

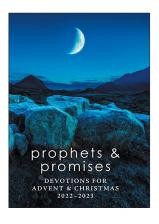




#### **Advent starts November 27!**

#### **Get your free Advent devotional!**

Copies of *Prophets & Promises* are available at sanctuary entrances as of Sunday, November 13. This booklet contains a brief daily scripture, quote, story, and prayer to deepen in faith during Advent. Your gifts to the church make it possible to provide these devotionals at no charge. You may also order an ebook version from <u>augsburgfortress.org</u>.



Advent and Christmas opportunities continue on page 4.

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## Augustana

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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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   Augustana Early Learning Center

#### Recently lifted up in prayer

## For comfort and courage:

- Amaleah Buzzell
   (Augustana's evening custodian) in the death of her mother
   Cora Bashore
- Family and friends of Jane Carlstrom in her death
- Paul Gilbertson and family in the death of his wife, Phyllis Gilbertson
- Angela Howard in the death of her grandfather, Norm Goehring
- Doug Hein in the death of his sister-inlaw, Betty Hein

 Andy and Christine Peters in the death of their friend, Pat Neilson

#### For hope and healing:

- · Cyrus Atherton
- · Paul Blanchard
- Marian Carroll
- Kathy Edstrom
- Tim Garrington
- · Gail Gill
- · Glenn Kraft
- · Mary Kuxhaus
- · Alan Morast
- · Diane Pilloud
- Marilyn Stember
- Harry and Betty Waters
- · Judy White
- Katherine Willoughby
- Elli

### Rejoice with

Oakley Harper
Richardson,
daughter of Brent
and Chelsea
Richardson, in her
baptism

## Thank you for the gifts!

## Capital Improvement Fund

 In memory of Dick Kah

#### **Special Gifts**

• In memory of Joseph and Ruby Gay

#### **Welcome Christine Peters to the staff**

That new face you may have noticed sitting at the second desk in the finance office is Christine Peter... yes, that Christine Peters, wife of our Minister of Music, Andy Peters. As it turns out, Christine has a varied background that includes experience in computer services, project management, leadership and accounting that makes her an excellent addition to our team. She is also an accomplished chef, as any who attended Holden Evening Prayer during Lent this past year already know.



Christine is working about 20 hours a week. Adding her to the staff will allow us to take on additional accounting responsibilities for the Early Learning Center, automate a number of manual processes within the finance area and assist the Foundation in establishing and maintaining a database of donors and grantees as well as normalize the workload in the Finance Department.

Please join us in welcoming Christine to her new role at Augustana!

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#### **Pastors**

## Hear the Advent and Christmas story in new ways



When my daughter was in elementary school, one of our family's favorite books at this time of year was *The Best Christmas Pageant* Ever by Barbara Robinson. It is a delightful and moving story about what happens when the wildest, most scruffy

children are given the leading roles in the church's pageant. Everyone expects the presentation to be a disaster, but instead, it ends up being a wonderful reminder of what Jesus' birth was actually like, and a reminder of why Jesus came to our world. I would highly recommend the book for adults as well as kids!

This Advent season also helps us to immerse ourselves in the story of Jesus' coming, giving us time to reflect in an often hectic season. In worship, we'll hear the words of prophets, angels, and John the Baptist. We'll sing and hear both old and new songs encouraging us to be watchful and patient. And each week we'll light the Advent wreath, seeing the illumination grow.

The coming weeks are an invitation to you to see and hear the Advent and Christmas story in new ways. Marvel at the power of God's promises, and the joy of Emmanuel, God with us!

With hope and joy,

**Pastor Ann** 

#### **Advent Deceleration**



It's not clear how pandemic times accelerated the time/ space continuum. The Before Times weren't trouble free, but they didn't seem to move quite so quickly. However it happened,

the world came out of those quieter months in overdrive and keeps accelerating. Decelerating takes some intention. To that end, I've downshifted some of my ongoing commitments. Ballet classes were fun, but they were another evening commitment, so I parked them. My commitment to criminal justice work shifted from Together Colorado's Transforming Team to Co-Convening their Metro Denver Faith Leader Caucus, which removed a few more evenings from my monthly calendar.

Continuing down this road, I'm looking forward to the deceleration of Advent. Mindfully cruising through the four weeks towards Christmas avoids some of the potholes but not all of them. Culturally, the season has a careening quality that we can't entirely swerve around. But there are still choices we can make, and our faith drives us towards a different horizon, one with a manger snuggled in the midst of a bustling Bethlehem with full inns. The town pulsed. Mary labored. Joseph waited. Jesus arrived. The Holy Family rested.

This Advent season, as we worship together on the road towards Christmas, may you be blessed with the peace that decelerates your heart and mind into the swaddled hope that is Christ Jesus our Lord.

Peace,

**Pastor Caitlin** 

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# Advent and Christmas



#### 99½ Farms and counting!

### Let's buy farms again this Advent!

Over the past eight years you, Augustana's faithful, have helped the hungry of this world during Advent by contributing \$71,142 toward the purchase of 99½ farms through the ELCA Good Gifts program! This does not include the 27 additional farms purchased through an ELCA matching funds program for a total of 126½ farms!

The Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) ministry invites Augustana members and friends to join our ninth Advent journey to a stable among cattle and sheep to witness the birth of the One whose grace sustains and nourishes us daily. We will again support the ELCA Good Gifts ministry

by buying farms to help families have "forever food." A farm includes animals, farm implements, and the educational support needed to ensure success. A farm is still only \$715! Our collection begins the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, and concludes on Christmas Eve. You may send a check payable to Augustana Lutheran Church (write FARM on the memo line), or contribute online through the Giving page of Augustana's website augustanadenver.org.

Let's make Christmas an especially joyous event for those who will receive a fresh start in life!

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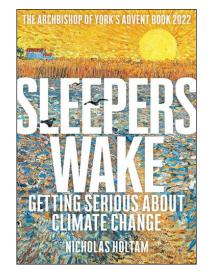
## Two opportunities to explore Sleepers Wake this Advent

### **Opportunity No. 1:**

#### **Adult Forum**

Sundays, December 4, 11, 18, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

Augustana member **Rev. Bonita Bock** leads a conversation about *Sleepers Wake: Getting Serious About Climate Change* for Adult Forum during Advent. You do not need to read the book to participate, although it will deepen your experience to do so. Copies are available from Augustana's office for \$15.



## **Opportunity No. 2:**

### Wednesday Morning Advent Study

Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21, 9:30–10:30 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

A second opportunity to discuss Sleepers Wake will be offered on Wednesday mornings in Advent. This is a repeat of the Advent class presented during Sunday Adult Forums for those who would prefer a weekday offering.

We are looking for a minimum of eight participants to hold this event, which is sponsored by Senior Ministry but open to everyone.

If you would like to attend the midweek Advent class, sign up with Augustana's office (303-388-4678 or info@augustanadenver.org).

#### 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.

Sleepers Wake is the Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2022.

Facilitator **Rev. Bonita Bock** is a retired ELCA clergy, professor emeritus of Wartburg College West, founding director of the Urban Servant Corps in Denver, and current part-time lecturer for Active Minds in the metro area.

### **Adult Forum during Advent**

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

November 27: "What Child is This? Advent Wonder, Mystery and Minutia," 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.

**December 4, 11, 18: Rev. Bonita Bock**, retired pastor and professor emeritus of Wartburg College West and member of Together Colorado's Climate Justice Committee, leads a conversation about *Sleepers Wake*. (See previous article.)

**December 25 and January 1:** Enjoy the holidays! No class on these days.

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### **At-a-Glance Holiday Schedule**

#### Sunday, December 4

11:45 a.m. Advent Adventure - Fellowship Hall

#### Friday, December 9

7 p.m. Augustana Festival Christmas Concert: "Christmas at Augustana"

#### Saturday, December 10

10 a.m. Christmas Caroling

#### Thursday, December 15, Bless the Years

11 a.m. Worship/Communion - Sanctuary

Noon Catered Christmas Lunch - Fellowship Hall

#### Sunday, December 18

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Christmas Pageant - Sanctuary

#### The Nativity of Our Lord

#### Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

11 a.m. Worship/Communion - Sanctuary
3 p.m. Worship/Communion - Sanctuary
5 p.m. Worship/Communion - Sanctuary
7 p.m. Worship/Communion - Sanctuary
7 p.m. Christmas Eve Radio Broadcast
KOA Radio, 94.1 FM and 850 AM

#### **Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25**

10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion - Sanctuary

#### Holiday schedule changes

There will be no Faith Formation classes, children's and youth music ministry, and Sunday Lunch on December 25 and January 1. We will resume our normal schedule January 8.

Augustana's office will be closed for the holidays December 26 and January 2. If you have an emergency, call the emergency line (303-862-3027).



## Celebrate Advent with 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.

## Donate and shop gently used Christmas gifts at 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.

## Visit the Angel Tree and provide a gift for LFS refugees

The Lutheran Family Services Refugee Angel Tree is now available in Fellowship Hall. Take an Angel or two off the tree to buy the specific item listed on that Angel. Return gifts to Augustana by Sunday, December 11. Please do not wrap them, but you may provide a reusable grocery bag or gift bag on the side.

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#### **Kids Christmas Pageant rehearsals**

Pre-K 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.

## **AUGUSTANARTS**

#### **Christmas at Augustana**

Friday, December 9, 7 p.m., Sanctuary



Join Augustana
Lutheran Church
and Augustana Arts
for Christmas at
Augustana. This
concert features the
Augustana Chancel
Choir, Augustana
Ringers, Chamber
Orchestra, and more!

The highlight of this concert will be Camille Saint-

Saëns' *Christmas Oratorio*. This work for chorus and strings was premiered on Christmas Day at La Madeleine in Paris in 1858. Other holiday favorites will round out the festive concert.

There is NO COST to attend, but reservations are requested. A free will offering will be taken to benefit ELCA World Hunger programs. This holiday concert is perfect for the ENTIRE family. FREE parking is available in the Alameda lot or off of Fairfax Avenue.

Make your reservation at <u>augustanaarts.org</u>.

## You are invited to attend our next Bless the Years



Enjoy Advent- and Christmas-themed worship and lunch, Thursday, December 15, 11 a.m. in Augustana's beautifully decorated sanctuary. Special music will be provided by the newly

formed Augustana Singers, directed by Andrew Peters and accompanied by Christelle Menth.

Celebrate the season together with worship and fellowship as we join our voices and hearts in praise to our Christ Child's birth and bless one another!

Following worship, be our guest at a tasty familystyle lunch in Fellowship Hall catered by Jimmy's Jersey Street Café (<u>jimmysjerseystreetcafe.com</u>).

Host and transportation are available. Contact Augustana's office or FCN **Sue Ann** if you would like to attend but could use some help. We are here for you!

RSVP for catering is needed by Wednesday, December 7 to Augustana's office (303-388-4678 or info@augustanadenver.org).

Hosted by Augustana's Senior Ministry.

### Join the Christmas Caroling outing!

Folks of all ages are invited to Christmas carol on Saturday, December 10. Plan to meet at Augustana at 10 a.m. to carpool to various locations to sing. Enjoy pizza afterwards at noon in the Anna Paulson Room.

RSVP to **Shanna** (<u>shanna@augustanadenver.org</u> or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) by Thursday, December 8. Sponsored by Music Ministry and Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

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## Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas

This Advent and Christmas season, help provide poinsettias for Augustana's chancel while honoring or remembering special events or loved ones. Use the form below to indicate your preferences. Any amount is welcome. Make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. You can also donate online through Augustana's Giving page at augustanadenver.org. Gifts received by Sunday, December 18 will be acknowledged in Augustana's Christmas Eve bulletins.

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#### **Christmas Eve**

You are invited to hear the Good News of Jesus' birth, enjoy beautiful music, and sing Christmas carols together. Worship services Saturday, December 24, will be at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Prelude music will begin 20 minutes prior to each of the services, and each services will have Holy Communion and carols. The 11 a.m. service will be less than an hour in length, perhaps making it an attractive time for both elders and those with very young children.

Livestreaming will be made available during the 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. services.

#### **Christmas Day**

We will have one service on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The Christmas Day service will be Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion. Please note that the Christmas Day service will not be livestreamed.



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### **Music Ministry**

## Support the Christmas Eve radio broadcast

For over thirty years, Augustana Lutheran Church has offered a Christmas Eve broadcast to the community. This year's program will be heard on KOA NewsRadio 850 AM and 94.1 FM on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. This powerful outreach tool of Augustana reaches people who won't attend services in the sanctuary or watch a livestream of our service.

There are significant costs for the broadcast on Christmas Eve. The church pays iheart radio for the airtime. We also pay a producer to edit together the music, scripture readings, and sermon in the program. Additionally, we also hire a recording engineer to record music during a Saturday recording session and the Christmas concert.

The expenses for this year's broadcast will be a little over \$3,000. At the moment this expense is not part of the operating budget and comes out of the Music Endowment Fund. Last year there was a shortage of \$950 between the broadcast costs and the donations which came in for this ministry.

If you feel moved to donate to this broadcast, please see the form on the previous page.

I hope you are having a blessed Advent.

Grace and peace,

#### Andy



## **AUGUSTANARTS**



# New Year's Eve like you've never experienced before (and likely will never forget!)

## New Year's Eve Concert with Andrew Peters

Saturday, December 31, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Ring in 2023 with a new and exciting concert experience as organist **Andrew Peters** improvises on the organ as you watch the 1923 Harold Lloyd silent film, *Bumping into Broadway* on a giant screen. Plus, the evening includes great works for the organ including Chapman's "Fanfare and Procession," Vivaldi's "Concerto No. 2 in a minor," Pamela "Decker's Tangos for Organ," and the alltime favorite, Handel's *Fireworks Music*.

Join us for this unique New Year's Eve event for the entire family! Refreshments available for purchase. Ticketing is by donation only, but we request reservations. Pay what you choose from FREE to any amount. Visit <a href="AugustanaArts.org">AugustanaArts.org</a> to reserve your spot before we sell out!

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### **Stewardship**



#### **Grace in Action**

Thank you to everyone who has made a financial commitment (pledge) to Augustana's ministry for 2023. Our giving makes a difference in the world and in our own lives, as we experience God's grace in Christ for us and for all people. If you haven't made a commitment yet, you may do so online at augustanadenver.org (choose the "Giving" tab), or you may complete a card which can be found in the narthex or in Augustana's office. Thank you for sharing what God has already given to you!

### **Congregation Council**

## **Annual Augustana Congregation Meeting**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 15, 2023!

Hello, everyone,

Please note that we plan to hold our 2023 annual congregation meeting on Sunday, January 15 at 11:45 a.m., following 10:30 a.m. worship.

Your attendance is greatly appreciated for this important event to vote on our 2023 budget and elect new members to Council (adult and youth), Synod Assembly, and our Nominating Committee for 2023. We expect there will be other items to discuss and approve, including ratification of the constitutional change in quorum requirement from 75 down to 60.

As you may recall, at our special congregation meeting this past August 28, we unanimously approved to have one minimum congregation meeting per year, and decided on January as the appropriate month in order to provide more time for budget planning. And we may still have special congregation meetings as needed.

Thank you.

#### **Michael Zumwalt**

President of the Congregation

## Children, Youth, Family



#### Save the date!

VBS will be held at Augustana July 10–13, 2023, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. for all kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade

in fall 2023. Cost will be \$75 per child with a \$150 family maximum. Additional details and registration to come in the spring.

## Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering at Augustana

Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering for youth in grades 6–12 is February 18–20. This event will be held at Augustana! Final details are in the works, but save the date for participation. Volunteers are needed from Augustana to help with hospitality. Contact **Shanna** to sign up (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org).



### Montgomery Meeting, January 29

All Montgomery participants are asked to meet on Sunday, January 29 at noon in the Anna Paulson Room. Grab your lunch from Fellowship Hall and bring it over. We will be finished by 1 p.m.

## Study/Fellowship

### Women, Wine and Word

This Bible study for women of all ages will not meet in December. Please contact **Pastor Ann** (ann@ augustanadenver.org) for more information about the study and gathering on Thursday, January 19, 7 p.m.

### **Sunday Lunch in December**

Sundays, 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

- December 4: Illegal Pete's Taco Bar
- December 11: Jimmy John's Sandwiches
- December 18: Pizza

Free or freewill offering.

Help set up and clean up by contacting **Shanna** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or <u>shanna@augustanadenver.org</u>).

## **Augustana Foundation**



## Growing with Purpose

### A Successful 50th Anniversary Augustana Foundation Celebration

The two-year (thanks to COVID!) celebration of the Augustana Foundation's 50th anniversary raised over \$60,000 to grow the Foundation's core funds! Like so many things, this could not have happened without the support of a large number of volunteers who graciously gave of their time, talent and treasure. We are also forever grateful to the Foundation's founders whose wisdom and foresight brought the Foundation to life. And, over the years, the many church members who have served, and continue to serve, on the Foundation Board, carefully overseeing the investment of the funds to ensure the ongoing disbursement of fund income to our church, our community and our world. A very special "Thank You" to Marilyn Stember for her leadership of the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

For more information about the Augustana Foundation, please visit <a href="https://www.augustanadenver.org/augustana-foundation">https://www.augustanadenver.org/augustana-foundation</a>.

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#### Health and wellbeing begins with prevention.

- Join us for coffee hour, Sunday, December 4, 9–10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall.
- Perfect for planning holiday shopping!
- Come learn about toy safety and hazardous choices.
- See firsthand some excellent choices for safe gifts.

In support of the SAFE TOY theme, Health Ministry Team is sponsoring a new SAFE TOY collection for Foster Source. Meet **Renee Bernhard**, Augustana member and Foster Source Founder and Executive Director, and donate a SAFE TOY!

Foster Source needs SAFE TOYS for children ages newborn to 18. Safe toys avoid small pieces and small magnets. Safe toys also avoid any weaponry and/or promoting violent play. Foster Source loves sensory and fidget toys like textured balls, tangle toys, and thinking putty, as well as comfort toys like squishimals. Learning-based toys for stacking, counting, or reading are always a hit. Kids love puzzles and board games too! Don't forget our teens! They love fidget rings and brain teasers. Find some great ideas at the teacher supply store Lakeshore Learning website (lakeshorelearning. com).

Next time you are out shopping, pick up a new SAFE TOY and bring it to church on Sunday, December 4 to donate. GIVE a new SAFE TOY and give JOY as we continue our Advent journey of healing and wholeness in preparation for the arrival of the Christ Child.

## I Matter.

### Our youth need our support!

Gift a youth in your life with the information about this resource. What is imatter? Check out this link (<a href="https://imattercolorado.org/about.">httml</a>) to learn about this state funded therapy program that provides free access to mental health and substance use disorder services for youth. The program is open to youth 18 years of age or younger or 21 years of age if receiving special education services. Each youth may qualify for up to six free virtual or in-person therapy sessions. Contact the website or FCN **Sue Ann** for further information (303-388-4678 ext. 106 or <a href="mailto:glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org">glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org</a>).



## Jesus is Born!

## Sunday | December 18 | 4 – 6 pm

A "shush-free" monthly worship service to welcome and include people with cognitive disabilities and their families.

"We will know what it is to be created in God's image when all are included."

#### Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church 21755 E Smoky Hill Rd | Centennial CO 80015

You are invited to join Pastor Ann and Deacon Shanna in volunteering at this wonderful time of worship, fellowship and dinner sponsored by **Mosaic in Denver**. Adults, youth, and kids are welcome to help. Contact Pastor Ann for more information (ann@augustanadenver.org).



### **Colorado Gives Day is December 6!**

Community First Foundation, FirstBank and other community partners from across the state want to make your support of Colorado nonprofits go even further. Every donation made from November 1 through December 6 on <a href="ColoradoGives.org">ColoradoGives.org</a> counts towards Colorado Gives Day and gets a boost from the \$1.4 Million+ Incentive Fund!

Visit <u>coloradogives.org</u> to support organizations such as:

- Augustana Arts
- Rainbow Trail
   Lutheran Camp
- Foster Source
- Lutheran Family Services
- Or any of Augustana's non-profit ministry friends highlighted on the CAN Ministry page at augustanadenver.org.

GO ☑ THE TOWER 13



Augustana Early Learning Center invites you to consider working with children from the congregation and community. Positions may include benefits such as health and dental, paid holidays and one week paid winter break, two weeks personal time off for sick and personal.

#### **Toddler and Preschool Teacher**

The right candidate will have a heart for working with toddlers and preschool age children. Be energetic, dependable, and passionate about working with children. Early Childhood Teacher qualified and one year of experience.

Salary: \$17 to \$22 per hour

#### **After-School Teacher**

We are looking for a fun, energetic individual to join our school age team! Ability or willingness to drive a 14-passenger bus is a plus—a CDL license is not required.

**General Job Duties:** Supervising and ensuring a safe and challenging environment for our school age children. Activities include group games, arts and crafts, and science, drama/dance, homework support and fun field trips. Additional hours may be available as a floater for our toddler and preschool rooms during the school year.

Requirements/Certifications: Applicants must be committed to being a positive role model with youth! Applicants must be 18 and provide written verification of at least 460 documentable hours of experience working with children 5–18. Must have ability to take initiative, work well on a team, communicate well with youth, parents and colleagues, and be committed to implementing high quality programming.

**Shifts/Hours:** 2–6 p.m., Monday – Friday and noon–6 p.m. on Fridays. Additional hours may be available as a floater for our toddler and preschool rooms during the school year.

Salary: \$17 to \$20 per hour

#### **Mini-School Bus Driver**

General Job Duties: Transports children between neighborhood schools and Augustana Early Learning Center. Accountable for vehicle operation, including monitoring basic operation needs (gas, dashboard indicators, wash fluid), and safety of passengers. Assures bus is clean and usable when required. Attends training as deemed necessary. Must enjoy interacting with staff and children and have high energy level.

**Requirement/Certifications:** Applicants need to have a valid driver's license and a clean MVR. Must be at least 20 years of age. Prior experience driving a 14-passenger bus or similar transportation experience is highly preferred. Experience working with children ages 1–11 years old is a plus.

**Shifts/Hours:** Driving hours are tentatively 2–4:15 p.m., Monday–Thursday and 12:30-4:15 p.m. on Friday. Additional hours as a teacher assistant in the after-school program or child care center may be available. Position can extend into the summer, driving for summer camp field trips.

Salary: \$18 to \$20 per hour

To apply, email your resumé to Director Wendie Edwards (edwards@augustanadenver.org).

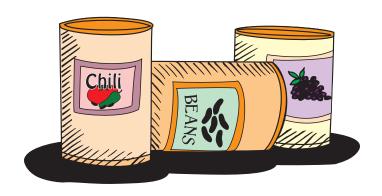
## Compassion and Action with Our Neighbor

#### Sanctuary Soup Shelf donation guide

Thank you to all who provide canned foods to our Sanctuary Soup Shelf ministry and to those who are volunteering to tend and restock it each day. Below are the categories of food items we try to provide along with a few examples for each category.

Please note: if you are bringing in more than a few items to donate, it is best to bring them into the church and place them on the storage shelves in the narthex.

- Canned meats, such as tuna, chicken, beef
- Canned meals, such as beef stew, chunky soups, pasta with meat
- Condensed soups, such as chicken noodle, vegetable beef
- Canned vegetables, such as tomatoes, corn, peas
- Canned fruits in juice or light syrup
- Canned beans, such as pinto, refried, black, but not vegetable beans
- **Dairy**, such as condensed milk not requiring refrigeration



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- 1 Ross Corace Roseanne Isbell Bertil Lager Dolly Lager Carter Zimmerman
- 2 Lisa Boe-Sims Lynda Brecke Kristin Hempelman Denise Moran Barbara Watts
- 3 Rex Carter Henok Yohannes
- 4 Charlie Daves
  Christopher Desfosses
  Jeanne Ireland
  Jay Ruybal
  Linda Waisner
  Madison White
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- 6 Dorie Fie Lynn Friesen
- 7 Carolyn BatorowiczGwendolyn Hagebak

- 8 Raymond Herr Phyllis Imholte Emma Johnson
- 9 Thomas Dorr Greg Fuchs Angela Howard Rebecca Jones Ronald Swenson Mike Theiss
- 10 Gayle Dorr Barbara Lambert
- 11
- 12 Brian Bernhard Jill Davies June Walker
- 13 Ken Madsen Marlene Pobrislo
- 14 William Mangione James Siverson
- 15 Alec Abbott Jordan Hempelman Barbara Iwanowicz

- 16 Tennyson Crow Liam Wallman
- 17 Kit Choi Sofia Garner Tilly Hoath Heidi Johnson Max Johnson
- 18 Carolyn Gustafson Susan Johnson Jeffrey Yeager
- 19 Julie Anderson Barbara Chesebro Marj Kathmann Norma Williams
- **20** Eric Clambey Arianne Theiss
- 21 Madison Kurpinsky
- 22
- 23 Abby Zeckser
- 24 Eileen Pettijohn Thomas Sigdestad
- 25 Ingrid Backes Greta Gessert Joyce Oleson Paul Snyder

- 26 Brett Elliott Blake Harwell Alayna Nelson Rose Sukhbat
- **27** Jerry Nick E.L. Van Laningham
- 28 Estella Hoody
  Walter Kommerstad
  David Pettijohn
  Evelyn Priest
  Elle Walker
- 29 CharlieAnne Barrett Nicholas Garvey Justin Maxwell
- **30** Shawn Cooper Bailey Howard
- 31 Evenhaezer Hutagalung Ruth Johnson

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



# Advent with Augustana 2022



Brought to you by our Compassion and Action with Our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry. Do one a day or pick a few for the season.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Choose one word to guide you through the Advent season. Popular choices include hope, joy, peace, love, etc.	Give a coat you no longer wear to <u>Coats for Colorado</u> .	Call a family member or friend who you haven't heard from in a while.	Most school arts programs have performances this month. Attend a performance at your local school.	Bring five cans of soup to Advent Adventure on Sunday for the Augustana Soup Shelf.	Email your elected officials about a topic that is close to your heart.  A list of your representatives can be found here.	Choose an angel from Augustana's Angel Tree. Make sure to bring your unwrapped purchases back by December 11.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Bring a new safe toy to coffee hour for Health Ministry Sunday toy drive for Foster Source. Find additional information in the Tower.	Listen to Handel's Messiah (at least the Christmas portion).  Here's a great recording.	Deliver a Christmas wreath to a local nursing home or assisted living home.	Pray for the unhoused folks in our community. There are more every day.	Share this Advent calendar on social media and get your online community involved in spreading joy!	Need some extra Christmas spirit? Attend the Augustana Christmas Concert at 7 p.m.	Go Christmas caroling! Meet in Anna Paulson Room at 10 a.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Write down a favorite Christmas tradition and post it on the back windows of the sanctuary.	Mail a thank you note to someone who showed you a kindness lately.	Take a friend to tour Christmas lights around your neighborhood.	Have a pack of warm socks in your car to give to an unhoused person at an intersection.	Call, give a treat, or send a card to someone who is missing a loved one during this holiday season.	Go without the coffee today and donate \$5 to buy an Advent Farm.	Bake a homemade treat and deliver it to your local police or fire station.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Hanukkah starts tonight. Google to learn more about the Jewish Festival of Lights.	Leave a special treat for your mail carrier to thank them for their extra work during this season.	Tired from the bustle of the season?  Take an opportunity today to meditate on the real reason for the season.	Happy first day of winter!  Donate to  Aurora Warms the Night.	Read Jesus' birth story in Luke 1:1—2:21.	Pray for people who don't or can't celebrate the holidays with their families.	Attend a Christmas Eve service at Augustana. Times are 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Faith Formation 9:30am Faith Formation	(Infants-Grade 12)		•	1 The Tower deadline	9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly 7pm Concert: Colorado Choir	7pm Concert: Colorado Choir
4 Advent 2 Health Ministry Sunday 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Fellowship/Coffee 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30amWorship/Communion 11:30am Advent Adventure Noon Grief Group Noon Welcome Connection See Faith Formation and Music Ministry above	5 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	9am Library Committee 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	9am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:30am Midweek Advent Bible Study 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Augustana Singers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:15pm Chancel Choir	8 2pm Senior Ministry 7pm E4 Mental Health	9 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly 7pm Augustana Arts: Christmas at Augustana	10 10am Christmas Caroling
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18 Advent 4 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Fellowship/Coffee 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30amWorship/Communion 11:45am Sunday Lunch 12:45pm Candlelighter Rehearsal See Faith Formation and Music Ministry above	9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	7pm Congregation Council 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	9am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:30am Midweek Advent Bible Study 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 7:15pm Chancel Choir	22	9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly	24 Christmas Eve 11am Worship/Communion 3pm Worship/Communion 5pm Worship/Communion 7pm Worship/Communion 7pm Christmas Eve Radio Broadcast
25 Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day 10:30amWorship/Communion	- office closed -	7pm Men's Bible Study 7pm Rachel Circle	9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6:30pm Alzheimer's Support Group	29	9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly	7pm Augustana Arts: New Year's Eve Concert with Organist Andrew Peters