

A prayer for the Summer Solstice

On Friday, June 20, at 8:42 p.m., we celebrate the Summer Solstice. In terms of daylight, this day is 5 hours, 38 minutes longer than the Winter Solstice. Make a note of it. Set your phone to remind you. Honor and savor the gift of the abundant light of summer with this prayer written by Wendy Janzen:

Great Spirit of the sun,
On this dawning of a new day
we turn our faces toward your radiance,
looking for your grace to shine upon us.
Creator of Light,
may your fire burn within us,
igniting passion,
fueling growth,
extending warmth to all
with whom we connect this day.
On this longest day of the year
we celebrate life, abundance,
fertility, growth, fruitfulness, ripening,
color, strength, vitality, and richness.
We also celebrate this day with the
indigenous peoples who have called
this place home long before settlers arrived.
We pray that we might be good neighbors,
good listeners, and good allies as we
pray together for reconciliation,
for justice, and for the earth
we all call home.
Let us rejoice in this longest day of light!
Amen.

Blessings of Light,
Pastor Kent



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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:

- Sandy Barker
- Tatu Binti
- Doug Hein
- Arvetta Hjelmstad
- Edward Hoffman
- Bert Lager
- Judy Larson
- Steve McCartney
- Don Munson

for comfort and courage:

- Tom Pappalardo
- Neil Shea
- Lisa S.
- Mary Tinker
- Pam Uyemura
- Susan Walter
- Harry Waters
- Marilyn Webb
- Sandy Wong
- Diane Zarlengo

for comfort and courage:

- Angela Howard in the death of her grandmother, Sue Goehring
- Bonita Bock in the death of her friend, Solveig Kjeseth
- Ed Wichert and family in the death of his wife, Diane Wichert

Do you have a Prayer Request?

As part of the transition to fewer set hours, Pastor Karen will no longer be coordinating our prayer ministry.

Starting June 1, please direct prayer requests for the Sunday bulletin and weekly Prayer Chain to **Inez Smith**, our Interim Faith Community Nurse (nurse@augustanadenver.org). If you have an urgent pastoral care need, please continue to call Augustana's office (303-388-4678), and you will be forwarded to a staff person.

Thank you for the gifts!

Augustana Foundation

- in memory of Orvid Olson

Staff, Pastors, and Personnel Committee Updates

Pastor Karen Ullestad concluded her time in the church office on May 30 and will be available to Pastor Caitlin as needed for time-off coverage, visitation, and funerals as well as preaching from time to time. Pastor Karen graciously offered this mostly-behind-the-scenes role through the call of our next Associate Pastor! Her new contract reflects these changes. Staff celebrated her time in the church office with us with a potluck!

Pastor Kent Mueller will continue working with the congregation until a new Associate Pastor is called and installed. His new contract is the same as the one that ended in May.

Front Office Hospitality and Admin is currently being served by three volunteers—**Janice Schulz**, **Lynn Tyler**, and **Christelle Menth**. Thank them when you see them! They are giving their time while Personnel Committee works on what's needed in that role.

Personnel Committee meets again on May 28 to continue working on updated job descriptions for the staff.

Faith Community Nurse Search Committee completed the first round of resumes and interviews and have not identified a candidate. Please spread the word about this job opportunity in our congregation for the right nurse.

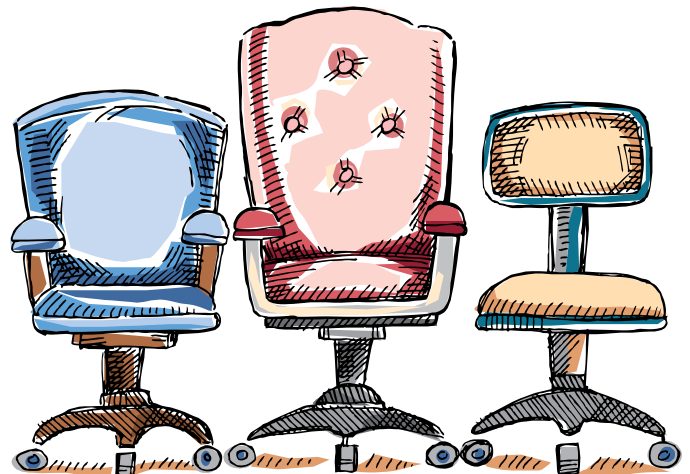
Augustana's gifted staff continue to work together and serve the congregation through these transitions. Please check in with them as you're able and hold them in your prayers.

Contact **Pastor Caitlin** with questions (pastorcaitlintrussell@augustanadenver.org).

Call Committee welcomes your candidate suggestions

Calling our new Associate Pastor is an exciting and mission critical time for our congregation. The Call Committee is in the process of reviewing Rostered Minister Profiles and conducting interviews. We ask you, our church family and friends, to let us know if there are candidates you think would be the right pastor for Augustana. Let us know! Your connections could help us find the person that will help Augustana fulfill our mission. As the Call Committee continues its work, please pray for the person who will be our next Associate Pastor and for the Call Committee's discernment.

Contact **Katy Lunsford**, Call Committee Chair, with information or questions (katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com).



Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Hope-Filled Summer Worship

Summer Sundays' worship relaxes with lighter liturgy and familiar hymns, befitting the feel of the season. As politics continues to impact real people's lives with hard news, I encourage you to worship when you're in town to infuse your spirit with hope. Singing together positively impacts our mind-body-spirit health with what's called "collective effervescence." It feels different to sing alongside Chancel Choir members who've returned to the pews for the summer while some of us sing with the weekly pick-up Summer Choir.

We also welcome many visitors who find the time to check out churches over the summer. Your presence in worship is a low-key welcome to them



and embodies the human connection in our congregation—a quiet kind of evangelism in our pews, if you will.

S'more Fun & Worship in Church Park on Wednesdays also lightens summer with camp-style worship, holy communion, and frolicking children. It fits nicely in between weekend trips AND there are gooey s'mores at the end of it! We continue to surround and support our children and families with community and hope.

Summer worship is a powerful reset each week as God's promises center our hearts and minds on the living hope of Christ Jesus. Come and be fed.

Peace,

Pastor Caitlin

Music Ministry

Sing with the summer choir!

During June and July, all are invited to sing in Summer Choir. This choral ensemble, now in its fourth year, is open to any age including children and youth. Summer Choir gathers each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Christ Chapel to rehearse an anthem to sing at 10:30 worship. There's no need to reserve a spot; just show up for rehearsal. I hope that families, spouses, partners, and friends of other singers will consider singing in this group as a meaningful way to make music together.

I look forward to seeing you at Augustana during summer worship.

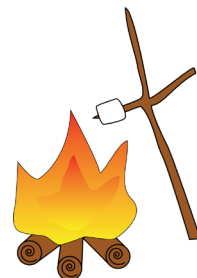
Grace and peace,

Andrew Peters

Director of Music and Organist

Worship

S'more Fun & Worship in Church Park!



Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 and July 9, 16, 23, and 30

Supper 5:30 p.m.

Worship 6:15 p.m.

Enjoy family friendly meals with s'mores and camp-style worship in Augustana's Church Park!

At 5:30 p.m. we will have cheese pizza dinners, and you are welcome to bring food to share, but come as you are! At 6:15 p.m., we will start our camp style worship with communion. You are encouraged to bring a water bottle and chair or blanket.

Sacristan Volunteer for 10:30 a.m. worship!



Michael Quintana (pronounced keen-tahn-ah) is our new Sacristan volunteer starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. He will ensure that worship leaders like readers, communion helpers, and ushers are in place prior to worship. Michael

is a more recent member of Augustana. Please welcome and encourage him as he learns the details of this new role and gets to know your names and faces!

Deacon Shanna continues to shepherd the shift towards cross-generational worship leaders of all ages and how we do Sunday mornings together.

There's room for other Sacristan volunteers if you're interested! Please contact **Deacon Shanna** to help in any worship role or learn more (shanna@augustanadenver.org).

Welcome Connection

Grab a friend, come worship, eat s'mores!

Did you know that, in the summer, we have a weekly worship service in the park? Well, we do! On June and July Wednesdays (except July 2) we gather in Church Park, eat pizza and s'mores, and praise the Lord. (*See article previous page.*)

Welcome Connection's summer challenge is for you to join S'more fun! Bring a friend! It might be a fun way to introduce someone to Augustana. See you there!

Children, Youth, Family

Support day camp with meals for staff

Looking to help support Day Camp at Augustana? Volunteers are needed to provide meals for the Sky Ranch Staff the week of July 7–10. Please connect with **Deacon Shanna** (shanna@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 107) to volunteer.

Interested in volunteering with our young people at Augustana?

We could use a few more second adult volunteers for our PreK–4 grade Sunday GIFT classroom. We're asking for a once-a-month Sunday commitment from September to April, 9:30–10:15 a.m. You would not need to plan lessons. You would provide support to the teacher and build relationships with the kids.



Bibles presented to children in August

Augustana will present Bibles to children in Kindergarten and 3rd grade on Sunday, August 24 at 10:30 a.m. worship. Please let **Deacon Shanna** know by July 15 if you would like to receive a Bible and how you would like your child's name inscribed (shanna@augustanadenver.org).

Congregation Council

Nominating Committee begins work in June

The Nominating Committee will meet in June to begin the process of nominating a slate of candidates for next year’s annual Congregational Meeting election. Candidates will include Council, Nominating Committee, and voting members to

the Synod Assembly. If you have any suggestions, feel free to discuss your ideas with anyone on the Nominating Committee: **Jayme Howard, Kari Kusek, A.J. Levy, Roger Lipker, Pat Vaillancourt, and Ryan VanderWel.**



Thank you for your April offerings which supported staff and resources to welcome over 1,300 worshipers during Holy Week and Easter!

Income Statement for the Month and Year-to-Date Periods ended April 30

	Month Ended April 30			Year-to-Date Period Ended April 30		
	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
Revenue	\$96,540	\$111,106	\$76,955	\$481,839	\$481,922	\$439,312
Expenditures	98,669	121,408	108,508	413,051	455,738	442,276
Net income (deficit)	(\$2,129)	(\$10,302)	(\$31,553)	\$68,787	\$26,184	(\$2,964)

Stewardship

Your regular summer offerings support meaningful ministry

We celebrate your generous offerings! Thank you! Your generosity directly impacts our younger members' spiritual health on their summer service trip to Navajo Nation, while attending Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, and during weekly S'mores Fun & Worship on Wednesday evenings in June and July. Gratitude for your gift knows no bounds!

Your summer gifts are vital while worship attendance fluctuates with summer travel and our expenses remain the same.

Scan the code to give your summer gifts online. Set it up electronically to give regularly during your summer travels! If you want assistance to set this up, please contact **Bill Crossen** or **Christine Peters** in our finance office (303-388-4678 or christine@augustanadenver.org).



New stewardship chairperson announced

The Augustana Stewardship Committee is excited to announce that **Greta Devol** is our new chairperson. Greta's faith and family connections with Augustana are strong and powerfully witness to the call that blesses us all to be stewards of the Gospel. Please keep Greta and all the stewards of Augustana in your prayers and thanksgivings.

We're grateful for **Larry Rasmussen's** service as chairperson. His faith and dedication are an inspiration!

The Stewardship Committee: **Jo Martin, Dale Penny, Jim Dierker, Amy Rosevear, Mike Miller, Bill Crossen, Larry Rasmussen and Pastor Caitlin Trussell.**

Study/Fellowship

Book Group to host potluck and hear book suggestions

Join us on Monday, June 16 for a potluck in the Ammerman Library at 11:30 a.m. to discuss future book titles. Please bring a dish to share and ideas to help establish a reading schedule for the months ahead. Our group will take the summer off and reconvene in September.

For information, contact **Ellen Kastens** (303-475-7877 or ekkastens@gmail.com). All are welcome.



Health Ministry

How a Faith Community Nurse Can Help You

- Do you have questions about your health and are just not sure who could help with these questions?
- Are you thinking of downsizing and need help looking for senior housing options?
- Are you preparing for surgery and don't know what questions to ask your doctor?
- Do you just need someone to talk with?

These are all things a Faith Community Nurse (FCN) can help with, along with many other things. The FCN role at Augustana is in place to foster health promotion, healing and caring within Augustana and within our community.

These are some ways the FCN can help you:

- Provide resource information on home care or senior living options
- Answer health related questions or understand a treatment plan

- Visit you during an illness
- Understand care options for a loved one
- Offer grief support
- Conduct home visits for social support and home communion
- Provide healthy living information
- Provide education to the congregation

Stop by to chat about any needs you may have with **Inez Smith, RN**, Interim Faith Community Nurse, during the Health Ministry Sunday on June 1, 9–10:15 a.m. You can also call Augustana's office (303-388-4678) if you are in need of any assistance or reach out directly at nurse@augustanadenver.org.



E4 Mental Health Ministry Team – Enlighten, Encourage, Educate and Equip

E4 meets monthly on the fourth Sunday of each month, 9:15–10:15 a.m. in the Ammerman Library.

The first half hour is dedicated to education on various mental wellness topics. The last 30 minutes is planning for future sessions.

Safe Spaces

Join us Sunday, June 22, when we will discuss and learn more about Safe Spaces.

According to Merriam-Webster, the term safe space refers to places “intended to be free of bias, conflict, criticism, or potentially



threatening actions, ideas, or conversations.” It is a place where marginalized groups can discuss issues pertinent to them without having to address questions or remarks that might be directed at them from majority groups in society who are not familiar

with certain issues. The term originated in LGBTQ culture, but has since expanded to include any place where a marginalized minority (e.g., gender, racial, religious, ethnic) can come together to communicate regarding their shared experiences.



Thanks to your generosity . . .

◀ The new air conditioning chiller is in place and it is a beauty! It provides cooling for Augustana's 53,000 square foot building.

▼ All of the ceiling tiles have been removed in the education south wing in preparation for an HVAC renewal, followed by new tiles and light fixtures.



Welcome 150 Projects are Underway!

Thanks to your generosity, May was a busy month for the Welcome 150 teams!

Augustana's Property Committee began planning for the chiller upgrade and education wing HVAC renewal long before the funds were available. We thank them for their vision, enabling two complex projects to be initiated just six months after Phase 1 campaign funds were committed.

• **New Air Conditioning Chiller:**

- The old chiller was removed, and the new chiller was placed with the help of a large crane.
- Work continues to install the needed pipes and electrical system to get the new system functional by early June.

• **Education Wing HVAC Renewal:**

- Ceiling tiles in the second-floor classrooms of the education wing have been removed and disposed of so the fan coil HVAC units can be replaced and new ceiling tiles installed. This work is being accomplished

by the same contractor replacing the chiller and is expected to be completed by September.

- Upgrading the air handling systems in the education wing now will allow the use of this space as other areas of the campus undergo renovation in the next months and years. This year, summer ministries like Day Camp with Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp and Missoula Children's Theatre that would normally use this space, will be relocated to other spaces.

- **Eidos Architects** has been engaged and is working closely with the Welcome 150 Design Advisory group to develop architectural drawings and other planning documents needed to guide the project forward. (More information on this process will be provided in the Welcome 150 quarterly update next month.)

“Tap, tap, tap, Grammy. Tap, tap, tap, Grumps.”

An Easter Letter to Augustana Memorial Garden Families about Welcome 150

Pastor Caitlin co-wrote a letter with Ellen Kastens about our Memorial Garden and the Welcome 150 Capital Campaign. Here is Ellen's story. Read Pastor Caitlin's in the full letter at augustanadenver.org/Welcome-150.

Ellen's Story

Back when the Memorial Garden was a mere vision and Augustana was raising funds to make it a reality, I was in my early 20s, and a final resting place for family wasn't a thought. I didn't contribute toward the fund and hadn't imagined the importance this sacred place would become to me just a few years after its completion. In 1991, and with three generations of my family worshipping at the church, my husband and I were the first ones in our family to place a loved one there—our precious infant son Tommy. A week later and unexpectedly, my mother joined Tommy, and several years after, my father. I am grateful for this sacred ground that I have come to love for its solace, comfort



▲ Jamie, Ellen and baby Tommy Kastens

◀ Ellen and Jamie Kastens with granddaughter Quincey



and beckoning nature. I often pop into the Memorial Garden at times of melancholy, joy, and those in between and share with my loved ones all that's happening in my life without uttering a word.

Augustana is the only church home I can remember. My family joined when I was two years old, and it soon became the backdrop for many of my life's moments. Today, worshipping in the same sanctuary pew where I sat with my family as a youngster and singing the familiar

hymns that I sang alongside my parents so many years ago connects me to them anew. Singing hymns each Sunday with the collective Augustana

family, I am supported, awakened to my past, and filled with the presence of God, ready to face life's weekly challenges.

One recent Sunday, our nearly three-year-old granddaughter clutched my hand and pulled me into the Memorial Garden. Alongside my husband and me, she mimicked our ritual of tapping our toe three times on Tommy's stone, then three times on my parents'. In a barely audible voice, Quincey chimed, "Tap, tap, tap, Grammy. Tap, tap, tap, Grumps." The music from the service moments before and this personal shared ritual with Quincey weave together our growing family's past, present,



and future and unite us with our larger Augustana family.

As a young adult, I may not have contributed to the Memorial Garden, but I am so grateful for those before me who did. Now much older, and hopefully wiser,

I support and pray for the Welcome 150 Campaign to keep Augustana thriving and to safeguard all that we cherish and hold dear.

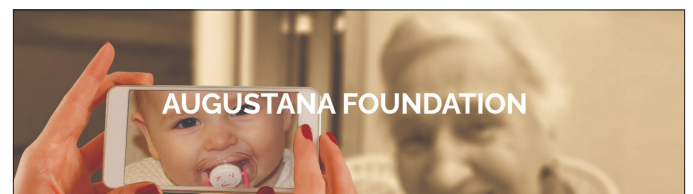
Ellen Kastens
Augustana Member

Augustana Foundation

Gratitude for a Recent Gift

A gift from the estate of long-time Augustana member **Orvid Olson** added significantly to the corpus of the Foundation. Additional gifts to the corpus increase the interest earned each year which allows the amount available for grantmaking to grow in parallel. Orvid was a dedicated member of the Property Committee for many years, and his bequest will continue his legacy of protecting and improving Augustana's property and ministries. We are so very grateful for his generosity.

- Augustana Music Ministry needs
- Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains
- Augustana Arts



Join the Foundation Board for 2026!

One member of the nine-member board that oversees the Foundation will complete his allowable term of service at the end of this year. If you might be interested in serving in this way, please reach out to the Board President, **Brad Uyemura** (foundation@augustanadenver.org). More information about the foundation can be found at <https://www.augustanadenver.org/about-the-augustana-foundation/>.

Second Quarter Grants

- Augustana Lutheran Church Property Committee's ongoing improvements to irrigation and lighting
- Augustana Early Learning Center for space conversion to accommodate more students
- Augustana community garden for shed repairs
- Augustana youth education programs



Stratus
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

A WESTERN WOMAN

With Grammy nominated musician,
formerly of The Lumineers
Neyla Pekarek



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A Western Woman

**Saturday, June 7, 7 p.m. at the Stanley Market Place
(2501 Dallas St, Aurora, 80010)**

Immerse yourself in the sounds and stories of the Wild West with Stratus Chamber Orchestra at A Western Woman. A Western Woman is an immersive seating performance centered around the incredible story of Colorado folk hero Rattlesnake Kate. Stratus will be joined by Grammy nominated musician, formerly of The Lumineers, Neyla Pekarek and will be performing music from her 2019 and 2023 albums about Rattlesnake Kate. This performance by Stratus, Neyla, her Denver band, and dancers from Life/Art dance will be a delightful mix of orchestra, Americana, musical theater, doowop, and more as they celebrate the incredible true story of this woman of the west.

VIP tickets and concert-only tickets available online at AugustanaArts.org/tickets.

Who was Rattlesnake Kate?

In 1925, “Rattlesnake” Kate Slaughterback killed 140+ snakes that attacked her and her 3-year-old son while they were out on horseback. She returned the next day, gathered the snakes, and turned their skins into a flapper dress, cementing her place as an icon of the Wild West. She was a trailblazer for females at the time who pushed the boundaries of what was expected of women at the time.



Augustana Homes

Augustana Homes Good Neighbor Policy

The Good Neighbor Policy was developed through conversations between Habitat for Humanity and Augustana to help clarify the relationship between Augustana Lutheran Church and Augustana Homes homebuyers. Our mutual goal is to treat them like any neighbor—with respect and welcome. The guidelines ensure that the homeowners in this community feel welcomed into the neighborhood while their privacy and preferences are respected.

The goals are to:

- Ensure that the homebuyers at Augustana Homes feel comfortable and respected throughout their homebuying process and after closing on their homes.
- Offer helpful guidelines about how to interact with homeowners respectfully and appropriately.
- Provide expectations for Habitat homeowners and Augustana congregation members about shared spaces (i.e. park, parking areas).



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We look forward to welcoming the new homebuyers at Augustana Homes!

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These homes will go through Habitat's affordable homeownership program and then become independent homeowners. They will own and manage their properties and become part of the neighborhood. Our mutual goal is to treat them like any neighbor—with respect and welcome.

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Pick up a copy at entrances to the Sanctuary, or read the full policy here <https://www.augustanadenver.org/augustana-homes/>.

Construction on two Augustana Homes completed!

As summer arrives, the activity on the job site for Augustana Homes continues to grow.

The construction for the first two units of the project, located on the east side of the project, has basically been completed.

Once the new homeowner has been selected, exterior grading and landscaping will be completed with the rest of the homes.

The progress on the second building, units 3 and 4, is in the finish stage, completing all interior and exterior finish tasks in the next couple of months. HFH will be completing construction on these units soon, and selecting the new homeowners.

The third building, units 5 and 6, is now completely dried in, and has a completed roof and siding in place. Interior rough ins for the electrical,



plumbing and mechanical are under way, and should be completed soon.

The fourth building, located at the far west end of the project, is in the middle of framing now. The first floor framing has been completed, and the second floor and roof will be in place soon! If you have not had a chance, please take a look at the project as it is really taking shape, and will be a wonderful neighborhood that Augustana can take pride in for years to come.

Compassion and Action with Our Neighbors (CAN) Ministry

Clothing collected, creation cared for—and we're still listening!



▲ Christine Homan (ninth from left) and most of the folks who attended her Climate Anxiety talk on May 4

◀ A.J. Levy, Noah Kaplan from Compost Colorado, Robin Hoffman, and Bonita Bock inside CoCo's new Composting Machine

▼ A.J. Levy, Nancy Nyhus, Richard Rew, Fran Rew, Noah Kaplan, Edward Hoffman at Colorado Composting's Facility on May 4





Jean Gall, Judy Peters, and Margaret Aarestad sort clothing for families at McMeen Elementary

Thank you for your clothing donations!

This spring, CAN Ministry initiated a summer clothing drive for McMeen Elementary. Thank you for all the wonderful donations. The generosity of Augustana always exceeds our expectations. A special thank you to Sarah Circle, who collected \$400 for new clothing, and a huge thank you to all volunteers who sorted the clothing.

Care of Creation

The Care of Creation Team has been working overtime this spring. They taught us how to celebrate Earth Day.

- On May 4 at the Adult Forum, **Christine Homan**, a professional counselor, provided us with information about the psychology behind climate distress and strategies to reduce those feelings. These skills will help us be better prepared to play a positive role in caring for God's creation.
- The team planned a field trip to Compost Colorado.
- Working with the Property Committee, they helped organize a cleanup day at Augustana's Community Garden.
- Thanks to everyone who put on their gloves, grabbed their rakes and hand shovels, and went to work.

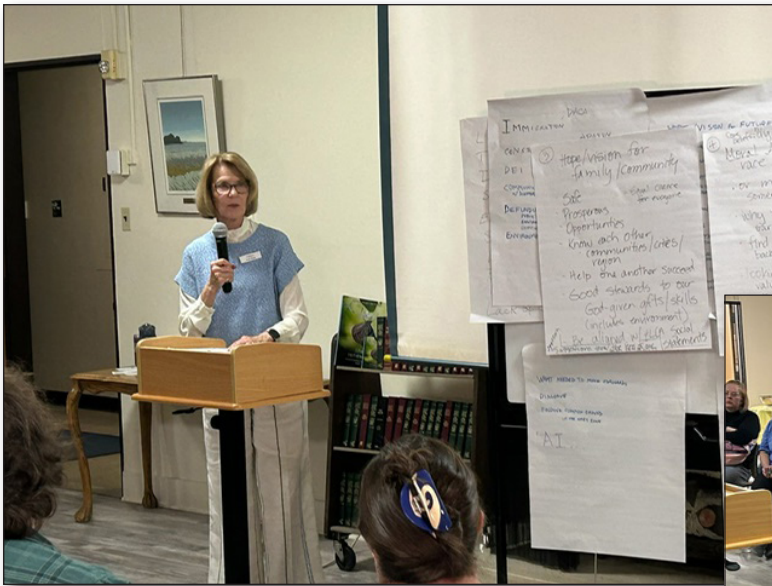
CAN Ministry Workday at Augustana Homes

On Saturday, June 7 there will be a CAN Ministry volunteer workday at Augustana Homes. If you would like to join us, contact **Michael Zumwalt** (303-907-6305 or michaelczumwalt@gmail.com) or visit <https://vhub.at/augustanalutheran>.

Volunteer at Metro Caring

On Thursday, July 17, the Human Dignity Delegates Team is planning a volunteer day at Metro Caring. What a wonderful opportunity to gain experience and knowledge about Metro Caring and to assist with the work. Mark your calendar. More information will follow.

Human Dignity Delegates host Listening Groups



On May 8, Human Dignity Delegates and Together Colorado hosted listening groups here at Augustana. Thirty people, including Augustana members and individuals from other faith communities, accepted the invitation to identify their state and local issues and concerns. Concerns ran the gamut from food shortages, inconsistencies of educational opportunities across our community, to clean air and water. Together Colorado's goal is to produce a moral agenda/platform that can be used to persuade our lawmakers to make decisions based on human dignity and justice. A second listening session will be held on June 19. *(See article following.)* We are looking forward to hearing your concerns regarding Colorado's future.

Share your local and state issues and concerns on June 19

Thursday, June 19, 7-9 p.m., Anna Paulson Room

In Celebration of Juneteenth, Augustana's Human Dignity Delegates are hosting a follow-up to their Together Colorado House Party in May. This time will continue the conversation on how to use our

faith lens in voting, legislative policy, talking with leaders, and supporting human dignity for all. All are invited.

Contact **Katy Lunsford** (katy.p.lunsford@gmail.com).

We're planning for fall this summer!

CAN Ministry never stops the planning process.

This summer we'll explore opportunities to make positive contributions in our community.

- McMeen fall activity
- Backpacks for children
- Teacher Recognition
- Celebration of our Soup Shelf's five-year anniversary

Annie Nessa, Chairperson
amnessa@comcast.com



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8am Worship/Communion 9am Health Ministry Sunday Coffee Hour 9:45am Summer Choir 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am Thrivent	2 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	3	4 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 5:30pm S'more Fun & Worship	5	6 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Memorial Service: Diane Wichert 1:30pm Bulletin Assembly	7 8am Altar Guild
8 Day of Pentecost 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Health Ministry Team 9:45am Summer Choir 10:30am Worship/Communion Noon Executive Council	9 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 1pm Welcome 150 Steering Committee	10	11 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 5:30pm S'more Fun & Worship	12 The Tower deadline 10am Sarah Circle 1pm 60+ Ministry	13 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Property Committee 11am Bulletin Assembly	14 8am Altar Guild
Mission Trip: Navajo Nation June 7-13						
15 The Holy Trinity Father's Day 8am Worship/Communion 9:45am Summer Choir 10:30am Worship/Communion	16 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11:30am Book Group Potluck	17 4:30pm Stewardship Committee 7pm Congregation Council	18 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 5:30pm S'more Fun & Worship	19 Juneteenth - office closed - 7pm Human Dignity Delegates Listening Circles	20 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly	21 8am Altar Guild 9am PEAK Support Group
22 Pentecost 2 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am E4 Mental Health 9:45am Summer Choir 10:30am Worship/Communion Noon Worship & Music Committee	23 7:30am Foot Care Clinic 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	24 1pm The Tower Assembly	25 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 5:30pm S'more Fun & Worship 6:30pm Alzheimer's Support Group	26	27 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 11am Bulletin Assembly	28 8am Altar Guild
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