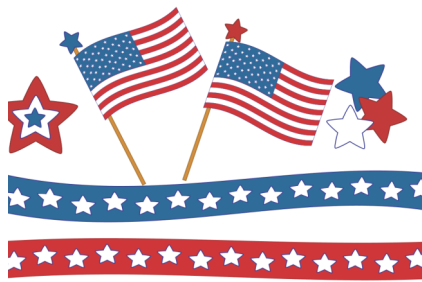


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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



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Each Tuesday morning in June I spent time on the corner of 7th and Prairie, and handed out free coffee and water. Free stuff is always good! Various people joined me: ALC members, neighbors, a SD Synod staff member, middle schoolers from a church volunteer crew, and other visitors. It was a steady flow of smiles, friendly waves, and conversation.

ALC is planted in a busy neighborhood, as you most likely know. How are we visible? How can we re-engage with and support our neighbors? What shall we do?

At the end of the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asks: "Which one of these...was a neighbor...?" The hearer responded: "The one who showed mercy." And, Jesus said: "Go and do likewise."

A free cup of coffee or bottle of water isn't going to change the world, but it could be a sign of peace or a message of hope in someone's life. Augustana Lutheran Church is meant to be such a sign: Peace, hope, mercy... to a world and neighborhood in need.

Thank you for the many ways you have been a part of this ministry of hope in our neighborhood. We need you now, too. Your presence in worship on-site or online, or serving Food-to-You, or talking with your neighbor, or giving a free cup of coffee, or imagining what exciting things are in the future for this congregation. You are a part of God's mercy on the corner of 7th and Prairie and well beyond this small piece of land.

Thank you! Go and do likewise.



a word from **The Church Council**

Hello from Anna Amundson, the new council president. I accepted this position after Brian Lambertz resigned from the council in April. We are sorry to see him go and we would like to thank him for his service to our congregation.

The church council continues to work during this time of transition. This month, along with other members, we've continued the cleaning and organizing at the church, served Food To You, reached out to homebound members with May baskets and elected a Call Committee.

Last week, four council members and Pastor Jon met with Bishop Constanze Hagmaier, Pastor Renee Splichal Larson and Pastor Jonathan Steiner from the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA. The pandemic has changed our congregation significantly, and synod staff offered support and advice for moving forward. Pastor Jonathan has offered to continue working with us regarding new ways to reach out to our neighbors, and we will let you know how you can take part in these conversations as they continue.

Thank you to everyone who continues to offer their time, money and prayers to sustain our congregation.



On Thursday mornings in June and July, Anna Amundson (ALC President) and Interim Pastor Jon are taking an online continuing education course through Wartburg Seminary (ELCA seminary) and Dialog Works called *Practical Tools for the Journey*. Each week Anna and Pastor Jon join 11 other pastors and lay leaders from four different states to discuss the needs of small congregations going through periods of transition. Rev. Peter Soli, one of the instructors of the course, is Rev. Karen Soli's brother and is familiar with Augustana Lutheran. Anna says of the course: "I am hoping to gather information and ideas for our congregation as we decide how to move forward with the work of the call committee and our church's mission to serve our neighbors."

Thanks to the SD Synod for a Lifelong Academy Funds grant that covered registration fees .



Anna Amundson, Fred Moffit, and Interim Pastor Jon gathered on June 4th and 5th with over 300 people at the annual assembly for the SD Synod. The assembly was held virtually this year, and focused on how we are neighbors to each other. This theme also focused on the synod's "Neighbors in Solidarity" which includes Pueblo de Dios, Church on the Street, 1st African Lutheran Ministries, and others. <https://sdsynod.org/neighbors/>

What's Happening

See what's happening this month!

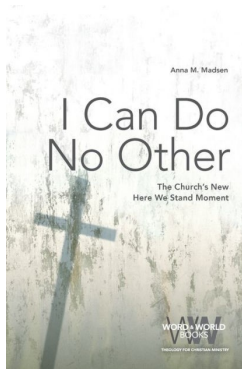
Noisy Offering-The Noisy Offering through August will go to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House provides shelter, food, and needed life services to those in need in our community.



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:

- * To those who have helped during worship on Sundays with Reading & Greeting
- * To those who helped with cleaning the church
- * From Deloris McDonald to the church for the May Day Basket.
- * Thank You to Peace Lutheran for their gift of \$200
- * Thank You to Lutheran Memorial in Pierre for their gift of \$100
- * Thank you to Dave Stellingwerf and Linda Sanden for changing the furnace filters.

Church Clean-up / Decluttering Continues

Thank you to Terry Engebretson, Dave Stellingwerf, Linda Sanden, Cindy Lappegard, Boyd Lappegard, and Michelle Huebner for work performed June 2nd to clean up the Youth Room, re-hang the bulletin board in Church Office hallway,

Additional clean-up / church repair days will be announced as planned. We have made significant progress and hope to continue to ready the church for post-pandemic celebration when protocols are relaxed and programs / activities at the church are able to resume.

Upcoming Events

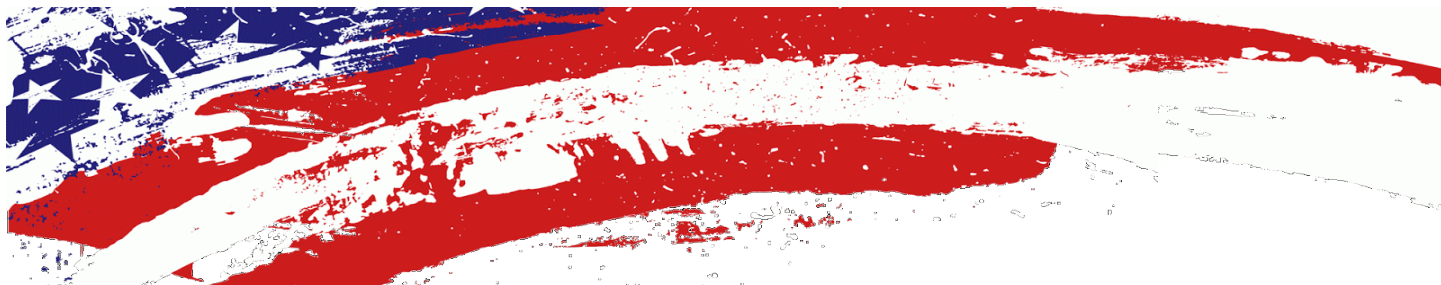


Worship @ Wild Water West – Sunday, July 25th 10:00am

Get excited to have fun and get wet as we gather for the annual ALC worship service at Wild Water West on July 25th. Worship @ 10am. Enjoy free admission to the park and discounts on food!

Thank you to Frank and Marilyn Alvine for your generosity as part-owners of the waterpark.

Please, sign-up with Pastor Jon (pastorjon.sl@gmail.com or 701-516-2680) or with the church office; **Sign-up deadline is July 18th**. See website for info about the waterpark at www.wildwaterwest.com



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 with any questions.



• 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 **\$23,950** 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.



7/2 Jeannie Luther

7/3 Phyllis Suing

7/5 Richard Dennis

7/5 Cindy Lappegard

7/8 Abigail Schoenfelder

7/9 Kevin Suing

7/12 Eloise Anderson

7/13 Gloria Ybanez

7/16 Tom Doese

7/18 Jordan Braa

7/21 David Stellingwerf

7/25 Cheryl Strang

7/29 James Sanden

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4 10:00am - Worship and Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	5 6:30pm ALC Church Council	6	7 12 Noon - 1:00pm - Zoom Book Discussion	8	9	10
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Central Church Middle School

Mission Group



Thank you Central Church Middle School Mission Group for sharing their time and talents at Augustana Lutheran Church on Monday afternoon, June 7th and Tuesday morning, June 8th. The group worked on several projects during these days including organizing the Youth Room Library books and movies, putting together the LOGOs and God's Work Our Hands bulletin boards in the lower social halls, straightening up the nursery toy box, washing windows outside the church, planting the geraniums from Pentecost Sunday, trimming bushes and installing new mulch in landscaping areas, sharing messages via sidewalk art on Prairie Ave in front of the church, etc. What an amazing group of middle school school students!! Thank you also to Terry Engbretson, Dave Stellingwerf, Linda Sanden, Lyla Pedersen, Pastor Jon, Steve Bartling, Michelle Huebner and others for sharing your time and providing beverages/snacks for the mission group.





Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, July 15TH 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 July is Macaroni & Cheese. August will be Pasta.



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.**

Your gifts make a big difference!

MAY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

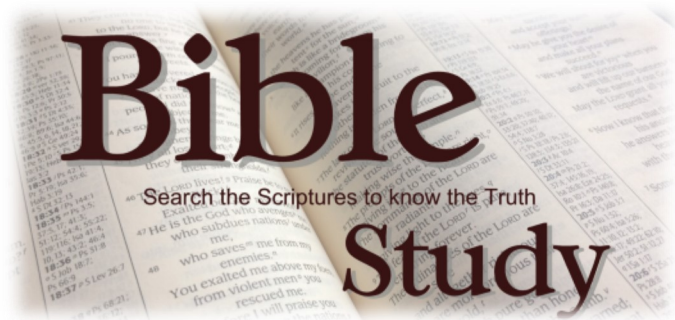
RECEIPTS

Offerings for Operating Fund	\$ 8,280.55
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,380.00
World Hunger Appeal	\$ 50.00
Building Use	\$ 150.00
Congregational Fund Raising <i>(Hy-Vee cards)</i>	\$ 25.00
Mission Partner <i>(Memorial Lutheran-Pierre)</i>	\$ 100.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,335.55

EXPENSES PAID

ELCA Missions	\$ 200.00
World Hunger	\$ 70.00
Other Charitable Giving <i>(incl. Food to You)</i>	\$ 466.13
Worship & Music: Zoom subscription	\$ 26.60
Offering envelopes for 2021	\$ 232.39
Office Supplies	\$ 68.83
Insurance	\$ 764.83
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,341.80
Utilities & Phone	\$ 1,912.33
Staff Support	\$ 6,125.04
Mortgage Payment <i>(not paid until June)</i>	-
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 37.02
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,244.97

Balance remaining on the mortgage: \$34,262.90



**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR
JULY**

	<p>July 4 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Mark 6:1-13 Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Corinthians 12:2-10</p>	<p>July 11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Mark 6:14-29 Amos 7:7-15 Ephesians 1:3-14</p>
	<p>July 18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:11-22</p>	<p>July 25 Ninth Sunday after Penecost</p> <p>John 6:1-21 2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 3:14-21</p>

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8:00 am - Tuesday, July 20th

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



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