

Augustana abounds with music this summer!

I'd like to thank all of the singers we had singing in June and July in Summer Choir. It was wonderful having an energetic and musical group as part of worship these two summer months. If you weren't able to participate, I hope you'll consider this fun ensemble next summer.

Music for the Sundays in August will feature different soloists. On August 7 we will be treated to a bonus of music with the **Harmonic Ketones Flute Quartet**. This quartet will play at both worship services and will perform a short concert at 9:15 a.m. during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

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

Worship

- **In-Person Worship**, Sundays, 8 a.m.
- **In-Person/Streamed Worship**, Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
- [Watch on Facebook](#)
- [Watch on YouTube](#)

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Recently lifted up in prayer

For hope and healing:

- Jack Baliles and Pete Peterson
- Kay Bengston
- Phyllis Bennet
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- Carol Eyermann
- Maureen Farmer
- Betty Hein
- Judy Kessenich
- Mary Ann Klug
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- Leslie Wallman
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For comfort and courage:

- Family and friends of Arvid Brekke in his death
- Family and friends of Norma Gerber in her death
- Duane Howell in the death of his sister, Lee Howell
- Family and friends of Jess Miller in his death
- Farrel Vikman in the death of her husband, Duane Vikman



90th Birthday Celebration

Join us for cake to celebrate **Orvid Olson's 90th birthday** on Sunday, August 7, 9-10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall, during Coffee Hour.

August Memorial Services

Hjordis Hawkins

The memorial service for Hjordis Hawkins will be Saturday, August 13, 10:30 a.m. in Augustana's Christ Chapel with a reception following in the Anna Paulson Room.

Norma Gerber

The memorial service for Norma Gerber will be Saturday, August 20, 1 p.m. in Augustana's Memorial Garden with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for the gifts!

Augustana Foundation

- in memory of Alma Flory

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

- in memory of Jeanne Busch Payne

Music Ministry

- in memory of Arvid Brekke

Special Gifts

- in memory of Alma Flory, Ruby Gay, Mary Kay Hubbell, Jocelyn and Eddie Kopperud, Gary Sauer, Marge and Lloyd Tokheim

Augustana Foundation

Thanks to the Augustana Foundation, **Eloise Patricia Wolfe** received a Mission Investment Fund 4KIDZ gift in honor of her baptism.

Worship that draws people in



Recently I met with some folks who are interested in becoming a part of our community at Augustana. Like a lot of people who visit our congregation, they had questions about the various ministries that happen here and wanted to know more about how we

are involved in the community and the world. They had read announcements in the Sunday bulletin and the ePistles, but really needed to talk in person about who we are and how we live together. It's fun to have those conversations and reflect with people who bring new eyes to our faith community!

One of the things they commented on was their time in worship with us, and how much it meant to them. Those of us who serve on staff hear that a lot, but it's a reflection of how we are all living out together our Core Value of Worship, which says "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're living this value these days both in person and on Livestream.)

Congregational singing, the good news proclaimed in scripture and sermon, organ, choirs, instrumental music, and an open table for Holy Communion all combine to create an encounter with Christ. Authentic worship happens on Sundays, and also happened this summer during S'more Worship in Quist Park. We pray that our worship is an encounter that draws people in and proclaims God's love for the whole world.

New eyes can help us all remember what a gift it is to gather for worship as the Body of Christ!

See you on Sunday?

Pastor Ann

"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."

Read Pastor Caitlin's column on [page 14](#) in this issue.

Women, Wine, and Word

The Women, Wine, and Word Bible study will begin meeting again in September on the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. This fall, we'll start off studying the book of Esther. Intrigue, faithfulness, and a courageous queen are all part of this story of God's people. Women of all ages are invited; please email **Pastor Ann** if you are interested (ann@augustanadenver.org).

Summer music with AUGUSTANAARTS



The Classical Brass

Friday Night Relax and Unwind Courtyard Concert – The Classical Brass

Augustana Arts' final "Relax and Unwind" courtyard concert is Friday, August 12 at 7 p.m. featuring **The Classical Brass**. The Americana concert features music composed all by American artists.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy the music under the stars (or inside Fellowship Hall if it rains). Reservations encouraged, but not required. Pay what you choose from FREE or more. Visit AugustanaArts.org.

Dotsero returns to Augustana for 25th Anniversary Season Party

Join us for the ultimate end-of-summer party— "Splash into Arts & Launch our 25th Season" on Sunday, August 28 starting at 3 p.m. in Augustana's courtyard. Bring your entire family and friends (plus a blanket) as you enjoy music by Colorado's own DOTSERO jazz band. See all of the music stands from The

ArtiStandza Project, hear about the 2022–23 Stratus Chamber Orchestra season, and meet Stratus' new Music Director, Maestro Adam Torres!

Reservations are encouraged, but not required. Visit AugustanaArts.org and use code ALCcomp for FREE tickets for Augustana members. (Beverages available for sale.)



Dotsero

Summer music at Augustana

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The Harmonic Ketones Flute Quartet is a group of science professionals who share a love of making music together. These four met first through their involvement with the Northern Colorado Concert Band and have now been playing together for over 15 years. **Ann Donoghue** (Research Veterinarian), **Pam Bittner** (BioTech Project Manager), **Susan Epperson** (Medical Laboratory Scientist), and **Kirsten Daniel** (Pharmaceutical Chemist), regularly perform for local fundraising events, farm markets, assisted living facilities, and other events. They enjoy getting together to practice just as much as they enjoy performing.



The group is very lucky to have an alto flute (played by Susan) and a bass flute (played by Pam) to add depth and interest to the ensemble. An alto flute is a fifth lower than the standard C flute, and a bass flute is an octave lower than the C flute. Many people have never seen these less-common flutes, so the Ketones hope you will come forward during the postlude or visit them at

Coffee Hour to take a closer look and listen. We are very appreciative that these four busy musicians are able to spend an entire Sunday morning with us at Augustana.

Grace and peace,
Andy

Adult choir and handbells resume in August

Augustana's Music Ministry is open to all individuals wishing to share their voice or instrument in song and praise.

Augustana Ringers

Beginning Wednesday, August 31, Augustana Ringers resume rehearsals, 6–7:15 p.m. If you have an interest in ringing handbells, please contact **Andrew Peters** (peters@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 122) for more information.

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir rehearsals also start back up on Wednesday, August 31, 7:15–9:15 p.m. Under the direction of **Kevin Padworski**, this choir will begin singing in worship on September 11. For questions about this group, please contact **Andrew Peters** (peters@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 122). New singers are welcome as we start a new season of music making!

Congregation Council

Special Augustana Congregation Meeting: Sunday, August 28, 2022

Please note that we are holding a special congregation meeting on Sunday, August 28, at 11:45 a.m., following 10:30 a.m. worship. Your attendance is greatly appreciated for this important event to vote on proposed changes to both our constitution and bylaws. We also expect to share an update with you on progress with the Dakota Avenue property development with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver.

Items currently included on the agenda:

1. **Changes to Augustana's governance documents, as approved by Council, in need of approval by congregation.**

Constitution: Reduce quorum from 75 to 60.

Details: The quorum needed for approving agenda, minutes and initiatives at congregation meetings is traditionally a reflection of the congregation's size. As the size of our congregation has shrunk over the years, it is appropriate to reduce the quorum commensurately. The number 60 ensures that representation at the meetings, outside of Council attendance, would be about 20% of active attendees. The section in our constitution affected by this proposed change is as follows:

Chapter 10.
Congregation Meeting
C10.04. 75 60 voting members shall constitute a quorum

Bylaws: Reduce minimum number of annual congregation meetings from two to one, and change the process to address budget request.

Details: While special meetings may still be called during the year, the minimum number of annual meetings only needs to be one, and it will be held sometime in the month of January. Among other tasks at this meeting, budget approval and nomination of voting member candidates to Council, Nominating Committee and Rocky Mountain Synod would

all be completed. Discussion of the annual report, normally done as part of semiannual meeting in February, would instead be hosted by Council at coffee hour(s) in the month of February.

Because a single annual congregation meeting would affect the timing of budget preparation and approval, another section (7) of the bylaws would also be affected.

The sections in our bylaws affected by these proposed change are as follows:

Currently

- 2) The Congregation shall meet at least twice yearly
 - a. in the month of February to receive reports and to conduct any other necessary business and
 - b. in the month of November to elect members to the Congregation Council, voting members to Synod Assembly and to



the nominating committee, to approve the budget for the ensuing fiscal year and to conduct any other necessary business.

- 7) Budgets shall be prepared annually in September and October by the Congregation Council. By September 1 of each year all congregational committees shall submit to the Congregation Council in writing, specific budget requests. A consolidated budget shall be prepared by the Finance Support Committee for discussion at the September meeting of the Congregation Council and printed and distributed to the congregation at least ten days prior to the November annual meeting of the congregation.

Proposed changes

- 2) The Congregation shall meet at least annually in the month of January to elect members to the Congregation Council (prior to the first Council meeting of the year), voting members to Synod Assembly and to the nominating committee, to approve the budget for the ensuing fiscal year and to conduct any other necessary business.
- 7) All congregational committees, and other units within the organization, shall submit to the church staff in writing, specific budget requests. A consolidated budget shall then be prepared by the church staff, with any required assistance from the Finance Support Committee, for approval by the Congregation Council sufficiently in advance to allow for distribution of the proposed budget to the congregation at least ten days prior to the annual meeting of the congregation.

2. Update on development of Dakota Ave Property by Habitat for Humanity. Invited guest, Kory Whitaker, Real Estate Manager, HFHMD.

Your attendance to this special congregation meeting is greatly appreciated.

Michael Zumwalt

President of the Congregation

New Treasurer appointed

At their July meeting, Augustana's congregation council accepted a proposal naming **Bill Crossen** as the Interim Finance Administrator for the remainder of 2022. Since Bill will be filling this position, he has resigned as Treasurer, and **Ben Pepper** has been appointed by the council to serve as Treasurer for the rest of this year. Thank you to both of them for their willingness to serve Augustana's community!

Signs of a vibrant church

- Joy
- Diversity
- Welcoming
- Spiritual
- Innovative
- Bible-based teaching and preaching
- Members bond with each other
- Solves problems collectively with input from many
- Confronts problems rather than ignoring them
- Has vital outreach to the community

–Based on a study underwritten by
The Lilly Foundation



Come on a Cross-Generational Pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama (June 5–9, 2023)!

Shanna and Pastor Caitlin will lead this trip next June for adults and youth (grades 7–12). The invitation to adults is separate from the adult chaperones that will be on the trip with the youth. There will be times when we all interact as a cross-generational group and time apart.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we're called to love our neighbors. As people of faith, we are freed by Christ to love our neighbor across differences of all kinds. As Americans, our country's history includes the enslavement of black African people

that continues to affect us today both socially and personally. The goal of this trip is to learn more about our faith, our Civil Rights history, and its effect on people today so that we're better equipped to connect with people across the difference of race to better support black friends, family, and members of our community.

Curious? Come and learn more on Sunday, September 11, 12:30–1:30 p.m., Anna Paulson Room.

Study/Fellowship

Book Group

Augustana Book Group meets Monday, August 15, 1–2:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Please bring a book you've read recently to share with the group. Looking forward to seeing participants, old or new, after our brief summer hiatus. If you have questions, contact **Ellen Kastens** (303-475-7877 or ekkastens@gmail.com).

Swedish Smörgåsbord returns!

The Swedish Club of Denver will once again hold a delicious Smörgåsbord Dinner at Augustana's Fellowship Hall, Saturday, September 24. Proceeds from this event support the Academic Scholarship Fund of the Swedish Club.

Additional details will follow. For updates, visit www.swedishclubofdenver.org.

Children, Youth, and Family



Sunday, August 14

Augustana will share a Back-to-School Blessing at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship, Sunday, August 14, for students of all grades and institutional levels. If you have a backpack, bring it along. Plan to come up during that part of worship, so we can pray for you and give you some backpack bling!

Bibles to be presented August 28

As part of our milestone ministries at Augustana, all Kindergarten and 3rd grade students are invited to receive a Bible on Sunday, August 28 at 10:30 a.m. worship. RSVP to **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) with your child's name and grade by Monday, August 15. Those receiving their Bibles and their family members are also encouraged to celebrate at Coffee Hour that day, starting at 9:15 a.m.



Register now for Faith Formation and Music Ministry for children and youth

Faith Formation and Youth Music Ministry begins Sunday, September 18 with a new schedule and a new ensemble added!

9–9:30 a.m.

- Cherub Choir (pre-Kindergarten through grade 2)
- Choristers (choir for grades 3–5)
- Chancel Handbells (grades 6–12)

9:30–10:15 a.m.

- GIFT (Pre-Kindergarten–grade 4)
- Confirmation (grades 5–8)
- Breakfast Club (grades 9–12)

11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

- Sunday Lunch for all

Noon–12:45 p.m.

- Cantabile (choir for grades 6–12)
- Chapel Ringers (handbells for grades 4–5)
- Recorder Ensemble (grades 2–3)

12:45–1:15 p.m.

- Augustana Instrumental Ensemble
(This group will meet periodically during the year and play with hymns and service music during worship.)

Register today!

Find online registrations forms at <https://www.augustanadenver.org/faith-formation-registration/>.

Thanks to all who helped make Vacation Bible School a success!

We had 26 kids, six faithful volunteers, many food providers, and three energetic Sky Ranch staff help make the week a time filled with learning more about Jesus, music, crafts, acting, Bible study, and water play.



▼ Campers learn how Augustana's sanctuary organ works and try it out themselves!

▲ VBS campers sing along to music led by Sky Ranch staff.

Water play is always a favorite at Vacation Bible School! ▼





- ▲ Stringing beads was one of the afternoon crafts.
- Sneaky Statues was one of the game favorites.
- ▼ Campers beat rhythmically on a Moroccan drum as they share what they are thankful for.





Health Ministry

Understanding Your Grief

Bereavement Support Group

“I learned a tremendous amount about the grieving and mourning process during our time together. What I learned has helped me through a difficult time of grieving.”

Augustana Grief Group Participant

Saying goodbye to a loved one is never easy, but losing someone during a pandemic adds another dimension to grief and loss. You are invited to learn ten essential touchstones for finding hope and healing your heart. Your loss can be before pandemic as well. We will use the curriculum written by **Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt** of the Center for Loss and Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado (<https://www.centerforloss.com/>).

- Sundays, noon–1:30 p.m.
- Ten sessions, October 2–December 11, 2022
- Facilitators: **Brian Bernhard**, past grief group participant, and **Sue Ann Glusenkamp**, FCN
- Cost: 90 minutes each Sunday and \$30 to cover cost of books
- Scholarships are available
- Limited to first ten registrants
- Each participant will receive two books to guide the journey
- To register, contact **Sue Ann** (glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678) by Sunday, September 25

Comments from past participants:

“This group has helped me get through a very difficult time. Sharing my thoughts and feelings and listening to others sometimes gave me a new perspective on a variety of situations. I felt supported by the group, and this experience has given me the courage to go forward and to trust that I am going to be okay.”

“Grief can feel very lonely, and it helped to be with others experiencing similar things.”

“The group helped normalize many of the emotions I was feeling and helped me to see that I am not crazy. It was helpful to hear others expressing their grief and to know I was not alone.”

Join Sue Ann and Brian in the Ammerman Library after 10:30 a.m. worship and lunch in Fellowship Hall. If you are in need of a Zoom connection with the group, that will also be available as required for any illness, exposure, or travel needs.

Contact Faith Community Nurse Sue Ann with any questions or concerns.



A Vital Message from your E4 Mental Health Ministry Team!

Death by suicide is on the rise and is also preventable! Colorado has high rates of death by suicide.

In 2020, Congress designated the new 988 dialing code to operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's (1-800-273-8255) network of over 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country.

On July 16, 2022, the U.S. transitioned to using the 988-dialing code, and it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen and expand the existing Lifeline.

Need for 988

Too many people are experiencing suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support and care they need, and sadly, the pandemic has only made a bad situation worse when it comes to mental health and wellness in America.

Please share this new number with your family and friends. Check out this link for further information from SAMHSA, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988> and learn more facts about suicide at this CDC link: <https://www.cdc.gov/suicide/facts/index.html>.

Save a life! Call 988 for a mental health challenge or crisis!

Senior Ministry

Elder Fraud and Scam Prevention Training

Augustana's Senior Ministry Team and Home Instead Home Care are co-sponsoring Fraud and Scam Prevention Training for adults 60+ and their families and caregivers, Wednesday, August 17, 10–11 a.m., Fellowship Hall. **Lynn Lowe**, Senior Resource Navigator, City and County of Denver Police Department, is the presenter.



This training will focus on these three objectives:

1. Realize how anyone can be a victim of a scam.
2. Discover how to recognize red flags and prevent victimization.
3. Learn what to do if you have been scammed.

Why attend this training?

Scams are ever-evolving and can be highly-sophisticated scenarios that seem plausible. With scam attempts and victim numbers on the rise, it is important to understand the science behind the scam and why scammers are successful. Most scam crimes are not prosecutable, so prevention is key. There are multiple types of scams, and scammers can often be relentless. The best way we can protect ourselves is to learn and recognize the red flags. Knowing what to look for and knowing what support is available is the best way to keep your information and money safe.

We will discuss phone scams, phishing scams, and online safety as well as what to do if you have been scammed.

Hope you can join us for this important educational event. Refreshments will be served!

Questions? Contact **Sue Ann** (303-388-4678 or glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org).

Good News to Share (P.C.'s roles 3:4)



731 people follow Augustana's Facebook Page. Livestream Ministry, now led by Emily Friesen as Livestream Technician, was started by a small team of people with the pastors' support months

before the pandemic was even a glimmer. Paul Blanchard, Paul Gilbertson, and Casey King were feeling some urgency about our home-centered folks being able to worship. They also wondered if Augustana folks on vacation or who had moved away might be interested in worshipping from a distance. Look at it now! Welcome Connection ministry also started about the same time. Welcome Connection (formerly known as Evangelism), chaired by Brad

Pro-tips:

1. **Email a Livestream worship link to a friend or family member and highlight a portion that you found interesting or moving (include the time it happens in the service).**
2. **Make a comment or "like" something on Augustana's Facebook page. This small action increases Augustana's visibility across Facebook to reach more people.**
3. **Order an Augustana nametag and wear it at worship. This helps newcomers and old-timers alike get to know people and remember names!**

Uyemura, leads the congregation in reaching out and inviting the community as well as welcoming and connecting them to Augustana's ministries.

It's wonderful to have ministries making the good news of Jesus available to so many people who have not yet stepped through the doors. Awareness of Augustana is a first step towards engaging with the congregation and the proclamation of the gospel. Roger Lipker, a Welcome Connection member and recently retired marketing executive and professor, has faithfully prepared a Marketing Plan for Welcome Connection's consideration. Worth tens of thousands of dollars were we to solicit such a thing on the open market, Roger's skills and many hours are a generous gift indeed. More to come on that front!

These are some of the ministries and people that I get to work with as part of my pastoral call with you all. While each one of us as Jesus followers have a call to share the good news with people in our everyday lives (see the box inset), we're part of a congregation that works on it collectively too. Thanks be to God, and stay tuned . . .

Peace,

Pastor Caitlin

This note is part of a series about my pastoral call with you. Of course, my call is to Word and Sacrament, which is obvious things like preaching, teaching, communion, baptisms, and funerals. It's also more:

- *Congregational Care (Care Team, Prayers – Worship prayers and weekly Prayer Chain, Faith Community Nurse supervision)*
- *Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry*
- ***Evangelism, Messaging and Media (Welcome Connection, Livestream, Social Medias)***
- *Adult Learning*

Welcome Connection

Congregational name tags available

We are happy to announce that the new congregational name tags are now available! Please consider participating with us in this subtle but worthy initiative. See the next article for details.

The Welcome Connection has gratefully received Roger Lipker's Marketing Plan for Augustana Lutheran Church as well as a personal introduction and overview from Roger on his professionally thorough, insightful, and visionary document. The Connection will be spending the next few weeks unpacking the details and contemplating the feasibility and implementation of the plan's proposals.

As always, if you have visions, thoughts or suggestions for our group, or if you would be interested in joining us on our journey, do not hesitate to contact one of us: **Erin Saboe, Nancy Johnson, Roger Lipker, Nancy Nyhus (Council), Ellen Kastens (Council), Brad Uyemura (Chair), and Pastor Caitlin.**

Thank you.

Brad Uyemura



Name tags are here!

Why order an Augustana name tag?

- Name tags are welcoming.
- Name tags invite conversation.
- Name tags help us remember one other.

How to request your name tag

Order online at <https://www.augustanadenver.org/augustana-name-tag/>. Or, use a pew offering envelope from the pew and indicate "Name Tag" on the outside. Optional: a donation of \$8/each to cover the cost of the name tags. Be sure to legibly write the first and last names of how your family members' names should appear on the name badges. Name tags may be picked up from the narthex on Sunday morning or from Augustana's office.

CAN Ministry

Update! Summer of Service organized by Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry

As of July 9, Augustana community members have recorded 488 hours of volunteer service hours since June 1! This represents 71 unique volunteer opportunities to 37 various organizations and individuals. Augustana families have made 56 donations of money, items, and food to 20 unique organizations. Additionally, 12 families recorded donations for the backpack collection to support Lutheran Family Services.

Continue to record your volunteer hours on the weekly attendance sheets or online at <https://www.augustanadenver.org/can-ministry-sos/>. CAN Ministry's Summer of Service encourages you to volunteer in the community this summer and to track those hours. Volunteering is one way to love our neighbor, looks different for everyone, and can help right-size us during anxious times.

Read on for a volunteer opportunities organized by CAN Ministry!



Volunteer at Metro Caring for Augustana's Summer of Service!

Join in at Metro Caring, Tuesday, August 9, 5:30–8 p.m. Jobs include front end, market, and warehouse. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for instructions, and then proceed to the assigned job. Augustana has committed for 10 volunteers. Volunteers must be 14 years old or older (high school). Please wear closed-toed shoes—it is an active place. If interested, contact **Katy Lunsford** (katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com).



... or with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver/Holy Hammers!

- Saturday, August 20
- Saturday, September 17

Volunteer slots are available for the next couple months at the Aria Homes site. There are up to 10 slots to fill, and the times are 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up on-line at least two weeks in advance of each date, and use the following link: <http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/>.

And we are organizing a special Augustana-only Saturday date in October. Details to come.

For additional information on how to get involved, contact **Michael Zumwalt** (303-907-6305 or michael_zumwalt@agilent.com).

Sanctuary Soup Shelf

Please add the following items to your grocery list as you are able, and bring them to the Soup Shelf Staging Area in the narthex (west sanctuary entrance).

- Hearty Soups or Chili (they're one-meal wonders!)
- Canned Milk
- Mandarin Oranges
- Pineapple

When you donate these in-kind items, please record these on the Summer of Service online form or worship slip.

Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry Meeting

Sunday, August 21, noon–1:30 p.m.,
Anna Paulson Room

Join CAN Ministry for our upcoming meeting. We will be reviewing the initiatives from the Summer of Service and discussing plans for the fall through Advent for this year. Everyone is welcome to bring their lunch and join our discussions and planning.

Summer Book Wrap-Up from Augustana's Human Dignity Delegates (HDDs)

Sunday, August 14, noon–1:30 p.m.,
Anna Paulson Room

Pastor Caitlin will lead the wrap up conversation about ***How to Be an Antiracist*** by Ibram X. Kendi, American author and historian. This HDD summer book choice was an invitation to the congregation as we continue to work on and learn about issues of human dignity through the lens of faith, and was chosen because race continues to be an issue that confounds even the most well-intentioned of us. We'll critique the book's content from multiple viewpoints. There's still time to read some of it and join the conversation on August 14! Contact **Pastor Caitlin** with thoughts or questions (pastor.caitlin.trussell@augustanadenver.org).

Faith and Climate

Creation Care is part of CAN Ministry's leadership efforts on behalf of the congregation as well as our local and global partnerships including Together Colorado. The Climate Justice Committee of Together Colorado offers resources like the quote below to help congregations and communities of faith talk about and engage with climate issues.

Greater Bravery

Nature is always calling us into greater gestures of bravery. And as we accept those invitations to our personal edge, we lose the ability to shrink into falseness.

Excerpt from "Belonging: Remembering Ourselves Home" by Toko-pa Turner

To learn more about climate care and justice, contact Augustana's **Bonita Bock** (bonita.rock@wartburg.edu), or visit togethercolorado.org.



Thirsting for Water event coming on September 17—register TODAY!

Are you wondering exactly what to think about the

climate crisis and widespread drought whose stories fill our headlines almost daily? Where is God in all this news? What are the actual facts of the situation? What is a holy response we can undertake? The Rocky Mountain Synod has an event coming up that will help you learn, discuss, ponder, and consider personal actions to address this crisis and its impact on food production and hunger. The Thirsting for Water event is Saturday, September 17, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cherry Hills Village, and via Zoom. The registration link is live now at rmselca.org/events/thirstingforwater. Cost is \$25 per person on-site (includes lunch) and \$15 for Zoom participants. Register early to begin viewing and reading advance material.



A backpack full of thanks!

Generous Augustana members and friends donated enough school supplies for 25 filled backpacks for Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains foster children and refugee children. Our backpacks will be added to those collected by other Lutheran and Church of Latter Day Saints congregations. Some items which were needed to complete the 25 backpacks were purchased through a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250 and contributions of around \$160 from Sarah Circle. The backpacks were assembled by members of Sarah Circle. The estimated cost of a filled backpack is \$125, so your contributions are VERY helpful for the families with foster and refugee children!

Augustana members and friends also contributed \$400 in gift cards, which were given to LFSRM to purchase additional backpack supplies needed to complete more backpacks.

Thanks, Thrivent, Sarah Circle, and Augustana!



Foundation 50th Anniversary Gala rescheduled to October 14

The Augustana Foundation's 50th Anniversary Gala has been rescheduled to Friday, October 14. This signature event was originally scheduled for November 5, 2021, but postponed in response to the evolving Covid-19 pandemic.

"The decision to postpone was difficult to make, but our concern was the health and safety of everyone attending," said Marilyn Stember, 50th Anniversary Project Coordinator. "We were disappointed that we were unable to cap off our milestone year activities by celebrating with the entire Augustana community, but we knew the best option was to delay."

"Before we postponed, the Gala Planning Committee worked many months to offer what was sure to have been a memorable event,"

Gala Committee Chair Denise Sanderson noted. "Fortunately for our new date in 2022, we were able to resecure our venue, caterer, speaker and musicians."

The Committee has now dusted off the plans it shelved last year and is making adjustments for this year's event. Event details will be announced as the new date approaches.

We are seeking additional Gala sponsors and volunteers. Would you or your business consider being a sponsor for the Gala? Sponsors are needed at all levels to make ticket prices affordable for everyone.

Contact **Denise Sanderson** (303-550-8350 or DeniseSanderson105@gmail.com).



Thank you, Donors!

Gifts to Augustana Foundation

(January 1 to June 30, 2022)

Donor	In Memory/Honor of
James Gustad	
Ron and Marilyn Stember	In memory of Alma Flory
Frank and Janet Philipp	

If your name should have been listed here, please contact Augustana's office.



AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	2 9am 1pm Library Committee Welcome Connection	3 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	4	5 9:45am 11am Augustana Firm Believers Bulletin Assembly	6
7 Pentecost 9 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am 90th Birthday Reception: Orvid Olson 9:15am Recital: Harmonic Ketones Flute Quartet 10:30am Worship/Communion Noon Augustana Knitters	8 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	9 5:30pm 7pm Summer of Service: Metro Caring Augustana Foundation	10 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	11 2pm 7pm Senior Ministry E4 Mental Health Ministry	12 9:45am 11am 7pm Augustana Firm Believers Bulletin Assembly Augustana Arts: Relax and Unwind: An Americana Concert	13 10:30am Memorial Service: Hjordis Hawkins
14 Pentecost 10 Back-to-School Blessing 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Fellowship/Coffee 9:15am Health Ministry Team 10:30am Worship/Communion Noon Human Dignity Delegates	15 9:45am 10:30am 1pm Augustana Firm Believers Countering Active Threat Training Book Group	16 4:30 pm 7pm Yoga Congregation Council	17 9:45am 10am Augustana Firm Believers Fraud and Scam Prevention Training	18	19 9:45am 11am Augustana Firm Believers Bulletin Assembly	20 1pm Memorial Service: Norma Gerber
21 Pentecost 11 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Fellowship/Coffee 10:30am Worship/Communion	22 7:30am 9:45am Foot Care Clinic Augustana Firm Believers	23 5:30pm Worship Committee	24 9:45am 6:30pm Augustana Firm Believers Alzheimer's Support Group	25	26 9:45am 11am Augustana Firm Believers Bulletin Assembly	27
28 Pentecost 12 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Fellowship/Coffee 10:30am Worship/Communion Bible Presentation 11:45am Congregational Meeting 3pm Augustana Arts: Splash into the Arts and Launch the Season: Dotsero	29 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	30	31 9:45am 6pm 7:15pm Augustana Firm Believers Augustana Ringers Chancel Choir			

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

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- 1** Harvey Crow
Cassie Kah
Luc Meyer
Orvid Olson
Ruth Spano
- 2** Breanna Esbenson
Michael O'Malley
Harriet Anne Post
Connor Russell
Cara White
- 3** Ethan Mock
Philip Calvert
- 4** Peggy O'Connell
- 5** Brandon Earl
Robert Garvey
Joy Hawkins
Reilly Miller
Ed Pierce
Karen Yeager
- 6** Margaret Aarestad
Jane Carlstrom
Andrew Kastens
Molly Mulligan
- 7** Randy Degerness
Richard Gleason
Nora Johnston
Laila Kauffman
Helma Sjodin
Claire Trautmann
- 8** Spencer Crona
John Genovese
Calvin Johnson

AUGUST Birthdays

- 9** Gloria Boodt
- 10** Robert Black
- 11** Angela Alexis
- 12** Kately Morris
Mary Beth Smith
- 13** Jan Miller
Emma Nestell
Sofia Nestell
John John Stock
- 14** Joy Dillon
Linda Ellerbeck
Virginia Parks
- 15** LuAnne Mickelson
Carole Thurnau
Eugene Trautmann
- 16** Angela Dirr
Margaux Giordano
Jana Howard
Reena Jabamoni
Pamela Uyemura
- 17** Blaine Anderson
CJ Brown
Lindsay Hero
Susan Hill
Svea Stimmler-
Beckner

- 18** Neil Bridge
Ulrich Klein
Austin Malleis
- 19** Trygve Aarestad
Ellen Mangione
Roma Rehkow
Rolf Stavig
Kimberly Thompson
Joyce Thompson
- 20** Kailani Blair
Bonita Bock
Isaac Edstrom
Chase Heilman
Ashby Kouba
- 21** Sue Ann Glusenkamp
Claire Grande
Dan Logsdon
Susan Sewald
Brody Snyder
- 22** Torren Brekke
LeEtta Choi
Adelyn Flesch
Kendall Flesch
Valerie Towery
Caitlin Trussell
- 23** Gabriel Brown
Annika Dewald
Lianne Hass

- 24**
- 25** Christian Backes
Edward Havranek
Otto Jacobs
- 26** Lisa Hughes
Alexandria Lawrence
Rosalee Wanchisen
- 27** Giovanni Ansaldi
Frank Bair
Remy Smith
- 28** Aaron Beazer
Debbie Carter
Robin Hoffman
- 29**
- 30** Brady Niemitalo-
Woods
- 31** Paul Blanchard
Keith Conant
Duane Fadness
Shirley Matasy
Maximillian
McClenney

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