



God's work.
Our hands.



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

Calling all hands for September 10!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday

God calls us to love our neighbors, confident in the unconditional love of Christ for all people. On

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good news!

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Sunday Schedule

- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation (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:

- John Burd, Earl Conrad, Hiram Cruson, David, Leslie Farrell, Virginia French, Jocelyn Kopperud, Bob Smith, Helma Sjodin, Jean Wagner

For comfort and courage:

- Eric MacDougall in the death of his mother, Rosemary Allen
- Palmer Attleson in the death of his brother, Dick Attleson
- Cindy Maxwell in the death of her brother, Dan Johnson
- Rhonda Crossen in the death of her mother, Jean Smith
- Family and friends of Nelouise Stapp in her death
- Dan Streed in the death of his grandfather, Herb Streed
- Nancy Cowee in the death of her brother-in-law, Phil Timberlake

Rejoice with . . .

- Parents James and Katie Adkins, grandparents Greg and Tammy Youngren, and great-grandmother Bev Strong in the birth of Haley Grace Adkins, July 26
- Eve Beatrice Gersey, daughter of Justin and Jessica Gersey, in her baptism
- Robert Allen Reinert, son of Philip and Anna Reinert, in his baptism

Thank you for the gifts!

Special Gifts

- in memory of Donald and Esther Bieber, Larry and Elaine Rydiger

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Recycling

Recycle your inkjet printer cartridges at Augustana. Boxes are located in both entrance areas to the sanctuary and in the south entrance by the Early Learning Center. By shipping cartridges to a large recycling company, we have kept hundreds of used cartridges out of landfills and received about \$150 which was used to purchase compostable cups for Coffee Hour.

Volunteer Ministry

Cup of Joe

The hospitality team wants you to join us for coffee. We need hosts this fall to help serve coffee in Fellowship Hall, Sundays, 9:15–10:15 a.m.

Please contact

Julie MacDougall

(macdougall@augustanadenver.org, 303-388-4678) to sign up!



Send us your favorite household photo and your contact information by September 30!

Many thanks to those who have submitted their household contact information and photos for Augustana's new pictorial directory! Augustana's office will be accepting information and photos through Saturday, September 30 for the directory that will be published this fall. Visit Augustana's blog page at www.augustanadenver.org for the online submission form. Paper forms to update membership information are also available at Augustana's entrance tables.



<http://www.augustanadenver.org/new-pictorial-directory-works/>

We would like complete information about you for Augustana's membership records, but you will have the opportunity to opt out of having your contact information published. If you do not opt out, Augustana will publish the contact information it currently has for you.

Thank you for being a part of this important people- and ministry-connecting tool!

You can either submit your own photo online (how about one from this summer with Flat Luther in it?!) or make arrangements to have one of Augustana's volunteer photographers take your photo. (See next paragraph for opportunities.) Photos may be any shape (portrait, landscape, square), but make sure it is close enough for your face to be identifiable, and no sunglasses, please. Upload a jpg file with a minimum resolution of 150 ppi at www.augustanadenver.org.

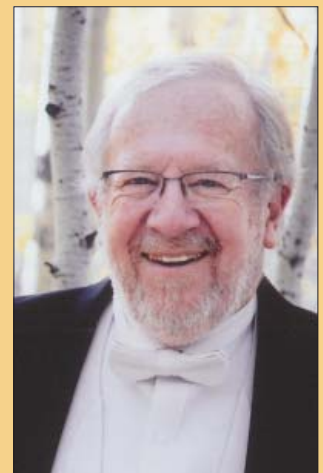
Need your picture taken?

Photographer **Duane Howell**, will be available to take your photo for the membership directory, Sundays, September 10 and 17, 9–10 a.m. in the Ammerman Library. Please contact Augustana's office to reserve your spot (macdougall@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678).

No Lifetouch photos from previous directories. You must own the copyright to any professional photos you submit. Submitted photos must be digital and may be cropped or sized to fit the directory. Augustana's staff can scan good-quality photos that are not printed on paper.

Dick Larson to be honored by Music Educators

Augustana Choral Director Dick Larson has been selected to be inducted into the Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. Dick will be honored at a ceremony, Thursday, January 25, 2018, at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. A plaque recognizing this honor will be added to the display at the Imig Music Building at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Dick was nominated by Augustana's Chris Maunu, and Augustana congratulates and rejoices with Dick in this well-deserved honor.



Sunday, September 10, 9–10:15 a.m.

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September 10, we are doing just that by joining other ELCA Lutherans across the country on **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**. This Sunday is a magnifier for the work that people of faith do behind-the-scenes the other 364 days of the year. Invite friends, put on your “God’s work. Our hands.” t-shirt, come to Fellowship Hall, pick a project, and put your hands to work on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday!

Need a t-shirt for “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday?

We have a limited supply in Augustana’s office, so stop by if you need one to wear on Sunday, September 10.

**God’s work.
Our hands.**

Introducing L.E.A.P.P.

on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

Lutherans Engaging and Accompanying through Policy and People (L.E.A.P.P.) is a new ministry looking for ways to respond to an old question: How does God call us to be church in the world? We are reminded through teachings like ELCA’s The Church in Society Social Statement that “The Gospel does not take the Church out of the world but instead calls it to affirm and to enter more deeply into the world.” One of the ways we can do this is through thoughtful engagement with public policy.

Join us at a table in Fellowship Hall on the second Sunday of the month, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10, 9–10:15 a.m., as we



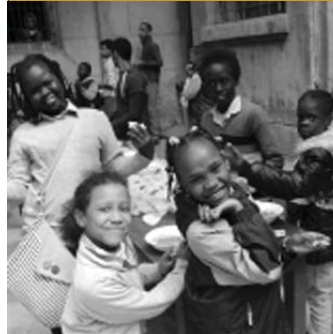
Beans and rice
portioning
for Metro Caring

Toilet paper
re-packaging
for Metro Caring



Knitting for Peace
with Augustana’s
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Brown bag lunch
assembly and
distribution
to the homeless



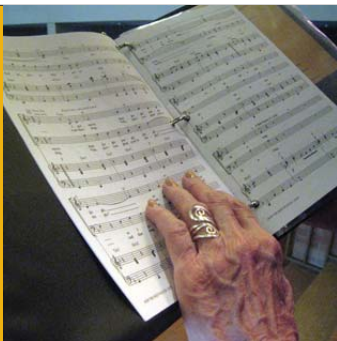
LEAPP into learning
about advocacy
and hunger

explore what this mission may look like for us on the topics of hunger, homelessness, mental health, and refugees. Each day will highlight one specific topic and will include concrete steps you can take to get involved (as well as having some homemade treats). We look forward to seeing you on September 10 and in the coming months!

Operation Pantry for Metro Caring, September 10

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 10 will offer multiple service opportunities that day. One of the

Sunday School and choir sign-ups



Learn about the SAME Café (So All May Eat) and how Augustana’s Community Garden partners with them



Food bag decorating for Project Angel Heart



Fabric kit assembly for Lutheran World Relief



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday activities will support Metro Caring with a food portioning event of rice and beans. This service will provide portion-sized amounts for Metro Caring to offer as part of their healthy food initiative. Other similar food portioning service projects held at Augustana have successfully involved many Augustana families.

A parallel activity will portion toilet tissue provided by Metro Caring.

Please plan to participate and help meet people’s immediate need for nutritious food.

You can also participate by donating rice, beans, or money to cover additional costs related to zip-bags, boxes, gloves, and other supplies for the project. Make checks payable to Augustana and indicate “God’s work. Our hands.” in the memo.

Fabric Kit Assembly

Help assemble fabric kits for Lutheran World Relief. Kits contain fabric and thread and will be given to people learning how to support themselves in communities overseas. Join **Glenna O’Neal** at the stage area of Fellowship Hall on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday!

Meal Bag Decoration

Help bring cheer to Project Angel Heart clients by decorating meal delivery bags! We’ll have markers of all kinds, so plan to unleash your creativity with this group at the stage end of Fellowship Hall.



Enjoy a “hand-food” lunch

of sandwiches, fruit, and corn-on-the-cob following 10:30 a.m. worship on “God’s work. Our hands.”

Sunday. **Paul Blanchard** and his team will be serving it up in the courtyard.

Let us know if you are available to help prep or clean up! Contact Augustana’s office (303-388-4678 or macdougall@augustanadenver.org).

Pastors

- We are church
- We are Lutheran
- We are church together
- We are church for the sake of the world

These four emphases are at the core of how we live together as a community of faith and as part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, offered them as guideposts when she began her leadership in 2013.



Last week I was part of a nationwide conference of 800 pastors and deacons in Atlanta. When Bishop Eaton asked, the whole gathering could say the four phrases to her without prompting. She quipped, “You almost brought tears to my eyes that you know that!” (If

you haven’t had the chance to hear her speak, she has a delightful sense of humor!)

As we begin another program year together, these four phrases can be a reminder to us of who we are and how connected we are with the world around us and with other Christians:

- **We are church — not a social service organization, not a club, but a gathering of those who follow Jesus.**
- **We are Lutheran — rooted in the Gospel, the sacraments, and in God’s unconditional grace.**
- **We are church together — Augustana is not an independent congregation; we are partners in ministry with millions of other Lutherans and other Christians.**
- **We are church for the sake of the world — we exist to serve others in any need and to live the love of Christ in the world.**

I’m glad that we are together in this wonderful journey of faith!

Pastor Ann

Lessons from the Exodus Midwives . . .

Shiphrah and Puah are two of my favorite Bible characters. Their story is found in the first chapter of Exodus. They are Hebrew midwives commanded by the Egyptian king to kill boy babies delivered by the Hebrew women. “But the midwives feared God . . . they let the boys live.” The king confronts them and asks, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” Shiphrah and Puah reply, “[the Hebrew women] are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” I laugh every time I hear their reply to the king. The midwives are called to the work of life and they find a way even when the king commands them to be instruments of death.

God calls us into the work of life, too. Like the apostle Peter, we follow “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). Where we see death, God sees resurrection life. When others rationalize people’s suffering as something deserved or beyond anyone’s help, Jesus tells us that they are God-given neighbors for whom we are to care. Sometimes this looks like the subversive live births midwived by Shiphrah and Puah. Sometimes it’s straightforward, like giving money for hungry people to both eat and work toward feeding themselves or calling out death-dealing white supremacy as an egregious legacy of chattel slavery in America.

As much as the U.S. Constitution and Christianity had to do with advancing civil rights in this country, the same could be said in the other direction. The U.S. Constitution and Christianity keep the 400-year legacy of racism alive and well with embedded racial biases. I have no trouble claiming that paradox because I see myself as a microcosm of it. One of the confessional claims of our faith tradition is that we are *simul iustus et peccator* (saint and sinner at the same time). Why wouldn’t it be so when it comes to racism as well?

“There’s always a scapegoat” goes the theory of Rene Girard who also says that Jesus is the ultimate scapegoat.



For the white supremacists, the scapegoats are black, brown, Jewish, and Muslim people. For other white people like me, white supremacists can be an easy scapegoat that absolves us from the ways we perpetuate racial bias in religion, government, law enforcement, real estate, education, and commerce.

There is more work to do while also righteously denouncing white supremacy as evidenced in Charlottesville, Virginia. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with us.

Peace, Pastor Caitlin



Guest Preacher on Sunday, September 10!

As part of our celebration of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, Augustana will welcome **Andrew Steele** as our guest preacher. He will

bring us the Gospel that day as well as bring thanks for Augustana’s long-time support of the ELCA World Hunger ministry.

Andrew Steele has served as the Director for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s Global Church Sponsorship since April of 2015. In this capacity, Andrew oversees the advancement efforts for ELCA Missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers, Global Ministry projects, and the International Women Leaders initiative.

Prior to working with the ELCA, Andrew worked for United Way of Metropolitan Chicago. He also spent a year volunteering in Bloemfontein, South Africa, as an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission. He leads annual cultural immersion trips to South Africa.

Andrew graduated from Wittenberg University (one of the ELCA’s 26 affiliated colleges and universities) with a degree in Sociology.

Press Conference

- Thursday, September 14, 11 a.m.
- Augustana’s Quist Park and Community Garden
- Environment and International Budget Cuts
- Reflection by Pastor Ann Hultquist
- All are invited to attend
- Hosted by Together Colorado

“Thanks, Augustana!”

Thanks for the school supplies donations

Thank you for your generous response to the Lutheran Family Services request for school supplies for foster children and unaccompanied refugee minors. A special thank you to Thrivent Action Team for \$250 for backpacks. Sarah Circle members delivered the following items to LFS after July 23:

38 new backpacks	12 rulers
9 packages pens	23 scissors
45 packages No. 2 pencils	3 packages wide-ruled paper
24 packages pink erasers	1 package graph paper
25 packages glue sticks	1 zippered pencil bags or boxes
20 boxes crayons	5 protractors-compasses
11 packages washable markers	2 packages highlighters
13 boxes colored pencils	42 3-ring binders
5 packages dry erase markers	1 scientific or graphing calculators
19 solid color pocket folders	8 \$25 gift cards
39 spiral notebooks	
7 composition notebooks	

Dear Pastor Caitlin and Augustana Foundation, Thank you for your generosity in making the Children’s Nutrition Center exhibit at Metro Caring a reality! The interactive spinning wheels are teaching children and their caregivers what all the important foods in each group do to benefit our bodies, and one mom who speaks Spanish expressed to me that she was so excited this valuable information was multilingual! We appreciate your support and championship of nutrition education in our community.

Gratefully,
Lannea Hand
Nutrition Programs Manager, Metro Caring



Yes, you can still join and/or support the move!

Not to worry if summer fun delayed your participation and giving. There's always time to start moving towards Augustana's goal of **\$15,170** for World Hunger and our march to Madagascar, our international sister synod. There are 50 days between "God's work. Our hands." Sunday and Reformation Day on October 31.

Being part of "500 Years On the Move for Hunger," I am actively participating in helping with world hunger. My daily activity makes me want to do more to decrease this problem.

Diane Zarlengo

We'll take a mile walk together Sunday, September 24 after 10:30 a.m. worship. Plan to wear your walking shoes to worship that day.

As of mid-August, over \$3,100 has been given and over 9,000 miles have been "moved" from Wittenberg, Germany, to Denver, Colorado, to Guatemala City, Guatemala, to Curacao, Venezuela, on our way to Paramirabo, Suriname. All of these locations are home to recipients of ELCA World Hunger grants.

Get started by picking up an Activity Log at either sanctuary entrance and logging in your miles, exercise, volunteering, and praying.

Bite-Sized Idea for September:

Match and give your coffee costs for the month, combining purchase costs for home and coffee shops.



Harvey and Linda Crow, Coos Bay, Oregon

Flat Luther "On the Move"!

Check out where Flat Luther has been since June! Perhaps Flat Luther will join you for a fall drive or hike to see the Aspen colors in all their glory or on a quick weekend jaunt to see family. Post your Flat Luther pics on Augustana's Facebook page or e-mail them to Lyn at goodrum@augustanadenver.org.

Where in Augustana is Flat Luther?

Flat Luther, in sanctuary stained-glass-coordinating finery, is "On the Move" between Augustana's sanctuary entrances this month. See if you can find his new spot each week.

Chapel Walk exhibit highlights hunger efforts

Come and see the photography that combines storytelling about people who are ELCA World Hunger grant recipients and Augustana friends who have been on the move with Flat Luther. The exhibit highlights the partnership that forms between grant recipients and Augustana people as we're connected through the ministry of ELCA World Hunger.



ELCA World Hunger

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Cambodia: More than land

Huon Sok lives with her husband and six children in Kiri Akphivoath, a rural village in Cambodia. Lack of food, drinking water, healthcare and schools were challenges they faced daily.



As a part of a new government project, Huon and more than 800 other families each received a small plot of residential and agricultural land for farming. Her first year owning the land was a challenge. The land was covered by thick bushes and stumps, and she lacked the resources to prepare the land for planting crops.

“Although our living condition during the first year on the new land had not yet significantly changed, we felt happier than before because we had our own land now, and we hoped that our life would be better soon,” Huon said.

Today, her family's life is looking brighter. Through a program supported by your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, lands have been cleared for planting, and communities are gaining access to water, energy, healthcare, education and agricultural training. Huon's land is now ready for sowing. She plans to grow cassava, corn and watermelon.

With income from her crops and her earnings from a small pig business established through a microloan, she and her husband will be able to continue sending their children to school and earn a steady income as business owners. If she and her family can continue to live on and farm the land for five years, they will gain title to the land.

Your gifts are helping make a life-changing difference. Thank you for supporting ELCA World Hunger.

To give a gift for ELCA World Hunger, use the designated envelopes in pew pockets and make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. Or, donate securely online at www.augustanadenver.org.

Financial Statement for July

	July 2017		July 2016	YTD 2017		YTD 2016
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual
All Income	\$ 71,948.58	\$ 100,442.75	\$ 65,049.49	\$ 716,340.82	\$ 728,834.07	\$ 516,939.43
All Expenditures	85,648.05	77,995.35	73,945.78	609,252.91	572,909.50	564,863.35
Net Income(Loss)	\$ (13,699.47)	\$ 22,447.40	\$ (8,896.29)	\$ 107,087.91	\$ 155,924.57	\$ (47,923.92)

In July, \$1,539 for local and global outreach, \$2,222 for WAM! Camp and Vacation Bible School, and \$500 for the stewardship committee to participate in the Stewardship for All Seasons Program were all provided by our gifts.

Health Ministry

September is “Fruits and Vegetables — More Matters” Month

Eating fruits and vegetables has many health benefits. People who eat a healthy, balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables can lower their risk for heart disease, Type 2 Diabetes, some types of cancer, obesity, and high blood pressure.

How can you help support the importance of eating fruits and vegetables?

- Support local agriculture at farmer’s markets or food stores through the purchase of Colorado-grown fruits and vegetables
- Cultivate your own garden
- Support or participate in community gardens
 - Augustana’s Community Garden
 - Community gardens at neighborhood schools
 - Community gardens in your neighborhood

Ideas to help you and your family eat more fruits and vegetables daily:

- Keep a bowl of fruit where the whole family can see it.
- Cut up vegetables and store in the refrigerator for a ready snack, or add to lettuce for a salad (green beans, peas, asparagus, bell peppers, carrots, etc.).
- Challenge your family to try a new veggie or fruit each week.

(From Better Health Foundation)

Visit Augustana’s community garden

Health Ministry invites you to enjoy time in Augustana’s community garden. Our pergola in the garden has comfortable benches to just relax and/or meditate. (The gate is secured — not meant to keep people out. Just secure the gate when you leave.)



Learn about the SAME Café on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

SAME (So All May Eat) Café is a non-profit community service café located at 2023 E. Colfax Ave., open 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Brad and Libby are the owners and operators of the café. This café provides a light-filled, relaxing lunch

spot of seasonal bites with an innovative pay-what-you-can pricing. Brad and Libby will be participating in “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 10, bringing recipes as well as providing information about their community service.

Augustana’s community garden has one 12-foot by 16-foot plot from which all produce is delivered weekly to the SAME Café.

Facebook comments about SAME Café:

The staff are always great they are patient and willing to take a partial payment and let you “work off the rest” of the meal — plus the food is delicious!

Incredibly delicious food prices for your own budget, the SAME Café makes me feel good from belly to brain every time I come here. I am proud to support the people they represent.

Music Ministry



Choir Notes

My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

—Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

The summer months have flown by, and for those of you who like to sing and ring, it is time to put a few important start dates on your calendar. (Don't worry if you missed them. All are always welcome anytime!) Augustana is blessed with musical ensembles for everyone, so that you can meet other Christians and share your gifts with the congregation. If you would like more information about any ensemble, please contact Minister of Music and Organist **Cindy Lindeen-Martin** (lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 117), or visit www.augustanadenver.org. We want to include YOU!

Chancel Choir resumes rehearsals Wednesday, August 30, 7:30–9:15 p.m. Chancel Choir sings in worship for the first time this season on September 10. Dick Larson, director.

Augustana Ringers resumes rehearsals Wednesday, August 30, 6–7:15 p.m., Cindy Lindeen-Martin, director.

Silver Notes resumes rehearsals Friday, September 8, 9:15–10:30 a.m., LeEtta Choi, director.

JASS – [pronounced: jazz] Acronym for **Jammin' Augustana Super Sundays** (children and youth choirs, handbells, and recorders) resumes Sunday, September 17. Register at the Parent Meeting after worship Sunday, August 27, noon, or online at www.augustanadenver.org. There will also be a table at “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 10 where you can learn more and ask questions. Marcia Olson, Angela Howard, Sharon Schillereff, and Cindy Lindeen-Martin, directors.

For more information on all ensembles and the complete Jammin’ Augustana Super Sundays schedule, pick up a “God’s work. Our hands.” booklet.

AUGUSTANA *Arts*

Anima Chamber Ensemble presents “My Spirit Sings!”

Saturday, September 16, 7:30 p.m., at Augustana

Anima Chamber Ensemble kicks off its third season, *The Essence of the Soul*, with a program of stunning choral literature that will uplift your spirit! You’ll hear classics by Finzi, Byrd, and Monteverdi, as well as contemporary works by Gjeilo, Runestad, Sixten, Whitacre, and Denver-based composer, Kevin Padworski. We are thrilled to be joined by two talented choirs, Arvada West High School Vocal Showcase and Rocky Mountain High School Singers. Through this partnership, we hope to continue our mission of inspiring young students to keep singing beyond their high school experience.

Purchase tickets (\$25/adult and \$10/student) online at www.augustanaarts.org, by phone at 303-388-4962, or at the door the night of the event.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Faith Formation resumes Sunday, September 17, 9:15 a.m.

Augustana offers faith formation classes for newborns through senior high!

Frolic Faith Class for newborns through age 3 and their parents will meet in Room 1. Children in Pre-K through 4th grade will meet for opening in Christ Chapel before heading to their classrooms. Youth in 5th and 6th grades will meet for confirmation in Room 12, and 7th and 8th graders will have confirmation in Room 14. Youth in grades 9–12 meet for Breakfast Club in the Youth Room.

(Due to the parent and youth confirmation meeting on September 17, some classrooms change on that day. Check with Shanna or Erin that morning for your class location.)

Sign up for Augustana's Faith Formation classes!

Visit www.augustanadenver.org and click on the Children's page of "Children, Youth, and Family" to register online, or register at the information table on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, September 10.

For additional information, contact Children's Ministry Coordinator **Erin Brown** (brown@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 122) or Directory of Youth and Family **Shanna VanderWel** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Help teach!

Teachers are still needed for the 1st and 2nd grade class and the 3rd and 4th grade class. If you can help, contact **Erin Brown** (brown@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 122).

Get ready for confirmation!

Confirmation for grades 5–8 will begin with a parent and youth meeting, Sunday, September 17, 9:15 a.m. in Rooms 1–3. Please plan on attending to meet your teachers, learn about expectations, and sign a group covenant.

Confirmation lock-in

Confirmation youth in grades 5–8 will meet for a lock-in retreat starting Friday, September 22 at 6 p.m. and concluding at noon, Saturday, September 23. Plan on

bringing a sleeping bag, pillow, game to share, your Bible, snacks to share, and basic toiletries. Please RSVP to **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) by Tuesday, September 19.



Breakfast Club for youth in grades 9–12 will be back in action Sunday, September 17. You will meet

at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday in the Youth Room with great teachers, snacks, and fellowship. Come and bring a friend!

Youth/adults needed as acolytes

If you would like to be an acolyte and/or crucifer but want to know more, join us on Sunday, September 24, 9:15–10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary for a training session. Anyone in 5th grade on up can serve in this ministry — adults, too! Contact **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Do you enjoy praying, sending cards — and teenagers?

You are invited to be a prayer partner for one of our confirmation students. People of all ages and life stages are invited to join in caring for our youth as they go

through confirmation. Your commitment would be to pray for one of the confirmation students and send them a few cards of encouragement through the year. You can request a specific 5th–8th grade student or be assigned one at random. Please contact **Shanna VanderWel** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) if you are interested.



Augustana is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50 percent, plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

Stop by the Ammerman Library, Sunday, September 10, 9–10:30 a.m. to get fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family; or, visit the library anytime September 10–24 to peruse and order books.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series.

For additional information, contact **Erin Brown** (brown@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 122).

Congregational Learning

Adult Forum begins September 17!

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

World Faith Series

September 17: **Rabbi Bernie Gerson**, Congregation Rodef Shalom, will present about Judaism.

September 24: **Imam Karim AbuZaid**, Colorado Muslim Society, will present about Islam.

Speakers from various religious traditions will present information with the goal of increasing our understanding of world faiths. Look for these speakers on the calendar throughout the class year as we put our best hosting-foot forward to welcome them.

October 1: **Theda Bruns**, Close to Home Storyteller's Network, will speak about her experience of homelessness and beyond. This project is part of the Colorado Council of Churches' collaboration to promote greater understanding of homelessness in the Denver Metro area.

Theda writes, "Once I joined Close to Home's Storyteller's Network, my true healing began. I have shared my story and realized that homelessness comes from all walks of life — I am not alone. Every time I share my story, a little more healing occurs."

Families Inspired Together (FIT) will resume Sunday, September 17, 9:15 a.m. Watch Augustana's publications for additional information.

Senior Ministry

GAL-axies to perform at September Monthly Luncheon



Thursday, September 21, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Our first monthly luncheon of this season will be on the third Thursday of September

in Fellowship Hall. The program will be the **GAL-axies Women's Chorale**, a group of 8 to 10 women singers who will entertain us with 40's and 50's songs recorded by famous recording artists such as Rosemary Clooney, Doris Day and Frank Sinatra. Judy Nyquist and her loyal team will serve up a delicious lunch, but for planning purposes, we do need to know how many are coming. Call in your reservation to Augustana's office (303-388-4678) no later than Monday, September 18. The cost is \$8 per person. Come and enjoy a lively program and a delicious lunch. Bring a neighbor or friend — we welcome visitors!

Thrivent Financial

Youth tell of Tennessee summer service trip

Our Augustana youth will share their Tennessee mission trip experiences at the Thrivent meeting Sunday, September 24, 11:30 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. All Augustana members and friends are welcome. The youth presenters and their chaperones are Thrivent guests; all others may reserve a place for the light lunch (\$5). Reserve your place by Friday, September 22, by calling **Katherine Cruson** (303-696-7430).

The next Thrivent meeting will be Sunday, November 12, to discuss how to allocate the Thrivent Choice dollars which have been donated to Augustana. Information about requesting the Thrivent Choice dollars will be in the October *Tower* and Sunday bulletins.

Fellowship

Women, Wine and Word

This Bible study group for women of all ages will have its first fall meeting at Pastor Ann's home on Thursday, September 28 at 7 p.m. The group will begin this year using the study *Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories*. Mary, Martha, Susanna, Ruth, and Lydia are not just players in a man's story, but relevant foremothers of the faith. Come see how their messy and beautiful stories are like ours! Email Pastor Ann for her address or more information (ann@augustanadenver.org).

September Book Group

We will kick off our season of reading with *Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral* by Kris Radish.

For Katherine Givens and the four women about to become her best friends, the adventure begins with a UPS package. Inside is a pair of red sneakers filled with ashes and a note that will forever change their lives. Katherine's oldest and dearest friend, the irrepressible Annie Freeman, left one final request — a traveling funeral — and she wants the most important women in her life as "pallbearers."

From Sonoma to Manhattan, Katherine, Laura, Rebecca, Jill, and Marie will carry Annie's ashes to the special places in her life. At every stop there's a surprise encounter and a small miracle waiting, and as they whoop it up across the country, attracting interest wherever they go, they share their deepest secrets — tales of broken hearts and second chances, missed opportunities and new beginnings. And as they grieve over what they've lost, they discover how much is still possible if only they can unravel the secret Annie left them . . . (source Goodreads).

Bring your lunch and join us Monday, September 18 at 11:15 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room.



So you think you make good chili . . .

Calling all chili makers, cornbread bakers, and food eaters! Enjoy a time of fellowship and good food at a **chili cook-off**, Sunday, October 8, 11:45 a.m.–1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your famous chili to be enjoyed and voted on. Identities of the chili cooks will be kept secret — as to not throw the vote! If you don't make chili, come and be a judge, and bring a topping, side dish or dessert to share. Drop off your food in Fellowship Hall before 10:30 a.m. worship. Prizes will be awarded for the best chili!

Trailblazers

O'Fallon Park Hike

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

Located near the town of Kittredge, this loop hike starts at the Meyer's Gulch trailhead and proceeds through a pine forest via the Bear Creek and West Ridge trails. After arriving at Bear Creek, the loop trail proceeds south back to Meyer's Gulch.

Rating: easy to moderate; distance: 4.3-mile loop; elevation: 6,800 to 7,400 feet; guide: **Ron Johnson** (303-745-4047 or rojo2002@msn.com).



This event can provide
4.3 miles or

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\$2.15 @ \$.50/mile or
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Theatre & 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).

MacBeth

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 p.m., Space Theatre,
Tickets: \$35

Registration with check payable to Rocky Mountain Synod and footnoted "T&T Augustana: MacBeth" must reach Augustana's office by Tuesday, September 5.

Forget what you know about Shakespeare's brutal tragedy. Director Robert O'Hara breathes new life (and death) into this raw reimagining for the grand reopening of our in-the-round Space Theatre.

To get what he wants, Macbeth will let nothing stand in his way — not the lives of others or his own well-being. As his obsession takes command of his humanity and his sanity, the death toll rises and his suspicions mount. This ambitious reinvention reminds us that no matter what fate is foretold, the man that chooses to kill must suffer the consequences.

Known for his audacious artistic vision, O'Hara is "shaking up the world, one audience at a time" (The New York Times). He has won the 2010 NAACP Award for Best Director, two Obie Awards, an Oppenheimer Award and the 2015 Lambda Literary Award for LGBT Drama.

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3 Courtney Carter

4 Dane Vierow

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Joni Hopkins
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8 Vincent Vierow

9 Sophie Maher

10 Eleanor Bonicelli
Sarah Davenport
Lana Farrington

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13 Aaron Rowan

14 Dong Mayek

15 Stephen Daniel
Rebecca Newman

16 Greg Bickle
Betty Boyd
Dennis Miller
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Jennifer Tribbett

17 Angie Miller
Valerie Taron
Wally Thomsen

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19 Christopher Beazer
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Megan Mohs
John Spano
Frederick Thompson

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21 Ellen Buol
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Ellen Kastens
Miles Tamminga
Steve Winiarski

22 Delaney Svensson

23 Emma Graham
Dinah Schlecht
Nancy Vikman

24 Cynthia Dickey
Faye Olson

25 Janet Egan

26 Errol Buhr
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Karen Mengozzi
Marcia Olson
Lisa Stavig
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Janel Wilson


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30 Judy Smeester

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on this list but wasn't, please
call Augustana's office (303-
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Pentecost 13 Health Ministry Sunday Worship/Communion 8am 9am Fellowship/Coffee 10:30am Worship/Communion Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry 4pm Wedding	4 Labor Day - office closed -	5 9am Library Committee 5:30pm Yoga 5:30pm Worship Committee	6 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	7 9:30am Phoebe Circle 4:30pm Augustana Early Learning Center 5:30pm Back-to-School Night Mindfulness Yoga	1 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	2 4pm Wedding Rehearsal
10 Pentecost 14 "God's work. Our hands." Sunday 8am Worship/Communion 9am "God's work. Our hands." Service 9am Membership Directory Photos 9am Reformation 500 Bookstore 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am "God's work. Our hands." Lunch	11 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 1pm Mary Circle	12 9:30am Deborah Circle 5:30pm Yoga 6pm Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Committee 7pm Congregation Council	13 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	14 9:30am <i>The Tower</i> deadline 9:30am Sarah Circle 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11am Together Colorado Press Conference: Environment (Augustana Park and Community Garden) 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Property Committee	15 9am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	16 8:45am "God's work. Our hands." Serve at ANSAR Pantry 9am Retreat: Chancel Choir 7:30pm Augustana Arts: Anima Chamber Ensemble
17 Pentecost 15 Worship/Communion 8am Membership Directory 9am Photos 9:15am Learning/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Youth Group See JASS below	18 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 11:15am Book Group 6:30pm Altar Guild Annual Dinner	19 5:30pm Yoga	20 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	21 Play, Fast, Act. www.elc.ca/prayfastact 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30am Monthly Luncheon 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	22 9am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	23 Confirmation Retreat September 22, 6 pm–September 23, noon
24 Pentecost 16 Worship/Communion 8am Learning/Fellowship 9:15am Acolyte/Crucifer 9:15am Information/Training 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am "500 Years on the Move for Hunger" Walk 11:30am Youth Group 11:30am Thrivent See JASS right	25 8:30am Footcare Clinic 9:30am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	26 Noon Senior Ministry Committee 1pm <i>The Tower</i> Assembly 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Theatre & Theology: <i>MacBeth</i> 7pm Rachel Circle	27 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	28 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Wine, Women, and Word	29 9am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	30 9am Trailblazers: Meyers Homestead Trail Fall Colors Hike
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