



At the Tower



A very Merry and Blessed Christmas from the staff of Augustana Lutheran Church!

Longest Night: A Service of Healing and Hope

Wednesday, December 21, noon and 6:30 p.m.,
Christ Chapel

Everyone is invited to gather for a new worship opportunity in Christ Chapel on Wednesday, December 21, at either noon or 6:30 p.m. During this season that is filled with celebrations and parties, many people have a longing for a quieter time of reflection. As we worship we'll hear God's promises in scripture, sing familiar hymns, and have the opportunity for prayers of healing. All are welcome; please invite your friends or neighbors to experience this meaningful service.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 11 p.m.,
Sanctuary

Celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord at Augustana with worship Christmas Eve at 3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 11 p.m. in the sanctuary. All services will include beloved Christmas carols, candlelight, and music by Augustana's choirs. Worship at 3 p.m. will offer Holy Communion and include special music by AVE. Augustana's Candelighters will process and sing at 5 p.m. worship, which also includes anthems by Augustana's children's and handbell choirs. Hear Augustana's Christmas Eve radio broadcast on AM Radio KOA 850 beginning at 10 p.m. Holy Communion will also be offered at 11 p.m. with anthems by Augustana's Chancel Choir. At 11 p.m. candles will be provided to ALL during the singing of "Silent Night"!

Augustana's nursery will be staffed for 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. worship.

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Day worship on Sunday, December 25 continues the celebration with Holy Communion and beloved carols at 10:30 a.m. in Augustana's Sanctuary.

Please note: There will be NO 8 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 25. The normal schedule, with worship at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., will resume on Sunday, January 1, 2017.

Christmas Day Dinner

Augustana will serve a festive Christmas Day ham dinner in Fellowship Hall following 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship. All are welcome—families with children, couples, singles, including visitors. Call Augustana's office with your reservation (303-388-4678) by noon, Wednesday, December 21.



good news!

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Thursday, January 12, 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for the February edition. E-mail **Lyn Goodrum** (goodrum@augustanadenver.org).

Sunday Schedule

- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (September–May)

Chapel Prayer

- Monday, 10 a.m., Christ Chapel

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.

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Recently lifted up in prayer . . .

For hope and healing:

- Lillian Biddle, Don Carlstrom, Dave Cruson, Karen Hasselgren, Gabriele Korndorfer, Dick Larson, Kay Madsen, Tina Mersch, Bill and Marge Stephens, Berniece Sundet

For comfort and courage:

- Family and friends of Betty Cochran in her death
- Karen Monson in the death of her cousin, Molly Howell
- Yuliya Stolyar in the death of her father, David Stolyar
- Rev. Don Tigges in the death of his wife, Bette Tigges
- Karen Yeager in the death of her aunt, Adaline Toscano

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Holiday schedule

Augustana's office will be closed for the holidays, Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. If you have an emergency, call the emergency line (303-862-3027).

Rejoice with . . .

- Parents Nathaniel and Josie Cockrell and grandparents George and Julie Cotton in the birth of River Lilja Cotton, November 10
- Ford Haworth Finke, son of Josh and Beth Finke, in his baptism
- Parents Adam and Lynette Lueders and grandmother Sandy Kistler in the birth of Marshall Thomas Lueders, November 30
- Parents Brita and Colin Strub and grandparents Duane and Jean Gall in the birth of Aspen Louise Strub, November 22

Thanks, Augustana!

Thank you to Phoebe Circle for the Christmas stocking full of treats they delivered to me!

Chickie Bakkemo

Augustana,
On October 30, I had the joy of watching my daughter, Claire, go through her confirmation. I wanted to thank the pastors, teachers, youth directors, and my friends at Augustana for their time, care, faith and love that carried us to this milestone.

Thank you all,
Karen Bourg

Dear Augustana,
Thank you for your in-kind contributions over the third quarter of 2016 of 5,062 pounds of food to ensure the organization can continue providing critical food access to alleviate food insecurity in our community.

Donations such as yours allow Metro Caring to focus its dollars on comprehensive programming designed to address root causes of hunger. Thank you for fighting local hunger!

Ryan Galanaugh
Vice President of Development and Communications

A New Season

For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Many of you are already aware that I am retiring and my last day as Augustana Faith Community Nurse will be January 15. Over the past 40 years I have worked in many different areas of nursing—in the ICU, Recovery Room, as a clinical nursing supervisor and instructor, as a family nurse practitioner, and finally as Faith Community Nurse at Augustana Lutheran Church. As Pastor Caitlin recently said to me, “What a great place to end your nursing career!” I could not agree more.

The years I have worked here have been very special, and each one of you has helped to make them so. With your encouragement and support, our Health Ministry team was able to grow existing programs and start many successful adventures such as the community garden and our prayer shawl ministry. I genuinely want to thank the members of Augustana with special recognition to our amazing Health Ministry team and the staff of Augustana Lutheran Church.

Our lives are full of beginnings and endings, and some changes are harder than others. The Bible references new changes and beginnings in our lives as being seasons. Seasons describes God’s perfect timing in delivering us through the changes in our lives. That, no matter how long, strenuous, and painstaking the road or trials are in our lives, there is always a new season ahead, a season of new beginnings.

So I am beginning a new season in my life, and although I am excited for this new venture, at the same time, I am genuinely sad to be leaving this position. I will treasure my memories, your kind words and affection.

Sheryl Stenseth

Faith Community Nurse



Celebrating Sheryl

Celebrate Sheryl and her work as Augustana’s Faith Community Nurse.

- **On Sunday, January 15**, Sheryl will be blessed during both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship and recognized during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- **Saturday, February 4**, 10:30 a.m., Augustana hosts an appreciation brunch in Fellowship Hall. RSVP required to Augustana’s office (info@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678).

Donations for a congregational gift for Sheryl may be made payable to Augustana Lutheran Church and footnoted “Sheryl Gift.”

Sheryl has provided health education, faithful encouragement, grief counseling, home visitation, 9Health Fair coordination, community garden leadership, Tender Loving Care lay ministry facilitation, and far more during her 10 years with the congregation. There is much to acknowledge and celebrate including her decades of nursing work before coming to Augustana. We will miss her as we wish her well on her new adventures!



Faith Community Nurse (Parish Nurse) Position Available

Augustana is seeking a spiritually mature, experienced registered nurse for a part-time position as Faith Community Nurse (formerly Parish Nurse) to fill the vacancy created by Sheryl Stenseth's retirement. This nurse responds to health-related concerns of parishioners through visits in homes or health care facilities to evaluate needs, provide support, facilitate the integration of faith and healing, and make referrals as needed. The Faith Community Nurse also coordinates health education programs, support groups, and other health-related activities in the congregation. This nurse works collaboratively with the Health Ministry Committee and coordinates volunteers to assist in carrying out health ministry initiatives. Minimum qualifications include RN license, baccalaureate degree in nursing (master's preferred), and five years of professional experience. Educational preparation and experience in parish nursing highly desirable. Applicant information is posted on Augustana's website (www.augustanadenver.org).

For further information, contact **Joyce Thomson**, Search Committee Chair (djthomson@earthlink.net) or **Sheryl Stenseth**, Faith Community Nurse (stenseth@augustanadenver.org).

Part-time evening custodian needed

Augustana is in need of a part-time custodian. The position encompasses maintenance, cleaning, set-up and tear-down, and other duties as assigned. The expected working hours are 5–10 p.m., Monday through Friday, with the flexibility to work Saturday and Sunday evenings on occasion. Contact **Lisa Mikolajczak** (303-388-4678 ext. 103), or email your cover letter and résumé to lisa@augustanadenver.org.

Worship

Home Communion visitors are vital



Your help is needed to take communion to our home-centered members. A big thanks to those people who signed up last month! People of all ages may help, and families can take communion out together. Communion is blessed during worship, and a written guide for use in the home is provided along with training. It is simple and deeply meaningful. Home Communion is one way that we offer hope in Jesus Christ. Contact **Pastor Caitlin** (303-388-4678 ext. 115 or pastor.caitlin.trussell@gmail.com) with questions or to get started.

Rainbow Trail Camp Sunday is coming to Augustana on January 22! We will welcome Executive Director **Dave Jarvis** as our guest preacher that morning, and there will be special opportunities for kids, youth and parents to hear all about camp during Education Hour. Plan to join this wonderful celebration of our outdoor ministry!

Music Ministry

Thank you to the many musicians—instrumentalists, choir members, handbell ringers, and accompanists—who have graciously shared many hours of time and talent in rehearsals and graced our worship services and concerts during the Advent and Christmas season!

Stewardship



Stewardship Update

Thanks to everyone who made a financial commitment to

Augustana and our wider ministries during 2017! Your regular giving provides worship, programs, education, music and service opportunities for all ages inside our building. It also makes possible ministries beyond our walls and our community, such as: the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, Metro Caring, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, synod gatherings for youth, hundreds of missionaries working all over the world, and more!

As of December 1, 164 financial commitments (pledges) have been received for a total of \$518,340. If you haven't yet made a commitment, please do so. Commitment cards can be found on the tables near Christ Chapel and the sanctuary. Thank you for your generous response to what God has given you!

End-of-year offerings

In order for your contributions to be eligible for consideration of the 2016 tax season, gifts to Augustana Lutheran Church will need to reach the office by noon on Friday, December 30, or be postmarked by Saturday, December 31. If you have questions, contact **Lisa Mikolajczak** (303-388-4678 ext. 103 or lisa@augustanadenver.org).

Thank you for the gifts!

Health Ministry

- In memory of Ruth Ackermann

Augustana Foundation

Ford Haworth Finke received a MissionFuture4KIDZ investment gift from the Augustana Foundation in honor of his baptism.



Touch '58—A New Opportunity

You may not think about it, but it's been 58 years since work began on a new church building at 5000 East Alameda for the congregation of Augustana Lutheran Church. The building that we gather in has seen many improvements and changes over its life, and is used extensively both by our congregation and the community. The most recent improvements came through the "Over the Top!" Campaign with projects addressing lighting, the organ, sound system, the roof, interior, and exterior painting. We accomplished a great deal as a congregation in a short time!

For 2017, Augustana has received a significant gift from Merrill and Dorie Fie. The purpose of their gift is to spruce up and maintain certain areas of the building, making sure that it is welcoming and useful for years to come. The areas that are hoped to be improved include the restrooms upstairs and those west of Fellowship Hall; lighting in the Memorial Garden; storage, speakers, painting in the Fellowship Hall, and new cabinets in the kitchen. If you would like to donate financially as well to these projects, look for more information soon about how to participate. Thanks to all who invest their time, talent, and treasure at Augustana!

January 29, 2017

God's work. Our hands.



Operation Pantry for Metro Caring

Adults and children of all ages are invited to help with a food and supplies repackaging event for Metro Caring, Sunday, January 29, 9–10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Rice and bean repackaging will provide portion-sized amounts for Metro Caring's food pantry as part of their healthy food initiative. A parallel activity will repackaging toilet tissue provided by Metro Caring. Three similar repackaging events held at Augustana were wildly successful, involving many Augustana friends and families. Please bring your hands and help our neighbors with immediate hunger relief as Metro Caring works with them towards self-sufficiency.



Personal Care Kit collection and packaging

Also on Sunday, January 29, 9–10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, you can support Lutheran World Relief by assembling or donating personal care kits.

Each kit includes:

- Light-weight bath towel, 20 in. x 40 in. to 52 in. x 27 in. (dark color recommended)
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap, 8–9 oz., in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original wrapping or in an envelope
- 1 sturdy comb, remove wrapping (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove wrapping



You may either bring an assembled care kit or bring items to be assembled. If you choose to bring items, you can simply bring a volume of one item, like 10 combs, so it will make shopping easy! A Thrivent Action Grant has been requested for this project.

Please note:

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.

Thank you for your thanksgiving offerings of \$3,127.96 for ELCA World Hunger!

So far in 2016, Augustana members and friends have given \$6,254.99 for world hunger. The end-of-year total for 2015 was \$9,724.54.

To give a gift for ELCA World Hunger use the designated envelopes in Augustana's pew pockets and make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church; or, donate online at www.augustanadenver.org and click on Giving.

- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Personal care kits are distributed to people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. When people arrive at a refugee camp they are grateful for soap and a toothbrush—and that someone cares for them. Omar, a 9-year-old who fled from Syria to Jordan, says: "Since I arrived in Jordan, this is the first time I received such a complete kit—thank you for my present."

We look forward to joining in community for this day of local and global outreach!

Chili Challenge results

... in the Early Learning Center

During the month of November, Augustana's Early Learning Center teamed up with the congregation to collect chili for Metro Caring. Our preschoolers competed to see which classroom could collect the most cans of chili. The kids had a great time counting and graphing cans as they were collected. When all was said and done, our Butterfly classroom won first place with 187 cans collected. Even better than first prize was the fact that as

a school we were able to collect 500 cans of chili. We are thrilled to have helped contribute to the 1,300 pounds of chili collected by the Augustana community!



...and total weight delivered to Metro Caring

Thanks to the congregation of Augustana and the Augustana Early Learning Center (AELC) for teaming up for the 2016 canned Chili Challenge. This year we collected 1,300 pounds of chili—over 300 pounds more than last year!

The chili was delivered to Metro Caring to help them meet the immediate hunger needs of people in the

Denver Metro area. Metro Caring distributes between 4,000 and 6,000 pounds of food, baby items, and personal care products in helping to meet the nutritional and health needs of up to 500 people every day. Many of these people are disabled, seniors, or work at low-paying jobs that do not provide a living wage. Your chili donation will help provide much-needed protein to many hungry families this winter.

Thanks for another great year of worship, ministry and fellowship!

Augustana's confirmation classes



Advent readers



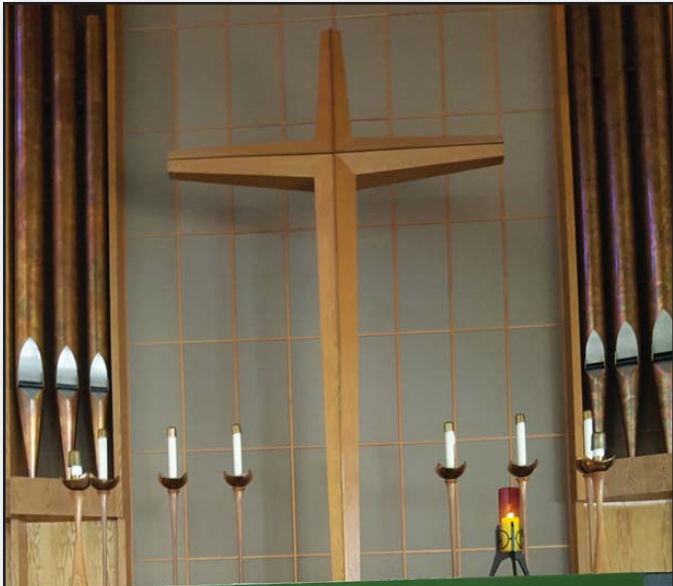
Cindy lets children from the Early Learning Center try out the organ.



Silver Notes Choir presents "Carols and Candlelight" at the December monthly luncheon.



Augustana medal winners Anne, Don, Amelia and also Caroline for the Rainbow Trail Grace Race in October



Chili Challenge chili and harvest display from Thanksgiving



Making lefse



"Simply Christmas,"
December 11



Pastors

*With this bread and cup
we remember your Word
dwelling among us, full
of grace and truth. May
your Word take flesh in
us. Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on
earth.*

These beautiful phrases are the ones we have been using as our Eucharistic Prayer during Advent and Christmas. As we gather around the gifts of bread and wine, we are reminded of God’s love in Christ that is for the whole world and also for each one of us as God’s beloved child. When we hear the words “given for you” and “shed for you,” we hear clearly the gifts of forgiveness, love and grace that come to us in Holy Communion.

Over the past few months you’ve shared your reflections about and experiences of Holy Communion here in our congregation and in other communities. I have appreciated your faith stories and our discussions about what this meal means to us as followers of Jesus. As Lutheran Christians we believe our worship is centered around the Word spoken and proclaimed, and around the living Word, Jesus, who is present in the sacraments.

Beginning on January 8, our congregation will celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday at every service. At the 10:30 a.m. worship on the first and third Sundays we will have stations at the altar rail and the side aisles as we do now. On the second, fourth and fifth Sundays we will celebrate by intinction only. On those Sundays you are welcome to kneel at the altar rail after receiving, or return to your pew and use the kneelers there if you would like more time in prayer and reflection. Receiving Holy Communion every Sunday is not an obligation, but an opportunity.



Like any change, as we get used to this new flow of worship, there may be some hiccups along the way.

Please be patient with our volunteers, one another, and with your pastors and staff. Give yourself time to settle into this change. I believe you will find that this weekly meal becomes nourishment for your day-by-day journey of faith.

Pastor Ann

I’m not one for New Year’s resolutions preferring instead to wade in the daily promise of baptism. Staying in the day is not one of my gifts. I’m more inclined to sink into the past or wonder about the future. It’s one of the reasons that stories in the Bible are so fun for me. The people in the thick of their day-to-day with God and each other give me a frame of reference for my own day-to-day with God and other people. Epiphany is one such story.



Epiphany is celebrated every year on January 6. The story’s simple telling disguises its subversive punch. The magi follow a star, pay homage to Jesus as king, and thwart King Herod’s evil intention by returning to their country on a different road (Matthew 2:1–12). Thus continues the expansion of God’s covenant with Abraham to all people through Jesus. And thus my day is framed by a good Bible story that raises questions. Where am I being led by faith today? How do my gifts pay homage to Jesus as King today? Is there room for a good thwarting maneuver today?

Jesus is born and lives a life of radical grace through God the Father. May we be gifted the courage of the Magi to pay him homage by surrendering to his kingship as he guides us each day towards our neighbors’ good. It is in this light that I’m inviting people to bring a lunch to the Anna Paulson Room on the second Sunday of each month starting January 8 and ending May 14. It’s a pilot project to talk about local issues of human dignity and ways to be involved, regardless of how we vote. I’m curious to see how it unfolds. Stay tuned . . .

Peace,

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Congregational Learning

Second Sunday Sack Lunch for Local Action

Sunday, January 8, 12:15–1:30 p.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. Bring your lunch.

Pastor Caitlin is piloting these lunches January through May as a way for people to share information and participate in local efforts that focus on issues of human dignity—hunger, incarceration, health care, immigration, literacy, and more. The point of this group is to offer multiple ways to be involved as well as to be a safe place for conversation regardless of how you vote.

The January lunch will include introductions and why people are interested in being a part of a group like this one. Pastor Caitlin will be facilitating the monthly conversations. Please contact her for additional information (pastor.caitlin.trussell@gmail.com).

Women, Wine, and the Word

Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m.

Augustana women are invited to gather for a new once-a-month study and fellowship group. We'll get to know one another, deepen our faith, and explore a great Bible

study, **“Present over Perfect: Leaving Behind Frantic for a Simpler, More Soulful Way of Living.”** Instead of constantly trying to do more, faster and better, rediscover the joy of more grace and simplicity in your life. Women of all ages are welcome as are friends!

Our first gathering will be at Pastor Ann's home; please RSVP to her (ann@augustanadenver.org) or by calling Augustana's office (303-388-4678).



Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

- January 8: **Shelly Griffith**, Executive Director, Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center, will update us about this important ministry in Colorado affiliated with the ELCA. **Norm Aarestad**, Augustana member, currently serves on their governing board and will be in attendance as well.
- January 15: Please come to Coffee Hour and celebrate **Sheryl Stenseth** who is retiring after 10 years as Augustana's Faith Community Nurse and after many years as a Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner. We will miss her!
- January 22: **Dave Jarvis**, Executive Director, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, will regale us with the latest in outdoor ministry and Rainbow Trail. Come, learn, and bring your questions.
- January 29: Please bring your hands to the Fellowship Hall for repackaging of beans, rice, and T.P. for Metro Caring's food pantry as well as Personal Care Kit assembly for refugees distributed through Lutheran World Relief. You may also bring a Personal Care Kit already assembled. See page 6 for specifics on assembling a kit.

Please join Health Ministry, Sunday, January 8

Sunday, January 8, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

During the education hour, **Shelly Griffith**, Chief Executive Officer at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center in Brush, CO, will be here to share the rich history and future expansion plans for Eben Ezer.

Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center is the only service organization of the Rocky Mountain Synod that provides a full continuum of care services to the older adult. Concern for the total person, spirit as well as body, has been a core difference between similar facilities and Eben Ezer since its inception in 1904. Please join us and learn more about our partner in ministry that has been and continues to be a special place for many members of Augustana Lutheran Church.

Senior Ministry

January Monthly Luncheon

Thursday, January 19, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

January's program will feature **Lauren Dorn**, Volunteer Programs Assistant at Lutheran Family Services here in Denver. Her topic will be LFS's Refugee and Asylee Program. LFS is one of the few organizations the Federal government uses to help settle refugees in this area. Join us for this interesting program and a delicious lunch served by Judy Nyquist and her crew. Make your reservations with Augustana's office (303-388-4678) no later than Monday, January 16. The cost is \$8 per person. Visitors



are welcome! To help in the planning of the luncheon, please notify the church office if you need to cancel your reservation.

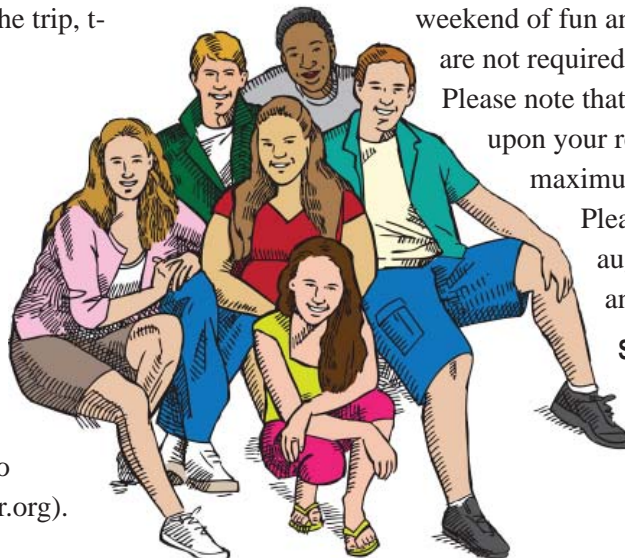
Children's and Family Ministry

Youth Mission Trip

There will be a meeting for those attending the summer mission trip to Tennessee, Sunday, January 22 at noon in the Youth Room. Parents are also asked to attend, because we will be talking about the trip, t-shirts, and fundraisers.

Senior high youth,

mark your calendars for Sunday, February 12, 3:15–6:15 p.m. for a fun evening at Laser Quest. We will enjoy a couple games of laser tag and pizza. Please RSVP yourself and any friends who are attending by February 1 to Shanna (shanna@augustanadenver.org). Cost per person is \$15.



Winter sports weekend for youth

All 6th–12th graders are invited to go skiing, snowboarding, or just relaxing in the mountains, March 3–5. We will be heading to Copper Mountain for a weekend of fun and relaxation. Experience and skill are not required because lessons are available.

Please note that the cost to attend will vary upon your rental and lift ticket needs. The maximum cost per person will be \$350.

Please contact Shanna (shanna@augustanadenver.org) for questions and to sign up by February 15.

Shanna VanderWel, Deacon
Director of Youth and Family Ministry

Fellowship

January Book Group

In B.A. Shapiro's *The Muralist*, a young American painter working for the Works Progress Administration (WPA), vanishes in New York City in 1940 and no one knows what happened to her. Seventy years later, while working at Christie's auction house, her great-niece uncovers enigmatic paintings hidden behind works by now famous Abstract Expressionist artists. Do they hold answers to the questions surrounding her missing aunt?

B.A. Shapiro plunges readers into the divisiveness of prewar politics and the largely forgotten plight of European refugees refused entrance to the United States.

Join us Monday, January 16, 11:15 a.m. in the Youth Room to discuss this intriguing novel.



Trailblazers

Waterton Canyon Hike

Saturday, January 21, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

This canyon along the South Platte River is home to bighorn sheep, mule deer and over 40 species of birds. The famous 473-mile-long Colorado Trail begins here, just southwest of the metro Denver area.

Rating: Easy

Distance: 3 to 6 miles round trip

Elevation: 5,500 feet with minimal gain

Guide: **Don Troike** (937-725-5338 or don.troike@gmail.com)



Theater and Theology

Theater and Theology brings members of Rocky Mountain

Synod congregations in and near Denver to productions of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. After viewing a play, we do a talk-back discussion with cast members on theological issues raised in the play. The plays and these discussions can challenge and stimulate our faith, and, therefore, the mission of the Church, in a unique way. For more information, contact **Rosalee Wanchisen** (303-759-9836 or rwanchisen@gmail.com).

The Book of Will

Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m., Ricketson Theatre, Tickets: \$35

Registration with check payable to Rocky Mountain Synod and footnoted "T&T Augustana: The Book of Will" must reach Augustana's office by Tuesday, January 3.

Without William Shakespeare, we wouldn't have literary masterpieces like *Romeo and Juliet*. But without Henry Condell and John Heminges, we would have lost half of Shakespeare's plays forever! After the death of their friend and mentor, the two actors are determined to compile the first Folio and preserve the words that shaped their lives. They'll just have to borrow, beg and band together to get it done. Shakespeare lover Lauren Gunderson weaves a hilarious and heartfelt story of the characters behind the collected stories we know so well.



Canadian Brass

Saturday, January 28, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 29, 3 p.m. at Augustana

Augustana Arts Concert Series is proud to announce the long-overdue return of Canadian Brass to Denver. For more than 40 years, Canadian Brass has elevated brass music beyond an art form to a triumph of virtuosity, entertainment, and fun. Their repertoire extends from the Baroque to Dixieland, Latin, jazz, Broadway and beyond, including more than 600 originally transcribed, arranged and commissioned pieces. Their warm and humorous stage presence coupled with unparalleled musical abilities makes for the ultimate brass experience.

Tickets (\$15–\$70) are available online at www.augustanadenver.org or by phone at 303-388-4962.




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Drake Fink
Anna Gabriel
Mabior Mayek
Karin Sanderson
Braxton Stuart
Ketcher White | 19 | Carol Tamminga |
| 3 | Bob Charlson
Jim Gustad | 20 | Jim Lindeen
Kelly McCartney |
| 4 | George Cotton
Kim Esbshade
Linda van Dyk | 21 | Chickie Bakkemo
Katherin Howell
Shelley Maher
Timothy Tribbett |
| 6 | Lauren Martin | 22 | David Brase
Venus Conklin
Kris Ireland |
| 7 | Eldon Hemmingsen
Marjorie Hildebrandt
Sarah Nick | 23 | Christine Genovese
Max Uhrich |
| 8 | David Weir | 24 | Shirley Barr
Amy Beswick
Katrina Crook
Jay Freed
Bethany Lutz
Noah McCartney
Pamela Ninke
Herb Schillereff |
| 9 | Ross Kastens
George Meister | 25 | Emma Brant
Donna Vaughters |
| 10 | Grace Blanchard | 26 | Jeff Towery |
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If your name should have been on this list but wasn't, please call Augustana's office (303-388-4678).



JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8am Name of Jesus 9am New Year's Day 9am Worship/Communion 9am Fellowship/Coffee 10:30am Worship/Communion	2 - office closed -	3 5pm Worship Committee 5:30pm Yoga 6pm Children's/Family Ministry 7:30pm Committee	4 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am Phoebe Circle 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	6 9:15am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	7
8 8am Baptism of Our Lord 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Learning/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Communion See JASS below	9 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 1pm Mary Circle 5:30pm Executive Committee	10 9:30am Deborah Circle 5:30pm Yoga	11 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 9:30am The Tower deadline 9:30am Sarah Circle 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Property Committee	13 9:15am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	14 9am Retreat: Chancel Choir
15 8am Epiphany 2 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Learning/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am Altar Guild See JASS below	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 11:30am Book Group	17 5:30pm Yoga 5:30pm Stewardship Committee 7pm Congregation Council	18 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30am Monthly Luncheon 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	20 9:15am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	21 8:45am "God's work. Our hands." ANSAR Pantry 9am Retreat: Handbells 9am Trailblazers: Waterton Canyon Hike
22 8am Epiphany 3 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Learning/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Communion Noon Mission Trip Planning See JASS below	23 8:30am Footcare Clinic 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	24 12:30pm Senior Ministry Committee 1pm The Tower Assembly 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Theater & Theology: The Book of Will 7pm Rachel Circle	25 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	26 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Wine, Women, and the Word	27 9:15am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	28 11am Lutheran Men of Greater Denver 7:30pm Augustana Arts: Canadian Brass
29 8am Epiphany 4 8am Worship/Communion 9am "God's work. Our hands." 9:15am Service Day 9:15am Learning/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Communion 3pm Augustana Arts: Canadian Brass See JASS right	30 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	31 5:30pm Yoga	11:30am Lunch 12:15pm Cherubs, Choristers, GraceNotes, Guitar Ensemble 1pm Recorders, Y Hope, SONshine Ringers 1:45pm BELLievers			

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Passing out kits to the homeless



Augustana participants in the Grace Race, October 1



Preschool Sunday, October 2



Handbell petting zoo?