



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



**Sept. 12
2021**

Augustana CAN!

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is upon us. (I’m not sure that I could be more thrilled about it!)

The phrase is catchy. It’s also as true as it is daunting. That’s why we try to bite-size it for our congregation in ways that bring big impact. This time around, I’m excited about rice and bean repackaging for Metro Caring and the computers for ChristAid International’s new secondary school in Uganda (christaidintl.org). These two emphases offer both in-person and remote options to participate in “God’s work. Our hands.” to make an impact either locally or globally or both. Our CAN* Ministry folks continue to offer us ways to direct our time and money for real impact in people’s lives. Because needs are astronomical, vetting organizations and spreading out congregational emphases over time is part of what CAN Ministry does for us.

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**Wear your “God’s work. Our hands.”
T-shirt September 12!**

Need one? Call Augustana’s office!

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Not everyone can give to everything. That’s known from the get-go. Give where your heart is called to do so, and know that others will do the same. Sincere gifts of money in our congregation range from a few coins, to a few dollars, to hundreds and, occasionally, thousands of dollars. We are simply called to give. Jesus teaches that our hearts go where our treasure goes (Matthew 6:21). Jesus’ heart was for people of all kinds. CAN Ministry focuses our efforts and giving because we CAN do more congregationally with our giving than we could ever do by ourselves.

Peace, **Pastor Caitlin**

**Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN)*

Recently lifted up in prayer

For hope and healing:

- Doug Butte, Dom Del Duca, Lynn Dierker, Nadine Fingland, Charlie Hanes, Mira Hodzic, Rich Lamphere, Kimberly Mayes, Alyssa Miller, Diana Mitts, Isabel Molina, Sasha and the Morris family, Betty Nyby, Paul Scartvedt, Regan Shale-Lefferts, Jean Yorker

For comfort and courage:

- Marcia Olson in the death of her friend, Shaul Ben-Meir
- Julie MacDougall in the death of her friend, Mike Davis
- Family and friends of Richard Larm in his death
- Family and friends of Cindy Lidman in her death
- Deborah Penn in the death of her sister, Anne Meek
- Family and friends of Leigh Quist in his death
- Brian Bernhard in the death of his sister, Betsy Rahe
- Marcia Olson in the death of her friend, John Rapson
- Family and friends of Johnathan Stovall in his death
- Family and friends of Nancy Thoman in her death
- Betty Nyby in the death of her sister, Elvera Thorne

Memorial Service

The memorial service for **Leigh Quist** will be Friday, September 10, 10:30 a.m., in the sanctuary with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

Rejoice with

- Parents Kara and Greg Olson and grandparents Rex and Debbie Carter in the birth of Evelyn Leigh Olson, August 10

Thank you for the gifts!

Augustana Foundation

- In memory of Vernon Thorwald

Health Ministry

- In memory of Eric MacDougall

Music Ministry

- In memory of Stephen Daniel

Special Gifts

- In memory of Herb Schillereff, Gerald Stone, Tom Kopperud

“Thanks, Augustana!”

To family and friends at Augustana,
I wish to thank all of you for your prayers and get well greetings during my recent confinement. I appreciated so much the visits from Pastor Caitlin and Sue Ann. It really lifted my spirits and helped “make my day.” Also, the prayer shawl is beautiful (thanks to Kirsten).

I am feeling much better each day, but recovery will be slow. I’m looking forward to be back soon at Augustana.

Thanks again and God’s blessing to all of you.

Betty Nyby

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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 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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Pastors

The moving finish line



In August Pastor Caitlin used an excellent image in a sermon: a finish line that keeps moving. Drawing on the Olympics, she asked us to imagine what it would be like to be swimming a certain distance in a race, only to get to what you thought was the

end and find that the wall of the pool had been moved 20 more yards. Disbelief, exhaustion, anger, and frustration are just a few of the emotions we might imagine feeling in that situation.

The image is a good one for all of us right now. Although I'm writing this in mid-August, I'm imagining that things pandemic-wise will look much the same as you read this. There was the exhale of relief among all of us as vaccines became widely available to teenagers and adults. It seemed as if we were reaching a finish line, or at least could see it in the distance. Unfortunately, the Delta variant and vaccine hesitancy has moved the finish line much farther down the road. Frustration, sadness, anger, disbelief—we probably all know these emotions very well as we face this new reality.

A Bible verse to hear and hold on to in these days might be Hebrews 12:1–2: *Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.* The road ahead is long, but Christ goes before us on that road, and we have one another on the journey. As the race continues, the Augustana community will continue to find ways to be together, support one another, and also care for the community around us. We have this promise: the love of Jesus that calls us and gathers us together will give all of us the grace we need to meet the challenges of this fall and the year ahead.

Pastor Ann

Pastor Caitlin's column is on the cover.



Sundays at Augustana this fall

Exciting transitions are happening at Augustana this September!

The big tent in the courtyard will come down, and 8 a.m. worship will move into Christ Chapel starting Sunday, September 5.

Also on September 5, in-person Coffee Hour will resume. Enjoy coffee and conversation in Augustana's Fellowship Hall, Sundays, 9:15–10:30 a.m.

Augustana's Ammerman Library will be open and staffed between worship services. Come and browse our large collection of books!

Beginning Sunday, September 12, Augustana's nursery will be available for infants and toddlers, 7:50–11:45 a.m.

Faith Formation for folks of all ages begins Sunday, September 19. Children and youth will gather in classrooms beginning at 9 a.m. Adults are invited to the Anna Paulson Room for study and discussion at 9:15 a.m.

Lunch will be offered in Fellowship Hall after 10:30 a.m. worship beginning Sunday, September 19.

Children and Youth Music Ministry offers choral and instrumental classes beginning Sunday, September 19.

Details about these ministries are available throughout this September Tower. We look forward to seeing you in person at Augustana soon for worship, learning, music, and fellowship!

God's work. Our hands.

Operation Pantry: Rice and beans are back!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday, September 12

It has been two years (seems like forever!) since we last celebrated "God's work. Our hands." by repackaging nearly two tons of rice and beans for Metro Caring's food pantry. We are calling on Augustana members and friends again to be God's hands in this project to help feed the hungry of Denver. Bring your hands 9–10:30 a.m. as we portion bulk dried rice and beans into 2-pound bags. This contributes to Metro Caring's healthy food initiative, and they are very excited that we have planned to resume our participation.

This is also a great opportunity to get reacquainted with those members you may not have seen over the course of this pandemic. So, stay late after the early service or come early before the late service. Be a part of this worthwhile intergenerational service activity.

Other ways to help

If you can help set up on Saturday, September 11 or can provide logistic help during the event, contact **Don Troike** (don.troike@gmail.com or text 937-725-5338).

If you would like to help toward the purchase of rice and beans or the packaging supplies, you may make checks



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 12, 2021. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ—every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life—flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

—<https://elca.org/DayofService>

payable to Augustana and indicate "Operation Pantry" on the envelope and/or check memo line.

Since this is an indoor activity, we highly recommend masks for everyone, vaccinated or not. We trust you will use good judgement when choosing to participate to keep yourself and others safe. As always, check Augustana's weekly ePistles for any last minute COVID-related changes or precautions.





Computers for ChristAid

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!

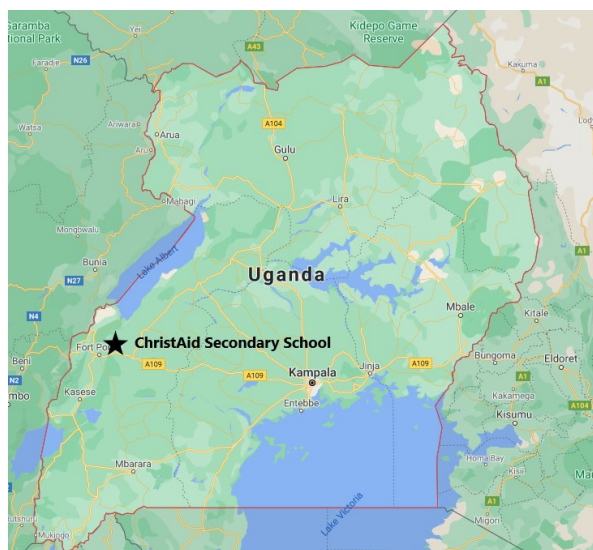
Augustana and ChristAid International are partnering to provide a quality Christian education to the young people in southwest Uganda in a brand new, recently constructed ChristAid

Secondary School which 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. ChristAid has been busy raising funds for dormitory supplies, text books, teacher supplies, and all the other necessities to run a full boarding school in this remote village. Among all these preparations, one thing is desperately needed—access

to technology and specifically computers—and this is where we can help!

A computer lab housing 30 computers for teachers and students will make it possible to teach the secondary school students (middle and high school students) the skills necessary to be successful in today’s world. The electric power, which is brand new to the area, is connected—even Internet is available.

In partnership with the Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry and a generous match from the Augustana Foundation, we are



raising funds to purchase student and teacher computers, which cost \$500/each. The CAN Ministry has committed funding for the first two computers, and the Augustana Foundation has generously committed \$5,000 to purchase 10 more. The congregation is invited to raise enough for the remaining 18 machines to complete this vital part of the school-opening project!

Donate today!

To donate to this exciting opportunity, please [contribute online](#) under “God’s Work. Our Hands. ChristAid International Computers” or by offering envelope with the memo “ChristAid Computers.”



You can also learn more about this project and ChristAid through weekly

ePistles which have been going out in August, and with these short videos which were part of the Foundation grant request:

- Watch a 3-minute introduction to this project from members Casey and Amy King here: <https://youtu.be/XS6xcnbN6Jw>
- Watch a 3-minute overview of ChristAid International and their ministries with Executive Director Bruce Van Dusseldorp here: <https://youtu.be/hp8ND8phLcU>

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.

Contact **Casey and Amy King** (amyking0607@gmail.com) for more information.



Volunteer Ministry

Communion helpers needed!

Walk-up communion is back! Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up Holy Communion for 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship which includes filling communion cups, placing the bread and wine in the worship space, and washing and putting away communionware after worship. This is a great service opportunity for individuals or families!

If you are willing to serve in this ministry approximately six times a year, please contact Julie (303-388-4678 or macdougall@augustanadenver.org).

Coffee Hour volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed to help set up cookie trays, serve coffee, and clean up, Sundays, 9:15–10:30 a.m. If you’re interested in helping out, please contact Julie (303-388-4678 or macdougall@augustanadenver.org).

Be a library volunteer

If you are a BIBLIOPHILE, consider volunteering in Augustana’s Ammerman Library! The library will reopen to visitors on Sundays beginning in September, and volunteers are needed, 9:15–10:15 a.m., to greet visitors and help them find books and videos. If you’d like to help out once in a while or once a month, contact **Linda Crow** (303-366-5965 or h-lcrow@comcast.net).

Definition of *bibliophile*

: a lover of books especially for qualities of format



Study/Fellowship

Women, Wine, and Word

This Bible study is open to women of all ages and will meet again in person on Thursday, September 16, 7 p.m. at Pastor Ann's home. Our first study this year will use excerpts from the book *Just a Sister Away: Timeless Connections between Women of Today and Women in the Bible* by Renita Weems. The book is available only on Kindle, but you don't have to buy the book in order to participate.

Later this year we plan to study Rachel Held Evans final book *Wholehearted Faith*.

Please contact Pastor Ann (ann@augustanadenver.org) to receive emails with more information about this group. All are welcome!

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

You are invited to join this Sunday Faith Formation opportunity for adults of all ages. We gather in the Anna Paulson Room at 9:15 a.m. and have a wide variety of discussions and learning throughout the year.

On Sundays, September 19, 26, and October 3, join Pastor Ann for a mini-Bible study: *Jesus for Everyone*. Who is Jesus for you? How do we experience Jesus in scripture? What did Jesus say and what didn't he say? Come join the discussion as we talk, listen, and learn together.

Ammerman Library available in September!

Have you missed us? We've missed you. Your church library has a great variety of books—lots of children's and junior books are available for check out. Adults, take a look at our many books on prayers and devotions, biographical books on church, world and national leaders, and fictional books behind and to the left of the desk.

We will have a volunteer in the library each Sunday between services. Remember card catalogs? We have one that makes it easy to find an author, title, or subject of a book.

There are large-print and seasonal books to check out in the cabinet next to the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to seeing you soon!



Faith Formation for children and youth 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
- **Grades 9–12** will be in Breakfast Club

Register for GIFT, Confirmation, and Breakfast Club online at <https://www.augustanadenver.org/faith-formation-registration/>.

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Augustana Foundation

Gala

November 5, 2021
Augustana Lutheran Church



Sponsors Needed. Would you or your business consider being a Sponsor for the Gala? Sponsors are needed at all levels to make ticket prices affordable for everyone. Contact **Denise Sanderson** (denisesanderson105@gmail.com) or **Bill Crossen** (wpcrossen@gmail.com) for details.

Silent Auction Items Requested.

Can you donate an item or a service for the Silent Auction? The Gala Committee is committed to raising dollars for the Augustana Foundation Fund. Contact **Lynn Nestingen** (lynn@augustanaarts.org) or **Ellen Kastens** at (ekkastens@gmail.com) for details. *(More information in article next column.)*

The Foundation's 50th Anniversary Gala is being planned as a hybrid event. The online livestreaming event will be available to anyone who would like to watch the program at home, bid in the online auction, be inspired and make a gift. The full in-person Gala experience will follow current COVID-19 health and safety recommendations.

Silent Auction items needed for the Augustana Foundation's Gala!

Do you own a second home or condo in the mountains that you might be willing to allow someone to use for a few nights? Or, perhaps season tickets to a favorite sports team with open dates for a couple seats? Tickets to a music or art event? Maybe you like to bake and are willing to offer a pie-a-month? These are just a few ideas of items that we are seeking to include in the auction for the Augustana Foundation's Gala, "Growing with Purpose" on November 5. While we appreciate any and all donations, we mostly are seeking quality items/experiences that you might not otherwise be able to purchase in a store. All donations help support the work and outreach of the Augustana Foundation.

Three easy options for offering your support include:

- Email foundation@augustanadenver.org for a form that can be completed and returned via mail or email.
- Mail the details/certificate with information on who to thank to 5000 E. Alameda Ave., Denver, 80246. (No form needed.)
- Bring your donation to Augustana's office.

If you have any questions, please contact **Ellen Kastens** or **Lynn Nestingen** (foundation@augustanadenver.org). Thank you!

Augustana Foundation

Foundation Board revamps scholarship program

The Augustana Foundation is pleased to announce a revitalized scholarship program effective August 11. Augustana members considering colleges, universities, or seminaries will find the scholarship application process simplified and the level of support significantly enhanced.

The new Foundation Scholarship Program replaces Augustana's Higher Education Grant-in-Aid Program. Although the name has changed, eligibility criteria have not; recipients must be: 1) a confirmed member of Augustana Lutheran Church of Denver, and 2) accepted for admission at a Lutheran college, university or seminary.

"ELCA colleges and universities are gems of this church. Open to Lutherans and non-Lutherans alike, ELCA colleges and universities educate young adults in body, mind, and spirit to find their vocation and purpose in life, as well as a career. The ELCA is proud of the leadership by alumni of our colleges and universities in the church, our nation, and around the globe."

*The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton,
Presiding Bishop, ELCA*

Highlights of the revamped scholarship program

- Eligible individuals can now apply once for a multi-year Foundation Scholarship Award.
- Awards are made for a stated term (not to exceed four years), with recipients receiving annual academic-year scholarships during the term.
- Level of support is increased to \$5,000/year for undergraduate students, and \$10,000/year for seminarians.
- Scholarship funding is disbursed directly to the respective institution of higher education on behalf of the recipient.

- A Foundation Scholarship Award is terminated if the recipient did not enroll or is no longer enrolled.

Historical note

The Congregation Council established the Higher Education Grant-in-Aid

Fund to encourage members to attend Lutheran colleges and seminaries. Original money in this fund

came from the John Guenther Scholarship Fund. When the Fund proved incapable of sustaining itself, its remaining assets were transferred to the Foundation for administration and funding.

The Foundation has had a remarkable record of supporting students with scholarships through this Higher Education Grant-in-Aid program. During the past 35 years, nearly \$250,000 has been awarded in scholarships to more than 25 students. Undergraduate students from Augustana have attended many ELCA colleges and universities including Augsburg University, Augustana University, Iliff School of Theology, Luther College, Midland University, Pacific Lutheran University, St. Olaf College, and Union Theological Seminary.

Need for an updated policy

The Foundation recognized the Grant-in-Aid policy was outdated and cumbersome. Prior to this new scholarship policy, eligible individuals were required to submit a grant request each semester.

Scholarship amounts had not changed in more than 20 years. For undergraduates, Grants-in-Aid were awarded up to \$1,000 per semester. For seminarians, awards were up to \$2,000 per semester. Scholarships were substantially increased to respond to increased costs of tuition, books, fees, and housing.



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The program name was changed to better align with current academic terminology. The application, review, and awarding processes were streamlined. Applications may now be submitted at any time for review in the next quarterly funding cycle.

With the Foundation's decision to award multi-year scholarships, potential applicants and parents will know the Foundation is committed to providing scholarship support during an entire expected program of study, providing greater certainty as families make decisions to attend a college/university or seminary rooted in the Lutheran tradition.

The new scholarship policy and instructions for applying are located on the Foundation website <https://www.augustanadenver.org/augustana-foundation-grant-requests/>.

Last call for 3-Min Video Grant Applications

September 15 is the deadline for submitting applications for the 3-Min Video Grant Competition. If you have been thinking about applying for one of these special 50th Anniversary Grant Awards, it is time to make your video. You may request up to \$3,000. See [Call for 3-Min Video Grant Applications](#) for complete details.

The pool of dollars reserved for this special grant program has been growing each quarter. The Foundation Board is looking forward to funding a number of worthy requests. These 50th Anniversary Grant Awards will be presented at the Foundation Gala on November 5.

Questions should be addressed to **Russ Epperson** (raepperson@yahoo.com).



Grant enhances Augustana's Ministry with SAME Café

A Foundation grant awarded last year to the SAME Café (<https://www.soallmayeat.org/>) only strengthened Augustana's existing community ministry with SAME Café.



The successful partnership with the SAME Café had evolved naturally for Health Ministry and its Augustana Community Garden over the past 10 years.

The café needed fresh produce to prepare their meals, and the garden was producing more vegetables than the gardeners could consume or share with the congregation on Sunday mornings. Thus, during the growing season extra produce was weekly brought to the back door of the SAME Café where the staff happily received, prepared, distributed, or preserved it. "Just to be able to arrive each week at the café and observe how much they appreciate our contributions warms my heart," noted **EJ Amrhein**.

Augustana gardeners increased their own yields and dedicated an entire plot to growing food for the SAME Café. Similarly, the café expanded its reach into the community with innovative initiatives such as stationing their newly acquired food truck in urban 'food desert' areas where it is difficult to buy affordable or good-quality fresh food.

The relationship between Augustana Lutheran Church and the SAME Café goes beyond the exchange of produce. Health ministry members have attended the café's fund-raising events and supported it with their donations. Health Ministry has enjoyed consuming meals there while conducting some ministry meetings on site. SAME Café staff members have participated in Augustana Community Garden tours and shared recipes with the congregation in Fellowship Hall.

The global pandemic brought new challenges in providing safe food with highly accelerated demands as more people are requesting a healthy meal with limited

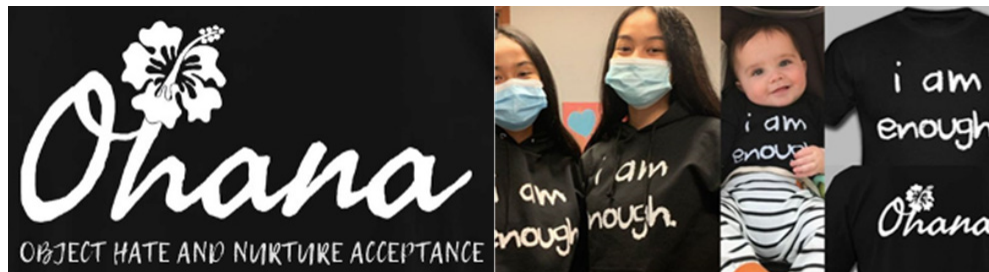
resources. **Joyce Thomson** noted, “As our 12 gardeners contributed many, many pounds of fresh produce last summer, they were acutely aware of how important it is that the café continues to provide this food option for many people in our community during these extraordinary stressful times.”

Hearing that the café was serving nearly 30,000 meals in 2020 (compared to 20,000 in 2019), Health Ministry invited the SAME Café to submit a grant request to the Foundation. It was enthusiastically reviewed and funded. The Foundation hopes to assist other organizations in the community where Augustana members or ministries have established or would like to establish such a partnership.

St. Mark's Lutheran Sends OHANA Gratitude

OHANA Youth Ministry is an ecumenical and multicultural community youth group based out of St. Mark's in Aurora. OHANA stands for *Object Hate And Nurture Acceptance*. In a world of differences where people can't seem to find their own worth—let alone see the worth and humanity in others—this is a space where young people feel welcomed, worthy, and are taught how to be accepting of people who are different from themselves. The gospel is what guides them on this journey! Youth identify as Latinx, African, Indonesian,

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Hello!!! This is a letter to keep people who have supported our ministry connected to what we are doing.

Just a message to share some OHANA Gratitude!

We are deeply grateful for your support!

It became abundantly clear during this pandemic that our young people needed space to be in person. With youth violence on the rise in our community, we wanted to offer space for exercise, creativity, fellowship, and food. So we did just that, as safely as possible. Most gatherings were outside until it became too cold. Then we met indoors spread apart in a large room with windows cracked and fans blowing (bundled up of course). We offer weekly after-school programs, as well as Sunday Faith Formation and Youth group. All of our events include food, as 75% of the youth in our community are on free or reduced food plans at school.

Here are some ways that we continued to participate in ministry in our community:

- Offer financial support to our families struggling during pandemic
- Delivered gifts safely to graduating seniors
- Drive-in movie at St. Mark's to watch *Just Mercy*
- Celebration of our Affirmation of Baptism students
- Safe Trunk or Treat with over 450 participants!
- Dia de Los Muertos Ofrenda
- Created Christmas Eve Care Packages
- “i am enough” - ongoing “OHANA Swag”
- Created Lenten Care Packages for St. Mark's
- Stuffed 800 eggs for community Easter Egg Hunt
- “Camp Day” at St. Mark's with 25 youth
- Celebrate Dia del Niño during After-School Program

Kinna Nordstrom-Kemp,
Director of Youth & Family Ministry
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

and Anglo. They go to different schools and churches throughout the area, some are un-churched, but they are one youth group learning how to be “one in their community” no matter their race, religion, disabilities, gender, or sexuality.

The Augustana Foundation has awarded two grants to St. Mark’s Lutheran to help support the Director of Youth & Family Ministry position. Miss Kinna coordinates and helps vision these new and powerful ways of doing and being church.

More information at <https://www.stmarksaurora.org/ohana-youth-ministry.html>.

AUGUSTANAARTS

“Baroque, Bizet, & Today”

Friday, October 1, 7:30 p.m. at Augustana

Augustana Arts and the Stratus Chamber Orchestra are thrilled to return to the sanctuary at Augustana for a special concert, “Baroque, Bizet, & Today.” Mark your calendars for Friday, October 1, 7:30 p.m. Our world is much more colorful with the wonder of music thanks to the conductors who interpret the compositions and performers who imagine the art. In each and every era, artists stretched their imaginations to try something new. From Georg Philipp Telemann, to Georges Bizet, to our modern rising stars of Sheila Melendez Alayana and Max Wolpert, we cover the spectrum of music that is always pushing new and fresh boundaries.

Come and be surprised! Tickets available soon at www.AugustanaArts.org.



Music Ministry

Find your music ensemble!

It’s great to be back! Music ensembles at Augustana are in full swing beginning in September. Augustana’s Music Ministry is open to all individuals who wish to share their musical gifts in song and praise. All musical ensembles focus primarily on providing music for worship and sometimes reach out to the community in sacred concerts or singing or playing at other venues. What follows is a listing of our musical groups.

Adult Ensembles

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7:30–9:15 p.m. beginning September 1 in Fellowship Hall

Dr. Kevin Padworski, director

This choir sings on most Sundays throughout the singing season, at special worship services, and at three choir and orchestra concerts/special services per year.

Augustana Ringers

Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 6–7:15 p.m. beginning in September (date TBA) in the Bell Room (Education Building)

Director, Incoming Minister of Music

This choir rings once a month in worship on Sundays and for special services/occasions.

Details about all musical groups will be emailed to all participants and may be found on the website (www.augustanadenver.org). To join an ensemble, simply show up to a rehearsal, and the directors and members will welcome you with joy and enthusiasm! When the incoming Minister of Music and Organist begins, they will be happy to answer any questions about musical ensemble offerings. In the meantime, you can direct questions to **Angela Howard** (anghoward@gmail.com).

Children and Youth Music Ministry

All kids ages 4 to 18 are invited to participate in one or more musical ensembles at Augustana. Additional opportunities to share musical gifts will be available throughout the year as well. To participate in choral and instrumental groups, register online or on Sunday, September 12 (“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday) between worship services. Rehearsals begin Sunday, September 19 at the times listed below. Catered lunch is provided for everyone 11:30–12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact **Angela Howard** (anghoward@gmail.com).

Register for Children and Youth Music Ministry at <https://www.augustanadenver.org/faith-formation-registration/>.

Vocal Choirs

Cherubs (age 4–grade 2)

Rehearsals on Sundays, 12:15–1 p.m.

Sings during 10:30 a.m. worship on the first Sunday of each month

Marcia Olson, Director

Choristers (grades 3–5)

Rehearsals on Sundays, 12:15–12:45 p.m.

Sings during 10:30 a.m. worship on the second Sunday of each month

Angela Howard, Director

Cantabile (grades 6–12)

Rehearsals on Sundays, 12:45–1:15 p.m.

Sings during 10:30 a.m. worship on the third Sunday of each month

Angela Howard, Director

Instrumental Groups and Handbell Choirs

Recorders (grade 3)

Rehearsals on Sundays, 12:45–1:15 p.m.

Learns important music literacy skills to prepare for handbells

Sharon Schillereff, Director

SONshine Ringers (grades 4–5)

Rehearsals on Sundays, 12:45–1:15 p.m.

Plays during 10:30 a.m. worship every 6–8 weeks

Director, TBA

GraceNotes (grades 6–8)

Rehearsals on Sundays, 12:15–12:45 p.m.

Plays during 10:30 a.m. worship every 6–8 weeks

Director, TBA

BELLievers (grades 9–12)

Rehearsals on Sundays, 1:15–1:45 p.m.

Plays during 10:30 a.m. worship every 6–8 weeks

Director, TBA

Minister of Music and Organist Search Team Update

The Minister of Music and Organist Search Team is overjoyed to share that we received 17 applicants for the position! The team has reviewed their materials and viewed three videos submitted by each of them. The team has selected six applicants who have each been invited to participate in a 45-minute Zoom interview the week of August 22. After those Zoom conversations, the team will determine which candidates will be invited to a live audition with the search team and AVE. We are extremely pleased with the wonderful musical gifts and unique qualifications that are represented in these candidates!

Kent Mueller, Search Team Chair



Sarah Circle members Katherine Cruson, Sonja Engebretson, Rhonda Crossen, and Margaret Aarestad.

Thanks for the school supplies!

Generous Augustana members donated enough school supplies to fill 19 backpacks for Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains foster children and refugee children. In fact, many additional school supplies were donated, but not enough to completely fill more backpacks. The additional supplies were donated to George Washington High School and Highline Community Elementary (Aurora) to share with underserved students. Our backpacks will be added to those collected by other Lutheran and Church of Latter Day Saints congregations. Some items which were needed to complete the 19 backpacks were purchased through a Thrivent Action Team grant of \$250. The backpacks were assembled and delivered to LFSRM by members of Sarah Circle. Thanks, Thrivent, Sarah Circle, and Augustana!

And thanks from Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

On behalf of everyone at LFSRM, I want to THANK YOU for your incredible partnership with us in our annual Backpack Drive. It was so wonderful to see many of you in person last week.

Together, we collected 261 backpacks to support children in our foster care and refugee programs as they return to school this month! We also received almost \$5,000 in gift cards, and even more when cash and check donations are considered. All of you represent 19 groups of churches, friends, and corporations who banded together to make this a success! Grateful is an understatement.

Thank you for your intentionality in what you selected for each child! Our staff and volunteers loved sorting

through each backpack and seeing the fun designs on backpacks, water bottles, masks, etc. There are going to be a lot of happy kids heading back to school very soon!

Thank you again for partnering with us in the work we do in Denver Metro and throughout the Rocky Mountain Region.



And thanks from Highline Community Elementary School

Thank you so much for the amazing donation of school supplies to Highline Elementary School. This generous donation will be well used by many children in our school and is so appreciated. Thank you for supporting education and our students.

Best,
Highline Community Elementary School



FUNdraising event to support Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver

Saturday, September 11, 9 a.m. to noon

- Cottonwood Park West (8830 Apache Plume Drive, Parker, CO 80134)
- Register at Holy Hammers Hustle for Humanity (runsignup.com)

Pricing (includes T-shirt):

Ages	Fee
5–12	\$5
13–18	\$10
19 and up	\$25
Family (3–6 people)	\$35 (\$10 discount)
Family	\$45



This 3-mile family walking event is sponsored by Holy Hammers, a coalition of Lutheran churches in Denver supporting Habitat for Humanity. Augustana has been represented by **Paul Blanchard, Karen Bourg, Greg Hempelman, Roger Lipker, Tamra Mohs, Rob Trussell, and Michael Zumwalt.**

If you’d like to walk with other Augustana folks, you can carpool with them from Augustana. Register online, and then call Augustana’s office (303-388-4678) for travel details and to let us know you plan to participate.

Habitat for Humanity is the organization Augustana Lutheran Church is partnering with to build eight townhomes on Dakota Avenue.

For additional information, contact **Michael Zumwalt** (michael_zumwalt@agilent.com).

Sanctuary Soup Shelf

It takes a special kind of person to care enough to take the time for others, to do whatever it takes to help somebody out. For everything you have done . . . for everything you have given . . . Thank you. Thank you for the Sanctuary Stoup Stash (etc. etc.)

Love, James B.



Note says, "It isn't much but thank you very much."

A few visitors to the shelf have written thank you notes. One visitor left a gift of coins—\$2.06—and a note.

Being able to choose food anonymously and at any time seems to be working for folks who need it. Thank you to everyone who continues to help supply the shelf! Fruit canned in water, hearty meat soups, and tuna and chicken fly off the shelf. Pop-top cans are much appreciated because not everyone has a can opener. See the shopping list to guide your selections at the grocery store. Thank you!

Food delivered to Metro Caring

CAN Ministry delivered 313 pounds of food that could not be on the Sanctuary Soup Shelf to Metro Caring! Nothing is wasted. Canned food blocks wild critters from the 24/7 access that our human visitors enjoy. Any food donated in cardboard, chew-through plastic, or bags is delivered to Metro Caring.

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



CAN Ministry Meeting! Come one and all!

Sunday, September 19, 11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.,
Anna Paulson Room

Compassion and Action with our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry will meet to discuss which community ministries will receive Augustana's budgeted dollars from Sunday offerings for this purpose. Also on the agenda is congregation emphases for the next few months. Anyone interested in learning more about CAN is welcome to attend.

Save the date!

**Sunday, October 3,
noon–1:30 p.m.**

Ballot Initiative Conversation

Hosted by Augustana's Human Dignity Delegate Ministry

Ballots will be mailed in early October, and it helps to be prepared beyond what's printed in the blue book descriptions. Everyone is invited to learn more and discuss the ballot initiatives after worship on October 3. Save the date and invite a friend.

Health Ministry

Understanding Your Grief

Bereavement Support Group



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

Marianne Williamson

- Sundays, noon–1:30 p.m.
- November 7, 2021–January 30, 2022
- Facilitators: Sue Ann Glusenkamp, FCN, and Debbie Carter, LPC
- Cost: \$30 to cover expense of books
- Scholarships are available
- Registration required by Sunday, October 24
- Limited group size to first 10 registrants
- Each participant will receive two books to guide the journey
- To register contact Sue Ann (glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org)

Saying goodbye to a loved one is never easy but losing someone during a pandemic adds another dimension to grief and loss. You are invited to join this group and learn ten essential touchstones for finding hope and healing your heart. Your loss can be before pandemic as well. We will use the curriculum written by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt of the Center for Loss and Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado (<https://www.centerforloss.com/>).

This support group will meet via Zoom. Participants will receive a recurring Zoom link to join each Sunday and can remain in the comfort of their own home. Or, you can join Sue Ann and/or Debbie after 10:30 a.m. worship in the Ammerman Library to participate with the Zoom group. This is also an option for anyone who would like to participate but does not have access to a computer or the internet.

Contact Faith Community Nurse, Sue Ann, with any questions or concerns (303-388-4678 ext. 106).

The next grief group for 2022 will start Sunday, March 6 and run through Sunday, May 22.



Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

An Alzheimer's Association presentation

Sunday, October 10, 9–10:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to optimize our physical and cognitive health as we age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

Learn more about the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/> or call 800-272-3900.

Bus availability reminder

Augustana offers bus transportation for 10:30 a.m. worship on the first, second, and third Sundays. This service is available to Augustana members and friends living in senior living campuses such as Springbrooke and Five Star Residences of Dayton Place. For information, please call Augustana's office (303-388-4678).



From left: Roma Rehkow, Tamara Mohs, Dick Kah, Pastor Caitlin, and Betty Boyd

Bless the Years Older Adult Ministry Event

Almost eighty people gathered together for worship and lunch on Thursday, August 12 to celebrate our years and to bless them. We gathered initially in our sanctuary for a meaningful communion worship service where God's word, special music, and the sacrament nourished our souls. After worship we reconvened in Fellowship Hall to share a delicious picnic style lunch which nourished our bodies. The fellowship folks shared certainly nourished minds and spirits. Many attendees expressed that this was the first time back in our facility for over 18 months. "It was wonderful to see my church family and friends again after so many pandemic months apart," declared one participant. All who gathered had been fully vaccinated and wore masks in worship for extra protection.

I am grateful to our Senior Ministry team who planned Bless the Years, to our Pastors, Lyn Goodrum, and to all the hosts that provided transportation to many of our



Betty Nelson, Dorie and Merrill Fie



▼ From left: Joy Dillon, Faith Community Nurse Sue Ann Glusenkamp, and Gwen Hagebak



home-centered members. Thank you also to Judy and Win Nyquist and Emmett Cruson who organized the meal and to all the wonderful volunteers who assisted with worship, lunch set-up, serving, and cleaning up, especially Sarah Circle. Blessings to all, and stay tuned for our next Bless the Years in Advent. Proposed date

is Thursday, December 9, so mark your calendars now for a gathering you won't want to miss! You can see additional photos of the event, taken by Duane Howell, on the church office windows.

Much appreciated,
Sue Ann, your Faith Community Nurse

Children, Youth, Family

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.

Sunday lunch for all starts September 19



All are invited to come for lunch following 10:30 a.m. worship in Fellowship Hall. This lunch will be catered food from various places. Volunteers are needed

each week to meet the food being delivered, set up food, and clean up. A freewill offering will be accepted, and donations can be made online to this ministry.

If you enjoy this meal, please consider giving your donation of volunteer time and/or money to help make it possible. To volunteer, please contact **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Meals Scheduled

(Please note that changes can happen at the last minute, and we appreciate your flexibility.)

- September 19: Mici Handcrafted Italian
- September 26: Jimmy John's Sandwiches
- October 3: King Soopers fruit, vegetables, deli meat and cheese trays
- October 10: Pie Society Pizza
- October 17: Illegal Pete's Burritos
- October 24: Mici Handcrafted Italian
- October 31: Jimmy John's Sandwiches



Youth Variety Talent Show and Dessert

Sunday, October 10, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

Augustana's youth will host a variety show fundraiser on Sunday, October 10, 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. This event is open to talents of all ages, skills and group size. If you are interested in sharing your gift as part of the talent show, please contact **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Scholarships for summer camp

This year Children, Youth, and Family Ministry has committed a large amount of money from our endowment to support children, youth, and families in attending summer camp (2022) at Rainbow Trail or Sky Ranch. We believe that camp is a wonderful faith experience and a way to connect with God and fellowship. Would you consider attending camp this year if you haven't in the past or haven't done so in a long time? Please reach out to Shanna if you have questions and are interested in a scholarship (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Youth currently in grades 5–7 are highly encouraged to attend Confirmation Camp Week 1 as we attend as a group and have congregation time.

Both camps have programs for kids who are currently in grades 1 through 12 and for families of all ages. Rainbow Trail registration opens November 1.

For more information check out the camp websites:

- Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp – Hillside, Colorado
<http://www.rainbowtrail.org/>
- Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp – Fort Collins, Colorado
<https://www.skyranchcolorado.org/>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:45am Augustana 7:30pm Firm Believers Chancel Choir	2	3 8:30am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	4
5 Pentecost 15 8am Worship 9:15am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Worship	6 Labor Day - office closed -	7 9am Library Committee 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	8 9:45am Augustana 7:30pm Firm Believers Chancel Choir	9 The Tower deadline 9am Thursday Morning Bible Study 2pm Senior Ministry 5:30pm Gentle/Mindfulness Yoga (Zoom) 7pm E4 Mental Health Ministry	10 8:30am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10:30am Memorial Service: Leigh Quist	11
12 Pentecost 16  8am Worship 9am Operation Pantry (Rice and Beans) 10:30am Worship Noon Grief Group Book Study	13 9:45am Augustana 7:30pm Firm Believers Reopening Task Force (Zoom)	14 7pm Congregation Council 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study (Zoom)	15 9:45am Augustana 7:30pm Firm Believers Chancel Choir	16 9am Thursday Morning Bible Study 5:30pm Gentle/Mindfulness Yoga (Zoom) 7pm Women, Wine & Word	17 8:30am Bulletin Assembly 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	18
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Faith Formation	
9am	Faith Formation (Infants–Grade 12)
9:15am	Adult Forum

*Children and Youth Music Ministry	
12:15pm	Cherubs, Choristers, GraceNotes
12:45pm	Cantabile, SONshine Ringers, Recorders
1:15pm	BELLievers

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*If your name should
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388-4678).*