

God's work.
Our hands.
at the border

Border Servant Corps is a partner in the Rocky Mountain Synod which serves asylum seekers and refugees at the U.S./Mexico border. Border Servant Corps Volunteers immerse themselves in education and service accompanying asylum seekers and providing support at the Border Servant Corps Hospitality House in Las Cruces. Hospitality is provided in the interim between when asylum seekers in the United States are released from ICE detention and their final assigned sponsoring church or family member location.

Augustana's Jean and Duane Gall will be making a mission trip to the Border Servant Corps Hospitality House on August 25. In addition to delivering gathered items, they will be working in the Hospitality Center kitchen, playing with children, providing transportation to the bus, and offering love and kindness.

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Donate items for the Galls to take with them

Augustana members and friends may donate items needed at the Hospitality House for those traveling to their new homes after being released from ICE detention. Please note that some of the items need to be travel size due to limited space in backpacks.

Border Servant Staff has placed a priority on these items:

- Chapstick or Vaseline (travel size)
- Nail clippers
- Deodorant (travel size)
- Granola Bars (non-frosted/non-melt)
- Hand sanitizer (travel size)

Other items also needed are:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Combs
- Wipes (travel size)
- Tissues (travel size)
- Refillable water bottles
- Snack crackers with cheese or peanut butter
- Snack pack pudding or applesauce
- Plastic spoons
- Children's activity or coloring books
- Crayons, colored pencils, small notebooks

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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

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.

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Celebrate Hattie Post's 100th!!

Join us on Sunday, August 11, to celebrate Hattie's 100th birthday, 9:30–10:15 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Hattie (*pictured right*) and her husband Bob joined Augustana in the late 90s. Through the years she has volunteered as Saturday Secretary and greeter and was a member of the Senior Ministry Committee for many years. Come and have a piece of Judy Nyquist's light and delicious lemon frosted cake and greet Hattie. Here's a chance for children to meet a special 100-year-old lady!

Recently lifted up in prayer

For hope and healing:

- Mary Ellen Anderson, Chris Carter, Emmett Cruson, Dorie Fie, Ben Friesen, Jamie Giellis, Greg Johnson, Steve McCartney, Lisa Mikolajczak, Ed Pierce, Arthur Rosemary, Bev Strong, Dottie Templin, Leigh

For comfort and courage:

- Lynn Friesen in the death of her father, Ned Daugherty
- Joseph Gay and family in the death of his wife, Ruby Gay
- Denise Lopez in the death of her uncle, Gregory Lopez
- Merlin Nimrod in the death of his wife, Ann Nimrod
- Rob Trussell in the death of his father, Charles Trussell

Rejoice with

- Brooks Michael Berguin, son of Brandon and Crystal Berguin, in his baptism
- Chris and Aleisha Maunu in the birth of son, Bodhi Donald Maunu, June 30
- Torren Erik Brekke, son of Jay and Gina Brekke, in his baptism
- Parents Alice Lamphere and Ryan De Leon, and grandparents Rich and Kirsten Lamphere in the birth of Crystene Jade De Leon, June 21

Thank you for the gifts!

Silver Notes

- In memory of Marge Stephens

Special Gifts

- In memory of Marge Stephens

Pastors

Awed by God's creation



My husband, Roger, and I took a couple weeks this summer to go camping in Banff and Jasper National Parks in the Canadian Rockies. Although it is a long drive, it is more than worth it because of the beauty you can experience. The mountains there are dramatic

and just dazzling in a different way from our own Rocky Mountains.

Along with the mountains, a striking feature there is the water in the lakes and streams. Because of glacial run-off, it is most often a brilliant turquoise color. The beautiful color comes from “glacial flour,” a fine powder of silt- and clay-sized particles that a glacier creates as its rock-laden ice scrapes over bedrock. When suspended in the water, the tiny particles absorb and reflect sunlight, creating the beautiful blue-green colors.

Psalm 8 says “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” I know there is a lot of science involved, and there is also amazement and wonder as you look at something like this in God’s good creation. The world we live in and the people who live here with us are nothing short of stunning. May you find moments in these summer days to step back in awe and praise for these gifts created and given by God’s power and love.

With joy,
Pastor Ann



Conversation Partners Aplenty

Well, it’s true. Almost three months later and I’m still plugging away at *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu in which they reflect on joy and suffering

from their respective traditions of Tibetan Buddhism and Anglican Christianity. It’s a delight to encounter these two wizened elders through the third author, Douglas Abrams. His reflection and additions to the five-day interview that brought the two leaders together give the reader easy access to their faith in action as well as other aspects of joy in science and story.

The excuse I give myself for this overly long reading is that I’m squeezing every drop of wisdom from its pages, and the extra days in between chapters help my memory hang onto the gems. Whatever the actual reason, the end result is this long conversation that I’m having with them. Because isn’t that one of the marvels of reading? That we get these fabulous conversation partners with whom we wouldn’t ordinarily cross paths. Listening to Fr. Richard Rohr at the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in May, I was struck by how much I admire people who have a wide range of conversation partners through their own reading and study. The way Fr. Rohr is able to synthesize thinkers across the centuries, including biblical ones, is a thing to behold whether or not I agree with everything he says. Multiple conversation partners especially helps me navigate the plurality of faith traditions swirling around each other on this small blue planet while honing my own perspective.

For August, pick a conversation partner that focuses your faith and widens the possibilities. Whether you’re continuing to reflect on the first century Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37) to remember what you are (real image-of-God-type stuff) and to whom you belong (God)*, or 12th century monk Bernard of Clairvaux to encounter the mystery of God, or 21st century Rachel Held Evans to navigate faith across Christian traditions, pick a conversation partner with whom your curiosity is tapped and your faith enlivened. Enjoy!

Peace, Pastor Caitlin

*See caitlintrussell.org—sermon on 7/14/2019 for more on that one.

Glocal Involvement

Join Lutheran Family Services for a day of golf!

26th Annual Tee Off for Hope Golf Tournament

- Hiwan Golf Club
(30671 Clubhouse Lane,
Evergreen, CO 80439)
- Thursday, August 15
- 6:30–7:45 a.m.
Registration and
Breakfast
- 8 a.m. Shotgun Start
- 1 p.m. Luncheon and Awards
- Registration Fees: Individuals: \$185 Foursome: \$740
(\$80 tax deduction per person)
- Includes green fees, golf cart, polo shirt, breakfast
burrito, lunch, and prizes!
- Bonus ticket (\$40) includes entry into all contests,
two mulligans, prizes, and more!
- Prizes awarded for winning teams, individual
contests, and church cup competition.
- Register at lfsrm.org/teeoffhope by August 5.



Global/Social/LEAPP (Advocacy) meeting is Sunday, August 11!

9:15–10:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

This meeting is for everyone who has been and would like to become part of Augustana’s community-facing ministries. **Laura Libby** and **Casey King**, the new committee co-chairs, will be facilitating the meeting along with Pastor Caitlin. Feel free to contact Augustana’s office with questions (303-388-4678), and we’ll make sure that you’re connected with the person who can best answer them.

Augustana’s Core Value #3:

“GO: We build relationships with others in our community and in our world. We seek out ways to love and serve as Jesus did. We live out our faith in daily life.”



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Bring your items to labeled collection boxes at Augustana’s sanctuary doors on Sundays, August 4 and 11.

How to give a financial gift

If you want to support this mission, you may also provide a financial donation which will meet these and other special needs such as premie diapers and special clothing.

Watch for donation envelopes on your Sunday bulletin, make checks payable to Augustana, and indicate “Border Servant Corps Mission” in the memo. You can give a gift online at www.augustanadenver.org; click on the Giving link. A Thrivent Project Grant will provide additional support for this mission trip.

We are a church who believes that God is calling us into the world together.

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Thank you for your support and prayers!



“Music—a Lifeline for Palestinians”

Friends of Sabeel-Colorado presents “Music—a Lifeline for Palestinians,” Sunday, August 18, 3–5 p.m. at Augustana. The live concert features musicians from Nablus, **Hatem Hafi**, **Habib al Deek**, and **Qasem Najjar**.

Hatem is the manager of the Nablus Center for Arts and Culter of Aksar Refugee Camp. The center teaches Palestinian folklore to children in dabke (traditional Palestinian dance), drama, French, English, painting, music, and more. **Habib** is former Director of Edward Said Conservatory of Music in Nablus and now teaches oud and violin to the children in camp. **Qasem** is a well-known Palestinian vocalist.

The concert is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Visit sabeelcolorado.org for more information.

Join Rick Steves to celebrate 15 years of raising creative leaders and growing hope in Palestine!

Saturday, September 14, 6:30 p.m. (doors open 5:45 p.m.)
Bethany Lutheran Church (5000 E Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village)

Funds raised will directly support the work of **Bright Stars of Bethlehem** and its initiatives through Dar al-Kalima University of Arts and Culture and promoting peace and justice in Palestine through education in the arts and culture and outreach programs for youth, families and older adults, as well as public advocacy for basic human rights.

Rick Steves, travel writer, author, activist, and television personality will give a travel show with slides. *Travel as a Political Act*, the title of Rick Steves’ latest book, will also be the theme of his presentation.

Tickets: \$40 in advance; \$50 at the door. Purchase tickets: <https://bright-stars-bethlehem-denver.eventbrite.com>

15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION





ELCA World Hunger
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Life is better now

CAMBODIA



Yim Kheng and her husband, Yi Pheng, live in Cambodia with four of their children and one granddaughter. They received a plot of land through a social land concession, a government program intended to provide people who don't own land with space for homes and to generate income through agriculture.

They started to clear the land themselves and planted potatoes next to the small hut they built. Often the land granted by the government is small, remote, and not ready for farming. But thanks to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, hundreds of families' land is now usable to grow food.

With financial support from ELCA World Hunger, Yim Kheng and Yi Pheng rented a tractor to clear the land. Now they plant rice on their plot, selling half of the harvest and keeping the other half for their family, earning an average of \$260 per year.

Even with those improvements, the rice and income alone weren't enough to feed and support the family. Because of your gifts, they also received chicken-raising training, materials to build a coop and a small flock of chickens. Their flock has grown to 100 chickens that produce eggs to eat and sell at the market.

Your gifts also enabled Yim Kheng and Yi Pheng to start a small grocery stand, thanks to a loan from the village savings and loan group, supported and trained by Life With Dignity, an ELCA World Hunger partner.

"My life is better now. I have land for settlement and agriculture, a shop, and I am knowledgeable about chickenraising," Yi Pheng said.

To give a gift to ELCA World Hunger, use the designated 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 link.

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Save the date!

This year, **"God's work. Our hands."** is Sunday, September 8. Stay tuned for details in the September *Tower*.



Mark your calendars!

Care of Creation: Climate Workshop Event

Scientific and visual evidence as well as our daily newscasts confirm that we have what many are now calling a Climate Crisis.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church (915 E 9th Ave, Denver, CO 80218) is hosting a climate workshop with presenters from **Accelerate Neighborhood Climate Action**, Saturday, September 21, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and lunch provided.

This highly interactive event will include a presentation about the scientific evidence that demonstrates that the earth's atmosphere, water, and land masses are warming at a dangerous rate as a result of the combustion of fossil fuel (coal, oil, and natural gas) since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution in Europe during the late Eighteenth Century.

Attendees will be given an opportunity to share their own ideas as to best practices to save energy, accelerate the transition to renewables (wind and solar) and limit, compost, or recycle waste material. A communal spirit of problem solving will be a dominant theme for this event.

It should be emphasized that you do not have to be an expert on climate change to attend this event, only to be an active listener and willing partner in dealing with this vital existential issue.

For additional information, or if you are interested in attending this event, contact **Jean Gall** (duanegall@aol.com or 303-355-8470).

Health Ministry

Author discusses and shares resource for loss due to opioid addiction

Wednesday, August 7, 6:30–8 p.m., Fellowship Hall



Last year, over 70,000 parents across America lost a child to an opioid drug overdose. The grief experienced by any parent who loses a son or daughter is excruciating. But grief for those whose child has died due to

drug abuse is compounded by the stigma and shame our culture places on drug abuse.

Marsha Wiggins lost her only child, Cameron, at age 26 to a heroin overdose in 2013. As a professional counselor, author, educator and former associate pastor, she was as well prepared as anyone could be to deal with such a devastating blow. And yet, she found herself on a journey through uncharted waters, struggling to find her way through the grief process.

As part of her grieving process, she has written a book to help other parents, mental health professionals, clergy, and those affected by the death of a child from drugs. In *From Heroin to Hope: Making Sense of the Loss of a Child*, Wiggins provides research-based information about the grief journey and illustrates these concepts by sharing her experience of grieving the loss of her son.

Augustana's Youth and Health Ministries cosponsor this time of sharing and book signing for those affected by the opioid crisis, for those who have lost loved ones due to opioid overdose, for those who know someone who has lost a friend, coworker, or family member to the opioid epidemic, or for those—professional or not—who offer care and encouragement to families of opioid overdose victims.

Come to listen, learn, and share, Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.



Summer food safety— eat and be merry

Summer is a wonderful time to gather with friends to enjoy eating meals out on the patio, to picnic, and to keep the kitchen cool and clean by grilling outdoors. We think of food poisoning as something we get at a restaurant, but dangers can be lurking on our own picnic tables. Food poisoning cases go up in the summer, as you might expect. Forty-eight million cases of food poisoning occur annually, the equivalent of sickening 1 in 6 Americans.

Here are key steps to having safe food on your summer table.

1. Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator, with your microwave, or in cold water, never on the counter for longer than 2 hours. Completely thaw meat before smoking it.
2. Cold foods should be stored at 40 degrees or colder.
3. Pack your cooler to stay cold for hours. Use food already cooled rather than trying to cool the foods in your cooler. A full cooler will hold its cold longer. Pour off melted water in your cooler and add more ice.
4. Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds. Sliced fruits and veggies should be kept cool, i.e., place plate on top of ice.

5. Marinate meats in the refrigerator. Never use marinade that has been on raw meat unless it is boiled.
6. Bring and use a thermometer! Cook meats to their safe internal temperature:

Hamburgers		160°	
Hotdogs		165°	
Chicken		165°	
Steak			
Rare	130°	Med Rare	145°
Med	160°	Well Done	170°

Danger zone for bacteria growth is between 40 and 140 degrees!

7. Always heat leftover foods to 165 degrees.
8. After 2 hours, refrigerate meat, poultry, sliced fruit and vegetables left out. If the outside temp is 90 degrees, food should be refrigerated after 1 hour. Discard food left out after 2 hours.
9. Bring plenty of plates; never use plates that held raw meat for other uses. One drop of raw chicken juice is enough to make you ill.
10. Wash hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol sanitizer when handling food.

The symptoms of food-borne illness can include:

- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain or cramps
- Flu-like symptoms, such as fever, headache, and body ache

Contact your doctor if you have a high fever, bloody stools, prolonged vomiting, and dehydration.

For more information on storing foods, check out FoodKeeper App.

(Information taken from FoodSafety.gov)

Music Ministry



Everyone's got a place in the choir!

Augustana's choirs are always welcoming new members. If you have given even a fleeting thought to singing in the choir, you should try it! We would love to have you join us. For more information on times

and rehearsals, call or email Minister of Music, **Cindy Lindeen-Martin** (303-388-4678, ext. 117 or lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org).

We truly have a choir for everyone! Here are the opportunities for you and/or someone in your family:

- Cherubs (children grades K–2)
- Choristers (children grades 3–5)
- Cantabile (youth grades 6–12)
- Chancel Choir (adults)
- Silver Notes (senior adults)

Fall Choir Schedules

- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 28
- **Augustana Ringers** rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 4
- **Children and Youth Choirs** (Cherubs, Choristers, Cantabile, SONshine Ringers, GraceNotes, and BELLievers) begin Sunday, September 15
- **Silver Notes** schedule TBA

Do you play an instrument?

There is hidden musical talent in our congregation! Come out of hiding! Music ministry is exploring opportunities for you to share in worship as soloists and/or small ensembles. Minister of Music **Cindy Lindeen-Martin** is gathering information of instrumentalists

(middle and high school and all adults) who may have an interest in sharing their talent in worship. If this is you, please contact Cindy (303-388-4678, ext. 117 or lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org). With enough interest, we may be able to form something like Augustana Lutheran Strings, or Augustana Lutheran Flutes, or . . . the list is endless!

AUGUSTANA *Arts*



Free concert offers hot dogs and kid fun with live music!

Sunday, July 28, noon–2 p.m., Fellowship Hall at Augustana

Augustana Arts invites you to splash into the arts with Stratus Chamber Orchestra! At this immersive event, you can sit next to a musician and feel the vibe of a string bass, experience the sweet sound of a flute, or embrace the movement of the violins.

The concert is FREE and great for the entire family! Kids will enjoy the bouncy house in the courtyard, and Augustana Arts will serve hotdogs, chips, and watermelon. A freewill offering will support youth outreach in the arts.

Augustana Arts is thrilled to announce the grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts to offer this concert to our community. Be part of the music and fun!

Dog Days of Summer

Pet prayers

From Saint Francis of Assisi:

A tool in your hand I am, dear God,
The sweetest instrument you have shaped my being into.
What makes me now complete—
Feeling the soul of every creature against my heart.

Does every creature have a soul?
Surely they do; for anything God has touched
will have life forever,
And all creatures he has held.



▲ Petra, age 11, lives with Krista Degerness

▼ Sadie, age 10, lives with Diane Zarlengo



▲ Sunny, age 5, lives with Rob and Caitlin Trussell

▼ Stella, age 3, lives with Julie Shellhorn



The Blessing Prayer

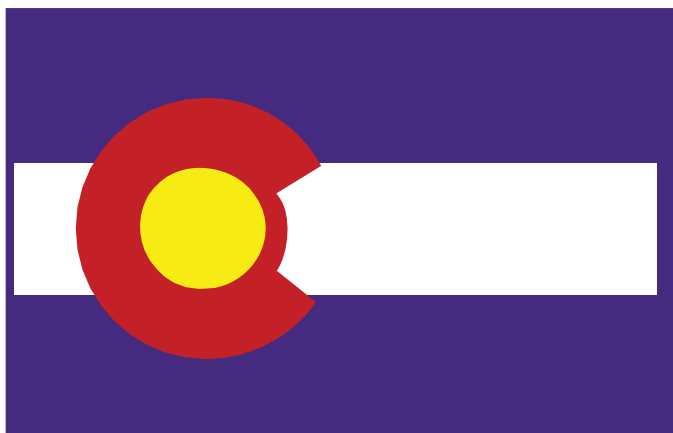
Most high God, our Creator, yours are the praise,
the glory, the honor and all blessings! Your world is
wonderful! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised
for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your
world.

May we think of you and remember your love when we
share time with our pets. Be praised for the happiness
they bring us and that we bring them while keeping us
mindful of their care. This we ask to your eternal praise,
and to our blessing. Amen.



Piper, a 3-year-old Bichon Frise, lives with Pastor Ann and Roger

Ammerman Library



Happy Birthday, Colorado!

Let's celebrate Colorado's birthday all month by reading books about Colorado and by Colorado authors. Some will be placed in the cabinet in Fellowship Hall, and others will be displayed on the shelf to the right of the card catalog. There are also quite a few Colorado books on the shelves next to the wing back chairs, particularly in the 970's.

Free video cassettes

For those of you who still have your video cassette player, we are giving away all of the videos we've had in the library for years. Several are in boxes behind the library desk.

Dakota Land Initiative

Our congregation's positive vote in May to explore the use of our vacant land for affordable housing is moving along. The Request for Proposal is being formulated, which will be sent to developers of this type of housing, including Habitat for Humanity. Before a contract is signed, another congregational meeting will be held to bring more specific information about the project and to ask for the congregation's approval. Questions can be directed to **Greg Hempelman, Paul Blanchard, Rhonda Crossen, Craig Tamminga, Emmett Cruson**, or either **pastor**. Please continue to pray for this project as we fulfill our "Go" Core Value.

Senior Ministry

Monthly Luncheons resume in October

This fall, Augustana's monthly luncheons will start on Thursday, October 17, in Fellowship Hall with a musical program. Watch for further information in the September *Tower* and weekly bulletins.

Children, Youth, Family

Faith Formation begins September 15—with some notable changes!

Big and great changes are coming our way as we kick off the 2019–2020 year of faith formation at Augustana.

Our start time is earlier!

We are moving our time to 9–10 a.m. for all our children, youth and Cross+Gen faith formation times!



Faith Frolic Class

Our birth–2-year-olds are welcome in the nursery, where our nursery attendants will play and read with them. Parents are welcome to join in as they wish.



GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

This year, our kids preK–4th grade are invited to join in the Spark House rotation curriculum, where you will learn in different ways each time you come: music, arts and crafts, science, technology, and games. This time will be a GIFT for all! This year, our starting locations are in the classrooms.



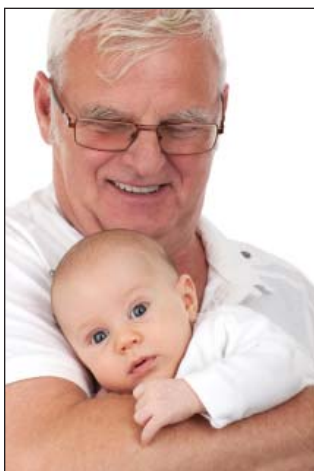
Confirmation

Our 5th–8th grade youth are invited to participate in Augustana’s confirmation program, which offers fellowship, spiritual growth, and focused study on the Old Testament, New Testament, and Lutheran Catechism. Please note that our first time together on Sunday, September 15 is for youth AND parents.



Breakfast Club

9th–12th grade youth gather on Sundays in the Youth Room for conversation around current topics, Bible study, meaningful fellowship, and, of course, breakfast!



CROSS GEN FAITH FORMATION

Augustana folks of all ages meet 9–10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to share their faith through singing, conversation in small groups, reading scripture, and crafts. The first Cross+Gen Faith Formation is Sunday, October 27, meeting the last Sunday of every month (excluding December) through April. Everyone come!

If you are wondering how you can spend those few extra minutes before 10:30 a.m. worship, we invite you to Fellowship Hall for coffee and goodies.



Hear about last month's mission trip!

On Sunday, August 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, join the youth for a presentation of their summer mission trip to Williston, North Dakota.

American Red Cross Babysitting Class

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry will host an American Red Cross Babysitting class Sunday, September 15, 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. This class has a minimum age of 11 and costs \$115. There is a maximum of 10 participants. Please sign up with **Shanna** by Saturday, September 7 (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org) with your payment to reserve your spot. You will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle; or, you may also eat lunch before attending.



Enjoy breakfast and receive a new Bible

All kids entering kindergarten and third and fifth grades along with their parents are invited to breakfast

Sunday, August 25, 9:15–10:15 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. During 10:30 a.m. worship, youth will receive new Bibles. RSVP to **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org) by Sunday, August 11, and include the name and grade level of your child, how you would like your child's name inscribed in the Bible, and how many in your party will be coming for breakfast.

Faith Formation Volunteers Lunch

All faith formation volunteers are invited to gather Sunday, August 25, noon–1 p.m., in the Youth Room. This time will be used to learn more about the curriculum, complete updated background checks, and eat lunch. RSVP to **Shanna** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org) by Sunday, August 18.

Fellowship

The Book Group is ready for a season of reading!

Augustana's Book Group meets the third Monday of each month at 11:15 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room, and we usually bring our lunch. You don't need to read the books in advance—just join us for fellowship and great discussion! Here is a list of our upcoming selections so that you can start reading!

September 16:

The Unquiet Dead: A Novel (Rachel Getty and Esa Khattak Novels) by Ausma Zehanat Khan
Despite their many differences, Detective Rachel Getty trusts her boss, Esa Khattak, implicitly. But she's still uneasy at Khattak's tight-lipped secrecy when he asks her to look into Christopher Drayton's death. But as Rachel and Khattak dig deeper into the life and death of Christopher Drayton, every question seems to lead only to more questions, with no easy answers. In her spellbinding debut, Ausma Zehanat Khan has written a complex and provocative story of loss, redemption, and the cost of justice that will linger with readers long after turning the final page. (Amazon)

October 21:

Unbound by John Shors
Shors recreates an ancient and celebrated Chinese legend about a pair of young lovers separated by war and the Great Wall.

November 18: Two Books!

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
Wharton's twelfth novel was initially serialized in four parts. It won the 1921 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, making it the first novel written by a woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, and thus Wharton the first woman to win the prize. The story is set in upper-class New York City in the 1870s.

Orange World by Karen Russell
Karen Russell's comedic genius and mesmerizing talent for creating outlandish predicaments that uncannily mirror our inner lives is on full display in these eight exuberant, arrestingly vivid, unforgettable stories. (Amazon)

No December meeting

January 20:

The 100-Year Old Man Who Climbed Out The Window by Jonas Jonasson
After a long and eventful life, Allan Karlsson ends up in a nursing home, believing it to be his last stop. The only problem is that he's still in good health, and in one day, he turns 100. A big celebration is in the works, but Allan really isn't interested (and he'd like a bit more control over his vodka consumption). So he decides to escape. He climbs out the window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey, involving, among other surprises, a suitcase stuffed with cash, some unpleasant criminals, a friendly hot-dog stand operator, and an elephant (not to mention a death by elephant). (Amazon)

February 17:

The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride
Who is Ruth McBride Jordan? A self-declared "light-skinned" woman evasive about her ethnicity, yet steadfast in her love for her twelve black children. James McBride, journalist, musician, and son, explores his mother's past, as well as his own upbringing and heritage. (Amazon)

Trailblazers

Staunton State Park Hike

Saturday, August 17, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m. This park just west of Conifer features varied geology, soils, water features, and a climate that supports rare and unexpected plant communities and a rich diversity of wildlife. We will hike to an old mill site, passing historic buildings and following a stream.

Rating: Moderate

Distance: 6.2 miles roundtrip

Elevation: 8,100 to 9,120 feet

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Pentecost 8 Health Ministry Sunday Worship/Communion 8am Fellowship and Coffee 10:30am Worship/Communion	5 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	6 9am Augustana 5:30pm Firm Believers 7pm Chapel Prayer Augustana Foundation Gifts Committee	7 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6:30pm Health Ministry and Children, Youth, & Family: "From Heroin to Hope: Making Sense of the Loss of a Child"	1 Noon Summer Barbecue 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	2 8am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	3 7:30pm Concert: Skyline Heartsong
11 Pentecost 9 Worship/Communion 8am Fellowship and Coffee 9am Global Ministries 9:15am 10:30am Worship/Communion	12 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 6:30pm Augustana Early Learning Center Board	13 5:30pm Augustana 6pm Children, Youth, & Family 7pm Ministry Committee Augustana Foundation	14 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	8 7pm Property Committee	9 8am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	10
18 Pentecost 10 Worship/Communion 8am Fellowship and Coffee 9am Mission Trip Highlights 9:30am 10:30am Worship/Communion	19 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	20 5:30pm Augustana 7pm Congregation Council Yoga	15 5:30pm Augustana Firm Believers	16 8am <i>The Tower</i> deadline 9:45am Mindfulness Yoga	17 8am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	17 9am Trailblazers: Staunton State Park Hike
25 Pentecost 11 Worship/Communion 8am Bible Breakfast 8:30am Fellowship and Coffee 9am 10:30am Worship/Communion Blessing of the Backpacks Bible Presentation Faith Formation Noon Volunteers Lunch	26 7:30am Foot Care Clinic 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	27 12:30pm Senior Ministry Committee 1pm <i>The Tower</i> Assembly 5:30pm Yoga	28 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Alzheimer's Early Onset Support 7:30pm Chancel Choir	22 5:30pm Augustana Firm Believers Mindfulness Yoga	23 8am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 4pm Wedding Rehearsal	24 4pm Wedding
				29 5:30pm Augustana Firm Believers Mindfulness Yoga	30 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers Noon Publications Volunteers Tea	31

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