

## Freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor

*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.*

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 8, is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Augustana members and friends will also be putting their hands to work during an hour or so of service beginning at 9 a.m. on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 8. This Sunday is a magnifier for the



## God’s work. Our hands.



work that people of faith do behind the scenes the other 364 days of the year. Invite friends, put on your “God’s work. Our hands.” t-shirt, come to Fellowship Hall, and pick a project!

### Operation Pantry for Metro Caring, September 8

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, September 8, will offer a couple of service opportunities that day. One of the “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday activities will support Metro Caring with a food portioning event of rice and beans. This service will provide portion-sized amounts for Metro Caring to offer as part of their healthy food initiative. Other similar food portioning service projects held at Augustana have successfully involved many Augustana families.

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#### Sunday Schedule

- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 9 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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## Recently lifted up in prayer

### For hope and healing:

- Mary Ellen Anderson, Venus Conklin, Hjordis Hawkins, Joyce Hegstrom, Bodhi Maunu, Lisa Mikolajczak, Thomas Miller, Phillip Nestingen, Guy Peterson, Ed Pierce, Lee Reinhart, Arthur Rosemary, Bev Strong, Nancy Vikman

### For comfort and courage:

- Seki Hodzic in the death of his friend, Mirsad Beharic
- Brian Bernhard in the death of his nephew, Austin Bernhard
- Jayme Howard in the death of her friend, Mike Coach
- Shirley Cunniff in the death of her sister-in-law, Jean Cunniff
- Jim Apple in the death of his sister, Vivian Duffy
- Samantha Wolfe in the death of her cousin, Steven Follenweider
- Judy Kessenich in the death of her brother, Vernon Hemerty
- Paul Gilbertson in the death of his nephew, Weston Nicolas
- Wendy Stalheim in the death of her brother, Wayne Wollins

## Thanks for your support!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the support from Augustana for the Border Servant Corps mission. Border Servant Corps (BSC), supported by the Rocky Mountain Synod, promotes and demonstrates justice, kindness, and humility through their intentional service on the US/Mexico border region.



On August 25, we will drive to El Paso with four large boxes of personal gifts from Augustana. Financial donations totaling \$2,659.25 were also received as well as support from three Thrivent project grants. Thank you!

We will be with the BSC staff, providing hospitality and childcare, sorting gifts, and providing transportation. Many hopeful asylum seekers have had to return to Juarez, Mexico, to wait for their court dates. We will also provide services and supplies by being present with them in Juarez.

Bishop Gonia was with BSC in April and has a series of excellent blog posts describing his experience (<https://bishopgonia.blogspot.com/2019/04/border-reflections-part-1-who-is-coming.html>). Check it out!

Thank you for your participation in supporting the BSC, which offers hope and courage in the face of our current immigration crisis.

In service,

## Rejoice with

- Parents Ryan and AJ Atherton and grandparents Craig and Amy Tamminga in the birth of Theodore Robert Atherton, August 20

## Thank you for the gifts!

### Special Gifts

- In memory of Ann Nimrod
- In honor of Torren Brekke's Baptism



## 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



## 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>



## Multifaith Volunteer Initiative—Jews, Muslims, and Christians

Next up: September 29 and 30, Rosh Hashanah Services at Botanic Gardens

You're invited to be a part of local Jews, Muslims, and Christians showing up for each other during our most special religious celebrations of the year. **Rabbi Brian Field** and **Josh Klasco** of Judaism Your Way invited Mosaic Multicultural Foundation (Muslim) and the Metro East Congregations and Ministries of the Rocky Mountain Synod (of which Augustana is a part) to participate.

Volunteer or learn more by contacting **Josh Klasco** ([josh@judaismyourway.org](mailto:josh@judaismyourway.org)). **Pastor Caitlin** is also available for questions and comment ([pastor.caitlin.trussell@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.caitlin.trussell@gmail.com)).

The Multifaith Volunteer Initiative attempts to shift the current mode of showing up during times of violent crises to showing up in times of celebration. Embodying security and hospitality by serving as greeters, servers, and more, we will witness each other's communities in moments of flourishing.

## Volunteer Ministry

### Bakers needed!

Our communion ministry needs volunteers to bake bread for communion. If you are interested in learning more, please contact **Julie MacDougall** in the office (303-388-4678 or [macdougall@augustanadenver.org](mailto:macdougall@augustanadenver.org)).



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Please plan to participate and help meet people's immediate need for nutritious food.

You can also participate by donating rice, beans, or money to cover additional costs related to zip-bags, boxes, gloves, and other supplies for the project. Make checks payable to Augustana, and indicate "God's work. Our hands." in the memo.



## Donate items and pack lunches for Denver's hungry and homeless

On Sunday, September 8, help Augustana's Children, Youth, and Family Ministry put together 100 lunch kits for the homeless and/or help donate items! Sign up to bring items at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D45AAAA2EA4F58-gods1>. You can drop them off early at Augustana's office (just let them know it's for this project), or bring them by 9 a.m. on Sunday, September 8, as we will be putting kits together then.

Our hope was that each list item could be found for \$20 or less, so shopping at Sam's, Dollar Tree, or other discount stores is encouraged! Thank you so much for your help!

## Help distribute the meal kits

If you would like to help deliver these meals, RSVP to **Shanna** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or [shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)). Immediately after 10:30 a.m. worship, we'll board a church bus to go and give out the meals. Parents are encouraged to come along with their kids.



## Crafting

Join Augustana's Health Ministry/Prayer Shawl group to work on a project for the underserved communities around the world.

**Worship Note:** Both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship will be in Augustana's sanctuary on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, September 8.

## Pastors

*To live in this world you must be able to do three things:  
to love what is mortal;  
to hold it against your bones knowing your own life  
depends on it;  
and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.*

—Mary Oliver "In Blackwater Woods"

The season of fall is a time of transition for most of us. The freedom that comes with summer—vacations, longer and lighter evenings, a less-packed schedule—comes to end, piece by piece. School starts again for many, the days grow shorter, and eventually the leaves begin to change. Some of us would like to dig our heels in and stop time, because we will miss all that summer had to offer. To watch a season change is hard sometimes.



It's a small picture of what grief is like—something that many of us are well-acquainted with. Change and loss—of jobs, or people, or relationships—is a painful part of the gift of being alive. Oftentimes we have very little control over what happens, something we're

reminded of when we have the desire to stop time or maybe even run it backwards a bit.

The poem above is masterful in reminding us that one of the things we learn in life is how to let go: of a place, or a memory, or a person. Loving deeply opens us up to hurt and grief, but it also cracks open our hard hearts and invites us into the mystery of living. There can be needed healing in that process.

Jesus modeled for us this deep loving and letting go in his living, dying, and rising. Christ invites us to move through all the seasons of life, trusting that he is always going before us into whatever is coming next.

**Pastor Ann**

### Augustana's Mission Statement:

Celebrating God's grace, we welcome everyone to WORSHIP Jesus, GROW in faith, and GO serve in the world.



### What's in a Name?

The short answer is: everything and not enough.

**Compassion & Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry** is the new name for the group formed by the integration of Social Ministry

(local), Global Mission, and LEAPP (advocacy).

Augustana's strategic plan sets a goal to "reassess global mission priorities and define key areas of focus"

(Ministry Result Area 3.3.3). Integrating the various ministries to work together on this goal seemed like a good place to start.

Renaming the group instigated fun and challenging conversations about the essence of what we're called to do with our neighbors as people of faith. (Let's just say that this pastor's name choice for the group didn't make the cut.) "Compassion" infers immediate needs met by charitable giving of money and things like food, clothes, and personal items. "Action" means showing up in solidarity or advocating with our neighbors to instigate systemic change locally or nationally. "With" communicates accompanying neighbors and working jointly to figure out what's best needed. All too often, trying to do good things backfires because the group that wants to help never stops to ask and listen to how the neighbors actually need help. "Neighbors" is all-encompassing and borrows heavily from Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10). Neighbors are next door, in our city, in our country, or around the world. It's a broad theological term that compels us out of our comfort zones across all kinds of differences.

The CAN Ministry is also an active word that combines nicely with the action words in our new mission statement: We Worship • Grow • Go! We CAN GROW. And we CAN GO! See how that works? I CAN.

Peace,

**Pastor Caitlin**

### CAN Ministry Meeting! (Compassion & Action with our Neighbors)

Sunday, September 22, noon–1:30 p.m.  
Anna Paulson Room

All are welcome as we continue integrating the work of our Social, Global and LEAPP (advocacy) Ministries begun last spring. The agenda includes setting priorities for congregation-wide efforts even as many of us continue to serve individually with a variety of organizations.



## Staff News



### Introducing Valerie Taron as Children's Faith Formation Coordinator

Starting in September, **Valerie Taron** will oversee Sunday morning Frolic and GIFT programs as Augustana's Children's Faith Formation Coordinator. She will be using her excitement and passion for growing in faith to coordinate these programs and volunteers. You can connect with Valerie at [valerie@augustanadenver.org](mailto:valerie@augustanadenver.org) and on Sunday mornings.

Valerie moved to Denver five years ago, with her husband Dan, from New Hampshire via London via San Francisco via Stanford via Fresno, California. They found Augustana in their first few weeks here and never left! Since then, she has worked in fund-raising for the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, had two girls (Alice who is 4 and Claire who is 1), and fallen in love with this new season of life as a stay-at-home mom. At Augustana, Valerie serves as Board Treasurer for the Early Learning Center and enjoys her time with the Women, Wine and Word crew as well as the Families with Young Children community group. She is passionate about discipling her own kids who teach her more about God's love and character every day than she expected! As someone who did not grow up attending Sunday School, she is honored to support this important ministry, and looks forward to connecting with all the children and their families this year.

## Announcing Our New Faith Community Nurse (FCN)!



**Sue Ann Glusenkamp** joins the staff on September 5, having served as a Parish Nurse in two prior congregations, as faculty in a FCN basic preparation course, and as an attendee of the Denver Metro FCN meetings. Her more recent work at Porter Hospital began as a staff nurse

and transitioned into Clinical Education with eight Medical/Surgical units. During that time she served her former congregation on their Health Cabinet, helping to establish the FCN position and health ministry.

Sue Ann values her Lutheran upbringing, her ongoing connection with the ELCA, and her daily spiritual disciplines including devotions, hymn singing, prayer journaling, yoga, and daily exercise. Both her father and spouse answered calls to become Lutheran pastors, which, in her words, led her to "cherish a keen understanding and love for church, ministry, and congregational life."

#### From Sue Ann:

*Greetings, dear people of Augustana Lutheran Church. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Faith Community Nurse (FCN). I eagerly look forward to meeting you this fall and partnering with you as individuals, families, and a congregation in health ministry. As we journey together on the health and wellness pathway, my prayer is that together we can claim the healing ministry of our Lord, Jesus Christ and be faith filled healers for one another. Peace be with you. Stay well this day, and I will see you soon!*

Your FCN,  
**Sue Ann Glusenkamp**

# Health Ministry

## Health Ministry Committee welcomes Sue Ann

The Health Ministry Committee is very pleased to welcome **Sue Ann Glusenkamp**, RN, MS, as the next Faith Community Nurse (formerly Parish Nurse) to carry forward Augustana's vibrant health ministry.

### The vision

Sue Ann is well suited to building on Augustana's remarkable 25-year history of parish nursing. It began when Drs. Calvin Ammerman, John Cowee, and Marilyn Stember learned about an exciting new congregational nursing role that had begun in the Chicago area in the mid-1980s. They collaborated to create a vision for its potential ministry at Augustana—Calvin advocating advantages for pastoral care, John garnering approval for a half-time position, and Marilyn becoming commissioned as a parish nurse. Because of their foresight, Augustana became a regional pioneer in parish nursing.

### University support

To implement the newly approved parish nurse position with the greatest likelihood of success, Augustana entered into a contract with the University of Colorado. Nancy Brown, RN, PhD, lent her expertise in commencing the health ministry program, obtaining external grant funding, and establishing a full range of services. This congregation-university collaboration was one of the first in the nation.

### Augustana's parish nurses

In 1994 **Sandy Kuka**, RN, MS, became the first Parish Nurse and served more than a decade. During this era, Augustana assumed a leadership role in the region securing approval in 2001 for an ELCA Parish Nursing/Health Ministry Resource Team—an infrastructure for developing parish nursing and health ministry throughout the Rocky Mountain Synod. Under Marilyn's leadership at the University of Colorado, more than 100 RNs completed coursework for commissioning as parish nurses.

Upon Sandy's retirement in 2005, the congregation's own **Joyce Thomson**, RN, MS, graciously became the Interim Parish Nurse. When **Sheryl Stenseth**, RN, MS, became the second Parish Nurse (later Faith Community Nurse) in 2006, the position was enhanced with her

Family Nurse Practitioner certification. Sheryl retired in 2017. **Jodie McClary**, RN, MS, served for nearly two years, resigning in 2019.

Over these many years, the Health Ministry Committee has continued to grow, providing multi-disciplinary expertise and gentle guidance to the Faith Community Nurse. They are a passionate voice for Augustana's mission in health ministry, and they are most eager to support Sue Ann as she assumes her new professional position.



## Faith Formation

### Adult Forum

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

"I give thanks to my God always for you." Who wouldn't want to receive a letter that started out like that? But what about "Examine yourself, to see if you are living in the faith"? That message might not be so welcome!

Both phrases are part of Paul's letters to the Christian community in Corinth, as well as some that are more familiar to us, such as "love is patient, love is kind." Paul loved the people in that community and wanted them to continue to follow Jesus, so he did what teachers and friends did—he wrote to them. Come explore First and Second Corinthians with Pastor Ann during Adult Forum September 15, 22, 29, and October 6. Together we will discover what these 'ancient' letters have to say to us today.

# Strategic Planning



## From process to puzzle pieces

Serving on the Augustana Strategic Planning committee was such a rewarding experience. We spent enough time together to develop a real rapport as a team—we even began to imagine we could predict our teammates’ reactions to our latest proposed wild ideas, which allowed for some light moments. We appreciated our consultant Evan Moilan’s guidance as to how to approach this project, but I admit I found myself thinking, “OK, I’ll do that, but I’m not really seeing how this is all going to come together . . .”

Soon, though, we all seemed to take a leap of faith, began trusting the process, and from that point worked patiently month by month as the plan took shape. We read and re-read the surveys of members and friends of Augustana and took them to heart, we pored over the results of the many community interviews we conducted. We took time to let the collected ideas be absorbed into the new vision, mission, and core value statements. Sometimes it seemed like a whole evening was spent on rewording one phrase, or on one small piece of the vision statement, or on deciding if a certain part of a goal should be included. A few days later, we would realize that the long-discussed change had taken us in a surprising direction—evidence, I believe, that our many, many prayers asking for guidance and inspiration were answered.

I think most of the congregation is now familiar with our new mission statement, and I hear “Worship •

Grow • Go” often these days. I hope everyone is coming to realize the strategic plan is not a high-level, philosophical report concluding with a few suggestions. The plan has a specific structure, a lot of detail, and is meant to be used to effect real change over the next two to three years. To give an idea of the structure and content, here is a by-the-numbers diagram:



Yes, the plan really does include over a hundred puzzle pieces; we organized and fit them together over the months. There are four Ministry Result Areas (MRAs)—these are the specific ways Augustana’s ministers (that’s all of us!) can move Augustana closer to our vision statement, in concert with our core values. As shown, those four MRAs are expanded into 15 goals, which we expanded into 38 sub-goals to get closer to a list of specific tasks and projects that can be done up by individuals, committees, or new working groups. To get the new efforts kick-started, we drafted over 40 tactics (action steps) as a starting point for the ones who take up this work.

There was a point in our discussions where our team sat back, looked at each other, thought about the 100+ puzzle pieces and agreed we needed to add one more: Invite more people to get involved! It became clear that many more of “Our hands” are needed to do the work outlined in Augustana’s strategic plan. I am excited to see the progress already being made on this work, and to see that our church leaders are revisiting the plan and tracking progress frequently. Please take another look at the Vision statement (page 9). Three years at first sounded like quite a long time, but no more—there is such a lot to do, so many ways we can each make a difference!

**Kari Blanchard**



# Vision

Emboldened by God's grace that we receive through Word, sacrament, and our rich worship heritage, Augustana will be known for:

- Reaching out to new people
- Being a center for music and the arts
- Generosity of volunteerism, land, building, and financial resources
- Partnering with our neighboring community and with the church (local and global)

# Mission

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

# Core Values



- We worship in ways that are authentic, Christ-centered, and that lift up God's grace.
- We use our musical gifts, heritage, and sacred space to inspire our praise.



- We deepen faith in Jesus across generations, support and care for one another in our faith community, and equip one another to share our faith.



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

# Congregation Council

Summer is winding down, and many of us are getting back into a different kind of routine and planning for the fall. Keep watching the bulletin and e-Pistle for many exciting happenings coming up this fall, because there are events and outings that will interest everyone!

In one of our meetings with the congregation during Coffee Hour, we heard from so many people that they want to get to know all the groups and committees that they can join. Keep watching the TV inside the Fairfax entrance for committees that you can Worship • Grow • Go with and make a difference inside Augustana, our community, our country and the world. I have talked with so many members, and, as you know, we have a great community here at Augustana and great people that have similar interests.

The council will be working on the Dakota Land project, following up on and giving the congregation updates on our progress with the strategic plan in all areas and the many exciting improvements to our beautiful building. As we work toward more implementation of the plan, we will continue to use "Worship • Grow • Go" to guide us. We will be working with committees to guide their work with the strategic plan, updating the congregation very soon.

**Lisa Boe-Sims,**  
Congregation President

# Dakota Land Initiative

The congregation's vote in May to pursue affordable housing on our vacant property began a process that will have several steps. During the summer, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was created with the assistance of Radian Architects. This RFP has been made available to three organizations involved in constructing affordable housing in Denver. When a partner and a potential design have been selected, a congregational meeting will be held to approve moving forward with the project.

Thanks for your patience and prayers as we continue to live out our Core Value of GO: We build relationships with others in our community and our world. We seek out ways to serve and love as Jesus did.

## Music Ministry

### Jammin' Augustana Super Sundays (JASS) gets a face-lift!

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry along with Music Ministry have been working together to make Sunday after church look and feel a bit different.

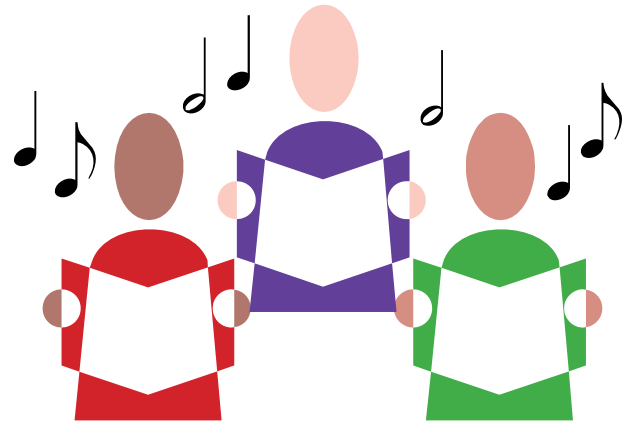
#### You, too, can stay for lunch!

Among the biggest change is that lunch will not only be served to all families that participate in choirs, but to ALL worshipers who might like to join in a meal after 10:30 a.m. worship. A catered meal will be planned for each week, and volunteers will help to set up, serve, and clean up. A suggested \$10 charge for adults and \$5 charge for a child/youth (Pre-K–12) will help to defer expenses.

#### Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Sunday

Another change is an intentional once-a-month youth or family activity, when all choir rehearsals will be canceled on that particular Sunday. This is a change that we hope will allow ALL who are eligible for an activity to participate in that activity.

Below is a list of dates and events where there will be no Sunday rehearsals in the afternoon.



### Find your choir!

Choirs at Augustana are in full swing beginning in September. Augustana's Music Ministry is open to all individuals who wish to share their voice or instrument in song and praise. All musical ensembles focus primarily on providing music for worship and sometimes reach out to the community in sacred concerts or singing or playing at other venues. Johann Sebastian Bach said, "Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul." With that in mind, we offer many ensembles to honor God and delight our souls. What follows is a listing of our musical groups. Which one or ones look interesting to you? We hope you will join in song this year!

### Sundays with Children, Youth, and Family Ministry events instead of Jammin' Augustana Super Sundays (JASS)

September 29, 2019	No Lunch	Confirmation Retreat (5th–8th grades)
October 13, 2019	Lunch will be served!	Trip to Pumpkin Patch
November 24, 2019	No Lunch	Senior High Rainbow Trail Retreat (9th–12th grades)
December 8, 2019	Lunch will be served!	Advent Adventure
January 19, 2020	No Lunch	Synod Youth Assembly (6th–8th grades, and perhaps 9th–12th)
February 23, 2020	Lunch will be served!	TBA event
March 8, 2020	No Lunch	Youth Ski Weekend
April 12, 2020	No Lunch	Easter Sunday
May 17, 2020	Lunch will be served!	End-of-Year Certificates

JASS (Jammin' Augustana Super Sundays) offers Faith Formation and youth activities along with several musical ensembles:

### **Vocal Choirs**

To participate in choral and instrumental choirs for children and youth, register online at <http://www.augustanadenver.org/ministries/learning/#faithjass> or on Sunday, September 8 between worship services.

#### **Cherubs** (grades 1–2)

Rehearsals on Sundays 12:15–1 p.m. beginning September 15. Marcia Olson, director. Catered lunch is provided and served by volunteers.

#### **Choristers** (grades 3–5)

Rehearsals on Sundays 12:15–1 p.m. beginning September 15. Angela Howard, director. Catered lunch is provided and served by volunteers.

#### **Cantabile** (grades 6–12)

Rehearsals on Sundays 1–1:45 p.m. beginning September 15. Angela Howard, director. Catered lunch is provided and served by volunteers.

### **Instrumental and Handbell Choirs**

#### **Recorders** (grade 3)

Rehearsals on Sundays 1–1:45 p.m. beginning September 15. Sharon Schillereff, director. Catered lunch is provided and served by volunteers.

#### **SONshine Ringers** (grades 4–5)

Rehearsals on Sundays 1–1:45 p.m. beginning September 15. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, director. Catered lunch is provided and served by volunteers.

#### **GraceNotes** (grades 6–8)

Rehearsals on Sundays 12:15–1 p.m. beginning September 15. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, director. Catered lunch is provided and served by volunteers.

#### **BELLievers** (grades 9–12)

Rehearsals on Sundays 1:45–2:30 p.m. beginning September 22. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, director. Catered lunch is provided and served by volunteers.

**NOTE:** Each vocal choir (Cherubs, Choristers, and Cantabile) sings once a month. Handbell choirs ring in worship approximately three times a year. Rehearsals are most weeks, with one Sunday a month off to allow all youth to participate in the monthly youth activity.

### **Adult Ensembles**

#### **Augustana Ringers** (college age adults and older)

Rehearsals on Wednesdays 6–7:15 p.m. beginning September 4. Cindy Lindeen-Martin, director. This choir rings once a month in worship on Sundays and for special services/occasions.

#### **Chancel Choir** (college age adults and older)

Rehearsals on Wednesdays 7:30–9:15 p.m. beginning August 27. Dick Larson, director. This choir sings on most Sundays throughout singing season, at special worship services and at three choir and orchestra concerts/special services per year.

#### **Silver Notes** (mature adults)

Rehearses as needed for a special services per year. Rehearsals are on Fridays 9–10:15 a.m. LeEtta Choi, director. This choir sings about 3–4 times in worship throughout the singing season.

Details about all musical groups will be e-mailed to all participants and may be found on the website ([www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org)). Direct questions to Minister of Music **Cindy Lindeen-Martin** ([lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org](mailto:lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 117), who will be more than happy to share her enthusiasm and details for all ensembles!



## **Youth tell of North Dakota mission trip at Thrivent meeting**

Our Augustana youth will share their Williston, North Dakota, mission trip experiences at the Thrivent meeting Sunday, September 29, 11:30 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. All Augustana members and friends are welcome. The youth presenters and their chaperones are Thrivent guests; all others may reserve a place for the light lunch (\$5). Reserve your place by Friday, September 27 by calling **Katherine Cruson** (303-696-7430).



# Children, Youth, and Family

## Get ready for Augustana's Faith Formation!



Augustana's Children, Youth, and Family Ministry offers Sunday morning Faith Formation classes for all ages—babies through

high school! Faith Frolic for babies and toddlers is offered in the nursery. Children in PreK–grade 4 will meet for the exciting new GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) curriculum. Youth in grades 5–8 will gather for Confirmation instruction, and high school youth will enjoy Breakfast Club. All classes begin Sunday, September 15 at a new time, 9–10 a.m.

Please register all Faith Formation participants online at the Learning page at [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org). Parents are encouraged to complete the Participant Health Form for their children as well.

## Babysitting class offered for teens

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. To reserve your spot, please pay and register with **Shanna** by Saturday, September 7 (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or [shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)). You will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle; or, you may also eat lunch before attending.

## High School Youth Planning Session

All 9th–12th grade youth are invited to plan next year's calendar on Sunday, September 15 following 10:30 a.m.

worship. Grab a plate of food from Fellowship Hall and bring it to the Youth Room. We will finish at 1 p.m.



## Families with young children gather for food and conversation

Families with young children are invited to participate in a small group that provides fellowship, friendship, and conversation around being a Christian parent. We gather 4–6 p.m. on selected Sunday evenings at different families' homes. During this time we will share a meal, and we invite our youth to come and help care for our kids. We kick off October 13. For more information, contact **Shanna** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or [shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)).

## 5th–8th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Sky Ranch

Youth in grades 5–8 head to Sky Ranch's confirmation retreat as a group September 27–29.

Coyote Howl Confirmation Retreats creates sacred space for confirmation students to build upon a foundation which will travel back with them to their home congregations. Coyote Howl retreats offer community building, Bible study, worship, and fellowship with youth from throughout the Rocky Mountain Synod. Alongside our dynamic, energetic and passionate staff, youth will explore the way that God is at work in their individual communities along with how their connection to one another essentially shapes their journey of faith.

Register with **Shanna** through September 15 (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or [shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)). Cost is \$110 per person.



## Property Corner

By press time we will have completed several projects campus wide. First off, at long last we are wrapping up the Fellowship Hall storage door project! We greatly appreciate your patience with us as we navigated through a myriad of engineering, building code, and architectural matters. Also being finished up are landscaping the planting beds of both the Alameda lawn and the courtyard area.

Since we last updated you, we also started (and completed!) our largest project in a while: the re-grading, drainage improvements, and repaving of the lower parking lot. Due to the age of the parking lot and drainage issues, this required us to basically rip out the old lot and start over. This was very expensive and had been on the Property wish list for almost a decade. What suddenly made this possible? Funding from multiple sources was the key. A combination of Property and foundation funds, along with gifts from the Fies got us started. Then the Congregation Council came through with a large appropriation from their discretionary fund (which consists primarily of estate gifts). The result is our new lower parking lot including expanded curbing and much improved drainage. This is a great example of the power of the multiple funding sources at Augustana coming together for one project.

We continue to study our existing cooling and heating systems and are evaluating modern solutions to save energy and keep us more consistently comfortable. It's a large effort, but as we saw with the parking lot work, we can do great things together! Thank you so much for your gratitude, as well as your continuing donations of labor and dollars.

That's all for now—we're back to spreading mulch!

Blessings from the Property Team

## 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](mailto:duanegall@aol.com) or 303-355-8470).



# Fellowship

## Theater & Theology

Theater and Theology brings members of Rocky Mountain Synod congregations in and near Denver to productions of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. After viewing a play, we do a talk-back discussion with cast members on theological issues raised in the play. The plays and these discussions can challenge and stimulate our faith and, therefore, the mission of the Church, in a unique way.

### A Doll's House Part 1

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m., Ricketson Theatre,  
Tickets: \$35

Contact **Rosalee Wanchisen** (303-759-9836 or [rwanchisen@gmail.com](mailto:rwanchisen@gmail.com)) by Sunday, September 15 to reserve a ticket and for information.

Nora's life is a picture-perfect portrait, complete with a doting husband, gleeful children and the small pleasures of her 1870s Norwegian home. But underneath her wide-eyed demeanor lies a deceit that she fears will tear her family apart. As the consequences stack up to reveal deeper flaws in her relationship, she slams the door on her marriage to assert her independence in this heart-wrenching and gripping production.

Check payable to Rocky Mountain Synod and footnoted "T&T Augustana: A Doll's House Part 1" must reach Augustana's office by Sunday, September 15.



### A Doll's House Part 2

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., Ricketson Theatre,  
Tickets: \$35

Contact **Rosalee Wanchisen** (303-759-9836 or [rwanchisen@gmail.com](mailto:rwanchisen@gmail.com)) by Sunday, September 22 to reserve a ticket and for information.

Fifteen years later, Nora's unexpected return cuts through the subtext to confront her decisions head-on in this Tony-nominated, contemporary sequel. Asking for favors instead of forgiveness, the proudly independent woman demands help from the family she left behind. But as she hilariously roasts the society she has shunned, her husband and children get their long-awaited chance to stand their ground. "Smart, funny and utterly engrossing" (The New York Times), this piece snappily filters the still-prevalent pressures of motherhood and self-fulfillment through a modern perspective.

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## Trailblazers

### Mount Falcon Park Hike

Saturday, September 21, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m.

This hike just west of the metro area will take us past historic sites and offer scenic vistas of the plains to the east and mountains to the west. We will encounter what remains of John Brisben Walker's elaborate stone house after being destroyed by a fire in 1918. We then end with

a visit to the site of the Summer White House, which Walker intended to be a summer home for the Presidents, but never got past the foundation and cornerstone stage.

Rating: Easy to moderate

Distance: 4 miles roundtrip

Elevation: 7,800 to 7,400 feet

Guide: **Karen Kisch** (303-810-0456 or [scottkykisch@hotmail.com](mailto:scottkykisch@hotmail.com))



# 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)



## Women, Wine, and Word

This Bible study for women of all ages will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. During the fall, we will be reading and discussing the Gospel of Mark together.

This gospel is: the earliest one written; the shortest one; and the writer uses one word over and over to emphasize that Jesus is on the move. Come find out what that word is, and join the learning and laughter. Friends are always welcome!



## United States Air Force Academy Stellar Brass

Augustana Arts is pleased to bring the United States Air Force Academy Stellar Brass for a FREE “Stellar Salute to the Brave and Bold” concert, Friday, September 20, 7:30 p.m., at Augustana.

Stellar Brass combines percussion instruments with a traditional brass quintet, resulting in an original and innovative musical ensemble performing a broad range of eclectic musical styles. Stellar Brass represents the Air Force as musical ambassadors and are nationally recognized and respected as clinicians, presenting university and high school master classes. As professional Airmen and musicians, they proudly represent the Air Force and the Air Force Academy and epitomize the Air Force core value of excellence in all they do.

We are especially excited to feature Cindy Lindeen-Martin at the organ as she joins the Stellar Brass for an uplifting piece that is sure to engage the audience. Join us for a concert that salutes the men and women who serve our country.

Tickets are FREE, but reservations are requested at [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org).

## Kantorei, Colorado Women's Chorale, and Treble High School Festival

Co-hosted by Augustana Arts and the Colorado Women's Chorale, Kantorei sopranos and altos will join the evening concert of the high school treble choirs in a day that starts with clinics and workshops for area high school sopranos and altos.

Our featured guest clinician, **Dr. Jennaya Robison**, is the Associate Professor of Music at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where she conducts Aurora, Collegiate Chorale, and the Luther College Gospel Choir and teaches courses in conducting and vocal pedagogy.



Tickets for the concert, Friday, September 27, 7:30 p.m. are only \$10 and can be reserved at [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org).

## Stratus Chamber Orchestra

**Intermezzo! Lighten it Up** with Puccini and Mascagni in collaboration with Ars Nova Singers

- Friday, October 4, 7:30 p.m. at First Plymouth Congregational Church
- Saturday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. at Augustana
- Sunday, October 6, 4 p.m. (matinee) at First United Methodist, Boulder

Music holds all things together—it's the connective tissue. With the help of the Ars Nova Singers, Stratus will perform magnificent and famous music written specifically to connect: “Intermezzo” from Mascagni's *Cavaleria Rusticana* and Puccini's “Humming Chorus” from *Madama Butterfly*. As these pieces served to connect acts and scenes, Randall Thompson uses music to connect text, music, and the human heart, setting music to the poetry of Robert Frost.

For tickets, visit [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org). Augustana Lutheran Church members receive a 50 percent discount for October 4 and 5 only by using code ALC50.



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