

# FEBRUARY 2022

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

## Good News from

# Augustana Lutheran Church



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"Behold, I make all things new..." - Revelation 21:5

...Even your congregation's website and logo. Well, that may be taking this scripture verse too far and out of context, but it's exciting news to share:

Augustana Lutheran Church has a brand new, beautiful website and logo, both using a color scheme inspired by the original stained glass windows in ALC's sanctuary.

Now, that is a good analogy for the church: We are inspired and influenced by the gifts and colors of the past, and we are re-forming and embracing the new ideas and images. 100-year-old stained glass inspiring the workings of today, making all things new.

"Behold, I make all things new," says the one seated on the throne.

The final two chapters of the book of Revelation are prophecies of the new creation God can and will create. And yet, it is not a "trash can" theology, as God doesn't discard all the goodness God has created. God instead renews the world and all that is in it, and it will not be the same.

This is an image of Christ's church, too. God, and we as God's servants, don't throw away the goodness, and yet we are drawn into God's future. God draws us into the dream of this future. It is a future we cannot fully see or comprehend. It is a future that will not be the same as the past.

I've never thought of a new website and a new logo as being signs of God's new future, but maybe they are. To me, the website and logo feel new and faithful. "Behold, I make all things new!"

Same website address: [www.augustanasiouxfalls.com](http://www.augustanasiouxfalls.com)

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

In January the Augustana church council met partly in-person and part virtually, as COVID continues to impact Augustana members. As case numbers have increased, we have continued to maintain distancing in the sanctuary and have re-instituted our previous communion practices from earlier in the pandemic. We will also continue to livestream services and stay connected with members by mail. Each month, the council discusses pandemic protocols and will continue to do so.

This month, the council also discussed the 2022 budget and prepared for the annual meeting. We hope to have further information on the call process for you soon. If you have questions about any of this please be in touch.

Anna Amundson  
Church Council President

## **Congregational Meeting Rescheduled**

The annual Augustana Lutheran Church congregational meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 13, directly following morning worship (Worship at 10:00am). Please, plan to attend either in-person or online via Zoom. Contact Interim Pastor Jon by Feb. 12 for Zoom link. Email: [Pastorjon.sl@gmail.com](mailto:Pastorjon.sl@gmail.com)

Agenda items include: Proposed 2022 annual budget/mission plan, update on pastoral call process, election of new ALC Council members, and reports from Congregation President, Interim Pastor, update on furnace replacement and chimney repair, and others.

# What's Happening

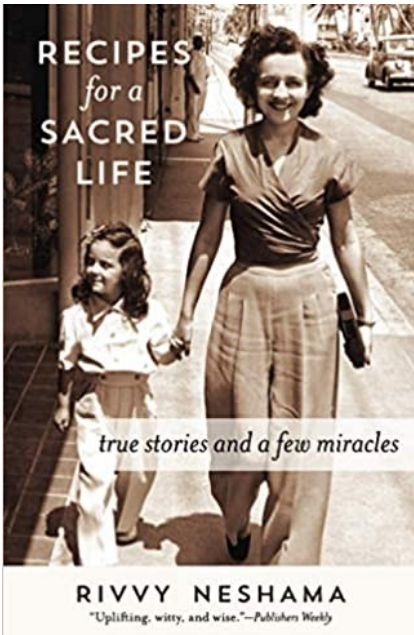
See what's happening this month!



**Noisy Offering**-The Noisy Offering in February will go to “Lutheran Outdoors:”

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.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Augustana book group will resume meeting each Wednesday beginning Jan. 12 from noon to 1pm. on Zoom. The first selection for 2022 will be **Recipes for a Sacred Life: True Stories and a Few Miracles** by Rivvy Neshama. The author is a writer, editor, and community organizer who lives in Boulder, CO. She holds degrees in philosophy, comparative literature, social work, and education.

Consider joining this group for a lively discussion each Wednesday (even if you can't make it every single week). We will spend approximately 7-8 weeks reading and discussing this material. 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.

If interested, please contact Anna Amundson at 605-321-2239 or [anna.amundson@gmail.com](mailto:anna.amundson@gmail.com). The book is available at Amazon [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

NESHAMA'S TRUE TALES, a memoir of sorts, are filled with love, warmth, and timeless wisdom. They ground us, and they lift us up. They make us laugh, and they make us cry. And most of all, they connect us more deeply with the grace and meaning of our lives.

## ALC Call Committee Update

The call committee has established a ministry profile, held a congregational meeting with Pastor Renee from the Synod. We have received rostered minister profiles and have met with prospective candidates. At this point, the committee is bound by confidentiality requirements, but we are hopeful in bringing forth a candidate. Please continue praying with us as Augustana Lutheran proceeds onward with our walk with Christ.

Thank you,

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# 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

**\$24,225** 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



## LOGOS

**LOGOS will begin again on February 9th.**



# Thank You

Thank You from Eva Nelson for the tray of Fruit & Christmas Goodies

Thank You to the Lost Souls for their music on February 5th



2/5 Kristopher MacBeath

2/13 Sadie Sauby

2/9 Lyla Pedersen

2/16 Patricia Moffett

2/20 Meredith CervaneZ



# FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM	3	4	5 3 pm to 10 pm Pueblo de Dis Member use for Baby Shower
6 10:00am - Worship with Communion Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	7	8	9 12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM 5:30pm to 7:30 pm LOGOS	10	11 Girl Scouts from 5 to 9	12
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## Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

### FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, February 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. February will be Pasta (any kind). March will be Hearty Soups.



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!*

## DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

### RECEIPTS

Sunday & Holiday Offerings	\$ 11,923.25
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 740.00
Noisy Offering	\$ 42.83
Use of Facilities	\$ 200.00
Fundraising ( <i>Hy-vee cards</i> )	\$ 75.00
Mission Partner ( <i>Peace Lutheran</i> )	\$ 400.00
Mission partner ( <i>Pierre Lutheran</i> )	\$ 100.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 13,831.08</b>

### EXPENSES PAID

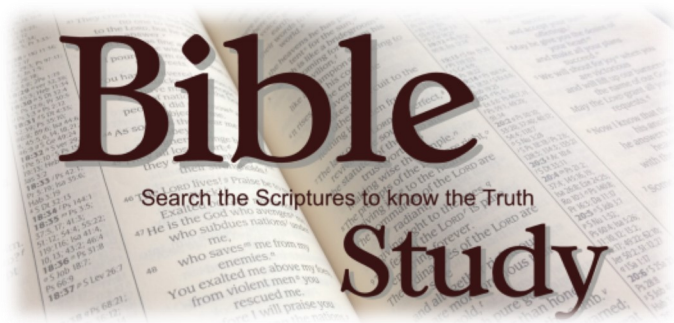
ELCA Missions	\$ 100.00
Necessities for Neighbors ( <i>from Noisy Offering</i> )	\$ 140.39
Evangelical Outreach ( <i>Thxgiving meal expense</i> )	\$ 1,141.89
Website domain & Zoom subscription	\$ 42.56
Office supplies	\$ 163.91
Utilities & phone	\$ 2,025.73
Insurance ( <i>2 months</i> )	\$ 1,649.32
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 221.70
Staff Support	\$ 4,928.75
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 42.95
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 11,457.20</b>

#### Summary:

Total income for the month of December was \$13,831.08 vs. a monthly budget of \$13,562.50 for a **favorable variance of \$268.58 or 1.9% for December.**

On a year-to-date basis, total income was \$134,132.41 vs. a budget of \$162,750.00 for an unfavorable variance of \$28,618.00 or 17.6%. **However, note that expenses last year were lower than anticipated, mainly due to changes in staffing & benefits, so receipts actually surpassed expenses by \$5,329.91.**

**Balance remaining on the mortgage: \$25,503.66**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY



February 6, 2022  
5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5 1-11

February 13, 2022  
6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

February 20, 2022  
7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 43:3-11, 15  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38

February 27, 2022  
Last Sunday after Epiphany  
Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Corinthians 3:12-42  
Luke 9:28-36(37-43a)







## From the Bishop's Desk

Happy New Year!

Partners in Ministry, Grace and Peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

This month I am coming to you with an invitation. This invitation is especially for all those who serve on the council or those who have been newly elected to the council, and particularly the newly elected ones for whom this is a brand new

experience, the ones who can say; "I have never done this kind of thing before, now what?" Please, join synod staff for a 90 minute gathering via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 from 7 PM - 8:30 PM**. You will be able to meet and be in conversation with your synod staff and others like you, who also serve on the council in their respective community of faith. We will offer brief but precise small group learning opportunities. Some examples of the things we will discuss are: how to lead an effective meeting, what are you asked to do and what are you not asked to do as a council member, and the difference between a mission plan and a budget. As the South Dakota Synod we are committed to each other in journeying together in Christ, it is my sincere hope that you will find this learning opportunity helpful as you accept and carry out leadership positions in your context. Please know that I am personally grateful for your willingness and readiness to lead, your generous gift of your time to the ministry of your congregation, the South Dakota Synod, and the ELCA, and your gift of resources, which make opportunities like this one possible.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

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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, February 15**

**- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of February 21st**



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