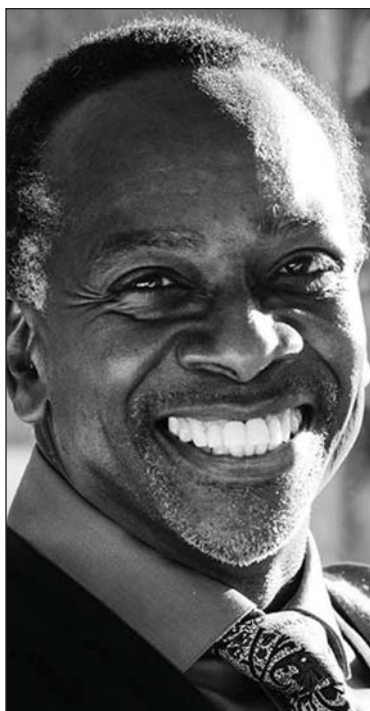


REMEMBERING Martin Luther King Jr.

Professor Harry Waters Jr. to preach Martin Luther King Jr. sermon at Augustana

On Sunday, January 19, come and hear an excerpt of one of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s sermons preached at both worship services by Professor Harry Waters Jr. Professor Waters will also lead a discussion about Rev. Dr. King's speeches and sermons and what they teach us in Adult Forum, 9:15–10:15 a.m., in the Anna Paulson Room.

Professor Harry Waters Jr. teaches in the Theater and Dance Department of Macalester College, and he is also the Associate Dean of the Kofi Annan Institute for Global Citizenship. A relevant aside, his parents, Harry and Betty Waters, are Augustana members. He portrayed Marvin Berry in the movie



Back to the Future which earned him a Gold Record for his rendition of “Earth Angel,” guest-starred in many television roles, worked as an actor on and off Broadway, and directed productions in the Twin Cities, and nationally, and at Macalester College. Mr. Waters received his MFA in Directing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and holds a Meisner Acting Technique Teacher Certification with Larry Silverberg.

Plan now to be a part of this special presentation at worship and Adult Forum, Sunday, January 19!

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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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Rejoice with

- Parents Lynette and Adam Lueders, brother Marshall (3), and grandmother Sandy Kistler in the birth of Charlotte Dawn Lueders, October 28
- Parents Bryan and Addison Perrott and grandparents Kit and LeEtta Choi in the birth of Tilia Waye Perrott, November 27
- Parents Abby Farrand and Matt Stadolnik and grandparents Rick Farrand and Jo Ann Wacker-Farrand in the birth of Sam Edward Stadolnik, November 16

Recently lifted up in prayer

For hope and healing:

- Paige Bartels, Aaron Friedrichs, Lisa Harmon, Cynthia Heiser, Elizabeth Hepworth, Doug Hennagir, Mary Kapapalosi, Phillip Nestingen, Peggy O'Connell, Joyce Oleson, Dick Schutt, Leslie Remmert Soich

For comfort and courage:

- Erin Brown and the Baker family in the death of uncle, Larry Brown
- Orvid Olson in the death of his brother, Wilbert Fischer
- Julie Shellhorn in the death of her mother, Joyce Hegstrom
- Family and friends of Gabriele Korndorfer in her death
- Family and friends of Anna Schumacher in her death
- Marcia Olson in the death of her cousin, Lee Wing

“Thanks, Augustana!”

Thank you to Phoebe Circle for the Christmas stocking full of goodies.

I appreciate it a lot.

Blessings,
Chickie Bakkemo

Thank you for the gifts!

Health Ministry

- In memory of Dilworth Blatchford, Norman Olson, Bev Strong

Music Ministry

- In memory of Bertil Nilemo

Special Gifts

- In memory of Dilworth Blatchford, Clarence and Frances Linemeyer, Guy Peterson, Bev Strong

Pastors



O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path . . . and are acquainted with all my ways.

Psalm 139:1-3

I remember reading this psalm many years ago with a family whose child had suddenly died. I was a young summer chaplain at University Hospital, and they asked to have a service in the chapel together.

Summer chaplaincies (which most pastors and deacons complete as part of their education) have a way of disabusing you of the notion that you can fix everything. They also have a way of cracking open your heart so you can share all the sorrow, fear and wonder that are a part of being alive.

I don't remember much detail of that particular memorial service. I do remember that the promise of God's constant presence in their child's life brought the family comfort in the midst of their grief. And I do know that I have returned to this psalm again and again over the years for comfort, peace and hope.

When we stand on the edge of a new year, it's often a time of reflection on the past and straining forward to try to see the future that's ahead. It's a wonderful time to remind ourselves that no matter

what has happened or will happen, we are embraced and known each day by God's love in Christ. As our own baptismal liturgy says: "Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."

How will we let that promise shape our 2020?

Pastor Ann



The Good Reverend

Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. is often quoted in pithy bits of larger works. Constrained by necessarily brief memes and tweets, so much of what he had to say never reaches our

ears much less our hearts. Sunday, January 19, we'll have the opportunity to hear one of Rev. King's sermons preached by Professor Harry Waters Jr. at both worship services. More than theatrical presentation, Professor Waters gives us an opportunity to listen well to a powerful message from Rev. King from our pulpit. White folks can listen and pause to wonder how often it is that we're in a moment of deep listening to people of color who are also siblings in the faith.

As a descendent of slave owners, I find this kind of listening a powerful reversal to the bulk of our country's dark and painful racial history as well as the present time. It moves us beyond lip service to reconciliation and opens the possibility of moving us one step closer to it. The apostle Paul has a thing or two to say about reconciliation:

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to

himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

We're set free in Christ to turn towards our neighbor and wonder what's possible by way of reconciliation. Sometimes our wondering takes place in a low risk setting like our own worship space. Come and listen. Who knows what might become possible?

Peace,
Pastor Caitlin



Dial-a-Care concludes at the end of the year

Augustana will conclude its Dial-a-Care ministry on December 31, 2019. For over 30 years, Augustana staff and lay people have been recording 3-minute messages about God, faith, the Bible, and the gospel. Thank you to all of you who have listened and responded. Thanks to all who have recorded messages of hope and love over the years and to **Don Troike** and **Lyn Goodrum**, our most recent recorders.

Faith Formation

Adult Forum

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

January 5 and January 12 are being scheduled at the time of this writing. Please stay tuned to the Sunday worship announcement pages and Augustana's Facebook page for updates. Follow Augustana's Facebook page at facebook.com/augustanadenver/.

January 19: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Speeches and Sermon" will be led by **Professor Harry Waters Jr.** Come and hear what these speeches have to teach us.

Professor Waters is the Associate Dean of the Kofi Annan Institute for Global Citizenship while remaining a professor in the Macalaster College's Theater and Dance Department.

January 27: Cross Generational Sunday: "Operation Food Pantry" for Metro Caring sponsored by CAN Ministry (Compassion and Action with our Neighbors). Repackage beans and rice for Metro Caring's pantry shelves! (*See page 12.*)



Senior Ministry

Sue Ann explores gratitude and wellness at monthly luncheon

Thursday, January 16, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Our November luncheon was cancelled due to weather, so Faith Community Nurse **Sue Ann Glusenkamp** will do the presentation planned for that luncheon for the January luncheon: "Is Gratitude Good for Your Health?" Learn what recent research reveals about surprising effects of practicing gratitude, and receive a special gift to inspire regular gratitude habits. **Judy Nyquist** and her crew will prepare a tasty lunch for us, but reservations are needed by Monday, January 13, for planning purposes. Call Augustana's office (303-388-4678) with your reservation. Cost per person is \$8. Visitors are welcome, and we encourage you to invite a friend to enjoy good food, conversation and an interesting program.

Health Ministry

Warning! Watch for these 12 signs of GOOD HEALTH in the New Year!

1. Persistent presence of supportive friends.
2. Chronic positive expectations—a tendency to frame events in a positive light.
3. Regular signs of joy in living.
4. Sense of spiritual renewal in the Lord.
5. Increased sensitivity to others.
6. A tendency to adapt to changing conditions.
7. Increased appetite for physical activity.
8. Tendency to identify and communicate feelings.
9. Repeated episodes of gratitude and generosity.
10. Compulsion to care for other people.
11. Persistent sense of humor. Known to laugh out loud!
12. A life centered in the forgiveness of Christ!

Happy Healthy New Year to each of you!

Nursing Notes from Sue Ann

#NewBeginnings#Resolutions#FreshStart#Hopefulness

Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do, be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Take a deep breath and just notice how your body responds. Pause, be still, feel how your muscles, nerves, bones, and skin react. Starting a new year is similar to a fresh new load of oxygen entering your blood stream. New beginnings feel refreshing and full of hopefulness. Traditionally, January is a time to make resolutions for behavior changes. It typically takes, at a minimum, 21 days to get something new on your “hard drive.” Writing SMART goals is one way to assist with commitment and successful goal achievement. Let me know if you would like to learn more about writing and attaining SMART goals for your new year. As a certified wellness coach, I am happy to support your new beginnings, New Year, hopeful journey toward better health and wellness. The words of the hymn “Lord of All Hopefulness” provide inspiration for new beginnings.

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking and give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Stay well this day and pray,

Sue Ann, your FCN

Lord of All Hopfulness Author: Jan Struther, Copyright: Public Domain



Congregation Council

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Ah, the promise of the New Year: New Year's resolutions, goals, and new beginnings! I am not one who sets New Year's resolutions because of all the failed attempts. However, I do set goals for the New Year. It feels like a fresh start! I have an opportunity to re-evaluate my priorities. We look at our budget during this time, too.

In the two years that I have been on the Congregation Council, I have become aware of paid and volunteer jobs at Augustana; it has given me a new appreciation. The Augustana budget is an interesting area where gifts from the congregation are matched with the expenses to run the church. Many years ago, I decided that filling out the intention of giving card was a priority for me and my family. I had to think about it from the church's point of view: How can they plan their budget and fulfill their goals to run the church and pay staff, keep all the incredible programs and help all the charities they give to, without knowing the amount that will be given as offering? I thought about it as if it were my budget at home and how could I reach my goals that I set without knowing our income? I had to make giving to my church a priority in my budget, too.

When I was younger, I also gave of my time to our kids' schools and at church to give back. I love that Augustana has so many ways to give of our time. The ways that I have given of my time have changed over the years because of what is important to me in various stages of my life. Whether it was helping in the nursery, teaching Sunday School, communion assistant, Altar Guild, the high school lock-in and garage sale, or Congregation Council, they each were (and are) important to me. The time commitment for each of the volunteer jobs was very different, and each seemed to fit my busy schedule at the time. I have been grateful to meet so many more Augustana people with similar interests.

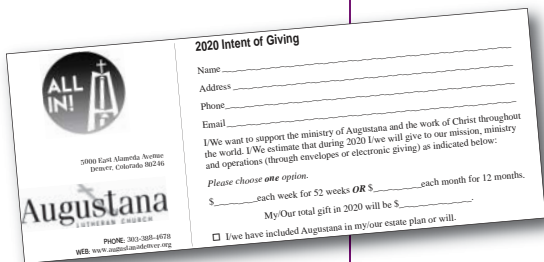
If you are also setting resolutions or goals for yourself and your family, look at what is important to you, write it down (it is much more likely to be achieved), and make the commitment.

Lisa Boe-Sims,
Congregation President

Are you All In at Augustana?

We have received financial intents (pledges) from 130 households for our ministry together in 2020. If you haven't had the opportunity to turn in a card, please do so. Your giving helps to make everything we do happen: worship and programs in our congregation, our outreach to the community and the world, and our mission support to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Please pick up a card at Augustana's entrance tables, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or give it Finance Administrator Lisa Mikolajczak. Thanks for sharing what God has entrusted to you!



I just think that philanthropy is a fancy way to say that you care about others and that you want to serve others.

Priscilla Chan
(Zuckerberg)



Year-end gifts and offerings to Augustana

In order to deduct your charitable contributions for 2019, gifts given by check or cash must be postmarked by US Mail or be included in the offering by Tuesday, December 31. For electronic givers, be sure to initiate your gift on or before Friday, December 27, so that it is posted by your credit card issuer before year end. Your support of Augustana's mission and ministry is greatly appreciated.

Questions about your 2019 giving may be directed to **Lisa Mikolajczak**, Finance Administrator, at 303-388-4678 ext. 103 or lisa@augustanadenver.org.

Constitution Amendments to be voted upon in February

These constitution amendments have been approved at the August ELCA Churchwide Assembly and at the Augustana November Congregation Council and will be voted upon at the February congregation meeting. To see the full text of amendments go to www.elca.org then go to churchwide organization, then to Office of the Secretary, then to constitutions, then to 2019 Amendments to Model Constitution for Congregations.

Remember that paragraphs with an * (i.e., *C5.04) are required changes.

Summary of Amendments to the Model Constitution for Congregations, 2019

Additions are **underlined**. Deletions are **struck through** in the text.

Most changes:

- Replace "synodical" with "synod"
- Replace "the congregation" with "this congregation"
- Editorial changes so that the *Model Constitution for Congregations* follows the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* and the *Constitution for Synods*.
- Some renumbering of paragraphs as needed
- Some word changes, such as "~~effected~~ taken", "~~disabled~~ with disability status", "~~partnership with support of~~", "~~partnership collaboration~~", "~~benevolence mission support~~".

*C5.04. This congregation shall **choose elect** from its voting members laypersons to serve as voting members of the Synod Assembly...

*C6.04. Affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **may be is** terminated as follows:
c. This congregation is removed from membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America ...**or in accordance with provision 9.23. of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**
d. **The Rocky Mountain Synod takes charge and control of the property of this congregation to hold, manage, and convey the same on behalf of the synod pursuant to ¶13.24. of the synod constitution. This congregation shall have the right to appeal the decision to the next Synod Assembly.**

*C6.05. This congregation may terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America by the following procedure:
(a. through h. details the process of termination. The main change in these paragraphs is to now require **two** legally called and conducted special meetings, and outlines steps for each meeting.)

*C7.01-.05 Property Ownership
.02 If this congregation is removed from membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America...**or pursuant to 9.23. of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**
.03 and .04 removes "two-thirds" requirement for votes of voting members of this congregation to leave Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
.04 line 9 ...**In neither case does title to this congregation's property transfer to the synod.**

*C7.05. (This provision becomes required; it previously was optional. If the congregation leaving the synod has received property from the synod, the congregation must return the property to the synod.)

Election results

At Augustana's congregational meeting November 10, **Roger Lipker** and **Pam Uyemura** were elected to the 2020 Congregation Council. **Grace Blanchard** was elected as the youth representative and **Ogden Willoughby**, as the alternate.

Emmett Cruson, **Margaret Aarestad**, **Anne Stratton**, and **Brian Willoughby** were elected to the 2020 Nominating Committee.

Morgan Levy and **Nick and Holly Massie** were elected as voting members to the 2020 Synod Assembly.

*C8.02. Membership

c. **Voting** members...line 6 They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months.

*C8.05. Membership in this congregation shall be terminated by any of the following:

d. disciplinary action in accordance with ELCA constitutional provision 20.41. and the accompanying bylaws Chapter 20 of the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;

*C9.03. a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:

6) impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through distribution of its communications and publications available channels of effective communication:

b. Each pastor...shall...

6) encourage adherence to covenantal relationship with this church as expressed in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

*C9.14. line 5 ...before the installation of that pastor in another field of labor or the granting by the synod of retired status to the pastor call or approval of a request for change in roster status.

*C9.21. Authority to call a minister of Word and Service deacon...

*C9.26 The deacon shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to a former congregation before:

a. installation in another field of labor, or

b. the issuance of a certificate of dismissal or transfer.

This congregation shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to a former deacon before calling a successor. A deacon shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to this congregation before beginning service in a call to another congregation or employment in another ministry setting.

Changes in C10 through C13

C10.01. The [annual] meeting of this congregation shall be held at a time specified in the bylaws. This congregation shall have at least one regular meeting per year. The regular meeting(s) of the congregation shall be held at the time(s) specified in the bylaws. Consistent with the laws of the State of Colorado, the bylaws shall designate one regular meeting per year as the annual meeting of this congregation.

C10.08. This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.

C12.01. and C12.02. allow the addition of the deacon to the voting membership of the Congregation Council.

C12.02. line 5. Newly elected Congregation Council members shall be installed at worship the Sunday prior to the date they assume office at a time appointed by the Congregation Council.

C13.05. When a pastoral vacancy occurs in a position for which this congregation calls a rostered minister, a Call Committee... Term of office will terminate upon installation of the newly called pastor rostered minister.

*C15.11. When there is disagreement among factions within this congregation on a substantive issue that cannot be resolved by the parties, members of this congregation shall have access to the synodical bishop for consultation after informing the chair of the Congregation Council of their intent. If the consultation fails to resolve the issue(s), the Consultation Committee of the synod shall consider the matter. If the Consultation Committee of the synod shall fail to resolve the issue(s), the matter shall be referred to the Synod Council, whose decision shall be final.

When there is disagreement between or among factions within this congregation of a substantive issue which cannot be resolved by the parties, members of this congregation may petition the synod bishop for consultation after informing the president of this congregation of their intent to do so. The synod bishop shall seek a timely resolution of the dispute. If the issue relates directly to the pastor, the bishop may begin the process in ¶S14.18.d. In all other matters, if the bishop's consultation fails to resolve the issue, the bishop shall refer the matter to the Consultation Committee of the synod, which shall undertake efforts to find an appropriate solution. If the Consultation Committee's efforts fail to resolve the dispute, the entire matter shall be referred to the Synod Council for adjudication by whatever process the Council deems necessary. The Synod Council's decision shall be final.

*C16.02 amendments: change approved and ratified from Congregation Meeting to any regular meeting of the congregation.

*C17.04 and *C18.03 Adopted or amended bylaws and continuing resolutions shall be sent by the secretary of this congregation to the synod.

Proposed Bylaw Amendments to be voted upon in February

These bylaw amendments, presented by the Augustana Foundation Board, were approved at the Augustana November Congregation Council meeting. They will be voted upon at the February congregation meeting. Additions are underlined. Deletions are ~~struck through~~ in the text.

3) Officers of this congregation shall hold the same offices on the Congregation Council, such officers being the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

d. Treasurer:

....Each year the treasurer shall submit to the Congregation Council and to this congregation an audit of all financial records and transactions to include those of the Augustana Foundation ~~Fund~~ Board along with the annual financial report. ...

10) The Augustana Foundation ~~Fund~~ Board, created by and responsible to the congregation for management of those endowed and other funds transmitted to its care, shall through its Treasurer cause an annual report ~~and outside audit of its transactions~~ to be submitted to the Congregation Council as part of its annual report to the congregation. The transactions of the Augustana Foundation Board shall be included in the congregation's outside audit. ...Expenditure guidelines issued by the congregation to ~~The the Augustana Foundation Fund Committee Board~~ should be reviewed annually to assure Foundation responses to changing congregational objectives under changing internal and external circumstances, whether financial of or pastoral.

CAN Ministry (Compassion and Action with Our Neighbors)

We exceeded our goal!

Thank you, one and all,
who gave money for the
food and who spent time
packing Thanksgiving
dinner baskets for Warren
Village families!

We exceeded the goal of
106 baskets (\$3,922)!

“Warren Village exists
so low-income, single-
parent families can
achieve sustainable
personal and economic
self-sufficiency. Utilizing
a nationally acclaimed,
Two-Generation (2Gen)
approach, Warren Village
empowers disadvantaged
single parents to regain
self-esteem, reconnect
to the community, and
ultimately reclaim a
productive place in the
community.” Learn more
at warren-village.org.



On Sunday, November 24, volunteers packed 106
Thanksgiving food baskets for Warren Village families.

How you can get involved with CAN

CAN Ministry meets
Sunday, January 5, noon–
1:15 p.m., Anna Paulson
Room. Come and hear the
latest updates about Undie
Sunday, Schools Team,
Refugee Mentors, and
other opportunities for
Compassion and Action
with our Neighbors.

Questions? Contact
co-chairs **Laura Libby**
(laura.a.libby@gmail.com) or **Casey King**
(kingfamily2003@gmail.com).



▲ Chili Challenge collection in Augustana's sanctuary

▼ Augustana Early Learning Center children help load their canned chili collection for delivery.



▲ George Washington High School chili delivery.

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Challenge nets over 1,500 pounds!

Thank you to all who gave to the Chili Challenge for Metro Caring and George Washington High School food pantries. This sixth annual friendly competition between the congregation (920 pounds) and the Augustana Early Learning Center (635 pounds) combine for a total of 1,555 pounds! 250 cans were given to the high school along with 25 can openers that were needed during Finals Week for students in need and their families. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to hear from local neighbor organizations about how best to partner with them.

We have a team of Refugee Mentors!

On Sunday, December 1, five Augustana members were trained to be refugee mentors by **Mary Feeney Francis** of Lutheran Family Services. Two more have signed up for training later. We learned about an alphabet soup of categories of immigrants and what it means to be a refugee.

Mary pointed us to tools that will be helpful to us and gave us scenarios simulating situations we may encounter as refugee mentors and advice about what to do. We are excited to finish our applications, pass our background checks and be matched with a family. The whole team will then

meet with the family for introductions.

If you would like to participate as a refugee mentor, Lutheran Family Services will be doing the same training at their offices at 1600 Downing St., #600, Denver, on Tuesday, January 7, 6:30–9:30 p.m. and

Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Find out more and sign up for these trainings at <https://www.lfsrc.org/programs-and-services/refugees/refugee-asylee-volunteer-program/refugee-volunteer-sign/>. Call **Rhonda Crossen** (303-333-5544) if you have questions.

Two CAN Ministry projects you can do in January!



Operation Food Pantry 2020

Is this any way to start a new year? Of course! On Sunday, January 26, between services we will once again repackage nearly two tons of rice and beans for Metro Caring's food pantry. This popular, intergenerational and annual event is open to all members of Augustana from age 5 to 105. Join

us 9–10:30 a.m. as we portion bulk dried rice and beans into 2-pound bags. This is part of Metro Caring's healthy food initiative. If you can not be there, but would like to help toward the purchase of rice and beans or the packaging supplies, you may make checks payable to Augustana and indicate Operation Pantry on the envelope and/or check memo.

Get behind Undie Sunday!

Augustana's CAN Ministry will be hosting Undie Sunday on January 26. Throughout the month of January, we are asking for donations of underwear and socks to donate to Clothes to Kids and diapers and wipes for Foster Source. Items may be brought any Sunday in January and placed around the altar. (I'm chuckling already thinking how God will look down at our donation pile and smile.)

We will celebrate the success of our donation drive with a Bottoms Up Root Beer Float reception after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 26 in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions about this donation drive, please contact **Amy King** (amyking0607@gmail.com) or **Linda Tinderholt** (lindatinderholt@comcast.net).

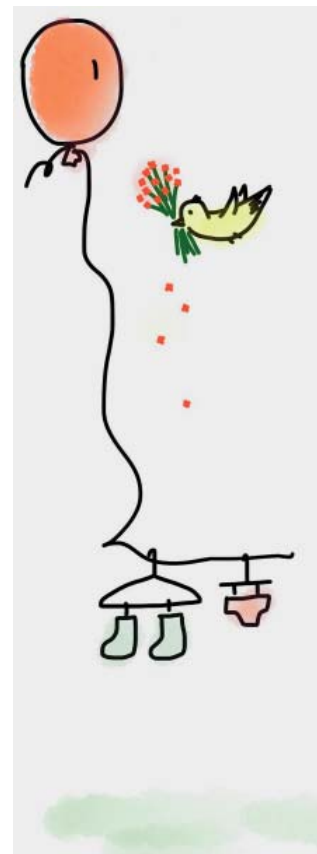
Here is more information about the ministries we are supporting through this drive. (Pun alert!)

Clothes to Kids

For the nearly 195,000 preschool through twelfth grade students in the Denver Metro area from low income or in-crisis families, a barrier to success is often their lack of adequate school clothing. Clothes to Kids provides complete outfits for these children twice a year. The outfits include five new pairs of undies and socks, five tops, four bottoms, a coat, and a pair of shoes. Clothes to Kids is located at 2890 South Colorado Blvd. Unit M-3. Stop by to see the amazing work that is being done at the store. All underwear and sock donations must be new and will be given directly to Clothes to Kids to help keep bottoms covered!

Foster Source

Foster Source provides training and resources to foster and kinship parents statewide in Colorado. We are often asked for help providing diapers and wipes for two reasons: number 1 and number 2. Most foster parents have at least two children in diapers. The sizes we need most often are sizes 4 through 6, as well as pull-ups. Unscented or sensitive wipes are preferred! Sorry to sound cheeky, but(t) we would love your help!



Shopping list:

- ☐ Toddler underwear (sizes 2T–4T)
- ☐ Children/youth underwear (sizes 5–14)
- ☐ Children/youth socks (sizes XS, S, M, L, XL)
- ☐ Diapers (sizes 4 through 6)
- ☐ Pull-ups (2T–3T, 3T–4T, and 4T–5T)
- ☐ Wipes (unscented/sensitive)



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

Dare to Love More

DLM Food and Resources at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron, Ohio, is a place where families find nourishing food, warm clothes and an equally warm welcome.

“At first glance, it’s not much different from any well-run, client-choice food pantry,” said Deacon Marla Wood Kay, director of congregational ministries at Holy Trinity.



But, Wood Kay said, “the idea for this ministry was born in a hospice room,” where Holy Trinity member Debra Manteghi was dying of cancer.

For years, Manteghi had advocated for families. She developed Project RISE (Realizing Individual Strength through Education), a federally funded program

connecting Akron Public Schools, shelters and community organizations to support students who are homeless.

After her death, need and opportunity converged.

“I had a desire to continue Debra’s ministry,” Wood Kay said. “Project RISE needed a food pantry to direct their families to.”

In June 2017, Holy Trinity approved the food pantry ministry. Donations in Manteghi’s honor and a church endowment supported it.

When it was time to name the new ministry, Manteghi’s son, Amir, and his fiancée, Monica Band, named it DLM, which stands for “Dare to Love More” and also “Debra Lynn Manteghi.”

Since opening to guests in October 2017, DLM has grown, serving 75 families—300 people—on average per month. Wood Kay said DLM picks up 1,500 to 3,500 pounds of food three times per month and is a member of the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank,

which provides food and other essential items to area hunger ministries.

While their parents shop, children read books and play games that were collected by Holy Trinity. Plans are underway to expand offerings beyond food, including more adult and children’s clothing, school uniforms and drop-in counseling.

Volunteers, along with an ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grant, help DLM thrive.

Thanks to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, the ministry has been able to increase refrigeration capabilities and purchase extra food.

“Our clients feel seen, heard and loved,” said Rachel Breece, Project RISE special programs coordinator.

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.

Children, Youth and Family

Warren Village

Youth in grades 5–8 and their parents are encouraged to be part of our confirmation service project on Wednesday, January 8. We will be serving a meal and playing games with kids at Warren Village Family Night. This event involves providing food and serving. To sign-up, please connect with **John Harwell** or **Shanna VanderWel** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Attention, Graduating Seniors

Are you a student or a parent of a student graduating from high school this year? We want to know! Each year we work hard not to miss anyone as we honor this milestone.

Please email **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org) to let her know. Seniors will be recognized Sunday, April 26 during our Cross Gen Faith Formation, 9:15–10:15 a.m., as well as during 10:30 a.m. worship.

Ski/Winter weekend for youth in grades 5–12

March 6–8 we will be heading to the mountains for a time of winter activities, fellowship, and adventure. Skiing will be an option at Winter Park. Cost for this trip will depend on if you ski/snowboard. The minimum price to attend is \$50.

Please sign up with your \$50 deposit to **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org) by February 16.

Two bowl initiatives for hunger in February!

Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 2, you are invited to share your financial gifts for ELCA World Hunger. Augustana's youth will be collecting money after worship services to support those who are hungry. Join many across the country on Super Bowl Sunday as they support food initiatives.

Paint a bowl and support global and local hunger relief

Last year's bowl painting and auction was wildly successful, so we're doing it again! Your opportunity to paint a bowl is Sunday, February 23, 9–10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall, but let **Shanna** know by February 2 (shanna@augustanadenver.org), so she can have a bowl for you. Bowls will be auctioned to support ELCA World Hunger and the George Washington High School food bank.



Fellowship

January Book Group

January's selection is *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* 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).

It would be the adventure of a lifetime for anyone else, but Allan has a larger-than-life backstory: Not only has he witnessed some of the most important events of the twentieth century, but he has actually played a key role in them. (Amazon)

Join us Monday, January 20, 11:15 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. Bring your lunch, too!

Theater and 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.

You Lost Me

Tuesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m., Ricketson Theatre, Tickets: \$35

Contact **Rosalee Wanchisen** (303-759-9836) by Sunday, January 26, to reserve a ticket or for information, and bring check payable to Rocky Mountain Synod and footnoted "T&T Augustana: You Lost Me" to Augustana's office by Sunday, January 26.

In 1828, 17-year-old Ann Harvey saved 160 Irish people from a wreck off of Newfoundland's Shipwreck Coast, making her an instant hero. Almost 200 years later, the Harvey family homestead has become the Shipwreck Inn, where present-day proprietress Ann Harvey attempts to leave her own mark (and get some new customers) with a tourist blog. Her nephew Joe-L, on the other hand, would do anything to leave his hometown and start a new life somewhere else.

Freely flow through time as unexpected guests and echoes of the past leave their indelible mark on the people that hold vigil along their remote and rocky shore. A memory house for all those lost at sea, this Eugene O'Neill National Playwrights Festival finalist is a poetic, wistful and bright new drama that reminds us that every moment holds the opportunity to change everything.



Women, Wine, and Word

This Bible study for women of all ages will meet Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m. Augustana members and friends are welcome to be part of this lively gathering. The group is finishing their study of the Gospel of Mark this month and beginning in February will be reading and discussing *What is the Bible?* by Rob Bell. Please contact **Pastor Ann** for the January meeting location (ann@augustanadenver.org).

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JANUARY Birthdays

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Anna Gabriel
Mabior Mayek
Karin Sanderson
Braxton Stuart
Ketcher White | 10 Grace Blanchard
Bradley Boodt
Christopher Cochrane | 19 | 25 Emma Brant
Susan Talbot
Donna Vaughters |
| 2 | 11 Luke Fischer
Sophia Giordano | 20 Kelly McCartney | 26 Jeff Towerly |
| 3 Bob Charlson
Jim Gustad | 12 Maxine Gay
Diane Pilloud | 21 Chickie Bakkemo
Katherin Howell
Shelley Maher
Melanie Vanderhoof | 27 Abby Farrand |
| 4 George Cotton
Kim Esbenshade
Linda van Dyk | 13 Phyllis Lerud
Robert Penn | 22 David Brase
Venus Conklin
Kris Ireland
Arlo VanderWel | 28 Sonja Engebretson
Charles Esbenshade
Mary Richardson |
| 5 | 14 Marilyn Daves
Mats Engdahl
Fikir Yohannes | 23 Christine Genovese
Maddie Lamphere | 29 Noah Garrett
Tracy Lutz
David Stalheim |
| 6 Lauren Penz | 15 Maren Massie
Winston Nyquist
Jamie Rohr
Calvin Stone
Brandon Stratton | 24 Shirley Barr
Amy Beswick
Katrina Crook
Jay Freed
Bethany Lutz
Noah McCartney
Pamela Ninke
Herb Schillereff | 30 Sheryl Kamicar
Jordan Tribbett |
| 7 Marjorie Hildebrandt
Annika Morris
Sasha Morris
Sarah Nick | 16 Sandi Ahlquist
Betty Nelson | | 31 Matthew Miller |
| 8 David Weir | 17 Diana Yrineo | | |
| 9 George Meister | 18 William Reinert
Scott VanOrdstrand | | |

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

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5 Epiphany of Our Lord Health Ministry Sunday Worship/Communion 8am Faith Formation* 9am Fellowship/Coffee 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Sunday Lunch Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry Noon CAN Ministry <i>See JASS below</i>	6 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 6:30pm Augustana Early Learning Center Board	7 9am Library Committee 5pm Worship Committee 5:30pm Yoga	8 9am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	9 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 10am Sarah Circle 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Property Committee	10 8am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	11
12 Baptism of Our Lord Worship/Communion 8am Faith Formation 9:15am Fellowship/Coffee 9:15am Health Ministry Team 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Sunday Lunch 11:30am CAN Ministry School Team <i>See JASS below</i>	13 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	14 9:30am Deborah Circle 5:30pm Yoga	15 9am AELC Chapel 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 6:30pm Cross Gen 7:30pm Guitar Practice Chancel Choir	16 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30am Monthly Luncheon 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Women, Wine and Word	17 8am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	18 9am Retreat: Augustana Ringers
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***Faith Formation**

9am	Faith Formation (Infants–Grade 12)
9:15am	Adult Forum

Jammin' Augustana Super Sundays (JASS)

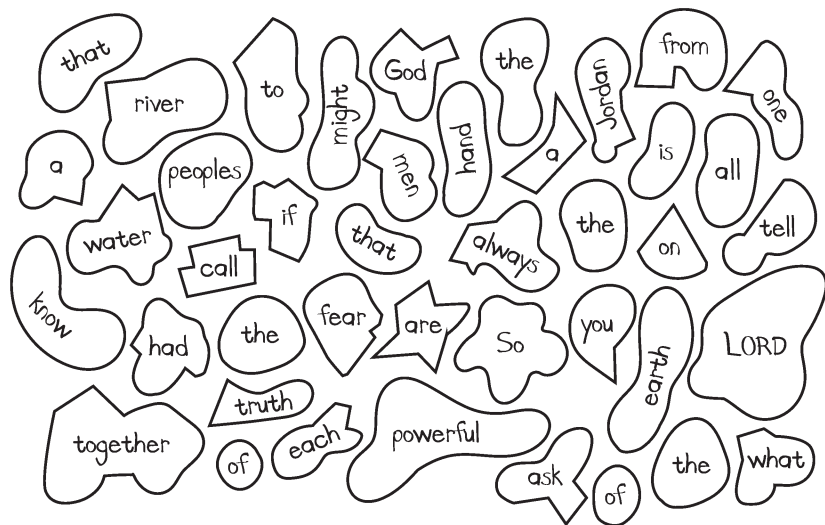
12:15pm	Cherubs, Choristers, GraceNotes
1pm	Recorders, Cantabile, SONshine Ringers
1:45pm	BELLievers



Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
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JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

The power of listening

Jesus repeatedly urged his followers to not simply hear but listen to his teachings. Others also have championed sincere listening to show compassion and respect.

“Part of doing something is listening.”

—Madeleine L’Engle,
A Swiftly Tilting Planet

“One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.”

—Bryant H. McGill

“And so he listened. And in his listening, his heart opened wide and then wider still.”

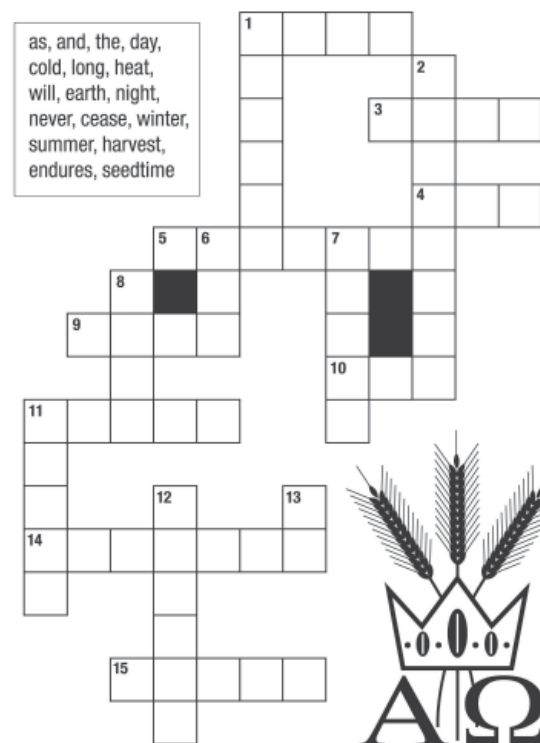
—Kate DiCamillo,
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

“Too often we underestimate the power of ... a listening ear ... to turn a life around.”

—Leo Buscaglia

Puzzle!

Use the word list to complete the crossword. Then fill in the numbered blanks to read God’s promise to Noah — and to us.



“ 13 8 13 10 7 14
 2 6 5 9 6
 3 12 6 1 down 4
 6 11 across 1 across 11 down 15
 GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8:22, NIV