



## Reopening News!

### News about in-person worship at Augustana!

**On Sunday mornings May 2, 9, 16, 23 at 8 a.m.:**

You are invited to gather for outdoor worship in the courtyard under the tent. There will be a capacity of 50 people each Sunday outdoors, and you must register to attend. (See more information, page 3.)

**At 10:30 a.m.:**

Livestream worship will continue to be offered, with only worship leaders in attendance.

**On Sunday mornings from May 30 until September 5, there will be three options for worship available:**

- Outdoor worship at 8 a.m. in the courtyard with a capacity of 50.
- Indoor worship in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. with an initial capacity of 125 pre-registered and a few spots available for visitors. Please register to attend. (Registration information follows.)
- Livestream worship of the 10:30 a.m. service for those who cannot attend in person.

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## Recently lifted up in prayer

### for hope and healing:

- Angela Alexis, Chandra Cannon, Jane Carlstrom, Minnie Carter, Betty De Otero, Alma Flory, Dolly Lager, Vergie Lovato, Kay Madsen, Leah Bock Nunn, Bryce Parker, Deane Perry, Larry Ulrich

### for comfort and courage:

- Dick Larson in the death of his brother-in-law, Fred Ammenthorp
- Julie MacDougall in the death of her friend, Sandra Arellano
- Pat Vaillancourt in the death of her cousin, Joannie Bayne
- Leah Bock Nunn in the death of her mother-in-law, Marty Bellino
- Linda Daniel and family in the death of her husband, Steve Daniel
- Ryan VanderWel in the death of his grandfather, Albert Kuipers
- Family and friends of Bettie Wallach in her death

## Rejoice with

- Parents Caroline VanderHaar and Noah Glusenkamp and grandparents Sue Ann and Ron Glusenkamp in the March 16 birth of Theodore David Glusenkamp
- Levi Joseph Rothschild, son of Erik and Carly Rothschild and grandson of Dwight and Sheryl Stenseth, in his baptism

## Thank you for the gifts!

### Special Gifts

- In memory of Willis Gunlikson

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

### In-Person/Online Worship

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

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**Thursday, May 13, 4:30 p.m.** is the deadline for the June edition. Email **Lyn Goodrum** ([goodrum@augustanadenver.org](mailto:goodrum@augustanadenver.org)).

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Please note that outdoor or indoor capacities may increase or decrease depending on changing conditions and guidance from the City and County of Denver and others.

Augustana's congregation council approved the reopening plan at its April 20, 2021 meeting.

## Worship Registration

Please plan to register to attend worship each week. This helps keep track of who is in worship should the need arise to contact you.

Augustana's website has a place for you to register ([www.augustanadenver.org/worship/](http://www.augustanadenver.org/worship/)). If you don't have access to a computer, you may call the church office (303-388-4678) to register. Please do not email individual staff members or call staff members at home or on their cell phones to register. Call the office or use the website, please.

It is so exciting to be coming back to the church courtyard or sanctuary to worship together! Read on for a list of FAQs that will guide us as we move forward. Thank you for your patience, your generosity, and your commitment to Augustana in the last 14 months!

## Pastors Ann and Caitlin

### The Reopening Task Force:

- Sue Ann Glusenkamp
- Julie MacDougall
- Joy Hawkins
- Emily Murdock
- Ed Havranek
- Roger Lipker
- Don Troike
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### Augustana's Staff and Congregation Council Members

## Moving toward reopening

As we move towards reopening, please continue to call ahead to the church office (303-388-4678) to schedule your time and purpose for being in the building or to arrange a meeting ahead of time with the staff person you hope to see. Remember that masking is still required, physical distancing keeps us all safe, and stay home if you're not feeling well or have had a recent COVID exposure. Reopening in stages allows time for building use to evolve with the science as it becomes known. In the words of one of our Reopening Taskforce members, "How quickly this epidemic wanes seems to be coming down to a dynamic interplay among vaccination rates, emergence of variants, and individuals' decisions about their own behaviors." We're looking forward to seeing each other in worship!



# Augustana Re-Opening FAQs

## Q: How do I register to attend worship?

A: Augustana's website has an area where you can submit your reservation ([www.augustanadenver.org/worship/](http://www.augustanadenver.org/worship/)). Online registrations will close when capacity is reached or at noon on Saturday, whichever comes first. If you do not have access to a computer, reservations can be made by calling the church office (303-388-4678) by noon the Friday prior. If you are attending outdoor worship, please bring a lawn or camp chair. Limited chairs will be available if needed.

## Q: Will the building and property be open?

A: The courtyard, sanctuary and restrooms will be open on Sundays. Other areas in the building will not be open to the congregation yet.

Augustana groups and ministries requesting use of our property before Labor Day are required to schedule with the church office through Julie MacDougall, Building Use Manager. Outdoor usage is preferred and encouraged. If inclement weather or indoor usage is required, guidelines are the same as indoor worship. After September 6, the building and facilities will reopen for community use following updated guidelines at the time.

## Q: What will be different when I attend indoor worship?

A: We will be guided by government, health and/or other professionals, so:

- Proper mask wearing and social distancing will be required of everyone involved. (Masks must fit over your nose and mouth, bandanas and the like are not acceptable.)
- As worshipers enter the building, trained volunteers will record their attendance for contact tracing and distribute masks to those who need one.
- Collection plates will be available on a table at the sanctuary entrance and will not be passed during the service.
- Pre-packaged communion wafers and juice will be made available in disposable kits at the sanctuary entrance. (This is not a "forever" plan but is safest now.)
- Those attending will seat themselves (or helped by ushers, as requested) and will be asked to practice social distancing in the pews, some of which will be blocked for further social distancing.
- **Because cell phones and other wireless devices interfere with livestreaming technology, those attending will be asked to switch them off or place them in airplane mode.**
- Bulletins will be readily available at the entrance.
- All hymnals, Bibles, etc., will be removed from the pews; those attending may opt to bring their own worship materials, such as Bibles or bulletins downloaded and printed at home, or downloaded to a smart phone or tablet (which still must be offline during worship).

## Q: May we speak or sing during worship?

A: Studies show that singing, even masked, can present health risks, so for now, AVE



and worship leaders will be the only ones singing during worship. With properly placed masks, however, worshipers may vocalize prayers and responses, plus hum to the music.

**Q: May children attend worship?**

A: Children are always welcomed and encouraged to attend Augustana worship. Of course, any children age 3 and above should be masked. Parents of children age 3–5 are encouraged to do the best they can to assist their child in properly wearing their mask. For now, until we receive further guidance, no nursery program will be provided during worship.

**Q: How will we be excused from worship?**

A: At the close of service, ushers will dismiss each row individually to exit via ingress-egress directions (arrows on the floor and designated entrance-exit doors).

**Q: Will we have a coffee hour?**

A: For the immediate future, no in-person coffee hour will be held before or after worship. Any visiting or social gathering will have to take place outside and follow the wearing of masks and social distancing.

**Q: When will van service resume?**

A: Van service will resume for those needing transportation as soon as possible.

**Q: Will the church sanctuary be safe?**

A: Prior to the May 30 re-opening, the church will be professionally cleaned; after then, normal cleaning will resume, and the Property Committee together with staff will determine depth of that cleaning. As well, prior to the 10:30 indoor service (weather permitting), Property Committee member(s) will open outside doors and windows for fresh air ventilation in the sanctuary.

**Q: As the COVID-19 pandemic fades, what are the plans?**

A: The pastors, staff, Re-Opening Task Force and other Augustana leaders will continue to monitor how things are progressing, and when a change is warranted, modifications will be made and communicated to the congregation. Once the pandemic is truly over and life returns to normal, Augustana and our ministries will also return to normal. Pray that this happens sooner than later.

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## Sunday Morning Bible Study, online

and otherwise, will be on hiatus until after “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday in September. Stay tuned for updates in your weekly ePistles and monthly Tower newsletters.

## Mailed resources will continue

You can continue to enjoy bulletins, sermons, and news delivered weekly to your mailbox. To be added to or removed from this mailing list, leave a message with Augustana’s office (303-388-4678).

## Zoom Coffee Hour continues

Coffee Hour will continue to meet by Zoom, Sundays, 10–10:30 a.m.

To receive Zoom links, [use this link](#) to subscribe to Augustana’s weekly email, the ePistle.

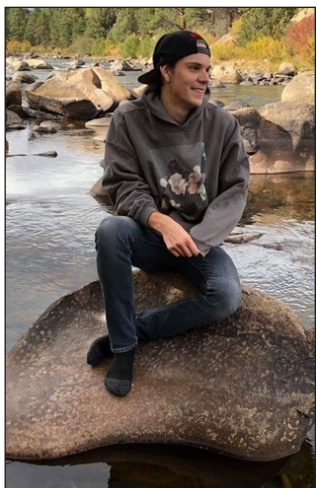




Paul Blanchard



Bill Crossen



Tanner Levy

## Livestreaming team still learning and adapting

Hello, everyone! I hope you have been enjoying watching the livestreaming thus far!

It has been such a joy to work with the pastors and our wonderful equipment these past months to bring you all the livestreamed services. Lent and Holy Week brought a bunch of new challenges, such as more people to the worship team, new instruments, and different liturgy. While some of these were difficult, they were all enjoyable challenges to work on with the worship team and my assistants.

I do have to give a special shout-out to my assistants, **Tanner Levy**, **Bill Crossen** and **Paul Blanchard** for helping me in the A/V Suite. It is a challenging process for one person to do, and I could not be luckier to have their help. They all have worked tirelessly to learn the system. They are incredible.

I hope you continue to give us grace, as we will be adding new elements this summer. I am hoping to start putting hymn lyrics up on the screen! Another challenge will be when we eventually add more people to the sanctuary. I am looking forward to all of these new aspects to our routine, and I hope you will enjoy them too!

**Emily Friesen,**  
Livestreaming Technician

## AUGUSTANAARTS

### In-Person Event: “Happy Birthday Herr Brahms”

**Friday, May 7, 7 p.m., reservations required**

**Bethany Lutheran Church (4500 E. Hampden Ave., Cherry Hills Village)**

Augustana Arts is pleased to present our first in-person concert this spring—an all Brahms program with interesting insights shared by violinist Phil Fiscor, violist William Hinkie, and pianist Constantine Finehouse.

Johannes Brahms (May 7, 1833–April 3, 1897) was a German composer, pianist, and conductor of the Romantic period. Born in Hamburg into a Lutheran family, he spent much of his professional life in Vienna. As one of the “Three Bs” of music along with Bach and Beethoven, his diligent, highly constructed compositions were an inspiration for a generation of composers. This special birthday program includes two sonatas for viola/violin and piano and a horn trio arranged for violin, viola and piano of which Phil says, “Brahms himself arranged the horn part for viola and though rarely performed, it is a wholly authentic representation of the composer’s intentions for the piece.”

We invite an audience of up to 50 to this concert; a reservation must be made in advance to attend. Masks are required, and a temperature check will be part of our admission routine. Please visit [www.augustanaarts.org](http://www.augustanaarts.org) to reserve seats. Tickets are “Flex Pay” meaning you pay what you can to enjoy the concert—we want all to enjoy this concert! It will also be livestreamed on YouTube with a link available on our website starting at 7 p.m. on May 7!

# Health Ministry

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month

...so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

2 Corinthians 1:4

We learn from NAMI that 1 in 5 Americans is affected by mental health conditions. Stigma is toxic to mental health because it creates an environment of shame, fear, and silence that prevents many people from seeking help and treatment. May is a time to raise awareness around mental and/or behavioral health issues to help reduce this stigma experienced by so many.



Faith communities can be nurturing to those living with mental illness, helping them and their families to grow and supporting them with a sense of belonging. When we are loved and cared for, we can then reach out to others with understanding and compassion as we recognize our own gifts and share them. Acceptance is the key!

Are you or one of your loved ones living with a mental health condition? Have you experienced stigma associated with your or their diagnosis? Are you seeking help in understanding the complexity of mental illnesses? Are you curious about mental wellness and mental illness in the context of a faith community?

## Then . . . YOU ARE INVITED!

**Who:** Join Faith Community Nurse **Sue Ann** and Health Ministry Team member **Dr. Mendy Motes** as we explore these questions.

**What:** “E4” Mental Health Ministry

**When:** Sunday, May 16, 9:15–10:15 a.m.

**Where:** Outdoors in Augustana’s Courtyard—gather after 8 a.m. outdoor worship

**Why:** Kick off this new mental health ministry for Augustana

**How:** Share our stories, study, learn, and provide support and prayer

The mission of **E4** is to **E**nlighten, **E**ncourage, **E**ducate and **E**mpower individuals and families about mental health in a faith-based environment.

Won’t you join us for the beginning of this vital ministry? You are not alone!

Contact **Sue Ann** ([glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org](mailto:glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 106) if you have any questions.

## Augustana Foundation

### Campaign countdown has begun . . . help Foundation meet goal

The 50th Anniversary 50-day kickoff event is almost over! The 50 for 50 Campaign ends May 19.

The Foundation has been a tremendous resource for Augustana in its first 50 years. “Even though generous donors and prudent investing account for \$3 million in assets today, there is much more to be done both in the church and community,” said Todd Engdahl, Campaign Co-Chair.

“The Foundation’s goal is to raise \$50,000 during its 50th Anniversary Year,” added Kevin Flesch, Campaign Co-Chair. Gifts given today will continue to grow and the annual income continue to be distributed in support of Augustana’s mission.

Won’t you help grow the Foundation in these final days of the campaign? You can contribute online at Augustana’s giving page or you can write a check to the Augustana Foundation.

If you have already contributed to the 50 for 50 Campaign, thank you. We are most grateful for your generosity. Your gift will have a long-lasting impact.

Please put Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. on your calendar for a brief livestreamed event to announce the results of the campaign and gather virtually to celebrate the Foundation’s 50th birthday.

## Augustana Foundation



The Augustana Foundation is celebrating its 50th Birthday!

Join the 50 for 50 Campaign to extend its impact in church and community.

Watch Virtual Celebration May 20, 7 p.m.

[Support the Augustana Foundation Today](#)





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## A Virtual Celebration

**Thursday, May 20, 2021  
7 p.m.**

**Celebrating the 50 for 50 Campaign and  
Wishing the Augustana Foundation a Happy 50th Birthday**

Hosted by  
**Todd Engdahl and Kevin Flesch, Campaign Co-Chairs**

Livestreaming on Augustana Lutheran Church

[Watch on Facebook](#)

[Watch on YouTube](#)

## Lunch & Learn Series coming in June

Not everyone comes close enough to see how the Augustana Foundation works. Simply stated, the Foundation receives financial gifts, invests them well, and annually distributes the investment returns in support of Augustana's mission.

As part of its 50th Anniversary celebration, the Foundation is sponsoring a virtual



"Lunch & Learn" series in June to provide insight into the gifts it has received into its endowment, its investment strategies

over time, and the grants given over the years to the church and its outreach ministry partners.

These virtual lunch dates will be held on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom. Each session will feature one or two Foundation leaders and a subject matter expert who will speak 30–40 minutes about a financial or investment topic and

then answer questions submitted in advance or during the session.

"I was very curious to see how the Foundation grew so substantially while still distributing over \$2.8 million in support of Augustana's mission," said Bill Crossen, Chair of the Finance/Investment Committee. "Compiling

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## Lunch & Learn Series

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the financial history for the earlier years was a challenge as both donor gifts and grants given had to be retrieved from assorted files and boxes in the archives.”

“Now we want to share this rich history as well as provide a forum for answering questions about our current financial and investment policies,” he added.



**NOVEMBER 5, 2021**  
**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Augustana community will be gathering to celebrate the Augustana Foundation’s 50th Anniversary at a gala signature event on Friday evening, November 5.

The Gala Planning Committee has begun preparations for this festive occasion. Holding the event at the church will permit livestreaming and other creative strategies as everyone continues to navigate pandemic uncertainties.

Mark your calendars for November 5 for an engaging evening!

### Lunch & Learn Schedule

#### 1. June 9. Grateful Generosity and the Gifts Coming In

Philanthropy is giving with gratitude. During this session, participants will learn how generous giving can be a powerful blessing both to those giving and to those benefiting from those gifts. Tools and techniques for planned giving will be discussed. Also described will be information on the growth of the Foundation over time through a combination of substantial legacy gifts and a significant number of memorial gifts and other annual giving. Presented by **Greg Bickle** and **Bill Crossen**.

#### 2. June 16. Fund Management and Investing Wisely

Funds received by the Foundation must be carefully invested to provide sufficient returns to meet our objectives. During this session, we will discuss the Foundation’s current investment policy and how investment practices have changed over time to balance risks and returns. Presented by **Lisa Mikolajczak**, **Michele**

**Suriano**, the Foundation’s investment advisor, and **Bill Crossen**.

#### 3. June 23. Grants Awarded and Making Impacts

The Foundation uses its investment returns to respond to grant requests from Augustana’s ministries and from deserving organizations in our community and in the world. We will review the criteria used to evaluate grant applications, summarize the organizations that have benefited from these grants, and show some impacts they have had on the people served by those organizations. Presented by **Tim Garrington**, Chairman of the Gifts/ Grants Committee, and **Bill Crossen**.

Consider attending these sessions for a historical and operational view. While each session will include a Q&A segment, if you wish to submit questions in advance, send them to **Bill Crossen** at [Foundation@augustanadenver.org](mailto:Foundation@augustanadenver.org).



## ELCA World Hunger

### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## Preventing lead exposure in Milwaukee communities

At Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a city with high rates of both poverty and lead exposure, leaders are working hard to keep children safe. The church, with support from ELCA World Hunger, provides lead-free kits with water filters, tape and mops. As the kits are shared, they explain that the tape can cover lead paint that is chipping, and the mops clean up dust from the paint so that children and adults don't inhale it. The church also helps adults learn about the dangers of lead, which can cause serious health problems and is especially dangerous for children and pregnant women. Exposure to lead can cause severe, long-term effects ranging from behavioral problems to anemia and kidney damage.

But filters, tape and mops can go only so far. The issue of lead — and the crisis of unsafe water, more generally — is an issue of justice. Environmental policies, housing regulations and health care access are all woven together when it comes to keeping people safe from lead poisoning. That's why Hephatha also worked with neighbors to start an advocacy group to talk with legislators about keeping the community safe.

Pastor Mary Martha of Hephatha links this work to the calling of the church: Advocacy. Advocacy and education “[lead] us back to the font, where we stand with people at the holy water that makes us God's children and sends us out to serve God's justice.”

This is just one of many ELCA World Hunger-funded projects around the world ensuring people have access to safe water. With your support, children such as those in Milwaukee can access the safe, clean water they need to thrive.

To give a gift to ELCA World Hunger, [donate online through Augustana's secure online giving portal](#), or mail checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church and footnoted ELCA World Hunger.

## Congregation Council

### Updates on our Partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver (HFHMD)

We had an amazing turnout at our Congregational Meeting back at the end of February, and most of you who could join us showed your overwhelming support for our church to move ahead with a development agreement and land lease extension to HFHMD. And what a turnout we had with about 120 members in attendance! Thank you!

Well, we're moving ahead with the next steps mentioned in the presentation. These include community outreach, finalizing the language in the agreements, and rezoning the Dakota Avenue property for building the four duplexes. All of this will take several months to complete, but with the help of HFHMD we have already made progress with the community outreach, first meeting with Amanda Sawyer (Councilwoman, District 5), who not only gave us her support, but some advice along with committing assistance from her office staff, if needed.

Then we met with representatives of the Preservation of Residential South Hilltop Neighborhood Association, which extends from just east of the church out to Monaco, between Alameda and Leetsdale. Their feedback was very positive and definitely in favor of this initiative, which they viewed as an overall improvement to the neighborhood.



But this isn't all we have going on with HFHMD! Coming up this May through July we have another opportunity to make a difference in the lives of many hard-working families. Habitat for Humanity has created volunteer slots for us to sign up for in helping with building townhomes located in Aria Denver, just north of Denver's Highlands neighborhood. There are 28 two-story townhomes and duplexes being built, and the following dates and times are available for us to sign up:

- Saturday, May 22, 8:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 5, 7:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 18, 7:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 17, 7:45 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Please consider joining me on any of these fun and rewarding build events. No experience is required, and you will never be asked to do something beyond your abilities. Ages 16 to 106 are eligible. As a matter of fact, President Jimmy Carter still volunteers at 96!

Please consider signing up directly at <http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/>, or contact me at [michael\\_zumwalt@agilent.com](mailto:michael_zumwalt@agilent.com).

Thank you!

**Michael Zumwalt**

Congregation Council President, Holy Hammers Volunteer Coordinator with HFHMD



# CAN Ministry

## Totals!!!

### Caring for God's Image: Smiles, Skin, and Beauty Within

**Thank you, thank you**, one and all, who contributed personal care items for Ruby's Market for immigrants and George Washington High School's food pantry!! Supplies arrived steadily throughout Lent and were divided evenly between our two community partners. Here are the totals!

- 54 large bottles of shampoo and conditioner (30 shampoo and 24 conditioner)
- 194 toothbrushes
- 146 tubes of toothpaste
- 260 full size bars of soap
- 14 bottles of body wash
- 63 deodorants
- 40 large bottles of body lotion
- 12 cans of shave cream
- 146 disposable razors

## Thanks for Easter Baskets for Warren Village and First Step

Thanks to the generosity of 32 Augustana households and Sarah Circle, as well as two Thrivent Action Team grants of \$250 each, **106 King Soopers gift cards and additional food items were donated to Warren Village (93) and First Step (13) for Easter.**

Warren Village and First Step are residential facilities which provide housing, job skills, and support for low-income, single-parent families, usually for a two-year period. Visit the [Warren Village website](#) for additional information, including volunteer opportunities as well as donation opportunities. Augustana Lutheran Church has supported Warren Village and First Step through twice-yearly food baskets for over 30 years!

## CAN\* Ministry Advocacy Invitation!

Sign up today for Action Alerts from these three organizations who help guide our advocacy work on behalf of our neighbors. Colorado and the United States legislatures are in session right now so the time is ripe! Signing up means that you will receive instructions on simple steps to take action on behalf of legislation or ballot initiatives on topics of hunger, education, criminal justice, climate justice, health care, and immigration. Contact [pastor.caitlin.trussell@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.caitlin.trussell@gmail.com) for conversation or questions.

- <https://www.elca.org/advocacy> (just below top-right of page)
- <https://www.rmselfca.org/advocacy> (under heading of "Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - Colorado: sign up for the LAM-CO eAdvocacy Network"
- <https://www.togethercolorado.org/take-action/join-us/> These action alerts relate to statewide issues but also include Denver Metro in particular.

\* Compassion and Action with our Neighbors



So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them.

Genesis 1:27

## Human Dignity Delegates

Interested in regular action and conversations about advocacy and anti-racism? Augustana's Human Dignity Delegates began meeting monthly on the first Sundays of the month, 3–4:30 p.m. via Zoom. Contact **Katy Lunsford** at [katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com](mailto:katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com) or **Beth Black** at [comosh@aol.com](mailto:comosh@aol.com) for more information.

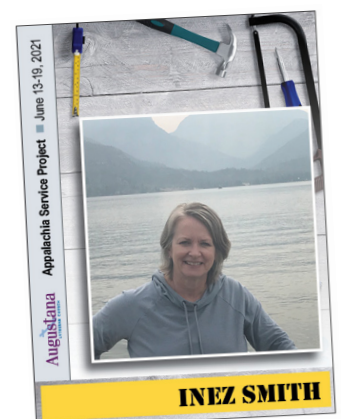
# Children, Youth, Family



## Mission trip trading cards now available!

Support the 19 Augustana youth and adults heading to Easter, Tennessee, to serve with the Appalachian Service Project June 13–19. We will spend our week helping residents of this high-poverty area make their homes warmer, safer, and drier. You can mail a check to Augustana's office or [give online](#) to support this mission trip.

Contact **Shanna VanderWel** ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) to access your digital or hard copy mission trip trading cards!







## Congratulations, Graduates!

### *Emma Graham*

I am graduating from DSST: Byers High School, where I was involved in Yearbook, Varsity Soccer, and Speech & Debate. I also sang with Cantabile at Augustana and play piano and guitar. Through my experiences at Augustana and Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, my faith has been fostered by a supporting community. This faith will help guide me as I head to Purdue University this fall to study aerospace engineering.



### *Bethany Lutz*

Bethany graduates from South High School in Denver. She writes, "I was involved in varsity cheerleading, student council, and National Honor Society. I plan to stay in state for college and study education. I am planning on becoming a high school math teacher. My faith has been really important to me in these challenging times. This year has been one of the most stressful years of my life trying to navigate the college process in a pandemic. Faith has kept me calm while I make all these challenging decisions about my future right now. I often look to Joshua 1:9 because it reminds me that no matter what I decide, God will be with me, and it's all in his plan. My faith has helped me get through this year, and I know that God will be with me in my next adventures."

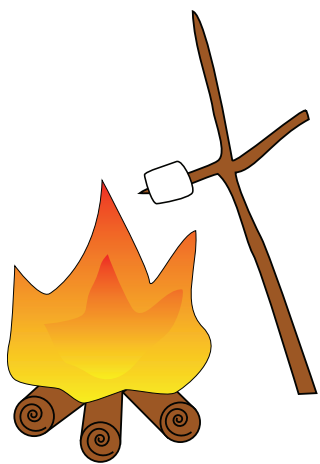


## Faith Formation

for grades PreK–12 will meet under the tent in Augustana's Courtyard, 9:15–10:15 a.m. on Sundays through May 16, except for grades 5 and 6 which will continue to meet via Zoom.



**Vacation Bible School** will be held July 19–22, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., for children currently in grades K–5. Sky Ranch counselors will lead this fun week of games, worship, Bible study, outdoor education, arts & crafts, and more! To sign up, please contact Shanna ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107). Cost to attend is \$50 with a \$100 family maximum.



## S'more Fun & Worship

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S'more Fun and Worship will be back this summer on all the Wednesdays in June and July. A camp style worship will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Augustana's Quist Park. There will be no meal this year, but people are welcome to come early for a time of fellowship, play, and making s'mores. S'mores will be prepackaged and available before and after the worship service. Items you may want to bring include a water bottle and outdoor chair or blanket.

### All call for S'more Fun and Worship musicians!

If you would like to share your gift of music for S'more Fun and Worship, you are welcome to join in. Musicians are encouraged to arrive at 5:30 p.m. to run through songs for the evening's worship. For more information and to request a songbook with guitar chords contact Shanna ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).





## A week of tributes to Mom

To celebrate the special woman in your life, use a quote a day the week before Mother's Day, or honor her with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative! Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate her love and show her yours.

"There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one."

—Jill Churchill

"The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children."

—Elaine Heffner

"An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest."

—Spanish proverb

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway."

—Erma Bombeck

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom."

—Henry Ward Beecher

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible."

—Marion C. Garretty

"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had."

—Linda Wooten





## A lasting promise



Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

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"But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: Power



## Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)

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