

Bonita Bock

Bonita has known Augustana for a long time and appreciates the pastors' teaching, the music, and the strong outreach ministry. A retired pastor, her main volunteer work is with Together Colorado, specifically the Climate Justice Committee. She is also a member of the Rocky Mountain Synod Advocacy Ministry out of the Bishop's office and the Multi-faith Leadership Forum. Bonita works part-time for Active Minds, a life-long learning program, and is taking a course through the Enneagram Prison Project to learn how incarcerated persons can transition more smoothly into society upon release. She enjoys gardening, fishing, hiking, and playing pickle ball and is interested in learning about the Human Dignity Delegate ministry.



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Pierce, Greta and Orson Devol

Greta grew up at Augustana, and now that they have moved back to Denver, they are happy to join the congregation. Pierce is a technical writer for Sierra Nevada Corporation, and Greta works in research administration at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center. As a family, they enjoy exploring parks and playgrounds in the Denver area. Pierce is an avid curler and a member of the Denver Curling Club. Greta likes to ski, volunteer at a local farm, and read. Orson, born in 2018, enjoys Mickey Mouse and the Colorado Railroad Museum. They will join the communion ministry; Pierce is interested in learning more about congregation council and Greta is interested in becoming involved in stewardship and music ministry.



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Carl Hansen

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Carl transferred his membership to Augustana because he wanted to be part of a congregation that values liturgy and good music. After the Lutheran Church in America was formed in the 1960s, Carl was ordained at Augustana and went on to become President of Midland University; he was at times invited to preach at Augustana. He enjoys water Tai Chi, reading, and spending time with his four children and grandchildren. Carl will join the readers' ministry.

Doug Hein

Practically a native, Doug has lived in Denver for 62 years. He enjoys reading and crafting and has two adult children and two granddaughters. Doug will join the scripture readers' ministry.

Richard Huser

Richard transferred his membership from his Indiana church in 2021 and is a practicing attorney, serving as Chairman of the Board of the Castle Pines Metropolitan District, where he and his wife, Laura, live. They spend most of the winter in southern California. In his spare time, Richard enjoys golf, hiking and travel. He and Laura have three grown children and three grandchildren, and he wants to become involved in our usher, communion, and scripture reader ministries.

Reena Jabamoni

Jake Jansen

Jake was driving down Alameda one day, saw the outside of the church, and thought to himself "I need to get inside of that church." From South Carolina, Jake has been in Denver about 18 months and is active-duty military. He enjoys recording music and is releasing his first single on February 1. Jake is a member of the Chancel Choir and wants to be involved in our communion ministry and reading the scriptures.



Ben and Susan Pepper

Andy and Christine Peters

Andy, our new Minister of Music, and Christine, are both New Jersey natives. They were attracted to Augustana by our strong music program, and along with their cat, Garfield, have been in Denver only nine weeks. In his spare time, Andy enjoys gardening, reading, and model railroading. Christine, a server administrator, also enjoys gardening and reading, as well as cooking and walking.



Christine and Andy Peters



Frank and Janet Philipp

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Both Frank and Janet are Iowa natives. Frank, a retired pastor, and Janet, a substitute teacher, moved to Denver five years ago. They were attracted to Augustana because of the liturgy and the quality of the service. Frank enjoys wood working, stained glass and fusing glass, fly fishing, amateur radio, and cooking. Together, they spend time with their family—two adult children and three grandchildren, and their mini Golden Doodle, Jeffrey.

Jena Requist

Jena was drawn to Augustana by the size of the congregation and the variety of ministries for all ages. She is practically a Denver native, having lived here for 36 years. She enjoys volunteering, most recently at Porter Hospital, walking, reading, and playing Canasta. Her areas of interest at Augustana include reading the scriptures and assisting with communion.



Jena Requist

Jay Ruybal

Jay recently transferred his membership to Augustana and is a full-time caregiver for his mom. He began attending Augustana via livestream during the pandemic. A Colorado native, Jay is a nature/wildlife photographer and business owner—Clayton Adams Photography; his wife works for Argus Staffing. Jay enjoys hiking, travel, and exploring open space Colorado parks.



Mike, Arianne, Carola and Annika Theiss

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Mike and Arianne transferred their membership to Augustana from their Dallas, TX, church, and like the open feel and welcome of our congregation. Mike, an Ohio native, performs financial analytics for Vail Resorts. He enjoys skiing and is working on building/improving an arcade machine; he also wants to pursue more opportunities to help the hungry and unhoused. Mike is interested in the communion and ushering ministries. Arianne is a research scientist and is on faculty at CU Anschutz. Her current work is running a research program on intestinal disorders such as inflammatory bowel disease and colon cancer; she also teaches graduate and medical students. In her spare time, she enjoys running, skiing, baking, travel, and reading. Arianne wants to be involved as a greeter and communion assistant. Married for 19 years, Mike and Arianne enjoy spending time with their children, Carola and Annika, and their pets. Carola, 14, loves ballet, violin, and art; Annika, 11, loves rock climbing, drums, and anime.

Lance Wheeland

A Colorado native, Lance was drawn to Augustana because of the music, outreach, and the pastors. Before retirement, he worked with individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Lance and his wife of 46 years, Lou, have three adult children. Lance enjoys working in the Colorado Senate, reading, walking, and helping his 94-year-old mom. Ushering, greeting, and assisting with communion are his areas of interest at Augustana.