

July 2023

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church

AUGUSTANA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIoux FALLS, SD

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church

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Office Hours in

Summer Months!

Sunday—10 am—Worship

Monday - OFF

Tuesday—9am-Noon

Wednesday—9am-Noon

Thursday- By Appt. only

Friday—9am-Noon

Saturday—By Appt. Only

Schedule Appointment

by e-mailing the church @

alcsf@augustanasioxfalls.com



GRATITUDE LEADS TO HOPE

by Pastor John

[W]e also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:3-5)

There is much to be grateful for as we head into the second half of this year, and this fact gives me hope! Augustana has recently received several surprisingly generous gifts toward specific projects—the stained glass window, the sound system upgrade and the mortgage repayment—as well as encouragement from one generous donor to increase our own generosity! Given the struggles and “afflictions” we all have been through in the past few years, the fact that people—even people not directly connected to the congregation—are still willing to be generous toward the church means to me that they still see a reason for our active presence in this community. I have hope, too, because of the generous way this congregation shares its facilities: with the Neighborhood Watch Group, the 110 hungry households benefiting from Food to You each month, immigrants who come to receive legal assistance in becoming U.S. citizens, and, of course, the congregation of Pueblo de Dios.

Above all, I have hope because we are God's church with God's own mission of redemption and renewal before us. While human hopes can sometimes be dashed, leaving people disappointed and even embarrassed, as Paul says, hope in God will not disappoint or “put us to shame *because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*” With all we have to be grateful for, I am most grateful for that love, which never ends, and my gratitude leads me to hope.

Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 5, 2023

-CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 by President Jim. Present were Crystal Bartling, Jim Sanden, Linda Sanden, Dave Stellingwerf, Jennifer Soule, Pastor John, and Terry Engebretson.

-DEVOTIONS were led by Pr. John.

-APPROVAL OF AGENDA Linda asked to amend the agenda to include changing the Noisy Offering designation. Dave motioned to accept the agenda as amended with Crystal seconding. Motion carried.

-MINUTES Linda motioned to accept the minutes from May 2023 and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

-FINANCIAL MATTERS/TREASURER'S REPORT Linda reports that we are on a payment schedule with Portico, as they do not tolerate late payments. Marco does not accept credit card payment. The treasurer's report included current outstanding bills and bank balances as well as receipts and expenses through May. We have \$3437 plus some interest left on the mortgage.

Linda reported to the Mission Investment Fund that the mortgage will be paid in full by June 15. Jennifer motioned that any additional building fund money go into a special account. Dave seconded the motion and motion carried.

Jennifer motioned that the treasurer's report be accepted with Dave seconding. Motion carried.

-CORRESPONDENCE/SYNOD NEWS Pr. John reported that he, Holly Paulson, and Andrew Smith Vermillion attended the SD Synod Assembly and will inform the congregation of the meeting's highlights. It was focused on rural ministry.

-MISSION AREAS-

-Mission in Community

ALC Worship Pr. John will be meeting with Diane regarding special music and other summer worship ideas. Outdoor worship with picnic was discussed.

Pueblo de Dios Pastor Maria's surgery went well and the Executive Committee will meet when she returns.

-Mission through Discipleship

Christian Education and Formation The book study has started with an emphasis on our stories.

Pr. John brought forth the idea of an evening event with NeSoDak and PdD during the week of July 24-27. Pr. John will contact NeSoDak.

Stewardship (see old business) Mission through Service and Outreach

Charis Ministries/Food to You The May FtY successfully served 109 families. We note that planning should start earlier for our next hosting.

-Mission Management

Property Management Pr. John will apply for a \$3000 grant for a sound system.

Next quarter we will apply to the D.A.R. for a grant up to \$15,000, after receiving a paper estimate for the work on the bell tower.

Dave reported on some damage after FtY from carts which he will repair with paint. He will repair some ceiling tiles also. He and Fred Moffett replaced the light bulbs in the elevator.

-PASTOR JOHN'S REPORT There is a Story Junction in person meeting scheduled for August. All are welcome. Video interviews continue with Leone Kayl and others.

Pr. John will be on vacation June 19, June 25, and July 3-16.

-OLD BUSINESS Rummage sale is August 11-12 with drop off August 9th and 10th.

The matching gift of 2 for 1 match goes to \$10,000. A letter written by Jim and Linda will go out explaining this program. The deadline to donate is August 31.

-NEW BUSINESS We will schedule the Block Party/Fiesta after Pr. Maria returns. Summer Schedule

Wild Water West may be July 23 as a bilingual service. NeSoDak may have an event the week of July 24.

Rummage Sale August 11-12. God's Work, Our Hands is Sept. 10.

National Night Out-Linda motioned that we offer ALC as a backup location in case of rain. Seconded by Dave. Motioned carried.

Noisy Offering Designation-Terry motioned that Shift Garage be the designee for the Noisy Offering for the rest of the year. Linda seconded and motion carried.

-UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Deadline: June 23

Augustana Church Council: Tuesday, July 25@ 6\$00

COMMUNION SERVERS

June 18 Jennifer July 2 Dave July 16 Jennifer July 30 Linda

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED

Motioned by Jennifer to adjourn and seconded by Terry to adjourn at 7/23.

LORD'S PRAYER

Submitted by Terry Engebretson, Sec

MAY FINANCIAL DATA

RECEIPTS

Offerings for General Fund	\$ 15,365.12
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,460.00
Noisy Offering (<i>designated for SF School Lunch Program</i>)	\$ 42.56
World Hunger	\$ 60.00
Use of Facility	\$ 275.00
Congregational Fundraising	\$ 150.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 137.11
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 17,489.79

EXPENSES PAID

ELCA Missions	\$ 100.00
Worship Materials	\$ 23.41
LOGOS (<i>food expenses</i>)	\$ 161.86
Office Supplies	\$ 338.19
Utilities, phone & internet	\$ 1,327.51
Equipment	\$ 110.13
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 882.32
Property Taxes	\$ 154.24
Mortgage Payment	\$ 904.00
Staff Support	\$ 10,849.78
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 69.77
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 14,921.21



Comments:

The figure for staff support was higher than usual in May because we needed to catch up on pastor's health insurance & retirement benefits.

HyVee profit to date is \$24,850.

CHALLENGE GIVING

Members & Friends of Augustana Lutheran:

We are excited to announce a 1:1 matching challenge from an anonymous donor for funds received this summer up to \$10,000. This comes at an opportune time since the summer season is often a difficult time financially for the church in staying current with bills & obligations.

In the next few days, you will receive a special giving envelope in the mail for this matching challenge. You can either use that envelope to return your donation, or just write "match" in the memo on your check using a regular offering envelope.

Augustana Lutheran continues to reach out to the neighborhood and beyond in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Your special donation will help continue that work.

The Church Council



**JOINT SERVICE AT WILD WATER WEST
SET FOR JULY 23.**

The annual worship service and outing at Wild Water West will be held Sunday, July 23. @ 10:00 But, wait; there's more! Pueblo de Dios will join us for this celebratory day!

We hope you, your family, friends and neighbors will too!

Below is the link for signing up to attend Wild Water West. Make sure to put the names of everyone in your family attending. We would also need all the names of your guests. In the comments of guests be sure to put your name so we know who the guest is signed up under.



www.augustanasiouxfalls.com/events or Church, Phone, or alcsf@augustanasiouxfalls.com

What's Happening

See what's happening this month!

Noisy Offering!- SHIFT Garage Car Repair Ministry! -

SHIFT Garage is a non-profit garage both here in Sioux Falls and in Rapid City. They are a free labor shop where volunteers fix vehicles for those who can't afford to take them to a traditional repair shop.



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

FOOD-TO-YOU

July 6th @ East Side

*July 20th @
Augustana Lutheran*



July 13th @ Messiah New Hope

*July 27th @ Garfield
Elem Comm Ctr*

All distributions 6-7pm

July requests: Tuna/ Toilet paper

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

AUGUSTANA TO HOST NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY AUG. 1

As part of the growing relationship between Augustana and its neighbors, Augustana Lutheran will play host to a National Night Out block party on Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The annual event is sponsored by the Cathedral Historic District Neighborhood Watch Group. This event is in addition to the block party/fiesta typically held by Augustana and Pueblo de Dios in early September. That date has yet to be set. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Augustana is grateful for the support given us by the Neighborhood Watch Group, and the group has likewise expressed gratitude for having this congregation in its midst. Please watch for further details regarding this year's National Night Out.



CATHEDRAL HISTORIC DISTRICT



• 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 **\$24,850** 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!



Shower Your Church with Blessings!!

If you would like to bless the church,
in-kind donations needed are:

White and Colored Copy Paper,

Your gifts make a big difference!

THANK YOU!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*This is your Birthday Song! It doesn't
last too long!*

Happy Birthday!

From Augustana Lutheran

7/2 Jeannie Luther

7/3 Phyllis Suing

7/5 Richard Dennis

7/8 Abigail Schoenfelder

7/9 Kevin Suing

7/12 Eloise Anderson

7/13 Gloria Ybanez

7/15 Cody Buie

7/15 Chester Buie, Jr.

7/16 Tom Doese

7/17 Andrew Smith Vermillion

7/18 Jordan Braa

7/21 David Stellingwerf

7/25 Cheryl Strang

7/29 James Sanden



Sunday

Scripture Reading

Sunday, July 25th

5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading
 Jeremiah 28:5-9
 Psalm
 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Second Reading
 Romans 6:12-23
 Gospel
 Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 9

6th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading
 Zechariah 9:9-12
 Psalm
 Psalm 145:8-14
 Second Reading
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Gospel
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16

7th Sunday after

Pentecost

First Reading
 Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
 Second Reading
 Romans 8:1-11
 Gospel
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 23

8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading
 Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Second Reading
 Romans 8:12-25
 Gospel
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30

9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading
 1 Kings 3:5-12
 Psalm
 Psalm 119:129-136
 Second Reading
 Romans 8:26-39
 Gospel
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Looking ahead to August Rummage/Bake Sale!

Are your drawers and closets overflowing with stuff you no longer need? What about items in your basement or garage?



Now is the perfect time to start thinking about what you might like to donate to Augustana's **Rummage and Bake Sale** to be held on **August 11 & 12**. The date is still a month away, but we are looking for good used clothing, jewelry, shoes, books, toys, household items, tools, and whatever else you no longer need, as well as home-baked goods. (Donations can be brought to church on August 9 & 10.)

This is one of the few fundraisers we hold at Augustana and we hope you will participate either by donating, volunteering your time, or even just coming to shop! Sign-up sheets for helping and providing baked goods will be in the church narthex.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 10am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00am - Worship Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	10	11	12	13	14	15
<u>16</u> 10:00am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	<u>17</u>	18	19	20 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food- to You	21 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	22
23 The annual worship service and outing  @10:00	24	25 Augustana Lutheran Church Council 6:00	26	27	28	29
30 10:00am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	31	1	2 Andrew is on Vacation though Aug 8th 	3	4	5
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