

At the Tower



gen·er·os·i·ty

Generosity starts at home for many people.

Growing in generosity often happens at our “second home”—our church.
Growing in faith often leads to a growth in generosity.



Here at Augustana, every day we witness acts of generosity, both large and small. People are generous with their time, talents and treasure as we WORSHIP, GROW and GO. Our congregation depends on each of us to contribute to our communal mission with the resources we’ve been given.



There are big acts of generosity like supporting Metro Caring through the packaging of beans and rice, choir and other musical groups during worship services, and volunteer teachers of Faith Formation, as just a few examples. There are too-many-to-count smaller acts of generosity too—someone holding the door for another person, greeting a visitor with a welcoming smile, making a call, praying and/or sending a card to a sick friend, or simply listening to someone who needs a friend.



It is the combination of these many generous acts that make Augustana the great welcoming community that it has been for nearly 150 years. The Welcome 150 Campaign was launched because we have faith in the generosity of our congregation. The Campaign aims to raise funds to renew our ministry in many ways. We hope by hearing about the many acts of generosity across our community, you will be inspired to participate in the campaign and the annual fund in a way that is meaningful to you.

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”

Coretta Scott King

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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:

- Dale Arden
- Devin Bannister
- Sandy Barker
- Pr. John Bengston
- Aubrielle Conover
- Breanna Conover
- Don Ferlic
- Rick Frampton
- Scot Hanson
- Coreen Hein
- Gail Jacobs
- Nora Johnston
- Karen King
- Greg Lunsford
- Marcia Olson
- Michael Quintana
- Adam Ruppe
- Alfred and Elaine Shea
- Pat Vaillancourt
- Holly Weber
- Those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, especially: Rosmarie Van Doren

For comfort and courage:

- Jim Apple and family in the death of his wife, Jean Apple
- Nick Massie in the death of his friend, Vic Bencomo
- Shirley Cunniff in the death of her grandnephew, Jesse De Tienne
- Gary Flora
- Judy Kessenich
- Sue Ann and Ron Glusenkamp in the death of their friend, Buz Koebel
- Roger Lipker in the death of his nephew, Brian Koontz
- Shirley Cunniff in the death of her cousin, Rosemary Lubenow
- Ken Rinehart in the death of his mother, Willa Rinehart
- Family and friends of E.L. Van Laningham in his death

Thank you for the gifts!

Special Gifts

- in memory of Susan Blanz Davidson



Gratitude for Julie MacDougall

Julie was on staff with Augustana for almost 10 years and has been a member of the congregation for so much longer. We celebrated her at worship and Sunday Lunch on October 13 as her last day in the office was October 17. She is starting a new job that builds on her career in marketing. We receive with thankfulness the work she has done as Volunteer Coordinator and Building Use Facilitator with and for the congregation for the sake of the gospel! Any change on a small staff has a big impact. Please pray for Julie, staff, and the congregation.



Thanks, Augustana!

Thank you, everyone, for the wonderful send off on Sunday! I appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness, and all of the ways in which you are blessings to Augustana. You make everything happen here!

It's an exciting time at

Augustana and I wish everyone the best!

With gratitude,

Julie Byther MacDougall

Please Welcome Jan Schulz - A Temporary Plan for Julie's position



Jan started a temporary position in Augustana's office on October 30 after spending time with Julie during her last week. Her hours will be 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Monday–Thursday.

Jan joined Augustana a year and a half ago and comes to us with a background in teaching (decades) and then coordinating Special Education (10 years). She has been retired for six years and

is looking forward to helping Augustana fill this short-term need in the church office. She accepted Pastor Caitlin's invitation to serve in this way.

Jan's office role will include answering phones, worship slips, visitors and new members, Shepherd's Staff database, assisting Lyn Goodrum, and general admin. Pastor Caitlin and the staff are figuring out other aspects of Julie's roles and responsibilities like Sunday morning worship volunteers and Building Use. This in-between time allows us to think clearly and creatively about next right steps.

Please stay tuned to your ePistles for updates. Contact **Pastor Caitlin** (PastorCaitlinTrussell@augustanadenver.org) with questions or thoughts.

An Augustana Generosity Story

Augustana Homes, God's Love Made Real by the Augustana Congregation

In 2018, four Augustana people attended a brunch about the 5,000 unused acres of land on faith community properties in Metro Denver that could be used to build affordable housing. They returned very inspired by what they heard and began a process to determine what we could do with some of our unused land. One of the big questions that came up was the potential good we could do with the money if we simply sold the land. A long-time member talked about the shift in his own thinking from selling to building. He said that he realized that a million dollars can come and go rather quickly but land for affordable housing is much harder to find. He was a key voice supporting this generous gift given by the congregation.

In 2019, after much study and discussion, the Augustana congregation voted to donate just under an acre of our vacant Dakota Avenue



land to affordable housing and interviewed three non-profit builders. We chose Habitat for Humanity as our construction partner and signed a \$100/99-year lease. That's it. \$100. Almost one acre. In Denver. Talk about generosity! Eight new homes will provide families with the opportunity to purchase homes with

affordable mortgages in a vibrant part of the city. Augustana Homes will be 100% electric and includes three- and four-bedroom layouts with two bathrooms, adjacent to our park and community garden.

Jesus teaches us to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Augustana Homes are God's love made real by the Augustana congregation for the community, with the community, and by the community.

Pastor Caitlin





Teachers' Lounge BEFORE
Original floors from 1964

Teachers' Lounge AFTER
New Floors and Asbestos Removal

Welcome 150 Completes First Renovation Project

Even before the campaign began, the Early Learning Center was renewed!

A three-year-old preschooler entered the Augustana Early Learning Center and exclaimed, “Look at these BEAUTIFUL floors!”

She noticed the renovation of the Augustana Early Learning Center (AELC), which was completed in September as the first official project of the Welcome 150 campaign! An advance gift of generosity made it possible to finish this project within a narrow window in the AELC school-year timeline.

The project consisted of the abatement of the asbestos located in the flooring throughout the main level of the facility, along with the sprayed on “popcorn ceiling.” Once the abatement was completed, the center received beautiful new flooring throughout, new electrical LED bulbs,

touch-up patching and painting, and a renovated reception and administrative area.

“The Center staff and families are thrilled with the new floors!” said AELC Director Kisanet Yohannes. “They make the school look so much brighter and more cheerful, and our rooms look and feel bigger too. We are so happy with how everything turned out and are grateful to the congregation for their support and assistance throughout this project!”

Craig Tamminga, Augustana’s Facility Manager, coordinated the project with the AELC staff, Augustana staff, and contractors. “This was accomplished thanks to a strong, dedicated team working together to accomplish the goals set forth for the project,” he said. “Many thanks to all who worked on this project over the past several months!”

Pastor Caitlin

Connecting with Each Other

Your time spent on “front porch” visits in October—both the delivery side and the opening-your-door side—was time well spent connecting with each other. If you missed your Augustana visitor, please open your bags and respond to the invitation for the



congregation-wide brunch on November 10! (If your bag has gone missing, call Augustana’s office!) One gift of Welcome 150 is the opportunity to get to know each other better. Connecting faces with names is a real challenge in a congregation like ours.

It can be even harder to go deep into conversations on Sunday mornings or in ministry meetings. So open the Inspiration Booklets that came in your front-porch bags. Read the stories submitted by Augustana members and friends. Their stories about our congregation and their lives are really something. Some of you shared your stories directly with me as you were considering whether or not you wanted to submit them to the booklet. As a preacher, I know well the vulnerability of storytelling. Thank you, one and all, for the honor

Jesus talked about money a lot. It’s holy ground when we’re able to do it in healthy ways as we steward our resources

of receiving your stories.

Our Welcome 150 Capital Campaign and our Stewardship 2025 Mission and Ministry Appeal are ultimately opportunities to connect with God and each other. Money is a topic that’s culturally personal while congregational life is interconnected by the way we give our time, talent, and treasure. Jesus talked about money a lot. It’s holy ground when we’re able to do it in healthy ways as we steward our resources by paying our committed staff, taking care of our campus, and giving to the community and the wider church. Thank you for the impact you make with your meaningful gift to the campaign and your regular offering to the congregation’s ministry budget. Our gifts large and small combine for the gospel’s sake now and into the future!

Peace,
Pastor Caitlin

Pastor Karen

*A billion voices in one great song . . .
in ev'ry culture and style and key,
from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
with Christ we praise you eternally:
Soli Deo Gloria! (Glory to God Alone!)*

—ELW 878, stz. 5

A billion voices? One great song.
Praising **with** Christ! What could this
song sound like? What does it mean to
praise God with Jesus Christ!

We often set aside November for our praises, in
stewardship commitments and Thanksgiving, or
Thanks-living, as some call them. What inspires
your praise to God? How do you live out your
gratitude?



From stanza one we are reminded, *your
love surrounds us our whole life through.*
God's love is in, with, and through us,
and all creation—**all the time**. This is our
reason to praise, to sing, *Soli deo Gloria!*

God chose Jesus to be the arms, the
heart, the love of God that surrounds
us our whole life long. The church has
been called to continue Jesus' ministry
in a world that longs to be surrounded
with words of love and grace. As partners

with Christ, we have a song of love to sing—with
a billion others. That song is Jesus. Who will hear
your voice this week?

Pastor Karen Ullestad

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Pastor Kent

For all the Saints

For many years I wondered what was
behind the “Archive Room” door,
located down the stairs from the church
narthex. With the 150th anniversary
of our founding on the horizon in
2028, I asked for the key and spent
hours studying old photos and flipping
through pages of old documents.

I was looking at papers, but what I was
experiencing was *people*:

- the small group of Swedes who
gathered on September 20, 1878, to charter
a constitution for their church, the Swedish
Evangelical Augustana Church in Denver
- the people at worship who week after week
have sung hymns of praise, thanksgiving, and
gratitude
- the church leaders who made bold decisions,
especially the radical idea to move from a



traditional building downtown and in
1959 dedicate a unique and modern
building on Alameda, out on the
growing edge of Denver.

On All Saints Sunday, November 3,
we remember those who have gone
before—those from whom we inherited
the past who were faithful, bold, and
generous.

Someday we will be those saints,
remembered by the people of a future

Augustana. Our Welcome 150 Campaign provides
us the opportunity to become those people who
are someday remembered with gratitude for their
vision, their faithfulness, their generosity.

Pastor Kent Mueller



Thank you for your September offerings which supported beans and rice repackaging for Metro Caring, CPR skills training classes, and crucifer and acolyte training for Augustana youth.



Income Statement for the Month and Year-to-Date Periods Ended September 30

	Month Ended September 30			Year-to-Date Period Ended September 30		
	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2023 Actual
Revenue	\$150,679	\$88,853	\$71,380	\$934,090	\$910,556	\$798,639
Expenditures	121,346	114,776	97,432	1,013,212	1,012,101	925,121
Net income (deficit)	\$29,334	(\$25,923)	(\$26,052)	(\$79,123)	(\$101,545)	(\$126,482)

Need More Funds?

Augustana programs, groups, and property are eligible to receive designated funds as voted by **Thrivent** members. Requests for funds should include the name of the organization, amount of money requested, the purpose of the grant, whether requests are being made to other sources, and a contact person with telephone number and/or email address. Send your request by November 15 to KL-cruson@comcast.net, so it can be considered at the November 17 Augustana Thrivent Financial meeting.

These Thrivent Choice Dollars have been generously designated by Thrivent members to a special fund at Augustana Lutheran Church. Thrivent members may contact thrivent.com or 1-800-THRIVENT to designate your Choice Dollars at any time.

Thrivent meeting November 17 to disburse money

The November 17 meeting of Augustana's Thrivent members will make decisions about disbursing

Thrivent Choice dollars to Augustana programs, property or groups. All Augustana friends and members are welcome to attend, but only Thrivent members may vote on the decisions. Meet at 11:45 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. Lunch will be provided (\$5). Contact **Katherine Cruson** (303-696-7430) by Friday, November 15 for reservations.

Congregation Council

At our regular Council meeting held on October 15, we:

- Reviewed the monthly financials for the church.
- Received a presentation from the Welcome 150 Work Group and voted to approve a Welcome 150 Project Plan resolution which outlines next steps in the potential design and construction plan process.
- Received an update from the Nominating Committee regarding potential committee and council members for 2025.
- Continued our discussion of *Tempered Resilience*.
- Planned for Thanksgiving Eve Pie Fest.



Little Things Make a Big Impact!

Thank you, Welcome Connection Ministry!

Painting our current church sign in front of the Sanctuary made a big difference. Thank you, **Erin Saboe, Jayme Howard, Julie MacDougall, Nancy Nyhus, and Judy Peters** for making it happen!

Augustana hosted the Bishop's installation with distinction!

Hundreds of worship visitors, deacons, pastors, bishops (including Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton) and Malagasy presidents were in attendance from all over our five-state Rocky Mountain Synod and our sister synod Madagascar! Many of them shared their gratitude for Augustana's part in the festivities and, as church people themselves, understood the work that went into being ready.

Thank you, thank you to the many ministries and staff that prepared the grounds, building,

and Sanctuary to host the Rocky Mountain Synod Council meetings and Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni's Installation on October 4 and 5. It was all hands on deck from **Altar Guild, Music, Property Committee, Publications, Spiritual Arts, Volunteer, Welcome Connection, and A/V Techs (Livestream)**. **Seki** and **Julie** in particular did a lion share of preparation and organizing. Thank you, one and all!

Worship

All Saints Sunday

On All Saints Sunday, November 3, 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 5, 2023), Augustana is pleased to include their names in the All Saints prayers. Email **Lyn Goodrum** (goodrum@augustanadenver.org) by Sunday, October 27; clearly spell the names, include the date of death, and, if necessary, give pronunciation instructions.

Remembrance of the Faithful

For those who have a loved one interred here at Augustana, we will also have a brief Remembrance of the Faithful in Augustana's Memorial Garden following the conclusion of 10:30 a.m. worship on All Saints Sunday, November 3.



Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship

Augustana hosts Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship, Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m., Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir will sing, and everyone is invited to join in the 45th Annual Pie Fest.

Your Thanksgiving Eve offering will support ELCA World Hunger. Please bring cans of food for Stock the Shelves. And bring a pie, too!

The worship service will be livestreamed.



Music Ministry

Enjoy music and worship events this November!

In addition to Sunday morning worship, I'd like to highlight three events taking place at Augustana in November.

On Saturday, November 23, the **Pikes Peak Ringers** present a concert in the Sanctuary at 4 p.m. Under the direction of **Matthew Compton**, this advanced handbell ensemble has played at national handbell events and released multiple recordings. The concert is free but donations are accepted at the door.

In late November, the **Augustana Singers** begin rehearsals in preparation for the December "Bless the Years" worship service. Rehearsals take place Wednesdays, 9:15–10:15 a.m. beginning on November 27. The choir is open to any with daytime availability who wish to sing. Please contact me ahead to reserve a spot (peters@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 122).

Finally, I hope you'll consider attending Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 27. Music for this service includes children and youth choirs and the Chancel Choir. The traditional Pie Fest follows the service and is always a great time of fellowship.

Grace and peace,

Andy Peters,

Director of Music and Organist



Music for Kids

Music Encounters - Augustana Arts continues to run Music Encounters small-group violin lessons for youth at the church on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Children ages 6–12 will get hands-on with the violin following Suzuki-style teaching. The suggested registration fee includes violin rental and all supplies. Eight-week sessions run year round with the next session beginning November 2.

Register online at <https://augustanaarts.org/me-Saturdays>.

Holidays with Augustana Arts

In December, join Augustana Arts for two great holiday performances. Stratus Chamber Orchestra will present **Holiday Tunes for All Ages** on December 7, a Christmas concert featuring singalongs, a narrated musical version of “The Nutcracker” story and other holiday favorites. Then, on December 19, join us for **A Big Band Holiday**, a swinging holiday big band concert featuring the Denver Jazz Orchestra.

Register online at AugustanaArts.org/tickets.

Augustana Foundation

New board members appointed

The Augustana Foundation Board is pleased to announce the appointment of three new board members for three-year terms beginning January 2025. They are **Todd Engdahl, Julia Stone** and **Dawn White**.

It is with deep gratitude that the Board thanks **Kari Blanchard** for serving two three-year terms, the last five years as President, and **Greg Hempelman** and **Jim Gustad** who each served for the past three years.

Continuing Board members are: **Janet Egan, Russ Epperson, Joy Hawkins, Heidi Johnson, Katy Lunsford, Denise Sanderson, Senior Pastor Caitlin Trussell, and Brad Uyemura**, and the 2025 Congregation Council President.



Sunday Lunch

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

- Free or freewill offering
- RSVP for Sunday Lunch on your worship slip or email **Deacon Shanna** by the Wednesday prior.
- To help with serving and cleaning, contact **Deacon Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107).
- **November 3:** Duffy Rolls - Anna Paulson Room
- **November 10:** Enjoy lunch hosted by Welcome 150
- **November 17:** Mici Italian
- **November 24:** Qdoba Burritos

Children, Youth, Family



College Care Packages will be assembled Sunday, November 3. If you have a child in college, please email **Deacon Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org) with their mailing address!

Package donations are welcome and appreciated! About 25 boxes will be mailed out. Small food items, small trinkets, seasonal decor, Chapstick, gum, pens, toothbrushes, Starbucks and fast food gift cards, etc. are welcome by 9 a.m. on November 3 in the Youth Room. You can leave them beforehand in Augustana's office.

Lunch and Learn

Pick up Sunday Lunch on November 17 and gather in the Youth Room, noon–1 p.m., as we discuss the book *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by Jonathon Haidt. This book is a must-read for all parents: the generation-defining investigation into the collapse of youth mental health in the era of smartphones, social media, and big tech—and a plan for a healthier, freer childhood.

RSVP for Sunday Lunch on your worship slip or via email (shanna@augustanadenver.org) by Wednesday, November 13.

Advent Adventure December 8



Augustana hosts Advent Adventure, Sunday, December 8, noon–1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Enjoy food, crafts, making gingerbread houses, lefse, music and more!

Do you have a Christmas treat/food tradition you would like to share? We will have a table available for you to bring that item for others to sample and enjoy. Copies of recipe cards are helpful.

Advent Adventure is fun, free and open to everyone, so invite a friend!

Fellowship/Study

Adult Forum

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

- **November 3: Pastor Kent Mueller** and **Dane Vierow** will walk us through the proposed sanctuary updates for Welcome 150. This forum meets in the Sanctuary.
- **November 10:** No Adult Forum. You are invited to attend a Welcome 150 brunch.
- **November 17: Pastor Caitlin** and **Katrina Crook** will reflect on Welcome 150.
- **November 24: Jo Ann Wacker-Farrand** and **Jan Miller** will introduce us to the ELCA's new initiative, Sumud, which supports the work of justice and peace in Palestine and Israel.

Book Group

Monday, November 18,
1 p.m., Youth Room

Join us to discuss
Geraldine Brooks' *Horse*,
based on a true story
of the record-breaking thoroughbred in the mid-
1800's. For information, contact **Ellen Kastens**
(303-475-7877 or ekkastens@gmail.com). All are
welcome.



Horse is a human story that takes the reader from
the time of Jarret Lewis, the enslaved young man
who becomes his groom, to the racing grounds
of old New Orleans and contemporary scholars
in Washington, D.C. It is at once beautiful and
heartbreaking, a tribute to the magnificent
horse, Lexington, and those who cared for him.
(Goodreads)

Women, Wine and Word

Women, Wine and Word will meet Thursday,
November 21 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Room. This
session will complete our study of *A Bigger Table:
Building Messy, Authentic and Hopeful Spiritual
Community*, by John Pavlovitz. Look at section III,
“Under Construction.” Please join, even if you have
missed the previous sessions. Invite a friend. Bring
a beverage and/or snack to share.

For additional information or questions, contact
Katy Lunsford (katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com).

Health Ministry

New support group forming for parents of estranged adult children



Family estrangement in general and parental
estrangement in particular is being recognized as
an emerging public health problem in our society.
Roughly 70 million persons over the age of 18
indicate they are estranged from a family member,
and one in eight parent-adult child relationships is
estranged.

Health Ministry Teams from Augustana Lutheran
Church and Bethany Lutheran Church are
partnering to offer this needed support group.
Estranged parents need compassion in a safe, non-
judgmental environment.

PEAK Support Group – Initial Gathering

Saturday, November 9, 9–10 a.m.

Augustana's Anna Paulson Room (enter off east side
on Fairfax Avenue)

You are invited to attend for several hopes:

- Connect with others who have experienced
family estrangement
- Receive resources and support
- Learn how to heal from the pain of
estrangement
- Determine details of future support group
gatherings

Questions or concerns? Contact either **Sue Ann
Gluskamp** at Augustana (303-388-4678 ext. 106
or gluskamp@augustanadenver.org) OR **Janet
Mortinsen** at Bethany (303-758-2820 or janet@bethany-denver.org).

Learn about Faith Community Nurse training

Faith Community Nursing is a specialized practice recognized by the American Nursing Association of professional nursing that focuses on intentional care of the spirit, as well as the promotion of whole-person health and the prevention or minimization of illness within the context of a faith community.

Registered Nurses are invited to online classes for Westberg Curriculum: Foundations of Faith Community Nursing, January 30–April 10, 2025.

- Trained, experienced faculty with content expert guest speakers
- 36.5 contact hour curriculum
- Thursday nights online, 5:30–8:30 p.m. MST with 30-minute break for 11 weeks
- In-person commissioning service
- \$400 course fee + participant manual
- Partial scholarships may be available for FCN in the Rockies members

For information and/or to enroll, contact **Cyndy Wacker** (cyndynurse@gmail.com or FCNROCKIES@gmail.com).



60+ Ministry

Save the Date: Bless the Years

Thursday, December 12

- 11 a.m. - **Worship/Communion** - Sanctuary
- Noon - **Catered Lunch** - Fellowship Hall

Watch for invitations and details in your mailbox and in Augustana's publications.

Compassion and Action with Our Neighbors Ministry



Refugee support for Kisanet's family

Kisanet Yohannes's brother and family are on their way to the Denver metro area from Ethiopia, arriving October 24. Augustana's CAN ministry invites your support for **Finan, Luwam, Semair, and Halyot** who will be moving into a small, one-bedroom apartment.

You're invited to provide items for their apartment at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4AADA723A2FF2-52291271-refugee#. Items can be donated at any time and may be coordinated with Kisanet, or items may be delivered on Sundays to Augustana and placed by Deacon Shanna's office. Please connect with **Kisanet** (kisanet5@gmail.com) about any specific donation questions.



After their arrival, those who are able to help with time and talents such as public transit navigation, career skills, appointments, and interviews are invited to connect with Kisanet to share your support with the family. Thank you!



Grace Race – Augustana Brings Home the Fleetest Flock Trophy! AGAIN!!!

Twenty Augustana kids and adults participated in the Grace Race on October 5! It was a perfect day to run, jog, or walk around Sloan Lake. All money received by the host, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, went to ELCA World Hunger. Thanks to all who participated!

Grace Race Funny

I thought I would share with you what a running friend said when I told him about the race. I told him that it supported ELCA World Hunger and raised about \$10,000, and that our congregation won the Fleetest Flock Trophy of all the Lutheran churches in this area who participated. His response was “must be why you are called Luther-RANS.”

Don Troike

VOTE VOTE VOTE

Election day is November 5. If you haven't already sent in your ballot, this is your reminder to do so. All elections are important; however, this one is especially crucial.

Stock the Shelves at Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship

At Thanksgiving Eve Community worship, we are requesting that you bring canned food to the service. The donated food will be used to replenish our Sanctuary Soup Shelf and the George Washington High School Pantry.



Thanksgiving “baskets” for single-parent families

Continuing Augustana’s long tradition of providing Thanksgiving “baskets” to Warren Village and First Step residents, Augustana Lutheran Church will provide grocery gift cards and food.



The residents prefer gift cards so they can celebrate Thanksgiving with their own tradition, which may not include turkey and dressing!

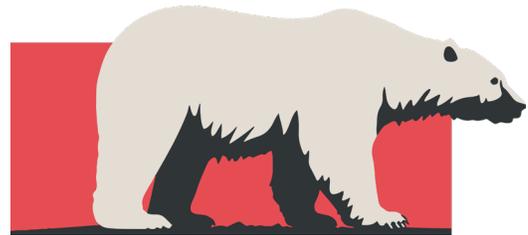
Different this year

This year will be different: because of the Welcome 150 campaign and Stewardship emphasis, donations will NOT be requested from Augustana members and friends. Instead, a “cushion” of funds from previous years will be used to order the gift cards. And again, Thrivent Financial will assist with Action Team grants of \$500 for food purchases. So, thank you, Augustana, for your previous gifts which enable us to continue helping these families. (Easter contributions will be accepted in April 2025.)

Warren Village and First Step provide a safe apartment, job training, and child care for low-income single-parent families. Learn more about Warren Village at warrenvillage.org.

CAN Ministry Meeting

Our next CAN Ministry meeting will be held Sunday, January 12, noon–1:30 p.m. in the Anna Paulson Room.



Care of Creation

Creatures in the Bible

As we enjoyed celebrating St. Francis’ love of animals on October 6, let us consider and celebrate many ways in which the Biblical writers experienced God in Creation.

- **Bear:** I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs. Hosea 13:8
- **Bird:** All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7
- **Dove:** Jesus saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. Mark 1:10
- **Eagle:** As an eagle stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young; as it spreads its wings, takes them up, and bears them aloft on its pinions, the Lord alone guided Jacob. Deuteronomy 32:11–12
- **Hen:** How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Matthew 23:37
- **Lamb:** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29
- **Leopard:** Like a leopard, I will lurk beside the way. Hosea 13:7
- **Lion:** I will devour them like a lion, as a wild animal would mangle them. Hosea 13:8

Gracious God, in your love you created us in your image and made us stewards of the animals that live in the skies, the earth, and the sea. We are all the more made aware of your presence through them. Bless us in our care for our pets and animals. Help us recognize your power and wisdom in the variety of creatures that live in our world and hear our prayer for all creatures that suffer overwork, hunger, or ill-treatment. Protect your creatures, and guard them from all evil. Amen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Sunday Faith Formation 9:30am GIFT Confirmation		1 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly	2 Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn your clocks back an hour!	
		Sunday Children and Youth Music Ministry 9am Cherubs Choristers Chancel Handbells Breakfast Club				
		Noon Cantabile Chapel Ringers Recorder Ensemble				
3 All Saints Sunday Health Ministry Sunday Worship/Communion 8am 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:45am Remembrance of the Faithful 11:45am Sunday Lunch Noon Grief Group Noon Augustana Knitters Noon Augustana Instrumental Ensemble Noon Welcome 150 Prayer Vigil <i>See Faith Formation and Music Ministry above</i>	4 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 1pm Welcome Connection 4pm Welcome 150 Steering Committee 7pm Augustana Foundation Governance	5 Election Day 7pm Augustana Foundation Grantmaking Committee	6 9am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:15pm Chancel Choir	7 The Tower deadline	8 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Property Committee 11am Bulletin Assembly	9 9am PEAK Support Group
10 Pentecost 25 Worship/Communion 8am 9am Welcome 150 9:15am Augustana Instrumental Ensemble 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am Welcome 150 Noon Executive Council Noon Grief Group 1pm Mission Trip Planning <i>See Faith Formation and Music Ministry above</i>	11 Veterans Day 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	12 Noon Children, Youth & Family 6pm Children, Youth & Family 6pm Worship & Music 7pm Augustana Foundation Board	13 9am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:15pm Chancel Choir	14 2pm 60+ Ministry	15 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly	16 8:30am Staff Workday Habitat for Humanity
17 Pentecost 26 Worship/Communion 8am 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Thrivent 11:45am Sunday Lunch Noon Lunch & Learn: "The Anxious Generation" Noon Grief Group <i>See Faith Formation and Music Ministry above</i>	18 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 1pm Book Group	19 1pm The Tower Assembly 4:30pm Stewardship Committee 7pm Congregation Council	20 9am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:15pm Chancel Choir	21 10am Sarah Circle 6pm Augustana Early Learning Center Board 7pm Women, Wine and Word	22 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers Noon Augustana Early Learning Center Thanksgiving Luncheon 11am Bulletin Assembly	23 Concert: 4pm Pikes Peak Ringers
24 Christ the King Worship/Communion 8am 9:15am E4 Mental Health 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am Sunday Lunch Noon Grief Group 3pm Concert: St. Martin's Chamber Choir <i>See Faith Formation and Music Ministry above</i>	25 7:30am Foot Care Clinic 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	26 6pm Augustana Ringers 7pm Rachel Circle 7:15pm Chancel Choir	27 9:15am Augustana Singers 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6:30pm Alzheimer's Support Group 7pm Community Thanksgiving Eve Service and 45th Annual Pie Fest	28 Day of Thanksgiving <i>- office closed -</i>	29 <i>- office closed -</i>	30 11am Bulletin Assembly

Habitat for Humanity/Augustana Homes

An Augustana Homes progress report

Great progress continues on the Augustana Homes project with Habitat for Humanity.

The first building, located on the east portion of the site, continues to take shape. All framing has been completed on the structure, and all exterior sheathing has been

installed. The next steps will consist of drying the building in, installing the shingles and gutters, and beginning work on the exterior siding and trim. Once this has been completed, work can begin on the interior of the building.

The second building, located on the west side of building no.1, has just completed the foundation and backfill portions of the build. The next steps for no. 2 will be to start the installation of the sub-



floor, following the same sequencing as building no. 1.

Many volunteers have been working on the project over the last couple months, and it is amazing to see what “lay people” can accomplish when they have good supervision

and guidance, which Habitat for Humanity’s staff expertly provides.

The homeowners vetting process will begin soon, and HFH will host an informational meeting for all prospective homeowners at Augustana soon. We will get the word out on a date and time as soon as we have one with HFH.

Craig Tamminga,
Facility Manager

You can still help build Augustana Homes!

Holy Hammers is a coalition of Lutheran churches in the Metro Denver area with members who donate their time to fundraise and participate in the construction of affordable housing.

Don’t miss out on the building of Augustana Homes! There are plenty of opportunities to get involved!

First of all, new dates have been added through February 2025 for Holy Hammers’ sponsored builds:

- Saturday, November 9, 8:50 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Register by October 26.
- Saturday, December 14, 8:50 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Register by November 30.

- Saturday, February 15, 8:50 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Register by February 1.

We also have a date for painting in their new Production Shop (430 S Navajo St, Denver):

- Saturday, January 18, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. *Register by January 4.*

The deadlines are two weeks prior. Please use the following link to register:

<https://vhub.at/HolyHammers>

Secondly, you can sign up as an individual on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday dates as they become available, usually two to weeks in advance. Please use the following link to register:

<https://denver.volunteerhub.com/vv2>

Or thirdly, if you would like to arrange a special day for your group, please contact Michael Zumwalt to make arrangements. Contact info below.



The minimum age for working at a building site is 16, and 14 for the Production Shop. This is a great way for our youth to get credit for community activities that can help with applying to colleges and for jobs. All levels of talent are welcome, and we receive instructions for everything we are asked to do, always working under supervision. And we are not expected to do anything we don't feel comfortable in performing.

If you would like additional information on Holy Hammers or other Habitat for Humanity volunteer opportunities, please contact **Michael Zumwalt** (303-907-6305 or michaelcumwalt@gmail.com).



Be a Site Host for Augustana Homes

On October 3, the first Augustana Homes Site Hosts were trained by a Habitat Coordinator. Five Augustana members learned how to prepare the welcome table and ensure that the construction

volunteers were properly registered. There are four more volunteers to be trained. An additional five or six volunteers would be wonderful. With approximately 15 Site Host volunteers, we should be able to staff the welcome table without severely impacting any one person. Again, the only qualification is a good morning smile, no carpentry skills required.

Site Hosts will:

- Assist in setting up the welcome table.
- Greet the day's volunteers.
- Ensure volunteers have signed a waiver and registered.
- Distribute hard hats and safety glasses.
- Make sure everyone has a name tag.
- Inform the volunteers where the restrooms are located and where they can fill their water bottles.
- Direct the construction volunteers to the Habitat Staff.

After training, volunteers may go online and determine which days they would like to work. Site Host's job duties will take about one hour each time you volunteer.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, contact **Annie Nessa** (amnessa@comcast.net).

Help provide snacks for Augustana Home Volunteers

The mornings have gotten crisper, and fall is in the air. CAN Ministry would like to invite you, your Augustana Ministry, or your service organization to provide coffee or hot chocolate or perhaps a snack for the Augustana Homes construction workers. In the next few weeks, we will address ways in which you can help. Stay tuned for specific information in Augustana's publications.

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- If your name should have been on this list but wasn't, please call Augustana's office (303-388-4678).*