



## Making Music

Current AVE: Keith Williamson, Blake Nawa`a, Leslie Remmert Soich, Emily Murdock

## this 2020–2021 season

The life of the church has been “unique” the past six months, along with all other aspects of our lives. The way we worship has changed with online worship and outdoor worship. These are new experiences for all of us. For me personally, it has been an interesting challenge providing music for these services.

Even with online worship continuing for the months to come, I’m excited about Augustana’s musical offerings this fall. First of all, I’m very happy that AVE will be singing every Sunday. AVE and I will be offering choral music during our services. While this is not the same

as our accomplished Chancel Choir, it is still a way of continuing the wonderful choral tradition that is such an important part of the church’s heritage. In addition to Sunday services, we will also be providing some extra musical services and programs. We will keep you posted about these opportunities when they become available.

I’m also very happy that a group of folks from Augustana Ringers will continue providing music in a smaller handbell choir this fall. I’m really pleased about how this dedicated group of musicians has been able to

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## Rejoice with

- Chelsea Cefalu and Brent Richardson in their marriage, August 21



## Recently lifted up in prayer

### for hope and healing:

- Kamden Bailey, Betsy Bernhard, Doug Boyd, Juan Carlos Cervantes Chavez, Maria Cervantes, Megan Colunga, Crystene DeLeon, Bobby Edwards, Joyce Friesen, Dwight H. Gillman, Laura Hesse, Jaedon Johnson, Nevin Long, Mary Ann Klug, María Francisca Marroquín, Dianne Nelson, Maria Andrea Ortero, Maryann Panella, Leigh Quist, Pat Van Dyck, Duane and Farrell Vikman

### for comfort and courage:

- Bob Beeman in the death of this wife, Julie Beeman
- Family and friends of Audrey Carroll in her death
- Jim Apple in the death of his nephew, Tommy Duffy

- John Flory in the death of his uncle, Richard Harris
- Daniel Hammond in the death of his wife, Lynn Hammond
- Family and friends of Wilma Hughes in her death
- Christelle Menth in the death of her mother, Vernice Menth
- Pastor Ann Hultquist in the death of her friend, Lisa Harmon Ohlde
- Deni Moran in the death of her friend, Alexandra Revana
- Holly Massie's mother in the death of her husband, Dick Schultz
- Family and friends of Shirley Swedeen in her death
- Betty Nyby in the death of her friend, Mona "Monnie" Walters



## Thank you for the gifts!

### Special Gifts

- In memory of Gerald Rehkow, Lorna Schillereff
- In honor of Joanne and Richard McClaskey, Michael and Denise Moran, Robert and Patricia Ellinger

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### Online Worship/Devotions

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- **Online Worship**, Sundays, 7 a.m.
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## Fellowship

### Women, Wine and Word

This Bible study for women of all ages will meet via Zoom on Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m. This fall the group is reading and discussing Genesis and the Gospel of John. If you would like to join the gathering, please email Pastor Ann ([ann@augustanadenver.org](mailto:ann@augustanadenver.org)). Everyone is welcome!

## Adult Forum

### Adult Forum Bible Studies with the Pastors

Begins October 4, 9–10 a.m., and continues on Sundays.

Join the preaching pastor for a deeper dive into the worship readings for that Sunday as we grow in faith together.

Watch your weekly Augustana e-Pistle for Zoom links to these online studies. Sign up for the e-Pistle at [www.augustanadenver.org/connect-augustana/](http://www.augustanadenver.org/connect-augustana/).

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## Thanks, Augustana!

**Dear Community of Augustana Lutheran Church,**

As **Christ's Church, Better Together**, our collective investment in God's mission fuels our shared witness and ministry as the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod. Knowing that TOGETHER we are called to proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for the sake of the world, your Synod Council is GRATEFUL for your congregation's faithful and generous mission support that not only funds our work as the Rocky Mountain Synod but enables our Churchwide ministries here in the USA and around the globe.

2020 has been filled with great stress and great uncertainty. We have had to radically adapt our daily lives, while also re-imagining how we do ministry in this time of social distancing. We have seen congregations respond to the increased need for food assistance, explore new digital ministry platforms, and engage in courageous conversations regarding racism and white supremacy in our country. We are a church becoming indeed.

We offer our deep gratitude for your faithful generosity of mission support in the midst of this great uncertainty. At the mid-point of our fiscal year, you have given \$22,744.86 of your 2020 intent of \$45,650.

Thank you for your partnership in ensuring we can continue to walk with candidates for ministry, support the ministry of Lutheran Family Services, and accompany congregations in transition. We are **Christ's Church, Better Together**.

With deep appreciation for YOUR PARTNERSHIP in our life together, we trust that the Spirit is leading us into a bold and faithful future as Christ's Church here in the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod.

Yours in Faith,

**Bishop Jim Gonia and Vice President Earline Bohling**



# Making music this 2020–2021 season

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come together in the last few months. Due to health concerns, we are approaching handbell choir a little bit differently this season, and everyone has adapted very well to these changes.

I and the leadership of the children's music ministry have been working on how this will continue this fall. We are considering several online and in-person options this fall. We are currently taking a survey regarding these options and will report back to everyone about how we will proceed this season. As always, I welcome feedback from everyone regarding children's music and otherwise.

Last but not least, I love to hear from anyone who is interested in being a part of the music ministry. Do you



play an instrument that we might include in a worship service? Do you sing and have an interest in singing in one of our choirs in the future? Even though our large choirs are not currently rehearsing, I welcome hearing from anyone who would be interested in singing a hymn with a small group of people on one of our worship recordings.

As always, I love hearing from you, and I always welcome your feedback. Feel free to

call me at Augustana's office (303-388-4678 ext. 122) or email me ([daniel@augustanadenver.org](mailto:daniel@augustanadenver.org)).

**Daniel Romero**

Minister of Music and Organist

## Pastors

### Hope and an apple tree

A friend texted me last week: "With all the disasters and the pandemic, do you think God is trying to tell us something?" She was being facetious and a little sarcastic, but I'm guessing that at times in the last six months we all have had this fleeting thought. Fires, torrential rain, hurricane-force winds, crops destroyed, flooding, and sickness—it seems biblical in proportion, doesn't it?

Lutherans have never been very big on apocalyptic or end-times theology. Some Christians are, of course, and they have developed elaborate systems to try and calculate just when the world will end and Jesus will come again. Martin Luther didn't care much for the book of Revelation or for dwelling on visions of the end. In fact, a quote that is often attributed to him says "If I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."



In other words: live, trust, pray, and leave the future in God's hands. Easier said than done on any day, but particularly difficult in the uncertainties of the last months. We've all experienced grief and loss this year, worry, and an upending of our usual routines. But Luther's quote reminds us not to give up the gift of hope. Jesus' life, death and resurrection embody the greatest hope—that nothing can

separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:31–39). The present and the future are held in Christ's loving embrace.

As a community of faith, we hold on to that hope, for ourselves, one another, and the world. Together we pray that we will be ambassadors of that "apple tree planting hope" for others.

**Pastor Ann**

## Lutheranism and Love of Neighbor

I was raised in a voting family. If there was an election, we voted. If there were ballot issues, we voted. My extended family represents a wide spectrum of politics and priorities. We all vote. Rob, Quinn, and Taryn can describe my exuberance when the ballots come in the mail. Ballots are mailed to homes in Colorado on October 9. Make a plan to vote. Lutheranism has a long history of community engagement. In his day, Luther and other Reformation preachers were adamant that princes and leaders address systemic issues.[1] Luther wrote, “For so to help a man that he does not need to become a beggar is just as much of a good work and a virtue as to give alms to a man who has already become a beggar.”[2]

Martin Luther’s Small Catechism made this clear in the Ten Commandments. For example, the Fifth Commandment, You Shall Not Murder, was explained by Luther to mean:

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life’s needs.

Grace was at the heart of the 16th century Reformation, and love of neighbor was the extension of the freedom granted by the grace of Christ’s gospel. Luther also wrote, “Poverty, I say, is not to be recommended,



chosen, or taught; for there is always enough of that by itself, as He says (John 12:8): ‘The poor you always have with you,’ just as you will have all other evils. But constant care should be taken that, since these evils are always in evidence, they are always opposed.”[3]

Democracy and voting would have been inconceivable to Luther and his peers, not to mention to our First Century siblings in Christ, but they could have understood community engagement. Voting is one more opportunity to help our neighbor as we examine ballot issues, judges, and other candidates. Let’s pray for each other as we vote this month and as we remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord—not even how we vote.

Peace,

**Pastor Caitlin**

[1] Carter Lindberg and Paul Wee (Eds.). *The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Social-Economic Dimension of the Reformation*. (Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press, 2016), 24.

[2] *Ibid.*, 19.

[3] *Ibid.*



## Dakota Land Project

Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity is continuing as we work together to discern how our vacant land might best be used for affordable housing. The pandemic has slowed the process, but we plan to have a Ground Lease agreement finished this month. Before that agreement is signed, we will need to have a congregational vote to approve it. Please watch the e-Pistle and your mail for more specific information about the Ground Lease, the project itself, and how the congregational vote will be accomplished. Together we are accomplishing Augustana’s Core Value of *Go*—“We build relationships with others in our community and our world. We seek out ways to serve and love as Jesus did.”



## Worship

### Outdoor worship in October: one service at a new time

Thanks to everyone who participated in our outdoor worship this August and September! It is a wonderful time to hear God's Word, be a community, and share the sacrament of Holy Communion. Feedback from the congregation has helped staff make the decision to continue the outdoor worship opportunity through October. Because the temperatures will be cooler in the morning, **we will have just one worship service at 10:30 a.m.** The attendance limit will be 60 people. Continue to register with **Julie MacDougall** ([julie@augustanadenver.org](mailto:julie@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 101) if you plan to come to worship. If the weather is inclement, in-person worship will be cancelled, and those registered will be notified.

Visit our News/Blog page at [www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org) for guidelines on attending.

Online worship will continue as well as online Faith Formation and fellowship opportunities. Indoor in-person worship is not recommended at this time because of how COVID virus aerosols can remain in the air and travel with HVAC systems. While this is very difficult, we also know that safety needs to be a high priority for all of us.

If you would like to receive the weekly "mini-bulletin" in the mail which includes the Sunday scripture readings, sermon, and announcements, please contact **Julie**. (See contact information above.)



### Sunday Morning Schedule

- 7 a.m. **Worship** is launched on both Augustana's website ([www.augustanadenver.org](http://www.augustanadenver.org)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/](https://www.facebook.com/augustanadenver/)).
- 9–10 a.m. **Faith Formation** via Zoom including Adult Forum, Confirmation, and GIFT for younger students.
- 10–10:30 a.m. **Coffee Time**  
Watch your weekly Augustana e-Pistle for Zoom links to this online fellowship time. Sign up for the e-Pistle at [www.augustanadenver.org/connect-augustana/](http://www.augustanadenver.org/connect-augustana/).
- 10:30 a.m.–noon **Grief Support Group** beginning November 1 (Pre-registration required. See page 10.)



## Reformation Sunday, October 25

Celebrate Reformation Sunday, October 25, with online worship posted at 7 a.m. Augustana's

confirmants will affirm their baptism at online worship. The festival color is red! Join us for festive worship!

## All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, November 1, Augustana will join Christian churches around the world in celebrating All Saints Sunday. On that Sunday we remember all those we have loved who now live with Christ. During online worship we will especially remember those who have died in the past year.



If you have loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday (November 3, 2019), 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](mailto:goodrum@augustanadenver.org)) by Sunday, October 25; clearly spell the names, include the dates of birth and dates of death, and, if necessary, give pronunciation instructions.

## Photos and names of saints collected for All Saints art project

November 1 is All Saints Day. As part of Augustana's remembrance, you are invited to send Shanna digital pictures or names of loved ones who have died at any point. These will be used as art and remembrance in our worship. Send these to **Shanna** by email ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)) no later than October 19.

## Worship streaming installation underway

Yes, after months of planning, the Streaming Task Force is happy to announce that installation is underway. Wires for both audio and video are being strung in preparation for the installation of cameras and microphones. We are hoping that our "Turn-On Sunday" will be in late October or early November.

Streaming will allow us to capture the entire service as it is happening. As you "tune in online" on your computer, you'll be able to sing the hymns with the congregation, listen to the choir anthems, and enjoy the sermon and all parts of the normal service.

Our Task Force would like to extend the recording and streaming capabilities to Christ Chapel (in addition to our sanctuary) to enable live-streaming of chapel services and events. Many of our Augustana funerals are held in the chapel, and the advantage of live-streaming the chapel services would allow relatives and friends in distant places to participate.

We have two requests. First, we will be identifying people who are willing to be trained as volunteers to assist the broadcast technician in operating the equipment. If that interests you, contact Julie MacDougall at Augustana's office (303-388-4678 or [julie@augustanadenver.org](mailto:julie@augustanadenver.org)). We will contact you.

Secondly, adding Christ Chapel to our original contract will add an additional amount to the funds already approved by the congregation council. We are hoping that special gifts and memorials will provide the needed money. We encourage you to consider a gift. Simply mark your check "Streaming Project" and send it to Augustana. If you wish more detail, contact a member of the Streaming Task Force (Casey King, Paul Gilbertson, Paul Blanchard, Roger Lipker, and Pastor Caitlin).

It's exciting to think that Augustana will soon be able to share our worship services, live-streamed on the Internet, available to members and friends wherever they are.



**Go**

## Attend the Virtual Chow Hall Gala for New Beginnings!



*We're warmed up!*

*Time to step up to the plate and swing for the fences!*

*Let's hit a home run for New Beginnings!*

*Help us make 2020 a championship year!*

You're invited to this benefit gala for the women of **New Beginnings Worshipping Community**, Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA, inside the Denver Women's Correctional Facility. Being a prison congregation, the women of New Beginnings Church rely on the external support of volunteers and monetary donations to cover the costs of the ministry including a pastor. Augustana Lutheran Church has a long history with New Beginnings of volunteering, worshipping, praying, and giving.

- **Date:** Friday, October 9, 2020
- **Time:** 6–7:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Online - For detailed information and to buy tickets, visit <https://handbid.app.link/chowhall>
- **Tickets:** \$30

If you are unable to attend, please make a gift in support of the ministry! Thank you for your generous support of the only prison worshipping community of the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA.

### Learning from autumn leaves

Every fall, I marvel at the beautiful leaves, studying the intricate shapes and God's creative, colorful displays. Despite its deterioration, the foliage reveals splendor — mere months after bursting out in spring and providing summer shade.

I often think I'm like an autumn leaf. Through many seasons, God has transformed me from a self-absorbed person to one who trusts his steadfast promises. Winter is approaching for me too. Yet the Holy Spirit keeps molding me to reflect God's goodness and beauty. During the autumn of my life, I pray that God helps me embrace changing seasons while reflecting his love and light to all.

—MaryAnn Sundby



## Briefs from Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

### We hit the course and had a blast!

On Monday, August 17 we headed out to Red Rocks Country Club for a day of golf at our annual Tee Off for Hope tournament. It was a beautiful day, and congrats to the reigning champs at Abiding Hope of Littleton, who took home the Church Cup once again!



### Be a foster parent

We're always looking for more foster parents, and the need is great right now. Our foster care program is especially interested in those who would be interested in fostering teens. This is a wonderful way to invest in the life of someone at a very formative age and provide a safe and fruitful community for growth. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Cindi (Cindi.Newkirk-Noah@lfsrm.org).

### Calling all gala aficionados

Many of you joined us for our virtual gala this past May. We enjoyed it, but are excited to have our gala in person at the Denver Botanic Gardens in May 2021. Is anyone in your congregation gifted in planning or passionate about the services LFSRM provides? We would love to have them join our gala planning committee! Please reach out to Emily.ureste@lfsrm.org.

## Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry Meeting

Sunday, October 4, 12:30–1:45 p.m.

We will share updates and current opportunities as well as plan for November and December.

Join Zoom meeting:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84731859502?pwd=TE5G a1JpUUdOTUhmejR1cjMrYnB5QT09>
- Meeting ID: 847 3185 9502
- Passcode: 704947

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

At the time of this writing, there have been no additional requests from congregation households. 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. Our goal is transparency balanced with confidentiality so that folks feel comfortable letting us know there is a need. Please make a request for your household if this fund can lighten your load this month. The fund is ready and waiting to be used! Thank you to one and all who have contributed to keep this fund at the ready for the congregation.

## Volunteer opportunity to deliver groceries

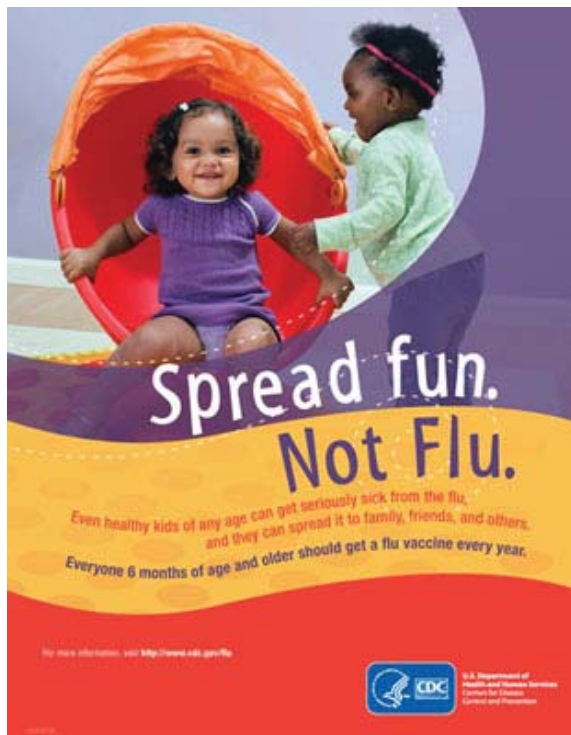


**Duane and Jean Gall** have been working through **Benefits in Action**

([www.benefitsinaction.org](http://www.benefitsinaction.org)) to deliver groceries to those experiencing food insecurity. This non-profit organization offers a variety of services to assist individuals in securing the benefits for which they are eligible. The food delivery service is a once-a-week, four-hour commitment to pick up food from a food bank and deliver it to eight homes in an area of your choice. All deliveries are left at the door, and masks and social distancing are practiced. It is rewarding to see the joy of those receiving their food.

Drivers are urgently needed to accommodate the growing list of delivery requests. Try out this volunteer experience to see if it's right for you! Meet at the Benefits in Action parking lot (8724 W. 14th Ave., Lakewood), Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information call **Jean or Duane** (303-913-3083) or **Benefits in Action** (720-221-8354).

# Health Ministry



## 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>.

## Zoom Bereavement Support Group



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

Marianne Williamson

### Understanding Your Grief

- Sundays, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- November 1, 8, 15, 22 | December 6, 13, 20 | January 3, 10, 17, and 24
- 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](mailto: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.

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.

# Nursing Notes from Sue Ann

#respond#actionplans#encourage#staycalm



Continuing education on **Suicide: Prevention, Attempts and Recovery**, this month's focus is on **RESPONSE**. The August Tower article focused on using sensitive language and having authentic conversations about mental health and suicide. Thank you to our Augustana President, Lisa Boe-Sims, for sharing her authentic and honest experience with a family suicide. Her compelling writing complimented these articles. The September nursing notes focused on how to recognize warning signs of hopelessness and suicidal risk factors in ourselves or another person.

How to **RESPOND** when someone says they are feeling suicidal? First of all, **DO NOT PANIC!** Stay calm, be real, use love as a motivator, not shame or guilt. Listen and be fully present and ask someone how you can be helpful. Hear and validate whatever that person is feeling or experiencing. Make a commitment to stay with them, either on the phone or in person, until they feel better or get help. Assure the person it is okay and necessary to get help.

## Action Plan for Responding to another person:

- Express that their life has value, meaning, purpose and significance.

- Ask them if they have a plan for killing themselves. Asking will not give them the idea.
- Make sure you are safe before trying to intervene.
- Expedite whatever level of support is needed.

## Action Plan for Responding to your own suicidal thoughts:

- Write or review reasons to keep on living.
- Stay with others. Spend the night with family or friends, or go to a peer respite or hospital.
- Remove means: Give car keys to someone and lock weapons in storage away from home.
- Call a crisis line. They are open 24/7.
- Share encouraging words from Scripture. "...do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Feel free to contact me with your thoughts and/or questions ([glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org](mailto:glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org)).

Stay well, and make 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)

## Bible Quiz



In Jesus' parable about people who hear and live by God's words, on what did the wise man build his house?

- A. rock
- B. sand
- C. grassland
- D. soil that was free of rocks

Answer: A (See Matthew 7:24-27.)





## Congregation Council

### Special days and people to celebrate this October

Welcome to fall in full swing. Since September was National Suicide Awareness Month, I decided to see if I would get some inspiration by looking at national days that are in October. [Nationaldaycalendar.com](http://Nationaldaycalendar.com) is the website that I visited. Take a peek, and see all the great and hilarious national days we have in October. The two that stood out to me were **October 17, National Black Poet Day** and **October 20, National Youth Confidence Day**. I am going to connect the two.

My husband and I like to watch *America's Got Talent* on Tuesday nights. It is uplifting and usually just great entertainment. If you watched, maybe you saw Brandon Leake, who, on June 30, received "The Golden Buzzer" from Howie Mandel. (The Golden Buzzer is when someone is so outstanding, that one of the judges decides that the act should move on to the quarter finals without any other performance.) Brandon proudly wore a jacket with "Created to Create" emblazoned on the front. His poem on that day was "Ode to My Sister," an enthralling story of his first experience with love. His writing shows his passion for writing, and, as a teacher, that passion is a lesson in encouragement every day for his students. You should also watch the poem from September 1, "Spoken Word to My Mother."

Brandon is a black poet who teaches Language Arts for high school and college in Louisiana, so he encourages

and builds confidence in young people daily. He clearly conveyed touching words about the home where he grew up enveloped by love and the church. He speaks about how his mother encouraged him growing up and supported his passion of writing.

The world we live in is challenging in so many ways for all of us. However, young people are gaining the skills to manage whatever life throws at them by watching adults around them. Everyone can encourage our young people whether you are a parent, teacher, pastor, parishioner or anyone else. Encourage young people that you see on the street or at a restaurant or in church! Young people need other adults in their lives that are interested in them and interested in their lives!

Shanna VanderWel is also supporting our youth with Faith Formation outdoors for kids and youth and—something for all of us—"Be a Pen Pal." This is a great way for us to be able to connect all ages at Augustana and have our faith family be a bigger part of their lives.

**Lisa Boe-Sims,**  
Congregation President

(P.S. The second Sunday in October is "National Clergy Appreciation Day.")

## Children, Youth, Family

### Faith Formation online will begin for all ages in October

- **PreK–4 grade:** Weekly videos will be emailed out and available online for our GIFT kids. There will be a Zoom gathering on the last Sunday of the month, 9–9:30 a.m.
- **Grades 5–6:** Confirmation Zooms will take place the first three Sundays of each month, 9–9:30 a.m.
- **Grades 7–8:** Confirmation Zooms will take place the first three Sundays of each month, 9:30–10 a.m.



### Summer 2021 Mission Trip for grades 6–12

Augustana youth in grades 6–12 and adults are invited to attend our summer mission trip with the Appalachia Service Project. We will attend the week of June 13–19. Two adults will be needed for each group of five youth. We will work to repair homes in Central Appalachia. We will not be assigned a specific area until closer to the dates. With the uncertainty of COVID, we also are able to sign and cancel at any time if it is not safe to travel. Youth and interested adults are asked to sign up by October 15 with a \$50 deposit.

Contact **Shanna VanderWel** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).



Sunday, October 25, 11 a.m.–noon

You are invited to trunk-or-treat COVID-style in Augustana's Alameda parking lot. Please dress up, and drive through our parking lot to receive your treats. Instead of exiting your car this year, we will hand out items to you. Those interested in handing out candy/treats, please contact **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

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## OCTOBER Birthdays

**1** Arjan Bornhijm  
Barbara Clifford  
Anya Fry

**2** Elaine Anderson  
Lisa Bickle

**3** Eric Moody

**4** Vivian Bengtson  
Sean-Casey King  
William Smith  
Andy Stone  
Mallory Storie  
Matt Thomas  
Lauren Triplett

**5** Susan Anderson  
Howard Jacobsen  
Gregory Johnson  
Richard Wood

**6** Stephen Zarlengo

**7** Siri Anderson  
Ann Pearson  
Ophie Pulley  
JoAnn Ryan  
George Willoughby

**8** Robbie Anderson  
Linda Daniel  
Garrett Lutz  
Biag Mayek  
Gia Witt

**9** Dale Arden

**10** Krista Degerness  
Rocky Grajek  
Michael Moran  
Krista Williams-Vohs

**11** Clayton Regier

**12** Kiera Bodenstedt  
Audrey Haber  
Henry Motes  
Donna Wink

**13** Mallory O'Malley

**14** Timothy Garrington  
Harold Johnson  
Alan Motes

**15** John Bengston  
Claire Bourg  
Will Shellhorn

**16** Wil Crook  
Nick Massie  
Spencer Toppen  
Kathy Valadez

**17** Brynn Aarestad  
Karen Lambert  
Amelia Wilkins  
Hannah Zeckser

**18** Eden Cockrell  
Jill Gregory

**19** Nathaniel Cockrell  
Nancy Nyhus  
Amy Pulley

**20** John Harwell  
Arvetta Hjelmstad  
Amy King  
Inez Smith  
Wendy Stalheim

**21** Terry Lumme  
Olivia Rowan

**22** Nicole Harwell  
Brett Porterfield

**23** Robin Boe  
Duane Howell  
Ken Maxwell  
Michael Priest  
Judy White

**24** Ken Beazer  
Jess Miller  
Ann Sethre  
Dottie Templin

**25** Griffin Brown

**26** David Robb

**27** Nancy Hardiman  
Denise Sanderson

**28** Beck Miller  
Ursula Park

**29** Genevieve Bucklin  
Mackenzie Cross  
Karen Morgenthaler

**30** Helen Blanz  
Sandra Hagevik

**31** Nikolai Arnold  
Anne Bickle  
Lula Clambey  
Ethan Rogers  
Dallas Smith

*If your name should  
have been on this list  
but wasn't, please call  
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