

It is the season of *gratitude and thankfulness.*

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

As Thanksgiving Day comes closer, we'll be reminded on social media and advertisements of all the blessings we've received. (Most retailers will actually skip right ahead to Christmas, but there will be a few Thanksgiving moments along the way, too.) In a sermon a few weeks ago, I told about the "Gratitude Jar" we have in the church office, and the slips of paper in it that list what we are thankful for.

Being thankful to God for all that we have received is mentioned in the Bible several hundred times. That's probably not surprising since the scriptures begin with the gift of creation and life itself; move through the gift of freedom for the Jewish people; and conclude with the gift of Jesus and all that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection means for the world God loves. All of those gifts are given to us out of God's overflowing grace.

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Colossians 3:15

It's so easy to forget to be grateful, isn't it? The "dailyness" of life takes over and we are busy with responsibilities, family, health concerns, politics, the economy, and so much more. It can seem like we have more to be worried about or angry about than we do to be grateful for. But medical studies have shown that focusing on gratitude can change our lives, even change our brains to be more attuned to being thankful and expressing it to others.

Before brain scans were even possible, the Bible expressed that being thankful is a gift that can help shape our lives and turn us toward a relationship with God. In the midst of joy or struggle, we trust that God in Christ embraces us, accompanies us, and rejoices with us. That's the promised good news given to us every day.

So during this month of Thanksgiving, what would you put in your own Gratitude Jar? Take a few minutes today to think about it.

With thankfulness for you,
Pastor Ann



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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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Rejoice with

- **Cyrus Elliot**
Atherton, son of Ryan and A.J. and grandson of Craig and Amy Tamminga, in his baptism
- **Courtney Carter** and **Levi Thomas**, in the birth of **Noah Alexander**, September 12
- **Oliver Cecil Carlson**, son of Toby and Fides Carlson, in his baptism
- **Nora Roxanne Stillwell**, daughter of Merrill and Emily Stillwell, in her baptism

Thank you for the gifts!

Augustana Early Learning Center Scholarships

- In memory of Dick Kah

Augustana Foundation

- In memory of Arvid Brekke, Dick Kah

Capital Improvement Fund

- In memory of Dick Kah

Special Gifts

- In memory of Dee Vellinga

Recently lifted up in prayer

For hope and healing:

- Sandy Barker
- Venus Conklin
- Carl Edstrom
- Jacquie Flatley
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- Phyllis Gilbertson
- Gail Gill
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- Diane Pilloud
- Aiden Schoales
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- Beau, Moriah, and Jacob Wagner
- Betty Waters
- Harry Waters
- Judy White
- Damon

For comfort and courage:

- Kevin Harlow in the death of his friend, Mary Boyd
- Roger Loots in the death of his brother-in-law Roger Becker
- Family and friends of Ron Carnes in his death
- Lynn Nestingen in the death of her father, Stewart Greiling

Thanks, Augustana!

Dear Friends of Augustana,
The Kah family wishes to thank each and every one of you for your kind words and prayers for our father and grandfather, Dick Kah. Thank you to Pastor Ann, Pastor Caitlin and Sue Ann for giving Dick and our family so much spiritual support and guidance while he was ill. We'd also like to extend a thank you to Augustana member Kirsten Jensen for the beautiful prayer shawl. We thought his memorial service was just perfect, and he would have been very pleased.

Tim, Karen, Cassie and Alex Kah

Pastor Caitlin

Sinner/Saints Tattoos and Gratitude



If you hang around Lutheran Christians long enough, you'll inevitably hear the phrase "Saint and Sinner." The fancy pants way to say it (or tattoo ink it) is, "Simul iustus et peccator," or "Simultaneously

justified and sinner." This means that we are both saint and sinner at the same time because of Christ's righteousness bestowed on us in baptism and our simultaneous capacity to sin against ourselves and our neighbors.

When I'm out in the community or formally welcoming folks at the beginning of a funeral, I'll sometimes bring greetings or welcome "from the Sinner/Saints of Augustana Lutheran Church." The phrase is just confusing enough to make it intriguing, while at the same time acknowledging who we say we are in the world.

All Saints Sunday on November 6, is a time we acknowledge the saints who have died, completing their baptismal journeys and celebrating in the company of all the saints in light. This is not to say that they were perfect people. Rather, it's to say that God's promises through their baptisms draw them ever closer to God right on through their last breath. I find myself in both grief and gratitude on All Saints Sunday. I think of the people who are named in worship and their impact on my own faith and on our congregation. I think of the people who I still miss—my father, stepfather, grandparents, friends, and patients.

And I think about the sinner/saints who persevered in faithfulness as the church so that I could hear a word of grace in Jesus Christ when I most needed it. I'm grateful for them. And I'm grateful for you, dear sinner/saints, as we get to be church with and for each other in these weird times in the world.

Peace,
Pastor Caitlin

All Saints Sunday, November 6

If you have loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday (November 7, 2021), Augustana is pleased to include their names in the All Saints prayers. Call or email **Lyn Goodrum** (303-388-4678 ext. 114 or goodrum@augustanadenver.org) by Sunday, October 30; clearly spell the names, include the date of death, and, if necessary, give pronunciation instructions.

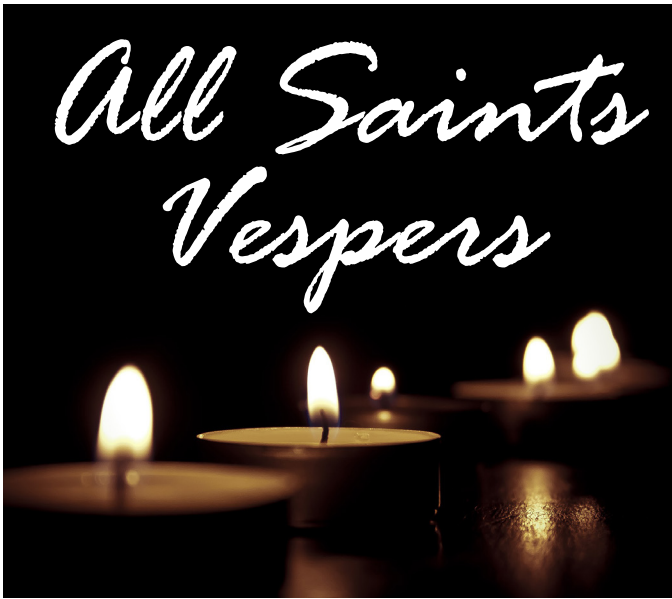
You are also invited to submit digital photos of loved ones who have died anytime as part of Augustana's All Saints remembrance.

Email digital photos to **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org) by Tuesday, November 1.



Turn your clocks back
an hour, Saturday night,
November 5.

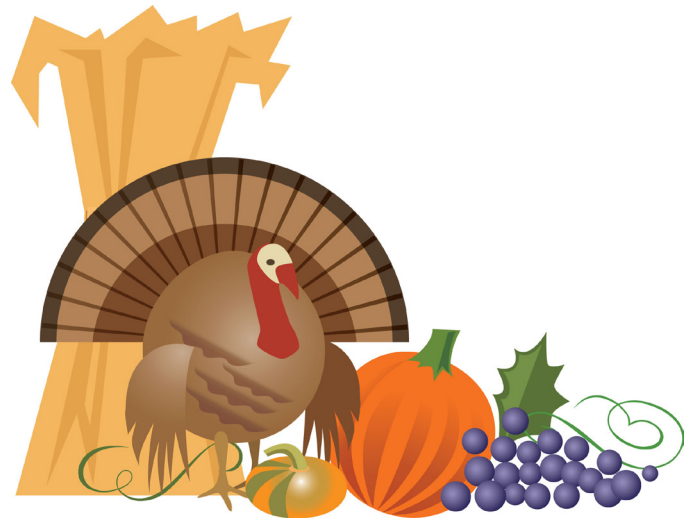
Worship



Augustana presents All Saints Vespers, Sunday, October 30, 3 p.m., in the sanctuary.

Enjoy a special afternoon of music, scripture, and prayer! Augustana's **Chancel Choir**, along with the **Augustana Vocal Ensemble** and organist **Andrew Peters**, and directed by **Kevin Padworski**, present a program featuring **Mass in G** by Franz Schubert.

This event is free and open to the public. Invite a friend and come to this event in celebration and anticipation of All Saints Sunday!



Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship

Augustana hosts Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship, Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m., sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will sing, and everyone is invited to join in the **43rd Annual Pie Fest**.

An offering will be received for ELCA World Hunger, and worshipers are also invited to bring cans of chili as the Chili Challenge will conclude that evening. And bring a pie, too!

The worship service will be livestreamed.

Stewardship

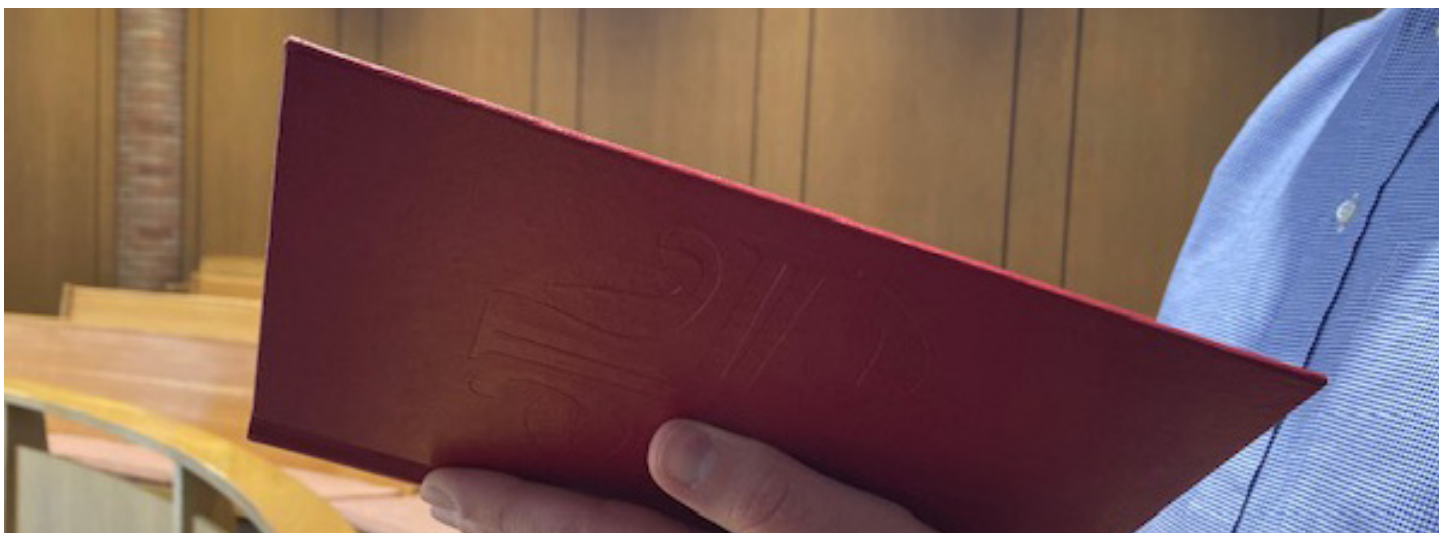
Many thanks to our Mission Moment presenters this year: **Laura Libby, Jake Jansen, Angela Howard,** and **Nick Massie**. (See and hear each of those Mission Moments on Augustana's YouTube channel.) And thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge card or made a commitment online to support Augustana's ministry in 2023. Your generous giving helps to put



God's grace into action in our congregation, the Front Range, and around the world. So far we have received 78 commitments totaling \$374,005. If you haven't made a commitment yet, please pick up a card at church or [fill out the form on the Augustana website under the "Giving" tab](#).

The Stewardship Team:

Greta Devol, Bill Crossen, Michael Gentes, Nick Massie, Ben Pepper, and Pastor Ann



Music Ministry

Are you curious about the hymn tune names in the Sunday bulletin?

On the second Sunday of September we began listing hymn tune names next to hymn titles in the bulletin. We are following the tradition of many hymnals and putting the tune names in capital letters. Every hymn has a text (words) and a tune (music). A text can be used with different tunes provided that each have the same meter (number of syllables per line). Great care should be taken to pair text and tune that complement each other.

The first stanza of Isaac Watts's 1719 hymn reads:

Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

This text is usually paired with the tune ST. ANNE:



Another hymn with this same meter is "Amazing Grace" by John Newton:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

This text is traditionally sung to the tune
AMAZING GRACE:



Take a moment and sing the words of "Our God, Our Help" to AMAZING GRACE. Do you think it is a successful match? Does it complement the meaning in the text? Likewise, sing "Amazing Grace" to ST. ANNE and ask yourself the same questions. Hymnal committees wrestle with these questions on some hymns when working on a new hymnal.

Grace and peace,

Andy

P.S. Impress your friends by singing the text of "Amazing Grace" to the theme song from TV's "Gilligan's Island" since both of these have the same meter.



Children, Youth, Family

Don a costume and come to Trunk or Treat!

Augustana hosts Trunk or Treat for our neighbors, community, Early Learning Center families, and Augustana members and friends, Sunday, October 30, 12:30–2 p.m. in the Alameda parking lot. Folks of all ages are invited to come through a line of cars to trick or treat. Costumes are welcome!

Rainbow Trail Camp registration opens November 1

All 1st–11th graders and families are invited to sign up for camp at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. Registration is open November 1, and early registration is helpful, as spots can fill up quickly.

If you are looking to attend when others from Augustana attend, check out these dates:

- **Intro to Camp**, June 18–21, with Pastor Ann attending, for current 1st and 2nd graders
- **Juniors**, June 18–24, for current 3rd, 4th and 5th graders
- **Confirmation Camp**, June 25–July 1, with Michael Gentes and Shanna VanderWel attending. for all current 5th–8th graders

Visit rainbowtrail.org for information and registration.

It's Augustana's annual Chili, Soups, and Stews Cook-off!

Augustana Youth host their annual Chili Cook-off, Sunday, November 6, 11:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for Sunday Lunch. This year you are invited to bring a crock pot of stew, soup, or chili to be entered. Vote for your favorites with your donations which will be split between ELCA World Hunger and the summer trip to Montgomery.

Please sign up with **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) by Tuesday, November 1 with the title of your entry and a short description.

Youth are invited to Lock-In

All youth in grades 5–12 are invited to a lock-in, Friday, November 18, 7 p.m.–9 a.m. Come for a time of games, food, and some surprises. You will need a pillow, sleeping bag, and water bottle. You may bring a nut- and peanut-free snack to share.

Please sign up with Shanna (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) by Sunday, November 13. Cost is \$15 per participant.

Kids Christmas Pageant rehearsals

PreK through 4th graders are invited to participate in this year's Christmas pageant on Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. worship.

Please plan to attend Sunday practices November 20 through December 18, 9:30–10:15 a.m. in Rooms 2 and 3. Practice for the pageant will be part of our GIFT Faith Formation time.

Mark your calendar for Advent Adventure!

Sunday, December 4, 11:45 a.m.–2 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us this year at Advent Adventure for a time of community, crafting, live music, lefse, caring for our neighbors, and Illegal Pete's taco bar. As part of Advent Adventure this year, you are encouraged to bring a can (or more) of food for our Sanctuary Soup Shelf to help round out the chili donations.



Advent Adventure Gifts: Recirculated Gifts for Christmas

Also as part of Advent Adventure, you are invited to bring puzzles, books or games that are lightly used to Advent Adventure by noon on Sunday, December 4.

These treasures will be displayed in Fellowship Hall where all are welcome to “shop” at this table of lightly used items. Name-your-price donations will be used towards the purchase of Augustana's Advent ELCA Good Gifts Farms.

Join the Christmas Caroling outing!

On Saturday, December 10, folks of all ages are invited to Christmas carol, sponsored by Music Ministry and Children Youth and Family Ministry. We will meet at Augustana at 10 a.m. and carpool to different locations to sing. Pizza will be served at noon in the Anna Paulson Room at the close of caroling. RSVP to **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) by Thursday, December 8.

Sunday Lunch

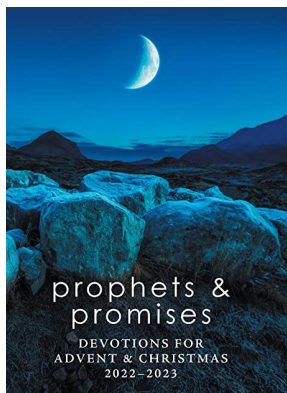
- November 6: Chili, Soup, Stews Cook-off
- November 13: Mici Italian
- November 20: Einstein Bagels
- November 27: Jimmy Johns

Sunday lunch is for all people on Sundays following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. It is free with a freewill offering taken.

We also appreciate volunteers to help set up and clean up each meal. Help continue the success of Sunday Lunch, and volunteer your time by contacting **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107). Donations to support this ministry may be made on Sundays or [online](#).

Advent starts November 27! Prepare by getting your devotion books!

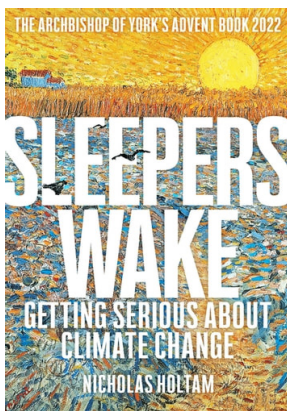
Prophets & Promises



Prophets & Promises will be available at Sanctuary entrances in November. This booklet contains a brief daily scripture, quote, story, and prayer to deepen in faith during Advent. Your gifts to Augustana make it possible to provide these devotionals at no

charge. You may also order an ebook version from augsburgfortress.org.

For Sunday Adult Forum or personal devotion *Sleepers Wake: Getting Serious About Climate Change*



The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2022

Hear God's call to renew the earth! In *Sleepers Wake*, Nicholas Holtam explores how we can remove obstacles to healing the earth. With exhilaration and passion, he draws on his experience as former

Church of England lead Bishop for the environment to guide our spiritual and cultural transformation, so we can all do our part to preserve our world for future generations. Split into four sections for the four weeks of Advent, these practical suggestions and reflective meditations about climate change

and the environment are set alongside beautiful fine art paintings relevant to the season. Nick Holtam invites us to journey this Advent, not only to the manger, but to the hope of God's kingdom come on earth, a hope that preserves, sustains, and nurtures all life.

Rev. Bonita Bock, retired pastor and professor emeritus of Wartburg West (seminary), leads a conversation about *Sleepers Wake* in Sunday Adult Forums on December 4, 11, and 18. You do not need to read the book to participate, although it will deepen your experience to do so.

Order your book from your favorite book supplier, or pick one up from Augustana's office for \$15/book.



Women, Wine, and Word

This Bible study for women of all ages will meet on Thursday, November 17, 7 p.m. in the Youth Room at Augustana. The group will be wrapping up their study of the book of Esther, a biblical heroine who isn't well known in Lutheranism. Everyone is welcome, as we discover how she used her gifts to respond to God's call, saving her people from destruction.

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:15–10:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

October 30: Augustana's Sanctuary Organ, 9–10 a.m., sanctuary, led by **Andy Peters**. (Special times, so that Andy can accompany choir practice afterwards.)

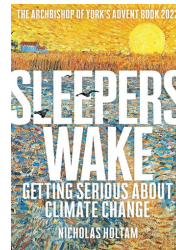
Join organist Andrew Peters in the sanctuary by the organ for this class about the pipe organ. Andy will talk about Augustana's two pipe organs and take questions from those in attendance. After the building itself, the organ is the most expensive piece of equipment inside the church. Come learn more about the King of Instruments!

November 6 and 13: Can you name the queens mentioned in the Bible? You're right, there aren't many! Did you know there is one woman who impacted the lives of thousands of Jewish believers? Come learn about Queen Esther, a biblical heroine who was called by God to save her people from destruction. How can her life story impact our life and faith?

Join **Pastor Ann** for a fascinating dive into this short book from the Hebrew Bible.

November 20: Gabe Brannon, ELCA World Hunger, Mission Funding Director, will lead a conversation and answer questions about ELCA World Hunger and more. Come and hear those details firsthand!

November 27: What Child is This? Advent Wonder, Mystery and Details, a conversation led by **Pastor Caitlin**. The Church Year begins on this day with new scripture choices, new devotionals, and a renewed sense of wonder. We'll touch on Advent's role in the church year and in our lives. Come and wonder with me.



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in Sunday Adult Forums. You do not need to read the book to participate although it will deepen your experience to do so.

Book Group

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah is the November Book Group selection. From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone* comes an epic novel of love and heroism and hope, set against the backdrop of one of America's most defining eras—the Great Depression.

“Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.



“In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation” (from <https://kristinhannah.com/books/the-four-winds/>).

Join us on Monday, November 21 at 1 p.m. in the Youth Room. If you have questions, contact **Ellen Kastens** (ekkastens@gmail.com or 303-475-7877).

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▲ Marilyn Stember (left), 50th Anniversary Project



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Health Ministry

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Alzheimer's Association 24/7 HELPLINE: 800-272-3900

Call for around-the-clock Alzheimer's disease information and support.

This free helpline allows people living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, caregivers, families, and the public to discuss issues families face every day. Callers will speak confidentially with masters-prepared consultants and receive education, decision-making support, or crisis assistance. What are your questions regarding this challenging diagnosis? Call today and have your inquiries addressed.

November is also National Caregivers Month

Did you know a monthly Caregiver Support Group meets at Augustana?

Build a support system with people who understand!

- Fourth Wednesday of the month
- 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Anna Paulson Room
- Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org)

- This is a hybrid group, so you can attend in person or Zoom in as well.
- For more information, contact FCN, **Sue Ann** (303-388-4678 ext. 106).

Who takes care of the caregiver?

Are you caring for a loved one in your home or from a distance? Either situation is stressful and can be quite consuming of time, energy, and resources.

There is an email newsletter for caregivers called **Today's Caregiver**. Subscribe to receive articles of support, information, and resources including specific articles and expert answers. Google caregiver.com, or email FCN Sue Ann to receive the subscription link, (glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org).

Health Ministry Sundays



Have you noticed the Health Ministry Team (HMT) hosting coffee hour on the first Sunday of each month in 2022? One of Health Ministry's goals for 2022 was to provide timely health and wellness information with monthly themes to our congregation. Besides providing articles in the Tower and the ePistle, each month your HMT has provided healthy treats during coffee hour between worship services, 9–10:15 a.m., and offered these four health check-ins at stations in Fellowship Hall:

1. Ask a Nurse
2. Blood Pressure Checks
3. Health and Wellbeing Information on the monthly theme
4. Recipes and Samples (certain months)

The theme for November 6 is **Family Caregivers Month and Alzheimer's Disease Month**.

December's theme will be National Safe Toys & Gifts Month.

You are invited to stop by for some refreshments, meet some HMT members, and gather up-to-date, helpful information for supporting your health and wellness. We are here for YOU!

If you have a particular topic of interest or expertise, please let FCN **Sue Ann** know with a call or an email (303-388-4678, ext. 106 or glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org).

Senior Ministry

Save the date!

Bless the Years

Worship service and catered luncheon

- Thursday, December 15, 11 a.m.
- Augustana's Sanctuary
- Advent/Christmas Theme
- Followed by a delicious family style luncheon catered by Jimmy's on Jersey (jimmysjerseystreetcafe.com)

Mark your calendars and watch for further information.

Please let FCN **Sue Ann** know if you need transportation, and a host will be arranged (glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678, ext. 106).

Welcome Connection

Welcome Connection invites you to lunch!

Welcome Connection will be hosting a table or two at Sunday Lunch on November 13! Please stop by, eat, and bring your suggestions or questions for us. And come and eat if you're new to Augustana, and we'll get to know each other a bit and share ideas about getting you connected.

Welcome Connection's regular meeting is on Sunday, November 6 after 10:30 a.m. worship. We'll be talking about how Discover Augustana class for newcomers went on October 23 and about continued improvements to better welcome new people to the campus and to our congregation.

As always, if you have visions, thoughts or suggestions for our group, or if you would be interested in joining us on our journey, feel free to contact one of us: **Erin Saboe, Nancy Johnson, Roger Lipker, Julie MacDougall, Nancy Nyhus (Council), Ellen Kastens (Council), Brad Uyemura (Chair), and Pastor Caitlin.**

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/>.

Optional: a donation of \$8/each to cover the cost of the name tags. Name tags may be picked up at the information table across from the elevator on Sunday morning or from Augustana's office.

Remember to wear your name tag to worship and to Augustana meetings and events!

Compassion and Action with Our Neighbor

Special Volunteer Day for Augustana Lutheran Church

A special thank you to members of Augustana who spent Saturday, October 15, at a Habitat for Humanity build site in the Curtis Park district of Denver. We had six slots reserved for Augustana, and, as shown to the right, they were filled by: (from left) **Max Johnson, Michael Zumwalt, Roger Loots and his wife, Pastor Ann Hultquist, Karen Bourg, and Janet Egan.** Above in the picture are all the trusses we installed.

We also installed blocks in between the studs to cover up seams where plywood boards came together, as well as installing boards as additional surfaces for the drywall to attach.

It was a beautiful day to be out working and wonderful to see all that we accomplished. There will be more volunteer opportunities to come, and if you would like additional information on how to get involved, please contact **Michael Zumwalt** (303-907-6305 or michaelczumwalt@gmail.com).





▲ Pastor Ann

▼ Max Johnson and Janet Egan



▲ Karen Bourg

▼ Michael Zumwalt





Bring cans of chili for the Ninth Annual Augustana Canned Chili Challenge!

October 30–Thanksgiving Eve, November 23

Our Ninth Annual Chili Challenge will begin on Sunday, October 30 and end at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on November 23. We'll team with the Augustana Early Learning Center children and staff collecting cans of chili while they enjoy friendly competition between their classrooms.

Please bring cans of chili (meat or vegetarian and preferably with pull-tab lids) to worship, and place them around the altar in either Christ Chapel or the sanctuary.

We are continuing our tradition of dividing the cans of chili between Metro Caring's Food Pantry, the George Washington High School food pantry, and our own Sanctuary Soup Shelf.

- **Metro Caring** operates one of Denver's largest hunger-relief programs, including a fresh foods shopping market. See more about Metro Caring here: metrocar.org/what-we-do.
- **George Washington food pantry** is operated through their Be Inspired Fund, which provides support to students with specific needs that might otherwise interfere with their academic success.
- **Augustana's Sanctuary Soup Shelf**, begun early in the pandemic, continues to provide nutritious canned foods 24/7 to our neighbors in need.

Canned chili is a high-protein meal, and one can of chili weighs about one pound. Let's be generous, as we always are, and partner with these worthy programs to reduce hunger in our community.

Human Dignity Delegates November Meeting

Join us on Sunday, November 13, noon, in the Anna Paulson Room, as we continue our discussion around this year's ballot initiatives and the post-election results. This will be a follow up to our October meeting where Peter Severson (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of CO) joined 25 of us to discuss several of the key ballot measures. This meeting will focus on the election results and their potential impact to our neighbors struggling with issues of housing, hunger, education and more, and how we can provide support. All are welcome!

Support Warren Village families with Thanksgiving “Baskets”

Continuing Augustana’s long tradition of providing Thanksgiving baskets to Warren Village and First Step residents, yet observing COVID restrictions, Augustana members and friends may donate to Augustana for Warren Village and First Step. The residents prefer gift cards, so they can celebrate Thanksgiving with their tradition, which may not include turkey and dressing! Donations for the gift cards may be made by check to Augustana (indicate “Warren Village” on the



Give today!
Suggested donation: \$40
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memo line), or online at [Augustana’s Giving page at augustanadenver.org](https://augustanadenver.org) by November 13. Each gift card costs \$40. There are 115 units for Warren Village and First Step residents. Thrivent Action Team grants will provide \$500 for additional food items. Thanks for your generous support!

Warren Village provides a safe apartment, job training, and childcare for low-income single-parent families. Learn more about Warren Village at warrenvillage.org.

Refugee Welcome Team learns skills to support refugee family

Augustana continues to progress in establishing a Village Team to welcome refugees resettling in the Denver area.

On an October Sunday, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (LFSRM) came to Augustana to train six Augustana members and friends in Refugee Basics 101 and Cultural Mentoring. They, along with five more Augustana members and friends who trained online, form the core team to cosponsor and mentor a refugee family. We are looking forward to LFSRM assigning a family to our team in the November/December time frame.

The support of the extended Augustana congregation is welcome and critical to help the

family in getting settled in their new home, helping to learn English, getting enrolled in proper training courses and schools, and in getting leads for employment. The cosponsorship typically covers a period of 9–12 months from arrival in Denver.

If you are interested in becoming an active member of the Refugee Welcome Team, you can still sign up for on-line training Wednesday November 2, 6 p.m. (https://www.lfsrm.org/event/refugee-volunteer-orientation-greeley-online/?instance_id=4452), and contact **Amy King** (amyking0607@gmail.com).

AUGUSTANAARTS

Augustana Arts is pleased to present . . .

Snarey Sounds & Scary Stories:

A Soundsational Concert Feat

Marimba, vibraphone, percussion, kid-friendly stories, and more!

Sunday, October 30, 3–4 p.m.

St. Timothy Episcopal Church

1401 E Dry Creek Rd, Littleton

Tickets: Flex Pay (pay what you choose including FREE for the entire family)

Experience exciting percussion music and sounds paired with scary stories for the perfect Halloween celebration. Recognize music from *Harry Potter*, *Frozen*, and *Encanto* along with “the scariest” music by Beethoven, Grieg and Mussorgsky. A concert sure to be fun for kids of ALL ages, and everyone is encouraged to wear a costume for the rhythmic parade! You’ll hear unique instruments as they click, clank, rattle, whirl and see the strangest looking instruments that create sounds sure to make you jump, march, tap, or twirl. Join us for an afternoon of soundsational fun!

Tickets and information at AugustanaArts.org.

Stratus Chamber Orchestra performs two unique concert formats, November 12–13!

- Saturday, November 12, 7 p.m., Historic Grant Avenue (216 Grant Ave.)
- Sunday, November 13, 3 p.m., Augustana’s Fellowship Hall

Join Stratus Chamber Orchestra for one of two (or both) surprising and engaging concert formats during the second concert of Stratus’s performance season. “**Searching: Stories from the Other Side**” concert brings to life a powerful mix of adventure, intrigue, and delight.

The popular “Music of the Vine” music, wine, and cheese pairing experience will take place at Historic Grant Avenue (216 Grant Ave.) on Saturday, November 12 at 7 p.m. with Master Wine Educator, **Claude Robbins** (for adults only).

Then, the intriguing immersive concert (whereby the audience sits within and among the musicians) will be at Augustana on Sunday, November 13 at 3 p.m. (for the ENTIRE family)!

Both performances will feature Grammy-nominated Soprano **Lindsay Kesselman**, hailed by Fanfare Magazine as an “artist of growing reputation for her artistry and intelligence . . . with a voice of goddess-like splendor.”


The program includes:

- Alexander Borodin’s “In the Steppes of Central Asia”
- A work by the Argentinian tango composer, Astor Piazzolla
- Soprano Lindsay performing John Mackey’s “Songs from The End of the World” (Mackey wrote this piece specifically for Lindsay’s voice!)
- “Goodnight Moon” by composer Eric Whitacre based on the iconic children’s book by Margaret Wise Brown
- The Operatic Overture to Verdi’s *La forza del destino* (*The Power of Fate*)

Join us for one (or both!) of these unique concert experiences!

Tickets available at AugustanaArts.org. ALL Augustana members receive \$10 off all tickets for either concert. Use code ALC10 for a discount. Anyone who purchases Saturday tickets may attend the Sunday performance for FREE!



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		1 9am Library Committee 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	2 9am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Augustana Singers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:15pm Chancel Choir	3 The Tower deadline	4 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly	5 <div>Turn your clocks back!</div>										
		6 All Saints Sunday Health Ministry Sunday 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Fellowship/Coffee 9:15am Adult Forum 9:15am Discover Augustana 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am Chili, Soup, Stew Cook-Off Noon Grief Group Noon Augustana Knitters Noon Welcome Connection <i>See Faith Formation and Music Ministry below.</i>	7 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	8 Election Day 5:30pm Worship Committee 6pm Children, Youth & Family Ministry Committee 7pm Augustana Foundation 7pm Men's Bible Study	9 9am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:15pm Chancel Choir	10 7pm E4 Mental Health	11 Veterans Day 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly	12 8:30am Chancel Choir Retreat								
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Lyndon Myler
Thomas Rohr
Bonnie Uldall
Katherine Watts
Matthias Yohannes
Diane Zarlengo
- 2** Heidi Boodt
Richard Huser
Cindy Maxwell
- 3** Eric Gustafson
Heather Kistler Kinz
Karen Terry
- 4** Olivia Anderson
Molly Buchanan
Lori Fath
Caden Uyemura
- 5** Cyrus Atherton
Melia Blair
Julie Cotton
Austin Ezpeleta
- 6** Benjamin Herr

- 7** Bryan Black
Louise Crow
Brigitte Eugster
Janis Johnson
Otto Lawrence
Bobby Lawrence
- 8** Shaun Gleason
Kirsten Lamphere
Leilu Towery
- 9** Brady Anderson
Kathryn Havranek
Arlien Johnson
Ruth Zerzan
- 10** MaryLin Bergman
Sonja Bornhijm
River Cockrell
Art Van Dyck
- 11** Stian Gilbertson
Joseph Parker
Marilyn Stember
- 12** Jane Dumler
Nancy Johnson
Judy Kessenich
Harry Waters

- 13** Grace Granbery
- 14** Cara Thomas
- 15** Jan Blatchford
Clayton Ward
Charles Woolley
- 16** Jean Apple
Greg Lunsford
Sam Stadolnik
Sonja Thorwald
Connor Tribbett
- 17** Lucas Moseley
- 18** Nathan Sherman
- 19** Allan Brown
- 20** Evelyn Earl
Peyton Ralston
- 21** Stephen Castellari
Logan Fischer
Justin Uyemura
- 22** Emma Beswick
Carrie Olson
Gwynne Olson
Lynne Snyder
Aspen Strub
- 23** Dana Buhr
Zachary Morris

- 24** Sarah Bjornebo
Betsy Conant
Katherine Cruson
Sarah Jacobsen
AJ Levy
Cooper Rhea
Abigail Zelenak
- 25** Kara Ninke
Andrew Schlichting
- 26** John Gessert
Arline Wood
- 27** Suzanne Eugster
Tate Kastens
Gary Witt
- 28** Beckie Herrboldt
- 29** Donald Hass
- 30** Megan Crawford

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have been on this list
but wasn't, please call
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