



## Mission Statement:

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

*Opportunities to **GO**, sponsored by CAN Ministry and others, begin on page 8.*

*Opportunities to **GROW** can be found all through the pages of this Tower.*



## Rejoice with . . .

- Erin, Jake, Coleridge, and Gabriel as their family officially expands with the finalized adoption of Cassidy now choosing the name Mary Beth Elaine, Braden now choosing the name Robert Orven, and Xander now choosing the name Griffin Alexander
- Parents Madeline and Louis Fasano, and grandparents Pastor Ann and Roger in the baptism of Theodore Vincent Fasano
- Owen Lars Siverson, son of Olaf and Anne Siverson, in his baptism
- Parents Miles and Stevi Tamminga, and grandparents Craig and Amy Tamminga in the birth of Lee Klein Tamminga, July 9

## Thank you for the gifts!

### Augustana Early Learning Center Scholarships

- In memory of Paige Bartels

### Augustana Foundation

- In memory of Norm Aarestad, Jerry Rehkow

### Music Ministry

- In memory of Lorna Schillereff

### Special Gifts

- In memory of Jerry Rehkow, Lorna Schillereff
- In honor of Joanne and Richard McClaskey and Robert and Patricia Ellinger



## Recently lifted up in prayer

### for hope and healing:

- Bev Behringer, Megan Colunga, Virginia Elsen, Rene Gentes, Rose Kvern, Nevin Long, Mike Moran, Steve O'Leary, Leta Dieffenbacher Olszewski, Antonio, Betty, and Lorena Otero, Marilyn Sember, Ron Sember, Mariah Wagner, people of Beirut

### for comfort and courage:

- Family and friends of Lyle "Dick" Parkins in his death
- Pastor Ann in the death of her friend, Lisa Harmon Ohlde
- Lynn Friesen, Arvetta Hjelmstad, and Karen Terry in the death of their Augustana Firm Believers friend, Arlene McGraw

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**Online Worship/Devotions**  
(<https://www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/> or [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org))

- **Online Worship**, Sundays, 9 a.m.
- **We Are One at 1:00**, Online devotions, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m.

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# Pastors



**Milestones.** All of us experience them as we live and grow, both in our faith and in our daily life. As a community of faith, we celebrate a number of milestones each year with children, youth, adults, and families. Like everything

else, the pandemic has changed these celebrations and challenged us as people of faith to still find ways to mark these important moments.

In August, Deacon Shanna traveled to the homes of children in kindergarten and 3rd and 5th grades to present Bibles to them and offer a blessing to the children and families. Hopefully you've seen some of the wonderful pictures of these front porch visits!

Also in August, Pastor Caitlin and I "Zoomed" with our First Communion children and parents to complete classes using the book "A Place for You." Families also picked up and decorated the individual chalices that are a big part of this milestone. We will celebrate their First Communion during online worship on Sunday, September 13, and you are invited to join in their next step in faith!

And then there is Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation). Augustana's 9th graders have been in classes for three years, headed toward making their baptismal promises their own. The pastors will be meeting outdoors on the portico with these youth in September, listening to their journey so far, and guiding their choice of their Confirmation Bible verse. On Reformation Sunday, October 25, we will all join with them during online worship. As pastors and family members lay hands on them, you are welcome to join in those blessings!

In Isaiah 43 God says "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Who knew that so many new ways of living together as a congregation would come our way? Thanks be to God for creativity, perseverance, and trust! And thanks to all of you for being part of this journey of faith!

**Pastor Ann**



## "God's work. Our hands." September

Our congregation has enthusiastically embraced "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, the second Sunday in September, over the last

six years. This year, we're going for it with "God's work. Our hands." September! (Although we're still emphasizing the gist of it on Sunday, September 13.) There are opportunities to repackage rice and beans for Metro Caring at their new warehouse on Smith Road, to donate tools for Habitat for Humanity, to donate personal items for refugees, and to restock Augustana's Sanctuary Soup Shelf. There's also the opportunity to designate online giving at [augustanadenver.org/giving](http://augustanadenver.org/giving) to Habitat and/or Metro Caring. Remember that our smallest, individual gifts add up to big things for these partners in ministry!

While I have my own personal grief at not being together with you in Fellowship Hall with rice and beans flying, I'm energized just writing this article for the Tower. Augustana is a big-hearted group of Jesus people who take the needs of our neighbors seriously and respond unconditionally. How many people can say they belong to a faith community such as ours?! Well, hopefully there are many, is all that I'll say about that question.

Looking up and out helps us keep perspective at a time when the days are shortening and the culture is intensifying. Let's commit to reminding ourselves and each other that our neighbors' needs remain and that there are things we can do to help.

Peace,

**Pastor Caitlin**



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**Sundays, September 6, 13, 20, and 27 | 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. | Courtyard**  
**Limit: 50 people per service. Reservations required.**

## Worship

### In-person worship continues in September!

The opportunity to worship together in the courtyard under the tent will continue for the month of September, weather permitting. Please register to attend the week beforehand with **Julie MacDougall** ([julie@augustanadenver.org](mailto:julie@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 101) by 2 p.m. the Thursday prior to the intended Sunday. We are taking advantage of this time to worship together outdoors since indoor worship is not recommended due to the virus.

Our in-person worship times in August have been well-organized with our priority being safety for all in attendance.

#### Here's what you need to know:

- Please bring your own chair. The courtyard will be shaded.
- Plan to wear a mask for the entire worship, except when receiving Communion. In Denver, everyone age 3 and older must wear a mask.
- If you are in a high-risk group (over 65 or with health conditions), please consider carefully whether this gathering is appropriate for you.
- Communion servings of the wafer only will be individually contained and distributed as you come into the courtyard.
- Please maintain a physical distance of six feet from others not in your household.
- Please use the restroom before coming as the indoor restrooms will only be for emergency use.
- The worship service will be very different from our usual Sunday worship and will be shorter. Congregational singing and speaking is not recommended because it spreads the droplets that contain coronavirus. There will be instrumental music, scripture, sermon, prayers and Holy Communion.
- An offering plate will be available as you enter and exit the courtyard.
- If you made a reservation for worship but feel sick or have a fever on Sunday morning, stay at home.

## Worship/devotional resources at Augustana



### Online worship

Augustana continues to offer online worship posted by 7 a.m. every Sunday on Augustana's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/>) and on our website ([www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org)).

### Mailed worship resources

Augustana members and friends have enjoyed bulletins, sermons, and news delivered weekly to their mailboxes. If you would like to be added to this mailing list, leave a message with Augustana's office (303-388-4678).

### We Are One at 1:00

Augustana's staff continue to offer live devotions at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays on Augustana's Facebook page ([facebook.com/augustanadenver](https://www.facebook.com/augustanadenver)). These are also available to view later on our Facebook page and on our website ([www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org)).

### Online/Call-In Coffee Hour

Call or log in for Summer Coffee Hour each Sunday this summer, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. The password below may be required in order to join meetings.



Meeting ID: 826 4279 7243

Password: 195190

Dial in: 1-669-900-9128

### Christ in Our Home

Regular-size print *Christ in Our Home* daily devotionals are available by contacting Julie ([macdougall@augustanadenver.org](mailto:macdougall@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 101).

### Listen to Dial-a-Care!

Listen to a 3-minute devotion recorded daily by Augustana staff and members (303-996-2733).

## Worship Streaming— a progress report

The Augustana Live Streaming Task Force met using Zoom recently. If you are unaware of Zoom, it's a way for all members of a group to appear on a computer screen at the same time and talk with each other—not like being together in the same room, but a way to cope with our present COVID-19 restrictions. It's a bit like streaming worship—you will be able to join the worshiping congregation on your laptop or computer from wherever you are.

When we met, we again discussed the details of our contract with MediaVine so that the contract can be signed and equipment ordered and installed. By the time you read this article, those actions should be in the past. Our expectation is that we should be ready for "live streaming" in October.

In the meantime, we hope you are enjoying the wonderful services that Ken Rinehart has been filming and posting online. Seeing these videos every week encourages our streaming team about the potential that exists with our live streaming effort, and we are so fortunate to have Ken getting the sermons and music out there while we build the permanent solution.

In addition to our services, many people have enjoyed attending multiple services each week, even revisiting churches in their hometowns many miles away through online streaming just like what we are building here at Augustana.

We are grateful for technology! It serves us well, especially now.

## Congregation Council

# Deepening the conversation about suicide prevention

Over the last few years, more public figures have come out to talk about their struggles with their own mental health, but discussions on that important topic are even more noticeable now and getting a much-needed spotlight! I am personally so grateful for the change in the tide. You see, three years after my parents' divorce, my dad died from suicide in September (now National Suicide Prevention Month). I was 8 years old. I have strong feelings about suicide prevention. I appreciate that Augustana recognizes the importance of highlighting suicide and invested in Sue Ann Glusenkamp, our Faith Community Nurse, attending a webinar regarding suicide! She is sharing information with us in multiple ways. Keep watching for her articles and educational resources!

The death of my father was something that my family never talked much about when it happened or after. I will never forget that day I found out my dad was gone. My mom, thinking she was doing the right thing for me (the youngest of three girls), said that he had an accident with a gun. I don't fault her for that decision. It was around a year later that I found out the real reason for my dad's death. I am ashamed to say that I didn't tell my own children how he died until they were in their 20's.

It is really exciting that suicide has become an important topic in policing, public policy, and public conversations. We have a National Suicide Prevention phone number and chat available, too: 800-273-8255. Write it down! Add the number to your contacts so you have it if you



**National Suicide Prevention:**  
**1-800-273-8255**

need it! The wheels are in motion to have a three-digit national emergency line for anyone needing help or wanting to help someone else, and it is projected to be up and running by summer 2022!

Well, looking back over my life so far, my dad's suicide had a huge impact on my life. It has formed many of my thoughts about divorce and parental custody, gun rights, family dynamics, my education and career, the importance of talking about suicide and mental health, and even my choice in a church. It was hard for me to make the mental shift in how suicide has been stigmatized. It is okay and really, really vital to be able to talk about suicide and ask someone if they are okay or if they have thought about suicide. I can say that I have.

**Lisa Boe-Sims**

President of the Congregation  
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# Health Ministry

## Nursing Notes from Sue Ann

#warningsigns#hopelessness#lifelines#HOPE



In June, I participated in a webinar about **Suicide: Prevention, Attempts and Recovery**, sponsored by Pathways to Promise. Last month's article focused on using sensitive language and having authentic conversations about mental health and suicide. This month we will focus on RECOGNITION.

Suicide testifies to life's tragic brokenness. As people of faith, we believe life is God's good and precious gift to us, and yet at times, for ourselves and others, life may feel hopeless. How to RECOGNIZE vulnerable hopelessness in ourselves or another person is vital for sustaining life.

While there is no one single cause for death by suicide, several risk factors have been identified by researchers. Consider this list of recognizable warning signs: increase in substance abuse, clinical depression, verbalizing hopelessness, feeling trapped in a situation, a preoccupation with death or dying, stark changes in sleep or eating routines, increased risky behavior, multiple adverse life events, sudden or impulsive purchase of a firearm, and intentional isolation from others. This is not an exhaustive list, but it can begin education on learning to recognize indicators and heighten our awareness.

Lifelines are super important for all of us. Think about people you know and identify at least five individuals you trust and can confide in if concerns arise for yourself or a loved one. We are encouraged in scripture to "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). Our efforts to learn more about suicide as a faith community grow out of our obligation to protect and promote life and love for our troubled selves or neighbors. Remember, your life and your loved one's life has value, meaning, purpose, and significance. Learning to recognize a need

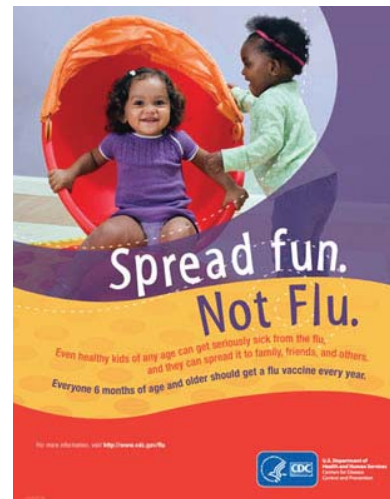
for help in ourselves or in another person is a sign of wisdom, courage, and strength. Feel free to contact me with your thoughts and/or questions (glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 106).

Stay well, pray for each other, and take note of this **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255.**

**Sue Ann**, your Faith Community Nurse

Resource: [https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Suicide\\_PreventionSM.pdf?\\_ga=2.160737341.144667070.1592500897-2037849863.1592500897](https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Suicide_PreventionSM.pdf?_ga=2.160737341.144667070.1592500897-2037849863.1592500897)

## How important are flu vaccines this season?



Flu vaccination is especially important for the 2020–2021 flu season, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Flu vaccines will not prevent COVID-19, but they will reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths on the health care system

and conserve scarce medical resources for the care of people with COVID-19. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) recommends three steps to fight the flu:

1. Take time to get a flu shot.
2. Take everyday preventive actions to help reduce the spread of germs—the **MOST IMPORTANT** is frequent effective hand washing!
3. Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them to reduce the severity of your flu.

**Read further information** at a credible resource on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/general/poster-take-3-fulltext.pdf>.



In every heart there is an inner room, where we can hold our greatest treasures and our deepest pain.

Marianne Williamson

## Understanding Your Grief

### Zoom Bereavement Support Group

Sundays, 10:30 a.m.–noon

November 1–January 24, 2021

(with breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays)

- Facilitators: **Sue Ann Glusenkamp**, FCN, and **Debbie Carter**, LPC
- Cost: 90 minutes each Sunday and \$30 to cover cost of books
- Scholarships are available
- Registration required by Tuesday, October 20
- Limited group size to first 10 registrants
- Each participant will receive two books to guide the journey
- To register, contact **Sue Ann** (glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org)

Saying goodbye to a loved one is never easy, but losing someone during a pandemic adds another dimension to grief and loss. If this has been your experience, you are invited to join this group and learn ten essential touchstones for finding hope and healing for 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/>).

Following pandemic safety guidelines, we have decided to hold our support group in the Zoom format. Participants will receive a recurring Zoom link to join each Sunday morning and can remain in the comfort of their own home. If you would like to participate but do not have access to a computer or the internet, please contact Faith Community Nurse Sue Ann for alternative planning.

## Thanks, Augustana!

### Thanks for LFSRM Backpack Gift Cards

Wow! Augustana members and friends donated \$1,900 in gift cards to Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains for the Backpack Project. This will help foster children and refugee children purchase backpacks and school supplies for the fall. Sarah Circle spearheaded this collection. Your generosity is MUCH appreciated!

Dear Augustana:

Thank you very much for your gift of \$4,028 on May 20 to Warren Village, in support of the Easter dinners for our resident families transitioning out of poverty. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Warren Village continues to provide extra support and security for our resident families. Our goal remains—as always—to ensure that our Two-Generation (2Gen) approach has lasting effects for our families.

Because friends like you care about our vulnerable families, we're able to provide opportunities and comprehensive resources that empower them to change their life trajectory through safe and affordable housing, early education and child care, and family services and advocacy.

Your support makes all of these programs possible—thank you for your continued investment in Warren Village.

Sincerely,  
**Ethan Hemming**,  
President and CEO Warren Village

## Volunteer Ministry

### Early Learning Center kids need masks

If you are interested in and willing to make masks for the kiddos in the Early Learning Center ages 3–10, please contact **Julie** in Augustana's office (macdougall@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 101).

# CAN Ministry

(Compassion and Action with Our Neighbors)

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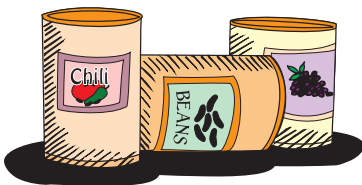


## Rice and beans repackaging

SATURDAY, September 12, 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Metro Caring's new Smith Road Warehouse!  
(5200 Smith Rd, Denver)

- Minimum age 14; maximum age 64 due to COVID.
- Link to sign-up now!  
(<https://signup.com/go/URZxUJE>)
- Sign-ups are first come, first serve, for 16 slots.
- Shift is for the full 3 hours.
- Wear your "God's work. Our hands." t-shirt.
- Masks are required at all times inside the warehouse. Volunteers get frequent breaks outside where they can unmask, get some fresh air, and drink some water.
- Volunteers are assigned two per workstation, which provides safe distancing.

Augustana has a ministry budget that includes our semi-annual re-packaging event, so we are sending the amount of \$2,200 to Metro Caring for them to place the order. If you would like to add to that amount, feel free to make a directed donation to Augustana designated for Metro Caring through Augustana's Giving tab online at [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org).



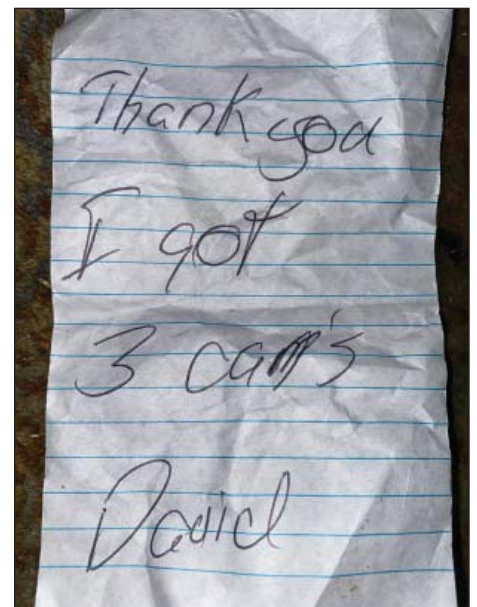
## Sanctuary Soup Shelf

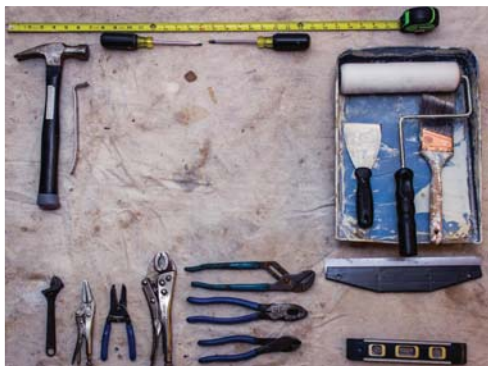
The shelf needs to be restocked as you're

able to do so! **Please remember cans only** (no paper, plastic, cardboard, or glass), because fuzzy and feathered creatures love to dine out there. Any remaining canned food that is there will be donated to Metro Caring before the first freeze. Thanks, everyone!

A big thank you to Laura Libby as well as Katy and Greg Lunsford for transporting the non-canned food that turns up at the shelf with some regularity. **Remember, cans only, Augustana friends.**

A note left at the shelf:





## Augustana collects tools for Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver (HFHMD) is in need of those small tools that seem to have legs of their own. During this time of the pandemic—and volunteer opportunities are very low—one way we can support HFHMD as a congregation is to help meet these needs. As a result, Augustana Lutheran Church will be holding a tool drive as part of our worship service gatherings during the month of September, following Labor Day weekend. More specifically, on Sundays, September 13, 20 and 27, you will have an opportunity to bring items of need, IN NEW CONDITION, which include:

- Retractable utility knives
- 25-ft. tape measures
- Cat paws (nail pullers)
- Lysol spray
- Disinfecting wipes
- 1/8-inch drill bits, both Phillips head and T25 star bits for impact drivers (screw guns)
- Levels of varying lengths including 2 ft., 4 ft., 6 ft., and 8 ft.

Cash donations are also accepted. Checks may be made out to Augustana with Habitat for Humanity in the memo; or donate online through Augustana's Giving page.

At Sunday worship, you'll find a box on one of the tables behind the tent, labeled "Tool Donations to Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver." If you are unable to attend any of these worship services in person, please contact **Michael Zumwalt** through Augustana's office (info@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678) to make other arrangements to donate tools.

## Lutheran Family Services requests donations of hygiene items for Colorado refugees

Hundreds of our refugee clients have faced layoffs and reductions in work hours due to COVID-19.

Here is a list of toiletry items that can help our families until they find new jobs or the current situation in our community improves.

### Personal Hygiene items:

- Gift cards to places like Walmart, Target, Walgreens, CVS (places to buy hygiene products later)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razors and shaving cream
- Feminine hygiene pads (no tampons, please)
- Bar Soap (no body wash, please)
- Hand Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Diapers (Size 3–6)

### Home Hygiene items:

- Toilet paper
- General disinfectant / all-purpose cleaner
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Sponges
- Disinfectant wipes
- Paper towels
- Diaper Cream and Wipes

Donated items may be left on the porch of Augustana's **Rhonda Crossen** (7030 E. Exposition Ave., Denver, 80224). To arrange a drop off at Ruby's Market (1569 S. Pearl St., Denver, 80210), call or text Michelle at (303-881-8876). You can also give a monetary donation through Augustana's online portal at [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org).

For more information, contact **Rhonda Crossen** (303-333-5544 or [crossens@ecentral.com](mailto:crossens@ecentral.com)).





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

## Hunger in the Time of COVID-19: Life for Today and Hope for Tomorrow

**Rick Steves**, guidebook author and travel TV host; the **Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton**, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); and the **Rev. Shelley Bryan Wee**, bishop of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, invite you to an online benefit—the first of its kind—for ELCA World Hunger. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 to confront hunger in the time of COVID-19.

**When: Thursday, September 24, 7 p.m. Central time**  
**Where: Zoom virtual event**

REGISTER NOW at <https://community.elca.org/online-registration/sept-24-rick-steves-virtual-hunger-event?erid=54759c4e-ee65-474e-a5c4-ba6310123aaf&trid=54759c4e-ee65-474e-a5c4-ba6310123aaf>

We are in a historic moment, facing a once-in-a-century pandemic and a global change in hunger unlike anything

we have seen in our lifetimes. Domestically and internationally, hunger is increasing at alarming rates. At this event, you will learn about the unique ways ELCA World Hunger is responding. Our hosts will also discuss the ongoing root causes of hunger and poverty addressed in Rick Steves' recent special, *Hunger and Hope: Lessons From Ethiopia and Guatemala*. And you will hear from ELCA World Hunger partners on the front lines of the

current hunger crisis, who will tell you firsthand how your gifts make a difference.

We are called by God to share hope in this time of challenge. Join us to face this global hunger crisis head-on and to continue moving toward a just world where all are fed.

## COVID-19 Relief for Augustana Households: An Update

Augustana has given \$500 from the COVID-19 Relief to partner with 10:30 Catholic Community on their Kayla Project to purchase a car for a young Black artist in Denver whose personal situation and family have been hard hit by the coronavirus.

Augustana's COVID-19 Relief Fund is overseen by Pastors Ann and Caitlin and accounted for by Lisa Mikolajczak. Within the congregation, you may make a request and it will be kept confidential. The above gift is public because it was already a public invitation and process. Our goal is transparency balanced with confidentiality, so that folks feel comfortable letting us know there is a need.

# Augustana Foundation

## How your gifts support ministry amidst and beyond Augustana Lutheran Church

You may already know that the Augustana Foundation is an endowment fund which makes grants to fund projects and ministries within Augustana Lutheran Church. But what you may not realize is the depth and breadth of this ministry. During 2019 and the first half of 2020, grants totaling over \$230,000 were made by the foundation to over 24 ministries, including Metro Caring, Rainbow Trail, Lutheran Family Services, Augustana's Health Ministry, Children, Youth and Family Ministry, and Property Committee, and scholarship grants to members who are attending a Lutheran college. Foundation assets are invested using a diversified approach, and grants are made from earnings on the endowment, preserving the principal for future endowment growth.

The New Beginnings Worshipping Community is one of the beneficiaries of foundation grants. As the only congregation planted inside the Denver Women's Correctional Facility with an on-site pastor, and the only congregation within the Rocky Mountain Synod inside a prison, this important ministry depends on donor funding to reach the Denver women's prison population. One beneficiary wrote:

*I've seen good and I've seen bad. I have been abused, and then became an abuser. But our God is*

*so powerful that my own brokenness is now used to shine God's light through me. Yes, I'm in prison. But I'm no longer imprisoned.*

Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed to the foundation which allows this important ministry to grow. While the majority of the grants are provided to Augustana church ministries, the foundation is also making a difference in the broader community and the foundation board is hard at work to provide some much needed and appreciated financial support to our community.

### Donate today

To give a gift to the Augustana Foundation, make your check payable to the Augustana Foundation and mail it to Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver, CO, 80246, or donate through Augustana's Giving page at [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org); select the Augustana Foundation giving link.

If you have questions about the foundation please visit our website (<https://www.augustanadenver.org/augustana-foundation/>) for more information, or send an email to [foundation@augustanadenver.org](mailto:foundation@augustanadenver.org).

## Fellowship



### Women, Wine, and Word Bible Study


This study and discussion group for women of all ages will meet via Zoom on Thursday, September 24 at 7 p.m. Participants have asked

to study one of the books of the Bible this fall, so the group will be delving deeper into scripture. Learning, fellowship, and laughter are all part of these meetings, and it's a great chance to get to know other women.

Contact **Pastor Ann** ([ann@augustanadenver.org](mailto:ann@augustanadenver.org)) if you would like to be added to the group.

## Adult Forum

Zoom Bible Study with the pastors will resume on Sundays in October. Watch for details and links in the weekly e-Pistles during September!



## Children, Youth, and Family

### Outdoor Faith Formation this fall!

Faith Formation for PreK–12th grade will be held outside on Sundays, August 30 and September 6, 13, 20, and 27, 10:15–11 a.m.

We will divide kids into groups of 10 or less, based on age, with one adult each Sunday. Please meet in the courtyard, and stop at one of the hand sanitizer stations on the way in. There will be limited access to the bathroom, so take care of your bathroom needs before arriving. Masks are required for kids age 5 and older and encouraged for 3- and 4-year-olds. The curriculum and conversation during this time will be similar across all age groups. Parents are able to stay and create their own small group for conversation.

An RSVP is not required but would be helpful. If you are planning on attending a certain Sunday, please let **Shanna** know by that Friday ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

### Getting ready for confirmation

On Sundays, September 13 and 20, 10:15–11 a.m., 9th graders will specifically meet with the pastors in the portico outside of the sanctuary. This will be your final step before your confirmation celebration. If for some reason you are unable or uncomfortable in participating at this time, a makeup Zoom session will be scheduled.

Confirmation will be held and filmed Sunday, October 18 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary for confirmands and immediate family members. This celebration will be shown during the recorded worship on Reformation Sunday, October 25.



## Faith Formation via Zoom

Zoom faith formation will begin in October. Times will be reserved for the individual groups, i.e. GIFT (preK–grade 4), 5th and 6th grade Confirmation, 7th and 8th grade Confirmation, and Breakfast Club (grades 9–12). The times are still being finalized, but classes will happen on Sundays.

### GIFT

For our PreK–4th grade kids, we are working to create a video lesson that will be sent out beginning September 20 for families to teach lessons at home. We will use this as our primary way of faith formation supplemented by Zoom gatherings.

### Confirmation

Confirmation-specific lessons will begin in October for our 5th–8th graders. Your books will be available to pick up at one of our outdoor Sunday mornings, or they can be mailed to you. Please let Shanna know ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) if your 5th–8th grader plans on participating in Confirmation.

## Young Adult Bible Study

A young adult Bible study will begin a six-week series on Luther's Small Catechism on Wednesday, September 9. We will gather weekly on Wednesdays, 7:30–8:30 p.m. via Zoom through October 14. Contact **Shanna** ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) if you would like to join.

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## SEPTEMBER Birthdays

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|---|---|---|---|
| <b>1</b> Noah Buol<br>Claudia Fakharzadeh<br>Samuel Kesner<br>Erin Morgenthaler<br>Sarah Norgaard<br>Quentin White<br>Jeff Ziebarth | <b>10</b> Eleanor Bonicelli<br>Lana Farrington  | <b>19</b> Christopher Beazer<br>Damian Fischer<br>Megan Mohs<br>John Spano<br>Frederick Thompson        | <b>27</b> Annika Buhr<br>Katy Lunsford<br>Steve McCartney   |
| <b>2</b> Janet Flesch<br>Cheryl Jones<br>Keisen Withey  | <b>11</b>   | <b>20</b>   | <b>28</b> Colleen Earl<br>Karen Kokos<br>Keith Long<br>Jim Sanderson<br>Janel Wilson  |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>12</b>   |   |   |
| <b>4</b> Dane Vierow  | <b>13</b> Aaron Rowan   | <b>21</b> Ellen Buol<br>Matt Cross<br>Ellen Kastens<br>Miles Tamminga                                   | <b>29</b> Portia Giordano<br>Ruth Pederson<br>Brad Uyemura  |
| <b>5</b> Karen Spies  | <b>14</b> Dong Mayek  | <b>22</b> Delaney Svensson  |   |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>15</b> Stephen Daniel<br>Rebecca Newman  | <b>23</b> Emma Graham<br>Nancy Vikman   | <b>30</b> Judy Smeester   |
| <b>7</b> Annika Backes<br>Linda Tinderholt  | <b>16</b> Greg Bickle<br>Betty Boyd<br>Dennis Miller<br>Olaf Siverson<br>Lisa A. Smith<br>Jennifer Tribbett | <b>24</b> Cynthia Dickey<br>Faye Olson  | <i>If your name should<br/>have been on this list<br/>but wasn't, please call<br/>Augustana's office (303-<br/>388-4678).</i> |
| <b>8</b> Vincent Vierow   | <b>17</b> Angie Miller<br>Valerie Taron<br>Wally Thomsen  | <b>25</b> Janet Egan  |   |
| <b>9</b> Sophie Maher   | <b>18</b> Kristine Wallen   | <b>26</b> Errol Buhr<br>Katie Elliott<br>Karen Mengozzi<br>Marcia Olson<br>Lisa Stavig<br>Bill Stephens |   |