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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIoux FALLS, SD

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church

MARCH

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A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA FOR LENT

by Pastor John Paulson

It's common for many Christians to "give up" something during the Lenten season. Rooted in tradition, the idea is that each year during Lent, Christians will mimic Jesus's actions in the wilderness, where he went forty days without eating. During Lent, therefore, Christians are invited to give up some comfort or adopt some spiritual practice that leads to self-examination, repentance from sin, and, ultimately, renewal of the soul, all in anticipation of greater dedication to serving God and others, and of the celebration of Jesus' resurrection at Easter.

Whether you decide to give something up for Lent this year or not, I invite you to consider *adding* some extra time for worship and/or Bible study with your siblings in Christ. For example:

On Feb. 22, I began leading a weekly "hybrid" Bible study with the theme "Walk Dusty," both in person and via Zoom. This will continue each Wednesday through Apr. 5 from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Those who want to meet in person can meet in the Gail Jereb Room at the church. For any who want to meet virtually, we will also email a link to the Zoom meeting to those who receive this newsletter in that way. Or you may request a link by emailing pastor@augstanasiouxfalls.com. Whether you at one session or all of them, we invite you join the discussion as we journey through the dusty road of Lent.

We will also be offering Lenten midweek worship in conjunction with LOGOS. For five weeks beginning Mar. 8, you are invited to gather with the LOGOS youth and staff for a meal Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:00, using the sung liturgy, "Holden Evening Prayer."



JANUARY FINANCIAL DATA

RECEIPTS

Offerings for General Fund	\$ 8,510.46
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,775.00
Noisy Offering <i>(designated for SF School Lunch Program)</i>	\$ 39.29
Use of Facility	\$ 200.00
Special Offering for Pastor Maria's brother	\$ 85.00
Congregational Fundraising <i>(HyVee card profit)</i>	\$ 50.00
Refunds	\$ 259.69
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 19.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,288.44

EXPENSES PAID

Charitable Giving: Pastor Maria's brother <i>(Jose Cabello)</i>	\$ 85.00
Evangelical Outreach <i>(Squarespace subscription)</i>	\$ 178.92
LOGOS expenses <i>(meals)</i>	\$ 348.62
Office Supplies	\$ 98.90
Utilities, phone & internet	\$ 950.95
Insurance <i>(quarterly pmt.)</i>	\$ 1,746.00
Equipment, maintenace & repair	\$ 364.82
Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,500.00
Staff Support	\$ 7,776.64
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 45.43
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,095.28

Remaining Balance on Church Mortgage

\$4,327.57

profit from HyVee gift card sales to date: \$24,675

FAITH AND COMMUNITY FORUMS

Last fall we began a series of monthly forums exploring various topics related to faith and our life together in church and community. We began in October by discussing South Dakota's Medicaid expansion proposal, which was passed in the November election. In December we enjoyed an Advent Fair with games, crafts and snacks. In February Karen Gieseke teaching and interacting as coach for how we define culture

Generosity
changes everything

On **Sunday Mar. 5**, our guest/host will be Kathy McHenry of Lutheran Planned Generosity, who will discuss with those gathered some opportunities to express our generosity and how that generosity can benefit individuals, congregations, and whole communities. Kathy will also preach during worship that Sunday.

MOMENTS OF GENEROSITY

by Kathy McHenry, Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota

Lutheran Planned Generosity of South Dakota - It's a mouthful! But the name appointed to this ministry, a gift to you from the South Dakota Synod, ELCA, is intentional. Our purpose is to encourage members and congregations to think about living generously, with our time, our talents and our resources. We offer ideas about how some intentional planning might dramatically increase the impact of your gifts to Augustana Lutheran and all the ministries you care about. No sales or quotas - just sharing conversation and changing the world together. Your life can make a difference! --Kathy McHenry, Executive Director

Kathy will be at Augustana to preach on Sunday Mar. 5 and to share some insights after worship in a "Church and Community Forum" following worship. All are generously invited! Looking forward to our time together,

CATHEDRAL NEIGHBORHOOD SPONSORS POTLUCK TO BENEFIT AUGUSTANA

Good neighbors watch out for one another! The Cathedral Historic District Neighborhood Watch Group will be hosting a neighborhood potluck at Augustana Lutheran on Thursday, Mar. 23, at 5:30 p.m. The purpose: to generate funds to help Augustana replace the stained glass window that vandals broke this past fall and to purchase and help provide added security for the building and grounds. The cost is estimated at between \$1000 and 5000, depending on the security measures adopted. Augustana members who live in the neighborhood are invited to join their neighbors for this generous expression of goodwill. Anyone, however, can donate by sending a check to the church with "Stained Glass" in the memo line.

The Cathedral Historic District of Sioux Falls extends from 5th to 10th Streets and Spring to Prairie Avenues. Members of the Neighborhood Watch Group have commented on the importance of Augustana Lutheran to the neighborhood. We are grateful for their affirmation and support.

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.

FOOD-TO-YOU

Third 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.

March will be Hearty Soup/ Toilet paper



Calling all singers!!

We are putting together a choir to help celebrate during Augustana's **Holy Week Services**

If you are interested please attend our rehearsal

If interested, call or text Diane Larsen at 605-214-0770.

First Rehearsal will start February 26 and rehearsal through March after 10:30 service.

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 **\$24,525** 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.



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!

Thank You

Thank You Augustana Lutheran for the lovely bag of Christmas gifts and treats.
Eva Nelson.

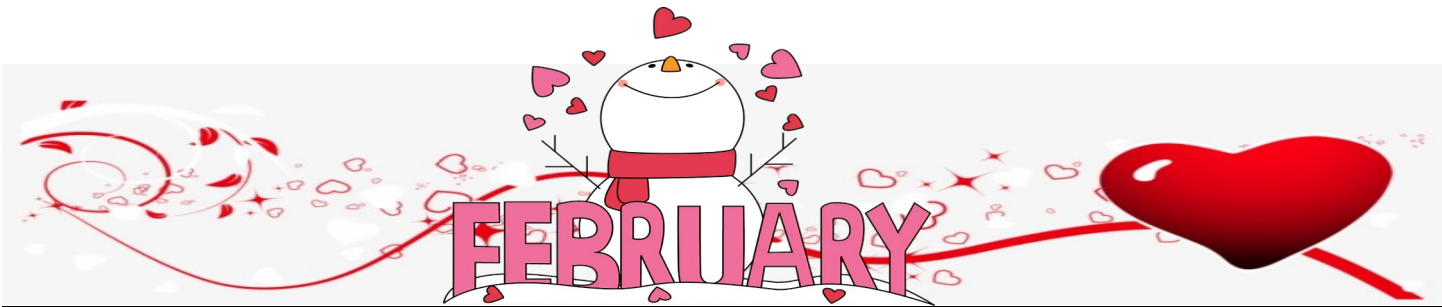
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OPEN HOUSE 3/4/23

Happy 100th Birthday to Leone Kale. Celebrating on **March 4th, 2023** at Augustana in the Fellowship Hall

From 2pm-5pm.

- 2rd—Leone Kayl
- 6th—Ruth Berlund
- 6th—Terry Engebretson
- 6th—Patricia Kace
- 7th—Riley Mears
- 8th – Zander Diede
- 16th—Martin Dennis
- 16th—Lyndon Kremin
- 22nd—Deloris Pederson
- 29th—Jeffrey Kayl
- 29th—Maria Richter



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Scripture Reading for March

Sunday Feb 26 - First Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday Mar 5 – Second Sunday in Lent

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans
4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17

Sunday Mar 12 – Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42



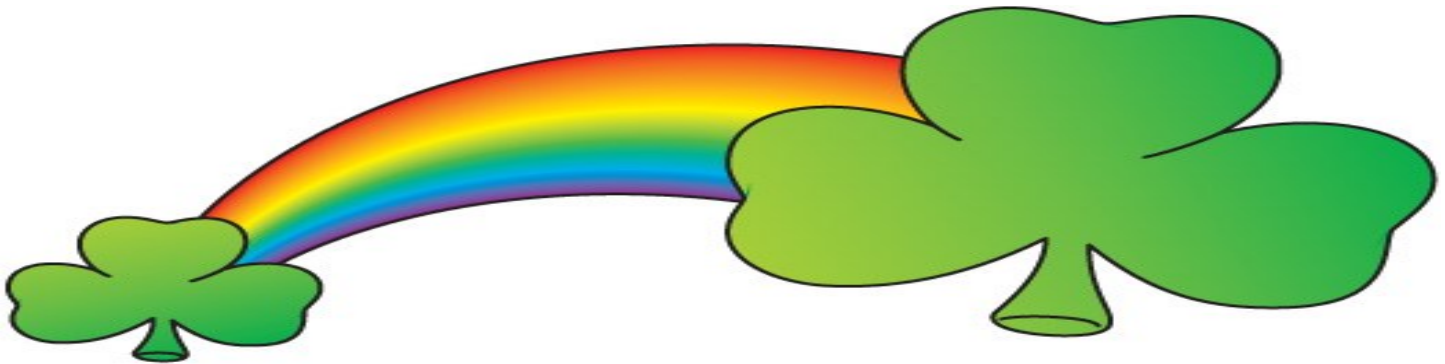
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Sunday Mar 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

Sunday Mar 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45



CONCORDIA CHOIR

(MOORHEAD, MINN) IN CONCERT

Hear one of the nation's finest college choirs perform Saturday, March 18
7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church (327 S. Dakota Ave. Sioux Falls)

Michael Culloton conducts the 64-voice a cappella choir in a varied concert
ranging from Renaissance motets to contemporary choral works.



*"You MUST see them - it's an un-
forgettable experience!"
says Eric Whitacre.
Visit ConcordiaTickets.com for
tickets today!*

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