

LENT

AT AUGUSTANA

- Theme: *Grace Unbounded*
- Lenten Devotion Books
- Lenten Worship
- Lenten Chapel Prayer
- Lent Prayer Stations
- 40 Days of Giving to ELCA World Hunger
- Holy Week and Easter

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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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Recently lifted up in prayer

for hope and healing:

- Phil Baker, David Blanchard, Linda Fenstermacher, Nadine Fingland, Alma Flory, Reinhard Hauck, Cathy Hicks, Shannon Huggins, Jett Jacoby, Don Jenkins, Suzanne Marie Perry, Diane Pilloud, Bob and Margaret Rossow, Bernice Thoele, Andre Yeager, Linda, Phil, Laura, Erin, Grant, Emily, Cathy, Fran, Rita and Tiffany

for comfort and courage:

- Amy King in the death of her grandfather, Don Andersen

- Quinn Trussell in the death of his friend, Karen Eastman
- Kari Kusek in the death of her friend, Fritz Fulton
- Judy Peters and family in the death of her husband, Pastor Dave Peters
- Bob Black in the death of his friend, Daymond Schweer
- Family and friends of Nancy Van Wert in her death
- Marcia Olson in the death of her friend, Alex Pritscher

Thank you for the gifts!

Music Ministry

- in memory of Steve Schillereff

Rejoice with

- Parents Derek and Ashley Porterfield, grandparents Bill and Colleen Porterfield, and great-grandparents Merrill and Dorie Fie in the birth of Cooper Austen Porterfield, February 7
- Parents Kandice and Colin Bailey and grandparents Rex and Debbie Carter in the birth of Kendrick Maddox Bailey, February 17

Senior Ministry

Mark your calendars now to reserve this date:

Thursday, May 5—Cinco de Mayo Day!

What: Our next **Bless the Years Worship and Luncheon**

Where: Worship with Holy Communion in Augustana's Sanctuary at 11 a.m. followed by a catered lunch in Fellowship Hall

Who: To honor our home-centered folks and their family and friends, but all folks age 60–100+ are invited! Hosts will be provided for those needing a ride.

Come praise the Lord and celebrate spring with a Cinco de Mayo-themed luncheon. See old friends, make new friends, and gather as a community of faith. Watch Augustana's publications for details.

Important members of that Body

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ . . . If the foot would say “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body . . . Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:12, 15, 27



In January, I broke my toe. There is no dramatic story to the break, just a bare foot and a very heavy chest in our bedroom. A colorful bruise broke out on the top of my foot almost immediately, and the toe leaned the wrong way. A trip to Urgent Care

and some x-rays confirmed it: an “unremarkable fracture.” (It’s only unremarkable if it’s not your toe!) I have been amazed at how much a broken toe can hurt, and how much it impedes what I want to do—like go for a run.

Early in February we heard the reading above from Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Unfortunately, these early Christians were really good at drawing lines and deciding who was in and who was out. Paul spends most of this letter encouraging them to be united and to care for one another with Christ’s love. In these verses, he uses the ridiculous example of a foot deciding to go its own way and leave the body it is attached to. Just as that is impossible to do, it is impossible, Paul says, for followers of Jesus to be unattached from one another.

The last two years have definitely reminded us of how much we need each other. In the Augustana community, our Core Value of *Grow* says we will

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“support and care for one another.” We do that in many ways, offering care, a listening ear, prayers, laughter, and the compassion of Christ. Together, we are Christ’s Body, living and serving in the world, and inviting others to know the love of Jesus. All of us are important members of that Body, and it is a gift to share our journey of life and faith together. So here’s to toes that heal, and to the healing power of faith communities like ours!

Pastor Ann

Assistants added to livestream team

I just want to give an update on what is happening with livestreaming! We have added two new livestream assistants to the schedule. We are happy to have **Nancy Nyhus** and **Hunter Arnell** on the livestream team!

We also have some new equipment! We have a camera to take pictures and videos. This will also help us get a better view when I use the portable outlets we have placed in the sanctuary (for baptisms and up-close views of the organ) and in Fellowship Hall for future events!

Thank you for your support of Augustana’s livestream; I can’t wait for this ministry to continue to grow!

Emily Friesen

Livestream Technician



Augustana Reopening Task Force

Considerations that go into recommendations to the congregation council

Your pandemic task force has been meeting monthly for over a year to date. Each month we review the current statistics for Denver County which include rates of COVID-19 transmission, test positivity rates, hospitalization rates, death from COVID-19 rates, and vaccination rates. We also discuss current recommendations from the CDC, Colorado Department of Public Health, Denver County and City officials, the ELCA, and our own Rocky Mountain Synod office. Questions from staff, ministry teams, congregational members, and community groups who use our facilities are considered both at our meetings and between meetings as required when dramatic changes in the pandemic occur. Trending changes and increases or decreases in statistics, along with professional field experience of task force members and staff, help determine the recommendations we submit to our congregation council. Thank you for trusting this fine group of volunteers, remembering that our main goal is to continue to provide safe and

respectful guidelines for congregation council approval that facilitate minimal risk of virus transmission during worship and building usage. We take very seriously our objective and always strive to do the right thing for our faith community. Please feel free to connect with our task force members with questions or concerns.

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City Opera COVID Compliance
Officer

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Member and retired Biology
Professor

Congregation Council

New mask policy adopted

Dear Augustana Family,

As we're sure most of you know, the City of Denver allowed its mask order to expire on Friday, February 4, 2022. Similar announcements have been made by health authorities in Arapahoe, Jefferson, and Adams Counties, and by a number of the suburban school districts.

These decisions reflect exceptionally strong vaccination rates throughout the Denver metro area (about 80% of Denver residents ages

5 and older are vaccinated), and recent declines in the transmission rates and other metrics, especially significantly lower rates of severe disease, upon which public health officials rely to gauge the level of infection risk.

Mask mandate lifted at Augustana

Accordingly, upon the recommendation of our Reopening Task Force, Augustana's congregation council has lifted Augustana's mask mandate and has adopted a face-masks-optional policy for all worship attendance and church activities effective Sunday, February 20.

However, there is an exception, and that relates to singing. Research indicates that the act of singing projects substantially more aerosol droplets into the air and for greater distances than merely speaking does. Therefore, for the time being, we ask that you bring your mask with you, and that you wear it while singing. We will continue to assess the need for this precaution.

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Wear a mask if you'd like

We also want to emphasize that the lifting of the "mandate" does not mean that individuals cannot or should not wear a mask at church. You are absolutely welcome to do so if you wish. The point is, that as of Sunday, February 20, it is an individual decision.

Vaccines: the best defense

The COVID vaccines, which are available free of charge to everyone age five and older, have been remarkably effective in protecting people from

this disease. It is also clear that those who have had the booster are less at risk. We encourage you and your family to be vaccinated and have your booster shots. If you need any help with that, please call our Faith Community Nurse, **Sue Ann Glusenkamp** (303-388-4678 ext. 106).

Thank you for the way you have responded to the difficulties of the pandemic. You have made it possible for us to continue worshiping together while ensuring the healthiest possible conditions.

Your Congregation President,
Michael Zumwalt



**Turn your clocks AHEAD
an hour Saturday night,
March 5.**

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Pastor Caitlin

Grace Unbounded



As a young adult and new mother, I was drawn back to church first and foremost by my mother-in-law, who asked us when we were going to baptize the baby. Continuing to attend church was because I couldn't

get enough of God's grace that we heard and experienced Sunday after Sunday in worship. I had no frame of reference for it. I'm reminded of those early church experiences as we enter Lent this year with the theme of *Grace Unbounded*. I initially struggled to understand Lent as a good thing and couldn't wait until Easter. Then I discovered the

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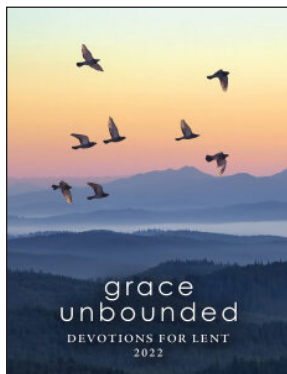
deep end of the pool.

Lent created a container for the truth about my flaws, frailty, and mortality and the transformation through them made possible by grace through faith. I invite you to pick one or two

congregational things in Lent that you wouldn't ordinarily do—daily devotional books, Chapel Prayer, Prayer Stations, Holden Evening Prayer, and more. There are a variety of opportunities for prayer and worship alongside the Lenten tradition of almsgiving with 40 Days of Giving to ELCA World Hunger.

Grace often jolts us out of our comfort zone and invites us into new possibilities. Lent is a time when grace abounds as we move towards the cross, tomb, and beyond. Let me know how Lent goes for you this year and if you have any questions about Lent. My hope and prayer is that unbounded grace frees you to hear and experience God—whatever that may mean.

Peace,
Pastor Caitlin



Lenten Devotional Books are here!

You may pick up *Grace Unbounded* pocket-size or large-print daily devotionals at Augustana's entrance tables. They are brought to you by our adult learning ministry,

so they are free for anyone who would like one. Or you can download the eBook version from AugsburgFortress.org. Our Lenten congregational theme is *Grace Unbounded*, based on the book.

Grace Unbounded: Devotions for Lent 2022 provides daily devotions for each day from Ash Wednesday to the Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday). Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of Luke (the gospel focus for 2022, year C in the Revised Common Lectionary). The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

Worship at Augustana during Lent

You are invited to be a part of these worship opportunities at Augustana:

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the sanctuary with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Both services will be livestreamed.

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6, 6:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel. This worship will also be livestreamed.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 10



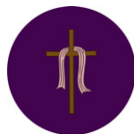
Worship at 8 a.m. in Christ Chapel and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Augustana Youth will host a breakfast in Fellowship Hall between worship services.

Maundy Thursday, April 14



Worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evening service will include First Communion for some of the children in our congregation.

Good Friday, April 15



Spoken worship at noon, and 7 p.m. worship in the sanctuary with special music by the Chancel Choir.

Easter Sunday, April 17



Worship at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary with Holy Communion and festival brass.

Visit the Lent Prayer Stations

Sunday mornings

Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10,
8 a.m.–noon, Youth Room

During the season of Lent, Augustana's Youth Room will be specially arranged with various stations for prayer and reflection. This time will be self-paced and is open to all.

Chapel Prayer resumes for Lent

Mondays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4 and 11,
10:30–11:15 a.m., Christ Chapel

You're invited into this quiet, contemplative time in Christ Chapel. A Prayer Leader will open with a prayer, and we'll close with the Lord's Prayer and a short blessing. A printed prayer guide will be provided, or you may bring your own prayer book(s) or simply sit with your eyes closed in the silence. Bibles are available in the pews. You may arrive and leave at any time.

Contact Pastor Caitlin for more information
(pastor.caitlin.trussell@gmail.com).



First Communion classes offered during Lent

Augustana will offer First Communion Classes during Lent for any child wishing to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This class is open to any child who has not participated in communion or who has been receiving it since they were little but are at a place where they would like to learn more.

Classes will be held Sundays, March 27 and April 3, 9–10 a.m., and Thursday, April 7 in the evening. Participants will take First Communion with their families on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at the 7 p.m. worship service.

To sign up, please contact **Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).

Palm Sunday Breakfast



Augustana's youth host their annual Palm Sunday Breakfast fundraiser, April 10, 9–10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring the whole family and enjoy a variety of brunch delights! There will be no Sunday Lunch on this day.

Help Augustana's Easter Garden bloom this year!



Support Augustana's youth ministries with a gift to the Easter Garden. Your gift in honor or in memory of loved ones will add lilies to the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord! The suggested contribution for each individual you wish to honor or remember is \$8. Make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. Use the donation form below or envelopes in Augustana's pew pockets. Gifts must reach Augustana's office by Palm Sunday, April 10, to be included in the Easter Garden insert. Thank you!

Easter Garden - *please print or type*

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

Photography and stories from ELCA World Hunger are on display in Christ Chapel Walk.



CAN Ministry in Lent

40 Days of Giving to ELCA World Hunger

Compassion and Action with our Neighbor (CAN) Ministry invites you into **40 Days of Giving in Lent for ELCA World Hunger**. As members of the ELCA, we are committed to pursuing a world of justice where ALL ARE FED. Our gifts to ELCA World Hunger support both domestic (U.S.) and international relief, advocacy, disaster relief, and hunger education. Almsgiving and prayer are traditional practices of Lent as we reflect on what it means to be church for the sake of the world.

More than 800 million people (1 in 9) are hungry in our world. ELCA World Hunger supports 234 sustainable development projects and health care in 57 countries. There were more than 400 ELCA hunger grants in the United States to food pantries, homeless shelters, and other projects. Our gifts both big and small give hope to God's people.

Ways to give

There are several ways to give to ELCA World Hunger through Augustana. [Donate online through Augustana's Giving page](#), and designate your gift for ELCA World Hunger. Or write a check to Augustana Lutheran Church (memo line: ELCA World Hunger) and place it in the offering plate during worship, or mail it to the church. Your gift through Augustana will appear on your individual annual giving statement and show congregational support to our synod.

Creatively engage children in giving their own money and learning about people who are food insecure.

1. Label a jar "World Hunger."
2. Choose one:
 - Give 5 cents for each light bulb in your house—Jesus said "I am the light of the world."
 - Jesus said, "I am the door." Give 25 cents for each door in your house.
 - Give 10 cents for each meal and snack you ate today.
 - Many families live in tents and crowded conditions. Give 10 cents for each room in your house.
 - Many people walk miles for water. Give 5 cents for each glass of water you drank today.
 - Blessings: give 10 cents for three things that made you happy today.

There are many ways to create awareness so that children can be empowered to give and share with others. Bring your Lenten World Hunger offering to Augustana by Palm Sunday, April 10.



Music Ministry

Hymn text to ponder during Lent

As we enter the season of Lent, I'd like to highlight hymn #319, "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days." Stanza one reads:

O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

The text by Claudia Hernaman (1838–1898) first appeared in the 1873 publication *The Child's Book of Praise*. Though geared towards children, the text reminds us that the forty days of Lent parallel the forty days of Christ's Temptation. Writer Carl P. Daw, Jr. suggests that the hymn feels lengthy and spacious due to its rhyme scheme of abcb. Daw suggests that the avoidance of rhymes at every line and the high number of single syllable words help the text flow successfully.

This hymn text appears with various hymn tunes in different hymnals. Even within the Lutheran tradition the tunes with this text have changed. For example, in *The Lutheran Book of Worship* (©1978), the text is paired with the tune Caithness from 1635. However, in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (©2006) the text has been matched with a tune from the Kentucky Harmony collection of 1816.

I highly recommend this hymn text to you the next time you are meditating or praying before or after worship or as part of your Lenten devotions.

Grace and peace,

Andy

Minister of Music and Organist

Study/Fellowship

Women, Wine, and Word Bible Study

This month, we will meet on the fourth Thursday, March 24, 7 p.m.

This monthly study is open to women of all ages. The group is currently reading and discussing *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans. The book is theologically astute, honest and has sparked great discussion. Support, laughter and deepening faith are always a part of this gathering. Please contact **Pastor Ann** (ann@augustanadenver.org) for the gathering location or additional information.

March Book Group

Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate is the March Book Group selection.

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong (Goodreads).

Join us on Monday, March 21 at 1 p.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. If you have questions, contact **Ellen Kastens** (303-475-7877 or ekkastens@gmail.com).

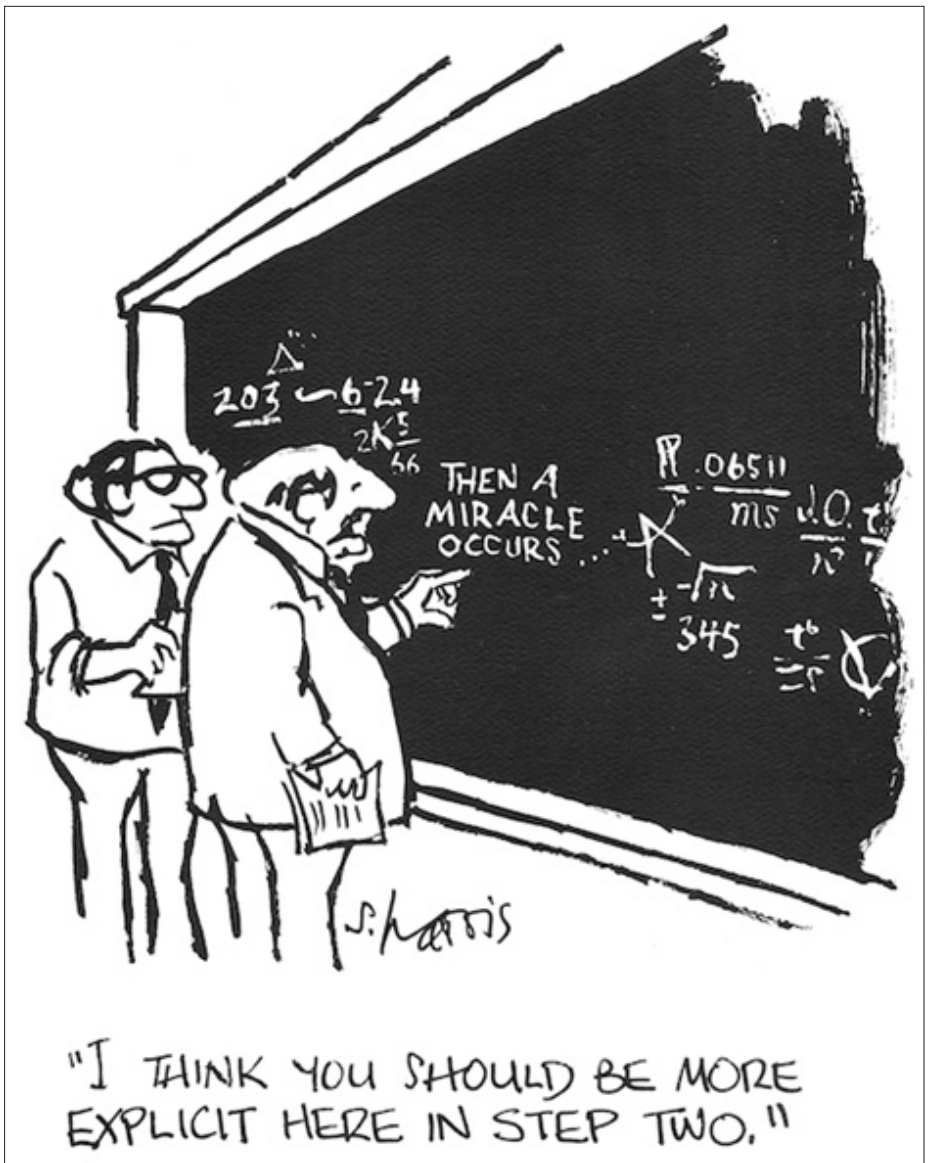
Science, Faith, and the Theology of the Cross

Sundays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

Might we find in God's actions on the cross answers to some of the more vexing questions science may raise about the primacy of God?

We often hear people speak of a controversy between science and faith. Some believe science eliminates the need for faith, while others reject any science that does not conform to their faith beliefs. Perhaps both science and faith are important to our understanding of the world and our place in it. Might we find in God's actions on the cross answers to some of the more vexing questions science may raise about the primacy of God? Come explore these questions during the Adult Forum.

- **March 6:** Has science pushed the primacy of God into a corner? Is God pushing back?
- **March 13:** What sources of knowledge do we depend upon to navigate this world we live in?
- **March 20:** How well do we know how science works? Does faith play a roll in the scientific process?
- **March 27:** What is the relationship between belief, faith, and religion?



- **April 3:** Theology of the Cross: can it answer the difficult questions science raises about faith?

Augustana member and facilitator **Don Troike** is a retired professor of biology and former certified lay worship leader in the Southern Ohio Synod (ELCA).



Health Ministry

March is National Nutrition Month

Is it true what they say? You are what you eat! Sunday, March 6 is the next Health Ministry Sunday. During Coffee/Tea hour, 9:15–10:15 a.m., members of your Health Ministry Team along with your Faith Community Nurse, Sue Ann, will once again be with you in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and check out these four areas of interest and support:

1. Blood Pressure Screening
2. ASK a NURSE consult table
3. Health and Well-being information on the monthly health theme
4. Recipes and Samples: Think **GREEN** for March!

National Nutrition Month® is an annual nutrition education and information campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign, celebrated each year during the month of March, focuses on the importance of making

informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits (<https://www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month/about-national-nutrition-month>). Stop by Fellowship Hall on March 6 for information and to get your questions answered about nutrition and your well-being.

Healthy Diet, Healthy Brain?

YES, a healthy diet may help your mind stay sharp as you age. Researchers followed nearly 50,000 women from 1984 to 2014. Cognitive decline was measured, and participants who reported eating patterns with a high DASH-diet score had about a 25% lower risk of “moderate” and a 40% lower risk of “severe” cognitive decline than those with a low DASH score.

Source: Nutrition Action: January/February 2022 issue page 7.

So, what is the DASH diet plan?

DASH means Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension.

- Low in saturated and trans fats
- Rich in potassium, calcium, magnesium, fiber, and protein
- Lower in sodium and added sugars

These amazing ingredients help control blood pressure and support weight loss in a healthy way. Are you looking to lower your cholesterol levels, your weight, and/or your blood pressure? Studies prove that the DASH meal plan works and is a sensible way to prevent heart disease and stroke.

More details can be found on these websites:

- <https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/education/dash-eating-plan>
- <https://www.nutrition.va.gov/docs/EducationMaterials/DASHEatingPlan.pdf>

You may also contact Faith Community Nurse **Sue Ann** (303-388-4678 ext. 106 or glusenkamp@augustanadenver.org), and she can send you more detailed information. As always, before making changes to your diet consult with your Primary Care Provider. There will also be DASH information on Health Ministry Sunday, March 6. As a faith community we are here to support one another in our spiritual and physical well-being! Yes, we are what we eat! Even making one small change a day in your diet can make a big difference! How about eliminating sugary drinks? Note that it all began in a GARDEN (Genesis 1:11-13)!



Save the date!
Sunday, May 1, 7 a.m.–1 p.m.

Details soon!

Children, Youth, Family



Help make “used” Bibles for graduating seniors

Bibles for our graduating seniors and a few classes back will continue to be available in Fellowship Hall in March. Please stop by to leave a personal note in the Bibles for those students. Consider underlining your favorite verse or passage and tell them why. Another option is to find the scripture that corresponds to your favorite hymn. However you help make it “used,” please sign your name to surround these young people as they transition into a new life stage. Bibles will be presented in April.

Graduating seniors, please mark your calendars for Senior Recognition Sunday on April 24. Come to Coffee Hour for a special celebration; there will be a prayer for you and your families during 10:30 a.m. worship.

Sunday Lunch for All in March

Sundays, 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

- **March 6:** King Soopers Deli Meat and Cheese, Fruit and Veggie Trays
- **March 13:** Domino’s Pizza
- **March 20:** Chipotle Burritos
- **March 27:** Mici Italian Pasta

Augustana Foundation

Recent grants, annual meeting highlights, and thanks to donors

Grants Awarded First Quarter, 2022

- Augustana Arts, Inc. for Music Encounters instrument classes for low-income children in schools
- Augustana Capital Improvements for larger projects to repair or upgrade church facilities
- Augustana Chancel Choir to help support travel for two AVE members leading London choir trip
- Augustana Early Learning Center for supporting purchase of new bus to transport students
- Global Immersion for preparing refugee faith leaders in national Journey of Hope program
- House for All Sinners and Saints (ELCA) for supporting home repairs for Black women
- Lutheran Campus Ministries at CU-Boulder for El Camino Colorado faithful discernment program
- Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains for sponsorship of annual fundraising event in April
- Spring Restoration Outreach Program for summer youth program serving Colfax corridor
- Wholly Kicks for rental cost of expanding storage capacity of donated shoes for under served
- St. Mark's Lutheran Church for OHANA Ministries youth and family outreach program

At its annual meeting on February 8, the Augustana Foundation:

- received reports from Development/Communications Committee, Gift/Grants Committee, and Governance Committee;
- approved a budget and set goals for 2022;

- reviewed the Augustana Foundation's 50th anniversary celebration and events in 2021;
- adopted policies on conflicts of interest, records retention, and board standards; and
- discussed new policies related to grant making.



Thank you!

(July 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021)

Margaret Aarestad

EJ Amrhein

Merrill and Dora Fie

Marlys Fredman

In memory of Vernon Thorwald

Jim Gustad

Kent Mueller

Wayne and Jill Nelson

In memory of Warren L. Samuelson

Brian and Julie Shellhorn

Ron and Marilyn Stember
In memory of Leigh Quist

Michele Suriano

Michael Zumwalt

Emmett and Katherine Cruson

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



The Concordia Choir

Michael Culloton, Conductor

Friday, March 11, 7 p.m. at Augustana

The Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, performs at Augustana, Friday, March 11, 7 p.m. Plan now to celebrate the belated 100th anniversary of the Concordia Choir and hear Dr. Michael Culloton's first tour as conductor of the Concordia Choir during the 2022 tour to the southwest United States.

The Concordia Choir continues to affirm its reputation as one of America's finest a cappella choirs. Since 1920, the 59-voice choir has performed in nearly every major hall including Carnegie Hall and Kennedy Center as well as numerous international tours.

Dr. Michael Culloton is the fourth conductor in the choir's illustrious history. Culloton serves as a guest conductor, clinician, and lecturer throughout the country. He has been recognized with the Minnesota ACDA Creative Programming Award for his work with Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester, Minnesota.

Tickets are available at ConcordiaTickets.com or at the door. Masks will be required for all performers, staff, and audience members.

Save the Date!

AUGUSTANAARTS

presents

USAFA

"Academy Winds"

and

"Rockies Clarinets"

Saturday, April 2, 7 p.m.

FREE for the public!

Reservations begin March 1.

Welcome Connection discusses Coffee Hour and signage, and welcomes new committee members

We were pleased to welcome new Council members **Ellen Kastens** and **Nancy Nyhus** to Welcome Connection. There was discussion and a number of suggestions on how to revitalize Coffee Hour. We are continuing to explore the logistics of upgrading the signage at Augustana, in terms of both a new electronic sign facing Alameda Avenue as well as upgrading and adding to the signage in and around the building. The Connection will also be experimenting with proposed innovations on expanding involvement with new members during their initial time in the congregation.

As always, if you have visions, thoughts or suggestions for our group, or if you would be interested in joining us on our journey, do not hesitate to contact one of us: Pastor Caitlin, Erin Saboe, Nancy Johnson, Nancy Nyhus, Ellen Kastens, Brad Uyemura.



Compassion and Action with Our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry

HDD reviews legislative bills and explores racism discussion resources

Human Dignity Delegates will begin reviewing bills introduced in the current Colorado State Legislation sessions, learning which bills are being supported by both Rocky Mountain Synod and Together Colorado to determine our course of action. HDD is also committed to learning about racism utilizing the 2021 Rocky Mountain Synod Lenten series “Struggling with Our Stories on Race.” We are also maintaining a list of resources to assist us in looking at racism through a Lutheran lens.

New members are always welcomed. Next meeting is Sunday, March 13 following 10:30 a.m. worship. If you would like additional information, contact **Beth Black** (comosh@aol.com) or **Katy Lunsford** (katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com).




Help build and repair homes with Habitat for Humanity

It's a new year of volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity through Holy Hammers, an interfaith coalition of congregations (including Augustana) with the mission of working together on building projects for the community in partnership with deserving families and Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver (HFHMD).

Holy Hammers and HFHMD are continuing to partner to build single-family townhomes at the Aria Homes site in Denver. We have up to 10 slots available for our next volunteer date, which is Saturday, March 19, 8:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and if you are interested in volunteering, please sign up online by March 4 at the following link: <http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/>

Additional home build and critical repair projects are ongoing. If interested in volunteering or if you would like additional information on how to get involved, please contact **Michael Zumwalt** (303-907-6305 or michael_zumwalt@agilent.com).

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Maja Bornhiem
Chelsea Brammer
Bev Cohen
Tim Libby
Jerry Sanders
John Tucker
Shanna VanderWel
Trinity Vierow
- 2** Alex Pulley
Cora VanderWel
- 3** Jamye Gilbertson
Karen Jordahl
Glenna O'Neal
Sharon Schillereff
- 4** Paul Edstrom
Michelle McHattie
- 5** Henry Gerber-Ward
Kathy Kesner
Maggie Morris
Raeann Seney
- 6** Donna DeBell
Braden Ezpeleta
- 7** Heidi Logsdon
Trevor Solheim
Morgan Terwilliger

- 8** Kristen Cochrane
Ford Finke
Doris Scanlan
- 9** Beverly Behringer
Jon Gilbertson
Evelyn M. Johnson
Michael Parks
- 10** Sandra Heitzman
Kathy Jenkins
- 11** Jim Dierker
Ethel Essig
- 12**
- 13** Nina Bernhard
Henry Kouba
Donald Lund
Timothy Neumann
John Pederson
- 14**
- 15** Jesse Altum
Carl Hansen
Ann Hultquist
Phoebe Ralston

- 16** Jack Bartels
Jeff Boe
Jack Genovese
Blythe Karstadt
Lucille D. Smith
- 17** LouAnn Baker
Anna Bjornebo
Emily Bjornebo
Tamra Mohs
- 18** Kay Bengston
Emily Friesen
- 19** David Bonicelli
Elizabeth Damon
Steven Dirks
Duane Vikman
Jo Ann Wacker-Farrand
- 20** Paige Hartkoorn
Sonja Massie
Daphne Ralston
Arne Tollund
Anderson Woodward
- 21** Norma Gerber
Sarah Graham
- 22** Valerie Byrd
John Flory
Benjamin Swenson
Claire Taron
Scott Yeager
Peyton Zimmerman

- 23** Trystyn Carlmark
Kara Carter
Tim Kah
Nancy Morgan
Mindy Penny
Ben Pepper
Kisanet Yohannes
- 24** Nancy Dierker
Steven Trautmann
Patricia Vaillancourt
- 25** Dana Crona
Lillian Crook
Emmett Cruson
Allan Schneider
- 26** Gayle Bebee
Mary Goodwin
Abbie Miller
- 27** Ingrid Gessert
- 28** Henry Bourg
Inger Helm
Brenna Rowan
- 29** Tim Zeckser
- 30** Marilyn Kessler
Errol Sweetser
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*If your name should
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