

MARCH 2022

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran



Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”

-Matthew 25:35

I wanted to share a story with you. A story of which you are a part.

A couple weeks ago, a young family arrived as LOGOS children’s ministry programming was gathered for the Wednesday evening meal, education, and activities. It was a set of parents and their almost-two-year-old daughter. I hadn’t met them before, but they knew some of the leaders from Pueblo de Dios.

Through conversation with other adults and with the family themselves, I learned some of their story. They are Haitian and had recently arrived in the USA. They are official asylum seekers who had been on a journey out of Haiti that took them through Mexico and ended with them traveling from Chile to the USA. They traveled through eight countries in total, and walking through Panama and Columbia entirely by foot.

There are pieces of their story I don’t know, but somehow they arrived in Sioux Falls, and to Pueblo de Dios. They have attended weekly worship services with Pueblo de Dios, received support from another ELCA congregation in town, and have been welcomed following their long, difficult journey to safety.

Truly amazing what they have been through!

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In the midst of it all, Augustana Lutheran Church has played a role in their well-being and spiritual care. I witnessed love shared with this family as the young child was included in the worship service and activities, sitting on the laps of the Augustana University helpers, and coloring alongside children from Pueblo de Dios and ALC, as the parents could smile and feel welcome in safe place. The following week this young couple cooked the meal for LOGOS students and helpers, generously giving from their hearts.

ALC, you are a multicultural center. You continue to live into a new reality of life and ministry in the historical district of Sioux Falls. This can be hard. It can feel like you are walking a long journey...as you welcome “strangers” who have traveled a long journey...and are in need of God’s love and welcome. May it be so?

a word from **The Church Council**

In February, the Augustana church council met to discuss plans for joint Ash Wednesday services with Pueblo de Dios. We are also hoping to re-start the interfaith Iftar that began in 2017, though this is still in the preliminary stages. Each month, we discuss church financials and pandemic protocols, and receive updates on the building, the call process and other things happening in the church.

In March, we will welcome Crystal Bartling and Terry Engbretsen to the council, who the congregation elected at last Sunday’s annual meeting. Thanks to both of them for agreeing to serve, as well as to Jennifer Soule, who will begin her second term on the council. We’re still in need of more council members, as well as a council Vice President and Secretary. Please talk to me or any other council member if you would be interested in joining the council.

Special Congregational Meeting – March 20

The Augustana Lutheran Church Council is calling a special meeting on Sunday, March 20 after the service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on a Letter of Call for the pastoral candidate that the call committee has recommended, and to approve the financial compensation package prepared by the council. The vote will be held by ballot and a two-thirds majority of voting members attending is required to call the candidate.

Please join us on March 20th for this important step in the process of calling a pastor. Feel free to reach out with any questions you might have.

Anna Amundson

Church Council President

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Annual Meeting Report

On February 13, Augustana Lutheran held our rescheduled 2022 Annual Meeting. Members reviewed the 2021 Annual Report, which included financial information, reports from church committees and partner organizations, our yearly statistical report, and the 2022 ballot. Along with new members of the church council, members elected representatives to the Bethany Home board, and to the South Dakota Synod Assembly. We heard about the storm damage to the church's chimney and approved a fundraising campaign to purchase new furnaces and a new water heater. We also took a final vote that completed the process of updating the church's constitution and bylaws.

We are still looking for a male voting member and a youth voting member to the SD Synod Assembly, which will be held June 3-4 at Our Savior's in Sioux Falls. Please contact Pastor Jon or Anna Amundson if you are interested in attending.

Thanks to Pastor Jon, to Jackie, who served as the meeting secretary, to Fred, who set up the sound system, to Linda, who provided snacks and coffee, and to the quorum of Augustana members who stayed after the service to take part in the meeting.

Anna Amundson
Church Council President



Lent and Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 2, 2022, beginning the season of Lent. Lent leads us to Holy Week and Easter (April 17). On Ash Wednesday we will gather for worship at 6:00pm including Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. We will gather with our siblings from Pueblo de Dios in a joint worship service. All are welcome!

(No LOGOS children's programming on Ash Wednesday, March 2)

Each week during Lent a brief, midweek, online devotional will be available for your viewing and participation. These devotionals are weekly opportunities to take a moment for prayer and faith in your daily life.

What's Happening

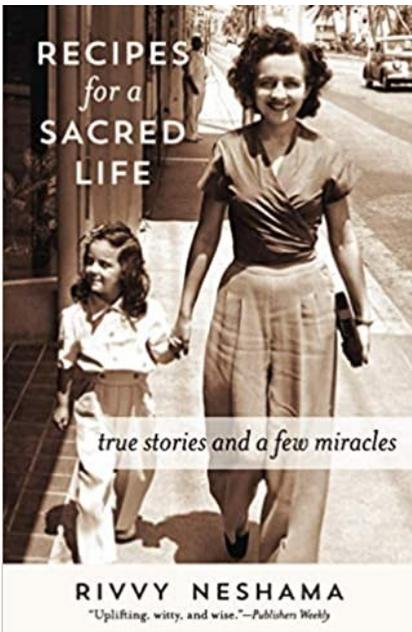
See what's happening this month!



Noisy Offering-The Noisy Offering in March lets us have a fuller title of "Lutheran Outdoors in South Dakota (ELCA outdoor camping ministries).

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. The book is available at Amazon 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.



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 **\$24,325** 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

Thank You

Thank You from Lutheran Outdoors for our recent gift to them

Thank You to Patty Kase for her years of service as the Financial Secretary

Thank You to Thomas Bonnema & Emily Fleckenstein for moving messages during February

Thank You to Jackie Doese for doing the service on February 20



3/2 Leone Kayl

3/6 Ruth Berglund

3/6 Terry Engebretson

3/6 Patricia Kase

3/7 Riley Mears

3/8 Zander Diede

3/16 Martin Dennis

3/16 Lyndon Kremin

3/22 Deloris Pederson

3/29 Jeffrey Kayl

3/29 Maria Richter



MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM	3	4	5
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	12
13 10am - Worship Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	14	15	16 12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM 5:30pm to 7:30 pm LOGOS	17 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food-to-You (Drive-Up)	18	19 8am to 5pm Guatemalan Council
20 9am - 1pm Guatemalan Council 10:00am - Worship with Communion Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	21	22	23 12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM 5:30pm to 7:30 pm LOGOS	24 4:30 PM Bethany Board Meeting	25	26
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Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, March 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. March is Hearty Soups. April will be Cereal.



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!

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Sunday & Vanco Offerings for General Fund	\$ 4,743.60
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 850.00
Designated gift for Building Fund from Quilters	\$ 2,000.00
Designated gift for coffee maker repair	\$ 127.50
Use of Facilities	\$ 200.00
Fundraising (<i>Hy-vee cards</i>)	\$ 50.00
World Hunger	\$ 10.00
Reimbursement / Refunds	\$ 7.97
Mission Partner (<i>Memorial Lutheran - Pierre</i>)	\$ 100.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,439.07

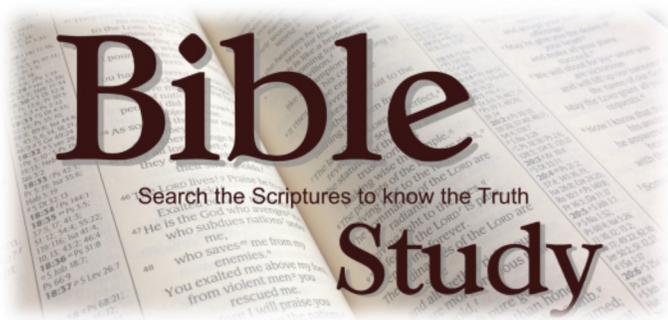
EXPENDITURES

ELCA Missions	\$ 100.00
World Hunger	\$ 10.00
Designated Mission Partner (<i>Luth. Outdoors-SD</i>)	\$ 175.00
Evangelical Outreach	\$ 122.59
Website domain & Zoom subscription	\$ 26.60
Utilities & phone	\$ 1,283.68
Insurance premium	\$ 824.66
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 824.22
Staff Support	\$ 4,691.02
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 44.47
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 9,102.24

Summary:

Based on the \$143,050 budget passed at the recent annual meeting, \$11,920.83 is needed on a monthly basis for operation of Augustana's mission. In January, receipts met 70% of the monthly budget. Fortunately expenses were lower than anticipated, or 24% under budget.

Balance remaining on the mortgage: \$24,589.90



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MARCH

March 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 27, 2022

4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32





From the Bishop's Desk

Greetings in the name of Christ,

I would like to begin by thanking all of the Lay leaders that participated in the second annual "I have been elected to the council, now what?" zoom call. Close to 100 lay leaders participated and once again found the time to be worthwhile, helpful and informative. If you

are reading this and are wondering why you didn't know about this gathering, please make sure that you receive our weekly e-news. If you are not on our mailing list, please subscribe to them by going to the synod website, where you will find a link you can click to subscribe. Once you are a subscriber, you will receive weekly synod newsletters, synod prayer requests, and other important updates as we are journeying together in Christ.

Sometimes I am asked what a Bishop is and what power they have? In a nutshell, as outlined by the South Dakota Synod constitution, the bishop is "this synod's pastor" (S8.12.). And as the pastor of the synod I am asked to "preach, teach, and administer the sacraments". My "primary responsibility (is) for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in ... (the SD) synod and its congregations, providing pastoral care and leadership of this synod and its congregations." Along with this main responsibility I am entrusted with ordaining pastors and deacons, attest/witness the extension of letters of call to pastors and deacons, exercise leadership, oversee and administer the work of the synod. Those are brought descriptors of what my day to day life as a Bishop entails, and they play out differently with each new day. But first and foremost I am called to be the pastor to the synod. I am honored to have been entrusted with this sacred call. Please know that I am always available for conversation, a cup of coffee (tea for me), and a visit to your congregation. I am eager to learn your story, hear your concerns and care for your faith formation.

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, March 15

- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of March 28th



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_____ In memory or _____ honor of _____

_____ I/we will **provide flowers** to decorate the church.
_____ I/we will deliver the flowers to the church the week of April _____ 10th.

EASTER LILY/SPRING FLOWER DONATIONS

