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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

AUGUSTANA
LUTHERAN CHURCH ✝

SIoux FALLS, SD

GOOD NEWS FROM AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOOLS FOR CHRIST—IN APRIL AND BEYOND

by Pastor John



This is no joke! The church is full of fools and has been, even before the church itself was born. Picture, for example, the foolishness of the first disciples leaving everything behind to follow Jesus, who sent them to carry out his work with only the clothes on their backs. On the day of resurrection, when the women coming from the empty tomb told the (male) disciples what they had seen and heard there, Luke says it “seemed to them an idle tale, and [the disciples] did not believe them” (Luke 24:11). Much later, the apostle Paul wrote,

Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. (1 Corinthians 1:20-25)

During the eight weeks of Easter, worshipers in this congregation and around the world will hear stories about the first Christians as they sought to both understand and spread the good news about Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. Much of what one might call foolishness would happen in the process, just as it had during Jesus’ time of earth.

The apostles Jesus appointed to proclaim the good news after he returned to heaven would use the luck of the draw to help them to choose Judas’ replacement. One of their chief enemies named Saul would be converted to the faith, change his name to Paul, and become a great evangelist. He and other apostles would be imprisoned for their words and actions in Jesus’ name—and then experience a miraculous escape, after which the jailer and his whole family would come to faith in Jesus and be baptized! Church leaders would argue about whether and how to welcome outsiders, leading to what might be called the first Church Council meeting.

There are those today who think that either believing in Jesus—or believing in God at all—is foolish. There are others who believe that attending worship or being part of a Christian congregation is a waste of time. Despite this, God keeps carrying on the “foolish work” of loving the world and inspiring people to continue the lifegiving mission of his Son. This month, I invite you to join Jesus and Augustana Lutheran Church in engaging in God’s foolishness with the help of the Holy Spirit this month. We hope you will find some opportunities to do this as you read this newsletter, follow Augustana on Facebook, and participate in worship, and join me in being fools for Christ!

CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA

Augustana Lutheran Church – Tuesday April 9, 2024

Mission Statement:

“Being one in Christ and loving our neighbor, we share faith, hope, and peace with all.”

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER AND BOOK STUDY

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES – Approve Previous Month Council Meeting Minutes

FINANCIAL MATTERS / TREASURER’S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE / SYNOD NEWS Via email

MISSION AREAS

Pueblo de Dios

Joint Executive Council to be scheduled.

Waiting on Pastor Jonathan Vehar for full Joint Council meeting.

Time to set WWW and Block Party dates?

Stewardship/Tithely: Linda

Property and Management: Dave

PASTOR’S REPORT

Report on personal retreat

Food to You: Sign-up sheet produced going online soon. Someone to manage paper copy?

Applying for Thrivent Action Team

Cathedral Neighbor invited to help with people and funds.

Parish Associate progress

OLD BUSINESS

Full book study—hybrid?

Other

NEW BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS / ANNOUCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Friday April 19

AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL:

COMMUNION SERVERS (you will receive email):

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED

LORD’S PRAYER

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

General Fund Offerings	\$ 6,551.77
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 400.00
Noisy Offering	\$ 22.56
Memorials (<i>Deloris McDonald</i>)	\$ 100.00
World Hunger	\$ 20.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 80.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 242.00
Use of Facilities	\$ 400.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 7,816.33

EXPENSES PAID

Utilities / Phone / Internet	\$ 1,839.46
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 916.10
Staff Support	\$ 8,261.04
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 43.95
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,060.55

Offerings were very strong in January, but dropped off significantly in February. If this trend continues over the coming months, Augustana's future will once again be put in jeopardy.

As a reminder: you are now able to submit offerings online at www.augustanasiouxfalls.com/giving.

Then select "Give" in the lower L-hand corner. You can make a one-time gift, or set up recurring gifts and designate the fund you want it to go to.



AUGUSTANA SPONSORS FOOD TO YOU IN MAY!

On Thursday May 16, Augustana will take its turn serving and helping pay for the Food to You distribution. The cost to the congregation is \$450, part of which will come by a \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant. Around twenty volunteers are needed to help distribute the food—five to unload at 5:15 and the rest to distribute the food and clean up, from 5:10 to 7:30 p.m. There is a paper sign-up sheet in the narthex/gathering space on the main floor. People can also sign up online by going to augustanasiousfalls.com and clicking on the “Events” link, or use the QR Code at the bottom. Tell your friends and neighbors that they are welcome to help out, too!



A Special THANK YOU

- Thank you to everyone who donated food items and/or worked at the Palm Sunday Brunch
- Thank you to those who distributed fliers in the neighborhood inviting people to Augustana's Holy week services
- Thank you to those who donated lilies or flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter

A Special thank you to Diane Larsen and the choir for providing the special Easter anthem

April Birthdays

Let's celebrate these April birthdays!!

4/8 Jovie Lappegard

4/10 Lynn Braa

4/12 Jameson Stellingwerf

4/17 Gerald Suing

4/27 Jessica Lappegard



APRIL 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor John GONE	2 Pastor John GONE	3 Pastor John GONE NO LOGOS	4 Pastor John GONE 5-7PM Quinceañã	5 Pastor John GONE	6 Pastor John GONE 1-3 pm Quinceañã
7 Pastor John GONE 10:00 am Guest Speaker: Jackie Doese 12:30 Pueblo de Dios	8	9 Church Council 10:00 AM	10 LOGOS 5:30 pm	11 5-7PM Quinceañã	12	13 1-3 pm Quinceañã
14 10:00 am w/ Communion 12:30 Pueblo de Dios	15	16	17 LOGOS 5:30 pm	18 FOOD 2 YOU 6-7pm	19 May Newsletter DEADLINE !!	20 1-3 pm Quinceañã
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