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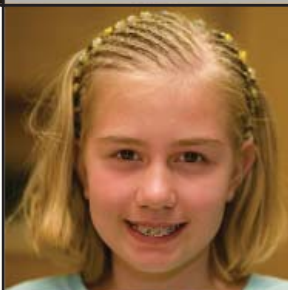
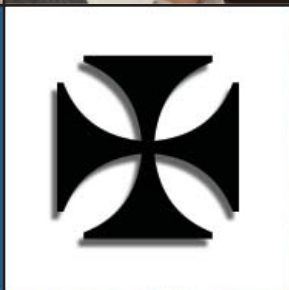
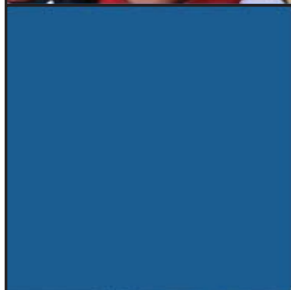
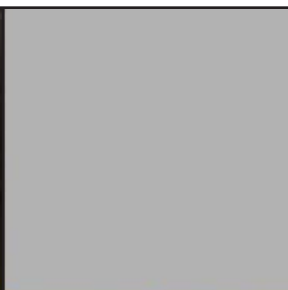
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Welcome to Augustana!

Augustana is all about passionate spirituality. A congregation's spirituality is the collection of stories about what God is up to in the lives of its members and friends. At Augustana we try to provide a rich diversity of ways for God to get to you and be up to God's gracious purposes in your lives.

“Discover Augustana” is a catalog of just some of the things God is up to among us. There are ministries here that employ all sorts of human talents and interests from growing things to growing people, from caring for the congregation to caring for the world, from learning to sharing, from building friendships to building “arks.”

I hope you can take some time and discover Augustana, discover all the things God is up to among us. And then discover what God is up to next in your life.

Pastor John R. Pederson

Mission Statement

Guided by the Holy Spirit we gather in Christian community, reach out and invite, offer hope and healing in Jesus Christ, and walk humbly with God.

Worship and Sunday School

- 8 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion - Christ Chapel
- 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
(Holy Communion first and third Sundays)
- 9:15 a.m. Christian learning for all ages (September–May)
- Noon Prayers - Christ Chapel (Monday–Friday)

Consecration Sunday

October 11, 2009

Stewardship is, simply put, our faithful management of what God has given us—not only material possessions, but the time we have, our capacities, relationships (with family members and friends), literally of all that the Lord God grants us daily.

One portion of our stewardship relates to our finances. Consecration Sunday, October 11, 2009, gives opportunity to every member and friend of Augustana to express their intended financial stewardship for the coming year of 2010. Each one is asked to return an “Estimate of Giving” card on which indications for holy monetary management for next year are written. The scriptural guide for giving is the tithe (10 percent). All of us are challenged to give at that level and use tithing as a guide and goal for our financial stewardship. Giving money is not the totality of stewardship, but it is a basic and fundamental aspect of our stewardship.

The teachings of Jesus include the use of money many times and are instructive for our consideration. All are asked to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit when deciding what proportion of their incomes to commit to the Lord through Augustana Lutheran Church. God bless you in your stewardship of life, including your finances.

Pastor John Bengston

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Ammerman Library

Open for use every day and staffed by volunteers each Sunday morning, Augustana's library contains a wide variety of both non-fiction and fiction selections as well as magazines and other resources. Materials are available for members to check out. Here are also tables and chairs for reading and studying. Volunteer opportunities include serving on the Library Committee, volunteering to staff the Library on Sunday mornings, and administrative support.

Archives Committee

This committee seeks to retrieve, preserve, and present an historical record of the over 125-year history of Augustana. Many bits of memorabilia need to be organized and catalogued to keep Augustana's memory alive. Contact Ron Swenson (303-751-6543 or rmswenson@mac.com) if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

Auditors

Responsible for an annual review of the financial statements of the church and its organizations. Appointed for a three-year term.

Bulletin Assembly

Bulletin assemblers meet Friday mornings, 9 a.m. in the Ammerman Library for 1 to 1½ hours to prepare the Sunday bulletins for worshipers. Volunteers may work as little as once a month to as often as once a week depending on their own preferences and availability. Other assembly times are scheduled as needed to accommodate Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas worship. If you're interested in helping assemble Sunday bulletins, contact Lyn Goodrum (303-388-4678 ext. 114).

Computer Support

Volunteers enter worship registration, update membership records, and other data as needed. On the technical side, volunteers assist with software and hardware upkeep, installation, and problem solving.

Finance Committee

Committee meets monthly to review and monitor church finances.

Anyone interested is welcome. Please contact Lisa Smith (303-388-4678 ext. 103) if you are interested in serving on this committee or if you have any questions.

Secretaries

Saturday (9 a.m.–noon) secretaries answer the phone, greet visitors, and call Sunday ministry volunteers. Sunday secretaries (8:45–11:30 a.m.) answer the phones and assist members and visitors.

***The Tower* Assembly**

The Tower newsletter is assembled monthly, usually on the fourth Tuesday, 1 p.m. in Rooms 106–108. (Occasionally, assembly day is changed to accommodate holidays or special events.) Each volunteer works about six times a year with a crew of 12 for two to three hours, collating, folding, sealing, and addressing the newsletter. Prayer and refreshments are routinely part of this ministry. Although many of the volunteers have been working in this ministry for years, volunteers are asked to give a one-year commitment since the work schedule is made at the beginning of the year.

You are welcome to come and try it out before making a commitment. If you're interested in helping prepare *The Tower* newsletter, contact Lyn Goodrum (303-388-4678 ext. 114).

Vehicle Maintenance

Volunteers make sure all three vans are filled with gas. They also take care of routine maintenance on the vans such as oil changes, new tires, and tune ups.

Augustana Arts, Inc. is an independent 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation dedicated to providing cultural programming to the Denver metropolitan community. It was formed in 1997 as an outgrowth of the activities of the Augustana Lutheran Church Concert Series. The goal of Augustana Arts is “Connecting Communities With the Power of Performance.”

Augustana Arts annually serves over 6,000 audience members and nearly 1,000 other participants in various arts educational programs throughout the metro Denver area and has become an important arts resource for the community, reaching out in particular to underserved populations. Augustana Arts enriches the cultural life of the metro Denver area by providing a number of services to the general public and to the artistic community:

- A concert series that presents nationally and internationally renowned artists each season.
- Significant musical and theatrical productions and performance opportunities for many area artists.
- The Augustana Institute of Music, which provides professional musical instruction in instrumental performance and voice for students of all ages as well as band programs 4th through 12th grades.
- The City Strings program which provides private and group lessons in string instruments (violin, viola, and cello) to at-risk children from low-income families.
- Promotion of music groups such as the Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra and the Colorado Women’s Chorale.
- Outreach to the Denver metro area, including workshops, assemblies, and concerts in a number of area public schools.
- Free and low-cost tickets for easy access to events.
- Collaborations with other Denver institutions to provide programs of interest to all the community.

For more information about Augustana Arts, please contact Marsha Temple, Executive Director (303-388-4962 or marshatemple@AugustanaArts.org).

Augustana Early Learning Center

Augustana's Early Learning Center, an outreach ministry of Augustana Lutheran Church, seeks to provide quality care and nurture the development of each child. Creative play and age appropriate learning experiences are geared toward the emotional, social, physical, aesthetic, language, and intellectual growth for children age 18 months to 5 years.

The Center, under the direction of Center Administrator Paula Keller, and Director Diane DeRose, is located at 5000 East Alameda Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Call 303-388-7012.

Our program philosophy involves offering a quality program within a developmentally appropriate framework. We believe that play is the primary vehicle through which young children learn. We offer children a rich variety of experiences and activities that are designed to foster self-discovery, autonomy, and freedom to learn and create within a secure environment. Activities are open-ended and non-competitive, so that all children may experience success. We see the child as a whole, with needs in all developmental areas: physical, cognitive, social, and emotional. We value the diversity that different children lend to the program and promote curriculum and activities that affirm children of any race, religion, or culture.

The center is accredited by the National Association of Education for Young Children (NAEYC) and is a member of the Denver Preschool Program.

The Early Learning Center welcomes volunteers! If you are interested in reading to children, monitoring small groups within a classroom who are cooking, doing art projects, woodworking, or other activities, please contact Paula (303-388-7012).



Augustana Presents!

2009–2010

Events for the Community to Delight and Inspire

- All events are free unless otherwise noted.
- Childcare is provided at all events.

September

Sunday, September 13 – **“Discover Augustana” Sunday**, West Lawn, 9:15–10:15 a.m.

Come celebrate all that makes Augustana Lutheran Church such a wonderful place to worship and serve the Lord! Between worship services, our different ministries will have information on their activities and how you can become involved. We’ll also have the Augustana Family Ensemble for your entertainment. After the 10:30 a.m. worship service, join us in Fellowship Hall for a free lunch.

October

Saturday, October 3 –

“Blessing of the Animals,”

Stapleton Central Park, 4 p.m.

Bring your pet for a blessing, embedded in a service of scripture, singing, and prayers. Barbecue dinner to follow.



Friday, October 16 – **Chamber**

Choir Concert, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Augustana’s Chamber Choir along with instrumentalists from Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra present their fall concert.

Sunday, October 25 – **Lecture, Bud Krogh**, Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

November

Sunday, November 1 – **Mozart’s *Requiem***, 3 p.m., Sanctuary
The Chancel and Chamber Choirs under the direction of Dick Larson, join with Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra in performing this favorite composer and his last work, *Requiem* on this All Saints Sunday.

Tuesday, November 3 – **Concordia College Orchestra**, Moorhead, MN, 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 7 – **“Rainbow Promise” Workshop**, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

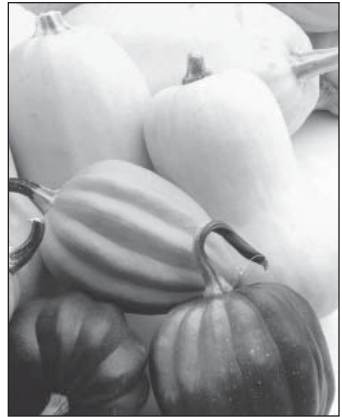
Sunday, November 8 – **“Rainbow Promise,”** Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.

Worship service

Wednesday, November 25

– **“Thanksgiving Eve Community Service,”** Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Join in giving thanks with the community and Augustana’s choirs along with other community and church choirs. A message will be shared by Christian leaders. Donated non-perishable food items will be shared with area food banks.



December

Sunday, December 6 – **“Advent Adventure,”** Fellowship Hall, 3 p.m.
Come join other Augustana families as we begin the Advent season with this traditional evening of music, crafts, a light supper, and lefse. An Angel Tree will grace the hall. Choose an ornament, buy a gift, and donate it to a child in need.

Sunday, December 13 – ***Magnificat* – an Augustana Christmas Concert**, Sanctuary, 3 p.m.

Join the Chancel and Chamber Choir and Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra as they present a concert of new and familiar Christmas masterpieces with Gerald Finzi’s *Magnificat* as the centerpiece. The concert is certain to put every audience member into the holiday spirit.

January

Saturday, January 16 and Sunday, January 17 – **“I’m Gonna Sing: A Celebration in Honor of Martin Luther King”**

Concert on Saturday evening and J. Alfred Smith, preacher on Sunday morning.

February

Saturday, February 13 – **Valentine’s Dinner and Dance**, Fellowship Hall, 6 p.m.

Neil Bridge Big Band

March

Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 – **Walk Thru the New Testament**, Sanctuary, Friday, 7–9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon, followed by lunch.

Last year’s Walk Thru the Old Testament was met with such enthusiasm that we decided to Walk thru the New Testament this year. Mount Carmel Ministries presents an incredible and fun way of learning and remembering the stories of the Bible for all ages. Come and participate because you ain’t seen nothin’ yet!

April

Friday, April 2 – **Good Friday Service**, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Join the congregation of Augustana Lutheran Church in a Good Friday Service where the Chancel and Chamber Choirs, along with Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra will present as the centerpiece of the service, J.S. Bach’s *The Passion According St. John*. Pastor John Pederson will preach, and an offering will be received during the service.

Tuesday, April 20 – **Chamber Choir and Arvada West High School**, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Dick Larson and the Augustana Chamber Choir join with Arvada West High School choirs under the direction of Chris Maunu.

May

Sunday, May 16 – **“Palliative Care 101,”** Fellowship Hall, 3 p.m.

Congregational Learning

Congregational Learning Committee

This committee meets seasonally to determine what the upcoming adult education offerings on Sunday mornings will be.

Congregational Learning Opportunities

At various times and venues throughout the year, people of all ages meet for learning and growing. Check Augustana's website, www.augustanadenver.org, the weekly bulletin, or *The Tower* to see what is currently being offered.

New Members Class

Three times annually Augustana hosts a six-week new members class. The next one will start on Sunday, October 25, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in the Ammerman Library, which is located around the corner from the Sanctuary. This class introduces participants to the pastors and staff, to some of our dedicated lay leaders, reviews Lutheran theology, and includes ample time for questions. Holding the class between the Sunday church services makes it convenient for many to attend. Please contact Malise de Bree (303-388-4678 ext. 122) if you would like to sign up for the next class or have questions.

Evangelism

Evangelism Committee

This committee meets to discuss and plan evangelism events and training opportunities. Please contact Malise de Bree (303-388-4678 ext. 122) for more details.

Facilities

Adopt-an-Augustana Corner

Augustana borrows on the Adopt-a-Highway concept to help keep Augustana's facilities cleaned and maintained. Despite the super-excellent leadership and efforts of Augustana's custodial staff, additional help is needed to keep Augustana's 61,546 square feet sanitary, attractive, and comfortable for its visitors.

Here's how it works. Any Augustana member, friend, family, or group agrees to clean and/or maintain a small section of Augustana's building twice a year. Opportunities are available in every room of Augustana's facilities. Projects include cleaning and sanitizing door knobs and light switches, maintaining the Children's Corner, washing walls, cleaning coat racks, vacuuming pew cushions, cleaning windows and ledges, discarding abandoned items left in Augustana's kitchens, cleaning chairs and tables, and so on.

Augustana will provide the cleaning and maintenance materials.

Although optimal cleaning times are just before "Discover Augustana" Sunday, Christmas, and Holy Week, volunteers may schedule their work at their own convenience as long as it works with Augustana's event calendar. A phone call to Augustana's office to check availability is all that's needed. Augustana's office will send you a periodic e-mail or postcard to help you remember your commitment.

Opportunities are available for folks age 8 to 80+. Adopt a job that best fits your ability and inclination. For a complete list of opportunities or to Adopt-an-Augustana-Corner, call (303-388-4678) or stop by Augustana's office.

Grounds Crew

People serving on the grounds crew committee help keep the grounds around Augustana Lutheran Church clean and well-groomed all year long. They help with mowing, shoveling, raking, and planting as the seasons change.

Holy Helpers

Holy Helpers are just that—people who are willing to help other members of the congregation in getting household repairs done. These odd jobs will be done at no cost to the members of our congregation other than the cost of supplies. All requests will be processed through the Volunteer Ministry Administrator who will arrange for someone to come out to your home and help you with whatever needs to be done. If you have any questions or if you'd like to be a part of this ministry, please call Mary Ann Shippey (303-388-4678).

Indoor Plant Caretaker

The plant caretaker makes sure Augustana's lovely indoor plants are watered (but not over-watered) and fed on a regular basis. Green thumb optional. This ministry can be done at the volunteer's own convenience. If you are interested in helping, please contact Augustana's office (303-388-4678).

Property Committee

This committee oversees the upkeep and maintenance of the church property and grounds. Electrical work and carpentry are part of the Property Committee.

Fellowship

Breadbreakers



Groups of eight people gather for a potluck meal at one another's homes to share food, fun, and conversation. At least one group includes four couples plus their children of assorted ages and stages. These groups arrange among themselves to meet monthly over a four-month period. There is a fall sign-up now underway. Please call Augustana's office (303-388-4678) for more details.

Bowling

The Lutheran Men's Bowling League meets every Thursday evening, beginning in September at the Belleview Lanes (4900 S. Federal). Teams consist of five men. We will place individual bowlers on a new team, or as substitutes on a team that may be short. If you can get a new team within your church, that is another option. This is a great way to get to meet other Lutheran men. For more information contact Dick Schutt (lmbowl@hotmail.com or 303-946-6629).

Christmas Day Dinner

Annually the Senior Ministry and Social Outreach Committees co-sponsor a festive Christmas Day dinner after the morning church service. This wonderful event draws families, singles, and children, as well as seniors. Once again Jerry Miller has agreed to serenade us with his impressive piano playing. Look for future announcements about making a reservation for this memorable time.

Needlepointers

This dedicated group of artists meets every Wednesday to painstakingly needlepoint new communion kneeler covers for Christ Chapel. You can see some of their handiwork already in the Sanctuary.

Theater & Theology

The Rocky Mountain Continuing Education Center sponsors this group which attends theater productions of the Denver Center Theater Company and discusses the play with members of the cast following the production. Designated Tuesdays, September through May. Reduced ticket prices are available. Those who wish may meet with other theatergoers for dinner before the play. Call Carolyn Johnson (303-979-1046) or Augustana's office (303-388-4678), or visit www.augustanadenver.org for more information.

Thespiana

Albee, Simon, Christie, Twain, Kaufman and Hart—these are just a few of the playwrights whose works Thespiana participants have enjoyed reading to one another in the low-impact, friendly gatherings

that characterize our group. We meet once a month in someone's home to share a pot-luck dinner and "act out" a play by reading aloud. Join us! For more information, call Wes (303-777-6575), or join our Yahoo! group by sending an email to Thespiana-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

Trailblazers

Year-round outdoor ministry for all ages interested in hiking, river rafting, bicycling, skiing, train rides, and horseback riding. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Ron Johnson (303-745-4047). Watch Augustana's publications and website, www.augustanadenver.org, for events.

Tri-R

Religion, Refreshment, and Recreation. This group usually meets on the second Friday afternoon of each month for a variety of programs that involve religion, refreshment, and recreation. We have various money-making projects which have furnished many things for Augustana.

Health Ministry

"Toward a Healthy and Healing Place at Augustana Lutheran Church"

The focus of parish nursing practice is on prevention, health promotion, care management, and referral. Sheryl Stenseth, RN, MSN, has been the parish Nurse at Augustana since April of 2006. She works every Tuesday and Wednesday and one other half day. Please call her office (303-388-4678 ext. 106) for office hours. Calls will be returned, and further arrangements will be made to meet in the office, in the hospital, or through a home visit.

9Health Fair

Augustana is host site for 9Health Fair. Scheduled for April 19 and 20, 2010. Medical and non-medical volunteers are needed.

A Day for You

Health Ministry is partnering with the Breast Cancer Network of Strength to offer free education, clinical breast exams, and mammograms to those who are either uninsured or underinsured. This will be offered at Augustana in the fall and again next spring (dates to be announced). To schedule an appointment, please call Genee Duran (303-300-5158).

Blood Drive

Blood drives are held twice a year. The next blood drive is scheduled for November. Donors needed!

Firm Believers

This exercise class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9–10 a.m. Karen Terry, personal trainer, helps with individual exercise plan. For regular participants, the fee is \$5 a session (paid at the beginning of the month). A 10-session punch card is available for \$70.

Flu Shot Clinic

The Visiting Nurses will be giving flu shots 8:30–11 a.m. on Sunday, October 4, 2009.

Foot Care Clinic

Scheduled for the fourth Monday of every month, 8:30–11:30 a.m. Staffed and scheduled through Visiting Nurses of America. Call 303-770-5859 to make an appointment.

Friendly Telephone Ministry

Volunteers are needed to make friendly phone calls to keep in touch with those members who cannot get to worship on a regular basis.

Grief Support Group

This class is designed to offer support to those who are grieving and recovering from their loss. Co-sponsored by Senior Ministry, this six-week session will meet 6–8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings: October 20–December 1, 2009. Call Augustana's office (303-388-4678) to register. If you have any questions, contact Malise de Bree or Sheryl Stenseth.

Health Ministry Committee

This committee oversees all Augustana Health Ministry activities. Meets quarterly. Contact Joyce Thomson (303-757-4273).

NAMI “Family to Family” Education Class

This is a free, 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illnesses. Classes will meet on Tuesdays starting September 1, 2009, 6:30–9 p.m. You must register in advance to attend class. To register and/or learn more, please call Kathryn (303-744-0288 or email kjc@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This national ministry combines caring for others and the ancient art of knitting into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. We meet outside of the Parish Nurse office the second Sunday of the month following 10:30 a.m. worship. You are invited to join us anytime.

Recovery’s Path – Al-Anon Family Group

Al-Anon is a worldwide fellowship that offers a program of recovery for the families and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic recognizes the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help. Members give and receive comfort and understanding through a mutual exchange of experience, strength, and hope. Meetings are Thursdays, 7–8 p.m. in Room 14. Questions? Please call Dallas Jensen (303-341-8110).

Transportation Ministry

We are looking for people to volunteer to drive members to doctor appointments and church events. Arrangements would be made between the rider and the driver with very clear expectations for each party. Rides could be either one-way or round-trip.

Volunteer Nurses

Nurses are needed on Health Ministry Sunday (second Sunday of month, between services in Fellowship Hall) to provide blood pressure screening and health counseling.

Yoga

Meets every Wednesday, 5:15–6:15 p.m. \$5 per class when enrolled in a monthly session. \$8 for drop-ins. All levels welcome.

Hospitality

Coffee Hosts

Our Coffee Hosts arrive early to get the large pots of coffee going so that they are ready after the 8 o'clock service. The cookies are attractively arranged on platters and are placed out on the tables for young and old to enjoy. After the coffee hour is over, they also clean everything up and leave the kitchen as tidy as they found it. Coffee Hosts, who work in teams, are assigned duty once a month.

Funeral Receptions

Families of members often plan receptions at Augustana following the funeral of a loved one. A group of volunteers staffs those receptions, preparing light food, serving, and cleaning up.

Greeters

Greeters are the first people members and visitors meet as they come through the church door. They can leave a lasting impression on those who come to worship. Greeters welcome visitors and members to Sunday morning worship celebrations at entrances to the church with a smile.

Pew Attendants

Team of individuals who, during the week at their convenience, straighten and organize the hymnal racks and pew pockets in the Sanctuary and Christ Chapel.

Ushers

Ushers welcome all who attend worship and special events. They distribute bulletins, assist with collecting the offering, and guide people to communion. After worship, they collect attendance information and pick up items left in the pews. Their ministry is crucial in welcoming

and assisting people. Ushers are scheduled as part of a team for one celebration each month and occasionally for special celebrations.

Music

How good it is to sing praises to our God. (Psalm 147)

For more information on any ensemble or position, please contact Minister of Music and Organist, Cindy Lindeen-Martin (303-388-4678 ext. 117 or lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org).

AVE

AVE—Augustana Vocal Ensemble—is Augustana’s professional quartet. The only professional quartet in Denver sings in worship at the 8 a.m. service each Sunday (September–May) and often performs in and around the community and the United States.

Chancel Choir

Directed by Dick Larson, this choir is open to all—high school and adult. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:30–9:15 p.m., resuming again for fall 2009 on September 2, 2009. Chancel Choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. worship service most every Sunday and performs two to three concerts or major works per year. The major works for this year include Mozart’s *Requiem* and J.S. Bach’s *St. John’s Passion*. A Christmas Concert will include Gerald Finzi’s *Magnificat*. These works will be performed with Augustana’s resident Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra. Please join us.

Chamber Choir

Directed by Dick Larson. If you are interested in singing at a more challenging level, you may wish to audition for this group who will sing in worship a few times during the year and perform a few concerts with the Chancel Choir. They also present a couple of their own unique concerts during the year. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 6–7:15 p.m. Auditions are by appointment. Please contact Dick Larson (303-388-4678 ext. 111, church, or 303-915-8323, cell, or

larson@augustanadenver.org) for an audition appointment and/or more information.

Senior Elite Choir

For those members and friends of Augustana who are available to rehearse Friday mornings, 9:15 a.m. This choir, directed by LeEtta Choi, sings at worship about once a month and for some festival celebrations. The fellowship and music is outstanding. Rehearsals begin for 2009 on Friday, September 25, 2009. Please contact LeEtta Choi (303-680-9299 or leettachoi@q.com).

Littlest Angels Preschool Choir

Open to children ages 3 and 4. Directed by LeEtta Choi, an expert with this age-group, this choir is open to children of preschool age and will include singing, movement, and games. The choir will meet on Sundays, immediately following the children's sermon at 10:30 a.m. worship and continue until the end of the service. This choir will begin in September. Watch for more information in the mail and September *Tower*.

Cherubs

Directed by Marcia Olson. Open to children in grades K–2. This choir sings the first Sunday of each month. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons, after Sunday worship, 12:15–1 p.m. and begin on September 20, 2009. Lunch is offered 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Choristers

Directed by LeEtta Choi. Assisted by Sharon Schillereff. Open to children in grades 3–5. This choir sings the third Sunday of each month. In addition, preparing for and participating in the Rocky Mountain Choristers Guild Festival on Saturday, April 24, 2010 is a major event of the year. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons after Sunday worship, 12:15–1 p.m. and begin on September 20, 2009. Lunch is offered 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Y Hope

Directed by LeEtta Choi. Open to middle and high school youth, this choir sings the second Sunday of every month. The highlight of the

year will be a performance in the spring of a cantata and a possible tour. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons after Sunday worship, 1–1:45 p.m. and begin on September 20, 2009. Lunch is offered 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

SONshine Ringers

Directed by Cindy Lindeen-Martin. This handbell ensemble is open to children in grades 4–5. They play in worship every eight to ten weeks and rehearse on Sunday afternoons, after Sunday worship, 1–1:45 p.m. Rehearsals begin on September 20, 2009. Lunch is offered 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

GraceNotes

Directed by Cindy Lindeen-Martin. This middle school handbell ensemble plays in worship every six to eight weeks and rehearses on Sunday afternoons, after Sunday worship, 12:15–1 p.m. Rehearsals begin on September 20, 2009. Lunch is offered 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

BELLievers

Directed by Cindy Lindeen-Martin. This high school handbell ensemble plays in worship every six to eight weeks and rehearses on Sunday afternoons, after Sunday worship, 1:45–2:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin on September 20, 2009. Lunch is offered 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Augustana Ringers

Directed by Cindy Lindeen-Martin. This adult handbell ensemble plays in worship the fourth or last Sunday of each month and rehearses on Wednesday evenings, 6–7:15 p.m. Rehearsals resume on Wednesday, September 2, 2009.

Recorders

Directed by Sharon Schillereff. This ensemble rehearses on Sunday afternoons, 1–1:45 p.m. Rehearsals begin on September 20, 2009. Open to children in 3rd grade, this ensemble prepares the child for handbells in 4th grade, as they learn note reading and basic music skills. Lunch is offered 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Family Ensemble

Directed by John Richardson. This group rehearses throughout the year and is open to anyone wanting to play their instrument. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 8:30 a.m., September–May and at 9 a.m., June–August.

Music Library Workers

For anyone with organizational skills who wishes to volunteer with the filing and recording of music for any ensemble. Contact Cindy Lindeen-Martin (303-388-4678 ext. 117).

Music Greeters

These individuals especially enjoy meeting and greeting people. Opportunities exist for Chancel and Children’s Choirs. Duties include recording attendance, making telephone calls, and occasionally preparing refreshments. Contact Cindy Lindeen-Martin (303-388-4678 ext. 117).

Accompanists

Opportunities abound for accompanying choirs and/or soloists. Proficient piano skills are important. Contact Cindy Lindeen-Martin (303-388-4678 ext. 117).

Choir Directors/Conductors

Opportunities are available for some volunteer choir directing and/or occasional special group conducting. Contact Cindy Lindeen-Martin (303-388-4678 ext. 117).

Outreach

Build a house for a local needy family

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing organization. Since 1976, Habitat has built more than 50,000 houses with families throughout the United States and another 100,000-plus houses in communities around the world. Holy Hammers, a faith-based coalition of 15 churches in the Denver area, provides funding for materials and recruits volunteers. Volunteers work on house

construction for one day. No experience is needed. Who to contact: Craig Tamminga (303-750-7042, tammfamily@msn.com). Who can participate: Adults and children 16 years and older.

Christmas gifts for clients of Metro CareRing

During the holidays, families come to **Metro CareRing** for help with more than food. Many people hope Metro CareRing will help them bring the holidays home. Your generous donation of a gift for a child helps bring holiday cheer far and near.

Watch Augustana's website and December publications information on how and when to give donations. Who to contact: Kay and Ken Madsen (720-949-1633, kandcmadsen@comcast.net). Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.

Donate clothes to the homeless

The **Denver Rescue Mission**, founded in 1892, is the oldest full-service Christian charity serving the needy in the Rocky Mountain region. During the year, the Denver Rescue Mission provides shelter, food, clothing, education, Christian teaching, and work discipline to meet individuals at their physical and spiritual points of need. There is a box in Fellowship Hall that is clearly marked for clothing donations. Donations are accepted in this box throughout the year. Who to contact: Kay and Ken Madsen (720-949-1633, kandcmadsen@comcast.net). Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.

Donate food to a food pantry

Metro CareRing is an emergency assistance service for those in need in Metro Denver and is supported by a partnership of church congregations (including Augustana). Gifts of money, food, toiletries, diapers, household items, and new toys are always graciously received. There are boxes in Augustana's Narthex and Fellowship Hall that are clearly marked for food and household goods donations. Donations are accepted in these boxes throughout the year plus a special emphasis during Lent. Who to contact: Kay and Ken Madsen (720-949-1633, kandcmadsen@comcast.net). Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.

Donate school supplies to families

During August, Augustana collects school supplies for clients of the **Four Mile Family Resource Center**. All items are donated to school children for their first day of school. Watch Augustana's publications for information on how and when to donate. Who to contact: Jerry Sanders (303-364-1558 or fourmilefrc@aol.com). Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.

Easter food baskets for Warren Village

Thanks to the generous gifts of Augustana members and friends, Augustana provides Easter food baskets for about 90 families at **Warren Village**. Each basket costs around \$35 and includes fresh food items, canned goods, meat, and dessert for a dinner for four.

Watch Augustana's publications for when, what, and how to contribute. Volunteers are also needed to help pack and deliver the baskets to Warren Village. Who to contact: Jerry Sanders (303-364-1558 or fourmilefrc@aol.com). Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.

ELCA Good Gifts Catalog

Augustana's Global Mission Committee encourages families to use the **ELCA Good Gifts Catalog** for Christmas giving and other celebrations. ELCA Good Gifts make great gifts for your loved ones and carry that love on to others, making a difference in their lives and the world. There are many gifts for \$10 which could buy food for an orphaned child, chicks to build an egg business, a mosquito net for a family in a malaria prone area, and many other opportunities. There are larger gift ideas such as \$25,000 for safe water management and sanitation. You can purchase Good Gift cards and e-cards for birthdays, anniversaries, and even Mother's Day! For information, visit <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Give-Now/ELCA-Good-Gifts.aspx>.

Faith Advocacy Day (Lutheran Day at the Legislature)

One day a year in February, Denver's community is invited to the Rocky Mountain Synod's **Faith Advocacy Day** event, sponsored by Hunger for Justice: Interfaith Voices Against Poverty and Lutheran

Advocacy Ministry-Colorado. The day-long event includes breakfast with the bishop, tour of the Colorado state capitol, panel discussions with representatives of the Governor's office and non-profit advocacy groups, break-out discussion groups, and visits with legislators. Watch Augustana's publications and website for information or visit www.LAM-CO.org.

Give a gift to ELCA Disaster Response

ELCA Disaster Response helps to bring God's comfort, healing, and renewal to those affected by disasters. And when the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. When designating your gift for a specific disaster, 100 percent of that gift is used for immediate relief and long-term recovery efforts following that disaster. To give a gift for Disaster Response, designate a gift using envelopes available in Augustana's pew pockets or visit <http://archive.elca.org/scriptlib/DS/giving/featuredgiving.asp?pageid=2>.

Give a gift to ELCA World Hunger

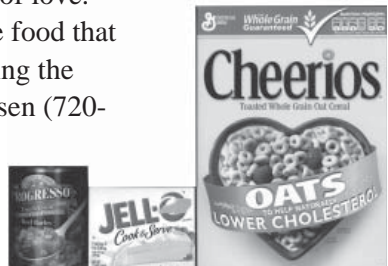
ELCA World Hunger is a comprehensive and sustainable program that uses multiple strategies—relief, development, education, and advocacy—to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. ELCA World Hunger responds to neighbors around the corner and around the world. To give a gift for World Hunger, use the blue envelopes available in Augustana's pew pockets or visit <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger/Give-Now.aspx>.

Lenten Food Drive for Metro CareRing

Although Augustana members and friends donate groceries to **Metro CareRing** year-round, a special emphasis is added during Lent to help carry out the Lenten discipline of works of love.

This drive provides a large portion of the food that Augustana gives to Metro CareRing during the year. Who to contact: Kay and Ken Madsen (720-949-1633, kandcmadsen@comcast.net).

Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.



Thanksgiving Eve food offering

Augustana hosts a **Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service** each year on the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving. Participants are encouraged to bring a special offering of non-perishable food. Donated items help fill the shelves of Metro CareRing, a ministry partner who seeks to create solutions to hunger, poverty, and other difficulties through advocacy, listening and advising, and meeting basic needs. Who to contact: Kay and Ken Madsen (720-949-1633, kandcmadsen@comcast.net). Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.

Thanksgiving food baskets for Warren Village

Share the joy of Thanksgiving again by purchasing a Thanksgiving food basket for a family at **Warren Village**. Each basket costs around \$32 and includes fresh food items, canned goods, a turkey, and dessert for a dinner for four, plus extra goodies. Watch Augustana's publications for when and how to contribute. Volunteers are also needed to help pack and deliver the baskets to Warren Village. Who to contact: Jerry Sanders (303-364-1558 or fourmilefrc@aol.com). Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.

Volunteer at food pantries

Metro CareRing is a food bank in downtown Denver that extends a helping hand to those who are having many types of problems. Augustana and other sponsoring churches provide volunteers who are trained (at Metro CareRing) to work one-on-one with families, fill food orders, or stock pantry shelves. No previous experience is necessary. Weekdays and Tuesday evening. Who to contact: Kay and Ken Madsen (720-949-1633, kandcmadsen@comcast.net). Who can participate: Adults and children 12 years and older.

Ansar Food Pantry (1480 Lima St., Aurora) is a partnership between Metro CareRing and the local Muslim Mosque located along Parker Road in Aurora. The two organizations have developed a partnership to help people in need living in Aurora and the surrounding area. Augustana volunteers at Ansar every third Saturday of the month, 8:45 a.m.–noon. Who to contact: Jerry Sanders (303-364-1558 or fourmilefrc@aol.com). Who can participate: Adults and children 10 years and older. Wear closed-toe shoes.

Worship with women in prison

Four adults from Augustana are invited to share in a worship service at the **New Beginnings Church** at the Denver Women's Correctional Facility. The group will meet at Augustana and then meet Rev. Emily Cardin at the facility. Worship will use the Marty Haugen liturgy.

The women are very welcoming to guests. Who to contact: Jean Gall (303-355-8470, duanegall@aol.com). Who can participate: Adults and children of all ages.

Senior Ministry

Senior Living Gatherings

On a quarterly basis Sheryl Stenseth and Malise de Bree meet with Augustana members who reside at Dayton Place. The gathered group shares fellowship, food, and Holy Communion. We also host an annual July event at the gazebo in Windsor Gardens for residents of Heather and Windsor Gardens as well as those living at Dayton Place. In the early fall, the Windsor Garden crowd gathers for a wine and cheese party.

Senior Luncheons

Senior Luncheons occur generally on the third Thursday of the month from September through June. Around 100 seniors gather for one of Judy Nyquist's delicious \$6 lunches, followed by an entertaining or educational program. Reservations for the luncheon are to be made with Augustana's office the Monday before the event.

Senior Ministry

The Senior Ministry Committee meets monthly to discuss and plan regular field trips, an annual retreat, monthly luncheons, and other events. Vivian Bengtson chairs this committee. The field trips take us in many directions along the Front Range. Usually we stop for a meal on our way home. Look for ongoing announcements of these happenings, and call the church office to sign up.



Senior Retreat

Annually seniors gather at Rainbow Trail, the ELCA camp, nestled in the Rockies for our senior retreat. In 2009, we will drive down on Monday, September 21 and return on Wednesday afternoon, September 23. We are excited about Pastor Pederson being our leader. Reservations must be made by September 14 with Augustana's office.

Service

Bandage Rolling

Bandages for Global Health Ministries are cut and rolled out of worn sheets. The bandages are shipped by GHS to rural hospitals in third world countries. Bandage rolling sessions are held the fourth Thursday morning of each month, September through May (skipping November and December). Everyone (male and female) is invited, needed, and welcomed. No special skills are necessary. This is a WELCA project. If you need additional information, please contact either Arvetta Hjelmstad (303-753-0821) or Marianne Woodard (303-322-8758).

Flower Delivery

A group of volunteers hand-deliver the lovely bouquets that grace the altar each Sunday to members and friends of Augustana Lutheran Church that are hospitalized or home-centered. This is a lovely ministry—doesn't take much time—about once every two months. If you're interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Sandy Kistler (303-985-2673) or Augustana's office (303-388-4678).

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Stephen Ministers are highly trained lay people who offer one-on-one Christian caring to people in crisis for a specified period of time. Some reasons people seek a Stephen Minister include being

in financial crisis, getting divorced, coping with a mental or physical diagnosis, or dealing with a family crisis. Please contact Malise de Bree or Sheryl Stenseth (303-388-4678) if you are in need of a Stephen Minister.

Van Driver

Vans provide transportation to worship on Sunday mornings. Vans are also used for Senior Ministry, Youth Ministry, Educational Ministry, Augustana Early Learning Center, and other groups of the church. Drivers are needed for Sunday mornings on a rotating basis monthly and for weekday activities as needed. Van drivers must be registered with Augustana's office for insurance purposes.

Volunteer Ministry Committee

Meets on an "as needed" basis to organize and execute various activities that let our volunteers know they are appreciated. We also work on recruiting volunteers for various ministries throughout the church. Please contact Augustana's office (303-388-4678) if you are interested in helping with this committee.

Women of the ELCA

Most Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Circles do some sort of Christian Service project each month (except June, July and August), and they make contributions to agencies from their Cheer Fund offerings. The circles also serve meals to homeless families participating in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program. Meeting times vary with individual circle. Circles meet monthly in homes or at the church for fellowship, support, Bible study, and service. All women members of Augustana are considered to be members. Who to contact: Arvetta Hjelmstad (303-753-0821). Who can participate: All Augustana Women.

Small Group Ministries

Small Group Ministries

There are a variety of small groups underway at Augustana. Some of these are Play Readers, a weekly Thursday morning Bible study, prayer shawl ministry, religious dinner/discussion book group, and Breadbreakers. Please contact Malise de Bree (303-388-4678 ext. 122) if you want to learn more about these particular groups or have interest in starting another one. Malise will want to know how the group would connect with God's Word and how it would pursue its purpose. Sound interesting? Please be in touch.

Spiritual Direction

Group Spiritual Direction

In a confidential and intimate setting, a group gathers monthly for centering prayer, fellowship, and group spiritual direction. These 2½ hour sessions currently happen either on the second Tuesday afternoon or on the first Saturday morning of the month, October through May. Contact Malise de Bree (303-388-4678 ext. 122) if you would like to learn more.

Spiritual Direction

Individual spiritual direction involves meeting monthly with a spiritual director to explore one's relationship with God. This confidential time is not therapy; nothing gets fixed. Rather it is a time of intimate sharing, praying listening, and perhaps even some silence. Call Malise de Bree, a certified spiritual director (303-388-4678 ext. 122), if you are interested in learning more.

Swedish Class

Swedish Class

Wednesdays, 9:15–11:30 a.m.; 2009 Fall Series: September 16–December 2, 2009. Spring Series: February 3–April 14, 2010.

The Swedish Class at Augustana was introduced as part of the congregation's centennial celebration 30 years ago, and continues to provide basic Swedish language sessions and an introduction to Swedish culture (including tastes!) For more information contact Ron Swenson, coordinator (303-751-6543 or rmswenson@mac.com).

Worship

Acolytes and Crucifers

High school youth are encouraged to serve as acolytes, crucifers, and banner bearers for Augustana's worship celebrations. If interested, please contact Les Woodward (303-322-8758).

Altar Guild

This group of 28 men and women serve Augustana by caring for the altar furnishings and vestments. Each team of four people works for an hour on Saturday mornings for two months of the year, preparing Christ Chapel and the Sanctuary for worship. Four quarterly evening meetings provide study, planning, and fellowship. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Dianne Nelson (303-693-0118).

Communion Assistants

These volunteers work as part of the teams that assist the pastors in serving communion during Sunday morning worship in Christ Chapel and the Sanctuary. Each family or individual serves approximately six times a year.



Communion Preparation

This ministry takes place in the Sacristy before each Sunday morning service begins. The team prepares the bread and wine to be served to the congregation during communion, and brings the trays and chalices to the serving

stations. At the close of worship, the team puts away the elements and washes all of the communion ware in readiness for the next Lord's Supper. Each team serves approximately six times a year.

Home Communion

Members of the congregation take communion from Augustana's worship to home-centered members four times annually. Please contact Malise de Bree (303-388-4678 ext. 122), if you would like to volunteer for this ministry or need to be served communion at home.

Prayer Leaders

This position requires someone with a clear speaking voice. Your duties would include writing and reading the Prayers of Intercession during a worship service. Your commitment would be approximately once every other month. Please contact Augustana's office (303-388-4678) if you are interested in serving in this manner.

Scripture Readers

Readers read the lessons of the day during worship celebrations. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Chickie Bakkemo (303-399-2311) or call Augustana's office (303-388-4678).

*Want
more information about
the ministries on this page?
Call 303-388-4678.*

Youth and Family Ministry

At Augustana, Youth and Family Ministry is bustling with activity and invites you to join in. To ask questions, volunteer, or learn more about any of the opportunities in this section, please contact Beth Peay (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or beth@augustanadenver.org).

Nursery

Our nursery is staffed on Sunday mornings 8 a.m.–noon. During early worship and education hour, we have a paid nursery attendant who is with us every week and will get to know your children. During 10:30 a.m. worship, she is joined by volunteers from Augustana who work one Sunday each month.



Kid Connection is a group for parents of preschoolers who meet twice a month on Fridays, 9:30–11:30 a.m. in the Youth Room. Childcare is provided as parents enjoy coffee, snacks, fellowship, and a variety of programs including Bible study, book discussions, and educational presentations.

Pre Kindergarten–Grade 5

Christian education at Augustana begins with children age 3 years. Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. in Christ Chapel where students gather to pray, sing, and celebrate birthdays. At about 9:30 a.m. children break into age grouped classes. Children study the same story for several weeks in their small groups, rotating to different learning centers. Classes end at about 10:15 a.m. with parents meeting their children in the reception area in the education building.

The Sunday School Christmas program is held during 10:30 a.m. worship on the second Sunday in December. A portion of the education hour is used for rehearsals for several weeks preceding the program.

Special educational events for elementary school age children include a presentation of a Bible to 2nd grade students and preparation and reception of first Holy Communion for 5th grade students.

Vacation Bible School is held during the third week of June, 9 a.m.–noon. Augustana welcomes friends, family, and community children to our action-packed Vacation Bible School where children sing, play, and learn Bible Stories and how those stories can apply to their lives.

Middle School Students (grades 6–8)

Middle school students attend classes preparing them for their Affirmation of Baptism or Confirmation. Confirmation is a time when children accept the promises and responsibilities of church membership. These are the same promises that you accepted for them at their baptism. These classes are held during the education hour, 9:15–10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Classes consist of large group time with singing, lessons, and games, and then break into small groups to discuss what meaning those lessons have for them.

As well as class time, students have the opportunity to participate in various service projects, attend Confirmation Camp at Rainbow Trail, and be a part of the Rocky Mountain Synod Middle School Youth Gathering in Colorado Springs. The first six weeks of student's freshman year they spend time with our pastors discussing what being a confirmed Lutheran means. They will explore their own spiritual gifts, and how the use of those gifts can influence their lives. Students are confirmed on Reformation Day (the last Sunday in October) of their freshman year.

High School Youth

During the education hour, high school youth participate in Breakfast Club. Each week during the month, different young adults come in and talk with the students about a current event or topic from the week and how that event can be viewed from a Christian perspective. The students enjoy doughnuts and lively conversation. On Sunday evenings, 6 p.m., high school students again gather for a time of pizza, games, and planning. Our high school youth participate in the Rocky Mountain Synod High School Youth Gathering in Estes Park each November and together we plan a summer trip. These trips rotate between service trips, community building trips, and participation in the ELCA National Youth Gathering.

Other Youth and Family and Intergenerational Annual Events

Advent Adventure

Advent Adventure is a special time for the families of Augustana. Everyone gathers on Sunday evening for cider, snack dinner, lefse and other special Christmas Traditions. We sing carols, karaoke style, read stories and create different crafts as we prepare for the upcoming holiday season.

Lutheran Family Services Angel Tree

In November, the Angel Tree in Fellowship Hall is decorated with “ornaments” bearing gift requests from clients of Lutheran Family Services. Augustana members and friend are encouraged to take the ornaments, purchase the gift requests, and bring them to Augustana, so that Lutheran Family Services can deliver them to their clients.

4th of July in Quist Park

Augustana hosts a neighborhood party on the evening that the City of Glendale presents their annual fireworks show. We have live music, the Augustana Early Learning Center has a bake sale, and Augustana’s youth sell hot dogs and pop as friends and neighbors of Augustana gather for the show.

Recycling Opportunities

Augustana offers many recycling opportunities. All funds raised go to support the ministries of Youth and Family. There is a large recycling bin in the southern most parking lot marked to receive newspapers and other recycleables. Printer and other ink cartridges, used cell phones, and laptops are collected in boxes beneath the tables outside the Sanctuary and Christ Chapel.

Augustana welcomes donations of all kinds to our annual Youth Garage Sale.

Your participation in these fund raising efforts is appreciated.

Rainbow Trail

The Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA has a great outdoor ministry setting in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains southwest of Colorado Springs. Rainbow Trail has many opportunities for youth and families to camp or retreat. Each year Augustana participates, as a group, in several camp experiences. Students finishing 6th, 7th, or 8th grade are invited to attend Confirmation camp the fourth week in June. We also invite intro campers (grades 1–3) and junior campers (grades 3–5) at various times throughout the summer. Rainbow Trail also offers family camps, men’s and women’s retreats, and a Labor Day family camp to finish the summer. Spaces at Rainbow Trail fill quickly, so you must sign up early to take advantage of this wonderful site. For more information or to sign up, please visit www.rainbowtrail.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways that you can volunteer to become involved in youth and family ministry at Augustana. We are always looking for people to help out for an hour or so a day. We need people to teach Sunday School, volunteer in the nursery once each month, be on a substitute list in case someone can’t make it for Sunday School or nursery service, help create costumes for the Sunday School Christmas program, build a craft at Advent Adventure, accompany middle or high school youth to their synod gatherings, drive students to service projects, help price and sort garage sale items, and the list goes on. We would love to have your help. Please contact Beth Peay (303-388-4678 or beth@augustanadenver.org), and she is sure she can find some special way that you can get to know Augustana’s fine young people while you’re helping out.

Have we missed your ministry?

If you are interested in having your information included in this booklet, please contact Augustana’s office (303-388-4678).

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