

Holy Week and Easter at Augustana



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

*Nursery care available



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)

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 . . .

- Parents Ryan, Shanna, and sister Cora VanderWel in the birth of Arlo Calvin VanderWel, January 22
- Arthur Joel Pederson, son of Aaron Pederson and Jennifer Ponce and grandson of Pastor John R. and Ruth Pederson, in his baptism
- Liam Anders Rothschild, son of Erik and Carly Rothschild, grandson of Dwight and Sheryl Stenseth, in his baptism

Recently lifted up in prayer

For hope and healing:

- Palmer Attleson, Paul Blanchard, Earl Conrad, Joseph Gay, Ann Head, Linda Kusek, Judy Larson, Cindy Maxwell, Dee Melicher, Sheri Miller, Gloria Outilly, Arthur Rosemary, Helma Sjodin, Storm Sunderland, Harry Waters, Arleen Wilson

For comfort and courage:

- Heather Hurd in the death of her brother-in-law, Sonny Anyaso
- Carlos Beer and family in the death of his wife, Diane Beer
- Family and friends of Bonnie Schrock in her death



Daylight Saving Time begins

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11. Turn your clocks **AHEAD** an hour Saturday night, March 10.

“Thanks, Augustana!”

On behalf of the Metro Caring team, thank you for Augustana Lutheran Church's recent in-kind contribution of 2,841 pounds of goods.

Your contributions allow us to support the success of participants like John, who first came to Metro Caring over two years ago for help putting food on the table. Metro Caring was not only able to send John home that day with a week's worth of nutritious groceries he'd selected from our market, but to link him to other opportunities to improve his life. John, a vet, had struggled with PTSD for over a decade, since a deployment in the Middle East. Now, he felt ready to re-enter the workforce, and with the training and skills he received from our Seeds for Success team, landed a job with a grocery retailer. Recently, he reached his one-year work anniversary, and proudly reported that he was able to afford buying his groceries now.

Sincerely,
Teva Sienicki
CEO, Metro Caring

Pastors

Vocation for super sports stars and you



I am writing this on the Monday after this year's pretty amazing Super Bowl game. If you watched the presentation of the Lombardi trophy you know that the Eagles' coach, Doug Peterson, gave glory to God in his reaction to the historic victory. Nine years ago, he was

coaching high school football, and yesterday he was lifting up a Super Bowl trophy. Nick Foles, the second string quarterback who ended up leading the team to victory, also gave God credit for what had just transpired on the field.

I do like to watch football, but I'm a bit of a skeptic when it comes to declarations like these. I'm pretty sure God has a much bigger agenda than who wins the Super Bowl (like the fact that a current drought means people in South Africa are running out of water, or that one in six Colorado kids don't know where their next meal will come from). The Bible is pretty clear that God is not all that interested in victories, but in how we love one another and creation.

On the other hand, if what Peterson and Foles mean is "God's given me all these abilities and I'm grateful I can use these gifts in my life," I'm all in. That would be a pretty Lutheran understanding of vocation and it can apply to everyone, not just super sports stars. Using our gifts—whether that is teaching, adding up numbers, caring for children, volunteering, tending a garden, cooking, organizing, or a million other tasks—is how each of us live out our faith day by day. As God's children we all participate in caring for one another and making the world a kinder and more hopeful place.

As we continue this season of Lent, may your vocation bring you purpose and joy.

Pastor Ann

We Can't Handle the Grace



Lent and Holy Week take us deep. Our frailty, self-absorption, and pain repeatedly clash with the power of grace. Some theologians will say that each one of us holds the hammer that drove the nails through the hands and feet of God.

That theology seems a bit overwrought to me, not to mention impossible on the time-space continuum. What does resonate is that we can't handle the grace. (Yes, I'm invoking Jack Nicholson's line delivery in *A Few Good Men*.)

Grace is multivalent—meaning that grace is an easy go-to word when trying to say a lot at once. Grace means God's unconditional love, forgiveness, redemption, and that we are created in the image of God. And grace means so much more. When I say we can't handle the grace, I mean that when confronted with the grace of God in Jesus we would and do reject its fullness. We reject it time and again for ourselves and other people. We put grace to death. Think about the ways you keep beating yourself up over past actions as if you're beyond God's redemption. Think about the ways you decide that other people are undeserving. There are a variety of situations that beg the question, "Do we believe in redemption or don't we?"

We tend to draw a line around where God's redemption is possible. Lent pushes us through those lines over the brink into Good Friday when we confess by faith that God hung dead on a cross—the cross being the ultimate example of our human determination to reject grace. Thank God that the power of God is not diverted by our lack of will or capacity to comprehend the relentless force of grace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all as Lent continues through Holy Week.

Peace,
Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Lent, Holy Week, Easter

Worship during Lent

On Wednesdays during Lent (February 21–March 21), we will have worship in Christ Chapel at 7 p.m., using **Holden Evening Prayer**. Prior to the worship, we will have a soup supper in the Anna Paulson Room for everyone at 6 p.m. This midweek worship time and meal are a wonderful way to rest your mind and heart.



Also during Lent we will be using bread for Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m., and on the non-intinction Sundays at 10:30 a.m. As we

focus on Jesus' life and ministry in this season, common bread is a reminder to us that Jesus, the Bread of Life, celebrated the Last Supper using unleavened bread. Wafers can be convenient and are also very symbolic for some people, but our vision of the sacrament can be broadened through this change for the season.

Lent devotion books or e-books

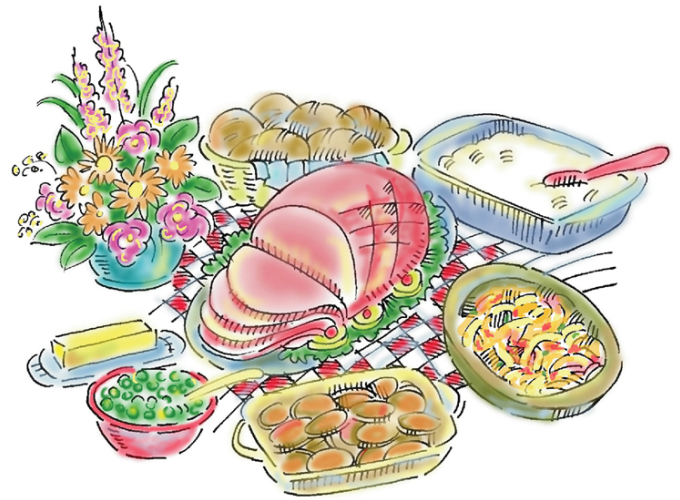
Copies of *You Are the Way: Devotions For Lent 2018* are available from Augustana's entrance tables. Wednesday evening Lenten worship will offer additional thoughts from the pastors on the themes highlighted in the book.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself with a series of "I am" statements: "I am the light of the world," "I am the good shepherd," "I AM," and so on. This beautiful, full-color devotional explores one or more "I am" sayings of Jesus during each week in Lent. The accessible format makes it easy to incorporate a simple Christian observance into your Lenten journey.

EBOOK version is available for purchase here:
<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/23710/EBOOK-You-Are-the-Way-Devotions-for-Lent-2018>

Color your way through Lent

Folks of all ages are invited to pick up "**Psalms Devotional Guide**," a Lenten coloring book with devotions, from Augustana's entrance tables! Take one for a friend!



Help provide Easter dinner for Warren Village families

Augustana continues its annual tradition of providing Easter dinner baskets for 106 families living at Warren Village, a community where low-income, single-parent families can achieve sustainable personal and economic self-sufficiency. Each basket costs \$37 and includes a ham, canned fruits and vegetables, dinner rolls and a fruit pie. Contributions are due at Augustana by Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, March 25. Make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church and note "Warren Village" in the memo, or donate online at www.augustanadenver.org. A \$500 Action Team Request has been granted from Thrivent.

Volunteers are needed to help pack baskets.

This is a great family activity! The food will be delivered to Warren Village, and we will assemble the food baskets there. This gives us the opportunity to be closer to the people we are serving and to tour the facility. Volunteers from Augustana will meet at the Warren Village office (1300 Gilpin St.), Sunday, March 25, 12:30 p.m. Or, Augustana will offer bus transportation to Warren Village, departing from the Fairfax entrance at noon and returning about 2 p.m. Contact Augustana's office (303-388-4678) to reserve your place on the bus.

Thank you for both your gifts and your service for Augustana's support of single parents and their children as they work toward a brighter future!

Lenten food drive continues throughout March

Thank you for supporting the Lenten food drive for Metro Caring during Lent! Although Augustana's people generously donate food items for Metro Caring throughout the year, special emphasis on caring for our community's hungry is encouraged during Lent—almsgiving for the poor being one of the three classic disciplines in this season.



Please take the following list with you to the grocery store. Bring your food donations to the Metro Caring boxes located at the Fairfax entrance to Fellowship Hall between Ash Wednesday, February 14 and Easter, April 1. Thank you!

Did you know?

In addition to providing families who face food insecurity and health problems with free, nutritious food for a week, Metro Caring offers complementary cooking and nutrition programs. Learn more about Metro Caring at www.metrocaring.org.

Suggested Shopping List:

Look for "100% whole grain," "unsweetened," "no sodium/salt added," or "low sodium" on labels.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelf-stable milk/milk substitutes | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned tuna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry beans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut butter | <input type="checkbox"/> Rolled oats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned vegetables (with no or low sodium) | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned fruit (in juice, not in light or heavy syrup) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-sodium canned soups | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned chicken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown rice | <input type="checkbox"/> Quinoa |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts (unsalted) | <input type="checkbox"/> Seeds (unsalted) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whole-grain pasta | <input type="checkbox"/> Low-sodium pasta sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low-sodium canned stews | <input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn kernels (not microwave popcorn) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Whole-grain, low-sugar cold cereals | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsweetened apple sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned tomatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Olive or canola oil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dried fruits (no sugar added) | <input type="checkbox"/> Honey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cans of corn | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken/beef/vegetable broths and stock |

Remember and honor loved ones with a gift to the Easter Garden

Your gift in honor or in memory of loved ones will add lilies to the Easter Garden and support Augustana's youth ministries! Use the form here or envelopes in pew pockets and make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. The suggested contribution for each individual you wish to honor or remember is \$8. Gifts must reach Augustana's office by Palm Sunday, March 25, to be included in the Easter Garden insert. Thank you!

Easter Garden - please print or type

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Contact name _____

Phone _____

Enclosed \$ _____

Lily deliverers needed

Help share Augustana's Easter alleluias by delivering lilies to Augustana's home-centered and hospitalized members and friends early in Easter week or on Easter day. If you would be willing to deliver two or three lilies, contact **Julie MacDougall** (macdougall@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 104).



Have breakfast at Augustana on Palm Sunday!

Augustana's youth will serve their famous Palm Sunday Brunch, Sunday, March 25, 8–11 a.m. in

Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a variety of brunch favorites including pancakes, eggs, fruit, sausage, and other yummy goodies. The suggested donation of \$10 per person supports many of the youth events at Augustana, including sending middle school students to gatherings, scholarships for activities, providing food during S'more Fun and Worship, and the annual youth mission trip.

March Monthly Luncheon will be on Maundy Thursday

Following 11 a.m. worship on Maundy Thursday, March 29, lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, but reservations are requested to help our chef, Judy Nyquist, plan the luncheon. Make your reservation with Augustana's office (303-388-4678) no later than Monday, March 26. The cost is \$8 per person. Visitors are welcome.

Parents of college students to pack Easter goodie boxes

On Sunday, March 25, 9:15–10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, parents of college students will prepare care packages for our college students

to celebrate Easter. These will replace the mailing previously sent for finals week. Please bring about 25 goodies—Easter candy, microwave popcorn, packets of hot chocolate, granola bars, toys and trinkets—items a male or female college student would enjoy. If you



can't attend on March 25, please leave your treats in Augustana's office, clearly labeled for the college students.

To update your child's current mailing address at school, contact Augustana's office (info@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678).

Other questions may be directed to coordinators **Joy Hawkins** (Joy.Hawkins@ucdenver.edu or 303-915-7645) or **Jan Brown** (JTBrown0407@gmail.com or 720-563-7589).

Sunday school and palm procession on Palm Sunday



On Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday, March 25, Sunday school classes will meet as a group class in Rooms 1–3 at 9:15 a.m. After class, children and youth will move to the west entrance of the sanctuary and process with palms at 10:30 a.m. worship. Following the procession, children will rejoin their parents for worship.

Youth to host egg hunt

Augustana's youth are hosting an Easter egg hunt Easter Sunday, April 1, starting at 10:35 a.m. in the courtyard, for all kids 5th grade and under. If there is bad weather, it will be moved to the classroom area.

Fragrance allergies

Please be aware that there are people with sensitivity to fragrance, and as a courtesy to worshipers, we ask people to use discretion with the use of fragrance during Holy Week and Easter.

Office schedule

Augustana's office will be closed the Monday after Easter, April 2. If you have an emergency, call the emergency line (303-862-3027).



Music during Holy Week and Easter

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

Maundy Thursday

Silver Notes sings at 11 a.m. worship, and Chancel Choir sings at 7 p.m. worship on March 29. As has become tradition, during the stripping of the altar, the choir sings from the balcony accompanied by the beautiful, haunting strains of the cello.

Good Friday

Good Friday, March 30, offers two quite different services. The first, at noon, follows the liturgy for Good Friday and has several opportunities for silent reflection.

At 7 p.m. worship Augustana's Chancel Choir accompanied by orchestra present a classic, *The Crucifixion*, by John Stainer. Many will recognize a well-known favorite, "God So Loved the World," from this larger work. Pastor Caitlin will preach.

On this particular day, it is certainly possible to attend both services if one wishes, as both services are completely different. Please join us on Good Friday, as we journey together toward the cross and the promise of salvation.

Easter

On April 1, glorious Easter alleluias break forth at worship, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m., with musical strains of brass, organ, Augustana Ringers and Chancel Choir—all proclaiming the Risen Savior. Cherubs and Choristers sing at 9:30 a.m., and Cantabile sings at 11 a.m.



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 choosing a word.

Why am I awake, anyway?

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come [...] or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: "Keep awake."

Mark 13:35–37 (excerpt)

On the first Sunday of Advent, my family went to church without me. I stayed home with our 10-day-old baby. Later, I read the day's scripture and Pastor Caitlin's challenge to pick a word from the day's scripture to be "ours" to meditate on for the year. After reading them, I found myself laughing. Keep awake? As a mom of two young children, I spend half the night awake! Of course, the natural consequence of being awake half the night is that one spends the day half asleep. The direct evidence of my half-asleep state is everywhere these days: groceries left in the car overnight, emails half-written that I thought were sent, and inattentive or impatient responses to innocent 4-year-old statements. Clearly, one can't spend one's entire life awake. Still, the word stuck with me and I told Pastor Caitlin as much. When she asked me to write this reflection, I hoped to have some grand words of acquired wisdom to share. I don't. However, I have been praying for God to keep me awake for the things I need to be awake for. And God is. I'm learning to pay attention.

In the wee hours of Christmas Day, I found myself sitting outside with a sick 4-year-old, hoping that the freezing air helped her croupy cough. As we watched the night sky together, she whispered "Is that baby Jesus' star?" "Yes, I think it is," I answered.

Glocal Involvement

God's work.
Our hands.

Blankets for teens at Urban Peak

Help cut and tie fleece blankets for homeless youth, Sunday, March 11, 9–10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Blankets will be distributed to clients of Urban Peak. A Thrivent Action Team request will provide supplies for this project.

Advocacy

Second Sundays Sack Lunch for Local Action & Advocacy

Bring your lunch Sunday, March 11, 12:15–1:30p.m., Anna Paulson Room, Pastor Caitlin Trussell, facilitator.

As members of Augustana, we share information and show up in support of local actions that focus on issues of human dignity—hunger, poverty, incarceration, health care, immigration, literacy, and more. The point is to offer multiple ways to be involved in the community as well as to be a safe place for moral deliberation regardless of how you vote. This includes acts of kindness to meet immediate needs and acts of justice to create long-term solutions and systemic change.

The LEAPP Report

Lutheran Engaging and Accompanying People & Policy (an Augustana ministry)

Last fall, a group of Augustana people ran a LEAPP series between worship services on the second Sundays of September through December. A table was set up in Fellowship Hall and hosted by team members who

invited a visiting expert that morning as well organized handouts, offered a service project, and made available postcards to legislators on the issue at hand. Topics included hunger, homelessness, mental health, and refugees.

We met to debrief the pilot series. All four team members were present: Norm Aarestad, Jean Gall, Justin Gersey, Morgan Levy (team lead), and Pastor Caitlin (staff lead).

Gleanings

Overall it was an encouraging experience. No negative feedback was given during the pilot. People were open to it. People weren't drawn toward the handout information. The team was encouraged by the number of people who came over to the table to talk with them. A few youth approached the tables to "dip their toes in."

Discoveries

- There is a tension between advocacy and building consensus.
- There is a difference between advocacy and direct actions of service.
- The team identified the issues and topics presented, so more listening may be in order to discover specific congregational interests.
- Picking four topics to cover in four months is different from picking one topic and going deeper over multiple times and venues.

Celebrations and Gratitude

- Morgan's leadership of the team and series is much appreciated in addition to Jean's ongoing enthusiasm and leadership.
- As new connections formed within the team, we got to know each other better.
- We connected with different organizations in the community.
- Twenty-five postcards were sent to legislators each time the option was made available.
- One hundred Personal Care Kits for refugees were made by the congregation and sent to Lutheran World Relief.

LEAPing forward . . . the pilot team will disband with much gratitude for their work. LEAPP conversations will continue with Second Sunday Sack Lunches scheduled for March 11 and April 8. All are welcome!

Faith Formation

Adult Forum and Families Inspired Together

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

February 25, March 4, 11, 18: **“Holding Up Your Corner: A Guided Conversation About Race.”**

Facilitated by **Pastor Ann** and Augustana member **Aleisha Maunu**. In the past year, our country has faced difficult situations where our beliefs about injustice, privilege, and how we view race have been challenged. Join this local conversation to share with others, learn more about yourself, and discover ways people of faith can impact situations. Part of our material will come from video segments featuring F. Willis Johnson, pastor from Ferguson, Missouri. Please plan to attend all four Sundays to gain the most from the classes.

Ammerman Library



Some ‘old’ books are true classics

Jim Gustad has donated over 40 books from his library. Many of them are wonderful classics that join others we’ve had in

the library for many years. A list of the books from Jim is at the desk. Some of the classic books are displayed on the end shelf next to the children’s books, and others are in the display case in Fellowship Hall. Publishing dates go from the 1860s to the 1950s. We have books by Mark Twain, O Henry, Carl Sandburg, John Steinbeck, William Falkner, Charles Dickens, Louis Carroll, Rudyard Kipling and many more. “Classic” books are being marked with a gold dot on the spine of the book. Go on a treasure hunt to find some good gold classics.

Some of our many Lenten books will be on the end shelf to the left of the card catalogue and in the display cabinet in Fellowship Hall.

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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Health Ministry

“Diabetes: What’s New”

Sunday, March 4, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Anna Paulson Room

Come hear what’s new in the science of diabetes. Whether you have diabetes, are at risk for it, or just want to learn more about it, this one-session class is for you.

Learn what you can do to prevent diabetes or to stay healthy if you already have it. If you have lived with diabetes, come share with others what has worked for you. A light snack is provided.

Registration is required, so sign up in Augustana’s office, or call 303-388-4678.

Senior Ministry

Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit

Watch for information in Augustana’s publications regarding Senior Ministry’s plans to visit this exhibit on Monday, April 23. Mark your calendar to see this interesting exhibit.

See also “March Monthly Luncheon,” page 6.

AUGUSTANA *Arts*

“Jazz it Up!”

Colorado Women’s and Men’s Chorales

Saturday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., at Augustana

Colorado Women’s and Men’s Chorales welcome professional jazz and soul artist, Radjulari. Inspired by the great ladies of song—Ella, Billie, Sarah, Chaka—Radjulari recorded her first self-produced album, “Honeywine” and independently released her second album, “Journey of a Woman” which was a long-playing record charted on Billboard’s Top 200 R&B/Hip Hop Albums listing.

Featuring both jazz standards and modern arrangements, CWC and CMC depart from their usual style of singing for a smokin’ concert with solo voices and small groups put together by the men and women of the choirs.

Purchase tickets (\$10–\$25) by phone at 303-388-4962, online at www.AugustanaArts.org, or at the door. Use code ALC50 for a 50 percent discount for Augustana members, valid for advance, online reservations only.



Plans are well underway for this night to remember—all to benefit Augustana Arts. Please join us on Friday, March 16, starting at 6 p.m. at Augustana

Lutheran Church. Your evening includes dinner, wine, and desserts, silent and live auctions, with Donald Tallman as emcee.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Stratus String Quartet, Stratus Chamber Orchestra (performing Mozart’s Symphony No. 12 in G), Colorado Women’s and Men’s Chorales performing “Jazz it Up” selections, and combined orchestra/chorales performing Suite Mvts. I, V, VII, XI from Vivaldi’s *Gloria*.

Cost for the evening is \$65 in advance (by March 14) or \$450 for a reserved table for eight. After March 14 and at the door, tickets are \$80 per person. All proceeds benefit City Strings, Stratus Chamber Orchestra, and

the Colorado Women’s and Men’s Chorales. Visit www.AugustanaArts.org or call 303-388-4962 for reservations.

Auction items wanted! We are currently accepting donations for the silent and live auctions including condo rentals, event tickets, gift cards, or artwork. Please email lynn@augustanaarts.org if you would like to make a contribution to the auction.



Queen’s Six

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

Augustana Arts is thrilled to bring The Queen’s Six to our performing concert series this April.

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. 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.

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.

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



Music Ministry

Augustana Choir to sing at Augustana Lutheran Church!

Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.

As part of their spring tour, Augustana Choir from Augustana University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, will present a program here at Augustana Lutheran Church. Tickets are not required. There will be a free-will offering.

Augustana Choir has a rich history spanning more than 90 years. The choir, founded in 1921, was chartered by the faculty of Augustana College to “serve God, the Church, and our school” through choral music. In the words of the choir’s founding conductor, Dr. Carl Youngdahl, the choir would “perform a cappella and could thereby appear in the smallest of churches as well as the largest, and our concert would be a sermon in song.” Today, The Augustana Choir continues to bring sacred choral music of the highest caliber to people around the region, nation, and world.

For ninety years, The Augustana Choir has taken its mission most seriously and its traditions have been upheld and nurtured under the tutelage of several conductors. Today, the choir is under the direction of Augustana’s fifth conductor, Dr. Paul Nesheim, who has conducted there since 2012.

Long recognized as one of the preeminent a cappella choral ensembles, the choir is noted for the honesty of its presentation and its recognition of the importance of maintaining Lutheran choral traditions. Over the past ten years, they have appeared in international concert venues on six tours, sharing their music with the people of France, England, Norway, Austria, Wales, Germany, Ireland, and Italy.

We are pleased to welcome them to Augustana. Please come!



Save the date!
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 a musical. We are currently looking at a few great new musicals and will choose one soon. It will be just as great as the last two years' have been. Promise!

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).



Everyone is invited to Family 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).

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Serve at Ronald McDonald House

Come and volunteer with Children, Youth, and Family Ministry as we provide a meal for the families at the Aurora Ronald McDonald House. We are serving dinner on Saturday, March 10. Volunteers need to be 13 or older, in good health, and willing to have a great time with the families. Anyone fitting those criteria is welcome!

Check out our SignUp at: <http://bit.ly/2DrHKIF>. Or, contact **Kari Kusek** (mohskari@gmail.com or 719-350-0024) to sign up.



Love and Logic presented at Families Inspired Together (FIT)

Augustana's Children, Youth and Family

Ministry along with Families Inspired Together (FIT) will host a Love and Logic class this spring. We will meet each Sunday, April 8–May 13, 9:15–10:15 a.m. Cost per family (couple or single) is \$25 payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. Sign up with **Ken Beazer** (kenbeazer@gmail.com) by Sunday, March 25.

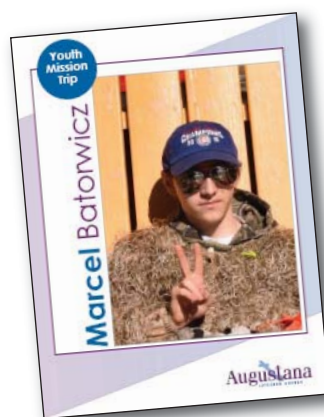
About our teacher . . .

My name is Laurie McPherson, and I am a school counselor at an elementary school in Brighton, Colorado. This is my fourth year as a school counselor, but I have been working with children in a variety of settings (mostly education) for 15 years.

When I first began working as a school counselor, I immediately realized that I don't just work with children. I work with entire families and sometimes even communities. Families look to me for advice, education, and solutions. The parenting program Love and Logic was my answer to this challenge. I am now a facilitator of the Parenting the Love and Logic Way curriculum,

and would like to share what I have learned with you and your family.

Through a series of six, one-hour classes, you will learn how to avoid unwinnable arguments and power struggles, how to stay calm and empathetic in chaos, how to set limits and avoid enabling, how to guide your kids to own and solve their own problems responsibly, how to raise children who are family team members and not demanding dictators, and so much more. I will provide you with tools you need to help support your parenting tool belt, and you will hopefully laugh along while learning. I can't wait to meet you all, and help in any way that I can!



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

Are you a graduating senior or do you have one in your household? Please let Shanna know by March 25 (shanna@augustanadenver.org). Also, mark your calendars for April 29 for a reception during Coffee Hour and a blessing for you and your family during 10:30 a.m. worship.

“Used” Bibles for class of 2018

Help create used Bibles for our graduating seniors. The Bibles will be in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, March 25 through April 22. Stop by and underline your favorite verse, share about a passage that has affected your faith, write a note of encouragement, connect a favorite hymn to a scripture passage, etc.

Plan now and register for Vacation Bible School!



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 or erin@augustanadenver.org).

Fellowship

Trailblazers

Castlewood Canyon Hike

Saturday, March 24, leave Augustana’s south parking lot at 9 a.m.

This hike will start near the visitor center at the Canyon Point parking lot and take the Lake Gulch Trail to the Rimrock Trail. Expect beautiful views of the canyon, an old ruptured dam, the Front Range and Pikes Peak.

Rating: Moderate (rocky trails)

Distance: Approximately 4 miles out and back

Elevation: 6,600 to 6,200 feet

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

Women, Wine and Word

This Bible study for women meets once a month in someone’s home for learning and fellowship. This year we are discussing some of the lesser-known women of the Bible. Our March meeting will be Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Please contact Pastor Ann (ann@augustanadenver.org) for the location. Women of all ages and friends are welcome!

March Book Group

Join us Monday, March 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room to discuss *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseo Lee.

This story is an extraordinary insight into life under one of the world’s most ruthless and secretive dictatorships—and the story of one woman’s terrifying struggle to avoid capture/repatriation and guide her family to freedom. At age seventeen, Lee began to wonder, question and realize that she had been brainwashed her entire life, and at age seventeen, she decided to escape North Korea; she could not have imagined that it would be twelve years before she was reunited with her family. (Amazon)



Property Corner

Watch these ongoing improvements to Augustana's facilities

Greetings from the Property Committee. As you may have noticed, several capital improvement plans were brought to the congregation's attention in 2017 and very little change appeared to happen! Well, you also may have noticed the construction boom going on in Denver. Turns out, getting contractors to work on a church was a very low priority in the world of construction. Fear not. The Property Committee has gone to "Plan B" and is acting the role of General Contractor for the time being. Work has begun or will shortly begin on:

- Toilet room improvements/updating
- Kitchen updating including cabinet replacement
- Fellowship Hall updating including doors on open storage areas
- Handicap sidewalk and access improvements in upper parking lot
- Dual automatic handicapped doors (instead of only one opening)

Look for these projects as the year goes on:

- Improved outdoor lighting campus-wide
- Parking lot resurfacing and striping
- Relaying of stone staircases
- Security systems
- And much, much, more

How are we paying for all this?

The Capital Improvement Fund! First off, Merrill and Dory Fie have contributed a total of \$300,000 over the last two years. Additionally, the Augustana Foundation is regularly contributing to this fund with a goal of \$50,000 per year. Lastly, this fund receives contributions from you, our congregation. Those of you familiar with the "Next 40 Years" fund, well, this is now the "Capital Improvement Fund." This is the source for all these improvements you'll be seeing as we prepare Augustana for the next 60 years!

Paul Blanchard

Property Committee Chair

Just so you know . . .

Augustana is a busy place! The building is used every day for community groups, classes, concerts and committee meetings. In 2017, we booked 5,622 events here for a total of 17,666 hours. This would not be possible without Seki and the custodial staff who are here to prepare the space and welcome everyone.

Our volunteers are busy too!

Augustana members who reported their volunteer hours in 2017 spent 2,618 hours of their own time serving Augustana and organizations in our community. We know that this total does not begin to include all of the hours our members donate, so please indicate them on your worship slips!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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11 Lent 4 Worship/Communion 8am 9:15am 10:30am Noon Faith Formation/Coffee Worship/Communion Lutherans Engaging and Accompanying through Policy and People (LEAPP) See JASS above	12 9:45am 10am 1pm Augustana Firm Believers Chapel Prayer Mary Circle	13 9:30am 1pm 3pm 5:30pm 6pm Deborah Circle The Tower Assembly Executive Committee Yoga Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Committee	14 9:45am 6pm 6pm 6pm 7pm 7:30pm Augustana Firm Believers Lenten Supper First Communion Class Augustana Ringers Holden Evening Prayer Chancel Choir	15 9:30am 9:30am 5:30pm 7pm 7:30pm AELC Chapel Thursday Morning Bible Study Mindfulness Yoga Women, Wine & Word Concert: Augustana College Choir Sioux Falls	16 9:15am 9:45am 6:30pm Silver Notes Augustana Firm Believers Augustana Arts: Hearts for the Arts Gala	17 8:45am "God's work. Our hands." ANSAR Pantry
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25 Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday Worship/Communion 8am 8–11am 9am 9:15am 10:30am 3pm Palm Sunday Breakfast College Care Packages Faith Formation Worship/Communion Dress Rehearsal: Good Friday See JASS above	26 8am 9:45am 10am 6:30pm Foot Care Clinic Augustana Firm Believers Chapel Prayer Rehearsal: Altar Guild	27 12:30pm 5pm 5:30pm 7pm 7pm Senior Ministry Committee Augustana Arts Board Yoga Rehearsal: Easter Brass Rachel Circle	28 9:45am 6pm 7:30pm Augustana Firm Believers Augustana Ringers Chancel Choir	29 9:30am 9:30am 11am Noon 7pm Maundy Thursday AELC Chapel Thursday Morning Bible Study Worship/Communion Monthly Luncheon Worship/Communion First Communion	30 9:15am 9:45am Noon 7pm Silver Notes Augustana Firm Believers Worship Worship <i>The Crucifixion</i> by John Stainer	31

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