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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church

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Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church

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CELEBRATING OUR FIRST YEAR TOGETHER

by Pastor John H. Paulson

It's hard to believe that it's already been a year since I came to Augustana! In the past year I have gotten to know many of you, visited those who cannot attend worship due to health and/or mobility issues, engaged in ministry with our partner congregation Pueblo de Dios, and developed relationships with many in the neighborhood around Augustana. Together we have celebrated 140 years of ministry, grown closer to paying off the twenty-year mortgage on the building addition, and welcomed new members through baptism and transfer.

There have been some challenges to be sure, chief among them being the challenge of meeting the financial needs of ministry with a small worshipping congregation. We are in critical need of your support to meet ongoing monthly expenses as we head into the summer months.

I am grateful to those of you who regularly support the work we do together, especially those who go "above and beyond." This is a critical time, however, so I would appreciate your prayers for the congregation and any increased generosity you can provide. Your leaders are working to enable online giving, but it takes time to get everything in place. In the meantime, please bring or mail your contributions to Augustana at the address found on the mailing flap.

I truly believe that God provides for those who seek to do Jesus' work in their communities. I see Augustana doing just that, and I continue to hear evidence of that in other people's comments. With your help we can continue that impact and increase it. Augustana's impact even more! I look forward to what we can accomplish in our second year together.

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@augustanasioxford.com

Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes April 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 by President Jim. Present were Pastor John Paulson, Jim Sanden, Dave Stellingwerf, Jennifer Soule, Linda Sanden, Terry Engebretson.

DEVOTIONS Pastor John led devotions from 1Corinthians Chapter 11.

“Remember Jesus in our midst.”

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Jennifer motioned to accept the agenda and Linda seconded. Motion passed.

MINUTES Jennifer motioned to accept the council minutes from March 13. Linda seconded, and motion passed.

FINANCIAL MATTERS/TREASURER’S REPORT Linda reported that progress is being made on the use of Quick Books. The report included current outstanding bills and bank balances. She said that the 2023 General Offering amount of \$15,447.64 and the Building on Faith amount of \$1305.04 were transposed on our financial report for last month. She will inform the office of that correction.

We then had a discussion regarding our outstanding bills in the 30 and 60 day range. Dave motioned and Jennifer seconded that the bills which accept credit card payment be paid with our Wells Fargo card. Motion carried.

Linda reported that Diane has been providing music for Lenten services so would be entitled to wages for 4 more services. Jennifer motioned and Dave seconded to make this payment. Motion carried.

Linda will speak to our congregation on Easter Sunday regarding the need for more donations to pay our expenses.

Jennifer motioned and Terry seconded to accept the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/SYNOD NEWS The Synod Assembly is June2-3. Pr.

John, Holly Paulson, and Andrew Smith Vermillion will register and attend the Assembly, which will focus on rural ministry.

MINISTRY AREAS

Pueblo de Dios Pastor Maria will translate the agreement document so it appears in English and Spanish. We may be attending PdD service on May 28, or they may worship with ALC on that Pentecost Sunday. Pr. John will speak with Pr. Maria regarding the service.

Worship Ministry Easter lilies can be brought to the church this week.

Stewardship Ministry The mortgage we owe is \$4327.57.

Christian Education Ministry

Servant Ministry There was discussion on serving at the Banquet. Tabled for now as we lack the number of volunteers required for this ministry.

Property Management Ministry Dave supplied a speaker update. A local company advised that we replace the amplifier and fine tune the signal. They will run a demo of these updates to see how they work before we decide to hire them. Dave has some projects in store, including finding a home for 2 donated cribs, pruning some hedges, and a church wide cleanup. Central Church may provide some young people to help us with projects again this year. Dave will replace the broken window with regular window glass until enough money is raised to replace with stained glass. He researched light bulb security cameras per Jim’s idea last week. They use a standard bulb screw in which could work on some inside fixtures. PdD provides church cleaning the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.

Vibrant Faith We’ll discuss the Prayer Partner Program with Crystal Bartling.

Charis Ministry The next Food To You is April 20. ALC and PdD will serve Food To You on Thursday, May 18. (CONT 3)



RECEIPTS

Offerings for General Fund	\$ 8,788.78
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 665.00
Noisy Offering (<i>designated for SF School Lunch Program</i>)	\$ 25.72
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 75.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 182.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 700.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 10,436.50

EXPENSES PAID

Worship / Music	\$ 17.03
Utilities, Phone & Internet	\$ 1,755.01
Insurance (<i>paid quarterly</i>)	\$ 1,734.00
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 2,195.78
Staff Support	\$ 5,093.48
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 53.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,848.48

HyVee profit to date is \$24,850.

Balance remaining on mortgage: \$3,437.57

PASTOR JOHN'S REPORT

The LEAD Pilot Project members are Fred Moffett, Jennifer Soule, and Pr. John.

The Cathedral Neighborhood Watch Group will be publicizing our May Food to You to raise more funds for the window.

May 7 Sunday Forum is SHIFT Garage, a service group, who will speak during worship also.

OLD BUSINESS Pr. John is working on a date for photographic sittings for a Church Directory.

The Cathedral Neighborhood Group holds their Annual Rummage the second Saturday in September. We hope to hold our rummage sale on that date.

NEW BUSINESS

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Deadline: April 21

Augustana Church Council next meeting: Monday, May 6 @ 6:00 pm

COMMUNION SERVERS May 7: Dave

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED @ 6:54

LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Engebretson, secretary

A BLESSING AT PLANTING TIME

At the Community Garden



Some Augustana members gathered recently to bless the community garden on 9th and Grange. Pictured above left is the blessing crew (l-r): Dave Stellingwerf, Pastor John, Linda Sanden, Mark Grebner, Jennifer Soule, Cherly Strang, Pat and Fred Moffett. Above right, Mark uses the opportunity to add some refreshment to his own plot in the garden.



What's Happening

See what's happening this month!



Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering is going to the Sioux Falls School program.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government provided free school lunches to all students, not merely to those who qualified for free and reduced lunches. The federal program has come to an end, but the need for food support has not.

Augustana Lutheran joins other congregations and organizations in helping to meet this need with donations to the Sioux Falls school lunch program through our noisy offerings for the next six months.

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.

FOOD-TO-YOU

June 1st @ East Side

June 15th

Augustana Lutheran



May 8th @ Messiah New Hope

May 22nd @ Garfield Elem Comm Ctr

No Distribution on June 29

All distributions 6-7pm

June will be Tuna/ Toilet paper

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Representatives of the Cathedral Historic District recently presented a check for \$450 to Augustana to help repair the stained-glass window that was broken by vandals and to assist with security upgrades. The presentation was covered by local news media.



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 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,
And Printer Toner**

Your gifts make a big difference!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*This is your Birthday Song! It doesn't last too long!
Happy Birthday! From Augustana Lutheran*

6/2	Theodore Braa	6/23	Kevin Kase
6/10	Timothy Pope	6/27	Chris Diede
6/17	Ryleigh McClain	6/29	Harlan Kjergaard
6/20	Randi McClain		



Sunday Scripture Reading

Sunday, June 4, 2023

The Holy Trinity

Genesis 1:1--2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday, June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Hosea 5:15--6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 18, 2023

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Sunday, June 25, 2023

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Thank You

Thank you to Augustana Church Choir, Again! We Love listening to Your Music!
Thank you, Diane Larsen for leading and directing the choir!
AND THANK YOU for the music every Sunday!
Thank You coffee team! Linda, Dave, Terri, and all who make fellowship time happen!
Thank You Fred and Pat Moffett from folding bulletins and newsletters!
Thank You Dave for the yard care and Maintenance of our Church!

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**. Yes, the date is more than two months away, but we know it takes time to go through things. 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.)

Hello JUNE

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Notes						
4 10am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	5	6	7 <u>No LOGOS</u> <u>Summer Break!</u> Book Group 10:00-10:40 Live and/or zoom	8	9	10
11 10:00am - Worship Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	12	13	14 Book Group 10:00-10:40 Live and/or zoom	15 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food-to You	16	17
18 <u>Father's Day</u> 10:00am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	19 <u>Juneteenth</u>	20	21 <u>Summer Solstice (Summer Begins)</u> Book Group 10:00-10:40 Live and/or zoom	22	23 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u>	24
25 10:00am - Worship Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	26	27	28 Book Group 10:00-10:40 Live and/or zoom	29	30	

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