

# APRIL 2022

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran



## Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



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Personally, I need times throughout the year to refocus on what is important in my life. We have some friends who set “family goals” each year, which is a lofty endeavor; our family doesn’t do that, unfortunately. Many people make new years resolutions, which are commonly abandoned. Don’t worry, because there is grace!

The season of Lent is another opportunity to refocus, especially on the important relationships in our lives. One definition of the term *repentance* is “to turn”, as in to turn away from one thing and toward another thing. We turn back to God, remembering that God is always turned toward us and cares for us. And, even more so, God is the active agent in turning us back to Gods’ own self.

How are you being refocused during this season of Lent? Think about it. How are you re-turning to God, your loved ones, those in need of help, and other meaningful parts of life?

One ALC offering this season of Lent are brief (10-15 min) online, video devotionals around the theme “Community in Christ.” These devotionals can be found on the church website at [www.augustanasioxfalls.com/devotionals](http://www.augustanasioxfalls.com/devotionals) They include a litany, scripture passage, brief message, and song. Those may help you on your journey of re-turning.

ALC also offers refocusing events in the form of weekly worship on Sundays including the upcoming Holy Week worship services on Palm Sunday (April 10<sup>th</sup>), Maundy Thursday (April 14<sup>th</sup>), and Easter Sunday (April 17<sup>th</sup>). All are welcome to refocus, return, and renew in this season of Lent and Holy Week.

Blessings to you this Lent, Holy Week, and Easter!

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

In March, the Augustana Church Council welcomed two new members elected at the 2022 Annual Meeting. Thanks to Terry Engebretson and Crystal Bartling for serving on the council.

We also discussed and approved a partnership agreement with Pueblo de Dios, something that was introduced during our Ministry Site Study. This agreement clarifies our relationship and commits us to shared activities and meetings, such as this year's Ash Wednesday service. We are working with Pueblo de Dios to translate the agreement and other shared documents into Spanish.

Each month during the pandemic, the council has discussed our congregation's response. This month, with case numbers declining, we have reinstated coming forward to receive communion and opened the pews that had been closed for social distancing. We will monitor this each month and respond to changing conditions as needed.

Be in touch if you have questions about any of this. Please continue to pray for our congregation.

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On March 20, Augustana members held a special congregational meeting and voted to extend a Letter of Call to the pastoral candidate that the call committee selected in December. A few more steps of the call process remain, but we are planning for him to begin his call at Augustana this summer. Please watch next month's newsletter for more details about our new pastor. Thanks to the members and friends of the congregation who attended the meeting, to Autumn and the members of the call committee for their work in selecting a candidate, and to Pastor Jon for his ongoing work as our interim pastor.



## EASTER WEEK

4/10 Palm Sunday Service at 10 AM

4/14 Maundy Thursday Worship at 6 PM

4/15 Good Friday

4/17 Easter Service at 10 AM

## Easter Brunch



Take a break from cooking this Easter by attending the Easter brunch, which will be served in the social hall immediately following worship on April 17.

A hearty menu is planned to include egg bake, sausage, cheesy hash browns, cinnamon rolls, fruit and beverages. A free-will offering for the meal will go toward supporting ongoing building maintenance.

Several volunteers will be needed to help, of course, so please watch for further details and sign-up sheets.



## LOGOS

LOGOS children's programming continues to rock and roll on Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm! With good food, great company, lively worship, stimulating learning, and fun activities. LOGOS is a meaningful partnership between Augustana Lutheran Church and Pueblo de Dios; both congregations contribute to the success of the program. We also give thanks for the five college-aged young people who also take part in the leadership of each LOGOS gathering. Stay tuned for an end-of-school-year event for ALC members and guests to attend in May.



Delores M Carlson passed away on March 19, 2022 surrounded by family  
Her funeral was Saturday March 19, 2022 at 1 pm. It was held at Augustana Lutheran Church

Internment will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Dunlap, IA at a later time.

Keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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



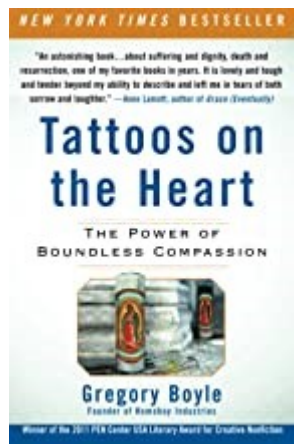
**Noisy Offering**-The Noisy Offering in April go to “Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota (ELCA outdoor camping ministries).

Toilet paper, laundry detergent, diapers, and feminine hygiene products for Necessities for Neighbors. Hygiene kits will also be included. Distribution is the 1st Sunday of the month at Peace Lutheran Church. Items can be put in the grocery cart upstairs.



**Augustana Book Group meets virtually each Wednesday at noon on Zoom**

**The next selection: “Tattoos on the Heart” by Gregory Boyle will start on April 6th.**



Author Gregory Boyle is a Jesuit priest who began preaching at a Catholic church in Los Angeles in the 1980's. He witnessed how much gang violence there was in the area and started a school program for those students who had been expelled from their regular schools because they belonged to gangs. Later with help from philanthropist Ray Stark, he founded Homeboy Industries to provide employment opportunities as well as tattoo removal services for ex-gang members looking for change in their lives.

Arranged by theme and filled with humor and glowing generosity, these essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. Tattoos on the Heart reminds us that no life is less valuable than another.

If interested in participating in this weekly book discussion, contact Anna Amundson



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## Spring Clean-Up

We will be cleaning the church inside & out on April 9th at 9:00 AM. Bring rakes, cleaning supplies with you.. Rain date will be April 16.



# FYI

• 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 **\$24,375** 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



## Thank You

Thank you to ALC members Wanda Frederick, Lorraine Mears & Cindy Lappegard who are helped with preparations for Delores Carlson's funeral with reception in upstairs social hall directly following the funeral. Thank You to Diane Larson & Fred Moffett for their music during the funeral. The family was very grateful to hold the funeral here at ALC.

A sincere "Thank You" to both Patty Kase for her service as ALC Financial Secretary over the years and to Cindy Lappegard for her willingness to serve in that role going forward. Cindy and Patty met this past Tuesday evening, and the transition was finalized. This is very good news!

### Building Update



A couple major projects will soon be underway at Augustana. First, replacement of two furnaces and a water heater are scheduled for the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>. Costs for the project are expected to be \$11,476.65. Fortunately special donations from members totaling \$11,600 have generously been made to cover the work.

Removal of a portion of the weather-damaged chimney and capping off what remains will take place after the furnaces and water heater are completed. A sizeable insurance check has been received which should cover the majority of that project.



# April



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Girl Scout Event
3  10:00am - Worship with Communion Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website  12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	4  6:30 PM Church Council	5  6:30 - 8:30 PM  Quincearera Practice	6  12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM  5:30pm to 7:30 pm LOGOS	7	8	9  9:00 AM Spring Clean up Day at Augustana
10 Palm Sunday  100am - Worship Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website  12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship 3-9 PM Baby Shower	11	12  6:30 - 8:30 PM  Quincearera Practice	13  12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM  No LOGOS	14  Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 PM	15  Good Friday	16  Rain date for Spring Cleaning
17 Easter  10:00am - Worship with Communion Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website  12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	18	19  6:30 - 8:30 PM  Quincearera Practice  Newsletter Deadline	20  12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM  5:30pm to 7:30 pm LOGOS	21  6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food-to-You (Drive-Up)	22	23
24  10:00am - Worship with Communion Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website  12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	25	26  6:30 - 8:30 PM  Quincearera Practice	27	28  4:30 PM Bethany Board Meeting	29	30



## Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

### FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, March 17 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. April is Cereal. May will be Peanut Butter.



Toilet Paper and Hygiene Items are Always Needed and can be placed in the shopping cart in the Narthex.

## Women's Ministry

### Augustana Lutheran Church Women ALCW and QUILTERS

- ◆ Quilting - Is not meeting at this time.
- ◆ 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!*

## FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

### RECEIPTS

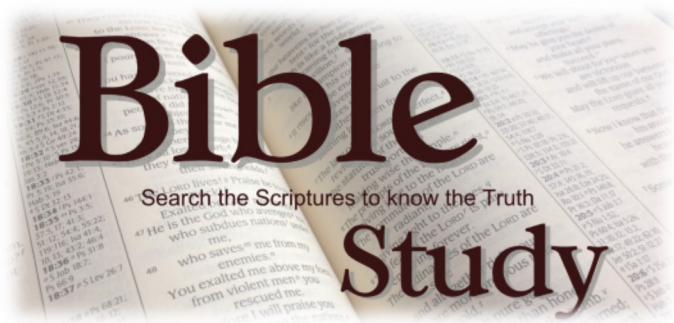
Offerings for General Fund	\$ 6,712.00
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 675.00
Noisy Offering <i>(designated for Luth. Outdoors in SD)</i>	\$ 43.67
Use of Facilities	\$ 250.00
Fundraising <i>(HyVee card profit)</i>	\$ 50.00
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
Designated gifts <i>(furnace/water heater project)</i>	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance check for chimney repair	\$ 7,451.55
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 20,557.22</b>

### EXPENSES PAID

ELCA Missions	\$ 100.00
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
LOGOS expenses <i>(pd from Hunger Grant funds)</i>	\$ 2,057.65
Office supplies	\$ 184.46
Utilities, phone, internet	\$ 2,577.85
Insurance	\$ 824.66
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 1,561.73
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,000.00
Staff Support	\$ 4,363.65
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 40.27
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 12,735.27</b>

Remaining Balance on Church Mortgage: \$23,664.65





## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL



April 3, 2022  
5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

April 10, 2022  
Palm Sunday

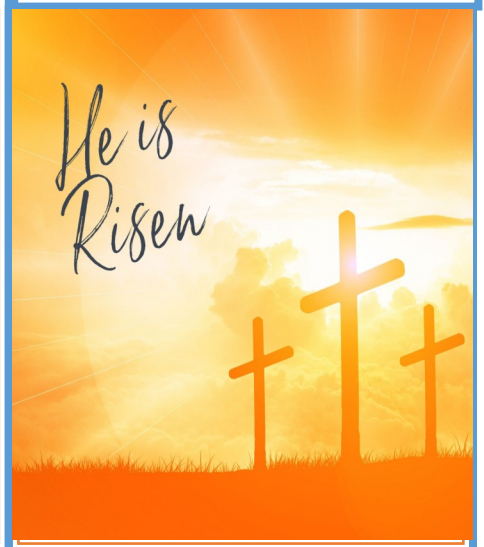
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56

April 17, 2022  
Easter

Acts 10:34-43  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Luke 24:1-12

April 24, 2022  
2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20: 19-31





## From the Bishop's Desk

Easter People,

May the risen Christ greet you in the midst of your own grief and the grief the world finds itself in. All four Gospels share various shades of Jesus' resurrection. They may not align on the details, but they leave no doubt about Christ's resurrection.

He has risen!

He has risen indeed!

In the midst of life's turmoil, unfathomable realities of war and strife, and our daily grind, we know that death is real. It shows up differently for each one of us, but we know it is real. But as Easter people, people who trust and believe that God raised Christ from the tomb in spite of what others say, we know that Christ is real-er and that no matter what stronghold death thinks it can hold over us, God will find us in the midst of our grief and bring about life in the midst of death and out of death. Therefore, dear Easter people, let us cling to the promise that nothing, absolutely nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God. Thanks be to God!

Journeying with you,

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier



4/3 Darla Lambertz

4/8 Jovie Lappegard

4/10 Lynn Braa

4/12 Jameson Stellingwerf

4/17 Jerald Suing

4/27 Jessica Lappegard

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All who contribute articles to the newsletter please email them **copy ready** to alcsf@augustanasiouxfalls.com no later than:

**8:00 am - Tuesday, April 19**

**- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of April 25th**



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\_\_\_\_\_ In memory or \_\_\_\_\_ honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will **provide flowers** to decorate the church.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will deliver the flowers to the church the week of April \_\_\_\_\_ 10th.

EASTER LILY/SPRING FLOWER DONATIONS

