \$3,500 proposed cost was created with no basis, Eksjo shared what Augustana had been paying in recent years (2024: \$3,522, 2025: \$3,233 was cited) and indicated that the number was an average over the past 3 years which seemed reasonable to Eksjo, and the contract would be locked for 2 years starting in 2026 - through 2027 - Eksjo would be the one shouldering the risks of any potential increases to costs, while Augustana would have a set fee for 2 years. After some discussion it seemed that an agreement was made to accept Eksjo's proposal on the costs.

With no other changes or discussion to be had, members thanked each other for the time on this.

Pastor Bob closed with the Lord's prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by Rob Schwartz / Eksjo Secretary*



From the desk of Pastor Bob Kirchman

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



During our bible study of the book of *Ephesians* at Augustana, we read in the first chapter that we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. For centuries, Christians have read this passage receiving great comfort from the knowledge that God has given us everything we need to be God's children. We have not been short-changed. We have been chosen. We have been blessed. We know who God is. We know God is in charge. We know that God loves us. God promises us that we have what we need to live life.

We have the tools, the skills, or at the least the potential to get the skills and tools we need to do God's work. God does not choose the qualified. God qualifies the chosen. You have been chosen. You are being made qualified.

However, *Ephesians 1* is more than a comfort, a reassurance, a reminder of who God is and what God does for us. It is telling us that the church is a witness to the world. It has been given these amazing gifts from God. These gifts are a sign to the world that there is a God. We are created in the image of God. We are God-imagers. Our communities are God-imagers. In-complete yes. Filled with flawed people, yes. Sometimes a horrible a reflection of God, yes. But we remain God-imagers. We are people who can only live by the mercy of God. Life is hard, and we know it. And we can only live it with God.

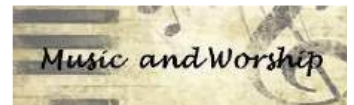
With God, we have gotten some things right. Our country, founded on the principles that every person has been given God-given rights. Every person is precious in the eyes of God, and therefore should be for us also. Slavery, segregation, and so many other "isms" are challenged by our God-based values. We continue to do things that God tells us to do: Worship. Study His Word. Work for Justice. Pray. Visit. Share the good news of God with the World. We do these things knowing that somehow, some way, they are what God wants us to do, and they are part of what God wants for creation.

AS we enter the Easter season, let us rejoice in the life that God provides for us.

Thanks. *In Christ, Pastor Bob*



### Worship Team Meeting Notes / March 11, 2025



**Present:** Bobbie C., Pr. Bob K., Diane M., Dawn M., Janee N., Marlys S., Cole W.

**Devotion:** Hope for Each Day Billy Graham Provided by Pr. Bob K.

**Purpose Statement Read:** The purpose of the Worship Team is: to help people spend time with God in worship, to educate people about God, strengthen community, reflect our community, (activities, events), and to welcome and invite input from others.

#### Agenda:

*Maudy Thursday Celebration on Sundays:* 10:00 Am Eksjo, 4:00 pm Augustana (Communion will be celebrated at Augustana) / Strip the Altar at both churches

*Lenten Bulletin Format*

*Lenten Worship Times:* Augustana: 5:30 pm, Eksjo 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. / *Good Friday:* Augustana 5:30 pm Eksjo 7:00 pm

*Songs Selected for March*

\*Bobbie and Jean will manage the stripping of the altar and draping the altar with black cloth.

Marlys will coordinate Augustana's efforts.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer / Meeting started 4:20 pm and ended 5:45 pm

*Respectfully submitted in Christ's Name Pastor Bob Kirchman*



## Cole's Youth Report / March 2025

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



1. First Communion Classes:
  - a. 7 students participated in three classes and received their First Communion on Sunday, March 2.
2. Bible Study at LPA
  - a. We meet on the first and third Friday mornings of the month before school.
    - i. Attendance was good (25 students at last meeting in February).
3. Pathways presented on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> promoting VBS which will be held at Eksjo the second week of July.
  - a. Each church will be responsible for their own children at \$50 per child. Any children who are not members to either of the 4 congregations, the cost will be split among the churches.
  - b. Each church will take a day to plan, prepare and serve a meal at Eksjo.
    - i. Meal Committee will be formed once LPL council approves their VBS participation.
  - c. Possible housing for counselors supplied by Kris (minister at St. Peter's).
    - i. Each church will help supply meals or money to provide food for counselors.
  - d. Bobbie and Jean Olson already planning decorations for the church. Pathways was excited to hear about this. They said it is becoming rare for churches to decorate around the theme, so they loved the idea when we reached out to them.
  - e. I think we should have an outdoor celebration in May to get kids pre-registered for the July 6-10 VBS.
4. Looking at forming a Youth Committee for feedback, ideas, and planning help. 3 parents have volunteered to join so far. Anyone is welcome to Join, please contact Cole if interested. 😊
  - a. Endowment fund ideas: Sunday school room, flexible youth space in basement, mission trip, transportation, etc...
5. March 23 Rend Collective concert in Fargo.
  - a. 30 tickets purchased (22 kids, 8 parents).
6. March 30<sup>th</sup> Bowling at Voyager Lanes with our 3 other church partners
  - a. See flyers in basement
  - b. Open to children of all ages (Sunday school- seniors in high school).
  - c. Each church will pay for their members.
7. 36 - hour youth mission trip planned for 1<sup>st</sup> week in August.
  - a. Students just completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade -9<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - b. Minneapolis most likely
    - i. Leave at 8 am for Twin Cities, mission work afternoon into evening.
    - ii. Stay overnight at a church with shower facilities.
    - iii. Fun next morning (Como Zoo possibly).
    - iv. Return by 8 pm the next day
8. Confirmation Students will be serving a Pancake Breakfast: including Sausage, Fruit, Juice and Coffee





### Eksjo's Confirmation Schedule

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

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

April 13: Sunday School / Palm Sunday Church Helpers / Noisy Offering  
April 27: Sunday School / Parable of Seeds and Soil / Noisy Offering  
May 4: Sunday School / Clean Ditches with Congregation / Noisy Offering  
May 11: Sunday School / Mother's Day Church Helpers / Share about Sunday School / Noisy Offering



### Youth Bible Study

1st & 3rd Friday of the month / 7:45 - 8:20 am  
held at LPA High School · Room 212



What: Vacation Bible School / Pathways Leadership

Theme: "Word of Life"

Who: Grades K – 6<sup>th</sup>

When: July 6 -10 / Time 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Theme: "Word of Life"

Where: Eksjo Lutheran Church



# PROUD OF OUR LAMP YOUTH!!

## CONGRATULATIONS Ryan Francis!

He placed 6th in State!

He upset the # 2 AA ranked wrestler from Simley and also the # 8 AA wrestler from Totino – Grace and the # 9 AA wrestler from DGF!  
He had an amazing weekend!



## Congratulations Lydia Wixo! MMTA State Piano Winner

After advancing from the NorthWest Preliminary Competition to the Minnesota State Competition, Lydia Wixo's piano solo performance scored a "winner" at the MMTA (Minnesota Music Teachers Association) State Piano Contest held at Ferguson Hall, University of Minnesota campus. This is a great achievement as only 10 percent or less of the state's division participants are declared "winners". Her memorized, expertly executed piano solo was "Ballade" by Burgmuller.

As a winner, Lydia will perform in the Honors Concert, Saturday, May 31 at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium in the Intermediate A (ages 14,15) division ensembles. In preparation for the Honors Concert Lydia will be mastering an ensemble piece and attending four metro rehearsals.

Piano ensemble performers play on 20 grand pianos on the Convention Center stage. This is a huge honor.

Congratulations Lydia!

Lydia is the daughter of Cole and Lizanne Wixo.  
Her piano teacher is Diane Jordan.





# Attention Eskjo Women / WELCA

Save the Date: 9/19 - 20/2025  
NWMN Synodical Womens Organization  
Annual Convention



## Spring Gathering



WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
Conference 6

WHEN  
Tuesday, April 29

WHERE  
Calvary Lutheran Church  
619 3rd Avenue S.W.  
Perham

REGISTRATION  
9-9:30 a.m.

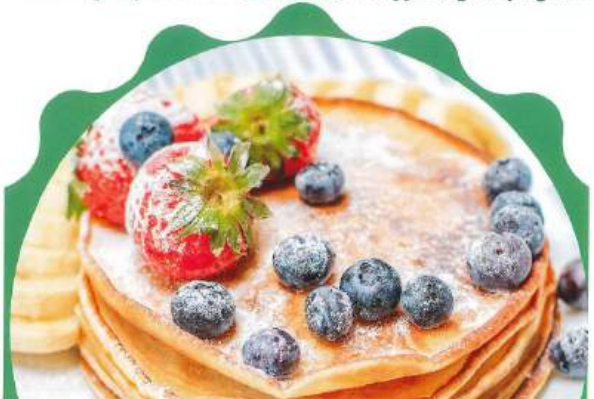
BIBLE STUDY  
Pastor Erin Bovendam  
Calvary Lutheran  
Perham

PROGRAM: *BIO Girls*  
A non-profit program to  
increase self esteem in  
adolescent girls.

REGISTER BY  
April 21

*Palm Sunday*  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
Sunday, April 13

- Free to all
- Following Sunday school program
- Served by Eksjo Youth as a **Thank YOU** for supporting our programs



## Upcoming April LAMP Events

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- Apr 1: 4:00 pm Music & Worship Meeting  
7:00 pm / Theology on Tap
- Apr 13: *Palm Sunday*
- Apr 15: 7:00 pm / Theology on Tap
- Apr 17: *Maundy Thursday* / No services  
\*\*Seder Meal (Traditional Passover Meal)
- Apr 18: *Good Friday*
- Apr 20: *Easter Sunday*
- Apr 28: **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- Apr 29: WELCA Conference 6 Spring Gathering



LPA Day of Caring 2025  
Project Request Form



Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Project Request Deadline—April 18<sup>th</sup> 2025

Forms are available at the LAMP office



EKSJO  
**SEDER MEAL**

- THURSDAY, APRIL 17  
~ 6:00 PM



# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN NEWS



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

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

### Augustana Council

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Marlys Skogmo, Pres/Music    | 218-849-0928 |
| Arden Shulstad, V Pres/Prop  | 218-342-3356 |
| 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 |



21896 Cty Hwy 22  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

### **Music & Worship:**

Marlys Skogmo 218-849-0928

### **Women of Augustana:**

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Shirley Purington, Pres | 218-439-6610 |
| Alex Score, SS Treas    | 218-841-4464 |

**April Worship: 10:45 am**

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

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

**Apr 1:** 4:00 pm Music & Worship Meeting

**Apr 2:** 5:00 pm Lenten Service

**Apr 8:** 9:30 am Council Meeting

**Apr 9:** 5:00 pm Lenten Service

**Apr 13:** Sunday School / Noisy Change

4:00 pm Maundy Service

**Apr 18:** 5:00 pm Good Friday Worship

**Apr 27:** Sunday School / Noisy Change

**Apr 28: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**



## April Worship Assistants

|                | Reader  | Server             |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| <b>Apr 6:</b>  | Mary    | **Cupboard Cookies |
| <b>Apr 13:</b> | Kristin | **Cupboard Cookies |
| <b>Apr 20:</b> | Rick    | Easter             |
| <b>Apr 27:</b> | Kathy   | Rick & Kathy       |

**April Ushers:** Eric R, Etta R, Steve B,

**\*\*Communion Assistants: EVERY SUNDAY IN APRIL**

**Apr 6:** Sue / **13:** Shirley / **20:** Arden / **27:** Rick

[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.

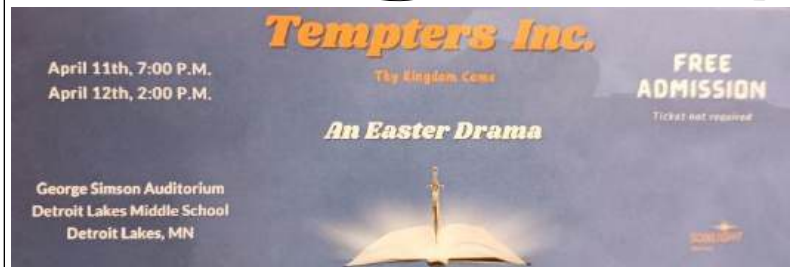
**Coffee Servers:** Please sweep coffee room each Sunday following fellowship and please take dirty towels/dish rags home and wash and return them. **Note:** When it's **Cupboard Cookie Sunday** please jump in to help out: set up, make coffee, count the coffee money, sweep, load & start dishwasher, shut 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.



To donate electronically please scan the PayPal QR code.

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



**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!**



## Augustana Board Meeting Minutes • February 11, 2025 • Approved



**Present:** Mary, Chris, Arden, Marlys, Kathy, John / Additional Attendee: Rick

**Secretary's Report** previously approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Early in the new year. Not much going on. Normal expenses. Noted that more members are paying periodically through their retirement accounts ... so not weekly / monthly. Motion to approve: Arden / Mary

### **Committee Reports:**

**Evangelism:** Signage at Poles and Holes Derby; up-coming Girl Scout Cookie labeling / give away. Christmas Eve service advertising was good. New messages on roadside sign.

**Property:** Nothing out of the ordinary

**Social Ministry:** No Report

**Christian Ed:** Noisy Change deposited; SS made and handed out Valentines, Etta and friends made Valentines to hand out through Confirmation at First Lutheran; Noisy Change will purchase some Girl Scout Cookies along with the church (we have been buying the cookies through a local Scout ... Jake Score's niece is now in Scouts in Texas ... we can send some sales her way next year).

**Worship / Music:** Lent Services weekly at Augustana at 5:00 (no food). Eksjo will hold their services at 7:00.

**Holy Week:** Palm Sunday 10:45 with Maundy Thursday Services that Sunday at 4:00 pm. This afternoon service will be held in the coffee room and soup will be served. Following the coffee area service, we will go in silence and remove the Paraments. Good Friday Service at 4:30. Easter at 10:45. Mary and Marlys will talk with Audrey to play slower and lower the octave.

**Approval of all reports:** Motion Kathy / Mary

**Old Business:** Eksjo and Augustana partnership ... will be reviewed following the meeting.

**New Business:** In the past we had an issue of some folks not feeling included in our church. Single parents, Gay couples ... inclusive wording was not being used. We are sending apology cards with an invitation that if they have not found a church, we'd love to have them.

Noted that the ELCA has passed a decision that all churches, regardless of size, receive equal voting on issues.

**Donations were approved:** for the Audubon Fire Department and purchase of Girl Scout cookies for Advertising / Evangelism / Supporting Scouts. Motion Arden / Chris

**Adjourned.**

*Respectfully Submitted by John Osborne*



**“May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us this day.**

**May this meal be blessed as we gather to celebrate together.**

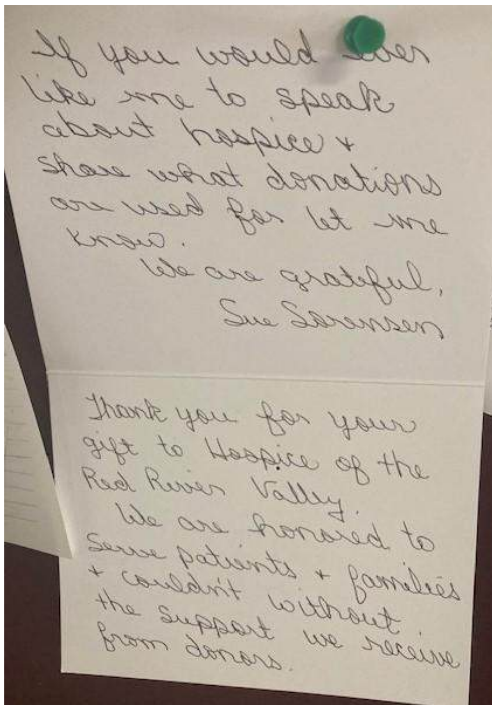
**May your love be shared amongst us as we enjoy the gift of fellowship.**

**May we remember to give out grace and forgiveness that you have freely given us.**

**And may we always give thanks for your sacrificial love. Amen.”**



Thank You • Thank You • Thank You



## THANK YOU!

Thanks to you, and hundreds of others who put their Hearts (and credit cards) In Action, Giving Hearts Day 2025 was a tremendous success! Your support allows us to make every moment matter, whether it's another fishing trip like Walter's or time spent with family and friends. We could not do it without you.


With Gratitude,

*Lance Copier*



February 25, 2025

Augustana Lutheran Church  
Attn: Mariys Skogmo  
21896 Cty Hwy 22  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501



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St. Mary's Foundation

Dear Mariys and Friends,


On behalf of the Essentia Health St. Mary's Foundation, I would like to extend to you our most heartfelt thanks for your gift of \$200. One hundred percent of your donation will go toward the Essentia Health Oak Crossing Family Council Fund.

Generous donations like this are vital to supporting specific programs, technology and facility improvements which advance our vision to serve our community's health with spirit and humanity. It is through donations like this we are able to provide health care services which might not otherwise be available in our community.

We acknowledge receipt of this contribution to Essentia Health St. Mary's Foundation and thank you for your generosity.

If you have any questions regarding your gift, please contact our office at 218-847-0867 or by email at [Zheni.Goodrich@EssentiaHealth.org](mailto:Zheni.Goodrich@EssentiaHealth.org).

Sincerely,



Zheni Goodrich  
Program Director – Major Gifts  
Essentia Health St. Mary's Foundation

**Spring Cleaning is here! Yeah Spring!**

**There is 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.**

**Thanks to all who spread goodwill**

**with our Girl Scout cookies!**

**"Trust in the Lord," Proverbs 3:5**

**Augustana Lutheran Church**

**21896 County Road 22, Detroit Lakes**



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skills to succeed in the future



# 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

### April Schedule / Worship: 9:00 am Confirmation Schedule on page 7

- Apr 1: 4:00 pm Music & Worship Meeting
- Apr 2: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship
- Apr 9: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship
- Apr 12: 10:00 am Kindred Sisters
- Apr 17: 6:00 pm Seder Meal
- Apr 18: Good Friday: 6:00 pm Meal / 7:00 pm Worship
- Apr 21: Easter Monday / 6:30 pm Council Mtg
- Apr 28: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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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

Check out the  
Fair Trade items for sale!



**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

### April Worship Assistants

Refer to your Worship Assistant Booklet for instructions

#### READERS

- Apr 6: Joyce Newton
- Apr 13: Jeff Sanborn
- Apr 20: Terri Nelson
- Apr 27: Marcene Carlson

#### ACOLYTE

- Nydia Mikkelsen
- Addison & Easton Welter
- Nydia Mikkelsen
- Addison & Easton Welter

#### USHERS

- Apr 6: Vance Larson / Bruce & Melanie Hanson
  - Apr 13: **Palm Sunday** / Vance Larson / Bruce & Melanie Hanson
  - Apr 20: **Easter** / Cory & Holly Christianson family
  - Apr 27: Cory & Holly Christianson family
- \*\*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 it's 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

- Apr 6: Carly Olson / Lori Thompson
- Apr 13: Confirmation Students serving Pancake Breakfast
- Apr 20: **Easter**
- Apr 27: Ruth Lerud / Stacy Westlund / Joyce Newton

#### ALTAR GUILD

April: Abby Anderson / Sheila Nelson

#### CHURCH CLEANERS

April: Janet Olson





## Eksjo Church Meeting Minutes · February 17, 2025 (Approved)



**Present:** Rob Schwartz, Mel Hanson, Daryn Minske, Travis Amundson, Pastor Bob Kirchman, Treasurer Jeff Sanborn, Lisa Lindstrom, Steve Westlund, Paul Rustad, Janee Dehler, Youth Director, Cole Wixo

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Pastor Bob opened with a devotional Psalm 1 and prayer.

**Election of Officers:** President: Mel H / V Pres: Paul R / Secretary: Rob S / LAMP Officer: Rob S

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

**Treasurer Report:** No treasurers report (PC problems). Jeff reported that he received a letter from Elroy Hanson attorney in Mahnomen about renewing oil rights and that we are ok, and they will plan to check them yearly to make sure nothing changes. Jeff to follow up with Mark from Pemberton about lease options discussed in January.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor supplied council with a flow chart of managing complex changes, he used the TV as an example where the action plan was not developed on how to ensure its use. Ideas about how to implement were shared, the main concern is having members work the computer / PowerPoint during the service. Dawn said she was open to learning how to put it on PowerPoint. There is strong interest in seeing this through but we need volunteers that could be accountable to help on Sundays. The LAMP computer is on its last leg, apparently today was a dreadful experience. Rob will report to LAMP about buying a computer, it was suggested to reach out Lakes Computer to get a bid and setup / transfer of old files. The Bishop suggested we should adopt the current model Constitution, discussion followed, no action taken. 1 funeral was performed for Larry Olson. Lenten services will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday's (meal served before services) and Good Friday, there will be no Maundy Thursday services. Easter service at 9:00 am.

**Youth Director Report:** Cole reported expenditures, activities coming up such as the student led services for the 2/22 service, the lock in is planned for 2/20, and the bible study at the High School has been well attended with more students coming each time and even a teacher. Cole would like the Youth and Family Committee to start back up to help brainstorm ideas for the future of the youth, please let him know if you are interested, he is looking for ideas. Also he has started "Evangelical Leaders of Faith" (ELF) a student group working to advance things that are important to the youth of our area.

### Old Business:

*Stoles/Banners:* Nothing new / Pastor Bob and Janee will review the church catalogue for some viable options.

*Website:* suggestions such as "meet the staff" (photos / bios), add Committees, Youth and Family summary,

Confirmation class info, trying to add relevant information that is fairly static with updates just a few times a year.

*LAMP Restructure:* Next meeting planned for 3/3 at 6:30 pm at Eksjo.

*Unclaimed funds:* Jeff is still working on this.

### New Business:

*Newsletter:* remove the attendance & offering / Bob will work on a attendance report to share with Dawn for newsletter.

*Ashley Stumbo Benefit:* raised over \$9,000 in just a few hours on Sunday. Mel made a motion to donate \$5,000 to Ashley Stumbo from the David Larson tithing funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daryn. Motion carried.

*Basement Renovation:* Mel brought removing the old bathroom (boxed in area where the switches are), then Travis discussed replacing the 2 basement doors, and then a discussion followed about potentially looking at a large renovation / addition to the church – pros for this could be improving access to the building such as a car port covered area, drop off of area, formal entrance, handicap accessible bathrooms, new dining area, moving the church office to the Church, re-purposing the office to youth area. Many good ideas were shared, and members seemed open to hearing some proposals. It was discussed to try to get a tiered bid with all options to see where the costs would end up.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by Rob Schwartz / Eksjo Council Secretary



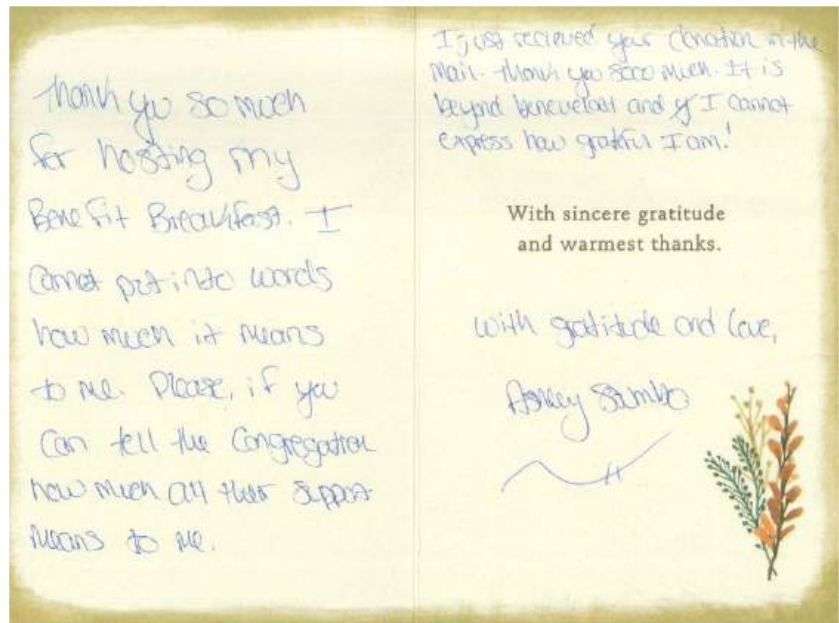


**The Lord's Blessings to you on your  
First Communion March 2, 2025**



Nicholas Abbot  
Aubrey Christianson  
Ainsley Jacobson  
Jackson Krogen  
Karyn Krogen  
Haley Sandland  
Oakley Sommers

Join us on Palm Sunday for a special  
procession of Jesus with a live donkey!!



**Summer  
2025**



The Eksjo council approved up to a \$550 "campership" (scholarship) tonight for any students who want to attend a Christian based Bible camp this summer.

Cole has information on Pathways camps, and they are offering early bird pricing if the application is received by March 28th, so please let Cole or Dawn know ASAP.

If you have a different camp that you are partial to, as long as it is Christian based, the campership would be approved by the council as well.



**3-6-2025**

**WELCA Night with the Crafty Otter (Ceramics)**

**Top : Lynn Sanborn, Ruth Lerud, Holly Christianson,  
Dot Francis & Janet Olson**

**Right: Sara Kleven, Tammy Anglin**

**Bottom: Jean Olson, Val Alland, Melissa Amundson**



**Happy  
Easter!**





3-23-2025  
Rend Collective Concert at Bethel Church,  
Fargo  
Great Concert/ Sunday Night Worship  
30 Attendees





## Thank you to the following for sharing Easter Plants at Eksjo

*Vicki Alder in memory of family and friends*

*Travis & Melissa Amundson in honor of our three children and in memory of family who have passed*

*Jean Anderson in memory of loved ones*

*Jim & Abby Anderson in memory of Autumn Breeze Safar*

*Paul & Marcene Carlson in memory of our parents, brothers and grandson*

*Roberta Chatham in memory of my parents*

*Karen Daggett in memory of David Larson and the Larson commitment to Eksjo through the generations;  
In memory of August & Doris Nelson, Augie Nelson, Susan Bertelson, & Ron Nelson and the many  
generations of Nelsons dedicated to the church.*

*In honor of the many current members who work tirelessly on the future of Eksjo.*

*John & Dot Francis in honor of our kids and grandkids and in memory of sisters, parents and Grandma*

*Janee Nelson - Dehler in memory of parents August & Doris Nelson and sister Susan Bertelson*

*Karen Nelson in memory of Ron Nelson*

*Robert & Nancy Nelson in memory of wife Patty Nelson and parents August & Doris Nelson*

*Alan & Joyce Newton in memory of Layla Bernice Mileski and Lori Schulstad-Peterson*

*Janet Olson in memory of Rick Olson, Harriet Olson, Lyle Smith and Julie Fosse*

*Jean Olson in memory of Paul & Lyla Olson and Joan & Russell Scardino*

*Andrea Pollock in memory of Joey Mackner and Michael Heim*

*Rob, Jean, Addi & Ray Schwartz in memory of Mike Lockhart*

*Mike, DeeAnn, Adam, & Cody Wolfswinkel & family in memory of Elmer Wolfswinkel & Connie Johnson*



**Please take your plants home  
after the Easter worship service.**

