

## Augustana's strategic planning process begins!

On Sunday, April 15, Congregation Council members, staff, and leaders of various ministries gathered for the beginning of Augustana's Strategic Planning process. Evan Moilan, our consultant, led the group through several thought-provoking exercises, such as "If Augustana were a person, what would he/she be like?" and "If Augustana ceased to exist, what would be missed?"

The conversation was lively, as you might imagine!

This was just the first step in a process that will involve the whole congregation. It's no secret that church involvement and commitment is changing across the country. We want Augustana to continue to be a vibrant congregation and a vital partner with the communities around us. Together, we are discerning what God is calling us to be as a congregation, what our core values are as a faith community, and how we are going to move into the future.



Participant Valerie Taron

You may be a skeptic: "Yes, we did this all years ago and nothing happened." The success of a strategic plan is the follow through, and our staff, Congregation Council, and leaders are committed to developing a vision with specific goals that will help us gauge our progress.

The whole congregation has the opportunity to participate right now by completing a short (12 question) survey online. If you didn't receive a link to the survey in your email, enter this address in your browser to access the

survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/AugustanaLCPlan2018](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AugustanaLCPlan2018). Or, pick up a paper survey in Augustana's office to fill out. All surveys are completely anonymous.

I hope that you will be a part of this exciting process! Your voice has the power to shape our community and transform our future.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ann

**Members of the Strategic Planning Team are:** Nick Massie, Brian Bernhard, Kari Blanchard, Nancy Johnson, Dane Vierow, the pastors, and Emmett Cruson (Council President)



Facilitator Evan Moilan



Strategic Planning Team Member Dane Vierow

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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.

#### Congregation Council

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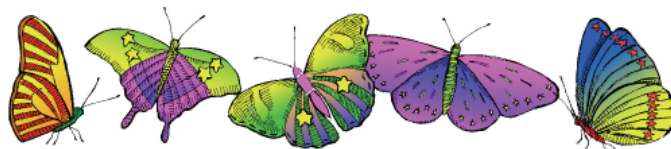
## Recently lifted up in prayer:

### For hope and healing:

- Jan Brown, Judy Buss, Cora Kondora, Linda Crow, Fred Mason, Nancy McCartney, Jodie McClary, Sigurd Nelson, Harriet Ritter, Arthur and Rita Rosemary, Susan Talbot, Olivia

### For comfort and courage:

- Debbie Dorn in the death of her parents-in-law, Bob and Joan Dorn
- Jill Davies in the death of her friend, Stuart Gibbs
- Paul Griggsby in the death of his mother, Wilma Griggsby
- Larry Rasmussen in the death of his father, Warren Rasmussen
- Pastor Caitlin in the death of her friend, Jennifer Reali



## Rejoice with . . .

- Parents Jessica and Max Brandt and grandparents Sheryl and Dwight Stenseth in the birth of twins Brooks Dwight Brandt and Grayson Arthur Brandt, March 26
- Christopher deBree and Nicole Benton in their marriage, March 17
- Parents Dan and Valerie Taron in the birth of Claire Marie Taron
- Arlo Calvin VanderWel, son of Ryan and Shanna VanderWel, in his baptism

## Thank you for the gifts!

### Augustana Foundation

- In memory of Palmer Attleson

### Health Ministry

- In memory of Palmer Attleson

### Music Endowment Fund

- In memory of Diane Beer

### Senior Ministry

- In memory of Carl and Yvonne O'Connell

### Silver Notes

- In memory of Diane Beer, Jerry Leer

### Special Gifts

- In memory of Palmer Attleson, Eldon Hemmingsen, Edward Lindell

## Prayer Team, in gratitude

Many thanks to Margaret Aarestad, Gail Bartels, and Ellie Bonicelli for serving on the Prayer Team over the last several years as their terms come to a close. They've connected with people about their prayer requests so that updates may be made to the weekly Prayer Guide prayed over by the Prayer Chain and in Chapel Prayer. Prayer is an active and ongoing ministry of this congregation, and these three team members made a significant difference.

**"Prayer is hope's breathing."**

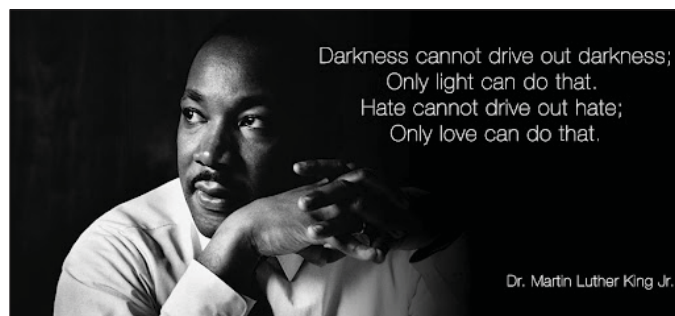
—Dom Pedro Casaldalga



## MLK50 Bell Toll: Connecting Past to Present

On the evening of April 4 at 5:05 p.m., Augustana's bell tower tolled 39 times, joining bells across the country in remembering the 39 years Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. dwelled on the earth, and paying homage to his legacy. April 4, 2018 was the 50th anniversary of his assassination in Memphis, Tennessee.

Since the news of his assassination rippled across the country, the bells first rang at the National Civil Rights Museum at 6:01 p.m. CST, then chimed in the City of Memphis at 6:03 p.m. CST, 6:05 p.m. CST (5:05 Mountain Time) nationally and 6:07 p.m. CST internationally.



## Dr. King at Augustana

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached from Augustana's pulpit during Holy Week in the 1960s at the invitation of the Denver Area Council of Churches. We are looking for photos of Dr. King from that event.

Also, there is also an empty box in the congregation's archives marked "King Sermon Tape," and we would dearly love to have that tape returned if it somehow ended up stashed on a shelf after being used. Please call or e-mail Pastor Caitlin with anything that turns up. Thanks so much.

## Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper benefits Metro Caring

The February 14 Ash Wednesday pancake supper sponsored by Thrivent was a success! Donations from participants were \$295, which went directly to Metro Caring, because Thrivent Financial donated \$250 to cover expenses. In addition, five large boxes of diapers were donated to Metro Caring. Thanks to all who attended. Volunteers were Greg Bickle, Emmett and Katherine Cruson, Kay Cruson, Joni Hopkins, Judy Kessenich, Don and Carol Troike, and Win and Judy Nyquist.

## This newsletter in full-color!

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](http://www.augustanadenver.org).



## Pastors



### Antsy About an Amaryllis

An amaryllis bulb arrived as a Christmas gift. Included with the bulb was a pot and the soil to make it happy. The bulb had already sprouted as a tightly curled over inch of

stem. To my amaryllis naïve mind, that curlicue had to go. I cut it off, followed the planting instructions, and waited. And waited. And waited. I thought that I'd killed its chances for the season. Then it began to grow. A tiny tip of green appeared. Excitement sprouted with it.

The plant showed up in the Children's Sermon on the first Sunday in Lent. The kids and I talked about beauty that can help us when things feel hard. The dream flowering in my mind at the time was to bring the plant back on the second Sunday of Easter because, of course, it would have bloomed. The amaryllis had other plans. It took its time growing four long, gorgeous green leaves and began sprouting a fifth—not a flower stalk in sight. Off it went to Children's Sermon with the topic of new life taking its own time.

New life was on its own time in the early church, too. Jesus rose from the dead after three days, surprising even his most faithful people and inspiring a fearful, ragtag band of Jesus followers into becoming the church. For some of them, this was a quick turnaround. For others, it took time for the early, first century church to get its act together around the way social class and tribal lines were blurred, the way women were respected by Jesus as they weren't in ancient Rome, and the way those early followers selflessly cared for all the sick, not just their own.\*

We, like those early ragtag followers, continue to figure out the new life made possible by Jesus' resurrection. Some of us experience new life that cracks even the most cynical among us. Others are waiting, wondering if new life will arrive. I run into these people everywhere. They tell stories of pain, grief, fear, sin, and skepticism. You may be one of these people. So I'll tell you what

I tell them. I have amazing colleagues all over town in all kinds of parishes with all kinds of people in the congregations. Find a pew. Let the hymns and prayers wash over you. Receive communion. Heal. Talk *with* God, not *about* God. Take your time. Listen for God's voice.

God's presence and pursuit of us is relentless—through the cross, grave, and back again. Jesus' resurrection makes new life possible. We, the church, are an Easter people—enlivened by the Holy Spirit to proclaim this good news.

Peace,

**Pastor Caitlin Trussell**

\*George Wiegel. The Saturday Essay: The Easter Effect and How It Changed the World. The Wall Street Journal, March 31, 2018 (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/18/opinion/productivity-saving-careers.html?action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=opinion-c-col-left-region&region=opinion-c-col-left-region&WT.nav=opinion-c-col-left-region>).



### Pastor Caitlin's Sabbatical Plans

I am so grateful that my call with Augustana includes a sabbatical. Below are my plans and details including links to more information if you're curious. I'm looking forward to reflecting on

the last five years and returning in August with renewed energy and creativity. As our dear Sandy says to me when she leaves worship every Sunday, "You pray for me and I'll pray for you."

Peace,

**Pastor Caitlin**

**May 7 through August 7**, Pastor Caitlin will be on sabbatical. Her pastoral call includes the synod guidelines of a three-month period of study and renewal

every five years. February 2, 2018 was the five-year anniversary of her call with Augustana. Pastor Ann is the contact for pastoral care and other pastoral concerns during Pastor Caitlin's time away.

### Where in the world will she be?

- **Overall**, she's looking forward to rest and time with Rob, Quinn, and Taryn, as well as visiting with extended family.
- **Study and reflection** will include discussions and reading on the topic of spirituality and faith formation for adults.
- **Monthly class** through August of Leadership Edge/ Round 2 integrates current leadership theory with Bowen Family Systems theory.
- **June** includes time at Princeton Theological Seminary where Pastor Caitlin has been awarded a Joe Engle Preaching Fellowship. Her time there will include a writing workshop as well as preaching sermons to receive feedback. "Engle Fellows and faculty participate together in the hospitality of the seminar room, the dinner table and the chapel pew. Through hands-on workshops, seminars, tutorials, and conversations, Engle fellows are supported and challenged to seek excellence in their preaching vocations."
- **July** includes time at California Lutheran University where Pastor Caitlin has received a Lilly Grant scholarship to attend Executive Skills for Church Leaders. This course explores "how concepts from a MBA program can be applied to the arena of congregational life."
- **August 8** Pastor Caitlin returns to congregational life with Augustana.

**For more information** about sabbatical logistics, content, and goals:

- Rocky Mountain Synod Website: [www.rmselfa.org/sabbaticals](http://www.rmselfa.org/sabbaticals)
- Courtney E. Martin's Opinion piece about sabbaticals in The New York Times, January 18, 2018.

## 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.*



It is part personality to accept all the wonderful opportunities and challenges life presents me. Our plates were particularly full during Advent when the word "strengthen" from the 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 rang in my ear. With a busy home with three kids, a career in legal administration, a non-profit (Foster Source) growing explosively, and a small business "on the side" about to launch, at that moment I needed all of the sources of strength I could conjure together.

Although the word "strengthen" (or strengthened) appears twice in this passage, the 8th verse is what got me: "He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you will remain blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Kapow! This was exactly what I needed to hear at the exact time I needed to hear it. Christ has my back, and he will give me the strength to get me through life's challenges and beyond.

I know that when I give whatever I am struggling with up to the Lord, he provides me with the physical and mental strength and clarity to get me through it. I also look to him to work with me on continually strengthening my faith in his plan for me and my family in this life and the next. Trusting in and conceptualizing everlasting life are two very different things, and this part of my faith keeps me up at night. When my thoughts wander to the end of my earthly journey, and my chest begins to tighten, and panic starts running through my veins, I focus on the word I heard most clearly that Advent Sunday—strengthen—and I tell myself that Christ has my back and he has promised to strengthen me to the end.

**Brian Bernhard**

## “Thanks, Augustana!”

Dear Augustana,  
Thank you for the Easter lily and to the nice folks who brought it to me on Easter Sunday.

**Chickie Bakkemo**

To Augustana,  
Thank you, thank you for the beautiful Easter lily delivered by Katherine and Emmett Cruson.

It brings back many memories of Easters when I was there with you.

Blessings to all,  
**Arvid Brekke**

A sincere thank you to Augustana and my friends there for the surprise delivery to me here at Lincoln Meadows retirement living center by Emmett and Katherine Cruson of a large, beautiful, multi-blossomed Easter lily. It has a place of honor in our bistro in front of a large mirror where all including myself who come in for coffee or a snack can enjoy its beauty.

I appreciated also, Emmett, your sample of tasty apple square snacks.

**Dorothy (Dottie) Templin**

Dear Augustana Foundation,  
Thank you for the venue rental grant for 2018. Your generosity will help us serve hundreds of foster parents with trauma-informed trainings and events. Opportunities like these help foster parents spark healing in our vulnerable children in care. We are so grateful for your support.

Regards,  
**Renee Bernhard**  
President, FosterSource.org

Dear Pastor Caitlin,  
A belated and heartfelt thank you to you and your church for generously donating socks to bless 80 people in need!

Thank you for raising awareness for the need that exists in our community! Every pair matters to those who don't have socks on their feet!

Bless you all!  
Phillis and Sue  
Sock It To 'Em  
Sock Campaign



## Augustana Early Learning Center

### Augustana Early Learning Center has openings for summer employment!

Are you a teacher looking for summer employment? We have openings for teachers in both our preschool and elementary age programs. Summer camp is filled with outdoor excursions, water activities, recreational sports, music, arts & crafts. We are looking for individuals who have a passion for play and enjoy working with children.

Job Type: Temporary | Salary: \$12–\$15/hour

#### Assistant Cook

Augustana Early Learning Center has an opening for an assistant cook. This part-time position, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–2 p.m., includes assisting the head cook with daily meal preparation of breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks for approximately 100 children using guidelines set by CO Adult and Child Food Program, and assisting with serving and clean-up.

Job Type: Part-time | Salary: \$11–\$13/hour

**Interested applicants** should contact office manager **Donna DeThomas** ([donna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:donna@augustanadenver.org)).

# Faith Formation

## Adult Forum

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

May 6: World Faith Series: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon).

LDS is the fourth largest religious group in the United States and has 12 million followers worldwide.

Rachel and Albert Eng present “Latter Day Saints 102.” After Rachel and Albert’s candid presentation this winter, there were multiple requests that they return to expand on February’s conversation about family, gender, and faith education practices, and specifics of LDS theology including preexistence and heaven. They remain open to talking about any topics of interest and very much welcome curiosity and questions. Albert is an orthodontist, and Rachel and her family run a non-profit called True Africa which serves orphans in Uganda.

### 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. We are not asking our guests to defend their perspective. Rather, curiosity is encouraged as a posture for learning.

# Facilities

## Property Corner

Property Committee has been hard at work on the “Touch 58” projects planned over the last few years. Hopefully you have begun to notice the upgrades:

- Handicapped sidewalk and access improvements to the narthex are complete!
  - Dual automatic handicapped doors—complete!
  - Improved fixtures and lighting in the restrooms is complete; improvements will now begin on the sink areas.
  - Kitchen cabinet replacement is scheduled for June.
  - Fellowship Hall updating is in final planning stages.
  - In the Quist Park picnic area, concrete is poured, and the handicapped accessible picnic table is on order.
- (Thank you, Thrivent, for assisting in funds!)

### Look for these projects to begin soon:

- Security systems including campus-wide video cameras
- Parking lot striping (the resurfacing will take a while to plan/fund)
- Family restroom downstairs below the narthex

Of course, we all understand these efforts take funding. We are using the capital improvement fund that has been stocked with congregational giving and contributions from the Augustana Foundation. As we check these improvements off the list, it would be great to add more. Simply add a gift to the “Capital Improvement Fund” with your offering when you are able. Thank you for your continued support!

**Paul Blanchard**, Chair

## Financial Statement for March 2018

	March 2018		March 2017	YTD 2018		YTD 2017
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual
All Income	\$ 249,235.38	\$ 251,884.83	\$ 216,469.92	\$ 439,092.32	\$ 432,087.02	\$ 370,945.46
All Expenditures	92,280.04	94,982.93	96,114.32	280,577.29	263,598.24	262,645.27
Net Income(Loss)	\$ 156,955.34	\$ 156,901.90	\$ 120,355.60	\$ 158,515.03	\$ 168,488.78	\$ 108,300.19

In the first quarter of 2018, \$16,300 for Mission Support and Outreach, \$7,771.50 for music and Good Friday musicians, \$1,600 for evangelism and advertising, and \$20,500 for heat, water, waste, and recycling were all provided by our gifts.



# Health Ministry

## Time for fun in the sun: Looking at exercise and skin cancer

Now that the weather is turning nice, it is a great time to go outside and get active. If you are out in the sun you also want to remember to protect your skin.

### Get active!

It is never too late to start exercising. If you have other health problems, of course, check with your health care team before starting. Being more active helps you sleep better, control your weight, strengthen your bones, build a stronger heart, and control your diabetes/high blood pressure, plus many other benefits.

The minimal recommendation for health is: Be active for 30 minutes a day, three times a week. This time can be broken down into 10 minute intervals if you are just getting started. Then, increase the number of minutes you exercise, or increase your intensity to get more out of your exercise, like during your walk, walk at a faster pace for a few minutes.

Exercising 20–30 minutes most days of the week will benefit you the most. But even 10 minutes of exercise is better for you than not getting any at all.

For best success, the **Be Active Your Way** brochure recommends:

- Teaming up with a friend. It will keep you motivated and be more fun.
- Picking activities that you like to do.
- Tracking your time and progress. It helps you stay on course.
- Adding in strength-building activities over time—for example, sit-ups or push-ups, gardening, weights.

(Copies of **Be Active Your Way** are available from Jodie McClary, Augustana's Faith Community Nurse.)

### Protect your skin!

Colorado has great weather, but being out in the sun has another risk. Skin cancer, including Melanoma, is on the rise in Colorado. Intense sun at high altitude may be a factor. One in five Americans will develop skin cancer sometime in their lifetime. The good news is that there are things you can do to prevent or reduce your risk.

- **Seek Shade**

Particularly during the mid-day hours. You want to avoid burning.

- **Wear Sunglasses**

Protect your eyes with lenses blocking UVA & UVB rays.

- **Wear Sunscreen**

Skin can be damaged by the sun's ultra violet rays in as little as 15 minutes! Apply sunscreen before you go outside, and reapply

- **SPF.** Use a broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15.
- **Reapplication.** Sunscreen wears off after two hours, or after swimming, sweating, or toweling off.
- **Expiration date.** Check the sunscreen's expiration date. Sunscreen without an expiration date has a shelf life of no more than three years, but its shelf life is shorter if it has been exposed to high temperatures, like sitting in the sun or hot car.
- **Cosmetics.** If they do not have at least SPF 15, don't use them by themselves.

- **Clothing**

When possible, long-sleeved shirts and long pants/skirts can provide protection from UV rays. Tightly woven fabrics offer better protection. A wet T-shirt offers much less UV protection than a dry one. Try clothing with UV protection. A typical t-shirt has an SPF rating lower than 15, so add other types of protection as well.

- **Wear a hat**

A wide brimmed hat that shades your ears, head and neck.





- **Skip indoor tanning**, which uses UV light, and increases wrinkles and skin cancer.
- **Get Vitamin D** in your diet or with supplements (when recommended by your doctor, based on a blood test).

(From the CDC prevention)

So on these great sunny Colorado days, get outside, do something you enjoy, and stay healthy.

## Helping Hands Ministry

Are you in need of some handiwork around the house? Perhaps some minor repairs or installing things like hand rails, light bulbs or smoke detectors? How about some general maintenance like raking leaves or shoveling snow? Moving heavy items? There's a ministry called Helping Hands at Augustana, consisting of several members who are happy to help those in need, especially seniors, single-parent families, or simply individuals challenged with doing the work themselves. If you would like to take advantage of this ministry's service, contact **Jodie McClary**, Faith Community Nurse (303-388-4678 ext. 106) or **Julie MacDougall**, Administrator of Volunteer Ministry and Building Use (303-388-4678 ext. 104).

## Senior Ministry

### Senior Ministry gifts LFS from endowment fund

Over the years Senior Ministry has received endowment funds through former members' wills, from individuals in memory of past Augustana members and monies received from people wanting to support the ministry. The Senior Ministry Committee regularly disburses money from this fund to various ministries within Augustana and outside our church. Our recent report in the Annual Report listed the ministries we supported in 2017.

At our March meeting the Committee voted to give \$2,000 to a new program being developed at Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains called Friendly Visitor Program. This program's goal is to improve the well-being and health outcomes of home- and facility-bound seniors participating in LFS's new Guardianship Program who are experiencing loneliness and isolation. The Guardianship for Older Adults has been developed to address the problem of thousands of older adults who have no family or friends to advocate for them. Senior Ministry has also supported the Guardianship Program.

Senior Ministry Committee

## Maria Von Trapp comes to May Monthly Luncheon!

Thursday, May 17, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall



Our final luncheon of the season is Thursday, May 17, and features **Elsa Wolff** ("The Guitar Lady"). If you are a fan of *The Sound of Music*, plan to enjoy this delightful program and fellowship over a tasty

luncheon prepared by Judy Nyquist and her crew. Invite your friends to hear this Living History program about Maria von Trapp, matriarch of the famous Trapp Family Singers, a woman of passionate faith and uncompromising determination who led her family from refugees fleeing Nazi-occupied Austria to becoming an internationally known singing group. Make your reservation with Augustana's office (303-388-4678) by Monday, May 14, to give Judy time to plan the meal. The cost is \$8 per person. Visitors are welcome!

## Fellowship

### Trailblazers

#### North Table Mountain Hike near Golden

Saturday, May 12, leave  
Augustana's south parking lot at 9  
a.m.

We plan to take the short North  
Loop Trail, with views of Golden,  
Denver, early spring wildflowers, deer and golden  
eagles.

Rating: Easy to moderate

Distance: 3.5-mile loop

Elevation: 400-foot elevation gain

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



### May Book Group to discuss *Juliet's Nurse*

Join us Monday, May 21 at 11:15 a.m. in the Anna  
Paulson Room to discuss *Juliet's Nurse* by Lois Leveen.

In Verona, a city ravaged by plague and political  
rivalries, a mother mourning the death of her day-old  
infant enters the household of the powerful Cappelletti  
family to become the wet-nurse to their newborn baby.  
As she serves her beloved Juliet over the next fourteen  
years, the nurse learns the Cappellettis' darkest secrets.  
Those secrets—and the nurse's deep personal grief—  
erupt across five momentous days of love and loss that  
destroy a daughter and a family.

By turns sensual, tragic, and comic, *Juliet's Nurse*  
gives voice to one of literature's most memorable and  
distinctive characters, a woman who was both insider  
and outsider among Verona's wealthy ruling class.  
Exploring the romance and intrigue of interwoven  
loyalties, rivalries, jealousies, and losses only hinted at  
in Shakespeare's play, this is a never-before-heard tale of  
the deepest love in Verona—the love between a grieving  
woman and the precious child of her heart. (Amazon)

## Advocacy

### ELCA Advocacy priorities for 2018

Every year, ELCA Advocacy creates a policy action  
agenda that focuses its work on current issues central  
to God's vision of a just world where all are fed.  
This agenda is flexible to accommodate responses to  
emerging legislation that addresses disaster response or  
other urgent circumstances.

ELCA Advocacy's 2018 federal policy priority areas are:

1. Caring for God's creation and ensuring a just  
transition to renewable energy.
2. Addressing the root causes of migration and  
providing immediate protection to vulnerable  
migrants.
3. Investing in affordable housing and rental assistance.
4. Reforming our nation's criminal justice system.
5. Protecting Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.
6. Supporting federal and foreign assistance programs  
to end food insecurity in the United States and  
around the world.
7. Promoting international peace building; combating  
gender-based violence globally.
8. Encouraging a robust farm bill that curbs  
hunger, supports agricultural economies in rural  
communities, and promotes the sustainable use of  
natural resources.

Issue selection prioritizes concerns that the ELCA has  
spoken about in social statements, churchwide assembly  
memorials or other authoritative documents.

The priorities reflect issues on which the ELCA can  
have a unique and decisive impact with the federal  
government. They carry forth ELCA World Hunger's  
vision to support transformative, integrated and wholistic  
ministry where barriers are broken down and inequalities  
decreased, and where relationships and communities are  
whole and flourishing.

Additional information at [elca.org/advocacy](http://elca.org/advocacy).



## ELCA World Hunger

### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

#### PERU

### Huch'uy Runa (Little important person)

Every weekday morning, 120 elementary school children fill the dining hall at the Help the Children Association School to eat a warm breakfast. While each child has a different story, the children have one thing in common—they all come from an area of extreme poverty in and

around the ancient Incan capital city of Cusco, Peru. The school, known locally as Huch'uy Runa, began 31 years ago to meet the basic needs of the children in Cusco. In Quechua, "huch'uy" means little and "runa" means a well-rounded person who contributes to the well-being of the community. The two words combined, "huch'uy runa" mean "little important person." And the children of this city carry this identity with pride. The school, with support from ELCA World Hunger, has been able to change the lives of many "little important person(s)"



and their families for more than a decade. Through your gifts, the children of this city receive a primary education, meals and snacks, and training in trade skills that include carpentry, metalwork, pottery and weaving—skills they can use to support themselves and their families in the

future. Thanks to your support, the children in Peru are gaining lifelong skills. As one teacher shares, "[It] is like a family trying to equip the children to be able to survive and succeed in life, hoping to build a solid base on which they can stand."

To give a gift for ELCA World Hunger, use the special envelopes in Augustana's pew pockets and make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church; or, donate online at [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org); click on the "Giving" page.

## Music Ministry

### Jammin' Augustana Super Sundays

All good things must end, and that includes the singing and ringing season at Augustana, as it winds down for the year. The last day of rehearsals for Cherubs, Choristers, Cantabile, Recorders and all handbell choirs is Sunday, May 6. The JASS Appreciation Lunch will follow 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, May 20. All JASS participants and their families are invited to attend. Kids

will sing, ring, and play recorders. Awards will be given, and meal teams will be recognized. RSVP to **Cindy Lindeen-Martin** ([linden-martin@augustanadenver.org](mailto:linden-martin@augustanadenver.org)) by May 13, and indicate how many will be coming from your family. Hope you all can make this end-of-year celebration!



***April showers bring May flowers.***  
**Augustana presents a month of May concerts. Pick one or a bouquet of many!**

## AUGUSTANA *Arts*

### **The Kinzie Duo**

Saturday, May 5, 7:30 p.m., at Augustana

Kinzie Duo with  
John and Karen  
Kinzie

Straight from  
the Colorado  
Symphony,  
the Kinzies  
bring a fresh,  
eclectic, and  
unconventional

pairing with contrasting instruments of violin and percussion. Karen (Whitson) Kinzie has been a violinist with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra since 1993. Prior to joining the Colorado Symphony, Karen played in the Florida Orchestra, the Florida Philharmonic, and the Grant Park Orchestra in Chicago.

She and her husband, Colorado Symphony's Principal Percussionist John Kinzie, perform in the Grand Teton Music Festival every summer. Karen and John also participate in several of the Colorado Symphony's small ensembles together including Once Upon a Time, Mathnotes and Petite Musique.

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



### **Cindy Lindeen-Martin plays with the Colorado Chorale**

Sunday, May 6, 4 p.m. at Augustana

Augustana's organist, Cindy Lindeen-Martin, will accompany the Colorado Chorale, under the direction of Kevin Padworski on a program at Augustana titled, *Masterworks of Lorenzo Perosi*. Monsignor Lorenzo Perosi was a prominent musician of his time, holding notable positions such as Kappelmeister at St. Mark's in Venice and Maestro della Cappella at the Sistine Chapel. However, his music is under-performed and little known. Thus, the Colorado Chorale proudly presents the powerful late-Romantic music of Lorenzo Perosi with organ. Join us for a pre-concert talk with the conductor and post-concert talk back!

Purchase tickets (\$20/adults; seniors (60+)/\$15; 21 years and under/free) online at [www.coloradochorale.org](http://www.coloradochorale.org). Group discounts also available.

### **Pikes Peak Ringers**

Saturday, May 12 at 7 p.m., at Augustana

The nationally renowned handbell choir from Colorado Springs will be at Augustana for a magnificent and always entertaining concert.

Since 1991, the Pikes Peak Ringers have continually expanded the boundaries of traditional handbell music, bringing their extensive repertoire, innovative techniques and distinctive visual approach to numerous projects and venues around the country. The Pikes Peak Ringers



released their sixth studio CD, *Classics*, in the spring of 2011 that includes “Dona Nobis Pacem,” PPR’s track with world-renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma. With an annual performance schedule that includes several local and out-of-state concerts, they have also been featured at national handbell events and on several promotional recordings, in addition to their own studio CDs, instructional DVD, and a live concert DVD of the world’s first-ever classical concerto for handbells and orchestra.

Today, as a non-profit organization, the Pikes Peak Ringers continue to provide an outlet for advanced ringers in the greater Colorado Springs community, to teach others about handbells through workshops and other venues, and to create vivid performances that showcase the instrument of English handbells with the highest-quality presentation and musicianship.

Plan to experience this unique event! Tickets not required. There will be a free-will offering.

## AUGUSTANA *Arts*

### Colorado Women’s/Men’s Chorales “Creatures and Critters”

Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. at Augustana

From fleas to cows to man’s best friend, “Creatures and Critters” is a fiesta of musical sounds. It’s all about animals in this funny, lighthearted concert about the creatures that crawl, swim, walk, and fly. Hear Eric Whitacre’s hilarious “Animal Crackers” alongside “The Sparrows Everywhere” by Libby Larsen, and Paul Carey’s “Charge of the Snail Brigade.” A side-splitting end to an iridescent season.

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



### Register NOW!

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 (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:** Forms are available online [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org) and at Augustana

**What we do:** 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 will be working on throughout the 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 or your teenager would like to sign up as a volunteer, please contact **Cindy Lindeen-Martin** ([lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org](mailto:lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org)) for a volunteer form.

We can’t wait to see YOU at WAM!

**Cindy, Angela, and Marcia**

# Children, Youth & Family Ministry



## Faith Formation Bash, May 20

Come one, come all to join in the fun of the Faith Formation Bash, Sunday, May 20, 9–10:30 a.m. in the Courtyard and Fellowship Hall! Coffee hour will be incorporated into this time along with a bouncy house, obstacle course, yard games, gaga ball, and, of course, fun! These activities are for folks 0–99 years old. Breakfast sandwiches will also be served with a free will offering taken for the youth mission trip.

## Thank you to all the Faith Formation

teachers, leaders, and openers! You helped share God's story this last year with many of our young people at Augustana. When you see these individuals, please share your gratitude as well:

Brian Bernhard  
Brian Willoughby  
Holly Massie  
John Harwell  
Dana Buhr  
Michael Gentes  
Meghan Murphy  
Morgan Levy  
Marcia Olson

Tim Garrington  
Shelley Ezpeleta  
Anna Reinhart  
Elizabeth Rowan  
Emily Friesen  
Megan Churchill  
Anne Stratton  
Sarah Earhart  
Carol Troike

## Full-day Vacation Bible School comes to Augustana this July!



Augustana Lutheran Church, along with counselors from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, will host Vacation Bible School for Augustana families and children from the community, 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 (age 3–5, pre-Kindergarten) are invited for a half day of faith formation, 9 a.m.–noon.

Enthusiastic Rainbow Trail Day Camp counselors will guide campers through a week of faith formation 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 online at [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org) or just outside of Augustana's office. Cost is \$25/camper. Scholarships are available.

### How you can support Rainbow Trail Day Camp

- Prepare and serve snacks for campers and staff of Vacation Bible School.
- Be a host family for two or three Rainbow Trail Day Camp counselors. This includes providing sleeping accommodations the nights of Sunday, July 15–Thursday, July 19, and breakfast the next day.
- Provide sack lunches for the five Rainbow Trail Day Camp counselors, Monday, July 16–Friday, July 20.

- Provide dinner one evening for the five Rainbow Trail Day Camp counselors by either having them to your home or taking them out to dinner, Sunday, July 15–Thursday, July 19.

To assist in one of these ways or for additional information on Vacation Bible School, contact Children's Ministry Coordinator **Erin Brown** (303-388-4678 ext. 122 or [erin@augustanadenver.org](mailto:erin@augustanadenver.org)) or Director of Youth and Family Ministry **Shanna VanderWel** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or [shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)).

We look forward to seeing your family at Vacation Bible School this summer!

## Buy mission trip trading cards and discover . . .

- Whose super power is sleeping through any alarm known to man
- The real reason Kevin Flesch is going on this mission trip
- Whose hobby is building things out of anything he can get his hands on
- And much more!



Support Augustana's youth as they head to Ecuador, June 10–15. Purchase Youth Mission Trip Trading Cards Sunday mornings during Coffee Hour. Each card has a picture of a youth or adult attending the trip and some fun information about him/her. Keep cards handy and pray for trip participants. Suggested donation per card is \$5.

While in Ecuador, participants will work on a water filtration system, do roof repairs on a medical/dental clinic, and spend time with the people in Ecuador's remote mountainous regions.

Plan now to come and hear about what the youth did on their mission trip, Sunday, August 19, during Coffee Hour, or on Sunday, September 23 at the Thrivent meeting!



## S'more Fun and Worship!

Join us for another round of S'more Fun and Worship every Wednesday in June and July (excluding July 4) beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Augustana's Quist Park. We will gather for games, s'mores, and food. All are invited to bring a side or dessert to share, and the protein will be provided. At 6:30 p.m. we will begin a campfire style worship with communion. This year there will be more benches, more surprises, and more great community!

## Nursery this summer

Augustana's nursery will not be staffed on Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day but will be open for families to use on Sunday mornings.

## 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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- 30** Margaret Ellerbruch  
Christelle Menth
- 31** Wyatt Lager  
Catherine Nyhus

*If your name should have  
been on this list but wasn't,  
please call Augustana's  
office (303-388-4678).*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9am Library Committee 5pm Worship Committee 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Theatre & Theology: <i>The Who's Tommy</i> 7pm Augustana Foundation Gift Committee	<b>2</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers Chancel Choir 7:30pm	<b>3</b> 9:30am <i>The Tower</i> deadline Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am Phoebe Circle 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	<b>4</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	<b>5</b> 7:30pm <b>Augustana Arts:</b> Kinzie Duo
			Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly, May 3-5			
<b>6</b> <b>Easter 6</b> <b>Health Ministry Sunday</b> <b>Worship/Communion</b> 8am Faith Formation/Coffee 9:15am Discover Augustana 9:15am <b>Worship/Communion</b> 10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry Noon <b>Concert:</b> 4pm Colorado Chorale See JASS below	<b>7</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	<b>8</b> 9:30am Deborah Circle 3:30pm Executive Committee 5:30pm Augustana Foundation 5:30pm Yoga	<b>9</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers Chancel Choir 7:30pm	<b>10</b> 9:30am AELC Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 10am Sarah Circle 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Property Committee	<b>11</b> 8am Augustana Early Learning Center Mother's Day Breakfast 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	<b>12</b> 9am Trailblazers: North Table Mountain Hike 7pm <b>Concert:</b> Pikes Peak Ringers
<b>13</b> <b>Easter 7</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>Worship/Communion</b> 8am Faith Formation/Coffee 9:15am <b>Worship/Communion</b> 10:30am Youth Mission Trip 11:45am Planning	<b>14</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	<b>15</b> 1pm <i>The Tower</i> Assembly 5:30pm Yoga 6pm Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Committee 7pm Congregation Council	<b>16</b> 7:30am Lutheran Men of Denver 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers Chancel Choir 7pm Appreciation Dinner	<b>17</b> 9:30am AELC Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30am Monthly Luncheon 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	<b>18</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	<b>19</b> 8:45am "God's work. Our hands." ANSAR Pantry 7:30pm <b>Augustana Arts:</b> Colorado Women's/Men's Chorales "Creatures and Critters"
<b>20</b> <b>Day of Pentecost</b> Reception of New Members 8am <b>Worship/Communion</b> 9:15am <b>Faith Formation Bash</b> 10:30am <b>Worship/Communion</b> 11:45am JASS Appreciation Lunch	<b>21</b> 9:45am Pray. Fast. Act. Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 11:15am Book Group	<b>22</b> 12:30pm Senior Ministry Committee 5pm Augustana Arts Board 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Rachel Circle	<b>23</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	<b>24</b> 9:30am AELC Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	<b>25</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>The Holy Trinity</b> <b>Worship/Communion</b> 8am Fellowship/Coffee 9am <b>Worship/Communion</b> 10:30am	<b>28</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> - office closed -	<b>29</b> 5:30pm Yoga 6:60pm Theatre & Theology: <i>Human Error</i>	<b>30</b> 8am Foot Care Clinic 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	<b>31</b> <i>The Tower</i> deadline Mindfulness Yoga		

	11:30am	Lunch
	12:15pm	Cherubs, Choristers, GraceNotes
	1pm	Recorders, Cantabile, SONshine Ringers
	1:45pm	BELLievers