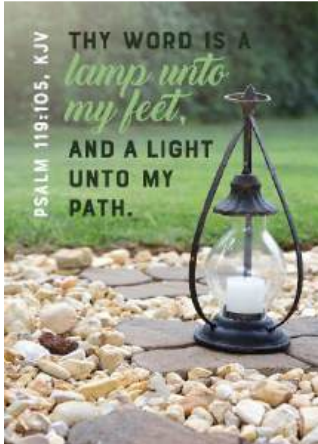


LAKES AREA MINISTRY PARTNERS
Augustana & Eksjo Lutheran Church
of Detroit Lakes and Lake Park



2025



7-10 JULY

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE CAMP

GRADES K-6

DAILY:
3:00-7:00 PM

THEME:
"WORD OF LIFE"
HOW GOD'S WORD
DRAWS NEAR THROUGH
TRUSTING, LISTENING,
SERVING, AND
FOLLOWING.

REGISTER:

ACTIVITIES:

- PATHWAYS COUNSELORS
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- GAMES
- SINGING
- BIBLE STORIES
- MEALS & SNACKS

LOCATION:
EKSJO LUTHERAN CHURCH



JULY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Color Chart: ALL: Green Eksjo: Blue Augustana: Red Pastor Bob: Purple Youth / Cole: Orange		1 10:30a Text	2  E: Outdoor Worship 6:30 - 7:00p ALL WELCOME! Come as you are!	3	4  Have a Safe 4 th of July	5
6 Communion  Holy Communion	7 E: Quilting 10:00a - 4:00p E: 7:00p ZOOM Prayer Gathering ALL WELCOME 3:00p - 7:00p 	8 10:30a Text 3:00p - 7:00p 	9 3:00p - 7:00p 	10 3:00p - 7:00p 	11	12
13 Communion  E: 1:00 pm at Amundson's (see page 9)	14 E: 7:00p ZOOM Prayer Gathering ALL WELCOME	15 10:30a Text	16  E: Outdoor Worship 6:30 - 7:00p ALL WELCOME! Come as you are!	17	18	19
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27	28  E: 7:00p ZOOM Prayer Gathering ALL WELCOME	29 10:30a Text	30  E: Outdoor Worship 6:30 - 7:00p ALL WELCOME! Come as you are!	31		



LAMP PARISH NEWS

LAMP: Lakes Area Ministry Partners
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2025 LAMP Officers

President: N/A Financial Officer: Cynthia Westlund

2025 LAMP BOARD MEMBERS:

Augustana Lutheran: Eric Rotter / Alex score (Jake Score / Alternate)
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

TO KEEP INFORMED

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



> ATTENTION <
July 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.

If no one is in the office and nonemergency,
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



POPE FRANCIS



Rivers do not drink their own water;
trees do not eat their own fruit.
The sun does not shine on itself,
flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.
Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born
to help each other, no matter how difficult it is.
Life is good when you are happy,
but much better when others are happy because of you 😊



Sunnyside Care Center

16561 US Hwy 10
Lake Park, MN 56554

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), Grant Feick (son of Petrice Balkan Greg Jensen), Tracey Ginnaty^(A), Connie Jahnke (mother of Liz Wixo), Marv & Iris Johnson^(A), Linda Maher^(A), Brad Lindblad (grandson of Kay Lindblad), Joe Morrison (friend of Joe Skogmo), Dan Olson (friend of Skogmo's), Kathy Omberg (sister of Rick Michaelson), Dannika Pollock^(E), Amy Porter^(E), Shirley Purington^(A), Ron Samuelson^(E), Ashley Stumbo, Jacob Thompson (son of Mike & Fran Thompson), 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, Joseph Peterson (son of Mike & Laura Bergren), Alex Strehlow (son of Anessa & Geminie Strehlow), Kellynn Zinck (niece of Janet Olson)



With Deepest Sympa




Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Jane Welken.

Barbara passed away Monday, June 2, 2025 at Lindstrom Senior Living. Funeral Service was held Saturday, June 14, at Zion Luther Church, Valley City ND. *Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND*



Please Join Us For A
Celebration of Life



In Memory of
Susan Renee Bertelson
(April 5, 1949 - November 6, 2024)
Eksjo Lutheran Church
11516 US-10, Lake Park, MN 56554
July 3, 2025 at 11:00am
Please join us for a lunch following the service.

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Patrica (Tricia) Joy Maloney. Tricia passed away Thursday, June 19, in her home, under the care of Hospice and her loving family. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 28, at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Audubon, MN. (Tricia was sister-in-law of Rick & Kathy Michaelson).

Tricia was a very kind loving person
and will be missed by many!

West-Kjos Funeral Home





Isaac James Day

Welcome
to Eksjo's Church Family



Benjamin Michael Decker

Isaac James Day
Sunday, May 25, 2025
Parents: Elliott & Nicole Day
Sponsors: Lisa Hartje & Ryan Hartje

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Benjamin Michael Decker

Sunday, June 8, 2025
Parents: Michael Decker & Brooke Gardner
Sponsors: Cole & Alexis Selmo

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Cora Jean Doeden

Cora Jean Doeden
Sunday, June 22, 2025
Parents: Travis & Haley Doeden
Sponsors: Justin & Caitlyn Mitchell
Michael Doeden

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Lucy Lorraine Raaen

Lucy Lorraine Raaen
Sunday, June 22, 2025
Parents: Carter & Kailee Raaen
Sponsors: Riley Lefebvre, Chelsey Sinner,
Carissa Raaen, Carl Lage



From the desk of Pastor Bob Kirchman



Jeremiah 29:10-12

¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

Ecclesiastes, "The Preacher", tells us that God has made the seasons of the year, the hours of the day, for specific activities. Many of us have prayed the prayer "God, give me patience, now." And so, we are aware of the frustrations of waiting for something we want. Jeremiah tells us that God was waiting for the time of Babylon to end so that God could put in motion God's plan for God's people. Here at Augustana and Eksjo, we have waited and are waiting.

Eksjo and Augustana have both decided that they want to be partners. Eksjo has decided, for now, that it will continue to rent out the land given to Eksjo by David Larson. Next, Eksjo will go through an abbreviated process to consider calling me to be your pastor on a permanent basis in hopes of holding a vote on me later this summer.

As we made these big decisions, several values became visible to us: Both churches asked themselves what is best for the ministry? And we worried about causing division and conflict. We have a lot of confidence in our ability to handle problems which may develop. We imagined possible consequences to our decisions and asked ourselves how we might cope with them. We had to ask ourselves if we want to keep going what we have going. So I think harmony / peacefulness, stability / steadiness, and care for people's feelings are big values here at Eksjo / Augustana. One issue is that we ask a lot from our leaders. We need to make it easier for our leaders to be leaders.

As a community we have many concerns. World peace, the quality of our school, social injustice, the breakdown of the family, etc. but as a community we need to decide where we can make a difference. We are doing that.

In Christ's Name, Pastor Bob

Father, keep us safe, as we celebrate ...

our country's freedoms that have made us great.

Let us not go further, down the road of sin. Help us to turn from the wickedness within.

Bring us back, to trusting in You give this Nation a heart that is new.

Make us humble, let us see our shame so we can prayerfully call upon Your name.

Heal our land, scour out the pride so You can be once again our guide.

Father, keep us safe, until such a time this Nation comes out of its downward climb!



Cole's Youth Report / June 2025

Youth Director Cole Wix: 701-361-5973 / colewix@gmail.com



1. Pathways VBS which will be held at Eksjo the second week of July.
 - a. Terri & Bruce Nelson graciously offered their late mother's house during the week that the counselors will be here. **THANK YOU, Terri & Bruce!!!** 😊 😊 😊
 - b. Jean Olson and Bobbie are heading up the staging of the church basement to have 4 stations which will represent each of the daily themes during the week.
 - c. Thursday there will be a BBQ picnic and performance by students showcasing the songs and content they learned. We will also go to Sunnyside Care Center at 3:00 on Thursday and share our songs with the residents there before coming to Eksjo.
2. Confirmation:
 - a. The following 14 students are recommended to be confirmed in October of 2025:
 - i. Parker Amundson, Emma Bjerke, Tyden Eiter, Averil Hazelton, Brooklyn Kirkevold, Kylie Kirkevold, Maks Olson, Ava Poegel, Hailey Pollock, Addi Schwartz, Rowen Thompson, Addison Welter, Lydia Wix, Livy Thomason.
3. Sunday school room discussion among the Youth Council (\$5,000 budget):
 - a. Two new sections of cabinetry and counter space along the east wall between the first two partitions.
 - b. Find solution to the risers without closing in the room anymore.
 - i. Possible options: **1.** Remove cabinets on Northwest wall and build built-in cabinet large enough to house two sections of risers. **2.** Move out into the picnic shelter until they are needed. **3.** Attic access and storage through the west wall at the top of the stairs.
 - c. TV on mobile cart that can be used for a variety of functions such as funerals, outdoor services, and other classes / events.
4. Other summer plans:
 - a. Youth and Family Lake Day at Strawberry Lake Sunday July, 13 at 1 pm.
 - i. Held at Amundson's lake home (see flyer in church basement).
 - ii. BBQ, yard games, boating, swimming!
 - iii. Kids of all ages and their parents are invited. Please let Cole know if you can join us for a fun filled day at the lake.
 - b. Wednesday fellowship and outdoor worship experience
 - i. This is a work in progress, but our main goals are as follows:
 1. Family / Kid friendly songs, no longer than 30 minutes, Kid-centered message with participation by all youth in attendance, have fun fellowship activities to follow each service along with summer themed refreshments.
5. A 36-hour youth Minneapolis mission trip is planned for August 4th and 5th.
 - a. 6th grade - 12th grade
 - b. Eksjo has 12 students signed up so far and we are 6 spots away from filling up the charter bus.

Music & Worship Meeting Minutes / June 10, 2025 / Unapproved

Present: Bobbie C., Pastor Bob., Diane M., Janee N., Jean O., Cole W.

Agenda for Worship and Music / June 2025

Devotions

- I. Team's Purpose - Do the agenda items meet our purpose?
 - a. Worship is time with God
 - b. Worship can be used to educate people about God
 - c. Worship can strengthen community
 - d. Reflect our community's values and activities
 - e. Worship team welcomes and is willing to receive input
- II. Discuss Summer services
 - a. Pentecost - season of the church - use a regular / consistent worship service format
 - b. Wednesday Night Worship - 6:30 pm.
 - i. Substitute Sunday Morning
 - ii. Supplement (in addition to Sunday morning)
 - iii. Main requirements - be consistent with the quality worship
 - iv. Abbreviated- More casual
- III. Select Songs
- IV. Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Wednesday Worship: Not a substitution for Sunday Worship as families want family fun activities at the church during the summer. Wednesday Worship is a church experience for our families.

A need surfaced: Some people have indicated that they want a mid-summer celebration - not this year but if possible, for next year. Highlights the need for a fellowship team as no one on the worship and music team is willing to lead the mid-summer planning. Some wondered how many actually want a mid-summer celebration.

Songs selected through July.

Submitted by *Pastor Bob Kirchman*



Monty Python's Spamalot Performances



Historic Holmes Theatre
806 Summit Ave
Detroit Lakes, MN
Ticket Prices
Adults: \$12.00
Students: \$ 7.00

Thursday, June 26 at 7:00 pm

Friday, June 27 at 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 28 at 1:00 pm



Upcoming JULY LAMP Events

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* July 4: GOD BLESS AMERICA

* July 7-10: VBS at Eksjo / grades K - 6th / All welcome

* July 24: 10:00 am / Pastor leads worship at Sunnyside

* July 28: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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**EKSJO YOUTH
LAKE
PARTY**

STRAWBERRY LAKE
34629 Strawberry LN N.
Ogema, MN 56569

- BBQ
- MUSIC
- YARD GAMES
- SWIMMING
- BOATING

**JULY
13**
SUNDAY
1:00 PM

SIGN UP YOUR FAMILY HERE:

EKSJO KIDS AND FAMILIES OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED!



F Freedom came with a price,
the price of Christ blood
shed on the Cross.

O Our Lord and Savior saved
us all from our sins.

U Unrighteous we may be,
but the grace us God set us
free.

R Rely on God, He will show
our paths.

T The truth is in God's Word,
the Bible, His Holy Book.

H Helping one another
along the way.

O Obedient to what God
wants us to do.

F Father, Creator,
God is He.

J Jesus died for our sins.

U United one day, we
believers will be in Heaven.

L Love one another as Christ
loved us.

Y You are a special creation
made from God, our
Heavenly Father.



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

Music & Worship:

Marlys Skogmo	218-849-0928
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Women of Augustana:

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



21896 Cty Hwy 22
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

July Worship: 10:45 am

No Council Meeting in July

July 28: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



To donate electronically please scan
the PayPal QR code.



When you need a little quiet time, plant therapy or
exercise, stop by the church and pull some crab grass

(it's relentless) in the "steeple" flower bed!



We know summer is a fun and busy time but please
take a minute to sign up to read, serve Communion

or serve coffee. Thanks!



If yo-yo brought items for our rummage sale, in
totes/tubs, please pick them up.

They are in the Sunday School room.



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!

July Worship Assistants

	Reader	Server
July 6:	Iris J	** Cupboard Cookies
July 13:	Sue G	Sue & Robin
July 20:	Iris J	** Cupboard Cookies
July 27:	Rick	Kathy M

****Communion Assistants**

July 6: Arden

July 13: Marlys

[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!

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!**

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.



Augustana Board Meeting Minutes from March 11 and April 8 have not been submitted No Council meetings in May or June

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Augustana Ladies' Meeting Notes: June 1, 2025

(The main purpose of this meeting was to organize and have input for the up-coming rummage sale, June 20 & 21.)

Set up beginning June 16. Come when you can! Tables will be marked with what goes where. The Sunday School room, the closet across from the SS room ... will have boxes, bags ... when dropping off items, try to place in SS room or by the SS room. Outdoor items place behind the church. Please help!

Downstairs are clothes (please make sure items are clean and in decent shape), books, games, kid's toys, electronics (no used computers please) and glassware. Upstairs are linens, throw pillows, pictures / frames, jewelry and "antiques"

Hours of sale: 7 AM - 2 PM Friday and 8 AM - 2 PM (if needed) Saturday

We need set up folks, days of sale folks and clean-up / distributing to charities starting at 1:30 or so.

We are blessed to again have a Thrivent card to cover most of our expenses. Food served grilled hot dogs, chips, cookies, scones, doughnuts, pop, water, coffee. Full lunch for \$5, scones \$2, cookies \$1, beverages \$1

Rummage signs will be placed Thursday and taken down on Saturday afternoon.

Advertising newspaper, Face Book, online area rummage sales, church sign.

Evangelism: we'll be doing a little evangelism by giving, folks who buy items, children...a lollipop labeled with our church info and a thank you.

Leftovers will be donated to charities. Kathy will email charities ahead of time to see what they need.

Charities so far include Crisis Center, Trinity Church, DAV, First Lutheran Closet, First Lutheran "Medical" Lady, Laker Cupboard, LPA Cupboard, Day Star Treatment Center, Boys and Girls Thrift Store ... any other thoughts? Some items will be carried over for next year.

Faithfully submitted by Kathy M

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Thank You • Thank You • Thank You



THANK YOU to everyone who donated, worked set up, helped during the sale, bought items, tore down the sale and delivered items to charities! Leftover items were delivered to The Crisis Center, Soles for Souls, First Lutheran's homeless efforts, Trinity Lutheran's winter attire give away, Hope Blooms, Day Star Recovery Center, Laker Prep's upcoming plant sale and the Thrift Store. Another successful outreach event!

Augustana uses the proceeds to donate to causes in our area.

This rummage sale raised \$ 2,751.10. We are doing good!!!





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



11516 US Hwy 10
Lake Park MN 56554

July Worship Assistants

Refer to your Worship Assistant Booklet for instructions

READER

July 6: Sara Kleven
July 13: Marlene Johnson
July 20: Janet Olson
July 27: Paul Rustad

USHERS

July 6: Sherwood & Sheila Nelson
July 13: Sherwood & Sheila Nelson
July 20: Paul Rustad / John Francis
July 27: Paul Rustad / John Francis

****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

July 6: Mary Moeller
July 13: Becky Mitchell / Kaylin Jones
July 20: Roberta Chatham / Marcene Carlson / Mariah Wacker
July 27: Dee Wolfswinkel

ALTAR GUILD

July: Amy Porter / Gretchen Grande

CHURCH CLEANERS

July: Janee Nelson Dehler, Ila Lindstrom, Lisa Lindstrom, Jean Olson

July Schedule / Worship: 9:00 am Wednesday Night Worship 6:30 pm

July 7-10: VBS at Eksjo

July 7: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Quilting

July 13: Eksjo Youth Lake Party

July 21: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Quilting
6:30 pm Council

July 24: 10:00 am Sunnyside

July 28: Newsletter Deadline



Eksjo
E-giving QR



Midsummer

"At the June worship and music committee meeting, the Midsummer celebration was discussed. If you would be interested in being on a committee to investigate the possibility of reviving this celebration at Eksjo, please talk to Pastor Bob.

Thank you!"



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





Eksjo Church Meeting Minutes · May 19, 2025 (Approved)

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

Absent: Pastor Bob Kirchman

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm Cole opened with a prayer.

Previous meeting minutes: Motion to approve previous minutes by Mel, 2nd Janee, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Behind a bit against the budget but Insurance is paid up, so we are doing ok, Jeff discussed property taxes; \$5,500 David Larson land, \$2,700 across the highway. Marc@ Pemberton has not gotten back to Jeff about the oil rights, Jeff received more inquiries about the land out west, Jeff will follow up with Marc to get an update. Motion by Rob to accept report, 2nd Travis, approved.

Pastors Report: Was provided in advance of the meeting.

Youth Director: Cole shared that Terri Nelson has offered their late mother's home as a base camp for the VBS leaders instead of putting them up in a hotel. 10 students were present for the Baccalaureate service; Cole wants to try to increase this amount for next year. 34 kids were present for the bird house building and painting. More of the report will be available in the newsletter.

Old Business:

Stoles and Banners / Janee will get with Pastor on designs and materials.

Contract with Augustana / Augustana notified us that they voted to sign our contract with them.

Mineral Rights / this was going to take 3 months (should be starting our 3rd month) - Jeff to follow up.

Scholarship guidelines and application / nothing new to report.

Campership / Cole reported 4-6 campers are planned this year.

Parking Lot Project / Travis reported that the plan is for mid-June - with weather cooperating.

Constitution / this was tabled.

Online Giving / Rob discussed Van copayments and Tithe.ly, Mel motion to move forward with Tithe.ly, Travis 2nd, approved.

Church Insurance / Rob contacted Church Mutual and Insurance Board received a number of quotes to try to get insurance lower, while there were some lower amounts the coverage was less or the deductible were higher and the cost savings were not representative of the additional risk Eksjo would have. Jeff will call Marsh and McLennan a broker in Fargo.

Memorial Plaque / Mel suggested maybe a large rock with an inscription. Nothing decided.

New Business

Eastern Heat Pump is not working / Jamie Hanson reported that there is a refrigerant leak and he will fix it.

Survey to be done at a cost of not to exceed \$3,200 - asked Janee to have the specific lots added to the bid = 112-160.

Church cleaning / Mel reported a concern with cleaning that a member doesn't want to do it any more, discussion held about hiring someone or continuing on with volunteers, because the schedule is full through the year, we will continue with volunteering and if someone doesn't want to clean, they shouldn't sign up to clean.

Columbarium / Discussion about adding one, Rob and Janee will check into costs/where to get one.

Mowing / question about why mowing has not happened yet, Mel was not sure why, it is to be done later this week, mentioned to have the first mowing done by Mother's Day.

David Larson Land Rent / contract is up this year. Discussion was had about what to do with it as there have been a number of members already asking about renting it, council discussed the possibility of selling it. There is concern about how to choose the next renter, such as going with the current renter- Travis, letting others

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bid on it, choosing the bid, and how that impacts the member's relationship with the council and Eksjo, and always having a council that is responsible for managing this process in the future, vs selling it while land prices are high and re-investing the money. Based on current markets the church may see close to double the income from a conservative Money Market account than what rent is paying. Keeping the land thus far has been a good investment with the price of land continuing to increase. Council suggested that members that want to comment on this should attend the June 16th Council Meeting at 6:30. Council planned a vote on what to do with it in July to make sure all interested parties have ample time to plan for the fall if rented or sold.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm – *respectfully submitted by Rob Schwartz*



Thank You • Thank You • Thank You



Eksjo Lutheran Church
Thank you for the handmade
quilt and all the blessings
and opportunities that has
increased my faith through
my school years.
Cody Madson



5-2025 Memorial Day Flag Set up



Melanie Hanson, Jean Olson, Jeff Sanborn,
Janee Nelson Dehler, Bruce Hanson,
Paul Rustad, Paul Aamodt, Lynn Sanborn,
Ila Lindstrom, Ruth Lerud

Many **thanks** to Jeff Sanborn for volunteering to mow at the church office this summer, the yard always looks so nice.

Thank you to Karen Nelson for her very generous posthumous donation (\$22,000) to the cemetery and music program at Eksjo, we will be able to enjoy this gift for years to come.

We would like to extend a **very special thank** you to Jamie Hansen for all of the labor he has donated to get our air conditioning system fixed and running at peak performance.

Finding housing for our VBS counselors is always a challenge, but was easy this year as Terri Nelson generously offered their family-owned house in Lake Park to be used for the week. **A huge thank you to Terri (and Bruce) for doing this.**



6-18-2025



Dawson Wixo
enjoying a smore!

Augie Wixo & Nick Abbott

Leighton Alder roasting a marshmallow



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