

## Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship

After last year's hiatus, Thanksgiving Eve Community worship is back on Wednesday, November 24, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. This year we are excited to welcome a guest preacher, **The Rev. Barbara Berry-Bailey** from St. Paul Lutheran in Denver. Folks from St. Paul will join us for worship, the Chancel Choir will be singing, and everyone is invited to join in the 42nd Annual Pie Fest in Fellowship Hall following worship.

An offering will be received for ELCA World Hunger, and worshipers are also invited to bring cans of chili as the Chili Challenge will conclude that evening. And bring a pie, too!



### The Rev. Barbara Berry-Bailey preaches Thanksgiving Eve!

Augustana and St. Paul Lutheran Church partnered for Thanksgiving Eve worship over several years. We're grateful to do so again and welcome The Rev. Barbara Berry-Bailey as the preacher for the evening along with worshipers from the St. Paul congregation.

Rev. Berry-Bailey, a fifth-generation Lutheran baptized into the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, was ordained into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1992. She enjoyed a career in public broadcasting including National Public Radio in Washington, D.C., before entering the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

Prior to serving as Lutheran Pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Denver, CO, she served congregations in Utah, Pennsylvania, and Chicago. While a Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Chicago, she also served as Manager for Relationships in East and Southern Africa in the Global Mission unit of the ELCA Churchwide Office.

Rev. Berry-Bailey has written for several Lutheran publications. She has also appeared as featured preacher on "The Protestant Hour" and "Thirty Good Minutes of Television" and hosted the 2004 Christmas Eve telecast "This Holy Night" on CBS.

## Rejoice with

- Ross Kastens (son of Jamie and Ellen Kastens) and Lauren Schutte in their marriage September 17 in Scottsdale, Arizona

## Recently lifted up in prayer

### for hope and healing:

- Bev Behringer, Pat Crossen, Jack Crowley and Patrick Rummel, Cindy and Bob Eddy, Sherlene Hauck, Dick Kah, Jamie Kastens, Diana Mitts, Tamra Mohs, Jim Moyer, Steve Schillereff, Keith Schumacher, Jeff Tamietti, Linda Tinderholt, Harry Waters, Diane Zarlengo, E.A.T.

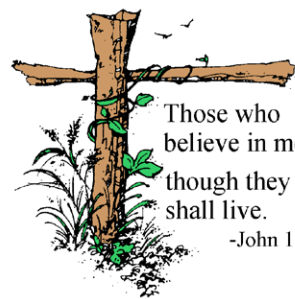
### for comfort and courage:

- Charles Baker in the death of his mother, Alma Baker
- Marcia Olson in the death of her friends, Regan Shale Lefferts, and Kimberly Mayes
- Gayle Dorr in the death of her father, Joseph Ackermann
- Kara Epperson in the death of her aunt, Jonie Hargrave



## Turn your clocks back

an hour, Saturday night,  
November 6.



Those who  
believe in me,  
though they die,  
shall live.  
-John 11:25

## All Saints Sunday

On All Saints Sunday, November 7, Augustana will remember all those we have loved who now

live with Christ, especially those who have died in the past year.

If you have loved ones who have died since last All Saints Sunday (November 1, 2020), Augustana is pleased to include their names in the All Saints prayers. Call or email **Lyn Goodrum** (303-388-4678 ext. 114 or [goodrum@augustanadenver.org](mailto:goodrum@augustanadenver.org)) by Sunday, October 31; clearly spell the names, include the dates of birth and dates of death, and, if necessary, give pronunciation instructions.

You are also invited to submit digital photos of loved ones who have died anytime as part of Augustana's All Saints remembrance. Email digital photos to **Shanna** ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)) by Tuesday, November 2.

### Memorial Garden remembrance

For those who have a loved one interred here at Augustana, we will also have a brief Remembrance of the Faithful in our Memorial Garden following the conclusion of 10:30 a.m. worship on All Saints Sunday. In this time of prayer we will remember all people whose cremains have been laid to rest in Augustana's Memorial Garden since its dedication in the early 1990s.

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

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

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# Introducing Andrew Peters as our new Minister of Music



We are overjoyed to introduce Mr. Andrew Peters as the new Minister of Music and Organist at Augustana Lutheran Church! He is expected to begin in this new role on November 21.

Mr. Peters currently resides in Saint Louis, Missouri, where for 15 years he has served as the Minister of Music at Second Presbyterian Church where he directs two choirs, one handbell choir, and plays organ for all services. He is the founder and artistic director of the Coutts Music Series which provides free musical programs as part of the church's community outreach. Additionally, he is the assistant conductor of the Metropolitan Orchestra of St. Louis, and he is the organist for the St. Louis Symphony.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Peters served churches in Connecticut, Minnesota, Ohio and Tennessee. His education includes a B.M. in church music from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, and an M.M. in organ performance from The Cleveland Institute of Music. His congregational hymn settings and choral compositions are published by MorningStar Music and Paraclete Press.

"It is my privilege to use my musical talents as a way for people to deepen their spiritual faith and experience of God," Mr. Peters wrote in his application letter. "I enjoy working with a wide range of people from clergy, professional musicians, volunteer musicians, and worshipers in the pews. I believe that worship is the heart of the church's life."

The search team deserves a huge round of applause for their passionate participation in the process of seeking a

new Music Director for Augustana in "fast track" mode. That we quickly had 17 initial candidates is a testimony to the significance of the music program at Augustana. Mr. Peters impressed us with not only his musicality and command of the organ, but also his passion for hymnody and the importance that music plays in the overall life of the congregation and the wider community.

Mr. Peters and his wife, Christine, look forward to this new venture here in Denver, along with their cat. We can't wait to welcome them! You are invited to visit his website for more about him: [andrewjpeters.com](http://andrewjpeters.com).

## Pastor Kent Mueller

Search Team Chair

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## Thank you for the gifts!

### Augustana Foundation 50 for 50 Campaign

- Warren L. Samuelson

### Health Ministry

- In memory of Eric MacDougall

### Special Gifts

- In memory of Pastor Marbury Anderson (in celebration of serving Augustana 1969–1979), Julie Beeman, Simba Fine, Melvin Johnson, Cindy Lidman, Vernon Thorwald

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## Dakota Avenue Townhome Update

Augustana's project to construct decent, affordable homes with Habitat for Humanity is moving forward, albeit slowly. The City of Denver is reviewing the proposed site plan, and there will be a rezoning hearing in the near future. Groundbreaking is anticipated to be in 2022. Thanks for your patience as we seek to live out Jesus' love in this concrete way. Special appreciation to Augustana member Darryl Farrington for his legal advice and guidance during this entire process.



# Livestream volunteer assistant needed

We are looking to add another live stream assistant! This position will have 1–2 Sundays a month helping Emily with sending out the livestream. You would learn how to use the sound and video equipment in the A/V Suite. If you have previous experience with technical stuff such as sound boards or video, that’s great. If you don’t, that’s

okay too! Emily will train you on all the things you need to know.

If you are interested, please email Emily ([livestream@augustanadenver.org](mailto:livestream@augustanadenver.org)) or find Emily on a Sunday after worship over by the elevator.

# Worship Attendance including Livestream

View numbers indicate “households” worshipping via livestream. 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)
Aug. 29	32	102	29	131	~17/122 (139)
Sept. 5	35	145	50	195	21/91 (112)
Sept. 12	20	190	43	233	?/151 (~384)
Sept. 19	30	149	39	188	?/140 (~328)
Sept. 26	27	97	38	135	?/159 (~294)
Oct. 3	23	94	44	138	?/148 (~286)
Oct. 10	28	63	41	104 (not final)*	26/144 (~274)

\*During the weeks following worship, more household views happen.

\*\*In-person (total) is the number of people in Sunday worship.

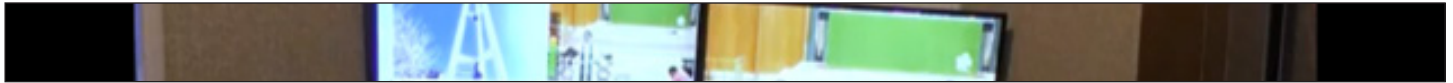
# Your feedback about Augustana's livestream is requested

Hey, everyone! I hope you are having wonderful fall! When you have a moment over the next month, I would really appreciate it if you could fill out this survey. I would love to hear from the congregation about how you are feeling about Augustana's livestreamed worship. Please fill this out by November 30 either online (<https://forms.gle/rGSTxYXNvx6d1fHF7>), or feel free to email your answers to [livestream@augustanadenver.org](mailto:livestream@augustanadenver.org).

Hard copy questionnaires will also be available from Augustana's office if you would prefer to write out your answer.

Specifics are helpful for me to continue making adjustments to the live streams. Thank you so much!

**Emily Friesen,**  
Livestream Technician



## Livestream Survey

Thanks for completing this survey and returning it to Augustana's office by November 30. An online version of this survey is available at <https://forms.gle/rGSTxYXNvx6d1fHF7>.

What do you like most about livestream worship?

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What do you think could be improved?

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How is the format of the words on the screen working for you? Are the words easy to read?

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How many Sundays a month do you worship via livestream?

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What changes have you noticed or have interested you since we started livestreaming on January 31, 2021?

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What do you think about the announcements at the beginning of livestream worship?

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When you are worshipping via live stream, do you

- ☐ view the bulletin on a device
- ☐ print the bulletin
- ☐ not use the bulletin at all

If you do use the bulletin, do you use

- ☐ regular
- ☐ large-print

Is there anything you would like me to know?

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**(Optional)**

Name 

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Email 

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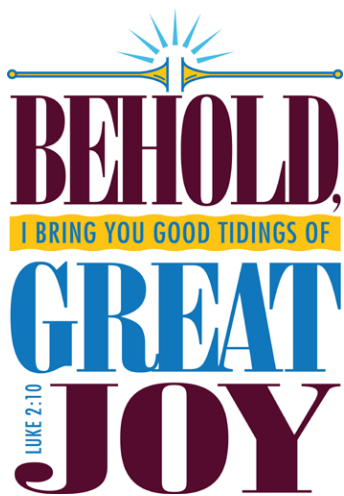
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- ☐ I would like to be contacted for conversation about livestream.

## Pastors

### Tidings about Augustana's Christmas worship



Yes, you're right, those are the angels' words to the shepherds in Luke's Gospel. And yes, I do know it's only November. And yes, there are tidings of great joy for all of us: we can all gather for Christmas Eve worship this year! It will be wonderful to gather, hear the Good

News of Jesus' birth, enjoy beautiful music, and sing Christmas carols together.

In order to help make that joyful gathering possible, I want you to know early (and often) about Augustana's Christmas Eve worship plans:

- Worship services will be at 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. All services will have Holy Communion and carols. The 11 a.m. service is new this year and will be less than an hour in length, perhaps making it an attractive time for both elders and those with very young children.
- You are invited to RSVP to indicate which worship service you will be attending. Beginning November 1, visit Augustana's [Worship page at augustanadenver.org](http://Worship.page.at.augustanadenver.org) to RSVP, or if you don't have computer access, please call Augustana's office (303-388-4678). There will not be a "check-in" on Christmas Eve, but this process will help assure that attendance limits are not exceeded. There will be slots left open for visitors who have not RSVP'ed.
- Extra seating will be added in the sanctuary to continue to enable social distancing between pews.
- Masks will be required for all worshipers due to the number of visitors and children who will be attending. (Yes, I'm as tired as you are of masks, but let's be patient and keep everyone safe.)

- Livestreaming will be made available during the 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. services

I know, who would have thought that we'd still be considering all these protocols? On the other hand, we get to worship together this Christmas Eve!

Please take this opportunity now to make your plans, and to help the staff and volunteers be ready to welcome you, your family and guests to celebrate Christ's birth. Watch for continuing information and updates in the next weeks. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving! (It is November, after all . . .)

**Pastor Ann**



### We are enough



I preached a sermon about mental illness as part of that Sunday's worship theme of mental health a few weeks ago. In addition to comments after worship, people sent a few responses on email, voicemail, and Facebook. Responses

included their own stories of mental illness either as part of their family or for themselves; and also included comments about seeing the many candles lit in prayer for people with mental illness which made a lot of folks feel less alone with their challenges.

I'm probably one of the first people who would argue that church is first about the Gospel—the power of

God in Jesus revealed by the Holy Spirit that graces us to know and love God because God first loves us unconditionally. Period. AND one gift of being the church is moments of connection when we experience being honest about what it means to be human. Unconstrained by the ladder-climbing shenanigans of culture, we worship together being assured that we are enough. We are enough if we're mentally ill. We are enough if we feel lost. We are enough in God's eyes.

In this month where gratitude is the reason for the season, I'm grateful to worship with you as we remind each other that Christ does not give as the world gives. Christ breathes peace through our fear and troubled hearts (John 14:27). The world can be a noisy place, and we are forgetful creatures. Thanks for the weekly reminder that life in the church, the body of Christ, is meaningful indeed.

Peace, **Pastor Caitlin**

## Congregation Council

### Notice of Congregational Meeting November 21

Hello, everyone! We have a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 21, at 11:45 a.m.** in the sanctuary. A couple of the items for consideration will include:

- Election of Augustana council members, Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly representatives, and 2022 Nominating Committee members
- Approval of the 2022 budget

Documents relating to both items on the agenda will be made available for download via ePistles prior to the meeting, and as handouts at the meeting. If you cannot attend, please consider casting an absentee ballot, which is allowed per Augustana's constitution. Absentee ballots will be available by written request from Augustana's office beginning November 7 and must be returned by 11:45 a.m., Sunday, November 21.

Following the meeting, you're invited to move to Fellowship Hall for a deli-style Sunday Lunch sponsored by Augustana's Children, Youth, and Family Ministry.

**Michael Zumwalt**  
Congregation President

## Candidates

### Nominees for Congregation Council

- Matt Cross
- Bill Crossen
- Janet Flesch
- Jayme Howard
- Karen Lambert
- Ellen Kastens
- Heather Nelson
- Nancy Nyhus
- Dan Taron
- Michael Zumwalt

### Nominees for Congregation Council Youth

- CJ Brown
- Will Smith

### Nominees for Nominating Committee

- Debbie Carter
- Ellen Kastens
- Nick Massie
- Don Troike
- Pam Uyemura

### Nominees for Synod Assembly

- Jon and Karen Morgenthaler
- Michael Zumwalt

## Augustana's Welcome Connection returns

We're pleased to announce that the Welcome Connection has emerged from pandemic hiatus. When our group was formed in late 2019, our mission was and is focusing on two main areas: *Welcoming and including as well as reaching out and inviting*. Our short-term goal is to assist in reestablishing the traditional connections with and between the members of our congregation after the disruption of the past 18 months. Toward that end, we have contacted a sampling of our congregation with some conversation points about the prospect of returning

to a more familiar experience at Augustana and what their thoughts, hopes and concerns might be as we move forward.

If you have thoughts or suggestions for our group, or if you would be interested in joining us on our journey, feel free to contact one of us: Pastor Caitlin, Roger Lipker, Erin Saboe, Nancy Johnson, Brad Uyemura.

Thank you,  
**Brad Uyemura**

## Augustana Foundation

### Congregation recognizes 50th Anniversary of its Foundation

On the second Sunday in October the congregation recognized the Augustana Foundation's milestone 50th Anniversary. The day was dedicated to giving thanks to God for the Foundation as a vital, thriving partner in Augustana's mission and ministry.

A festive Coffee Hour offered the opportunity to gather together and celebrate with wonderful home-baked treats, beautiful tables, and lively conversation. The informative program that followed intertwined interesting contemporary and historical events in the life of the Foundation.

#### A resolution adopted

In his engaging welcome, Michael Zumwalt, Congregation President, remarked it was 50 years ago that the congregation adopted a resolution creating the Augustana Foundation. Only the income generated from the principle was to be spent, and it was to be used for only three specific purposes. The Council was to appoint a nine-member leadership group with rotating three-year terms to receive, manage, and expend resources.



He noted that the starting principle of less than \$18,000 from the memorials account in 1971 has now grown to assets of more than \$3 million, and the Foundation has awarded more than \$2.7 million in grants over these 50 years.

### Thanks for leaders, donors, and God's grace

Senior Pastor Ann Hultquist emphasized the rarity of congregations to have a Foundation and highlighted its importance over the years. She offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the Foundation and thanked God for all who have supported the Foundation with their gifts of time and financial support, and for all who have been blessed with grants supporting Augustana ministries, facilities, and community outreach.

After introducing the Foundation Board, Marilyn Stember recognized the gift of leadership from approximately 100 congregation members who have given of their time and talents on the Board of Directors during the Foundation's history.

Bill Crossen provided a historical summary of both the larger estate and smaller current financial gifts received since the Foundation's inception. He noted the recent generous gift from the Vivian Bengtson estate. Bill also presented a snapshot of the all of the grants awarded since inception that have blessed Augustana's mission and ministries.

### Grant presentation

Russ Epperson and Kari Blanchard presented the six 50th Anniversary Grant Awards. (See related article.)

- R Bazaar, \$3,000, Storage Units for Refugee and Immigrant Supply Pantry
- The Nicaragua Project, \$3,000, Support for Children in Somoto, Nicaragua
- Foster Source, \$3,000, Trauma Stewardship Training for Foster Parents
- Augustana Youth, \$3,000, Purchase of New Furniture for the Youth Room
- Purple Door Coffee, \$3,000, Job Training for Young People Exiting Homelessness
- ChristAid International, \$2,200, Augustana Fundraiser for Computers in Uganda

### 50th Anniversary planners and workers

In her role as 50th Anniversary Project Chair, Marilyn thanked her Board colleagues for the privilege and joy of planning and implementing the activities of this milestone year. She thanked the coordinators of the three events completed—50 for 50 Campaign (Todd Engdahl and Kevin Flesch); Lunch & Learn Series (Bill Crossen); and 3-Minute Video Grant Competition (Russ Epperson). Kudos were given to Lisa Mikolajczak and Lyn Goodrum for outstanding staff support. Applause followed her thanking Joyce Thomson and EJ Amrhein and their volunteers who created a beautiful Coffee Hour setting and who made delicious food and served it so graciously.

Denise Sanderson, Gala Planning Committee Chair, closed out the program with a preview of coming attractions. The postponed 50th Anniversary Gala will be held as soon as feasible in 2022. Watch for announcements of a rescheduled date and the beginning of ticket sales. It promises to be a true celebratory event for the entire Augustana community.





Shown receiving three of the awards: Amy King, Renee Bernhard, Sean-Casey King, Brian Bernhard, and Tami Bonner.  
Photo credit: Duane Howell

## 50th Anniversary Grant Awards

**R Bazaar** captured the first of six 50th Anniversary Grant Awards. Representing R Bazaar, Michelle Lasnier submitted a compelling video showing an overflowing room of donations coming into their refugee and immigrant supply pantry. She described their innovative distribution model and noted they are preparing for an influx of Afghan refugees. Their request for weatherproof storage units for their backyard was approved. Prior Augustana donations have flowed through CAN ministry.

**The Nicaragua Project**, a cooperative interfaith ministry of Colorado Front Range congregations aiding the Somoto area of Nicaragua, received the second grant. Featured in its video application were dedicated staff providing food, safe care, and early learning for 95 impoverished preschool children. Mark Holste, Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Longmont, accepted the award. The Foundation and Augustana members have supported this international ministry for more than a decade.

Augustana members Renee and Brian Bernhard accepted a grant for **Foster Source**, a 501(3)(c) they founded to support foster parents. Providing staggering statistics about the number of children that enter foster care each day and the foster parent burnout rate, their request was for funding to offer trauma-stewardship training for foster parents. They noted trauma for both foster parents and children has intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The fourth award went to Augustana's **Children, Youth, and Family Ministry**. This video submission began with our youth in a clever skit documenting tired, mismatched 'hand me down' furniture in the Youth Room. Shanna VanderWel followed, emphasizing the importance of upgrading this special space for youth to relax and have fun. Many other groups now use this room.

In **Purple Door Coffee's** video application, Tami Bonner described how this specialty coffee roaster non-profit

provides job training for teens and young adults exiting homelessness. Although participants are learning important workforce skills, they need other supports to be successful. This request sought funds to help hire a part-time social worker. Augustana serves Purple Door Coffee and has involved them in youth fundraising efforts.

The King Family was on hand to receive the final award on behalf of **ChristAid International** who challenged Augustana to raise funds to provide 30 computers for a new secondary school under construction in Uganda. Thanks to the Foundation's initial \$5,000 grant in August and the generosity of Augustana members in September, only \$2,200 was needed to complete the \$20,000 fundraiser for this computer lab.

The 3-Minute Video Grant Competition was a 50th Anniversary celebration initiative to encourage simplified applications (maximum \$3,000) that met one of the Foundation's three purposes: enhance an Augustana ministry, fund a capital improvement, or support Augustana's outreach. The Foundation Board found all six applications worthy of full support.

Presentations of the 50th Anniversary Grant Awards was a highlight of the October 10th Coffee Hour recognizing the Foundation's significant milestone. As recipients approached the podium, coordinator Russ Epperson showcased the organization and described the grant request. Kari Blanchard, Foundation President, congratulated the winners and presented the grant awards.

Following the program, the 3-Minute Videos were projected on continuous loop in Fellowship Hall. If you missed this showing, you are invited to see these captivating video applications on the Foundation's web page.



## Time, Talent, and Treasure given by Vivian Bengtson

Vivian Bengtson's generosity to Augustana began soon after she moved to Denver and joined the church in 1974.

She shared her time and talent in many ways, most especially with Senior Ministry, partly because she wanted seniors to have the experiences she was not able to give her mother Mathea for several years. Then when Mathea moved from Chicago to Denver to live with Vivian, Mathea was able to enjoy many of the activities offered through the Senior Ministry program: trips, lunches, fellowship. Vivian was a special friend to many other senior members of Augustana, offering rides, visiting, and calling them.

Vivian was a generous financial contributor to Augustana as well as to other charitable organizations. Her generosity continued even after her unexpected death in October, 2020. Vivian had designated as beneficiaries of some of her IRAs the following organizations: Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains, ELCA World Hunger, and Augustana Lutheran Church (both the Augustana Foundation and the church itself). So her legacy continues. Vivian's bequest gift to the Augustana Foundation allows her legacy to continue on through the ministries of the Foundation.

# Study/Fellowship

## Adult Sunday Classes

9:15–10:10 a.m., Ammerman Library

### October 31: Luther: Radicalizing Love to Change the World

*“When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint.  
When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a  
Communist.”*

*Brazilian Archbishop Dom Helder Camara*

*“For so to help a man that he does not need to become a  
beggar is just as much of a good work and a virtue as to  
give alms to a man who has already become a beggar.”*

*Martin Luther*

What would the world call Martin Luther today? On this 504th anniversary of the Reformation we will examine the radical social, economic, and political ideas of Martin Luther that were a consequence of his rediscovery of God’s saving grace. Though Luther wrote extensively about our responsibilities in response to God’s gift of grace, it could be said that much of it seems to have been ‘forgotten.’ But, the legacy of his social, economic and political ideas lives on. Come learn about the Luther you may not know. Decide what you might call Luther if he lived today. Our reference source is *The Forgotten Luther: Reclaiming the Social-Economic Dimension of the Reformation* (2016) edited by Carter Lindberg and Paul Wee.

### November 7: Augustana’s Ministry Budget for 2022

Pastor Ann Hultquist and Council President Michael Zumwalt lead a conversation about how Augustana’s ministry budgets work and what is expected for 2022. Learn more in advance of the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 21.

### November 14: Closing the Gospel of Mark and Opening Luke

Pastor Caitlin leads a Bible study discussion about these two gospels and touches on the church year transition for worship readings.

**November 21:** No Sunday School for adults. Please plan on attending the Congregational Meeting after 10:30 a.m. worship.

### November 28: Advent and the Gospel of Luke

Pastor Caitlin begins a three-week series highlighting Advent through the eyes of Luke’s gospel. The goal is to deepen our experience of ‘waiting’ which is one faith posture to consider during Advent.



## Women, Wine, and Word Bible Study

This group for women of all ages will meet on Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m. We are currently using the book *Just a Sister Away*, which explores the lives of various women from the Bible. The book is only available on Kindle, but you don’t need to have the book to participate, as excerpts are sent out before each gathering. Please contact Pastor Ann for more information and the location of this month’s meeting ([ann@augustanadenver.org](mailto:ann@augustanadenver.org)).

## Young Adult Bible Study

The Young Adult Bible Study worked their way through the psalms these last few months. As part of that study, participants took time to write their own psalms.

If you are interested in participating in the Young Adult Bible Study, please connect with Shanna ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)). We meet via Zoom and in-person rotations at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

# Psalm



A heavy heart can be nice  
Stillness, sadness, somber

It sings your praises, knowing your goodness  
Thankful to be felt

Its longings are true  
Its cries are deep  
Your promises are echoed

For every night has a dawn  
Because you bring the morning light,  
warming the earth

The heaviness knows it will be dissolved  
Your timing is perfect

Stillness, sadness, somber  
A heavy heart can be nice

You have given me peace and hope  
Through the times of my transgressions

I sit in the quiet contemplating what's next  
Listening for your voice,  
waiting for your path

Patience does not come easy  
But I lift my eyes to you, my steadfast rock

For you know the desires of my heart  
You feel the weight and help to lift it

Promising joy of tomorrows  
Bringing warmth in the dark

A heavy heart can be nice  
Stillness, sadness, somber

A reminder of your faithfulness,  
a reminder of your promise

**Meghan Gentes**

## CAN Ministry

Compassion and Action with our Neighbors Ministry

### Update: Visitors Per Week – Augustana's Sanctuary Soup Shelf

**"Leave what you can. Take what you need."**

Our neighbors and members, who find what they need at the Soup Shelf, number about 15–20 folks per week. Some choose a few cans and others fill a bag. There's no way to know how many people are fed by each visit. The Soup Shelf is anonymous with 24/7 access and offers folks dignity and freedom of choice relative to their food insecurity and households.

Thank you for adding cans to your shopping list and bringing them when you come to worship. You may either stock the shelf yourself or put your items in the back of the sanctuary entrance to the right as you come in the doors. CAN Ministry members take daily turns restocking and organizing items.

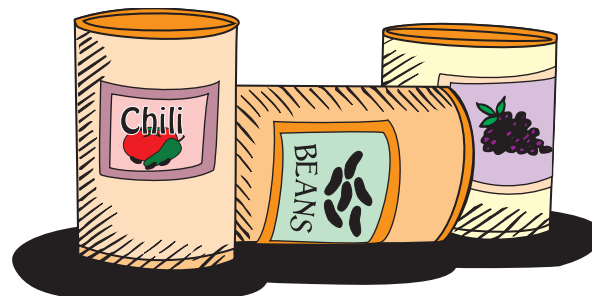


#### Shopping List/CANS ONLY (pop-tops preferred)

- Create a Thanksgiving 'bundle' with canned turkey, canned gravy, canned cranberry sauce, and canned green beans (or get creative in your bundling!)

OR add needed items:

- Tuna or chicken
- Hearty soups—beef or chicken
- Canned peaches, pears, or mandarin oranges (in water or fruit juice if available)



# Eighth Annual Augustana Canned Chili Challenge



Our Eighth Annual Chili Challenge will begin on Sunday, October 31 and end at the Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship service on Wednesday, November 24. Again this year, the Early Learning Center children and staff will be collecting cans of chili to feed families in need, and they are challenging the Augustana congregation to match or exceed the number of cans they donate.

Like last year, our cans of chili will be divided between Metro Caring's Food Bank, the George Washington High School food pantry, and our own Sanctuary Soup Shelf.

**Metro Caring** operates one of Denver's largest hunger-relief programs, including a fresh foods shopping market, teaching garden, and weekly healthy living and nutrition classes. Situated in the heart of Denver, Metro Caring distributes between 4,000 to 6,000 pounds of food, baby items, and personal care products in helping to meet the nutritional and health needs of up to 500 people every day. Many of these people are disabled, seniors, or work at low-paying jobs that do not provide a living wage.

**George Washington food pantry** is operated through their Be Inspired Fund, which provides support to students with specific needs that might otherwise interfere with their academic success. The food pantry

is in its fourth year of operation and provides food to students during the year, including winter break. This is part of our strategic plan to partner with local schools to support families, children and youth.

Augustana's **Sanctuary Soup Shelf**, begun early in the pandemic, continues to provide nutritious canned foods to our neighbors in need. Chili provides a tasty meal that is especially popular as we enter the cold winter months.

Canned chili is a high-protein meal, and one can of chili weighs about one pound. Let's be generous, as we always are, and meet or exceed the challenge. We can help each of these worthy programs achieve their goal of alleviating hunger in our community. Bring cans of chili (meat or vegetarian and preferably with pull tab lids) to worship beginning Sunday, October 31, and place them around the communion tables in both Christ Chapel and the sanctuary.



## Augustana's Human Dignity Delegate (HDD) Meeting

Sunday, November 14, noon–1:30 p.m., Rooms 1–3

Facilitated by Beth Black, Katy Lunsford, and Pastor Caitlin, we'll discuss ballot initiative outcomes from the November 2nd election, look ahead to 2022 legislative advocacy updates, and spend time learning about anti-racism. All levels of knowledge are welcome. 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, climate, 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.



## Thanksgiving Baskets for Warren Village

Continuing Augustana's long tradition of providing Thanksgiving baskets to Warren Village and First Step residents, yet observing COVID restrictions, Augustana members and friends may donate King Soopers gift cards to Augustana for Warren Village and First Step. Donations for the gift cards may be made by check to Augustana (indicate "Warren Village" on the memo line), or online at Augustana's [Giving page at augustanadenver.org](https://augustanadenver.org) by November 14. Each basket costs \$40. There are 115 units for Warren Village and First Step residents. Thrivent Action Team grants will provide \$500 for additional food items. Thanks for your generous support!

Warren Village provides a safe apartment, job training, and childcare for low-income single-parent families. Learn more about Warren Village at [warrenvillage.org](https://warrenvillage.org).



Left to right: Lisa Boe-Sims, Sarah Earhart, Elise Earhart, Amelia Stratton, Caroline Stratton, and Don Troike

## Grace Race

With 27 people participating, Augustana tied for the Fleetest Flock trophy at Rainbow Trail's Grace Race! In addition, we had a number of people who won medals in their age categories for the running portion of the 5k. Best of all, the event raised thousands of dollars for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's World Hunger program. Thanks to everyone who participated!



# Thanks for your support for computers for ChristAid International



Ever since Amy and I came back to Augustana in 2018, we have been blown away by the generosity and support of the ministries and staff. The ChristAid program in Kicuna, Uganda, has been a passion project for our family for years, and we are so grateful for the overwhelming support and encouragement we have received for the project.

We are happy to announce that through the partnership of the Compassion and Action with our Neighbors Ministry, two generous donations from the Augustana Foundation, and the support of congregation members during August and September's "God's work. Our Hands." Sunday, we have reached our goal to fund 20 student computers and 10 teacher computers for the new secondary school! Amy and I will continue to share updates as the project moves forward, and this terrific news will be shared at the ChristAid annual banquet coming up on October 15.

Thanks again for the amazing support you have shown for this new ministry and your encouragement to our family throughout the project!

**Casey, Amy, and Lydia King**



On behalf of the thousands of students who will attend the ChristAid Secondary School, thank you, Augustana Lutheran Church, for the gift of computers to both equip the computer lab and to provide computers for the teaching staff. In the extremely poor and mountainous area surrounding Kicuna, Uganda, children will now have the same opportunity to thrive in our technologically advanced world as those in the larger cities of Kampala or Mbarara.

Just 25 years ago, ChristAid built the first and only primary school in Kicuna. What started with one teacher and 13 students under a tree now educates 750 children from preschool through seventh grade. Soon, that number will expand to 1,200 as the secondary school, wonderfully equipped with the technology needed for employment in today's world, is opened. You have made that possible.

It is impossible to express in words my deep appreciation for your compassionate gift. It is also impossible to know what difference your generosity will make in the lives of students and their families in the years to come. Know this, however: the computers you have purchased will lift a countless number of people out of poverty by providing the technical skill needed to find employment. Uganda is a nation working desperately to escape the poverty and war that has been a part of its history. Who knows what a student who uses one of the computers you donated may do to further that cause?

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

**Bruce Van Dusseldorp,**  
Executive Director, ChristAid International

## Children, Youth, Family



### Cook chili, eat chili, judge chili, and support World Hunger!

Sunday, November 7, 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

You are invited to submit your favorite homemade chili to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. To enter your chili, please email **Shanna** ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)) with your chili recipe name and a brief description, and please include any allergens. In lieu of bringing chili, consider bringing a dessert or side to share.

Everyone is invited to come and taste the chili and to vote for your favorite with your coins, dollars, and checks.

Plan now to gather with Augustana members and friends to enjoy a little friendly competition, sample some great chili, and support ELCA World Hunger!

To volunteer to help with setup and cleanup for this event, please contact Shanna at the email above. Sponsored by Children, Youth and Family Ministry.



**ELCA World Hunger**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## Lefse sales and opportunity to learn how to make lefse

Augustana's youth will be making lefse, November 6 and 13, to sell in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, November 7 and 14. This year we



will not be taking preorders; instead, please come on Sunday to purchase what we have available. Cost will be \$20 per dozen or \$12 for a half dozen.

If you would like to learn how to make lefse, you may join us in making it! Contact **Shanna** ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org)) for more information.

## Camp Sunday, November 14

**Dave Jarvis** from Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp will be with us on November 14 for worship and faith formation. Parents are encouraged to attend faith formation that day with their children to learn more about camp and how to participate. Wear your favorite Bible camp shirt to church on November 14 to share your excitement about camp!

## Sunday Lunch for all

Enjoy catered meals from favorite eateries and delis Sundays, 11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Freewill offering. Donations can also be made [online](#).

Contact **Shanna** ([shanna@augustanadenver.org](mailto:shanna@augustanadenver.org) or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) if you can help accept delivery of the food, set it out, and clean up. Thanks!

- November 7: Chili Cook Off
- November 14: Dominos Pizza
- November 21: King Soopers—fruits, veggies, deli meat and cheese
- November 28: Chipotle Burritos



## Angel Tree supports refugee families

Gifts for Lutheran Family Services Refugee Program may be donated Sunday, November 7 through Sunday, December 5. Visit the Angel Tree in Fellowship Hall where you can pick an angel or two with gift suggestions for folks of different ages and needs. Please return these gifts by December 5 without being wrapped. It is helpful if they are donated in a reusable shopping bag.

## Advent Adventure



Sunday, December 5,  
noon–2 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Enjoy Augustana's favorite intergenerational tradition, Advent Adventure, beginning after 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday Lunch. Come to Fellowship Hall for Mici's Handcrafted Italian lunch followed by a time to make crafts, participate in a service project, share a cookie exchange, and sample lefse!



## Advent/Christmas "Bless the Years" —an Adult Ministry Event

**SAVE the DATE for our next Communion Service and Luncheon**

**Thursday, December 9, 11 a.m.,  
Augustana's Sanctuary**

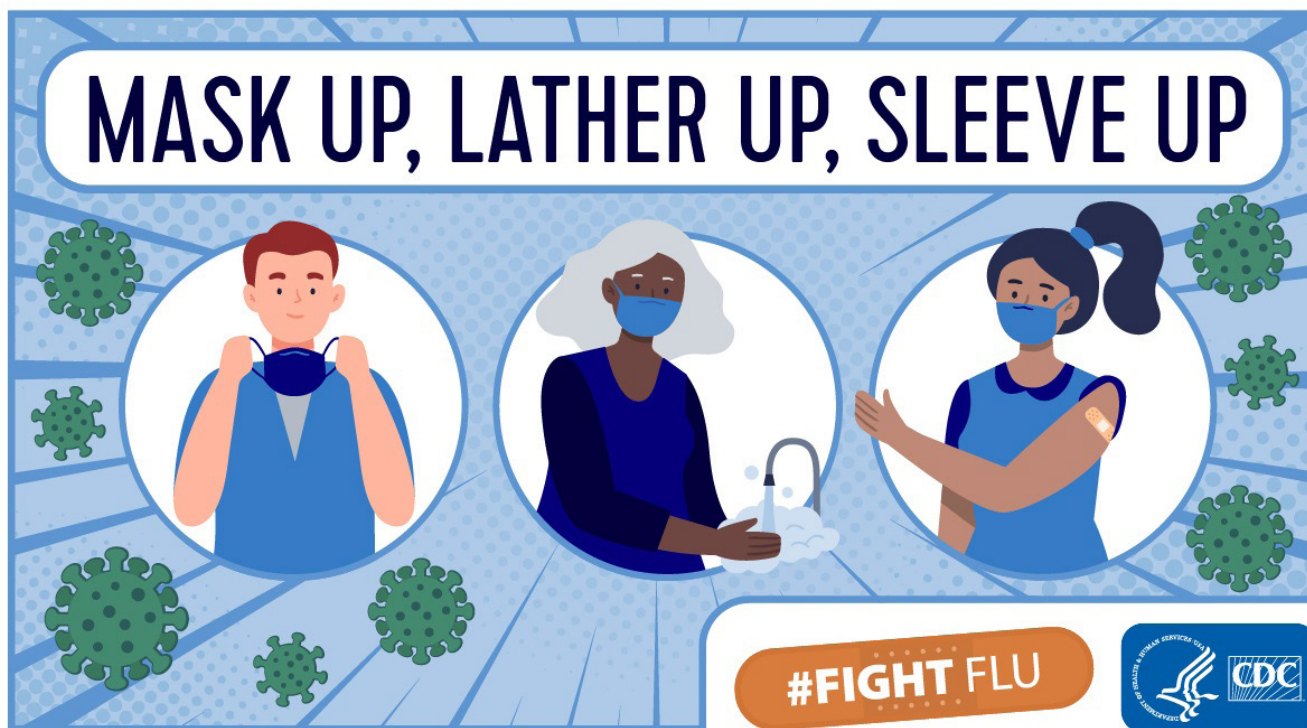
Join us for a special, meaningful midweek morning worship service especially designed to accommodate our home-centered members, family and friends. Be our guests at a delicious lunch directly after worship.

Experience a calm, peaceful, and intimate time to welcome the Christ Child and celebrate the holidays with your Augustana family and friends.

Your transportation, if needed, will be arranged by a host who will bring you to church and help you navigate to worship and lunch.

We will call you for your RSVP and to determine if you require a host or any other accommodations. Questions? Call Faith Community Nurse, **Sue Ann Glusenkamp**, or call Augustana's office (303-388-4678) to make your reservation. We are here for you!

This event is co-sponsored by Augustana Senior Ministry and Health Ministry.



## Health Ministry

### A Message from Your Health Ministry Team

#### It's flu season! Take action to prevent flu!

The best way to reduce your risk from seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications is to get vaccinated every year. What are the benefits of a flu vaccine?

- Flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick with flu.
- Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.
- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization.
- Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with certain chronic health conditions.
- Flu vaccination helps protect pregnant people during and after pregnancy.
- Flu vaccine can be lifesaving in children.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you.

If you have any doubts, concerns, or questions about receiving a flu vaccine, consult with your primary care provider or contact your Faith Community Nurse, Sue Ann ([glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org](mailto:glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org)).

Content source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)

## Senior Ministry

### Senior Ministry Team is recruiting new members!

Bring your talents and ideas to the Senior Ministry Team, and help us shape this ongoing vital ministry. Meetings occur monthly on the second Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Ammerman Library. If you can help, please contact **Judy Peters** ([jlovestotravel@gmail.com](mailto:jlovestotravel@gmail.com)) or **Karen Lambert** ([lambert747@msn.com](mailto:lambert747@msn.com) or 303-905-3371). Thank you.



**Thursday, November 11, 6–7 p.m. at Augustana**

- ♪ Fun, Patriotic Music
- ♪ Musical Crafts
- ♪ Play-Along Songs
- ♪ Ice Cream and More!

Hey, kids (of all ages)! Get up-close and comfortable with music at this “Concert Encounter for Kids.” Hear all the sounds. See their fingers move. Touch the instruments. This Veterans Day concert will feature festive music with a patriotic flair. Make your own music-maker, and indulge in ice cream for the whole family! Expose little ones to the joy of music where there are no rules or restrictions to bounce, sway, dance, or stomp to the music. A concert to inspire any future young artist!

FLEX pay ticketing—you choose what to pay from FREE to any donation! Visit [AugustanaArts.org](http://AugustanaArts.org).



## For laughs (or groans!) around your table

Knock knock. *Who’s there?* Arthur.  
*Arthur who?* Arthur any leftovers?

Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive?  
It had 24 carrots.

If you use boxed mashed potatoes . . .  
. . . Great-Grandma will turn over in her gravy.

My family said, “No more Thanksgiving jokes.” . . .  
. . . but I said I couldn’t just quit cold turkey.



## From SAME Café’s Kitchen


This is Chef Carrie’s GFN cookie recipe that is served daily at SAME Café! You can either a) enjoy one at the café, b) make a batch at home if you have access to the ingredients, or c) schedule a volunteer shift to make some in the café!

### Ingredients

- 1/4 cup virgin coconut oil
- 1/3 cup tahini
- 2/3 cup brown sugar or coconut sugar
- 2 flax eggs, 2 TBSP flax meal mixed with 5 TBSP of water. Let sit for 15 minutes until thickened.
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/3 cup coconut flour
- 2/3 cup vegan chocolate chips
- Flaky sea salt to sprinkle on top, optional

### Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350 F and line a sheet tray with parchment paper or a silpat mat.
2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the oil, tahini, and sugar until smooth. Add flax eggs and vanilla and mix until combined.
3. Add the baking soda, salt and coconut flour to the wet ingredients. Mix well until incorporated. Fold in the chocolate chips.
4. Use a cookie scoop to form cookies and place 2 inches apart on the prepared sheet tray. Sprinkle with a bit of flaky sea salt.
5. Bake for 8 minutes or when they start to turn brown on the edges.
6. Let cool on the sheet tray. When completely cooled, transfer to a rack.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>  <b>November</b>	<b>1</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	<b>2</b> 9am 9:30am 7:30pm Library Committee Bible Study Young Adult Bible Study	<b>3</b> 9am 9:45am 6:30pm 7:30pm Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel Augustana Firm Believers Alzheimer's Association Support Chancel Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 8:30am 8:30am 9:45am Health Ministry Bulletin Assembly Augustana Firm Believers	<b>6</b> 8am Lefse Making <div>Turn your clocks back!</div>
<b>7</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Worship/Communion</b> Faith Formation/Coffee <b>Worship/Communion</b> Chili Cook-Off All Saints Remembrance Grief Support Group Augustana Knitters Children and Youth Music Ministry*	<b>8</b> 9:45am 7:30pm Augustana Firm Believers Reopening Task Force	<b>9</b> 9:30am 7:30pm Bible Study Young Adult Bible Study	<b>10</b> 9am 9:45am 6:30pm 7:30pm AELC Chapel Augustana Firm Believers Alzheimer's Association Support Chancel Choir	<b>11</b> 10am 2pm 6pm 7pm <b>Veterans Day</b> Sarah Circle Senior Ministry Team <b>Augustana Arts:</b> Celebrate and Salute with Sound— A Veterans Day Concert Health Ministry: E4 Mental Health	<b>12</b> 8:30am 9:45am Bulletin Assembly Augustana Firm Believers	<b>13</b> 8am Lefse Making
<b>14</b> <b>Pentecost 25</b> <b>Camp Sunday</b> <b>Worship/Communion</b> Faith Formation/Coffee Health Ministry <b>Worship/Communion</b> 10:30am 11:45am Noon Noon Noon 12:15pm Sunday Lunch Grief Support Group Human Dignity Delegates Children and Youth Music Ministry*	<b>15</b> 9:45am 1pm Augustana Firm Believers Book Group	<b>16</b> 7:30am 9:30am 7pm 7:30pm Foot Care Clinic Bible Study Congregation Council Young Adult Bible Study	<b>17</b> 9am 9:45am 6:30pm 7:30pm AELC Chapel Augustana Firm Believers Alzheimer's Association Support Chancel Choir	<b>18</b> 11am 7pm Augustana Early Learning Center Thanksgiving Lunch Women, Wine, and Word	<b>19</b> 9:30am 9:45am Bulletin Assembly Augustana Firm Believers <div>Senior High Youth Retreat November 19-21</div>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Christ the King</b> <b>Worship/Communion</b> Faith Formation/Coffee <b>Worship/Communion</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> Sunday Lunch Grief Support Group Children and Youth Music Ministry* Retreat: Chancel Choir	<b>22</b> 7:30am 9:45am Foot Care Clinic Augustana Firm Believers	<b>23</b> 9:30am 7pm 7:30pm Bible Study Rachel Circle Young Adult Bible Study	<b>24</b> 9:45am 6:30pm 7pm Augustana Firm Believers Alzheimer's Association Support <b>Thanksgiving Eve</b> <b>Community Worship</b> <b>and 42nd Annual Pie Fest</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>26</b> - office closed -	<b>27</b> 8:30am Bulletin Assembly
<b>28</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Worship/Communion</b> Faith Formation/Coffee <b>Worship/Communion</b> Sunday Lunch Children and Youth Music Ministry*	<b>29</b> 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	<b>30</b> 9:30am 7:30pm Bible Study Young Adult Bible Study	<b>Faith Formation</b> 9am 9:15am Faith Formation (Infants-Grade 12) Adult Forum	<b>*Children and Youth Music Ministry</b> 12:15pm 12:45pm 1:15pm Cherubs, Choristers, GraceNotes Cantabile, SONshine Ringers, Recorders BELievers		

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