

# You are invited!



## “Bless the Years”—an Adult Ministry Event

Thursday, August 12

11 a.m. Worship | Sanctuary

Noon Picnic | Fellowship Hall

Augustana’s Health Ministry and Senior Ministry have teamed up to host “Bless the Years,” a summer gathering beginning with a brief worship service with Holy Communion in Augustana’s sanctuary followed by a picnic-style lunch in Fellowship Hall. Augustana will provide lunch and transportation as needed. Faith Community Nurse **Sue Ann Glusenkamp** will call to confirm your attendance, transportation, and host, if needed, or you may RSVP to Sue Ann (303-388-4678 ext. 106 or [glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org](mailto:glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org)). This is a catered event, so your reservation is needed by **Thursday, August 5**.

Plan now to gather and celebrate a return to Augustana after many months of pandemic closure!

# Be our guest!

## Rejoice with

- David Joaquin Bruno, son of Rhett and Lusi Bruno, in his baptism
- James Patrick Siverson, son of Olaf and Anne Siverson, in his baptism
- Maja Amelie Bornhijm, daughter of Rob and Sonja Bornhijm, in her baptism

## Recently lifted up in prayer:

### for hope and healing:

- Sandy Barker, David Behringer, Betsy Bernhard, Elizabeth Biddle, Eddie Dierker, Todd Engdahl, Nadine Fingland, Mary Kay Hubbell, Tom Jenkins, Rose Kvern, Alyssa Miller, Diane Zarlengo, Nancy, Barbara, and Gerry

### for comfort and courage:

- Brian Bernhard in the death of his brother, John Bernhard
- Kathy Jenkins in the death of her husband, Jeff Jenkins
- Greta Lee Johnson and family in the death of her husband, Mel Johnson
- Lisa Bickle in the death of her brother, Tom Kopperud
- Nancy Cowee in the death of her nephew, Eric Pendleton
- Diane Zarlengo in the death of her friend, Nancy Thoman

## Thank you for the gifts!

### Augustana Early Learning Center Scholarships

- In memory of Eric MacDougall, Herb Schillereff

### Augustana Foundation

- In memory of Vernon Thorwald

### Health Ministry

- In memory of Norm Aarestad

### Music Ministry

- In memory of Norm Aarestad

### Special Gifts

- In memory of Fred Cathcart, John Cowee, Eric MacDougall, Herb Schillereff, Vernon Thorwald

## Memorial Service

The memorial service for **Herb Schillereff** will be Saturday, August 7, 1 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by a reception in the Anna Paulson Room.

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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, August 12, 4:30 p.m.** is the deadline for the September edition. Email **Lyn Goodrum** ([goodrum@augustanadenver.org](mailto:goodrum@augustanadenver.org)).

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## Pastors



I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6

It was work.

My daughter and son-in-law moved to a new duty station in

Oklahoma and bought their first house. The old carpeting throughout the ranch style home needed to go, so my husband and I spent several days with them in July, ripping up carpeting, pulling up tack strips from the concrete floor, and also removing tile. All of it had to go somewhere, so we had a constant procession carrying stuff out to the dumpster on the driveway in 95 degree heat and 90% humidity. Carpet knives, crowbars and hammers were required. At one point my son-in-law said “I can’t believe people do this for a living!” It was work.

Many of you have had DIY experiences like this in your life, or maybe you are or were someone who did hard physical labor for a living. It’s both exhausting and satisfying, isn’t it?

I want to suggest that coming back to a more “normal” life as a congregation is work—hard work. I don’t think that most of us thought that it would be. We envisioned people streaming back to worship and jumping back into life together with both feet. Honestly, the stream has been more of a trickle, and the feet are hesitant. It’s work to re-engage, to change pandemic habits, and to figure out what the future looks like for our ministry. Many things have changed, including staff, and change is difficult for almost everyone.

And yet, this time also brings the gift of opportunity: to pray about what God is doing and will do through our congregation, to have freedom to envision ministry and programs in new ways, to welcome new folks into this Body of Christ, and to rebuild our community around our mission statement. *Celebrating God’s grace, we welcome everyone to worship Jesus, grow in faith, and go serve in the world.*

It is work. Work that I hope you will engage in, as we trust in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit who are also at work in each of us and in our congregation.

**Pastor Ann**

## Meaning, Connection, and New Members of Augustana



I’ve met with a few people over the last couple of months who were curious about becoming members of Augustana. Some of them have joined. We’ve also had other new and continuing visitors worshipping in person and

via livestream. Over the last year and a half, Augustana’s online presence has been key to reaching out to new folks while we gathered virtually. We’ve started to meet some of them now that we’re back in person for worship. We’re also meeting new people in worship who feel a need for meaning and connection as the pandemic wanes in our area. They’re coming to Augustana to listen and wonder if we’re a people and a place in which to do just that.

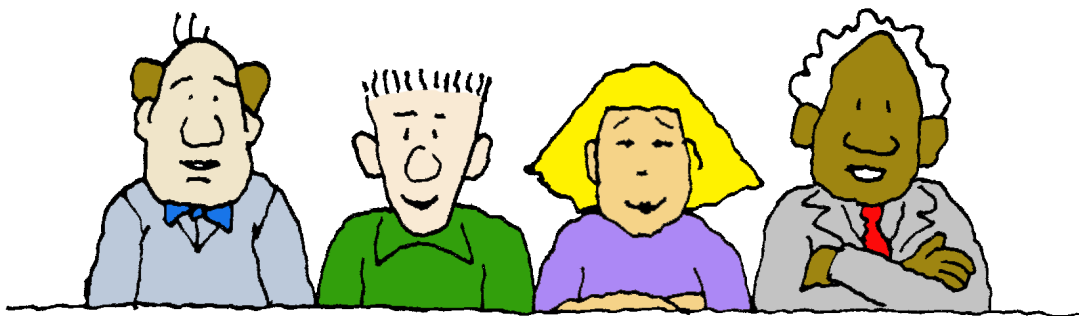
Meeting these new folks is a good reminder that there are people that we know who we can invite to church, too—people looking for meaning in their lives and wondering if faith in Jesus has any relevance or connection with their experiences. As we begin gathering in earnest after summer travels have wrapped up and school begins, invite someone to church. Or email them a virtual link so they can worship virtually if they need to take a peek before they take a step through the actual sanctuary door. Many people are finding that virtual step to be an easier first one.

When I meet with a new person, I encourage them to think about how they hear God’s voice as they participate and listen during worship. For some folks, God’s voice is in the music; for others it’s the actions we take on behalf of our neighbors; for others, it’s the preaching; for others, it’s that communion is open to everyone; and for others, it’s the people who greet them warmly in worship—or, it’s a combination of all of the above!

Augustana friends, we have the good news of Jesus to share with people who are struggling in confusing times. Inviting them to church may be the next right step in your journey and theirs.

Peace, **Pastor Caitlin**





## **Congregation Council**

### **Special Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, August 29, 11:45 a.m., Sanctuary**

A special Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 29, at 11:45 a.m. in the sanctuary following the worship service. The only agenda item to be considered is the proposed lease of eight parking spaces for the Habitat Dakota Avenue townhomes. These parking spaces would be located in the lower Fairfax Street lot and would be designated for those homeowners.

The approval of this proposal will assist Habitat as they continue the rezoning process with the

City of Denver and continue conversations with the Preservation of South Hilltop neighborhood association. A quorum of 75 members is required to conduct business at this meeting, and all confirmed members are eligible to vote on this proposal. You are encouraged to attend this meeting as we move forward with this very important project.

Please watch the Sunday bulletin announcements and the weekly ePistle for more information.

## **Music Ministry**

### **Welcome to Augustana's new Chancel Choir Director, Dr. Kevin Padworski!**

Kevin is well-known in the Denver area and around the country. He is currently the Director of Music at Colorado Academy, a K–12 school. He is also a composer, the artistic director and conductor of the Colorado Chorale, and he previously served 2009–2017 as the Director of Music and Organist at Calvary Baptist Church (American Baptist) in Denver. He attended DU for his Master of Music and CU for his doctorate in Musical Arts (Choral Conducting).

He and his wife, Rachel, have two children ages 3 and 6. His first day with us will be August 8. We look forward to all that Kevin will bring to Augustana's music ministry!



## From Daniel Romero this past July

*Dear Augustana Congregation,*

*I want to let you know that I have given Pastor Ann notice of my resignation as Minister of Music at Augustana. My last day will be Sunday, July 18, 2021.*

*My partner, John Harris and I have made the difficult decision to move to New Jersey. We are going there because housing is much more affordable; the prospects of buying the kind of house we want in Denver have grown very slim. I have accepted the position of Director of Music at Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, NJ. As much as I have enjoyed working in a Lutheran parish, it will be good to be back in the Episcopal Church.*

*My time at Augustana has been a very good experience. In fact, this is one of the best staff teams that I have experienced in my many years of church work. Everyone in the congregation has also been very supportive and welcoming. This has been a very positive experience, which also makes the decision to leave even more difficult.*

*Thank you for allowing me to be a part of Augustana's ministry.*

Augustana said thank you to Daniel for his ministry and wished him Godspeed at worship Sunday, July 18.

## Search for Music Director and Organist position has begun

A search team has already been hard at work to fill the open position at Augustana for Music Director and Organist. Five persons form the core of the committee with three additional auxiliary members.

The core committee is comprised of:

- Pastor Kent Mueller, chair
- Mr. Michael Gentes
- Ms. Pam Uyemura
- Pastor Ann Hultquist
- Pastor Caitlin Trussell

The three auxiliary members, comprised of Augustana music personnel are:

- Mr. Kevin Padworski - Chancel Choir director
- Ms. Angela Howard - Children's Choir director
- Mr. Blake Nawa'a - AVE quartet member

Since the fall music season is fast approaching, the committee has opted for a "fast track" approach, seeking priority applicants by August 1, so that résumé reviews may begin quickly, followed by in-person interviews and auditions for a select number of applicants.

"This is a key position in the life and ministry of Augustana Lutheran Church," said Pastor Kent Mueller, who chairs the committee and serves as an assistant to the bishop in the Rocky Mountain Synod. "We will do our best, with integrity and transparency, to make sure that the position is publicized widely and candidates are considered with authenticity."

## Coffee Hour resumes in September!

Zoom Coffee Hour will conclude Sunday, August 29, and in-person Coffee Hour will resume beginning Sunday, September 5! Enjoy coffee and conversation in Augustana's Fellowship Hall, Sundays, 9:15–10:30 a.m.



# Livestreaming worship and in-person worship update

People often ask how many people are worshipping on a Sunday. Livestream and in-person worship opportunities mean that is a question more easily answered in a table like the one below. It’s a bit of an apples and oranges comparison, because in livestream numbers, we know only that there’s a household worshipping, not the actual number of people worshipping in that household. In-person worship is a definitive number, counting errors notwithstanding. If you add the Combined Total Livestream number to the Sunday In-Person Total number, you would arrive at the minimum number of people who have worshiped.

Below is the latest available information through July 11. Please ask Pastor Caitlin if you have any questions.



# Low-risk evangelism idea if you’re on Facebook

Evangelism means sharing the good news and inviting folks to be a part of it. One easy way to do this is to comment on Augustana’s Facebook (FB) posts. FB’s algorithms increase a post’s visibility as likes, comments, and shares of that post increase. Overall, Augustana’s Facebook presence is strong and active. Participation is always optional, and it’s more helpful to visitors looking at the Augustana FB page when your responses are natural and authentic for you. So “Follow” and/or “Like” Augustana’s Facebook page, and receive our posts in your newsfeed to stay up to date and to respond to posts as you feel so moved.



## What’s in this table?

View numbers indicate “households” worshipping. It’s impossible to know how many people are worshipping per household. Real Time Views = households worshipping during the livestream on Sundays, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

| Date/Worship      | Real Time Views | YouTube Total | Facebook Total | Combined Total Livestream | In-person** 8/10:30 (total) |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 6/6               | 34              | 94            | 36             | 130                       | 11/91 (102)                 |
| 6/10 2nd Video    | ---             | 129           | 50             | 179                       | ---                         |
| 6/13              | 32              | 64            | 28             | 92                        | 16/~50 (~66)                |
| 6/20 (Tyg Taylor) | 30              | 104           | 55             | 159                       | 28/68 (96)                  |
| 6/27              | 34              | 67            | 32             | 99                        | 17/59 (76)                  |
| 7/4 (4th of July) | 28              | 62            | 34             | 96                        | 21/45 (66)                  |
| 7/11              | 43              | 65            | 113            | 178                       | 24/40 (64)                  |

\*During the week following worship, more household views happen throughout the week  
 \*\*In-person (total) is the number of people in Sunday worship

## Stratus Chamber Orchestra

**“Splash, Slither, Stomp and Soar into Arts”**

**Sunday, August 15, noon, Augustana’s courtyard**



Augustana members, friends, and families of all ages are invited to a special outdoor concert under the big tent at Augustana featuring Stratus Chamber Orchestra. Guest Conductor **Catherine Sailer** will lead us through “Splash,

Slither, Stomp and Soar into Arts” along with music crafts for the kids to play along during the concert. You’ll hear selections such as *Carnival of the Animals*, “Flight of the Bumblebee,” Haydn Symphony no. 82 “The Bear,” and others!

We are also thrilled to present the concert on Saturday, August 14 at 10 a.m. at the Denver Zoo in celebration of their 125th Anniversary. The concert will take place outside the Conoco Pavilion and is included in your admission to the zoo— no other reservations for Saturday are needed.

Tickets for Sunday, August 15 are FLEX PAY, meaning you pay what you choose including a FREE option. We hope to provide a light lunch option for a donation (hot dogs and chips). Or, bring your own picnic, chairs and/or blankets and spread out under the tent or on the green, grassy lawn. Safety precautions are followed per church guidelines, and face coverings are required for those who are not fully vaccinated as well as inside the church. Visit [www.AugustanaArts.org](http://www.AugustanaArts.org) for Sunday reservations and/or more details.

Bring your whole family for this fun afternoon to celebrate summer before the school year begins!

## CAN Ministry

### Augustana’s Human Dignity Delegate Sack Lunch meeting

Sunday, August 1, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., Fellowship Hall (Yes, in person!)

Facilitated by **Beth Black**, **Katy Lunsford**, and **Pastor Caitlin**, these meetings are opportunities for learning and advocacy in the areas of ballot initiatives, legislative efforts, and anti-racism. All levels of knowledge are welcome so feel free to come and learn. We started gathering virtually in late spring this year and will meet in person this time. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry – Colorado, ELCA Advocacy, and Together Colorado are partners in our learning and action on behalf of our neighbor and issues of human dignity in the public square – Hunger, Education, Health, Criminal Justice, Housing, and more.

Email Beth Black ([comosh@aol.com](mailto:comosh@aol.com)) or Katy Lunsford ([katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com](mailto:katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com)) for more information.

## Legislative Session 2021 Wrap-Up

Many important bills passed that affect the human dignity of Colorado residents. Which bills passed and which didn’t? Check out the legislation news from two of our ministry partners.

### Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - CO

[https://rmselca.org/sites/rmselca.org/files/media/2021\\_legislative\\_wrap\\_up\\_pdf.pdf](https://rmselca.org/sites/rmselca.org/files/media/2021_legislative_wrap_up_pdf.pdf)

### Together Colorado

<https://www.togethercolorado.org/legislation/>





## Booting up for “God’s work. Our hands.”

In connection with “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday on September 12, Augustana invites you to donate funds to purchase computers for the new ChristAid Secondary School in Kicuna, Uganda!

Imagine an unemployment rate approaching 70%. That is the case for young people (ages 18–30) in Uganda. While a quality education does not ensure employment, the opportunities for meaningful employment are much higher with an education. (The unemployment rate for

educated youths is approximately 30%). Unfortunately, unemployment leads to criminal activity, drug and alcohol addiction, and desperation among Uganda’s youth. Certainly, we cannot fix the problem, but we can help.

Augustana and ChristAid International are partnering to provide a quality Christian education to the young people in southwest Uganda. The newly constructed ChristAid Secondary School is scheduled to open in 2022. The building is ready with desks and chairs in the classrooms, as well as bunks for the boarding students. Textbooks will soon be purchased, but one thing is desperately needed—access to technology and, specifically, computers.

A computer lab housing 30 computers for teachers and students will make it possible to teach the secondary school students (our middle school and high school students) the skills necessary to be successful in today’s





world. The computer desks are ready, as seen in the photo below with the school's headmaster. The electric power, which is brand new to the area, is connected. Even Internet is available.



As part of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday on September 12, Augustana will be raising funds to help ChristAid purchase new reliable computers for the secondary school. Watch for an announcement and more information about ChristAid in the August ePistles and September Tower with details on how to contribute to this effort. The cost of a computer is approximately \$500. In doing so, you will make a difference in the lives of the young people in Uganda.

You may never have the opportunity to meet those whose lives you are changing, but you can know that you will bless many with your life-changing gift.

Please contact **Casey and Amy King** ([amyking0607@gmail.com](mailto:amyking0607@gmail.com)) for more information.

# God's work. Our hands.

## Sanctuary Soup Shelf

We continue to host regular visitors to the Soup Shelf on the sanctuary porch. Canned food with pop-tops is best, as can openers are a problem for some visitors who pick up food. See the shopping list for food that moves quickly from the shelves. Keep it simple, add a few cans to your own grocery shopping, and drop them off at the shelf when you come to worship. Thank you, thank you for continuing to share with our hungry neighbors!

Please **DO NOT** bring condensed soups that require water (i.e. tomato or chicken noodle); perishable foods; or non-canned food packaged in plastic or cardboard (squirrels and mice like those).

### Sanctuary Soup Shelf Priority Shopping List

- ☐ Canned Chicken or Tuna
- ☐ Canned Progresso Soups with Chicken
- ☐ Chef Boyardee with meat
- ☐ Canned milk
- ☐ Canned fruit in water



## Do the Holy Hammers Hustle for Humanity

Mark your calendars for this fun family walking event taking place on Saturday, September 11, 8 a.m., at Cottonwood Park West. The park is located in Parker, CO, on Cottonwood Drive off Parker Road. Funds raised by this fun walk event will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver. The requested price of registration is \$45 per family. Prices for individuals are to be determined. You can donate or sponsor walkers if you don't want to walk yourself. Event t-shirts and refreshments will be provided. Please look for more details on registration, etc., in forthcoming ePistles.



# Augustana Foundation

June 2021  
**Lunch & Learn**  
SERIES  
INFORMATIVE



The Augustana Foundation successfully launched a Lunch & Learn Series at noon on Wednesdays during June. Bill Crossen was joined by four other experts across these sessions: Greg Bickle, Lisa Mikolajczak, Michele Suriano, and Tim Garrington.

The one-hour seminars focused on each of the Foundation's three purposes: 1) to promote and accept current and legacy gifts, 2) to manage and invest endowment and other funds in its care, and 3) to award grants quarterly supporting Augustana's congregational ministries, capital improvements, and community outreach.

Within each session, Bill and his colleagues artfully combined historical information with a comprehensive explanation of how the organization works today. If you missed any of them, you can watch them on YouTube, and the PowerPoint presentation for each is available to download.

## 1. June 9. Grateful Generosity and Gifts Received



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



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



## Augustana Foundation 3-Minute Grant Competition

The 3-Minute Grant Competition is designed to engage the Augustana community in identifying worthy projects that could be implemented with the support of a small grant from the Foundation. This 50th Anniversary grant program especially encourages new initiatives or new congregational-outreach ministry collaborations that could be achieved with some financial support.

Members of the congregation, ministry groups, and staff are invited to submit applications. Similarly, community organizations who have a relationship or want to have a mission-based collaboration with Augustana are encouraged to apply. In collaborative projects, grant funds will go to the applicant organization.

The uniqueness of the 3-Minute Grant Competition is in the application. Instead of submitting a 10- or 15-page written application, the applicant submits a 3-minute video describing the project. Submitting a simple video application is expected to facilitate a creative and efficient process.

Grants awarded in this competition will be designated as 50th Anniversary Grant Awards. Funds for these awards have been reserved in FY2021 distribution dollars.

Applicants in this competition are not precluded from submitting another similar or different application in the regular quarterly application cycle.

See the [Foundation's Call for 3-Min Video Grant Applications](#) for details.



## Augustana Foundation Call for 3-Min Video Grant Applications



- Purpose must fit into one of these Foundation funding categories
  - 1) Enhances a congregational ministry
  - 2) Improves the physical facilities
  - 3) Contributes to a community outreach mission
- 3-minute videos can be shot using a cellular phone or video camera.
- Videos 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.
- In the video it is suggested that you address what you or your organization plan to do when grant funds are received—who, what, when, where, and how.
- Applicants can request up to \$3,000 for the proposed project.
- Applicants (e.g., individual, ministry group, community organization) can submit multiple applications for different projects.
- Video applications for the 50th Anniversary Grants Program must be submitted using the Augustana online application portal (<https://www.augustanadenver.org/augustana-foundation/3-minute-video-grant-competition/>).
- Deadline for applications is September 15.
- All submitted video applications that meet the competition criteria will be digitally combined for presentation to the Foundation's Board of Directors.
- The Foundation's Gifts/Grants Committee will systematically review the 3-minute applications using its established process. Final decisions will be made by the Foundation Board.
- The Augustana community will have an opportunity to view videos from the finalists.
- Grants awarded through this competition will be presented to recipients at the Gala on November 5. Applicants are encouraged to attend.
- Applicants in this special 50th Anniversary competition may apply for a similar or different project in the regular quarterly grant review cycle. However, if applications for both methods are selected, award funding may be adjusted to avoid duplication.

Contact **Russ Epperson** ([raepperson@yahoo.com](mailto:raepperson@yahoo.com)) if you have questions regarding the application or submission process.



# Foundation Leader Recognition

## Leadership Matters—Then and Now

Board members who have served during the Foundation’s history were identified as part of the 50th Anniversary Project. About 100 members of the congregation appeared on that list—some names that are well known today and some that were not so familiar. Just who were the earlier saints that individually and collectively contributed their foresight, expertise, and experience to guide the development and growth of the Foundation? Meeting minutes and financial reports provided only a glimpse.

Leadership mattered then, and it matters now. How did these leaders define the parameters and priorities of the organization? How did they face challenges and identify opportunities? How did the elected presidents lead with Christian values, commitment, clarity, and courage to make their boards as effective as they could be? During this milestone year, we pause with gratitude to recognize and honor the Foundation’s past and present leaders.

When the Foundation Fund was created a half-century ago, the designated leadership was known as



Kari Blanchard, President of the Augustana Foundation

the Memorial Gifts Fund Committee, a name that followed logically from the memorial gifts account that seeded the Foundation. As specified in the originating resolution, the responsibility of the Committee was “to promote the fund, invest or arrange for the investment of moneys of the fund, and recommend projects and undertakings for which distributions from the fund may be used” (Resolution #9, 1971). The name of this group was eventually changed to the Board of Directors.

From the Foundation’s inception, a nine-member board has been appointed by the Congregation Council for three-year terms. Terms were wisely structured in a way that retires one-third of the board each year. Members can be reappointed for one additional term.

The pastor was designated an ex-officio member from the onset, and the council president was added midpoint in its history as an ex-officio member. Both ex-officio members were formally added to the board with voting privileges when bylaws of the Augustana Foundation were adopted in 2018.

### Augustana Foundation Presidents

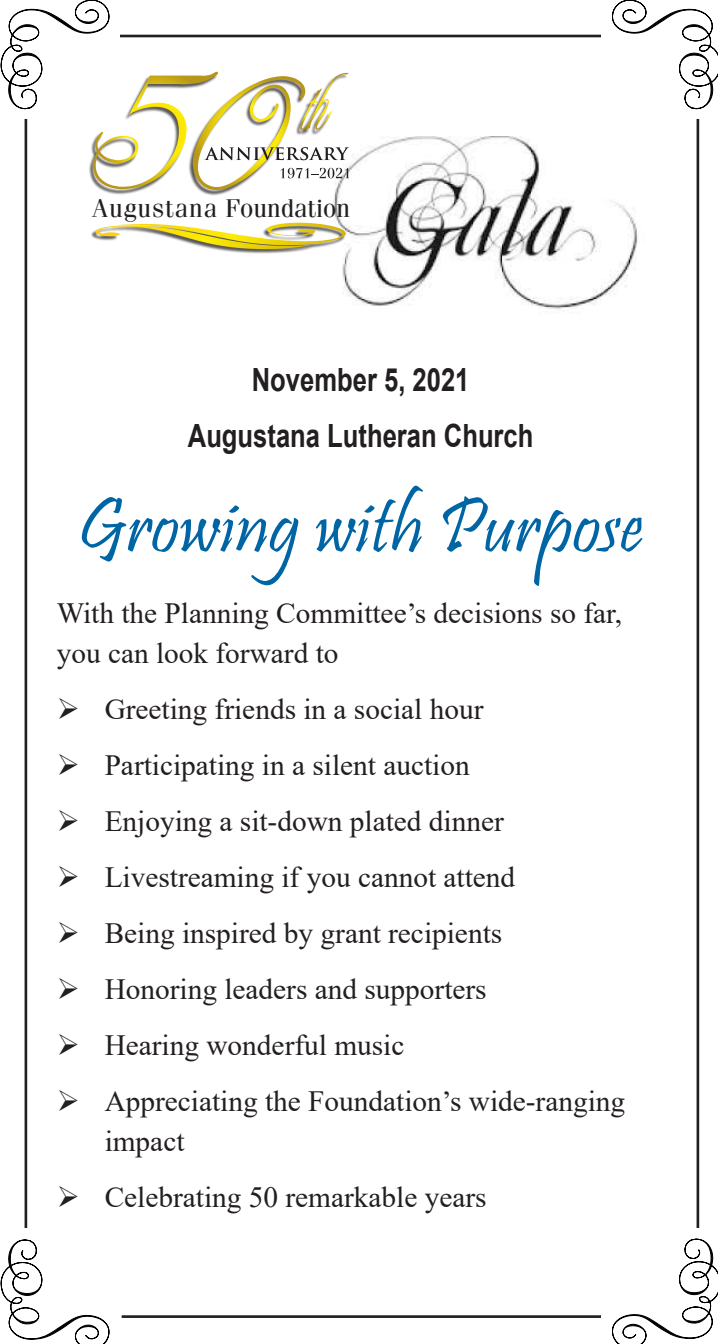
| Year | President        | Year | President         |
|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 1978 | Lennart Erickson | 2000 | Joanne Johnson    |
| 1979 | Lennart Erickson | 2001 | Nancy Vikman      |
| 1980 | Lennart Erickson | 2002 | Nancy Vikman      |
| 1981 | Lennart Erickson | 2003 | Nancy Vikman      |
| 1982 | Frank Ferris     | 2004 | Jerry Rekhov      |
| 1983 | James Sanford    | 2005 | Jerry Rekhov      |
| 1984 | James Sanford    | 2006 | Jerry Rekhov      |
| 1985 | Jerry Strong     | 2007 | Kathy Edstrom     |
| 1986 | Jerry Strong     | 2008 | Rebecca Shandrick |
| 1987 | Jerry Strong     | 2009 | Rebecca Shandrick |
| 1988 | John Cowee       | 2010 | Rebecca Shandrick |
| 1989 | John Cowee       | 2011 | Todd Engdahl      |
| 1990 | John Cowee       | 2012 | Todd Engdahl      |
| 1991 | John Cowee       | 2013 | Todd Engdahl      |
| 1992 |                  | 2014 | Todd Engdahl      |
| 1993 | Norm Aarestad    | 2015 | Todd Engdahl      |
| 1994 | Norm Aarestad    | 2016 | Kevin Flesch      |
| 1995 | Norm Aarestad    | 2017 | Marilyn Stember   |
| 1996 | Norm Aarestad    | 2018 | Marilyn Stember   |
| 1997 |                  | 2019 | Marilyn Stember   |
| 1998 | Ward Anderson    | 2020 | Kari Blanchard    |
| 1999 | John Cowee       | 2021 | Kari Blanchard    |

Appointed to serve on the first board identified in the archives were: David Bernard, Palmer Burch, Lennart Erickson, Ralph Hansen, William Hulwick, Carl Johnson, Elmer Moe, Vernon Thorwald, and Cyrus Wells. Officers elected by these appointees were: President Lennart Erickson, Secretary David Bernard, and Treasurer Cyrus Wells. Pastor Marbury Anderson served in an ex-officio capacity.

The current Board of Directors is comprised of: Kari Blanchard (President), Tim Zeckser (Vice President), Tim Garrington (Secretary), Janet Egan (Treasurer), Bill Crossen, Russ Epperson, Howard Jacobsen, Julie Shellhorn, and Marilyn Stember. Senior Pastor Ann Hultquist and Congregation President Michael Zumwalt complete the board roster.

Elected presidents over time have had the special responsibility to be true to the mission and purpose of the organization, lead with vision, and be accountable to both church leaders and their board colleagues. The listing of presidents (1978–2021) acknowledges those 16 leaders who were elected and entrusted by their board colleagues to use their time, talents, and leadership skills to preserve and grow the Foundation’s assets while making significant impact in the church and in its local and global community.

A half-century ago, wise Augustana members had the vision to create the Augustana Foundation which provides the church a mechanism to thrive into the future caring for its congregation and for its broader community. Leadership mattered then, and it matters now. During this jubilee year, gratitude is given for the many leaders who have promoted the fund, managed and invested assets, and distributed investment earnings that provide a steady stream of funding to advance the mission and ministries of Augustana Lutheran Church.



The poster is framed by decorative scrollwork in the corners. At the top center, it features the text "50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1971-2021" in a gold, stylized font, with "Augustana Foundation" written below it in a smaller, black serif font. To the right of this text is the word "Gala" in a large, elegant, black cursive script. Below the anniversary text, the date "November 5, 2021" is printed in a bold, black sans-serif font, followed by "Augustana Lutheran Church" in a similar bold, black sans-serif font. The main title "Growing with Purpose" is written in a large, blue, cursive script. Below the title, a paragraph reads: "With the Planning Committee’s decisions so far, you can look forward to". This is followed by a list of ten bullet points, each preceded by a gold arrowhead. The list includes: "Greeting friends in a social hour", "Participating in a silent auction", "Enjoying a sit-down plated dinner", "Livestreaming if you cannot attend", "Being inspired by grant recipients", "Honoring leaders and supporters", "Hearing wonderful music", "Appreciating the Foundation’s wide-ranging impact", and "Celebrating 50 remarkable years".

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## Health Ministry



### E4 Monthly Gatherings

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 community.

... 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

Explore mental health ministry at Augustana, Thursday, August 12, 7 p.m., Ammerman Library. We will pray, study, learn, and plan action around mental illness and mental health for our congregation. This ministry will be in alignment with Augustana's mission to Worship, Grow, and Go. We will study the ELCA's social message around "The Body of Christ and Mental Illness" as well as review additional resources for faith communities.

Please direct any questions to Sue Ann, our Faith Community Nurse, at her email or call the church office (303-388-4678 ext. 106 or [glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org](mailto:glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org)).

**Health Ministry Team** meets Sunday, August 8 between worship services, 9:15–10:15 a.m., Ammerman Library.

## Health Ministry Summer Educational Events

(See flyer, next page.)



You are invited to join a virtual education hour with Sue Ann and the Denver Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Choose from one of these two dates:

**Sunday, August 15, 9:15–10:15 a.m.** (between worship services)

OR

**Thursday, August 19, 11 a.m.–noon**

Topic: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Where: Again, TWO options are available:

Watch from home by signing on to the virtual event via a Zoom link sent to you when you register.

OR

Join Faith Community Nurse, Sue Ann, at Augustana to watch the virtual event together. RSVP to Sue Ann by calling 303-388-4678 ext. 106, or email her at [glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org](mailto:glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org).

Registration is required. Please register via [this Zoom link](#), or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900.



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# UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

An Education Program by the Alzheimer's Association



Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, disease stages and risk factors, current research and treatments to address some symptoms and Alzheimer's Association resources.

**HOST:** Alzheimer's Association in partnership with Denver Augustana Lutheran

**WHEN:** Sunday, August 15th  
9:15am-10:15am &  
Thursday, August 19th  
11:00am-12pm

**REGISTER:** Registration is required for all classes.

Please register via this [Zoom link](#), or call our 24/7 helpline at 800.272.3900.

**FREE**

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Appalacia Service Project participants

Back row from left: Finley Zumwalt, Michael Zumwalt, Addie Flesch, Kendall Flesch, Henry Motes, Stuart Motes, Mendy Motes, Ogden Willoughby, Will Smith; middle row: Maren Massie, Tamra Mohs, Shanna VanderWel, Anna Blanchard, Lydia King; seated: Inez Smith, Anna Johnson.

## Children, Youth, and Family

### Hear about this summer's mission trip!

The Appalacia Service Project participants are inviting you to hear more about their time serving in Hazard, Kentucky. There will be a presentation Sunday, August 22, 9–10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Coffee and snacks will be served.



Lydia King, Finley Zumwalt, Tamra Mohs





Maren Massie, Anna Johnson, Henry Motes

## Back to School Blessing

Students of all grades and teachers will be blessed and given some backpack bling during 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship, Sunday, August 22. You can bring your backpack or just yourself as you receive a prayer to begin the new year of education.

## Bible Milestones for Kindergarten and 3rd Grade

Calling all Kindergarten and 3rd Grade students! Augustana would like to give you a Bible as part of our gift to celebrate these milestones in your life. Bibles will be presented Sunday, September 19 during 10:30 a.m. worship. RSVP by September 1 to **Shanna** ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) with your child's grade and how they would like their name inscribed.

## Faith Formation for all ages

Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 19, 9–10 a.m. Grades PreK–4 will be part of GIFT (Growing in Faith Together), grades 5–8 will be part of confirmation, and grades 9–12 will be in Breakfast Club.

## Study/Fellowship

### Women, Wine and Word

This Bible study for women of all ages will resume on Thursday, September 16 at 7 p.m. Please contact **Pastor Ann** ([ann@augustanadenver.org](mailto:ann@augustanadenver.org)) if you would like to receive information about this gathering. All are welcome!

## August Bible Study with the Pastors

Sundays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 9:15–10 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

The preaching Pastor for each Sunday will lead an informal conversation about that morning's worship readings. Bring your curiosity and deepen your experience of that Sunday's worship themes.



## ELCA National Youth Gathering

Augustana is going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering, July 22–31, in Minneapolis, MN (dates may flex a bit as itinerary

is set). This is open to all youth in grades 8–12 in the 2021–2022 school year. This event brings around 30,000 youth and adults from all around the country for a time of worship, learning, connection, and service. If you are interested in participating, please join the information meeting, Sunday, August 29, 9–10 a.m., Anna Paulson Room. Commitment is needed by September 12 with a \$350 nonrefundable deposit.



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