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**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

Worship/Learning

8 a.m. **Worship**/Christ Chapel

9:15 a.m. **Congregational Learning**
for all ages September–May

10:30 a.m. **Worship**/Sanctuary

Noon Prayers/Christ Chapel
Monday–Friday

The Tower

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Contact Augustana

- when your address, phone, or family information changes;
- when a member of your family is in the hospital;
- when you'd like to schedule or cancel a meeting;
- when you have a joy to share or a prayer concern, or feel the church can assist you in any way.

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Rejoice with...

- Portia Margaret Giordano, daughter of Mark and Marsha Giordano, in her baptism
- Tilly Elise Hoath, daughter of Ty and Janice Hoath, in her baptism

Recently lifted up in prayer...

for hope and healing:

- Palmer Attleson, Leigh Carroll, Kathryn Gardalen, Bev Garvin, John Hanson, Marybeth Hurd, Evelyn F. Johnson, Jean Johnson, Sarah Klein, Inger Kluth, John May, Bob Morrison, Sigurd Nelson, Margaret Rieker, Marcella Rubis, Alvin Schlecht, Arvid Smith, Ruth Smith, Heather Wasson, Bob Williams

for comfort and courage:

- Helma Sjodin and family in the death of Mats Sjodin
- The family of Shirley Kolm in her death
- Brad Uymura in the deaths of his aunt, Irene Uymura, and uncle, Roy Sugihara
- The family of Mary Thompson in her death
- Betty Nyby and family in the death of Vern Nyby
- Linda Gercken in the death of her mother, Ruby DuBoise
- Wes Munsil in the death of his mother, Evelyn Shaw Munsil
- E.L. Van Laningham in the death of his sister, Gerry Thomas
- The family of Esther Souter in her death

Thank you for the gifts!

Raise the Roof

- in memory of Vern Nyby

Senior Ministry

- in memory of Mary Thompson

Special Gifts

- in memory of Vern Nyby, Mary Thompson

Newly baptized are already supporting God's mission

Thanks to the Augustana Foundation, Tilly Elise Hoath and Portia Margaret Giordano received MissionFuture4KIDZ Investment Gifts in honor of their baptisms.

Thanks, Augustana!

Dear Augustana Members,
Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, and calls. I appreciate the visits from Pastor Bengston, Sheryl, Malise, and Joyce.

It is a real blessing to belong to the Augustana community!

Gail Bartels

Augustana Friends
Give support and prayers
Give transportation to hospital
And bring you home
Supply you with dinners
And bright red blooms plant
And hugs
People who call and wish you well.

My heartfelt thanks to Malise de Bree, Sheryl Stenseth, Barbara Bredenkamp, Beverly and Jerry Strong, and those who called.

God's blessings,
Bev Garvin

Thank you for your community of faith's contribution of \$1,470.17 to Metro CareRing!

Metro CareRing works with families and individuals to meet basic needs and help advocate for solutions to hunger and poverty. We are celebrating 35 years assisting the marginalized and lower income populations of Denver. Ironically, we have seen a 35 percent increase in the requests for services in the past six months.

Every donation counts! We are thankful for the generosity of persons like you, who extend a caring hand to others, and glad for the beginning of a new year! With your support, we will continue at Metro CareRing to help feed the hungry, treat all people with respect, and believe in the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

Gratefully,
Lynne Butler
Executive Director

To the Members of Augustana:
Please accept the sincere and deep-felt thanks from my family and me for your prayers and your support before and after the death of my mother, Ruby DuBoise. Your sympathy to our family was greatly appreciated. We treasure your cards and your compassionate words which have helped lift us up.

The last morning, my sister and I were contemplating whether to take our mother home under hospice care or to continue her stay in the hospital. I believe the Lord let us know who was really in control and that He had other plans for her that day.

Our family has found healing in God's tender love and embrace, and in knowing others remembered and cared. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

Linda Gercken



Celtic devotions in Augustana's Ammerman Library

In the desire to deepen her devotional life, MaryLou was drawn to the Celtic tradition.

It was thanks to pages of these books recently added to the Ammerman Library in her memory, that she discovered contemporary and centuries-old lines that spoke God's grace to the deep places of her life.

For instance, on the page of this prayer—
Father...do with me what You will, whatever You do, I will thank You, I am ready for all, I accept all—she has written in the margin "That's hard!"

A bookmark marks this prayer from one of her final days:
Hands, Lord—
Your gift to us.
We stretch them up to You.
Always You hold them.

Our family's hope is that the gift of these books will keep MaryLou's seeking—and her discoveries—alive for others.

Ron Swenson



Dial-a-Care

303-313-3428

Listen to Dial-a-Care, a devotion recorded daily by Augustana members and friends.

March concerts at Augustana

Augustana hosts the **Colorado Choir** for its **“Farewell to Winter”** concert, a captivating evening of choral masterpiece selections, Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets (\$15/adult; \$12/senior and student) by phone at

303-388-4962 or at the door the evening of the event.

The diversity on American song literature is directly reflective of our nation’s rich cultural heritage. Join Augustana’s AVE for an afternoon celebrating American music, both

sacred and secular. **AVE** offers, **“Across America,”** a program ranging from spirituals, folksongs, musical theatre to a short study of opera, Samuel Barber’s **“A Hand of Bridge,”** Sunday, March 21, 3 p.m. at Augustana. There is something for every

musical palate! Purchase tickets (\$18/adult; \$10/senior and student) by phone at 303-388-4962 or at the door the day of the event.

These events are part of the Augustana Arts concert series.

Council Meeting Highlights

At the meeting of the Congregation Council on January 19, 2010 we...

- unanimously elected Dwight Stenseth as Vice President and Janet Egan as Secretary of the 2010 Council.
- received committee reports, including a report on the efforts to raise funds for the “Raise the Roof” campaign. In the time since inception of the campaign, \$304,000 has been raised out of a total goal of \$375,000. Council also received an update of the library viewing case installation project and appointed a council member to obtain more information on the technology needs of the congregation, including repair status and needs for new equipment to serve existing ministries.
- noted that installation of the 2010 Council members will occur on February 14 at the 10:30 a.m. service.
- planned for and noted the annual Council retreat which is to be held on February 6 at the Daniels Fund Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Egan



Financial Statement for January 2010

	January 2010	January 2010	January 2009	YTD 2010	YTD 2010	YTD 2009
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual
All Income	\$74,133.33	\$ 74,880.56	\$ 62,338.86	\$ 74,133.33	\$ 74,880.56	\$ 62,338.86
All Expenditures	76,959.32	71,781.49	81,301.10	76,959.32	71,781.49	81,301.10
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (2,825.99)	\$ 3,099.07	\$ (18,962.24)	\$ (2,825.99)	\$ 3,099.07	\$ (18,962.24)

Nurturing Christian memories this Lent

Gracia Grindal, professor of rhetoric at Luther Seminary, once told me that Christian education has as its aim the creation of memories—not content, or theology, or piety, or reasons...but memories. Those memories can include the timbre of parent and grandparent voices patiently rehearsing Bible stories. They can be memories of a congregation beaming back when one’s children’s choir sings. They can be memories of pictures showing Samson’s flowing hair, foreigner Ruth’s trek back to Israel, or a weeping woman opposite an empty tomb. Those memories can be of flannel graphs, filmstrips, DVDs, games, devotions, or the wet smells of church basements.

This Lent Augustana will again be about the nurturing of Christian memories. Last year we walked through the Old Testament. This year, on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 we will walk through the New Testament. Through both an adult and a children’s track we will learn Bible stories of Mary and Jesus and Peter and Paul—and all the other characters that make up the plot of the New Testament. Young and old, pious and curious together will learn hand signs to embed those memories a little deeper, that faith might be nourished and grown. And we’ll laugh and have great fun at the same time. I hope you can be a part of this Lenten experience. It will be something to be remembered.

Pastor John R. Pederson

Pulpit unplugged



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Walk Thru the New Testament

Challenge your faith, nurture your Augustana connections, and have some fun!

Don’t miss Augustana’s special Lenten event this year, “Walk Thru the New Testament! At “Walk Thru the New Testament” the engaging and knowledgeable presenters from Mount Carmel Ministries will teach about people, places, and events of the New Testament using drama, multimedia, hand signs, and humor. This event is perfect for folks of all ages. Adults, youth, and seniors will appreciate the memorable method of recalling major biblical events. Children in grades 1–5 will enjoy “Kids in the Book,” a fun learning experience tailored to their age group. Childcare will be available for younger children.

“Walk Thru the New Testament” will be presented, Friday, March 12, 7–9 p.m. and Saturday, March 13, 9 a.m.–noon. Cost of \$15/person or \$40/family includes materials, snacks, and childcare.

So we can make sure we have a book for you, register in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings or in Augustana’s office anytime, or contact **Esther Miller-Bays** (303-692-8459). Join the fun!



Lenten food drive continues

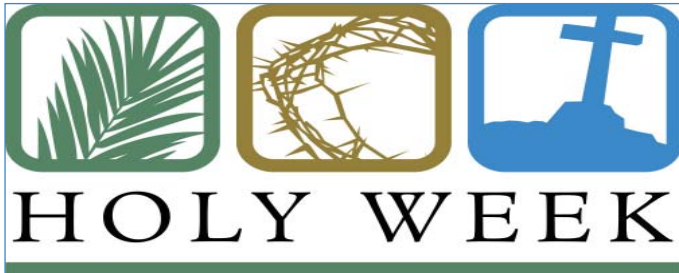
Augustana continues to collect food for Metro CareRing during Lent to help carry out the Lenten discipline of works of love. Collection bins area available in Augustana’s narthex and Fellowship Hall. Items especially needed are listed to the right. Thank you!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 lbs rice | <input type="checkbox"/> pasta and pasta sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 lbs pinto beans | <input type="checkbox"/> oatmeal and cereal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans tuna fish | <input type="checkbox"/> peanut butter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 boxes mac & cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> toilet paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cans soups, stews | <input type="checkbox"/> bar soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can vegetables | <input type="checkbox"/> shampoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cans fruit | <input type="checkbox"/> sanitary napkins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 can tomatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> diapers (medium, large) |

Congregational Learning

“What is a Lutheran?”

Pastor Bengston continues to explore this question, Sunday mornings during the five weeks of Lent in Room 2, 9:15–10:15 a.m. Using the book *Baptized We Live* by Pastor Dan Erlander, we examine the Christian faith from the Lutheran perspective. All are invited to attend and further enhance our common understanding of Christianity from the viewpoint of our Lutheran heritage.



Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, March 28

Worship and procession of palms at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in Augustana’s Sanctuary. On this day we mark Jesus’ triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete the work of our salvation. The Passion narrative will be read from the gospel of Luke. Holy Communion will be offered at 8 a.m. worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Worship with Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We remember Jesus’ new command to love one another. On this day in which Jesus was handed over to death, we also gather around the Lord’s Supper. At 7 p.m. worship, young people from Augustana’s Lenten Communion Class will celebrate their First Communion.

Good Friday, April 2

The Church remembers Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross with worship at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary featuring *The Passion According to St. John* by J.S. Bach.

Nursery care will be available for all Holy Week and Easter services.



Easter Sunday, April 4, The Resurrection of Our Lord

Alleluia! Celebrate Christ’s victory over death at festive worship with Holy Communion at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. Augustana’s Tri-R group sponsors the Easter Garden and Augustana’s youth will serve Easter breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 8–10:30 a.m. (adults/\$8; children 8 and under/\$5). Christ is risen indeed!

Church holiday

Augustana will be closed the day after Easter, Monday, April 5. Please contact Augustana’s office (303-388-4678) to reschedule if you have a meeting or event scheduled that day. Contact one of the pastors at home if you have an emergency.

Easter lily deliverers needed

Augustana’s Tri-R group seeks your assistance in delivering Easter lilies to Augustana’s home-centered members and friends after 11 a.m. worship on Easter Sunday or on Monday, April 5. Tri-R makes every effort to route you to three neighboring addresses, or, whenever possible, addresses close to your home. Please contact **Palmer Attleson** (303-922-1026) or **Jerry Strong** (303-756-2574). Thank you!



Easter Garden

Donation forms for Augustana’s Easter Garden are available on the back page of this newsletter.

Music during Holy Week and Easter



The choirs at Augustana will be enhancing worship with anthems of faith and introspection during this holy season.

Maunder Thursday

The Senior Elite Choir sing anthems by Johannes Brahms and Buryl Red at the 11 a.m. service, and Chancel Choir and Choristers sing at the 7 p.m. service. Chancel Choir will sing what is now becoming a tradition—a stunning setting of the beautiful Lenten Chorale, “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded.” The haunting sound of the clarinet brings a new dimension to this otherwise-traditional German chorale. The Choristers will sing a compelling “Pie Jesu” by Mary Lynn Lightfoot.

Good Friday

The Passion according to St. John by J.S. Bach

The St. John Passion seems to have been the first work of its kind composed by Bach. An

earlier St. Luke Passion, presented under his name, has since turned out to be unauthentic. When Bach was certain that he had obtained the position in Leipzig and would soon begin his work there, he began to compose the *St. John Passion* while still in Cöthen. He could not find a suitable libretto, so he wrote one himself, employing the text of the Gospel according to St. John, chapters 18 and 19. In addition, he chose some excerpts from Barthold Heinrich Brockes’ poem “Jesus Martyred and Dying for the Sins of the World” (1715). Bach wrote the *St. John Passion* in 1722–1723 and then

revised it four more times, the last in 1739. The first performance of this masterpiece was on April 7, 1724 as part of the Good Friday liturgy at the church of St. Nicholas in Leipzig.

This work tells our Christian account from the capture of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to the crucifixion. It is scored poignantly for several soloists: an Evangelist who narrates the story, Jesus, Peter, Pilate, and four others whose solos convey their feelings. The choir, through the singing of choruses, takes on the role of the crowd and through

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Brief Synopsis of *St. John Passion*

This work tells the story of the capture of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a place frequented by him and his disciples; his being interrogated by Annas, a brother-in-law of the High-Priest Caiphas; his being handed over to Caiphas and then to the Roman governor Pilate, who was convinced that Jesus had committed no crime; the insistence of the Jews that Jesus be condemned to death because he had called himself their “king;” of his crucifixion and death; his removal from the cross by Joseph of Arimathea and the hasty burial due to the approaching Sabbath.

The Cast of Characters of *St. John Passion*:

- Evangelist (tenor)
- Jesus (bass)
- Peter (bass)
- Pilate (bass)
- Four solo voices (soprano, alto, tenor, bass),
- Four-part mixed chorus

Orchestration includes two flutes, two oboes, oboe d’amore, two oboes da caccia, viola da gamba, two violas d’amore, viola da gamba, strings, continuo with cello, bassoon, contrabass, organ, or harpsichord.

Holy Week and Easter music

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the singing of chorales (many which the listener will find familiar), reflects on the action that has just taken place.

Augustana's Chancel and Chamber Choirs with Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra will present this work at the Good Friday Service at 7 p.m., April 2. As in Bach's time, the service will include a sermon between Part I and II.

Please join us on Good Friday, as we journey together toward the cross and in the promise of salvation.

Easter

Easter alleluias resound with glorious musical strains of brass quartets, organ, timpani, handbells, and choirs. The mood is certainly proclamatory in celebration of the Risen Savior. All three services—8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m.—include brass, organ, timpani, handbells, and the Chancel Choir. Y Hope sings at 8 a.m., and Cherubs and Choristers sing at 9:30 a.m.

Health Ministry

March is MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS Education and Awareness Month

What is Multiple Sclerosis (MS)?

MS is a chronic disease that affects the central nervous system, i.e., brain and spinal cord. In these tissues, nerve fibers are surrounded by a layer of insulation called myelin, which allows nerve signals to travel properly. In MS, the myelin is destroyed on the brain and spinal cord. The resulting scar tissue interrupts nerve messages that communicate through the spinal cord to the brain. Scarring also damages the nerve fibers themselves causing permanent loss of function as well as damage to the cells that produce the insulation (myelin). The disease and symptoms vary from person to person.

Symptoms of MS

Common symptoms include fatigue, weakness, spastic movements and tremors, problems with balance, bowel and bladder problems, vision loss, and depression. Symptoms may be continuous or cease from time to time depending on the location of the "lesions" (scarring of the myelin). Modifying activities,

medications, physical and occupational therapy, diet management, and counseling may make significant difference in delaying disability, so early treatment has replaced the "wait and see" approach to management of symptoms. Many people with MS continue to live active, productive lives and contribute greatly to their families and communities.

Augustana's Web site <http://www.augustanadenver.org> has links to more information on MS. Click on "Health."

Health Ministry Sunday is March 21

Members of the Health Ministry Committee will have information available on MS and the 9Health Fair. Blood pressure screening will be offered.



Support offered for families of mentally ill

Augustana's Health Ministry Committee is pleased to host a free, 12-week program, **Family-to-Family Education Program** facilitated by **NAMI** (National Alliance on Mental Illness), for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illness. Classes will be on Tuesdays, 6:30–9 p.m. beginning March 9. You must register in advance to attend class. To register or learn more, contact **Kathryn** (303-744-0288 or e-mail kjc287@gmail.com).

Free CPR instruction for ushers and nursery helpers

CPR Class,
Saturday March 6

- 8:30–noon – Heartsaver, CPR for adult, child, infant, and AED
- 12:30–3:30pm – First Aid
- **No cost to those willing to participate in our response team, usher, or volunteer in the nursery.** All others: \$30
- Register with Mary Ann (303-388-4678)



Volunteers needed for Augustana's health fair

Augustana is now recruiting volunteers for its annual 9Health Fair, Monday, April 19 and Tuesday, April 20. Help save lives by volunteering. Be a part of Colorado's largest and most trusted non-profit health fair program. Hosting the 9Health Fair has become a tradition at Augustana, and last year Augustana served approximately 1,300 participants!

Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Non-medical:** assist with registration, check forms, traffic control, check out, and screenings such as height, weight, and vision. Contact: **Nancy Vikman** (303-698-0968) or **Colleen Porterfield** (303-756-9928).
- **Medical** (requires state licensure): blood pressure screening, phlebotomy, talk with a health professional, and optional screenings offered by health care providers. Contact: **Sheryl Stenseth** (303-388-4678, ext 106 or stenseth@augustanadenver.org) or **Joyce Thomson** (303-757-4273 or djthomson@earthlink.net).

Caring for God's Creation: Volunteer for the 9Health Fair!

Health and Wellness Opportunities

Health and wellness opportunities are open to all Augustana members and friends. For information on programs offered (Firm Believers, Yoga, Foot Care Clinic, Prayer Shawl Ministry, and Friendly Telephone Ministry), please visit Augustana's Web site at <http://www.augustanadenver.org> or call the Parish Nurse office (303-388-4678 ext. 106).

Sheryl's office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and one other half day during the week. She changes her voice mail every Monday morning with the hours she will be at the church that week. Please leave a message with any cares or concerns, and she will return your call as soon as possible.

Please note: Prayer Shawl Ministry and Health Ministry Sunday are now on the third Sunday of the month: March 21.



Augustana provides Easter dinner baskets to single-parent families

Happy Easter! Augustana continues its annual tradition of providing Easter dinner baskets for the single parent families living at Warren Village. Each basket costs \$35 and includes fresh food items, canned goods, meat and dessert for a dinner for four. You can participate! Make checks payable to “Augustana Lutheran Church” and indicate “Dinner-Warren Village” on the memo line. Your check can either go in the envelope provided on the bulletin, or you can send it to Augustana’s office.

Contributions are needed by Palm Sunday, March 28. Augustana’s Thrivent group will provide some matching funds. Baskets will be delivered to Warren Village, Saturday, April 3. Thank you for supporting single-parent families who are transforming their lives.

Augustana group worships at correctional facility

Augustana’s Outreach Committee is sponsoring an outing to New Beginnings Church of the Women’s Correctional Facility, Friday, April 23, 6 p.m. Participants will take part in worship and Bible study led by Pastor Emily Cardin. Your presence makes a difference. One woman said: “I would be so happy when I would get to church and see the volunteers. Because it’s that little bit of attention that makes you feel hope that someone genuinely cares. It’s really a huge deal to someone who has nothing.” Up to five people can participate. For reservations or information, contact **Jean Gall** (303-355-8470) or **Kathy** (303-831-7023).

Greetings from Augustana-sponsored missionary

To the Saints of Augustana Lutheran, Greetings from Morogoro, Tanzania! We have received notice from the ELCA Global Missions office that you will be sponsoring our mission work here in Tanzania for the next year. Although internet access has not always been an option here to keep up with consistent

posting, you are invited to view our blog at joshandsue.blogspot.com. We will continue to update it as opportunity presents itself.

We are thankful to God for the decision of your congregation to sponsor God’s mission work to the people here in Tanzania. We will endeavor to be

faithful stewards of the opportunities God gives us to serve in this capacity. We hope you will encourage parishioners to follow our blog and we would love to hear from you. If there are any questions you may have, feel free to ask them!

We look forward to setting up congregational

visits when we get closer to the time of our home-assignment in the summer of 2011. Again, thank you for partnering with us in accepting God’s call to mission in the church!

God’s richest blessings,
Rev. Joshua and Sue Magyar



Senior Ministry Seniors tour Denver Firefighters Museum

Augustana seniors are invited to tour the Denver Firefighters Museum, Wednesday, March 10. We will meet in Augustana's lower parking lot at 10:45 a.m. and car pool to the museum for our tour scheduled for 11:30 a.m. The tour will last approximately one hour and fifteen minutes, and the entrance fee is \$4. After the tour we will lunch at a local restaurant. Make your reservation with Augustana's office (303-388-4678) by Monday, March 8.

March Senior Luncheon

Enjoy an afternoon of food and entertainment at Augustana's Senior Luncheon, Thursday, March 18, 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program will feature "Oldies, Gospel and Irish Songs" performed by harmonica players Bill Kawamura and Jim Montgomery and guitarist Dave Demaree. Invite a neighbor or friend to enjoy a tasty lunch and a fun musical program—we welcome guests! To plan the meal, it is important to call in your reservation to Augustana's office (303-388-4678) no later than Monday, March 15.

Volunteer changes:

- Luverne Jorgensen (pew attendant)
- Marianne Bovee (usher)

Special thanks to:

- David Weir for help on a snowy day.
- Global Mission Committee for helping to make us aware of what missions we are supporting.

Volunteer Ministry

"Volunteers Needed"

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

Our freedom is a gift from God. We are created with freedom to choose good or evil. Since God longs for a personal relationship with each of us, such freedom is necessary. We were created with free will, not puppets with strings attached and for that, I give thanks!

Isaiah's dramatic vision of God in the temple may well exceed any encounter with God that you or I will ever know. Yet, whoever, we are, wherever we are, whatever we have to offer, God can use us. We may not be asked to donate a fortune, but we each are called to give what only we can give, insignificant as that may seem. We are to bear witness to God's unchanging love in an ever-changing world. God is not an absolute, impersonal ruler bent on perfection. This is not God's vision for us. Instead, God patiently continues to call for volunteers. Sinless perfection is not required, only willingness to love and serve the Lord.

Holy God, send me today to do your will, to speak your word, and to witness to your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.





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Youth serve Easter Breakfast

Join us in Fellowship Hall for Easter Breakfast, an Augustana tradition hosted by our youth, Sunday, April 4, 8 –10:30 a.m. Enjoy breakfast any time during the morning for a buffet style breakfast. We will be serving various egg dishes, fruit, muffins, juice and coffee. Adults/\$8; Children 8 and under/\$5.

Souper Bowl of Caring successful

Many thanks to all those who donated to the Youth Souper Bowl of Caring. Our kids collected \$552 which was then donated to Urban Peak, an area shelter for homeless teens. Urban Peak assists these youth with education, job placement, and basic life skills.

Youth and Family Ministry

First Communion for 5th graders

Fifth grade students will receive their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1 (no fooling), 7 p.m. Prior to receiving communion, two instructional classes will be held. These will be on Wednesday, March 17 and 24, 6:30–8 p.m. During class, Pastor Pederson will talk about the history and meaning of communion, and students will make chalices that they will use for their first communion. Class will be meeting in Room 1. Hope to see all 5th graders then!

Save the date

Sunday May 23 will be the last day of classes for our Sunday School year. This year, Youth and Family Ministry will host a church picnic and carnival. After 10:30 a.m. worship, join us in the courtyard for a barbecue, a bouncy house, games and prizes. Watch for more information.

Youth plan Mystery Trip

This year Augustana’s high school youth will be going on a Mystery Mission trip from July 25 through August 1. We will be on the road for a five-day mission project with a day of fun and games on our way there and back. Fundraisers for this event are underway. The youth will sell Duffey Rolls in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings, \$10 per pan or \$1 per roll. We will also be hosting our annual Garage Sale on June 4 and 5. Start saving your “stuff” now for another great sale. We appreciate your support in helping our youth get to their secret destination.

Fellowship

Augustana's Tri-R group

meets for a St. Patrick's Day Potluck, Friday, March 12, 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Augustana's Thrivent group welcomes Warren Village speaker

Learn about Warren Village, a special place for single parent families to turn around their lives. Warren Village residents receive Augustana's Easter and Thanksgiving baskets. Whether or not you are a member of Thrivent, you are welcome to attend a luncheon meeting on Sunday, March 28 in the Anna Paulson Room at 11:30 a.m. Call **Katherine Cruson** (303-696-7430) by Friday, March 26 to reserve your place for lunch (\$4).

Trailblazers hike to Bear Creek Lake

Join Augustana's Trailblazers group for a hike to Bear Creek Lake, Saturday, March 20. We will leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m. This hike takes us from the visitor center near C-470 and Morrison Road to Bear Creek Reservoir.

Rating: Easy

Distance: About 4 miles roundtrip

Guide: **Rosalee Wanchisen** (303-759-9836)

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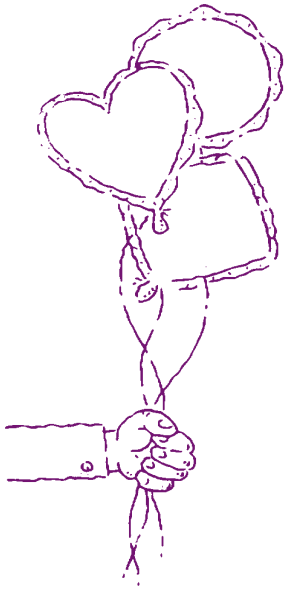


New golf-loving men's group now forming

Attention golfers! An organizational meeting of the **Augustana Men's Golf Club** will be held Thursday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. The purpose of this group is to provide a new fellowship and outreach opportunity for men in the Augustana congregation, and to enhance our enjoyment of the game of golf. Those golfers interested in both recreational and tournament play should attend. The agenda will include:

- Introductions
- Goals and objectives
- Election of Officers
- Adoption of Bylaws
- USGA/CGA affiliation
- Form Handicap Committee
- Block tee-time availability
- Events and schedule

If you are interested in being a member of this group, but cannot attend the organizational meeting, please call **Darryl Farrington** (303-369-7230) and leave your name and telephone number.



Happy Birthday!

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| <p>1 Chelsea Brammer,
Bev Cohen,
Brenda Olson,
Jerry Sanders,
Dwight Stenseth,
John Tucker</p> | <p>11 Skylar Campbell,
James Dierker,
Ethel Essig,
Audrey-Anna
Thompson</p> | <p>22 Valerie Byrd,
John Flory, Marge
Tokheim, Scott
Yeager</p> |
| <p>2 Christopher
Mason, Alex
Pulley</p> | <p>12 Marilyn
Newcomb, Karin
Vandenberge</p> | <p>23 Trystyn Carlmark,
Kara Carter,
Timothy Kah,
Nancy Morgan</p> |
| <p>3 Jamye Gilbertson,
Erik Hagevik,
Karen Jordahl,
Jessie Sanderson,
Sharon Schillereff</p> | <p>13 Sean Kidston,
Henry Kouba,
Donald Lund, John
Pederson</p> | <p>24 Nancy Dierker,
Robert Exstrom,
Gene Steele,
Leah Thompson,
Marilyn Wise</p> |
| <p>4 Patricia Aronstein,
Paul Edstrom,
Amy Eskola,
Jenny Eskola,
Bengt Gustafson,
Michelle
McHattie, Babs
Quist</p> | <p>14 Sonya Hultman,
Irene Jones</p> | <p>25 Dana Crona,
Emmett Cruson,
Esther Miller-
Bays, Allan
Schneider, Joseph
VanOrdstrand</p> |
| <p>5 Stacie Aden, Kathy
Kesner, Marilyn
Morris, Robert
Olson, Raeann
Seney, Hugh
Tighe, III</p> | <p>15 Jesse Altum, Dan
Byrd</p> | <p>26 Juanita Altum,
Katherine
Applegate,
Gayle Bebee,
Mary Goodwin,
Alexander Rubik</p> |
| <p>6 Donna DeBell,
Braden Ezpeleta,
MJ Tock-Grace</p> | <p>16 Jack Bartels,
Shirley Bentley,
Jeff Boe, Christina
Fakharzadeh,
Jonathan
Genovese,
Theodore
Grasmick, Blythe
Karstadt, Tage
Plantell, Lucille D.
Smith</p> | <p>27 Langdon
Jorgensen, Lynne
Shiveley</p> |
| <p>7 Meredith Johnson,
Jimmie Killion,
Robert O'Grady,
Trevor Solheim</p> | <p>17 LouAnn Baker,
Katherine Bates,
Art Matthews</p> | <p>28 Henry Bourg,
Jeffrey Gilbert,
Chad Jukkala,
Inger Kluth</p> |
| <p>8 Helen Blomberg,
Evelyn F. Johnson,
Doris Scanlan</p> | <p>18 Kay Bengston,
Emily Friesen,
Kimberly Nelson,
Blake Nelson-
Dunki, Ann
Nimrod, Betty
Williams</p> | <p>29 Nadia Lovins,
Joshua Rittich</p> |
| <p>9 Jon Gilbertson,
Evelyn M.
Johnson, Joan
Morrill, Michael
Parks</p> | <p>19 David Bonicelli,
Elizabeth Damon,
Steven Dirks,
Emily Valadez,
Duane Vikman, Ed
Vikman, Jo Ann
Wacker-Farrand</p> | <p>30 Marilyn Kessler,
Errol Sweetser</p> |
| <p>10 Faith Beazer,
Kathy Jenkins,
Sawyer McLane,
Stella Miller</p> | <p>20 Viola Becklin,
David Greenagel,
Paige Hartkoorn,
Sonja Massie</p> | |
| | <p>21 Norma Gerber,
Sarah Graham</p> | |

If your name should have been on this birthday list but wasn't, please call Augustana's office (303-388-4678).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9am Augustana Firm Believers Prayers Noon</p> <p>Lent 3 7 8am Worship/Communion 9am Fellowship/Learning 9am New Members Class 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am High School Youth See Music Ministry</p>	<p>2 9am Augustana Firm Believers Prayers 9am Lenten Bible Study Noon 12:30pm Group Spiritual Direction 5:30pm Stephen Ministry</p> <p>3 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Swedish Class Noon Prayers 5:30pm Executive Committee 6pm Augustana Ringers 6pm Chamber Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4 Noon Phoebe Circle Prayers 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Augustana Men's Golf Club</p> <p>5 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Senior Elite Choir Prayers Noon 7:30pm Augustana Arts: Colorado Choir "Farewell to Winter" Concert</p>	<p>6 8:30am First Aid/CPR/Heartsaver Class 7:30pm Augustana Arts: Colorado Choir "Farewell to Winter" Concert</p>	<p>11 9:30am The Tower deadline Noon Sarah Circle Prayers 5:30pm Yoga</p> <p>12 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Senior Elite Choir Prayers Noon 12:30pm Augustana Arts Board 12:30pm Tri-R St. Patrick's Day Pollock 7pm Augustana Presents! "Walk Thru the New Testament"</p>	<p>13 9am Augustana Presents! "Walk Thru the New Testament"</p>	<p>18 11:30am Senior Luncheon Prayers Noon 5:30pm Yoga</p> <p>19 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Senior Elite Choir Prayers Noon 8:45am Serve at 9am Ansal Food Pantry 9am Rehearsal: Good Friday Trailblazers: Bear Creek Lake Park Hike</p>
<p>14 8am Worship/Communion 9am Fellowship/Learning 9:15am New Members Class 10:30am Worship 3pm Dress Rehearsal: Good Friday 6pm High School Youth See Music Ministry</p>	<p>15 9am Augustana Firm Believers Prayers Noon 7pm NAMI Family-to-Family 7pm Property Committee</p> <p>16 9am Lenten Bible Study Prayers Noon 7pm Congregation Council 7pm NAMI Family-to-Family</p>	<p>17 6:30am Lutheran Men of Denver 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Swedish Class Prayers Noon 6pm Augustana Ringers 6pm Chamber Choir 6pm Lenten Communion 7:30pm Class 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>10 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Swedish Class 10:45am Senior Ministry: Denver Firefighters Museum Noon Prayers 6pm Augustana Ringers 6pm Chamber Choir 7pm Youth and Family Ministry 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11 The Tower deadline Sarah Circle Prayers Yoga</p>	<p>12 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Senior Elite Choir Prayers Noon 12:30pm Augustana Arts Board 12:30pm Tri-R St. Patrick's Day Pollock 7pm Augustana Presents! "Walk Thru the New Testament"</p>	<p>20 8:45am Serve at 9am Ansal Food Pantry 9am Rehearsal: Good Friday Trailblazers: Bear Creek Lake Park Hike</p>
<p>21 8am Health Ministry Sunday 8am Worship/Communion 9am Fellowship/Learning 9:15am New Members Class 10:30am Worship/Communion Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry 3pm Augustana Arts: AVE "Across America" 6pm High School Youth See Music Ministry</p>	<p>22 8:30am Foot Care Clinic 9am Augustana Firm Believers Prayers Noon 2pm Career Transition Group</p> <p>23 9am Lenten Bible Study Prayers Noon 1pm The Tower Assembly 1:15pm Senior Ministry Committee 7pm NAMI Family-to-Family 7pm Rachel Circle</p>	<p>24 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Swedish Class Prayers Noon 6pm Augustana Ringers 6pm Chamber Choir 6:30pm Lenten Communion 7:30pm Class 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Senior Elite Choir Prayers Noon 5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>26 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Senior Elite Choir Prayers Noon</p>	<p>27</p>	
<p>28 8am Sunday of the Passion 8am Palm Sunday 9am Worship/Communion 10:30am Fellowship/Learning 11:30am Worship 2pm Thrivent 2pm Dress Rehearsal: Good Friday 6pm High School Youth See Music Ministry</p>	<p>29 9am Augustana Firm Believers Prayers Noon</p> <p>30 9am Lenten Bible Study Prayers Noon 6pm Rehearsal: Brass 6:30pm Theater and Theology: Mama Hated Diesels 7pm NAMI Family-to-Family</p>	<p>31 9am Augustana Firm Believers Prayers Noon 6pm Augustana Ringers 6pm Chamber Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>24 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Swedish Class Prayers Noon 6pm Augustana Ringers 6pm Chamber Choir 6:30pm Lenten Communion 7:30pm Class 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>25 9:30am Bandage Rolling Prayers Noon 5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>26 9am Augustana Firm Believers 9:15am Senior Elite Choir Prayers Noon</p>	

Sunday Music Ministry

- 9am Augustana Family Ensemble
- 9am Y Hope
- 10:30am Littlest Angels
- 12:15pm Cherubs
- 12:15pm Choristers
- 12:15pm GraceNotes
- 1pm Y Hope
- 1pm SONshine Ringers
- 1pm Recordars
- 1:45pm BELLIevers

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Make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. Complete and mail this form to: Attn: Tri-R c/o Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver CO 80246.

The suggested contribution for each individual you wish to honor or remember is \$8. **Gifts must reach Augustana's office by Palm Sunday, March 28.**

The lilies you sponsor for the Easter Garden will extend Easter love and cheer as they are delivered to Augustana's home-centered and hospitalized members after worship Easter Sunday.

Please type or write legibly, and list all names as you would like them to appear in the insert—including yours!