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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIoux FALLS, SD

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



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MOMENTS OF GENEROSITY

“Lighting Up the Mortgage”

by Pastor John

The fire has started!

Augustana is on the way to paying off the mortgage on the twenty-year-old addition building. Of the \$530,000 loan taken out to finance the construction, less than \$14,000 remains! As part of the 140th Anniversary celebration, the Church Council and Endowment Committee would like to gather 140 one-hundred-dollar donations by the anniversary celebration in January.

If we get there, we'll have a “mortgage burning,” either literal or figurative, as part of the celebration. Carla Diede and her kids made a poster picturing 140 birthday candles. One candle will be colored in or “lit” for each \$100 gathered. You may “light” more than one. Checks may be made payable to

Augustana Lutheran Church, with “Mortgage” in the memo line. We hope to get a relatively easy way to donate online as well. Join in the fun, and let's “light up” the mortgage.

Advent Fair

Households of all ages and sizes are invited to participate in what may be a first ever Advent Fair here at Augustana, after worship on Sunday Dec. 4. There will be treats, beverages, crafts to make and songs to sing, all around an Advent-Christmas theme. (Yes, the pastor might even let us sing Christmas carols.) Invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy!

a word from **The Church Council**

At our November meeting, the Augustana church council discussed fall events and planned for Christmas and 2023. We will be decorating for Advent and Christmas, holding a program with the LOGOS youth, and having our annual Christmas Eve service at 5:30 pm. January will include our 140th anniversary and our annual meeting, where we will discuss and vote on our annual budget. If you have not returned your pledge card for 2023, please do so as soon as you're able. This will help the council estimate giving and make a plan for the coming year.

In the coming weeks, we will also be updating our partnership agreement with Pueblo de Dios, and we hope to re-start the Iftar dinner that ended in 2020. We have a busy year ahead of us. Please be in touch if you have questions about how you can help.

Anna Amundson

Church Council President

OCTOBER FINANCIAL DATA

RECEIPTS

Offerings for General Fund	\$ 5,130.05
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 695.00
Noisy Offering (<i>designated for Church on the Street</i>)	\$ 16.52
Designated Gifts (<i>non-budget items</i>)	\$ 859.95
Congregational Fundraising (<i>church bazaar</i>)	\$ 1,642.50
World Hunger Appeal	\$ 45.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 27.00
Mission Partners (<i>Memorial Lutheran</i>)	\$ 100.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,866.02

EXPENSES PAID

ELCA Missions	\$ 200.00
World Hunger	\$ 35.00
Worship Materials	\$ 107.92
Office Supplies	\$ 52.16
Utilities, phone & internet	\$ 2,012.79
Insurance (<i>quarterly pmt</i>)	\$ 1,642.75
Equipment, maintenance & repair	\$ 310.55
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,000.00
Property Taxes	\$ 150.30
Staff Support	\$ 4,943.39
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 39.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 10,494.26

Shortfall in October: **(\$1,628.24)**



140th Anniversary

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

--theme for 140 year celebration.

AUGUSTANA AT 140

by Jackie Doese

Talents and tongues reaching out with joy. 140 years of talents and tongues at Augustana Lutheran being led not by Pastors, but by the Holy Spirit have brought joy to our creator and to those served in the name of Jesus the Christ.

“Christ is able to make us one...teaching people to live to bless love in word and deed express.” Our words and deeds done in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit have carried Augustana Lutheran for 140 years. Thanks be to God!

“God (Immanuel) is everywhere.” Let us tell of the love with our tongues and share the life giving bread with our talents.

Glory to you, O Lord.



Holiday Homebound Treats

Holiday goody trays will be distributed to the homebound on Sunday, December 18. We need both donations and drivers for this project to be successful.

Please bring your donation to church either Saturday, Dec. 17th between 1:00 & 3:00pm OR Sunday morning by 9:30am so the trays can be assembled and ready for delivery that same day.

Here are some suggestions for possible items:

- Snacks crack-ers
- Nuts
- Tangerines
- Apples
- Cheese
- Granola bars
- Cookies
- Candy
- Jerky



GO: Church on the Street! Ways to Engage

SERVE

- 1. Friday 12/9 Food Prep w/ Pueblo de Dios @ Augustana Lutheran, 5pm**
- 2. Saturday 12/10 Serve w/Church on the Street @Multi-Cultural Crt, 9:30a-2p**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER!

Andrew Smith Vermillion, the newest member at Augustana, is also our new office manager! Andrew has been in Sioux Falls for almost a year. Before that, he spent over ten years as parish assistant at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Billings, MT. He has been facilities manager for another congregation and has worked in sales, marketing, management, and food catering. Andrew will be in the office part-time on Tuesday 9-1, Friday 9-1, and Saturday.

MOMENTS OF GENEROSITY

by Pastor John

Again, I want to lift up those people, from both Augustana and Pueblo de Dios, who generously give of their time to keeping Augustana's building clean and in good repair. It can be a big job, since there is no paid custodian. I am grateful for these people and any others I have not mentioned for doing what they can to make Augustana Lutheran Church a more hospitable place to be.

WILLING TO HELP CLEAN?

We welcome any others who would like to assist in cleaning the building. With more activities starting up, there will be more need. You may call the office (338-1672) or go to the sign-up link at the bottom of the web page—www.augustanasioxford.com—that we'd love to put to good use!



What's Happening

See what's happening this month!

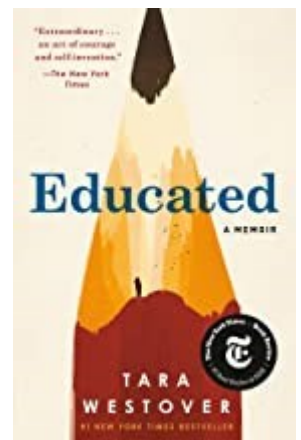


Noisy Offering-The Noisy Offering is going to Church on the Street.

Toilet paper, laundry detergent, diapers, and feminine hygiene products are needed 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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Augustana book group will resume on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 21, from noon to 1pm. on Zoom. The current selection is entitled "**Educated**" by Tara Westover. This is a riveting memoir about the author's childhood in Idaho, growing up in a large Mormon family with fundamentalist parents who opposed public education and modern medicine. The author was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom and after that, pursued learning for a decade, eventually earning a PhD in history.



Consider joining this group for a lively discussion each Wednesday (even if you can't make it every single week). We will spend approximately 5-6 weeks reading and discussing this selection. Reading assignments each week are usually short enough to complete in an hour or less, so you aren't burdened with too much at a time.

To sign up, contact Anna Amundson at 605-321-2239 anna.amundson@gmail.com or Linda Sanden at 605-413-8984 sanden@sio.midco.net. The book can be purchased at www.Amazon.com (paperback is \$11.70) or may be available for checkout from one of the Siouxland Libraries.



• 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

denominations. **Five percent of what you spend comes back to the church.** Since the beginning of this program **\$24,525** 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to ALL December Babies!

We know who you are. Happy Birthday!

(Office database was not working properly)

This is your Birthday song
It doesn't last too long! Hay!
Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food-to You	2	3
4 10am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 11am -Advent Fair! 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	5	6	7 12:00 PM Book Group on Zoom LOGOS 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	8 6:00 Church Council	9	10 Church on the Street Food Prep w/ Pueblo de Dios @ Augustana Lutheran 5p
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18 10:00am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook joint Christmas program Sunday 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	19 Andrew Out of Office	20	21 12:00 PM Book Group on Zoom	22	23 	24 5:30 - ALC Christmas Eve With Communion 7:00 Pueblo de Dios
25 No worship 	26 Andrew & Pastor Out of Office	27	28	29	30	31



Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

FOOD-TO-YOU -

First Thursday of the month, starting at 6 p.m. Food-To-You will be doing distribution of food inside the church. We will not be providing a meal at this time. November is Peanut Butter/Toilet Paper. December will be Tuna/Tuna Helper & Hygiene Kits



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!



Calling all singers!!

We are putting together a choir to help celebrate during Augustana's anniversary worship in January. If you are interested please attend our rehearsal following the 10am worship on Dec 4, or call or text Diane Larsen at 605-214-0770.

St. Lucia Festival

Since 1976, St. Mark's Lutheran Church has hosted the annual St. Lucia Festival. The story of Lucia, the symbol of light amid the darkness of winter in Sweden, says that Lucia brought food to people who were dying of hunger during a famine. Today, St. Mark's celebrates with musical performances by the adults and children of the church and traditional Swedish treats.

All are welcome for this free and meaningful event that celebrates the best things of Christmas: community, light, family, children, and good food.

Free will donations will support Church on the Street, an ELCA church without walls, whose goal is to minister to those living on the street in Sioux Falls.

St Marks Lutheran Church

Two Event Times:

Friday, December 9 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 PM



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