

# AUGUST 2021

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

## Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



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Here's a Bible trivia question for you: What is the only miracle story to appear in all four gospels? Answer: The feeding of the 5,000! What does this mean? One meaning is that God provides hope and food even when resources appear slim.

Emerging out of the pandemic is a slow process (with much still ahead). We see it in congregations, including Augustana Lutheran Church. This slow emergence can feel as if resources are slim. Yet even with minimal resources, like a few loaves and a couple fish, God provides.

As a faith community this congregation needs your help to witness God's presence in past and present ministry, and to vision for the future. Come to the **congregational meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>**, (Read further for more info) to share and hear how God provides.

God has provided another opportunity in my own call process. In August I will begin as half-time Interim Associate Campus Pastor at Augustana University. I will continue at ALC as well, having gone down to half-time as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Both interim positions being half-time allows me to serve in both capacities, and it may provide interesting ministry partnership.

Me going down half-time at ALC (previously 2/3) also indicates a need. As you can see over the course of 2021, ALC's general offerings are down considerably, enough that it was right for me to be half-time. Sometimes it feels like we only have a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. But, like the feeding miracle story, God can and does provide. It is such an important message that the feeding of the 5,000 appears in all four gospels.

How can you be a part of God's generosity? In your giving, in your inviting of others into this ministry, in your prayers and in your praise. God provides.

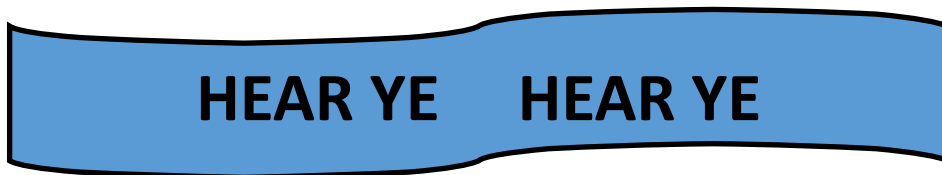
Blessings!

## *a word from* **The Church Council**

Augustana's church council continues to move forward during this period of transition for our congregation. Last month we created a building and property committee to oversee the many maintenance needs of our building and discuss building use. Please talk to Michelle or Dave if you have questions or input about the building and property.

We are about to begin a busy end of the year with a rummage sale in August, the Block Party Fiesta in September, and the Fall Bazaar in October. LOGOS will also be starting again, though details on this need to be worked out. Finally, please plan to be at church on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be holding a brief service in the social hall, and will have a congregational meeting. We will discuss the changes in our congregation in the last year and hear from you about the future of the church.

As we re-start congregational activities and plan for our future, we need your help and support. Please consider how you can be involved.



### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 15, 2021 after church in Social Hall**

Join with the Augustana Lutheran Church Council and Call Committee for a time of conversation, information sharing, and fellowship. As we gather, we are grateful for the ways God has and continues to work through this congregation and we pray for God's continual guidance into the future. This is also a chance to assess the involvement of congregational members in our vital ministry in and through this faith community.

# What's Happening See what's happening this month!

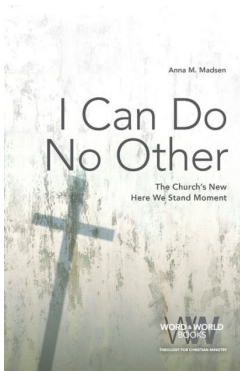
**Noisy Offering**-The Noisy Offering through August will go to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House provides shelter, food, and needed life services to those in need in our community.



## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



**Book Discussion**-Our book discussion group meets every Wednesday at 12:00 over zoom. We started a new book on June 30. Join us at any time. A summary of the book we are currently reading is below.



The selected book is

"I Can Do No Other" by Anna Madsen

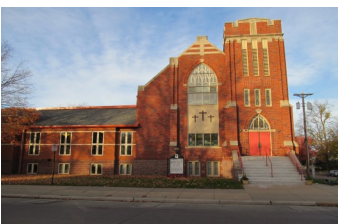
- A fresh look at the political legacy of Martin Luther and its role in the struggle for justice today.

- Tackles tough issues such as racism, bigotry, and climate change from the perspective of social justice and calls for a "New Reformation".

# Thank You

This month we recognize the following for sharing their gifts:

- ◆ Thank You to Bev Mork for her gift of \$500.
- ◆ Thank You to Lutheran Memorial for their continued support.
- ◆ Thank You to Deloris McDonald for her donation of stamps.
- ◆ Thank You to Dave Stellingwerf, Steve Bartling & Fred Moffett for all their hard work on repairing shed & foyer stairs and also cleaning up the paint room



A Properties Task Force has been created.

Members are Dave Stellingwerf, Michelle Huebner, Nancy Kremin & Pastor Jon.

# Upcoming Events



The annual Rummage Sale is back. It will be held August 13th 9 - 3 & 14th 9 - 12, with set up on August 11 & 12. Items can be brought to the church on Wednesday August 11 during the day. We will accept gently used clothing, household items, books, toys, etc. There will be sign up sheets for helping with set up, help during the sale. & bringing goodies for the Bake Sale. Contact Linda Sanden (605-413-8984) or church office if you are willing to help with set up, working the rummage sale, & donating baked goods or with any questions.



Beaver Valley Lutheran Church will be having a **Sweet Corn Picnic** on Sunday August 15th from 4 to 6 PM. Free will donations will be directed between the Brandon Food Pantry, Feeding SD, and further expansion of their outdoor space.

On the Menu is Sweet Corn, Pork Loin, Potatoes, Cucumbers, Tomatoes & Pies for desert

Beaver Valley is located 1 Mile East of the Brandon Golf Course 26214 484th Avenue, Valley Springs, SD 57068

Come enjoy fresh local products!



# Upcoming Events

We will be having the Blessings of the Backpacks on August 22 during church. All students & educators of all ages will be blessed for the coming school year.



Watch for more information on the Block Party as plans are worked out & finalized. Contact the church office if you are willing to help in any way.

**BAZAAR DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Bazaar Saturday October 30 from 9-2**

Lefse Making Friday September 24 (cook potatoes & rice potatoes) 9 AM

Saturday September 25 (Make Lefse) 9 AM

Saturday October 23 (Make Rosettes) 9 AM



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

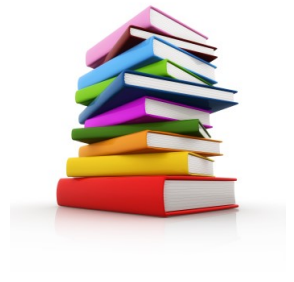


**YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHURCH BY BUYING AND USING HYVEE CARDS** to do your grocery shopping. Gift cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings, either before or after worship or call **Linda Sanden** at **413-8984** or email her at **sanden@sio.midco.net** to make arrangements. You can purchase cards in \$25, \$50, \$100. **Five percent of what you spend**

**comes back to the church.** Since the beginning of this program **\$23,975** has been contributed towards our day-to-day ministry expenses. The cards are very convenient to use. **Thanks to Jim and Linda Sanden** for managing the HyVee card's fund.



Memorial Lutheran Church will be having their Annual Used Book Fair, August 11-14 from 8-6 (Wed-Fri) & 8-12 (Sat.) Proceeds help to support Tuition Assistance at Sioux Falls Lutheran. Their address is 5000 S. Western Avenue SF 57108.



8/2 Gary Mears, Sr.

8/2 Thomas Doese, Jr.

8/2 Jaxon Stellingwerf

8/3 Wanda Frederick

8/5 Gloria Pope

8/6 Mollie Sauby

8/7 Madison Lambertz

8/10 MacKenzie Schoenfelder

8/12 Michelle Huebner

8/17 Eleanor Dennis

8/18 Melanie Loe

8/19 Zachary Pope

8/21 Chris Gerry

8/26 Ned Horsted





## Day at Wild Water West

A BIG Thank You to Frank & Marilyn Alvine for the wonderful day at Wild Water West.

It was nice having church out there and a fun time was had by everyone who attended.



# AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> - Worship and Online Worship on Facebook &amp; ALC Website  <b>12:30pm</b> - Pueblo de Dios Worship</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p><b>12 Noon - 1:00pm</b>            - Zoom Book Discussion</p>	5	6	7
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<p>22</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> - Worship and Online Worship on Facebook &amp; ALC Website            Backpack Blessing during Worship  <b>12:30pm</b> - Pueblo de Dios Worship</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p><b>12 Noon - 1:00pm</b>            - Zoom Book Discussion</p>	26	27	28
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## Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

### FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, August 19TH starting at 6 p.m. Food-To-You will do a drive-up distribution of food. We will not be providing a meal at this time. The food for August is Pasta (any kind). September will be Hearty Soup. Toilet Paper and Hygiene Items are Always Needed.



## Women's Ministry

### Augustana Lutheran Church Women ALCW and QUILTERS

- ◆ **Quilting** - 9:00 am every Tuesday (They are not meeting during the summer).
- ◆ **The ALCW is not meeting at this time.**



#### Shower Your Church with Blessings!!

If you would like to bless the church, in-kind donations needed are:

**White and Colored Copy Paper,  
Postage (regular, extra ounce, postcard -  
we have been going through a lot of  
postage.**

**Toilet Paper**

*Your gifts make a big difference!*

## JUNE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

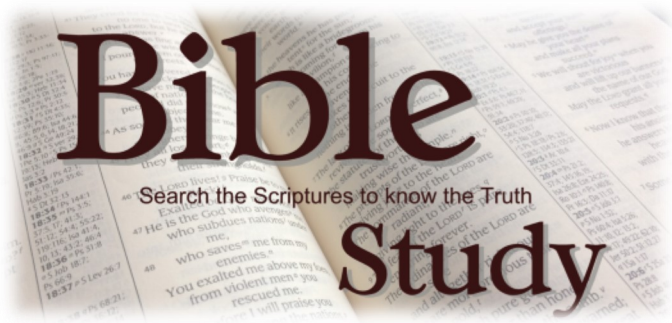
### RECEIPTS

Offerings for Operating Fund	\$ 4,075.00
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,035.00
Designated gifts for Auto. Bldg. Controls & mulch	\$ 550.00
Congregational Fund Raising ( <i>Hy-Vee cards</i> )	\$ 50.00
Reimbursement from SD Synod	\$ 450.00
Mission Partners ( <i>Peace &amp; Memorial Lutheran</i> )	\$ 300.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 6,810.00</b>

### EXPENSES PAID

Advertising & Zoom subscription	\$ 40.24
Devotional books	\$ 16.51
LOGOS ( <i>meals pd with Hunger Grant</i> )	\$ 167.40
Utilities & Phone	\$ 741.09
Insurance	\$ 764.83
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 863.70
Staff Support	\$ 6,144.49
Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,000.00
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 32.24
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 10,770.50</b>

As you can see from the above figures, there was a substantial deficit in June resulting in the need to use money from the church Savings Accounts to meet financial obligations.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

August 1, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:24-35

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Ephesians 4:1-16

August 8, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:35, 41-51

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

August 15, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:51-58

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 6:15-20

August 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:56-69

Joshua 24:1-2a

Ephesians 6:10-20

August 29, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27





## From the Bishop's Desk

Grace and peace to you!

Is your tank full or empty these days? Many among us had thought that the Covid vaccine and summer would bring relief to our chronic state of exhaustion. But as I listen to folks across the state and across the church, I frequently hear that that is not the case. Exhaustion is still lingering in our bones. Going back to normal doesn't seem to come as readily as we had hoped. You

have heard me say it many times, but I'll say it again, while we may return to normal by what meets the eye, no mask-wearing, and social events, etc, COVID has altered who we are as individuals and as communities. We all ran a mental, emotional, and physical marathon, and we need to understand that we need to recover.

I am a runner, and I know that after each long run I have to allow my body to rest. Rest is essential for my tired bones and overworked muscles to rejuvenate so that I am able to run again. Resting doesn't mean vegging out on the couch doing nothing, in fact, that kind of behavior would be counterproductive to restoring my energy and running capacity. Resting means to slow down and gently begin moving forward through mindful stretches and movement.

As we plan for fall activities with the hope that we will return to normal and go at full speed, please be mindful that your "church muscles" just emerged from running a marathon and will need gentle but disciplined movement in order to recover. I recommend that you utilize the revitalization tools we offer to slowly ease into fall. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Jonathan Steiner at [jsteiner@sdsynod.org](mailto:jsteiner@sdsynod.org). Be gracious with each, readiness to restart ministry is different for everyone.

Please, always remember that this is God's Church, that it is not through our own works that we are saved and beloved, but solemnly by and through the grace and mercy of God. Be patient with yourself and your neighbor and begin everything you do with some deep breaths and prayer.

Journeying together in Christ,

Bishop Constanze

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**8:00 am - Tuesday, July 20th**

**- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of July 26th**



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