

Senior Pastor

We are a Christian congregation not because somebody came up with a good idea. We are a congregation because we were God's idea. God was up to something when God collected and still collects baptized people, nourishes their faith through Word and Sacrament, and turns them loose in their neighborhood, region, and world. God is still doing that. In this annual report you will find narratives of all of the diverse ways God is still collecting, nourishing, and turning us loose.

In this past year our Natural Church Development team together with many members of the congregation meeting in retreat focused our mission in three main areas. I have made them signal for my work:

- Nourish Augustana's passionate spirituality, our collective narrative about what God is up to in our lives.
- Enrich and deepen an existing ministry partnership, and we have chosen that partnership to be the Augustana Early Learning Center.
- Discover and join in with a new "imaginative partnership," we have yet to identify.

And all the while:

- People at Augustana are increasingly curious about what God is up to in their personal lives, and they are talking about it.
- Resources for ministry (facilities, grounds, carpeting, pianos, etc.) continue to be well maintained, replaced with upgrades, and equipped for the future.
- Children learn, make friends, sing, ring bells, learn about their baptisms.
- All generations are welcomed and invited into ministry.
- A congregation council and other leadership committees serve faithfully as custodians of our mission.
- Members and friends generously give gifts that make ministry possible.
- This community cares for those among us experiencing illness, loss, and challenge through prayer, friendship, meals, visits, and resources.

Though pride is a tricky virtue, I think we can be proud (appropriately) of what God is getting done with us and through us.

I continue to be personally honored to be a part of this congregation's mission. I'm having more fun (appropriately) in ministry here than most pastors that I meet. Let the stories in this annual report inspire and energize all of us to increased faithfulness and growth in 2010!

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Worship and Learning

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

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

10:30 a.m. **Worship** - Sanctuary
Communion on first and third
Sundays

Noon **Prayers** - Christ Chapel

Dial-a-Care (24-hour devotion):
303-313-3428

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.

Youth and Family Ministry

Augustana's Youth and Family Ministries and Children's Education have had an active year filled with learning, caring, fellowship, and fun. We live out the mission of Augustana in the following ways:

Guided by the Holy Spirit, a planning and leadership team for these ministries was formed and is meeting on a regular basis. Our committee meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Ammerman Library. Those currently serving are Sandy Kistler, Kari Blanchard, John Harwell, Tracy Lutz, and Connie Tripp. We look forward to Karen Aarested joining us in the coming months. We welcome comments, concerns, or questions from all congregational members so that together we can build the best Youth and Family programs possible, here at Augustana.

There have been many times throughout the year where we have gathered in Christian Community, as members of Augustana, with other Rocky



Katie Peay does yard work at Nunez Community College in New Orleans.

Mountain Synod members, and for our high school youth, as the national ELCA. In January, our middle school youth gathered with close to 1,000 other 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from the Rocky Mountain Synod to praise, serve, and play with one another in Colorado Springs. Reuniting with friends made at Rainbow Trail, and anxious to serve the people of Colorado Springs, the energy of this event is difficult to describe. Summer 2009 brought the triennial ELCA National Youth Gathering. Twenty youth and adults from Augustana attended the event, *Jesus, Justice, Jazz* in New Orleans. Total attendance at the event was close to 40,000 with the group providing about 215,000 hours of service toward the continuing recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina. Imagine the French Quarter crowded with Lutheran youth clad in a rainbow of brightly colored t-shirts. Everyone in the city knew who we were, and why we were there. What an incredible witness of Christ's love our ELCA youth provided in that place. As ever, the young people from Augustana represented you well. You can and should be proud of our youth!

Last fall saw the formation of an education hour class where parents of young children can gather following Sunday School opening, sharing the joys and trials of parenting young children, as well as spending time in Bible study and just getting to know one another. This group is flourishing under the capable leadership of Janet Flesch and Ken Beazer.

Through our Vacation Bible School and Blessing of the Animals, Augustana reached out to invite our neighbors into our community. Our "Discovery Canyon" welcomed 30 children from the neighboring Four Mile Family Resource Center. Most of these students didn't speak English as their first language, but with the help of dedicated volunteers and student helpers, these children, as well as children from our Early Learning Center and Augustana families, learned to Pray, Rejoice, Seek, Ask and Tell about the love of God.

This year's 5th annual Blessing of the Animals service was held at Stapleton's Central Park. Following the brief worship service, which was attended by people from the neighborhood, people walking their dogs in the park as well as Augustana members, a barbecue



Vacation Bible School 2009

picnic was provided for all. Thanks to Dane Vierow for his coordination and cooking at this event. Despite the frigid cold weather, everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

We continue to reach out to young families of the congregation through our SPLASH newsletter. Many thanks to Sandy Tighe who faithfully mails these materials to families of newborn children through age 3 each month.

Following Augustana tradition, 5th grade students were invited to join in Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, and this year seven high school freshmen affirmed their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation.

Through various service opportunities this the year, families have offered hope and healing to others. Youth raised funds to combat world hunger by participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. During the 24 hours of this event, the youth perform various service projects, collect canned goods for Metro CareRing, and find sponsors who will financially support them as they experience what hunger is like. This year's famine event will raise funds to be sent through Lutheran World Relief to survivors of the Haiti Earthquake. Our donation to Urban Peak following Souper Bowl Sunday not only makes our youth more aware of the less fortunate around them, but also helps to provide food, shelter, and job placement assistance to homeless teens in the Metro Denver area. Working with COMPA Food Ministries, several Augustana families gleaned cabbage from fields near Greeley. The collected produce was distributed through local food banks.

Confirmation students provide an evening of food and fun for the residents of Warren Village. We continue our efforts to provide a monthly service opportunity for families. Even the youngest of children can build their faith by serving those around them.

As we continue into 2010, we walk humbly with God as we continue to expand and improve our Sunday School program, Walk Thru the New Testament, are inspired by the worship leadership that our youth provide, and prepare our young people to be lifelong supporters of Lutheran traditions. As always, your ideas and input are vital to the continued growth and quality of our programs.

I remain both honored and humbled by the opportunity I've been given to serve the Youth and Families of this congregation. Thank you.

**In His Service,
Beth Peay**

Membership

Beginning 2009	1,662
Members Received	
Baptisms	13
New Members	38
Total New Members Received	51
Members Removed	
Death	17
Transfer	4
Other/Dropped	5
Total Members Removed	26
Statistical adjustment	1
Ending 2009	1686

Social Ministry Committee

The Augustana Lutheran Social Ministry team reaches from Augustana Lutheran Church into the larger Denver community. The Social Ministry Committee manages the distribution of funds to local and state organizations that provide services to citizens of need in our community. During the last year Augustana provided funding to the following organizations:

Mission Partners:

- Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
- Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Denver
- Lutheran Family Services of Colorado

Basic Human Needs:

- The Delores Project
- Four Mile Family Resource Center
- MDS Counseling Center
- Metro CareRing
- New Beginnings Church
- Safehouse Denver
- Turnabout Program
- Urban Peak
- Urban Servant Corps
- Work Options for Women

The above organizations provide many quality services to people in need in our community. As many of you know these organizations provide services including housing homeless families, providing shelter to battered women, providing food, clothing, counseling, and psychological support for people in need, as well as providing low cost interns to work at not-for-profit organizations throughout the community. The people of Augustana are well respected for their generosity in the non profit community, and we make a real difference in our community.

The people at Augustana are also personally involved in many community organizations through our donation of materials and labor. Augustana Lutheran Church donated over 7,000 pounds of food to Metro CareRing in 2009 as well as three members who regularly volunteer on a weekly basis.

Beginning this year we provided five to seven volunteers each month to the new Ansar Pantry in Aurora. The pantry is a partnership between the Moslem community and Metro CareRing providing food to approximately 35 needy families each week living in Denver, Arapahoe and Adams counties.

Augustana also donated about 2,670 pounds of clothing to the Denver Rescue Mission and home kitchen supplies to the families served by Metro CareRing.

During the last year the people of Augustana were actively involved in a number of other activities. We provided Christmas presents to many people in need through Lutheran Family Services, as well as food baskets for Thanksgiving and Easter baskets for 93 families living at Warren Village.

During the last year people and groups at Augustana also provided direct help to people in need in the Glendale Southeast Denver, through the donation of backpacks and school supplies and warm children's clothing for immigrant and refugee children living in the area. The Augustana women's groups also provided children's books and women's cosmetic supplies to needy families living in the area.

The Social Ministry Committee would like to invite you to join us. This is a great opportunity to help the project that is near and dear to you. Please contact Jerry Sanders if you have any questions.

Augustana makes a real difference both through our funding and personal involvement!

Jerry Sanders

Chair

AUGUSTANA Arts

Mission: “To Gather Community, Support the Arts, and Delight the Spirit”

In 2008 and 2009, Augustana Arts continued to gather community through its concert series and outreach programs, support the arts through music education and performance opportunities for emerging artists, and delight the spirit through its outreach performances, its provision of music education in low-income neighborhoods, and its Access to the Arts program.

Highlights of the 2008/2009 fiscal year:

Augustana Arts successfully produced “Titanic: The Musical,” which was nominated for two Ovation Awards by the *Denver Post*.

Augustana Arts provided over 25 performances through Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra, the Colorado Women’s Chorale, Augustana Vocal Ensemble (AVE), local and international performers, and collaborations with the Colorado Hebrew Chorale, Fiesta Colorado Dance Company, Pro Musicis, St. Martin’s Chamber Choir, Kantorei Choral Group, the Colorado Choir, and the Augustana/Reuter National Undergraduate Organ Competition.

Augustana Arts donated more than 2,000 tickets through the ArtReach ticket contribution program, to individuals with mental and physical disabilities as well as the elderly community.

The City Strings program, which provides Suzuki-trained violin, viola, and cello lessons to at-risk children in low-income neighborhoods, was able to expand its student base and grow the program in schools.

The Augustana Institute of Music (AIM) provided band music instruction and private music lessons to ten schools in the metro-Denver area.

Augustana Arts musicians performed in retirement communities, hospice centers, and hospitals, to bring music to those who are not able to access live music performances.

Through the generosity of members of the Leaders Circle and other individual donations, Augustana Arts

successfully matched a \$25,000 grant with a matching requirement from the Anschutz Foundation.

Acknowledgment and Thanks:

Successful collaborations, in these tough economic times, are critical to the survival and success of nonprofit organizations. Augustana Arts would like to recognize the staff, volunteer leadership, and members of Augustana Lutheran Church for their annual commitment to Augustana Arts’ mission. We recognize and appreciate the resources, support, respect, and love provided by Augustana Lutheran Church that help Augustana Arts make a broader and more positive impact into the community.

Marsha A. Temple

Executive Director, Augustana Arts



Augustana’s 2009 Stephen Leaders: Sheryl Stenseth and Malise de Bree

Stephen Ministers: Gail Bartels, Lyn Goodrum, Audrey Haber, Kay Landers, Carol Tamminga, E. L. Van Laningham, Liisa Wilson

We consider it a privilege to have offered short term support and encouragement to people experiencing job loss, financial worries, the loss of a loved one, divorce, and illness. We depend upon those who could benefit from this ministry to let us know of their need, so that we might serve them. Please call Sheryl or Malise if you want a Stephen Minister or know someone who might benefit from this ministry. In our monthly meetings we continue to discuss and share our reflections from Sarah Butler’s book, *Caring Ministry*. This book has helped us to have knowledge and confidence as we pursue our ministry.

Malise de Bree

Stephen Leader



Women of the ELCA is the women's organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As a partner in the total ministry of the church, the organization affirms, supports, and challenges women in their daily ministries at home and in the world.

Mission Statement: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Augustana Women of the ELCA meet monthly for Bible study, Christian service, outreach, and fellowship.

Christian Service has included: SHARE Baskets for Warren Village; Gathering Place; Dolores Project; ELCA Women in Prison Project; Metro CareRing; assisting in funeral receptions; furnishing evening meals to homeless families through Interfaith Hospitality Network; providing cards, holiday baskets, gifts and meals to home-centered and circle members; sewing machine project for the Mashia Project in Nigeria; projects for Four Mile Family Resource Center; Lutheran Family Services fund raiser; and bandage rolling for Global Health Ministries.

There are five circles at Augustana:

- **Deborah** meets September through June the second Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. Contact person: Arvetta Hjelmstad (303-753-0821)
- **Mary** meets September through May the second Monday at 1 p.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. Contact person: Jane Carlstrom (303-322-0567)
- **Phoebe** meets September through May, the first Thursday at noon in homes. Contact Person: Carol Parker (303-355-3316)
- **Rachel** meets September through May the fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. Contact person: Ellie Bonicelli (303-452-8281)
- **Sarah** meets September through May the second Thursday, 9:30 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. Contact person: Nancy Cowee (303-695-9138)

Arvetta Hjelmstad

Altar Guild

During 2009, the 28 members of Augustana's Altar Guild have continued to be led by the Holy Spirit as six teams have gathered for their weekly ministries of:

- Preparing the Sanctuary and Christ Chapel for worship
- Caring for the altar, pulpit, and lectern paraments and the fair linens
- Setting up all the items used for each baptism
- Pressing and laundering all of the robes used by the crucifers, acolytes, and communion assistants

Also, during the year the Altar Guild has continued its traditional participation in the following congregational events:

- Preparing and serving a light supper for the Advent Adventure participants
- Stripping the chancel in the Sanctuary to close the Maundy Thursday worship service in preparation for Good Friday
- Participating in the annual Volunteer Ministry Fair
- A special donation of candles and a poinsettia plant were made in memory of Mary Lou Swenson

We have reached out to invite others to share in this ministry of quiet joy and also welcome them to gather with the entire Guild four evenings during the year for learning, sharing, planning, fellowship, devotions, and inspiration. We hope that you might consider joining us at our next meeting to see what we are up to. Our next meeting will be held in the Anna Paulson Room on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. We hope that you will join us in welcoming our new officers! As President I would like to extend a special thank you to Paul Whitehurst for filling positions of Secretary and Treasurer for the past three years. Thank you, Paul!

2009 Officers: President – Cindy Maxwell; Vice President – Arline Johnson; Secretary/Treasurer – Paul Whitehurst

2010 Officers: President – Arline Johnson; Vice President – Venus Conklin; Secretary – Mavis Tell; Treasurer – Paul Whitehurst

Cindy Maxwell
President

Volunteer Ministry

2009 Members: Thom Dorr, Louise James, Dianne Nelson, Joe Tripp

2010 Members: Louise James, Dianne Nelson, Dwight Stenseth, Joe Tripp

In the spring we held a team-building workshop and invited all volunteers. Debbie Carter led the group through the Myers-Briggs Personality Assessment test. The attendees enjoyed themselves, and many tried to see where their personality type might serve Augustana.

“Discover Augustana” was held on September 12. It was a fun-filled event. We hosted the various ministries who shared their different activities. Augustana’s Family Orchestra provided entertainment as well as Juggling Jeff. The event was held indoors because of the weather. Judy and Win Nyquist provided a delicious lunch after the 10:30 worship service. “Discover Augustana” has become an annual event, and we look forward to organizing it again this year.

We continue to administer ELCA’s Spiritual Assessment Test to all new members. This is a great tool to help the new members to see where their talents lie and how they could possibly be used, not only at Augustana, but within our community as well.

We will continue to find ways to support and thank our many faithful volunteers through 2010.

Mary Ann Shippey
Administrator of Volunteer Ministry and Building Use

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Our building continues to gain a reputation as a friendly, cooperative place for outside groups to use. The Chinese Heritage Camp has expanded to include an additional camp for African-Caribbean Heritage Camp. The Swedish School, Swedish Club, and Swedish Class all continue to use our facilities as does the Denver Allied Arts Guild, Parenting After Divorce and the Wednesday Weavers. We have also worked

with the SCFD and the Kohelet Synagogue this past year. As always, we continue to use our facilities for Augustana Arts and Augustana Presents events.

I continue to thoroughly enjoy my ministry here at Augustana and feel blessed to be working with so many gifted coworkers and volunteers. I look forward to doing more of God’s work in the coming year.

Mary Ann Shippey

Tri-R

Tri-R, which stands for Religion, Recreation and Refreshments, has been a large, thriving service club for over 64 years. However, our numbers are much smaller now. Last year when we realized no one was willing or able to be an officer any longer, we decided to try a “Board” of eight volunteers who would share the work and planning for the year. We met nine times, instead of twelve as in the past, for potluck meetings, dinner parties, and the 4th of July pancake breakfast.

Tri-R sponsors the Easter Lily Garden each year and then later arranges to have all the lilies delivered to our home-centered members.

In May we hosted a Seniors Recognition luncheon to honor all members of the congregation, aged seventy and over. We also sent financial support to the three camping facilities operated by our Lutheran churches. We gave donations toward the new kitchen coffeepot and also toward the carpeting in the office and hallway.

The new members of our “Board” for 2010 are Palmer Attleson, Carol Carpenter, Andee Elvert, Eldon Hemmingsen, Joni Hopkins, Richard Kah, Lee Reinhart, and Bob Williams.

The 2009 Tri-R Executive Committee

Music Ministry

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. (Psalm 100:1–2)

Highlights of 2009

January

- Augustana Ringers retreat—an all-day event preparing for a festival. A time for fun and musical growth.
- Judging the preliminary round of the Augustana Arts/Reuter National Undergraduate Organ Competition – always a grueling process, yet invigorating.
- Augustana College (Sioux Falls) Choir and Band perform at Augustana—incredible!

February

- I perform at St. John’s Cathedral on the historic Kimball organ just prior to its restoration—an honor, privilege, and a great audience!
- AVE performs a Valentine’s concert as part of Augustana Arts series—beautiful solos, duets, and quartets.
- I play as part of an organ concert in memory of Robert Cavarra, my former organ professor at CSU—another honor and privilege.
- Augustana College (Rock Island) College Choir performs at Augustana—absolutely stunning!
- Augustana Ringers play at the Southern Colorado Handbell Festival—great learning experience.

March

- Drake College Choir (Des Moines) performs at Augustana—inspiring.
- Augustana Arts/Reuter National Undergraduate Organ Competition occurs over a long weekend—superb playing culminating in a spectacular concert and the promise for the future of fine leadership in church music.
- I serve on the executive director search committee for Augustana Arts—culminates in the hiring of Marsha Temple.

April

- I perform as part of Augustana Arts series with Kantorei—enjoyable!

- A moving Holy Week beginning with Passion Sunday and Y Hope leading worship with LeEtta Choi’s *Lamb of God* and then Chancel and Chamber Choirs collaborating with Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra on Good Friday worshipping through the music of Dale Wood’s *A Service of Darkness*—poignant.
- Easter services with brass, organ, handbells, and all choirs—always celebrative.
- Chamber Choir spring concert—exceptional.

May

- Recognition of all choirs at awards ceremonies and banquets—great fun all around.
- Recognition of the great work and retirement of Arvid Brekke, Senior Elite Choir Director, for his ministry in church music throughout his long career—thank you, Arvid!

June/July/August

- Planning for the 2009–2010 year—creative and invigorating.
- Hiring of LeEtta Choi as our new Senior Elite Choir Director.
- Participation of gifted volunteer musicians enhancing our summer worship for preludes, offertory, communion, postludes.
- Playing for and celebrating the weddings of two of our music staff—Dick Larson married Judy Schumaker and Chris Maunu married Aleisha Pfaff. Congratulations!

September

- All choirs start up again after a summer break—an exhilarating time with many new faces.
- Church staff retreat in Castle Rock—a great time strengthening working relationships and developing friendships.

October

- Chancel Choir retreat in Evergreen—work begins for Mozart’s *Requiem* along with some leisure.
- Blessing of the Animals service features the music of the newest ad hoc trio—Curtis Rember, sax; Mark Miller, guitar; Maria Brotherston, string bass—they jam while their children are in choir!

- University of Northern Colorado performs as part of Augustana Arts and I am invited to play for them.
- Reformation/Confirmation Sunday with brass, organ and handbells—celebrative (and personally fulfilling for me as my daughter is amongst the Confirmands).
- Chamber Choir’s fall concert—always enjoyable.

November

- All Saints Sunday with morning services led by the Dixieland Band, The Jazz Cookers, and the afternoon featuring Chamber and Chancel Choir with Musica Sacra Chamber Orchestra in concert performing Mozart’s *Requiem*—what a diverse day!
- Organ Plus Concert—I played on the Augustana Arts series with my “friends” in a concert of organ music with instrumentalists. What fun!
- Augustana hosted the Interfaith Hospitality Network concert featuring choirs from local churches—AVE and I performed.
- Thanksgiving Eve services partnering with St. Paul’s Lutheran Church and ending with Pie Fest in Fellowship Hall complete with member Joe Tripp’s band—great celebration of thanks!

December

- Annual Christmas concert with Chancel and Chamber choir and orchestra presenting a traditional concert with creative settings of familiar carols, complete with audience sing-along—Gloria!
- Three Christmas Eve worship services and one Christmas Day service—Joy to the World!

The above are merely highlights, and as I reflect on the year, we were busy! But we were busy in the best sense of the word—doing God’s work and proclaiming his word through music. Here, at Augustana, that work and proclamation through music is centered in worship. Each week the volunteer and paid music staff lead our worship especially faithfully and gracefully, and they cannot go unmentioned here. They are a tremendously talented and steadfast music staff with whom I am privileged to work: Dick Larson (Chancel and Chamber Choir), Arvid Brekke (retired Senior Elite), LeEtta Choi (Littlest Angels, Choristers, Y Hope and Senior Elite), Marcia

Olson (Cherubs), Sharon Schillereff (Recorders and Accompanist), Robert Ellis, Tanya Weir, Julie Cotton, Kari Kusek and Melanie Backes (Accompanists), John Richardson (Family Ensemble), Meg Morrison, Nicole Vogel, Bruce Johnson, and Chris Maunu (AVE), and members of the Worship Committee.

The blessings go on and on at Augustana. My perpetual prayer—that all who enter these doors experience the power of the Holy Spirit through the words and music that pervade this space.

“Oh worship the King, all glorious above. Oh, gratefully sing God’s power and love”

(Robert Grant, 1779–1838)

Cindy Lindeen-Martin
Minister of Music and Organist

The Augustana Foundation

2009 Board Members: Katherine Cruson, Kathleen Edstrom (Vice President,) Greg Bickle, Myron Miller, Colleen Porterfield (Secretary), Matthew Liegl, Rebecca Shandrick (President,) Krista Thorwald Art Van Dyck, Kevin Flesch (Ex-Officio member as President of Church Council) Staff: Pastor John Pederson, Lisa Smith (Treasurer)

The Augustana Foundation was established by the congregation in 1971 as a nine-member board to oversee the investment and administration of funds which have been given by Augustana members and friends wishing to provide a legacy, or to honor or memorialize relatives and friends through Augustana Lutheran Church.

The Foundation gifts the interest from the investment portfolio to individuals, groups, and organizations who apply for grants on a quarterly basis. In 2009 grants totaling over \$74,000 were approved.

Grant recipients for Augustana Ministries included: Higher Education Grants to Augustana students attending Augsburg College, Pacific Lutheran University, Midland College, and St. Olaf College (\$12,000 was given out to six college students); assistance for Augustana youth attending confirmation camp at Rainbow Trail; youth who went to the ELCA National Youth Gathering; Walk Thru the Old

Testament Lenten program; GROW; Augustana Arts City Strings Program; Augustana Vacation Bible School; Augustana Spiritual Arts; RMS Middle School Youth Gathering. Also included are the ELCA Mission-Future 4Kidz Investment Fund gifts of \$100 for each of the children baptized at Augustana in 2009.

Grant recipients for Community Outreach

included: 9Health Fair; Lutheran Family Services; Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana for English as a Second Language Program; Centus, for affordable mental health services; Center of Hope for rehabilitation homes; House for All Sinners and Saints, a Lutheran mission congregation in the Denver Metro area; Project WISE for counseling for low income women, Colorado Council of Churches Project Hope for combating domestic violence; and Lutheran Campus Ministry for outreach to students at CSU, CU, and UNC. Global Outreach included: Project Education Sudan for 26 bunk beds for Ayak Anguei Girls Primary School and Bright Stars of Bethlehem for scholarships for Palestinian students attending Dar-Al Kalima College.

The Augustana Foundation is privileged to extend and augment Augustana Lutheran Church's ministry locally and abroad, and looks forward to new possibilities in spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The generosity and benevolence of the Augustana family are signs of light and hope in our church, our community, and our world.

Rebecca Shandrick
President

Evangelism

Each Sunday we continue to have many visitors in our midst. Some of them identify themselves as they pass the peace with their pew mates. Other fill out "the slip" on the front of the bulletin and indicate that they would like to join or to receive *The Tower* or weekly *e-Pistle*. Such requests are followed up with a phone call. Our greeters for the Sunday services offer a handshake of warm welcome as people enter for the first or hundredth time.

We put information in the Early Learning Center newsletter about Augustana opportunities, such as Sunday School. Occasionally some of these children or their families become involved on Sunday mornings or even join!

We continue to offer a newcomers/new members class in the early fall, late winter, and after Easter. This six-week class is conveniently held on Sunday mornings between the two services. The pastors, lay staff and lay leadership introduce the attendees to life at Augustana, Lutheran theology, and tenets of our Christian faith. We diligently work on absorbing these new members into the life and work of the church. We continue to be impressed by the high level of commitment and diverse talents that these newer members share with us.

Monthly we advertise in local newspapers about the 9Health Fair, the Blessing of the Animals, our July 4th celebration, Augustana Arts' programs, and Vacation Bible School. Last fall we hosted the annual Blessing of the Animals event at a Stapleton park. We were joined by many animal lovers and Stapleton residents as well as our own members. What fun it was to share a barbeque as well as the love of all these critters.

We welcome one and all to our inclusive midst. This year we have met a number of Chinese, Japanese, Indonesian, Latino, and African visitors worshipping with us. How this enriches our community.

Malise de Bree
Evangelist Specializing in Senior Ministry

Senior Ministry

Senior Ministry continues in its commitment to know Christ and to make Christ known to seniors, to the entire Augustana congregation and to others in the larger community. Malise de Bree hosts a Thursday morning Bible study. This year we have concentrated on Galatians, Hebrews, and the letter to the Ephesians. During Lent we discussed Joyce Rupp's stimulating book, *Open The Door*.

From September through June, Senior Ministry hosts a monthly luncheon. Judy Nyquist and her team cook and serve up a totally delicious meal for about 90 people. We have programs that vary from Irish step dancing, country western and gospel music to an update on the Denver Botanic Gardens or Wes Munsil serenading us. A good time is had by all! Bob Johnson kindly plays birthday and anniversary songs for us as well as our closing hymns. Arvetta Hjelmstad provides us with lovely table arrangements.

In the summer we host a barbecue outside the Anna Paulson Room. In September we host a wine and cheese party for our many Windsor Gardens residents at the home of Evelyn Johnson in Windsor Gardens. It encourages our seniors to get to know the Augustana members living in their neighborhood.

The list would be incomplete without mentioning our various field trips. These half day excursions take us in many directions in and around Denver, including The Wildlife Experience in Parker, the Center for Empowered Living and Learning, and a tour of the 911 Control Center. Occasionally we attend a cultural event over at the Lakewood Cultural Center.

None of these programs and activities could occur without the enthusiastic and committed dedication of the Senior Ministry Committee, whose members include: Vivian Bengtson, Chairperson, Carol Berson, John Cowee, Dean Ducnuigeen, Dallas Jensen, Bea Jerke, Evelyn Johnson, Irene Jones, Dick Kah, Harriet Anne Post, and Linda Tinderholt.

Respectfully submitted,
Malise de Bree

Natural Church Development Team

The goal of the Natural Church Development (NCD) Team is to help focus Augustana on developing passionate spirituality, which has to do with the vibrancy and quality of individuals' spiritual relationship with God. Over the past 18 months, the NCD Team has prayerfully engaged in active study, goal-setting, planning, dialog with the congregation, staff, and community, and identification and partial implementation of strategic initiatives. Key focus areas are:

1. Congregational Health – focusing on passionate spirituality.
2. Existing Community and Internal Relationships – exploring opportunities to further develop existing relationships to help optimize and add value.
3. New Community Imaginative Partnerships – identifying new partnering organizations and opportunities within the community to benefit the community, the partner, and Augustana.

2009 progress in these areas include:

- Coordinating a day-long faith exploration workshop, "What is God Up To With You?" in which 40 members learned new ways to explore their spiritual relationship.
- Initiating a new adult forum targeted to parents of children in Sunday School.
- Facilitating relationships between various Augustana entities and those associated with Augustana, specifically the Augustana Early Learning Center and Augustana Arts.
- Identifying additional initiatives to be prioritized and implemented in 2010.

Members: Jesse Adkins (Chair), Janet Flesch (Vice-Chair), Ken Beazer, Vivian Bengtson, Pastor Pederson, Olaf Siverson, Lisa Smith, Al Spies, and Pam Uyemura, Professional coach, Pastor Dave Daubert.

Submitted by
Janet Flesch

Library Committee

Augustana's Ammerman Library is a gathering place for groups and a quiet place for individuals to find a comfortable corner for reading and contemplation. Our special volunteers help to welcome Sunday visitors. We thank Joyce Oleson, Katherin Howell, Tiffanie Stasiak, Arvetta Hjelmstad, and Carol Parker for their continuing work on Sundays.

Sunday, September 27, the Library Committee sponsored a celebration of Augustana Authors in the Anna Paulson Room. Some of the authors who presented gathered on August 9 to get to know each other and help plan the September Authors' Day. The result of the planning was successful. "How can writing be a ministry?" was the chosen theme. Those in attendance for the celebration listened as authors shared their books and their ministries. We thank Krista Halvorson, Lois Hjelmstad, Hope Kelly, Carrie Olson, Bettie Wallach, and Bettie's special guest, Dr. Othniel Seiden for making this day so special. Lucille Reilly could not present on this day, so a special article was prepared for the February *Tower*.

The Library Committee continued to inventory and review books to order. Few books were ordered this year as 150 donations of gently used and new books were accessioned and added to the shelves. Come see the list of 2009 books—and browse for a book just for you. Monetary donations from several individuals will be used to make some future improvements in the library. We are thankful for your support.

Committee 2009:

Linda Crow, chairperson
Eldon Hemmingsen
Arvetta Hjelmstad
Babs Quist
Beth Schutt

Committee 2010:

Linda Crow, chairperson
Eldon Hemmingsen
Arvetta Hjelmstad
Babs Quist

Linda Crow
Chair



9Health Fair coordinators: Kiva Merki, Sheryl Stenseth, Joyce Thomson, and Nancy Vikman.

Health Ministry and Parish Nurse Report

Offering Hope and Healing in Jesus Christ

Healing and caring were part of Jesus' ministry and continue to belong to the church. During the past year the Parish Nurse, along with the Health Ministry team, served members of Augustana and the broader community by providing services and opportunities for people to improve the health of their body, mind, and spirit. Activities and accomplishments in Health Ministry during 2009 include the following:

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

- Provided more than 200 foot-care services during monthly Footcare Clinics coordinated by Gail Bartels and staffed by the Denver Visiting Nurse Service.
- Offered a Flu Immunization Clinic in October with 75 participants.
- Collaborated with Belle Bonfils to conduct blood donor drives in January and June.
- Invited National Jewish Hospital staff to provide a Pulmonary Function Screening event in June with many seniors attending.
- Supported Firm Believers, an individualized exercise class held three times a week led by Karen Terry, personal trainer.
- Hosted yoga classes each Wednesday led by Robyn Lambert, certified yoga instructor.
- Coordinated a two-day 9Health Fair in April that offered health awareness, screening, and other

services to about 1,250 community participants.

- Offered two 6-hour CPR certification courses.
- Contributed health-related information monthly in *The Tower*.
- Continued “Path to Recovery” Al-Anon Support Group meeting Thursday evenings and led by Dallas Jensen.
- Provided facility for NAMI to conduct a free, 12-week Family-to-Family Education course for family caregivers of individuals with severe mental illness.
- Reviewed and revised Health Ministry policies for use of Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and blood pressure screening.

Health education

- Provided certification—required monthly Nursing Consultant services to the Augustana Early Learning Center and taught CPR, First Aid, and Universal Precaution classes to Center staff.
- Staffed monthly Health Ministry Sundays where blood pressure screenings and education on a variety of health issues were provided.
- Partnered with the Colorado Health Marriage Project to offer free Couples Connection Communication workshop. Thirty-five couples attended, and childcare was provided.
- Collaborated with the American Red Cross to provide Babysitting Training and Certification for 12 young people.

Integration of Faith and Health

- Offered individual healing during Sunday worship services quarterly.
- Co-facilitated a six-week Grief Support Group for seven people.
- Co-coordinated Stephen Ministry program and led monthly meetings for Augustana’s nine Stephen Ministers.
- Contributed health-related perspectives to weekly Pastoral Care Team meetings.
- Made numerous home, hospital, and nursing homes visits and telephone consultations to members and friends in need of health and healing.
- Acted as a referral source, connecting people with

appropriate community services.

- Attended bimonthly meeting of Metro Area Parish Nurse Organization. Involved in the formation of National and Rocky Mountain Synod Parish Nurse Association.
- Provided staff support for the Senior Retreat at Rainbow Trail in October.
- Coordinated the Prayer Shawl Ministry which met monthly to knit or crochet prayer shawls for those in need of comfort and solace.
- Organized and implemented Augustana Friendly Telephone Ministry to provide supportive calls to parishioners who are permanently or temporarily home-centered, handicapped, in long term care facilities, lonely, grieving, or otherwise in need.

The Health Ministry Committee met every other month to plan, implement, and evaluate Augustana’s Health Ministry program. Members included: Joyce Thomson (Chairperson), Sheryl Stenseth (Parish Nurse), EJ Amrhein (Secretary), Marilyn Stember, Nancy and John Cowee, David Weir, Sid Altum, Angela Dir, Diane McFadden, and Joy Hawkins (Congregation Council Liaison). The committee welcomes your programmatic suggestions for 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Thomson and Sheryl Stenseth

Worship Attendance

Average weekly attendance

	2008	2009
8 a.m.	90	86
10:30 a.m.	253	257
Midweek Lent	16	n/a

Attendance Totals

Ash Wednesday	242	207
Maundy Thursday	*132	232
Good Friday	234	220
Easter	1,082	1,037
Thanksgiving Eve	303	387
Christmas	857	893

**data only available for 11 a.m. worship*

Augustana Early Learning Center

During the first half of 2009, AELC staff spent countless hours preparing for re-accreditation by NAEYC (National Association of Education for Young Children). We received notification in July that our accreditation was granted for another five years.

Part of Augustana's strategic plan for the year was to strengthen relationships and interactions between its various ministries and organizations. At a planning session in September, the Early Learning Center working group set specific goals to be achieved this school year. We've accomplished a great deal of this work:

In January, 2010, we began a bible class for children whose parents choose it. Currently, Malise de Bree and Mavis Tell are teaching the class in Christ Chapel.

Our children look forward to reading times with several senior volunteers. Bob Olson, Spencer Toppen, and Ruth Forselius read weekly to the Butterflies, Ladybugs and Bumblebees classes.

Soon to be unveiled: An ELC "Information Center" featuring a slide show of children and center activities, along with project posters and center literature.

In June, our summer school-agers may choose to participate in a music camp with children from the church. Parents will enjoy what the children learned, as they present at Augustana's worship service the following Sunday. Coordinators for this event are LeEtta Choi, Children's Choral Director and Cindy Lindeen-Martin, Minister of Music and Organist.

These and other initiatives help our children and families to gather in Christian community at Augustana.

AELC Board of Directors: David Emrich, President (2009 and 2010), Karen Bourg, Vice President, Eric Clambey, Secretary, Kari Blanchard, Treasurer, David Aarestad, Nicole Harwell, Holly Massie, Kay Hytjan, Council Representative, Paula Keller, Center Administrator

Property Committee

The Property Committee is responsible for the building complex and grounds maintenance to provide a safe and well-kept facility where people may gather in Christian community.

The members of this committee are: Orvid Olson, Leigh Quist, Dick Kah, John Flory, Nancy Cowee, Asmir Hodzic, Ron Stember, Michael Graham, Grant Lutz. The committee meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Projects that were completed in 2009:

- Honored Palmer Attleson for his many years of faithful service as a member of and chair of the Property Committee;
- Fire Alarm system upgrades;
- Security Alarm system installation;
- Carpet replacement Administration Wing;
- Removed diseased cottonwood trees in Quist Park;
- Planted replacement trees in Quist Park;
- Cleaned up brush and debris by Jewish Center;
- Initiated a program to replace incandescent lights in the church with CFL's;
- Adjusted sound system in the Sanctuary;
- Hot water heater mixing valve replacement;
- Insurance rider for statuary in Memorial Garden;
- Upgraded parking lot lighting and added new lights; and
- Repaired caulking on the Sanctuary exterior copper walls.

Projects for 2010:

- Carpet replacement Library;
- A/C Fellowship Hall;
- Caulking Music Room windows;
- Continue replacement of incandescent lights with CFL's;
- Set up maintenance schedule for church busses;
- Library remodel and archive display case installation; and
- Concrete repairs.

John Flory, Chairman

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans -- 2009 – Summary for Augustana Lutheran Congregation Service Team

	Programs	Events	\$ from Denver Chapter	\$1250 for Augustana projects
Jan. 25	Planning			
Feb.		Feb. 25 Lenten Pancake Supper for Metro Caring, collected net \$354	\$150	
Mar. 22	Four Mile Family Resource Center – Jerry Sanders			
Apr.		Apr. 11 Warren Village baskets, collected \$2662 Apr. 25 Lutheran Family Services Gala, collected \$50,000	\$ 867 \$1300	
May 31	How to Invest in Today's Economy – Bickle & Dorr			
June		June 7 Youth Garage Sale, raised \$1248 June 21 Kitchen Fund (coffee urns) Sunday, collected \$2199		\$600 \$650
July 26	Retirement Income Planning – How to Do It – Bickle & Dorr			
Aug.		Aug. 23 Faith Day at the Rockies – free tickets for baseball game from Denver Chapter		
Sept. 27	Youth trip to ELCA National Gathering	Sept. 13 – display table at “Discover Augustana” Sunday		
Oct.		Oct. 18 Augustana Early Learning Center Fall Festival, \$2614 net Oct. 20 Confirmation dinner: 7 confirmands received crosses Lutheran Men of Greater Denver collected \$800 + Tri-R gave \$800 for 3 Lutheran camps in Colorado	\$1300 Thrivent donation \$ 800	
Nov. 22	Denver County Chapter election for Leadership Board; Thrivent display of Member Benefits	Nov. 21 Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) The Grateful Alive concert & silent auction, collected \$30,000 Nov. 21 Warren Village baskets, collected \$2497	\$1300 \$ 900	
Total funds raised:			\$93,1764	\$1250

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	MINISTRIES FUND	PROPERTY FUND	DEDICATED FUNDS
Bank of Denver Checking	\$ 73,514.35			
Bank of Denver Money Market	117,049.48			
Wells Fargo Advisors	11,822.99			
Petty Cash	70.00			
Prepaid Expenses	20,099.49			
Interfund Transfers	6,254.41			
Accounts Receivable	69,758.64			210,798.05
Ministries Fund #3		148,976.14		
Ministries Fund #4		23,915.40		
Ministries Fund #5		153,674.06		
Equipment			17,965.24	
Furnishings			923.00	
Vehicles			17,106.00	
Building			232,049.50	
Additions			1,157,239.94	
Land			56,000.00	
Land-Olson			111,000.00	
 Total Assets	 \$ 298,569.36	 \$ 326,565.60	 \$ 1,592,283.68	 \$ 210,798.05
 LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 277,447.43			52,694.02
Tax Deferred Annuities	0.16			
Flexible Spending Account	484.56			
Total Liabilities	\$ 277,932.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,694.02
 FUND BALANCES				
Balance at January 1, 2009	66,599.96	271,938.97	1,662,992.68	93,027.24
Current Period Changes	2,860.95	54,626.63	(70,709.00)	65,076.79
Unrestricted General Fund	(48,823.00)			
 Total Fund Balance	 20,637.91	 326,565.60	 1,592,283.68	 158,104.03
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	 \$ 298,570.06	 \$ 326,565.60	 \$ 1,592,283.68	 \$ 210,798.05

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	OVER (UNDER)	% OF BUDGET
INCOME				
Offering Income				
Offering Envelopes	892,942.00	836,671.62	(56,270.38)	93.70%
Loose Offerings	24,144.00	18,556.99	(5,587.01)	76.86%
Festival Offerings	34,650.00	35,221.67	571.67	101.65%
Sunday Church School	1,000.00	686.98	(313.02)	68.70%
Special Gifts	35,000.00	31,777.10	(3,222.90)	90.79%
Birthday Offerings	1,600.00	1,981.00	381.00	123.81%
Envelope Fund	1,600.00	1,453.00	(147.00)	90.81%
Other Offerings	-	67.00	67.00	0.00%
Outreach - Local	-	101.00	101.00	0.00%
Outreach - Global	-	4,743.00	4,743.00	0.00%
Other Income				
Building Use Reimbursement	20,054.00	26,393.23	6,339.23	131.61%
Interest Income	3,992.00	2,041.27	(1,950.73)	51.13%
Van Use Reimbursement	300.00	-	(300.00)	0.00%
Miscellaneous Income	-	13,925.93	13,925.93	0.00%
Unrealized Gains & Losses	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Income	1,015,282.00	973,619.79	(41,662.21)	95.90%
EXPENSES				
Benevolence	107,153.00	105,147.67	(2,005.33)	98.13%
Worship and Music	32,040.00	24,308.60	(7,731.40)	75.87%
Education & Youth	11,565.00	18,398.55	6,833.55	159.09%
Adult Education	900.00	75.00	(825.00)	8.33%
Social Ministry	570.00	-	(570.00)	0.00%
Evangelism	11,490.00	6,831.71	(4,658.29)	59.46%
Stewardship	7,650.00	7,369.10	(280.90)	96.33%
Volunteer Ministry	2,055.00	1,015.76	(1,039.24)	49.43%
Senior Ministry	3,600.00	944.31	(2,655.69)	26.23%
Health Ministry	1,000.00	580.64	(419.36)	58.06%
Property	138,200.00	113,896.37	(24,303.63)	82.41%
Office Expense	47,700.00	46,942.39	(757.61)	98.41%
Administrative	11,075.00	8,040.55	(3,034.45)	72.60%
Council Projects	7,800.00	6,893.74	(906.26)	88.38%
Personnel	634,925.00	630,315.15	(4,609.85)	99.27%
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,017,723.00	970,759.54	(46,963.46)	95.39%
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$ (2,441.00)	\$ 2,860.25	\$ 5,301.25	

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH
DEDICATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

	BEGINNING	YEAR TO DATE		ENDING
	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Archives	3,525.79	-	340.00	3,185.79
Augustana Arts	(1,605.00)	3,552.80	2,067.80	(120.00)
Augustana SHARE	1,299.74	8,304.51	6,975.58	2,628.67
Capital Development Fund	(125,894.09)	79,497.48	17.01	(46,413.62)
Chapel Kneelers	4,704.58	180.00	-	4,884.58
Computer Upgrade	-	-	-	-
Early Learning Center	(7,728.14)	79,648.49	78,080.75	(6,160.40)
ELCA Special Gifts	-	73.49	73.49	-
Fund #5 Gifts	-	1,320.00	1,320.00	-
Grow Now & Forever	46,834.33	5,000.00	43,405.67	8,428.66
Foundation Gifts	-	3,700.00	3,700.00	-
Global Mission	99.05	9.00	47.12	60.93
Handbell Fund	-	-	-	-
Health Ministry	7,463.76	5,320.00	4,926.70	7,857.06
Library Fund	10,614.08	60.00	37.54	10,636.54
Major Property Expense Fund	56,633.77	2,560.00	28,714.86	30,478.91
Memorial Garden	46,633.56	8,835.00	13,936.07	41,532.49
Music Ministry	6,021.95	10,837.10	12,288.10	4,570.95
Organ Fund	5,578.50	-	-	5,578.50
Senior Ministry Fund	8,851.90	2,185.00	2,400.00	8,636.90
Special Allocated Gifts	22,986.76	78,529.44	26,303.27	75,212.93
Special Assistance	417.79	700.00	500.00	617.79
Stephen Ministry Training	591.61	50.00	139.65	501.96
Van Purchase Fund	5,985.39	-	-	5,985.39
World Hunger	-	13,741.44	13,741.44	-
Youth Fund	11.91	17,079.76	17,091.67	-
TOTALS	273,683.74	321,183.51	256,106.72	158,104.03

THE AUGUSTANA FOUNDATION

FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1, 2009

Cash Funds	68,633.79
Securities (at FMV)	1,744,535.50
Less: Accounts Payable	(4,400.00)
Due from Fund #5	2,080.00
	<u>1,810,849.29</u>

RECEIPTS

Gifts and Memorials	52,440.90
Gain (Loss) on Investments (\$178,315.51 Unrealized)	106,714.23
Capital Gain Distributions	-
Grants Returned	1,239.36
Investment Income	63,350.39
Total Receipts	<u>223,744.88</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

INTERNAL MINISTRIES:

College Grants For Youth	12,000.00
Augustana Presents!	1,500.00
Confirmation	800.00
Youth Trip	4,140.00
Staff Education	850.00
Health Ministry Seminar	1,500.00
Baptismal Gifts	2,500.00
Walk Thru the Bible	3,000.00
Augustana Spiritual Arts	1,000.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	500.00
Youth & Family	1,500.00
Fire Alarm System Upgrade	6,000.00
Administrative Costs	31.00
Total Internal Ministries	<u>35,321.00</u>

EXTERNAL MINISTRIES:

Lutheran Family Services	5,227.00
Mission Support	4,000.00
Campus Ministry	4,500.00
Augustana Arts	11,000.00
Project Wise	1,000.00
Colorado Council of Churches	2,500.00
Academic Scholarship Grants	500.00
Center of Hope	3,000.00
Centus Counseling	2,500.00
Project Education Sudan	1,000.00
Cristo Rey Iglesia Luterana	2,200.00
Bright Stars of Bethlehem	2,000.00
Total External Ministries	<u>39,427.00</u>

FUND BALANCES-DECEMBER 31, 2009

Cash Funds	162,230.15
Securities (at FMV)	1,808,956.02
Less: Accounts Payable	(11,340.00)

TOTAL FUND BALANCES

1,959,846.17

AUGUSTANA EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Financial Statement-December 31, 2009

Cash on Hand January 1, 2009

Checking & Cash	\$ 111,559.92	
		\$ 111,559.92

Receipts During 2009

Tuition and Fees	\$ 665,604.24	
Other USDA	10,601.59	
Fundraisers	4,392.08	
Interest Income & Gifts	1,937.26	
Total Receipts		682,535.17

Sum of Receipts and Beginning Cash		\$ 794,095.09
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Disbursements During 2009

Salaries & Contracts	\$ 471,612.54	
Food	39,605.94	
Taxes & Benefits	77,250.34	
Utilities & Operating Expenses	76,541.23	
2008 Expenses Paid in 2009	123.54	
Voided uncleared checks (2006-2008)	(692.10)	
2003 Mid-Bus Principal & Interest	6,484.92	
Total Disbursements		670,926.41

Cash on Hand December 31, 2009

		\$ 123,168.68
Checking & Cash	123,168.68	
Accounts Receivable/Prepaid Tuition	(1,318.51)	
Bank Of Denver Bus Loan #2	(8,705.08)	
Total Equity		\$ 113,145.09

Respectfully Submitted,
Kari Blanchard

ALTAR GUILD

Financial Statement-December 31, 2009

Cash on Hand January 1, 2009

Checking	\$ 1,035.37	
		\$ 1,035.37

Receipts During 2009

January Offering	\$ 39.00	
April Offering	25.00	
November Offering	27.00	
Total Receipts		<u>91.00</u>

Sum of Receipts and Beginning Cash		\$ 1,126.37
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Disbursements During 2009

Baptismal Napkins	41.85	
New Checks Printer	15.35	
Memorial Gifts	67.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>124.20</u>

Cash on Hand December 31, 2009

		<u>\$ 1,002.17</u>
Checking	\$ 1,002.17	
Total Cash on Hand		<u>\$ 1,002.17</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul K. Whitehurst, Treasurer

SENIOR ELITE CHOIR

Financial Statement-December 31, 2009

Cash on Hand January 1, 2009

Checking	\$ 1,591.66	
		\$ 1,591.66

Receipts During 2009

Gifts Received	84.00	
Memorials Received	705.00	
Other Income	150.00	
Total Receipts		939.00

Sum of Receipts and Beginning Cash \$ 2,530.66

Disbursements During 2009

Picnic Expense	\$ 1,314.78	
Honorariums	640.00	
Miscellaneous	(17.42)	
Office Supplies/Postage	22.00	
Total Disbursements		1,959.36

Cash on Hand December 31, 2009

		\$ 571.30
Checking	\$ 571.30	
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 571.30

Gift From Proudfit Estate Held by Augustana Foundation

Balance January 1, 2009	\$ 347.44	
Balance in Proudfit Trust		\$ 347.44

Respectfully Submitted,
Carlos Beer

TRI-R

Financial Statement-December 31, 2009

Cash on Hand January 1, 2009

Checking	\$ 12,981.84	
Certificate of Deposit	<u>-</u>	
		\$ 12,981.84

Receipts During 2009

Christmas Party Deposit Refunded	\$ 350.00	
Easter Garden Collections	2,556.00	
Food Sales	842.00	
4th of July Breakfast	94.00	
Member Dues	335.00	
Mount Vernon Country Club	609.00	
White Fence Farm Christmas	519.21	
Total Receipts		<u>5,305.21</u>
Sum of Receipts and Beginning Cash		\$ 18,287.05

Disbursements During 2009

Administration Wing Rug Gift	\$ 1,500.00	
Bennett's Bar-B-Q Lunch	151.47	
Coffee Urn Gift	137.90	
Easter Garden	1,312.74	
Food Sales	218.94	
Meeting Expenses (Entertainment)	25.00	
Mount Vernon Country Club	583.63	
Postage for Mailings	91.08	
Pot Luck Lunch	30.13	
Senior Luncheon (Over 70)	1,670.13	
Summer Camp for Kids (Thrivent Match)	800.00	
Valentine Lunch	197.94	
White Fence Farm Christmas	453.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>7,171.96</u>

Cash on Hand December 31, 2009

		<u>\$ 11,115.09</u>
Checking	\$ 11,115.09	
Total Cash on Hand		<u>\$ 11,115.09</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Kah, Treasurer

WELCA

Financial Statement-December 31, 2009

Cash on Hand January 1, 2009

Checking	\$ 2,444.28	
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		\$ 2,444.28

Receipts During 2009

Circle Offerings	\$ 916.35	
Membership Books	67.50	
Katie's Fund	42.50	
Least Coin Offering	98.56	
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Total Receipts		<hr/> 1,124.91

Sum of Receipts and Beginning Cash		\$ 3,569.19
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Disbursements During 2009

Rocky Mountain Synod	\$ 800.00	
Thank Offering to WELCA	200.00	
Office Supplies, Postage, & Membership Books	300.00	
Basket for LFS Silent Auction	60.95	
Miscellaneous	18.70	
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Total Disbursements		<hr/> 1,379.65

Cash on Hand December 31, 2009

		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 2,189.54
Checking	\$ 8,189.54	
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Total Cash on Hand		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 8,189.54

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Morgenthaler, Treasurer

Summary of Financial Statements for 2009

	General Fund	Temporary Restricted	Augustana Ministries
Balance, January 1, 2009	\$ 66,599.96	\$ -	\$ 271,938.97
Receipts during 2009	973,619.79	-	54,626.63
Disbursements during 2009	(1,019,582.54)	-	-
Net Change	(45,962.75)	-	54,626.63
Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 20,637.21	\$ -	\$ 326,565.60

	Property Fund	Dedicated Funds	Augustana Foundation
Balance, January 1, 2009	\$ 1,662,992.68	\$ 93,027.24	\$ 1,810,849.29
Receipts during 2009	(70,709.00)	321,183.51	223,744.88
Disbursements during 2009	-	(256,106.72)	(74,748.00)
Net Change	(70,709.00)	65,076.79	148,996.88
Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 1,592,283.68	\$ 158,104.03	\$ 1,959,846.17

	Augustana Early Learning Center	Altar Guild	Sr. Elite Choir
Balance, January 1, 2009	\$ 111,559.92	\$ 1,035.37	\$ 1,591.66
Receipts during 2009	682,535.17	91.00	939.00
Disbursements during 2009	(670,926.41)	(124.20)	(1,959.36)
Net Change	11,608.76	(33.20)	(1,020.36)
Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 123,168.68	\$ 1,002.17	\$ 571.30

	Tri-R Club	Augustana WELCA
Balance, January 1, 2009	\$ 12,981.84	\$ 2,444.28
Receipts during 2008	5,305.21	1,124.91
Disbursements during 2008	(7,171.96)	(1,379.65)
Net Change	(1,866.75)	(254.74)
Balance, December 31, 2009	\$ 11,115.09	\$ 2,189.54



Rocky Mountain Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Each congregation shares a percentage of its unrestricted giving with the wider church. In the Rocky Mountain Synod, mission support from congregations in 2010 is expected to be \$3,050,000, of which 50% is passed on for the churchwide mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Our anticipated 2010 total income of \$3,356,700 also includes \$150,013 from the ELCA and \$156,687 in endowment, grant, gift, and interest income.

\$1,525,000 represents the Rocky Mountain Synod's partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, acknowledging that by working together, we are making Christ known in ways that no individual or congregation can accomplish alone. Our dollars:

- support global partner churches in 90 countries, 240 missionaries and overseas volunteers, and the work of the Lutheran World Federation
- start new congregations (49 in 2008), support over 200 under development, and encourage 159 existing congregations intentionally focused on renewal
- support eight ELCA seminaries, 28 colleges, 187 campus ministries, 1,530 early childhood centers, 267 elementary schools, and 147 outdoor ministries
- support domestic witness, worship, evangelism, youth ministry, outdoor ministry, and resource development
- fund domestic social justice advocacy and education, including advocacy with the United Nations
- subsidize health care premiums of retired pastors, missionaries and lay church workers
- assist the ELCA foundation in its work of helping members support ministry today and in the future.



50% of congregational mission support is passed on to ELCA churchwide (45% of total income)

Total offerings in your congregation and 10,395 others: \$1.94 billion.

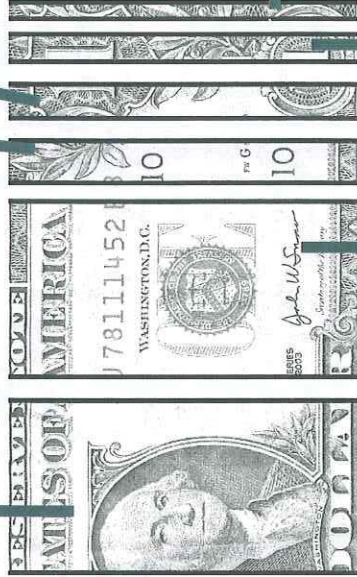
-2008 figures

93.2% supported the local mission and ministry of congregations. 3.4% was shared with the churchwide organization. 3.4% was shared with our 65 regional synods.

all RMS figures are for the 2010 fiscal year which begins February 1, 2010

\$611,655 supports territory ministries that foster hope and healing in the synod's five-state region, including eight campus ministries, advocacy ministries in Colorado and New Mexico, Lutheran camps, Lutheran Family Services of Colorado, Lutheran Social Services of Utah, Lutheran Social Services of the South, the Urban and Border Servant Corps, and ecumenical organizations in Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

synod territory ministries



synod staffing and travel

\$682,337 provides staff travel, medical, pension, and salaries. As the synod's pastor, Bishop Allan Bjornberg is called to provide pastoral care and leadership for congregations and ros-

tered leaders. He is assisted by Pastor Dan Bollman, Diaconal Minister Madelyn Busse (1/4 time), and Linda Staats (1/2 time).

Pastor Jim Hytjan is the ELCA Director of Evangelical Outreach for this synod. Additional staff include Pastor Kent Mueller (2/3 time), director for administration and communication, and three administrative staff: Cheryl Almquist, Janice Ladd-Horkey, and Willie Hobbs (3/4 time).

\$217,300 provides office rent, postage, office machines, telephone, printing, insurance, paper, and supplies.

bishop's office expense

synod ministries and leadership support

\$125,408 supports synod ministries and leadership support: candidacy process, first call theological education, youth umbrella team, outdoor ministries, mission outreach, ministry incentive grants, hunger network, synod council, global mission, congregational ministries, multicultural ministry, border immersion project, and communication.

new congregations

\$90,000 provides support for new congregations in the Rocky Mountain Synod, including Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, Denver, CO; New Horizons Lutheran Church, Falcon, CO; Christ the King Lutheran Church, South Jordan, UT; Camino de Vida, Albuquerque, NM; and House for All Sinners and Saints, Denver, CO. Salaries of pastor developers are paid by the ELCA Division for Outreach, representing additional ELCA funds returning to the Rocky Synod.

Pacific & Betela Seminaries

\$100,000 supports Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, as the seminary in our region. Our three Companion Synods in Madagascar train pastors and lay church leaders at Betela Seminary. They are supported with **\$5,000**.

