

Strategic Planning



**Augustana's 20/20 Vision is coming,
and you don't want to miss out!**

*What do we want Augustana to be in the future?
What does God want us to be and do? How are we
going to get to where we want to go?*

The congregation council decided in February to contract with GSB, a consulting company that works with many Lutheran churches, to help our congregation think about these questions. Evan Moilan, our consultant, will be with us several times this spring and fall, and there will be many chances to give feedback along the way.

The whole congregation has the opportunity to participate in April by completing a short (12 question) survey online. The link will be sent to everyone for whom we have an email address. For those who prefer, paper surveys will be available in Augustana's office. All surveys will be anonymous and will help us gather your hopes and prayers for Augustana's future. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletin announcements this month and throughout the summer.

Be a part of *Augustana's 20/20 Vision!*

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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Rejoice with:

- Arlo Calvin VanderWel, son of Ryan and Shanna VanderWel, in his baptism
- Finley Dariya Zumwalt, daughter of Michael Zumwalt, in her baptism

Augustana people in the news

Augustana's **Krista Degerness** was featured in the Winter 2018 edition of *NEA Today* in an article about how many public school teachers and education support professionals keep their financial boats afloat by working part time. Krista, who is currently serving on Augustana's congregation council, teaches at Ken Caryl Middle School and works a second job at the Andante Endo-dontic Dental Clinic.

Recently lifted up in prayer:

For hope and healing:

- Jan Brown, Joseph Gay, Shirley Gleason, Ann Head, Nancy McCartney, Helma Sjodin, Michael Mikolajczak, Sheri Miller, Phillip Nestingen, Daniel Ramirez, Susan Talbot, Arthur and Rita Rosemary, Tom Szwedkoe, Harry Waters, Jacob, Kevin

For comfort and courage:

- Pam Uyemura and family in the death of her father, Palmer Attleson
- Arlien Johnson in the death of her friend, Mark Chism
- Arvetta Hjelmstad in the death of her sister, Janice Lamb
- Carolyn Gustafson in the death of her grandson-in-law, Brian Lauchman
- Erin Brown and Megan Churchill in the death of their aunt, Peggy Reves
- Ann Sethre in the death of her mother, Eileen Sethre
- Jennifer Tribbett and family in the death of her husband, Timothy Tribbett

"Thanks, Augustana!"

Thank you, pastors and church family, for keeping me in your prayers and visits. This all started October 23, and now the cloud is lifted, January 7, 2018. Hope to see you soon.

Loving thoughts and prayers,
Genevieve Bucklin

Thank you for the gifts!

Augustana Memorial Garden

- In memory of Ruth and Michael Arden, Jocelyn Kopperud

Health Ministry

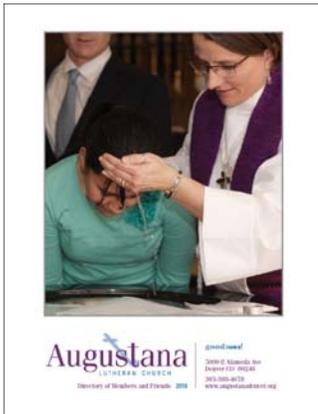
- In memory of Margaret Peterson

Senior Ministry

- In honor of Pastor Ann Hultquist

Special Gifts

- In memory of Eldon Hemmingsen, Frank and Curt Gerber, Jocelyn Kopperud, Margaret Peterson, Helen Pfnister



Pictorial Directories available!

Pick up your pictorial directory from Augustana's office during the week or in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. A donation of

\$5 per directory is requested to cover printing expenses. If you submitted a hard copy photo to be scanned, you can pick it up at the reception desk in Augustana's office.

The directory cover photo of the baptism of Finley Zumwalt was taken by Augustana's Duane Howell on February 18. Thanks to Finley and her father for allowing Augustana to use her image!

Thanks, also, to everyone who submitted photos, to Don Thomson, Duane Howell, and Linda Tinderholt who shot and submitted many photos of members, to Julie MacDougall who collected information and helped edit, and to the directory assembly crew, Norm and Margaret Aarestad, Jim Gustad, Arlien Johnson, Dee Melicher, Joyce Oleson, Fred and Ethel Scott, and Diane Zarlengo.

If your directory is missing pages or not assembled correctly, bring it back to Augustana, and we'll fix it!

Lyn Goodrum

Publications Administrator

Augustana Foundation

Arthur Pederson and Finley Zumwalt received MIF4KIDZ Investment Gifts in honor of their baptisms thanks to the Augustana Foundation.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, March 25

- 8 a.m.* **Worship** - Christ Chapel
- 8–11 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast
- Fellowship Hall
(No adult classes; Sunday school students will meet in one big group)
- 10:30 a.m.* **Worship** - Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, March 29

- 11 a.m. **Worship** - Sanctuary
- Noon Monthly Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m.* **Worship** - Sanctuary
First Communion

Good Friday, March 30

- Noon **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 7 p.m.* **Worship** - Sanctuary
The Crucifixion by John Stainer

Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, April 1

- 8 a.m.* **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 9–10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m.* **Worship** - Sanctuary
- 10:35 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt - Courtyard
- 11 a.m.* **Worship** - Sanctuary
(No Sunday school, adult classes, or Jammin' Augustana Super Sundays)

Enjoy the full-color version of this newsletter!

Sign up to receive *The Tower* by e-mail! It's more colorful, faster, and saves Augustana in production costs! Send an e-mail request to **Lyn Goodrum** (goodrum@augustanadenver.org) or download it at www.augustanadenver.org.



Pastors

“Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

Luke 24:5

When my daughter was about 5 years old, she and her friends discovered Knock-Knock jokes.

For a few months all we heard in the back seat of the car were those endless variations on “Who’s there?” accompanied by peals of little girl laughter.

Easter this year falls on April Fool’s Day, something that hasn’t happened since 1956 and that won’t happen again until 2029. (The date for Easter is based on the Spring Equinox and the full moon, which is why the date varies so much from year to year.) Most pastors think that this year’s confluence of the two holidays is a wonderful coincidence. What better surprise could there possibly be for the women at the tomb than to hear that Jesus is alive?

Read the verse above again, this time not so serious, and with a smile on your face. Can you imagine those angels smirking a little as they said it? Those who wanted to kill Jesus and the love that he embodied thought they had succeeded when he breathed his last on the cross. Jesus told his disciples over and over that he would die and rise again, but they didn’t get it. On Easter morning, the ‘joke’ is on everyone—death doesn’t have the last word, and pretty soon Jesus will be standing in a room with the disciples, not even bothering to knock before he came in.

As Paul says in Romans, the promise of Easter is that “just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.” Death, sin, and all that separates us from God is defeated and we are God’s children forever. Let’s laugh and celebrate that together! Alleluia!

Pastor Ann



Feeling the Feels*

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia! Phew. That’s a relief. Bringing back the alleluia feels good. It at least has some of the feels. A few weeks ago, the choir sang an anthem of “Will You Come and Follow Me.”

There were a LOT of feels. At early worship, with AVE singing it and bringing it, the bread and wine were held by Morgan and A.J., ready to be walked forward. I was standing behind them just outside the entrance to the chapel. There are moments when not dancing is impossible. Even in Lent. I danced, although it was more like swaying with my eyes closed because twirling in the hallway would be entirely too distracting for even my own mind not to mention everyone else’s. But there are moments when the feels feel like dancing. Apparently, this is possible in Lent. Easter is also one of those times. It’s tough to make it through some joyous Easter hymns without dancing.

At the same time, I’m cautious about the feels. Feels mislead us faster than almost anything else. Feels are why preachers zero in on the promises of God and not our feelings about God. We feel a range of feels from the forsakenness of Good Friday when Jesus hangs on the cross to the feels of Easter morning when lilies bloom, trumpets sound, and Jesus resurrects from death to life. For me, it’s become a discipline to focus on the promise over the feels. Feels are transient. They come and go. God’s promises hold steady through the feels. One of God’s Easter promises is that no matter how we feel, God is present with us even, and maybe especially, when we don’t feel it. Period. From the Christmas promise of Emmanuel, God with us, to the Easter promise transforming death into life, these are the promises that won’t let us go through whatever the feels are feeling. New life, transformation, is ours. That’s a promise. Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

**Feels (def) A wave of emotions that sometimes cannot be adequately explained. (urbandictionary.com)*

There's nothing like a good word

Pastor Caitlin invited people to pick a word from scripture to engage their discipleship and faith for the church year. Each month spotlights a reflection by someone who took her up on a choosing a word.



When I chose *content* as my word for the Church Year during Advent, it had already been percolating for a while. At the end of last year, I'd seen a webinar on distinguishing between "happiness" and "joy, peace and contentment," and that there is an overemphasis/misunderstanding (especially in this society) on the concept of "happy." The webinar drew from Paul's statement: "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."

The word "happy" comes from the root word "hap" which is defined as "one's luck or lot or an occurrence, or accident." It was then suggested that, by the very nature of the word, happiness was almost totally dependent on the event(s) or situation(s) one found themselves in at a given time. Because the emotion is contingent on outside influence, it can come and go in a matter of only a short time.

"Content," on the other hand, is usually defined as "peace of mind; mental or emotional satisfaction."

Among the gifts of a relationship with the Trinity are Peace and Joy which are timeless, not contingent on the unpredictability of life's ebb and flow. Contentment is the beneficial result of trusting, relying and resting in that unwavering gift. It may have been an underlying message when Spafford penned, "It is Well..."

It's remarkable how much emphasis our culture places on attaining and maintaining happiness. The "pursuit of happiness" might be the best-known term in the Declaration of Independence. Odd, isn't it, that happiness is pursued while Peace and Joy are freely given?

Certainly savor and relish the happy moments and events when they come, but remember the circumstances that bring them can be as capricious as Colorado weather.

Brad Uyemura

Volunteer for or attend Augustana's 9Health Fair!

Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24, 7 a.m.–noon



When you attend a 9Health Fair, you're taking responsibility for your health. You'll have access to an array of free and low-cost comprehensive health screenings and interactive educational centers to empower you to make healthy decisions for your life and future.

Affordable Screenings

- Blood Chemistry \$35
- PSA \$35
- Vitamin D \$50
- Vitamin B12 \$20
- Testosterone (male) \$40
- Testosterone (female) \$40
- Blood Count \$25
- Hemoglobin A1c \$35
- Colorectal Kit \$30

Free Screenings

- Bone Health
- Skin
- Height/Weight/BMI
- Memory
- Lung Function
- Pulse Oximetry
- Blood Pressure
- Body in Balance
- Sleep Apnea
- Oral Health
- Stress Management
- Ask a Pharmacist
- Ask a Medical Question/Get a Referral

Blood Chemistry Screening (\$35)

Get a baseline check on your overall health with this screening. Having baseline information on your cholesterol, blood glucose, liver, kidneys, thyroid and more can

help you and your doctor monitor your health and prevent health issues from becoming emergencies. Information from this screening completes your Health Risk Assessments (HRA).

Blood Cell Count Screening (\$25)

This screening gives you a general picture of your overall health by checking your white blood cells, hematocrit, hemoglobin levels, and blood-clotting abilities. Your body's ability to fight infection, anemia, liver disease and certain cancers can also

be discovered with this screening.

Vitamin D (\$50)

This screening is used to provide additional information regarding your overall health. Vitamin D plays an important role in protecting your bones. Many studies also suggest an association between low Vitamin D levels and an increased risk of certain types of cancers, nerve disease, immune disease and heart disease.

Vitamin B12 (\$20)

This screening is used to



Non medical volunteers needed

Augustana, in partnership with Congregation Temple Emanuel, will again be hosting a 9Health Fair on Monday, April 23 and Tuesday, April 24, 7 a.m. to noon. We need your help to make this a welcome experience for those attending. If you helped last year, you did such a great job that we will be contacting you directly in mid-March! If you haven't been contacted by March 31, please call. New volunteers are welcome! No experience is needed for non-medical duties. All instruction will be provided.

Contact **Sarah Jacobsen** (303-917-0221), Non-medical Coordinator, Augustana's 9Health Fair.

provide additional information regarding your blood and nerve tissue health. Insufficient Vitamin B12 can lead to some types of anemia, nerve dysfunctions, depression, tiredness, constipation, and lack of appetite among other problems.

Body in Balance Screening

This screening checks your body position and posture and checks your flexibility, strength and balance to help you prevent injuries to your neck, back, knee, ankle, foot and other areas.

Lung Function Screening

Find out if you have breathing issues such as asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and pulmonary fibrosis with this screening. It measures the amount (volume) and/or speed (flow) of air that can be inhaled or exhaled.

Oral Screening

This screening looks for tooth and gum disease and oral cancer by checking the inside of the mouth for sores and lesions.

Pulse Oximetry

Check the amount of oxygen in your blood with this screening. An oximeter can detect low blood oxygen levels before symptoms occur which can lead to lung and heart problems.

Skin Screening

This screening checks for skin cancer and other skin problems. The doctor or nurse may look at your scalp, face, neck, arms, hands, upper chest, back and legs.

Sleep Apnea Screening

Through questionnaires, this screening checks for risk factors for a condition known as sleep apnea. This condition causes as many as 30 or more pauses in breathing of 10 seconds or more during sleep. Sleep apnea affects 1 in 5 people and can be life threatening. Recent studies have identified sleep apnea as a risk factor for high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, diabetes, heart attack or stroke.

Colorado Lutheran Day at the Legislature 2018 included Augustana friends, speaking with our legislators about supporting Senate Bill 18-13 Expand Child Nutrition School Lunch Protection Act for middle schoolers, and a governor sighting.



On the capitol stairs



Walking to the capitol



Learning how to do advocacy and meet with legislators

Faith Formation

Adult Forum

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

April 1: EASTER - Come and worship: *Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*

April 8 and 15: Join Pastor Ann for an engaging conversation about being the church today, using Pastor Lillian Daniel's recent book: *Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong to: Spirituality Without Stereotypes, Religion Without Ranting.*

In this book, Daniel argues that it's time for us to stop apologizing and realize that how we talk about Christian community matters. With disarming candor laced with just the right amount of humor, Daniel urges Christians to explore ways to talk about their faith journeys that are reasonable, rigorous, and real.

April 22: World Faith Series: Sikhism, the world's fifth largest religion. **Naureen Singh** is the current Colorado Sikhs Policy Director. She'll present an Introduction to Sikhism and a time for questions and answers about this 500-year-old religion with a following of over 20 million people worldwide.

About the World Faith Series: Speakers from various religious traditions 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.

April 29: Augustana Foundation hosts this class on generosity, mission, and planning to give.

Considering making Augustana your church home?

Learn more about our faith and ministry at **Discover Augustana**, the newcomers/new members class, which meets Sundays, April 8, 15, 29, and May 6, 9:15–10:15 a.m., Room 1.

During this time, the pastors will discuss Lutheran beliefs and theology and various staff and lay leaders will share details about Augustana's ministries. If you have questions, please contact **Julie MacDougall** (303-388-4678). Reservations in advance are appreciated but not required.

Funeral/memorial service pre-planning at Augustana



Augustana's pastors have put together some information and forms to help you document your wishes for your memorial service or funeral. The

information includes suggestions for scripture readings and hymns, staffing and facilities resources, and current fees associated with funerals at Augustana Lutheran Church. Copies of the completed forms may be kept in Augustana's safe until needed.

Funeral or Memorial Service Wishes forms will be available from Augustana's office after April 1. If you believe you have completed and submitted such information in the past, please resubmit your information using the new forms.

If you have questions, contact **Pastor Ann** (303-388-4678 ext. 105 or ann@augustanadenver.org) or **Pastor Caitlin** (303-388-4678 ext. 115 or pastor.caitlin.trussell@gmail.com).

Children, Youth and Family Ministry



Register by April 1!

Everyone is invited to camp at Rainbow Trail

Folks of all ages are invited to join the Augustana community at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, Friday, April 20–Sunday, April 22! The weekend includes devotions, games, cross-generational fellowship, great meals and snacks, time for relaxation, and opportunities for archery, hiking, wood carving, and more in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo Mountains near Hillside, Colorado. Sunday morning will include worship with Holy Communion led by Pastor Ann.

Flyers with details and registration forms are available from Augustana's entrance tables, or download them from Augustana's website (www.augustanadenver.org). Cost: age 13 and over: \$75; age 4–12: \$50; age 3 and under: \$15; maximum family cost: \$250. Scholarship money available. Register by April 1. For additional information, contact **Pastor Ann** (303-388-4678 ext. 105 or ann@augustanadenver.org).

Sunday school schedule

There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 1. All Faith Formation classes resume on Sunday, April 8. Augustana will celebrate another great season of Faith Formation at a year-end gala, Sunday, May 20, Augustana's last day of Faith Formation classes for this school year!

Purchase Youth Mission Trip trading cards!

Starting in April you can purchase trading cards of Augustana youth and adults attending the mission trip to Ecuador. Learn their stats, add them to your prayer list, and collect them all! These cards will be available for purchase during Coffee Hour and from youth attending. Suggested donation is \$5 per card.



Augustana honors graduating seniors

Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 29 for a reception during Coffee Hour and a blessing for Augustana's graduating seniors and their families during 10:30 a.m. worship.

Full days of Vacation Bible School this year!

Augustana hosts Vacation Bible School with Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, Monday, July 16–Friday, July 20. Children starting Kindergarten through 6th grade will enjoy Bible study, recreation, arts & crafts, music and devotions, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; preschoolers can come for a half day of faith formation, 9 a.m.–noon. Enthusiastic Rainbow Trail Day Camp counselors will guide campers through a week of activity under the theme “This Changes Everything!” based on Ephesians 2:8: “For by

grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift from God.”

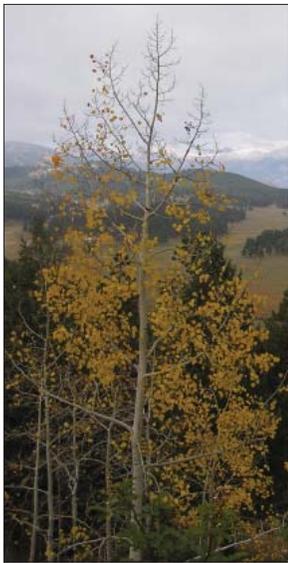
Register today! Registration and health history forms are available from Augustana’s website (www.augustanadenver.org) and with Vacation Bible School posters just outside Augustana’s office. Cost is \$25/camper.

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

S’more fun on the way!

S’more Fun and Worship begins Wednesday, June 6!

Senior Ministry



April Monthly Luncheon features photos of Colorado

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

Plan to attend the Thursday, April 19, luncheon to enjoy a slide show, “**Beautiful Colorado - 141 Years Young,**” presented by **Chris Wells**. Come enjoy Chris’s Colorado photography as

she takes you to places in our beautiful state you may never have visited—Colorado cities, views from the past, fantastic parks, majestic mountains, spectacular lakes, mountain streams and rivers, magnificent animals, gorgeous sunrises and sunsets, snow country, autumn colors and incredible Colorado flowers. Your reservation is needed to Augustana’s office (303-388-4678) by Monday, April 16, for meal planning by Judy Nyquist and her crew. The cost is \$8 per person. Invite your friends to enjoy a delicious meal and an interesting program. Visitors are welcome!

Dead Sea Scrolls

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Join us to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit on Monday, April 30, at the museum. Meet in the south parking lot (lowest level) promptly at 9:15 a.m. to car pool to the museum. The exhibit will rotate 100 of the 500 artifacts every week due to their fragile nature. A replica of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem will also be included. This is a timed exhibit and limits how many people are admitted at intervals. It will take approximately 90 minutes to view the exhibit. Only Denver and New York City are scheduled for this exhibit. The cost for museum members is \$8 per person. Non-members pay a museum entrance fee of \$17, plus \$8 for the exhibit. We will individually purchase our tickets at the museum. After viewing the exhibit, plan to have lunch in the museum cafeteria. Call Augustana’s office (303-388-4678) by noon on Sunday, April 29 to let us know you are coming. It will help knowing who to expect when we gather in the south parking lot.

Dial-a-Care

303-996-2733

Three-minute talks about God, faith, love, scripture, life, Christianity

- Lyn Goodrum
- Roberta Matheson
- Don Troike

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Meet Nubia

Nubia owns a herd of 60 dairy cows on her ranch on the outskirts of Chinandega, Nicaragua. There she employs nine people, and her cows produce 1,000 liters of milk per day. Each morning, a long line of neighbors forms to buy fresh cheese and dairy products.



But three years ago, when her husband died, Nubia didn't think she could keep her land, much less run a successful dairy. She had just a few cows. They grazed on nothing but dry underbrush, and they were producing less and less milk every day. Worried about the future, Nubia's children left the country to find jobs in the United States and Spain. Nubia's future seemed bleak.

Good agricultural techniques changed everything for Nubia. Now enjoying a nutritious diet and grazing in fields of tall alfalfa, her cows are healthier and producing more milk than ever.

Nubia learned to grow alfalfa for her cows from the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a new U.S. development assistance program. Bread for the World helped establish this program through the 2003 Offering of Letters and financial support from ELCA World Hunger.

Nubia is proud of her work. Because of her success, she is no longer worried about her future. She only hopes that her children can return. She says, "I named (the farm) Deysi, which is also my daughter's name. Maybe it's meant to be hers."

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

Music Ministry



It's time to register!

July 9–15, 2018

Are you coming to WAM!?

Who: All children who have completed grades 1–7, Augustana children and friends in the community!

What: Learn how to create scenery, backdrops and props; explore your dramatic side; sing and discover great music!

When: July 9–15, 2018 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon, and Sunday morning worship, 10:30 a.m.)

Where: Augustana Lutheran Church

Cost: \$75 per child; \$125 cap for families

Register: Beginning on April 1, forms will be available at Augustana and online (www.augustanadenver.org)

Each weekday begins at 9 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m. Every day includes breakout sessions in art, dance, drama, and music. On Sunday, July 15 at 10:30 a.m. worship, we will present the musical we have been working on all week.

Participants are expected to participate each day, culminating in the Sunday worship and presentation of the musical.

We need volunteers for help in art and drama, serving snacks, and moving kids from one class to another.

If you are interested in helping, please contact **Cindy Lindeen-Martin** (lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org).

We can't wait to see YOU at **WAM!**

Cindy, Angela, and Marcia

AUGUSTANA *Arts*



The Queen's Six to perform at Augustana

Friday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.

With the upcoming wedding of Prince Henry and Meghan Markle on May 19 in the St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, there's a fairly good chance The Queen's Six, a castle-based male voice a cappella ensemble, will sing at their wedding.

Members of The Queen's Six are Lay Clerks of St. George's Chapel, whose home lies within the walls of Windsor Castle, Berkshire, UK. The Chapel Choir, which consists of boy trebles and twelve professional adult male singers, performs approximately eight services a week as well as at private and state occasions, often before the Royal Family. They were established in 2008 as part of the 450th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth I, a great patroness of the arts, who often engaged the services of musicians to write and perform for her at court.

Augustana Arts is thrilled to bring The Queen's Six to our performing concert series this April. In their first-ever U.S. tour, we have the privilege of bringing them to Augustana Lutheran Church on Friday, April 6.

Their repertoire extends far beyond the reach of the choir stalls: from austere early chant, florid Renaissance polyphony, lewd madrigals and haunting folk songs, to upbeat jazz and pop arrangements. As the group's reputation continues to grow, they are being presented with ever more exciting performance opportunities, recently releasing "Music of the Realm," their first album with the prestigious Resonus Classics label.

Don't miss this rare performance opportunity. Tickets (\$10–\$35) are now on sale at www.AugustanaArts.org.

Stratus Chamber Orchestra debuts world premier composition

"Awakenings"

Featuring **Jessamie Kaitler**, composer

- Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. at First Plymouth Congregational Church (optional immersive seating)
- Saturday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. at Augustana

Jessamie is a Melbourne-based composer, with a recent career highlight composing *Cascades* for Sarah Curro (of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra) for her solo show Volume 9. Jessamie has also scored for motion pictures; her debut feature film *Damaged* (Midlander Films) now has three international awards under its belt.

Jessamie's work will be debuted at this concert along with a program including Bach's "Sleeper's Awake!" Haydn's "Morning Symphony" (#6), and Bax's "3 Pieces for Small Orchestra."

Purchase tickets (\$20/adult, \$15/student and seniors) online at www.AugustanaArts.org, by phone at 303-388-4962, or at the door the night of the event.

Fellowship

Women, Wine, and Word

This Bible study for women of all ages will meet Thursday, April 26 at 7 p.m. We will be concluding our study of the “fierce” women of the Bible. Please contact Pastor Ann (ann@augustanadenver.org) for the location of the gathering this month.

April Book Group

Join us Monday, April 16 at 11:15 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room to discuss Jason Fagone’s *The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America’s Enemies*.

In this story, Jason Fagone chronicles the life of Elizebeth Smith, who played an integral role in our nation’s history for forty years. After World War I, Smith used her talents to catch gangsters and smugglers during Prohibition, then accepted a covert mission to discover and expose Nazi spy rings that were spreading like wildfire across South America, advancing ever closer to the United States. As World War II raged, Elizebeth fought a highly classified battle of wits against Hitler’s Reich, cracking multiple versions of the Enigma machine used by German spies. Meanwhile, inside an Army vault in Washington, her husband, William, worked furiously to break Purple, the Japanese version of Enigma—and eventually succeeded, at a terrible cost to his personal life. (Amazon)

Trailblazers

Hiking the Indian Creek Trail

Saturday, April 28, leave Augustana’s south parking lot at 9 a.m.

Not far from the Denver metro area, just west of Sedalia, this is an easygoing out-and-back, creek-side trek through a lush ecosystem.

Rating: Easy

Distance: 4 miles round trip

Elevation: 7,480 to 6,800 feet

Guide: **Laurie Scott** (303-358-5864 or laurajscott@msn.com)

Theater & 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.

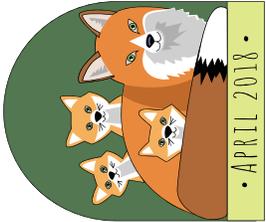
The Who’s Tommy

Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m., Stage Theatre, Tickets: \$35
To reserve your ticket, contact Rosalee Wanchisen (303-759-9836 or rwanchisen@gmail.com) by Tuesday, April 10, and submit your check payable to Rocky Mountain Synod and footnoted “T&T Augustana: *The Who’s Tommy*” to Augustana’s office also by April 10.

Based on The Who’s iconic 1969 rock concept album, *Tommy* is an exhilarating musical about the challenges of self-discovery and the resilience of the human spirit. When young Tommy retreats into a world of darkness and silence after a deeply traumatic incident, he must navigate a harsh and unforgiving world with no hope of recovery. But when he discovers a newfound talent for pinball, he’s swept up in the fame and fortune of his success. Tommy and his family give new voice to The Who’s classic stadium rock as they navigate the troubles and joys of being alive.

The Who are considered one of the most influential rock bands of the 20th century, and together with La Jolla Playhouse’s then-Artistic Director Des McNuff, they wrote the Tony Award-winning *Tommy*. Director Sam Buntrock has been nominated for Tony, Olivier and Drama Desk awards for his innovative work in theatre, film and animation. His edgy style was last seen on our stage when he directed *Frankenstein* in 2016, and he will reunite with *Frankenstein* Scenic Designer Jason Sherwood for this musical.

For more information on Theater & Theology, contact **Rosalee Wanchisen** (303-759-9836 or rwanchisen@gmail.com).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day 8am Worship/Communion 9am Fellowship/Coffee 9:30am Worship/Communion 10:35am Easter Egg Hunt 11am Worship/Communion	2 - office closed - Augustana Early Learning Center Board 7pm	3 9am Library Committee 5:30pm Yoga	4 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	5 9:30am The Tower deadline Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am Phoebe Circle 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	6 9:15am Silver Notes Augustana Firm Believers 7:30pm Augustana Arts: The Queen's Six	7
8 Easter 2 Health Ministry Sunday 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Faith Formation/Coffee 9:15am Discover Augustana Class 10:30am Worship/Communion Noon See Sunday LEAPP See JASS below	9 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers Chapel Prayer 10am	10 9:30am Deborah Circle 5:30pm Yoga 6pm Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Committee	11 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers Augustana Ringers Chancel Choir 6pm 7:30pm	12 9:30am AELC Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 10am Sarah Circle 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Property Committee	13 9:15am Silver Notes Augustana Firm Believers	14
15 Easter 3 Preschool Sunday 9:15am Discover Augustana Class 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Faith Formation/Coffee 9:15am Discover Augustana Class 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am Youth Mission Trip Planning See JASS below	16 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers Chapel Prayer Book Group 10am 11:15am	17 1pm The Tower Assembly 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Theater & Theology: Native Gardens Congregation Council 7pm	18 7:30am Lutheran Men of Denver 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers Augustana Ringers Chancel Choir 6pm 7:30pm	19 9:30am AELC Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30am Monthly Luncheon 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	20 9:15am Silver Notes Augustana Firm Believers 4:30pm Augustana Early Learning Center: Evening of the Arts	21 8:45am Play, Fast, Act. "God's work. Our hands." ANSAR Pantry
22 Easter 4 Volunteer Recognition Sunday 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Faith Formation/Coffee 10:30am Worship/Communion 10:30am Set-up: 9Health Fair See JASS below	23 7am-noon 9Health Fair Chapel Prayer 10am	24 7am-noon 9Health Fair Senior Ministry Committee 5pm Augustana Arts Board 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Rachel Circle	25 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers Augustana Ringers Chancel Choir 6pm 7:30pm	26 9:30am AELC Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Women, Wine & Word	27 9:15am Silver Notes Augustana Firm Believers 9:45am	28 9am Trailblazers: Hiking the Indian Creek Trail 7:30pm Augustana Arts: Stratus Chamber Orchestra "Awakenings"
29 Easter 5 High School Senior Recognition 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Faith Formation/Coffee 9:15am Social Ministry Committee 9:15am Discover Augustana Class 10:30am Worship/Communion See JASS below	30 8am Foot Care Clinic Augustana Firm Believers Chapel Prayer 9:45am 10am			11:30am Lunch 12:15pm Cherubs, Choristers, GraceNotes 1pm Recorders, Cantabile, SONshine Ringers 1:45pm BELLievers	Augustana Camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Friday, April 20-Sunday, April 22	

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- 2** Jim Apple
Laurance Johnson
- 3**
- 4** Diane Foley
- 5** Earl Conrad
Ginny Kusek
Joe Lewis
Robert Reinert
- 6** Bradyn Burton
Joel Sigdestad
Sandra Simpson

- 7** Berit Backes
Jan Brown
Beverly Garvin
Isabelle Howard
- 8** Robert Miller
Kera Terwilliger
- 9**
- 10** Brenda Bucklin
Michael Graham
Daniel Streed
- 11** AJ Atherton
Makyla Moody
- 12** Doug Boyd
Erin Brown
Liv Triplett

- 13** Karen Fletcher
Alex Kah
- 14** David Gottenborg
Austin Martin
Eric Thompson
- 15** Maria Brotherston
Grant Lutz
Krista Walker
- 16** Kathryn Buol
Audrey Carroll
Vale Triplett
- 17**
- 18** Karen Edeen
Dan Taron
Douglas Wittich
- 19** Wayne Arden
Ashley Ezpeleta
Alma Flory
Nancy Kall
Millie Motes
Lesley Smith
- 20** Phyllis Ashliman
Matthew Beavers
Alex Tripp
- 21** Ruby Gay
Rachel Mangione

- 22** Christopher Carter
Dee Melicher
Betty Nyby
- 23** Jim Hytjan
Guy Peterson
- 24** Arvid Brekke
Cassandra Carter
James Vaughters
- 25** Randall Holmberg
- 26** Doug Ray
Anneliese Rohr
- 27** Wayne Olson
Nyla Pulley
- 28** Alanah Blair
William Crossen
Amber Schweitzer
Brian Willoughby
- 29** Christopher Lager
- 30** Malakai Cooper
Dick Larson
Thomas Miller

*If your name should have
been on this list but wasn't,
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