



Pictured above are Campaign Co-Chairs Todd Engdahl and Kevin Flesch presenting the check to Board members (from left) Bill, Kari, Pastor Ann, and Marilyn.

## First of Anniversary Celebrations Goes Virtual

The Foundation was not about to let pandemic restrictions on public gatherings interfere with the first of its 50th Anniversary celebrations. Many Augustana community members attended a joyous virtual event livestreamed from the sanctuary on May 20.

The event was co-hosted by two former Foundation Presidents, **Todd Engdahl** and **Kevin Flesch**. In a lively conversational style, they shared interesting historical facts, personal experiences as Board members, and assessments of the Foundation's remarkable growth and

its contribution to Augustana and the community through grants funded.

They noted that since its beginning, the Foundation has been the beneficiary of gifts totaling \$3 million (\$2.5 million from 34 estates; \$500,000 from innumerable annual gifts and memorials). These funds have been prudently invested, and returns on those investments have been used to fund grants of nearly \$2.9 million

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## Rejoice with

- Bonnie Ellen Taron, daughter of Dan and Val Taron, in her baptism
- Maja Amelie Bornhijm, daughter of Rob and Sonja Bornhijm, in her baptism

## Recently lifted up in prayer:

### for hope and healing:

- Elizabeth Biddle, Leah Bock Nunn, Rick Friesen, Andy McHattie, Eric Pendleton, Steve Schillereff, Dee Vellinga, Harry Waters, Baby Wyatt

### for comfort and courage:

- Peggy O'Connell in the death of her friend, Cyrus LaRouche
- Sharon Schillereff and family in the death of her father, Herb Schillereff
- Beth Black in the death of her friend, Marti Stiles
- Sonja Thorwald and family in the death of her husband, Vernon Thorwald
- Deni Moran in the death of her sister, Lynn Tramel



## Thank you for the gifts!

### Health Ministry

- In memory of Eric MacDougall

### Music Ministry

- In memory of Stephen Daniel, Herb Schillereff

### World Hunger

- In honor of Mother's Day

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

### Worship

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

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**Thursday, July 15, 4:30 p.m.** is the deadline for the August edition. Email **Lyn Goodrum** ([goodrum@augustanadenver.org](mailto:goodrum@augustanadenver.org)).

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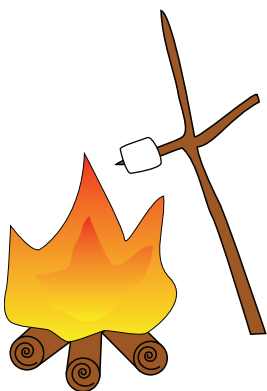
## Children, Youth, Family



### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held July 19–22, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., for kids entering K–5 grade. Sky Ranch counselors will lead this fun week of games, worship, Bible study, outdoor education, arts and 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



Wednesdays, July 14, 21, and 28, 6:30 p.m., Quist Park

All are invited to attend camp style worship Wednesdays in Augustana's Quist Park. Come early and/or stay late for a time of fellowship and games. S'mores will be available and individually wrapped. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair/blanket and

a water bottle. If there is unfavorable weather for the evening, we will move inside to Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to help with the music for evening worship, please arrive at 5:30 p.m. to practice.

Songbooks are available from **Shanna** ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

### Plan now for the National Youth Gathering in 2022!

The ELCA will be hosting the National Youth Gathering, July 23–30, 2022, in Minneapolis, MN. This is for all who are in grades 8–12 for the 2021–22 school year. Augustana plans to be part of the 30,000 youth and adults who attend this event. Registration for this event opens September 22 and closes after it fills up. To commit to attending this trip, please sign up with a \$350 deposit by September 15 with Shanna ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Learn more about this experience, Sunday, August 29, 9–10 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room.



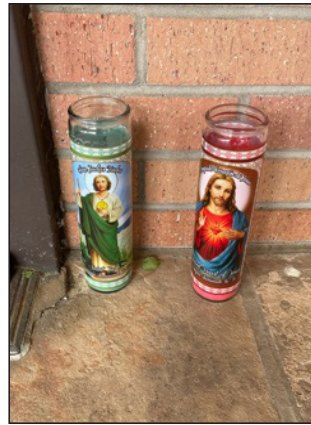
## Pastors



In the summertime, I often go out on the narthex porch to eat lunch. Throughout the year, we get odd things left on the bench there: a Christmas wreath, clothing, blankets, and food items that we can't always use. On a day in June, there were these two candles

that were left burning next to the sanctuary door.

You may have seen candles like these in the store, decorated with various saints. Their purpose is to help a person's prayers be directed or perhaps gathered toward a certain intention. You might recognize in the photo that one of the candles is the Sacred Heart of Jesus; the other features Saint Jude, the patron saint of hopeless causes.



Don't you wonder what was happening for the person or persons who left these candles? I wonder if they felt they were facing a dire situation of some kind which required powerful intercession. While Lutherans aren't much on lighting candles like these, we've all likely been in places in our lives that have us dropping to our knees in fervent prayer. Perhaps our journey through the pandemic was one of those times for you; or perhaps another time in your life when you were weighed down with hurt or grief; or maybe when you were in the midst of a difficult decision.

There is no "magic" to prayer, simply the promise that God will always hear us. There are no perfect words for our prayer either—simply a conversation that we are always invited to have with the One who loves us. I pray that whoever lit these candles felt God's presence in their conversation, and I pray that we do, too.

With peace and prayers,

**Pastor Ann**

## Grace, science, reopening, and reconnecting



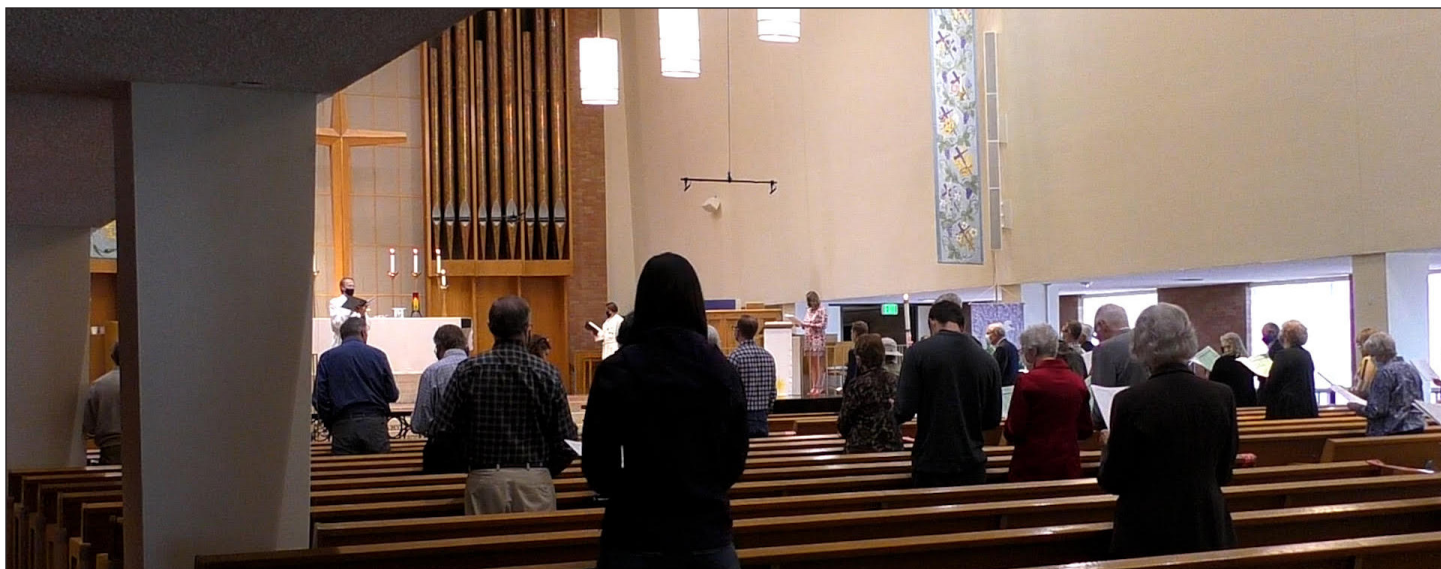
Friends, family, and church members often wonder with me about what they "should be doing" or how they think they should be "handling it." Heck, I wonder about these things for myself, too. It doesn't even

matter what "it" is. It could be intense personal grief. Or a changing job situation. Or financial difficulty. Or emerging from pandemic ready for normal and not finding the normal that's expected. Quite often, I find myself saying things like "give yourself some grace" or "be gentle with yourself." I know from personal experience that this is easier said than done. But when I hear people say it to me, I find it easier to remember that I'm only human. And when I say it to other people, I'm reminded that they are too.

Gathering and reconnecting with each other in person has been spiritually and emotionally powerful for me and so many who have longed for these moments. Let's continue to give each other grace as the Reopening Taskforce evaluates CDC, local, state, ELCA, and Rocky Mountain Synod guidelines as well as other Metro Denver congregations' reopening plans for worship. Augustana is 1,100 adults and children strong plus countless new and long-time visitors. Not only do we have the science to consider—especially for our kids under 12 who cannot yet be vaccinated—we cover the spectrum from not being ready to come out of our homes, to being beyond ready to put any evidence of the pandemic behind us, to everything in between.

Grace by faith and trust in God's unconditional love is the foundation of all that we do together. I hope and pray that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keeps your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Peace, **Pastor Caitlin**



## Worship

### Reopening Task Force updates worship guidelines

GOOD NEWS! As we all continue to work together to stop the spread of COVID-19, we have exciting updates to our Augustana reopening progression. Remember, our goal is to ensure a safe worship environment for all who attend, including unvaccinated children and attendees who are at high risk of infection.

1. Masks at 8 a.m. outdoor worship are now optional for FULLY vaccinated individuals, who can decide whether or not to wear a mask. We will follow the honor system.
2. We will still be asking everyone to wear a mask at the 10:30 a.m. worship, because beginning Sunday, June 20, the assembly resumed singing! As we have noted before, indoor singing is a higher-risk activity due to the expelling of respiratory droplets that can hang in the air for hours, so singing with masks will initially be required.  
*"Make a joyful noise to our Lord!"*
3. Registrations will continue, but the deadline for registrations has been extended to 7 a.m. Sunday morning. Registration continues for capacity monitoring and good record keeping in the event of contact tracing.
4. Social distancing with seating will continue with self-seating upon arrival and self-dismissal.

We rely on our congregation to make good decisions that are in line with the Center for Disease Control, local, state, and Rocky Mountain Synod guidelines, upon which these recommendations have been based.

These recommendations by your Reopening Task Force have been approved by your congregation council. Stay tuned for further progress with movement forward as we go through the summer months. Feel free to contact the pastors or anyone on the task force with your questions or comments.

#### Augustana's Reopening Task Force

**Sue Ann Glusenkamp**, Chair, RN, Faith Community Nurse

**Julie MacDougall**, Administrator of Volunteer Ministry and Building Use

**Joy Hawkins**, MD, UCH, Health Ministry liaison

**Roger Lipker**, Congregation Council liaison, Retired University Professor

**Ed Havranek**, MD, Medical Director Denver Health

**Emily Murdock**, AVE, and COVID Compliance Officer, Central City Opera

**Don Troike**, Retired Biology Professor

**Darryl Farrington**, Legal Counsel

## CAN Ministry



### for foster and refugee children

Sarah Circle and CAN Ministry are sponsoring a collection of school supplies for Lutheran Family Services foster and refugee children. Bring your supplies July 1–18 to the marked boxes in Augustana’s narthex. Here are the requested items for K–12 grades.



#### School supplies shopping list

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW backpacks   | <input type="checkbox"/> composition books   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No. 2 pencils, pink erasers   | <input type="checkbox"/> dividers, graph paper   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> glue sticks   | <input type="checkbox"/> zippered pencil bag or box                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, dry erase markers, highlighters | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-ring binder   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> solid color pocket folders  | <input type="checkbox"/> organizer/planner   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spiral notebooks  | <input type="checkbox"/> protractor - compass  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ruler   | <input type="checkbox"/> simple arithmetic calculator, scientific or graphing calculator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scissors  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex box   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wide-ruled paper, college-ruled paper                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 gift card (Walmart or Target)                              |

Thank you for your donations!

## Fight climate change with faith-based group

Do you have an interest in fighting climate change? Do you have expertise in something related to climate change and the environment? Are you an armchair scientist, eco-theologian, or researcher? We would love to collaborate with you.

The **Climate Justice Committee of Together Colorado** is a faith-based climate group working to fight climate change in Colorado. As part of Together Colorado, we are working to:

- Enact and influence legislation on climate change. Working on legislation requires research, interviews, data collection, and interaction with our elected officials.
- Help educate people of faith on climate issues by providing resources, training, and tools for congregations.
- Organize across faith traditions to cultivate support for changing climate policy locally, regionally, and statewide.

Would you like to help? We are providing the following survey to create a network of people to work on climate change issues around Colorado. Brand new? We have resources available to help you get started. If you are interested in climate issues and/or have connections to influencers on climate issues, please fill out the survey and let us know.

**Survey Link:** <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScx8QqMVY-Ol83yx9ivyfsPWhil6q-JS8t97jP2P20PbyAXug/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

We look forward to working with you as we all work to save our common home, Planet Earth.

Thank you,

**The Climate Justice Committee of Together Colorado**

If you have questions, please contact Augustana’s **Bonita Bock** ([bonita.rock@wartburg.edu](mailto:bonita.rock@wartburg.edu)).

**Rev. Bonita Bock** - ELCA

Moderator, Climate Justice Committee  
Together Colorado

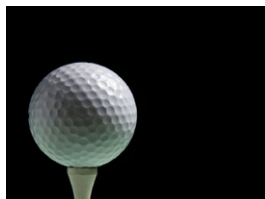


## Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry Meeting

Sunday, July 25, noon–1:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Bring a sack lunch to worship.

Sharing current opportunities and planning for fall emphases will be the bulk of the agenda.



## Save the Date!

**What:** Lutheran Family Services Golf Tournament

**When:** Monday, August 16

**Where:** Red Rocks Country Club

**Time:** Anticipate 9 a.m. Shotgun Start

**Contact:** Lynn Veit ([lynnveit@comcast.net](mailto:lynnveit@comcast.net)), Augustana Member/Committee member

## Health Ministry



## Congratulations for 15 years!

Did you know Augustana knitters are a Peace Pod for the organization Knitting4Peace?

Take a look at the amazing work done by this organization ONE STITCH AT A TIME!

<https://www.knitting4peace.org/>

Augustana knitters donated \$230.35 to be a GOLD sponsor for the 15-year gala virtual celebration held on June 26. Our knitting group is very active individually and collectively. Our first return to in-person meeting was held on Sunday, June 6 at Augustana. Over the last seven months, we created, gathered, and delivered to Knitting4Peace: 20 blankets, 22 washcloths, one bib, four hats and seven scarves. We try to make deliveries several times a year. Besides knitting for donations, our group makes beautiful prayer shawls gifted to Augustana members, families, and friends. Thirty-six prayer shawls were gifted in 2020, and 19 shawls have been gifted to date in 2021. Recipients of these shawls are very grateful. Each time a shawl is gifted, the following blessing is given with the shawl:

*This prayer shawl is made to bring comfort, love, hope, warmth and healing to you. It was made with love and prayers captured among the stitches. Feel comforted when you put it around your shoulders or over your lap, knowing that the prayers held within this shawl are for you.*

*Blessings from Augustana Prayer Shawl Ministry*

If you know someone who would appreciate and benefit from a prayer shawl, please inform our Faith Community Nurse, Sue Ann ([glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org](mailto:glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 106).

# See what Augustana's Helping Hands Ministry has been up to!

By Michael Zumwalt



## Helping Hands Ministry

Are you in need of some handiwork around the house? Perhaps some minor repairs or installing things like hand rails, light bulbs or smoke detectors? How about some general maintenance like raking leaves or shoveling snow? Moving heavy items?

There's a ministry called **Helping Hands** at Augustana, consisting of members who are happy to help those in need, especially seniors, single-parent families or simply individuals challenged with doing the work themselves. If you would like to take advantage of this ministry's service, please contact **Julie MacDougall**, Administrator of Volunteer Ministry and Building Use ([macdougall@augustanadenver.org](mailto:macdougall@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678).

### Sunday, April 18

**Doug Ray** – My son, Chris, and I worked with Sue Ann and Ron Glusenkamp to bring a bed frame, donated by Malise de Bree, mattress/box springs from Julia Stone, and a dresser from Lyn Goodrum's parents to Doug's new home. The above photos from Sue Ann say it all. (Doug also received a prayer shawl from Augustana's Health Ministry.)

### Sunday, April 25

**Rosalee Wanchisen** – Cleared pine needles out of her roof gutters and trimmed down a bush with a chainsaw. Always a pleasure to see Rosalee.

### Friday, May 28

**Lynn Friesen** – Installed support board (3/8-inch plywood) in between mattresses on queen bed for husband Rick, who had a hip replacement recently. Had a wonderful time visiting with both of them, and Emily was there too.





### Friday, April 23

**Joseph Gay** - Got a text and photo from Joseph's daughter, Ursula, that a couple of large branches from his tree had broken off from the recent snowstorm and were partially blocking the street. I came on Friday morning to cut up the branches and take them away in my SUV. What I could turn into firewood I took over to Janet Egan's house, because she is one of the few people I know with a real fireplace.



### Thursday, June 4

**Greta Lee Johnson** – Disconnected and plugged water pipes heading into greenhouse no longer being used, and diverted water to the hose spigot. Mel Johnson is in home hospice, but both were such a delight to visit with and get to know. Greta Lee was so cute in saying goodbye to me, I had to take a picture of her.





# Augustana Foundation

## First of Anniversary Celebrations Goes Virtual

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(\$1.4 million for Augustana initiatives; \$1.5 million to 160 organizations in the region and around the world).

Senior Pastor **Ann Hultquist** spoke movingly in describing the Foundation as a vital component in Augustana's mission of Worship, Grow and Go. Citing examples of its significant contributions to all three areas, she told compelling stories of challenges, creativity, restoration, sustainability, and impact.

President **Kari Blanchard** acknowledged the organization's 50th birthday as an important milestone to celebrate. She succinctly summarized the central purposes of the Foundation as receiving gifts, investing them wisely, and distributing the earnings to worthy internal and external projects using a rigorous grant-making process.

Before leaving the podium, she noted the 50 for 50 Campaign was the first of four anniversary events scheduled. She invited everyone to participate in the remaining three activities: a Lunch & Learn Series in June, a 3-Minute Video Grant Competition during late summer, and a wonderful Gala event on November 5. She thanked former President Marilyn Stember as the architect and overall project coordinator of the four events.

Excitement built during the evening as the success of the 50 for 50 Campaign was about to be revealed. Marilyn was joined by Bill Crossen, Chair of the Finance/Investment Committee, to bring out the oversized check. A generous \$29,400 had been received to date. Final accounting of gifts received through May 31 increased that total to **\$32,350**.

The evening concluded with AVE and Friends performing an inspirational hymn under the direction of Daniel Romero. The alleluias in their selection reverberated praises to God for this vibrant ministry.

More than 50 gifts were received during the 50-day active campaign phase. Individual gifts ranged from \$50 to \$5,500, with most gifts at the \$50 and \$100 level.

Many were first-time Foundation donors. See a listing of donors on page 11.

Thank you to each and every donor who responded this year and those who have contributed in the past. Your gifts are enduring and will continue to make a difference for many generations to come. Special thanks to members of the Board of Directors whose \$10,000 matching gift got this campaign off to a great start.



This fundraising effort would not have been as successful without the steadfast efforts of the Campaign Leadership Team—Todd, Kevin, Bill and Marilyn. They expressed their warmest gratitude to three staff members who diligently worked behind the scenes—Lyn Goodrum, Lisa Mikolajczak and Emily Friesen. Credit Duane Howell with the photos on this page and others you will see displayed at Augustana.

As in every year, gifts to the Foundation in any amount will gratefully be received every day of the year. With the generous support of the Augustana community in the kickoff campaign, the Foundation is on its way to achieving its objective of adding \$50,000 to its principal during this 50th Anniversary year.



# Thank you!

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Margaret Aarestad  
*In memory of Norm Aarestad*

Ward Anderson

Rick & Gayle Bebee

John & Kay Bengston

Brian & Renee Bernhard  
*In memory/honor of Pat Bernhard, Phil Bernhard, Elmer & Marie Klein, Ben & Loretta Benzel*

Greg & Lisa Bickle

Robert & Elizabeth Black

Paul & Kari Blanchard

Doug & Betty Boyd

Arvid Brekke

Randall Clark & Joy Hawkins-Clark  
*In memory of Keith V. Hawkins; in honor of Hjordis Hawkins*

Nancy Cowee

Bill & Rhonda Crossen

Emmett & Katherine Cruson

David & Carissa Cruson

Jim & Lynn Dierker

Janet Egan

Todd Engdahl & Caroline Schomp

Sonja Engebretson

Russ & Kara Epperson

Darryl & Lana Farrington

Kevin & Janet Flesch

Tim & Carol Garrington  
*In memory of Norm Aarestad*

Paul & Phyllis Gilbertson  
*In memory of Stephen Daniel*

Sue Ann & Ron Glusenkamp  
*In honor of Pastor Hultquist's 30th Ordination Anniversary*

Jayne Howard

Duane & Katherin Howell

Sharon Heldt

Ann Hultquist & Roger Loots

Howard & Sarah Jacobsen

James & Ellen Kastens  
*In memory of Bill & Amy Klein*

Bert & Dolly Lager  
*In memory of Stephen Daniel, Les Woodward, Norm Aarestad, Sandy Kistler, Norm O'Kelly, and Doug Arnold*

Ron & Karen Lambert

Matthew Miller  
*In memory of Maggie Miller*

Tamra Mohs

Dianne Nelson

Betty Nyby  
*In honor of Nyby Family*

Dave & Judy Peters

David & Sara Peterson  
*In honor of Ron & Marilyn Stember*

Rachel Circle

Roma Rehkow  
*In memory of Jerry Rehkow*

John & Mary Richardson

Sarah Circle

Sharon Schillereff

Brian & Julie Shellhorn

Lisa Boe-Sims & Daniel Sims

Ron & Marilyn Stember

Dwight & Sheryl Stenseth  
*In memory of Eric MacDougall*

Ron Swenson

Susan Talbot

Sonja Thorwald  
*In memory of Vernon Thorwald*

Rob & Caitlin Trussell

Brad & Pam Uyemura  
*In memory of Palmer Attleson*

Lynn Veit

Rosalee Wanchisen

Harry & Betty Waters

Charles & Karen Yeager:  
*In memory of Dorothy and Louie Toscano*

Tim & Abby Zeckser

Michael Zumwalt

*If your name should have been listed here, please contact Augustana's office.*





November 5, 2021

Augustana Lutheran Church

*Growing with Purpose*

Inspirational Speaker



**Rev. Sonja (Gall) Pancoast**

Zion Lutheran Church  
Loveland, Colorado

## Announcing 3-Minute Video Grant Competition beginning in July

The 50th Anniversary celebration of the Augustana Foundation continues with the **3-Minute Grant Competition**. The Foundation is pleased to announce it will be funding several special 50th Anniversary Grant Awards in amounts ranging from \$1,500 to \$3,000.



Grant submissions will be made via a 3-minute video which can be uploaded at the Augustana Foundation website starting July 1. Videos will be accepted through September 15. Videos can be shot using a cellular phone or video camera and should showcase the organization or group, the specific need for the grant, and how the project or organization currently or potentially will be related to Augustana and its mission.

Grant applications will be reviewed and selected for funding using the same process as used for written grant applications. These 50th Anniversary Grant Awards will be presented at the Foundation Gala on November 5. Additional information can be found at the Augustana Foundation website. Any questions should be addressed to **Russ Epperson** ([raepperson@yahoo.com](mailto:raepperson@yahoo.com)).

## 50-Year History Comes Alive

Retrieving, organizing, and reporting on a half-century of the Foundation's historical evolution is a daunting task, but how else does one understand how this organization grew with purpose over these 50 years?

Though challenged by a paucity of records from its first decades, a compilation of data for the 50-Year History is nearing completion. Board members leading this effort are **Bill Crossen** and **Howard Jacobsen**.

With Bill's dedicated effort and the able assistance of Lisa Mikolajczak, financial data over the 50-year

life of the Foundation has been retrieved from paper and electronic media. Among the largest databases completed include 1) gifts received by year from current and legacy donors, 2) growth in the fund principal by year since inception, and 3) grants awarded from interest income by year.

Bill also compiled annual Board of Directors membership lists from minutes and other archived documents. Remarkably, Board members have been identified for 48 of the 50 years. Missing are Board memberships for 1992 and 1997. If anyone has information on these years, please let us know so that all past leaders are honored this year.

Howard has been recording the chronology of important events by looking in the archives for historical facts, photos, or other documents. He promises some interesting stories in the months to come.

If you have any photos or memorabilia that would add interest to a Foundation-related story or contribute to the historical display at the Gala, please contact **Marilyn Stember**, Chair, 50th Anniversary Project ([marilyn.stember@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:marilyn.stember@cuanschutz.edu)).

## Is the Foundation in your estate plans?

Many organizations like the Foundation have created a heritage society for honoring people who have informed them they have arranged for a type of legacy gift. Organizations don't want to wait until donors have passed to provide gratitude and recognition.

During this 50th Anniversary year, the Foundation is considering adopting a policy creating a heritage society honoring people who have informed them that they have included the Foundation in their estate plans.

Is the Foundation in your will or estate plan? If so, the Foundation wants to know. No documents will be required. We simply need your name to establish our initial group. Please let us know by calling Augustana's office (303-388-4678) or emailing the Foundation ([Foundation@augustanadenver.org](mailto:Foundation@augustanadenver.org)).

We expect to recognize our initial group at the Foundation Gala in November.

## Augustana Foundation Estate Gifts Received (1971–2021)

*Inez Anderson estate*

*Corinne Anderson estate*

*Algot Anderson estate*

*Vada Anderson estate*

*Viola Becklin estate*

*Georgia Bengtson estate*

*Benson estate*

*Evelyn S. Brewster  
estate*

*Mary Bruns estate*

*Peter Burchard estate*

*Emma Carlson estate*

*Paul Chuvarsky estate*

*Combs estate*

*Wilbur Curtis estate*

*Mildred Danielson estate*

*Lena Garrison estate*

*Lillian M. Helm estate*

*Eldon Hemmingsen  
condominium*

*Maxine Johnson estate*

*Malcolm & Evelyn  
Johnson estate*

*Mr. & Mrs. Martin E.  
Johnson estate*

*Don Meyer estate*

*Nashland estate*

*Lillian SM Nilsson  
estate*

*Robert & Carol Olson  
Trust*

*Gus Peterson estate*

*Arlene Proudfit estate*

*Blodwen Roberts estate*

*Leo Thurman Rohde  
estate*

*Edmund C. Selander  
estate*

*Sundquist estate*

*Julia Swanson estate*

*Thoren estate*

*Wikgren estate*

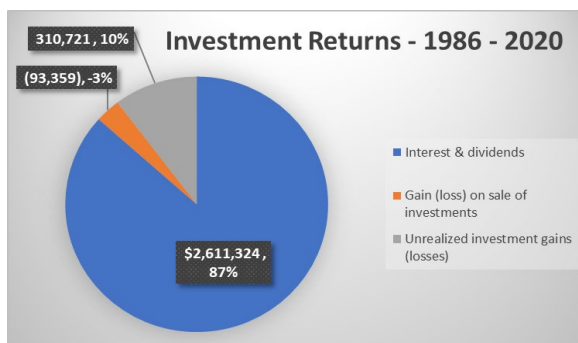
# How the Augustana Foundation supports our mission

## Gifts are received

Bequests	\$	2,512,000
Gifts and memorials		435,000
Investment earnings > grants		215,000
Net Foundation Assets at 12/31/20	\$	<u>3,162,000</u>

- All gifts to the Foundation contribute to the fund principal (corpus).
- Bequests have come from 34 estates and ranged from \$1,000 to \$900,000.
- Foundation also recipient of an annual annuity restricted for use in grant awards (~\$30,000/year).
- Gifts made during the lifetime of donors are comprised of:
  - ♦ honorariums to recognize people and special events,
  - ♦ memorials remembering people who have died, and
  - ♦ annual gifts and special gifts supporting the Foundation purpose.
- The Foundation must retain its corpus; at 12/31/2020, we had a cushion of about \$200,000.

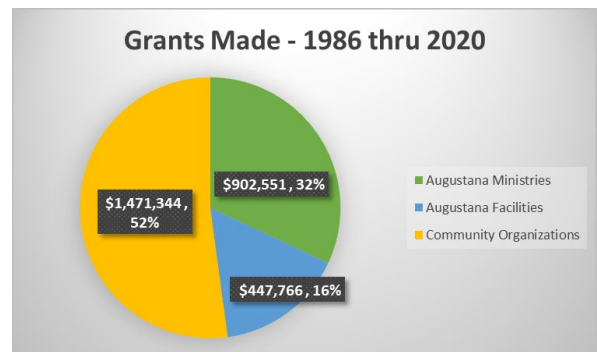
## Gifts are invested



- Gifts are invested pursuant to a well documented and thoroughly vetted investment policy.

- A diversified portfolio helps maximize returns while mitigating risk.
- Since 1986, the earliest date for which we have complete financial records, the Foundation has earned \$3 million on its investments and annuities.

## Investment Income funds grants



- Since 1986, the Foundation has awarded \$2.6 million in grants.
- Support for Augustana ministries includes mission trips, music programs and numerous other areas.
- Augustana members attending Lutheran colleges and seminaries have benefited from scholarship awards.
- Grants have been given to 159 outside agencies during this 34-year period.





## Bible Quiz

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle.  
What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

- A. nephew
- B. niece
- C. brother
- D. sister

Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.)

## PUZZLE



### As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.  
How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Grocooos words

oro o honooocomb,

swoot to tho soo

ond hooolong 

to tho bonos.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

## Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



Thrfor,

s Gd's chsn ppl,

hly nd drly lvd, clth

yrslvs wth cmpssn,

kndnss, hmlty, gntlnss

nd ptnc. Br wth

ch thr nd frgv n

nthr fny fy hs

grvnc gnst smn.

Frgv s thLrd frgv y.

Clssns 3:12-13, NV

Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV

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