

MISSION Ecuador 2018 TRIP



Keep those trading cards handy!
Youth and adults head to Ecuador in June!

Turn the page to see how you can support Augustana's mission work there.



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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Augustana's summer intern

Meet **Lexi Swain**, a Wartburg College student who will be completing a summer internship at Augustana. Lexi will be working with both Cindy Lindeen-Martin and Shanna VanderWel, gaining experience in music and youth ministry. She is majoring in Church Music, Religion, and Youth and Family Ministry and will be with Augustana during June and July. Please welcome Lexi to our congregation!

Where in the world is Pastor Caitlin?

She is on sabbatical, returning August 8. In addition to time with Rob, Quinn, and Taryn, a June highlight is a week spent 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."

This newsletter in full-color!

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What they'll be doing in Ecuador and ways to support their work

Did you know 19 people from Augustana and two counselors from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp are going to Ecuador June 10–16 with the Bridging Borders Program? We will be flying in and out of Quito, staying in Riobamba, and working in Cajabamba. Our agenda for the week includes things like working, sweating, laughing,

sharing devotions, and visiting the Equator. We will help repair a roof on a clinic that serves many people from rural villages in the area. We will also spend time traveling to some of these villages to do Bible lessons, games, and to learn about each other's cultures.

If you would like to contribute items for

people in the villages, we have room to take **toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, coloring books, crayons, Bible stories, children's bibles, deflated soccer balls, tennis balls.**

On Sunday, June 10 at 8 a.m. worship, there will be a sending blessing for all attending this trip: Marcel Batorowitz, Finn

Beazer, Claire Bourg, Annika, Dana, and Elsa Buhr, Rebecca Egan, Addie, Janet, Kendall, Kevin, and Mackenzie Flesch, Chris Garrington, Blake Harwell, Bethany Lutz, Ryan, Shanna and Arlo VanderWel, and Ogden Willoughby.

Continue to keep this group in your prayers!

Rejoice with:

- Grandmother Malise de Bree and parents Ben and Mary Kobren in the birth of Ezekiel Winston Kobren, April 29
- Grandparents Karen and Jon Morgenthaler and parents Greta and Pierce Devol in the birth of Orson Everett Devol, May 1

Recently lifted up in prayer:

For hope and healing:

- Paige Bartels, Jim Chandler, Linda Crow, Mikael DuBois, Larry Edwards, Renee and Sheldon Hermanson, Kim Kouba, Lauren Martin, Jodie McClary, Sigurd Nelson, Arthur and Rita Rosemary, Marilyn Stember, Susan Talbot, Tina

For comfort and courage:

- Massie family in the death of their friend, Luke Morin
- Betty Waters in the death of her friend, Floyd Graham
- Grant Lutz in the death of his father, Paul Lutz
- Pastor Caitlin in the death of her friend, Sadrudin Shariff
- Win Nyquist in the death of his brother, Robert Nyquist
- Holly Massie in the death of her friend,

- Donna Wiegel
- Steve and Linda Daniel in the death of their brother-in-law, Georg Heine
- Family and friends of Luke Morin in his death
- Family and friends of Lynda Kay Banner in her death
- Jill Davies in the death of her friend, Stuart Gibbs
- Family and friends of Dee Melicher in her death

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.



You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light.

Psalm 18:28

In the same way, let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and praise your father in heaven!

Matthew 5:16

When Pastor Caitlin asked us to choose a meaningful word last December, the word that immediately came to me was “light”: I want to reflect Christ’s light, but I know that has to start with my heart. I need to ask God to make my heart new every day, ready to receive his Word through daily reading and study, ready to shine, ready to answer His call every day.

After I chose the word “light,” it seemed to pop up everywhere. First, I opened a box of Christmas cards purchased a year ago to find the message on the cover was “Shine Your Light.” Then, in January, we sang a beautiful hymn, no. 715, “Christ Be Our Light,” with its refrain of “Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. . .” It seemed there were almost daily reminders to shine my light.

I pondered on how Christ’s light could shine through me. I try to smile, to remember my good manners to everyone, to speak patiently in spite of rudeness—and even to try not to get angry when that other driver cuts me off!! It doesn’t mean I have to be a doormat for people to walk all over—it just means that I have to try and think before I speak harshly.

What a challenge it is to shine Christ’s love and His light to all we meet—especially in our world today. What a challenge to speak kindly in the face of hate and frustration. What a challenge to be Christ’s representatives in this world.

Sometimes, I don’t wake up feeling that my heart and my face can reflect Christ’s love that day—but I have to get up and rely on the Christ who loves me. How can I not at least try!

Ellie Bonicelli

SUMMER Sermon Series



Two sermon series will enliven our worship together this summer:

June 10–July 1: **“People of Faith”** We will explore together some of the well-known people of the Bible, asking the question: How can their life and their relationship with God help us deepen our own faith today?

July 8, 22, and 29: **“Revelation: A Message of Hope”** This last book of the Bible has caused confusion and suspicion for centuries. Come rediscover its original purpose to bring the promises of Christ to struggling and fearful people.

Pastor

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



It's that time of year when people ask each other "Do you have plans for the summer?" We most often hear an answer that has to do with traveling for vacation, or for a graduation or maybe a wedding. Summer is a season when we enjoy spending time and celebrating with

people we care about as they move into the future.

At Augustana this summer we will be doing some of those same things together. There are many opportunities to gather: S'more Fun and Worship, the Glendale Fireworks in Quist Park, Vacation Bible School, WAM, and coffee hour every Sunday.

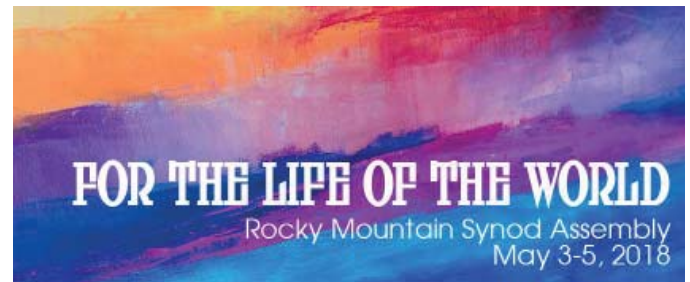
We'll also be spending time thinking about how we want to move into the future. Our Strategic Planning process will be continuing over the summer, working with Evan Moilan, our consultant. Results from the congregational survey, our interviews with community partners and our initial gathering April 15 will be combined to help us see the big picture of Augustana's life and ministry.

We'll be asking how we can best use the resources God has given us to make an impact in our community. How can we best share the love of Christ? Are there new ministries we might begin? Are there ministries or programs that we might need to change or even stop doing? (This is a difficult thought, but one we need to think about in the changing landscape that is the church today.)

So keep your eyes and ears open to what plans God has for us in this time and place. The Strategic Planning Team welcomes your thoughts, dreams, and ideas! Team members are: Nick Massie, Brian Bernhard, Kari Blanchard, Nancy Johnson, Dane Vierow, Emmett Cruson (as Council President), and the pastors.

Looking forward to the future,

Pastor Ann



Synod Assembly

Thanks to **Brad and Pam Uyemura** and **Don Troike**, our voting members, who, along with the pastors, attended the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly May 3–5. Every spring, voting members and rostered leaders from the 163 congregations in our synod gather to worship, learn more about the partnership we have with the wider church, and plan for the future. Featured speakers were Bill Horne, the Vice President of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, professor at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

This year the Assembly also elected our Bishop, who leads the congregations in our synod, which encompasses Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and El Paso. Bishop Jim Gonia was re-elected to a six-year term.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None — they were all dead
- B. Three — unbound and unharmed
- C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count

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“Thanks, Augustana!”

Augustana members Dan and Jenner Streed are moving back home to Illinois. They wanted to express their thoughts about their time in our congregation and what it meant to them.

We joined Augustana after the birth of our daughter in 2016. We had no idea that the next year would bring a cancer diagnosis and three untimely deaths in our extended family. The weekly services helped us heal. The family atmosphere provided us with a network of support, a home away from home. In April 2017, we celebrated the baptism of our daughter Hayden. We are so thankful for the Augustana community, as it helped us overcome a difficult season in our lives.

Dan and Jenner Streed

From Nicaragua Mission Project

“Mucho Gracias” or many thanks. On behalf of Nicaragua Mission Project, we express our gratitude from members and groups within our congregation. Thrivent also has provided Action Project grants. The people are so appreciative of the generosity. However, due to the civil unrest in Nicaragua at this time, we will delay our mission trip in June and wait until it is safe to travel. This situation only emerged in the past two weeks. We are, of course, very disappointed and request prayers for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. Be assured that your gifts will be taken to Nicaragua which will again bring smiles and joy to people’s lives.

In Christ’s service,
Jean and Duane Gall

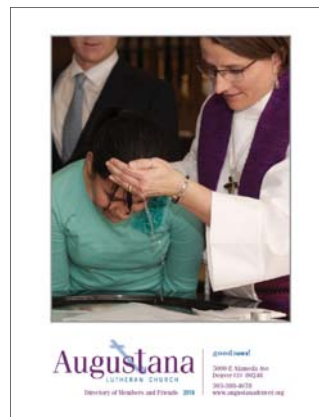


Funeral/Memorial service pre-planning at Augustana

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 are now available from Augustana’s office; or we can email them to you. 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).



Pictorial Directories available!

If you haven’t already done so, pick up your pictorial directory from Augustana’s office during the week. A donation of \$5 per directory is requested to cover printing expenses.



Young leaders making a difference

“A lot of the opportunities that used to exist for developing job skills and leadership skills—working in mom-and-pop shops or having paper routes—are missing now,” says

the Rev. Patrick Cabello Hansel of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Recognizing the need for these skills,

St. Paul’s started the Young Leaders program. In the program, youth ages 11 to 15 participate in career tracks that include activities such as painting murals, growing food in community gardens or leading community initiatives. The Young Leaders program is supported in part by a grant from ELCA World Hunger.



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

“We don’t just take kids who are stars,” Pastor Hansel explains. “We’ve seen kids who are really troubled and watched them become more responsible, more focused and grow as leaders in school and in the community.”

The program has had a huge impact. When Carmen* first came to the Young Leaders, she was quiet and shy. The confidence she gained, though, encouraged her to use her talents to become a leader among her peers. In time, Carmen developed her creative writing skills and became co-editor of *The Phoenix of Phillips*, the program’s literary magazine. Her talents and leadership skills led to a scholarship offer from one of the premier private high schools in the area.

St. Paul’s Young Leaders program is helping change the community by accompanying youth who will—and are

—making a difference.

“A lot of people have a negative view of youth as troublemakers,” says Pastor Hansel. “But here, the youth get to see a community of

Christians that cares about them, and the community can see their leadership and responsibility at work.”

*Name changed for privacy

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

Ammerman Library

Travel Time

Whether you are an armchair traveler or an on-the-road-again traveler, we encourage you to check the Ammerman Library and the cabinet in Fellowship Hall. Explore books on reflection, prayer and entertainment. Some books about travel are placed on the endcap next to the children’s section and in the Fellowship cabinet.

A few new books are *Between Shades of Gray*, by Sepetys, *Freedom’s Teacher* by Charron, Paul, a biography by Wright (adult), *Peanut Butter and*

Cupcake, by Border, and *20 Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street* by Lee (children).

Enjoy your “travels.” See you in the library!

Grief support for children

The Memory Box, written by Joanna Rowland and illustrated by Thea Baker, is a story book designed to help children process grief (although adults will like it, too!). Commentary by Mary Lindberg in the back of the book offers guidance about how children deal with grief and how adults can help children process their grief. You can check out this book in the Ammerman Library.



Health Ministry

Men's Health Facts

Silent Health Crisis

"There is a silent health crisis in America—it's the fact that, on average, American men live sicker and die younger than American women."

Dr. David Gremillion

Health Facts

- Men die at higher rates than women from 9 of the top 10 causes of death and are the victims of over 92% of workplace deaths. (BLS)
- In 1920, women lived, on average, one year longer than men. Now, men, on average, die almost five years earlier than women. (CDC)

Cause & Rate ¹	Men	Women
Heart Disease	210.9	131.8
Cancer	192.9	138.1
Injuries	54.7	27.3
Stroke	36.9	35.6
Suicide	20.7	5.8
HIV/AIDS	3.0	1.1

Prevention

Women are 100% more likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventive services than men.

(CDC 2001)

Men as Victims of Homicide

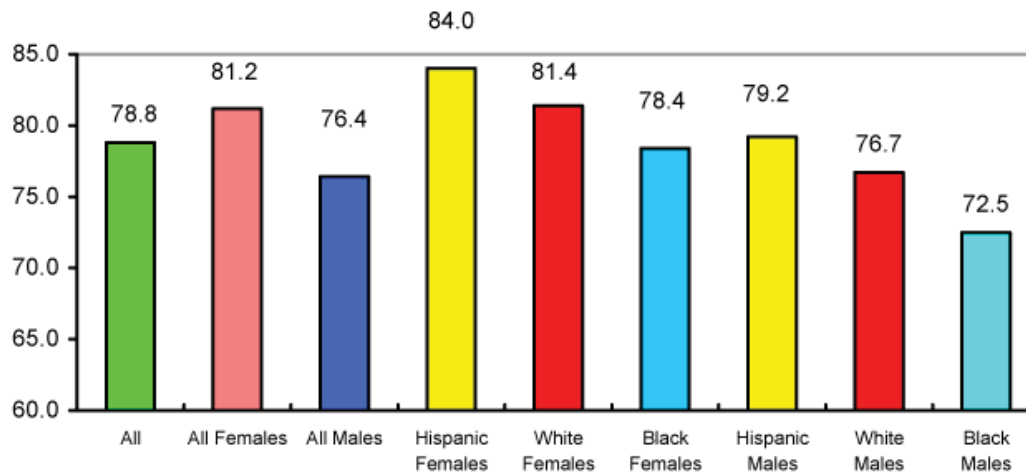
The chance of being a homicide victim places African-American men at unusually high risk.

Chance of being a Homicide Victim*

1 in 30 for black males 1 in 179 for white males
1 in 132 for black females 1 in 495 for white females

*BJS DATA REPORT, 1989

Life Expectancy At Birth, 2014



Who is the Weaker Sex?

- 115 males are conceived for every 100 females.
- The male fetus is at greater risk of miscarriage and stillbirth.
- 25% more newborn males die than females.
- 3/5 of SIDS victims are boys.
- Men suffer hearing loss at 2 times the rate of women.
- Testosterone is linked to elevations of LDL, the bad cholesterol, and declines in HDL, the good cholesterol.
- Men have fewer infection-fighting T-cells and are thought to have weaker immune systems than women.
- By the age of 100, women outnumber men eight to one.

(NYT Magazine 3-16-03)

Depression and Suicide¹

Depression in men is undiagnosed contributing to the fact that men are 4 times as likely to commit suicide.

- Among ages 15 to 19, boys were 3.1 times as likely as girls to commit suicide.
- Among ages 20 to 24, males were 4.6 times as likely to commit suicide as females.
- The suicide rate for persons age 65 and above: men, 31.5 —women, 5.

To learn more, visit www.MensHealthNetwork.org

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Health Statistics, Health, United States 2015. Retrieved June 3, 2016

² Life Expectancy data are from CDC/NCHS, Health, United States, 2015

“Get it Checked”

Augustana’s Health Ministry will feature men’s health, Sunday, June 3, 9–10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Have your blood pressure checked and obtain “**Get it Checked**” Checkup and Screening Guidelines for Men.



Glocal Involvement

Pastor Caitlin testifies at the Colorado House State Affairs Committee

Together Colorado, a multi-faith, multi-race organization, is one of Augustana's community partners. As an extension of this partnership, on April 26 Pastor Caitlin testified alongside Sister Lee McNeil of Shorter AME Church, whose great-grandmother was a slave, in favor of amending the Colorado State Constitution (Article II, Section 26) to remove the slavery exception as punishment for a crime—House Continuing Resolution HCR18-1002. At the time of this writing, the resolution passed the House by unanimous vote and was moving on to the Senate.

Read Resolution here: leg.colorado.gov/bills/hcr18-1002

Pastor Caitlin's testimony:

Good morning Representatives Foote and Lontine, and members of the committee.

I am Caitlin Trussell,

- a Pastor of Augustana Lutheran Church, an 1,100-member congregation in Denver;
- a Faith Leader in Together Colorado, a multi-faith, multi-race organization;
- the great-great granddaughter of Hugh Thompson, governor of South Carolina (1882–

1886) and a graduate of The Citadel who led a battalion of Citadel cadets, firing the first shots of the Civil War against the Union ship “Star of the West” as it entered Charleston Harbor;

- and the great-great granddaughter of Thomas B. Clarkson, plantation owner of 300 slaves.

Complacency and justification are too easy when we ourselves are not the ones in chains. Prior to the Civil War and the burning of his plantation, my triple-great-grandfather invited an abolitionist to come and see the condition of

the slaves for himself. The abolitionist recorded his visit in a letter. The letter congratulated my triple-great-grandfather on his good care of the slaves. He specified that they were clean, educated, and instructed in the Christian faith. I suppose it's comforting that he treated his slaves with some kindness. Regardless, there's no legitimate excuse for owning people. The odd thing is that I'd known for many years that he was a plantation owner, and it never once occurred to me that he owned slaves. Of course I'm not responsible for his choices but I am affected by them . . . and

so are all of us here. There is always something to be learned and another step to take. The legacy of slavery for all of us in this country, but especially for our Black brothers and sisters, is part of how I understand my call to the ministry of reconciliation in the second letter to the Corinthians in the Christian Bible—reconciliation understood as healing our broken relationships between God and neighbors.

My triple-great-grandfather justified chattel slavery as a gentleman and a Christian. He had people around him at the time who knew it was wrong. He cozied up to something we clearly know was wrong. We've grown similarly cozy with the vestiges of chattel slavery, including justifying constitutional slavery in our guiding document. I implore you to join me in abolishing the remnants of this inhumane evil by voting "yes" on the Concurrent Resolution to amend the Colorado State Constitution by removing the exception language as we continue to heal as a state and as a country.

Augustana folks support Styrofoam ban

Seventy postcards were signed on Earth Day, April 22, by Augustana people and hand delivered to Governor Hickenlooper's office advocating for a statewide ban of polystyrene/Styrofoam. We join other community organizations calling for similar bans in the state. Thank you to Augustana's LEAPP team (Lutherans Engaging and Accompanying People and Policy, an Augustana ministry) for organizing this advocacy!



See sample postcard below.

April 22, 2018

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

It is time for Colorado to ban Styrofoam (polystyrene). Many cities around the country have already done so, as has the congregation of Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver for our own meetings and events. Styrofoam's single-use permanence is unacceptable. The detrimental effects of Styrofoam on water, wildlife, and the world are well documented.

Caring for Creation is a Social Statement of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through which we are "committing to pursuing wholeness for all of creation." Empowered by this commitment and our congregation's internal ban, we ask you to support legislation to accomplish this ban on Styrofoam.

Name (printed) _____

Signature _____



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WAM!

Worship Art and Music Camp

Get *Fired Up* for 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 and at Augustana

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.

Fired Up, by Allen Pote, is a lighthearted re-telling of the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The campers will learn and present well-crafted songs, clever humor, and a solid biblical message: We follow a loving God worthy of trust,

regardless of the circumstances.

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) for a volunteer form.

We can't wait to see YOU at WAM!

Cindy, Angela, and Marcia

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Think you know the answer to the Bible Quiz on page 5 from looking at the graphic above? Check your answer by reading Daniel 3:25, by participating in WAM! or by coming to 10:30 a.m. worship, Sunday, July 15!

Fellowship

Dawson Butte Ranch Open Space Hike

Saturday, June 2, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

This loop trail winds gently through ponderosa pine and Gambel oak forest and across several meadows on the south side of Dawson Butte. Occasionally you get glimpses of the tops of Pikes Peak and Devils Head, along with the ridge of the Rampart Range to the west. The area is an excellent wildlife habitat with a good diversity of birds.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 5-mile loop

Elevation: 6,815 to 7,135 feet

Guide: **Ron Johnson** (303-745-4047 or rojo2002@msn.com)

Hiking in the Mount Evans Wilderness

Saturday, June 23, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

Tanglewood Trail follows a creek of the same name where the landscape alternates between forest and flowery meadows. This trail has you traveling a stony old roadbed, rocky stretches, and split-log and plank bridges. A creek-side meadow, reportedly the site of an old sawmill, is the turnaround point for this hike.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 4.4 miles round trip

Elevation: 9,250 to 10,440 feet

Guide: **Don Troike** (720-379-3676 or don.troike@gmail.com)

June Book Group

Monday, June 18, 11:15 a.m., Youth Room

Instead of discussing a book, come prepared to share suggestions for next year's reading selections. Bring your recommendations and the availability of the book.

It's also "Show and Tell" month! Bring books that you enjoy reading but are not suitable for group discussion.



A "MAZE" of GRACE

Sponsored by your Rocky Mountain Synod Women's Organization

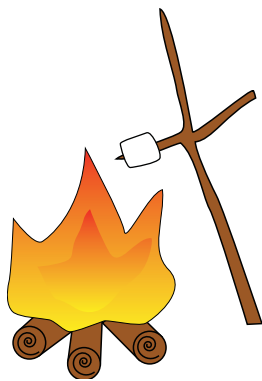
- Friday, October 5 through Sunday, October 7, 2018
- Grace Lutheran Church (1128 E Boulder St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903)

It is time to register for the convention!

All will agree that women are a powerful force in our church today. What current issues do women face? What have your "Sisters in Christ" been promoting? How can you help? How can you get involved? Enjoy visiting with your friends from all the ELCA churches in the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Women of all ages are invited to participate in this weekend of workshops and business.

Download information and registration forms from the "News/Blog" page of Augustana's website, www.augustanadenver.org.



Children, Youth, Family

June brings the return of S'more Fun and Worship!

June 6 kicks off our Wednesday worship and meals in Augustana's Quist Park. This will happen every Wednesday in June and July (excluding July 4). During this everybody-friendly time, we will have a meal with the protein and s'mores provided, and you bring a side or dessert to share. Meals begin at 5:30 p.m. with campfire style worship starting at 6:30 p.m. Many of your favorite songs from last year will be repeated with some new ones mixed in. Come, play, eat, and worship!



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 or just outside of Augustana's office. Cost is \$25/camper. Scholarships are available.

How you can support Rainbow Trail Day Camp

- Lead campers in assigned arts & crafts projects.
 - 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 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) or Director of Youth and Family Ministry **Shanna VanderWel** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org).

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

Camper Count at Rainbow Trail

Augustana has about 30 people of all ages attending camp this summer! We give thanks for this ministry and pray for them as they experience God at camp.

City of Glendale Fireworks Party

Join us in Quist Park, Monday, July 2, to watch Glendale's fireworks display. Augustana's youth will be selling food and glow sticks during this time beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Water World

All youth entering grades 5–12 are invited to a day at Water World on Tuesday, July 24. Please RSVP to Shanna (shanna@augustanadenver.org) by Tuesday, July 17. Friends and adults are welcome to come along as well! Cost per person is \$20.



Passages: Financial Issues for Maturing Individuals

At the meeting of Augustana's Thrivent group, Sunday, June 3, **Greg Bickle** will share ideas about financial issues. Also, we will discuss disbursements for Augustana property, programs, or groups. A light lunch will be served (\$5) at 11:30 in Anna Paulson room. Contact **Katherine Cruson** (303-696-7430) by Friday, June 1 for lunch reservations.

Got funds?

Augustana programs, groups, and property are eligible to receive designated funds as voted by Thrivent members. Requests for funds should include the name of the organization, amount of money, the purpose of the grant, and a contact person with telephone number and/or email address. Send your request by Friday, May 25 to KL-cruson@comcast.net so it can be considered at the Thrivent Financial meeting, June 3.

Thrivent Choice Dollars have been generously designated by Thrivent members to a special fund at Augustana Lutheran Church. Thrivent members may contact thrivent.com or 1-800-THRIVENT to designate Choice Dollars at any time.

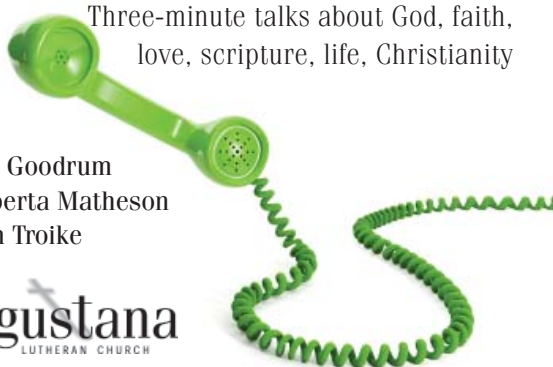
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