

*MAY 2022*

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

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LUTHERAN CHURCH 

SIoux FALLS, SD

# Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



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Dear members and guests of Augustana Lutheran Church. Thank you for the ways you've supported and connected with this congregation's ministry and mission during the past year as I've served with you as your Interim Pastor. My time serving with you is coming to a conclusion, my last Sunday being May 22.

And, now is time to unroll the welcome mat, as your begin ministry with your next pastor, Pastor John Paulson, beginning his call on June 1. Pastor Paulson brings wonderful gifts and is called by God (with the great work of the ALC Call Committee and Council) to serve with you in your continued ministry and mission. As you celebrate your 140<sup>th</sup> year of service to God and God's people, may the Holy Spirit guide each of you, Pastor John, and this congregation.

How can you welcome Pastor John Paulson?

- Continue to generously support the ministry and mission of ALC with your time, gifts, and financial resources
- Take part in worship and other ministry events
- Contact Pastor John in the first weeks of his new call, conveying warm welcome and support
- Be open to new ideas and ways of ministry
- Be willing to grow in ministry partnerships, especially with Pueblo de Dios, Charis Ministries, and the SD Synod and ELCA
- Most importantly: Be in prayer, both personally and communally in worship

Again, thank you for our time together. May God bless ALC richly in all you do!

## What's INSIDE this issue . . .

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

In April, the Augustana Council appointed Dave Stellingwerf as Council Vice President and Terry Engbretson as Council Secretary. Thanks to both of them for their willingness to take on these new roles. This is the first time in the years I've been on the council that we've had members in all four officer positions. We could still use a couple additional council members. Please consider whether you feel called to serve our congregation on the council.

The council also discussed the Holy Week and Easter services, the ongoing work on the building, the upcoming Food to You distribution where Augustana will provide volunteers, and the transition from Interim Pastor Jon to Pastor John on June 1. I'm grateful to Pastor Jon for his help and support during this interim period. As always please be in touch if you have questions or would like more information about any of this.

Anna Amundson

Church Council President

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We want to have a little send-off for Pastor Jon on his last Sunday (May 22nd), with a potluck dinner immediately following worship that day

Our commercial refrigerator in the upstairs kitchen conked out recently and was truly missed preparing for the Easter breakfast. The good news is that it can be repaired but will cost \$1,479 + tax. Donations received at the Easter breakfast will go towards fixing it as well as a designated gift of \$100. We have quite a bit more that will be needed before the part can be ordered, however. Please consider a special gift for that purpose and mark your giving envelope accordingly.





## **INTRODUCING A DIFFERENT PASTOR JOHN (WITH AN “H”)**

Greetings, Augustana Lutheran! As I wrap up a nearly twenty-year ministry at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Wessington Springs, I look forward to joining you next month as your pastor. Let me introduce myself a little.

I am the son of a farmer and have lived in small towns for most of my life. I have also spent a good deal of time in cities like El Paso,

TX, St. Paul, MN, and Jersey City, NJ. While the congregations I have served have mostly been rural and looked pretty much like me, I did my internship in a mostly African-American congregation, where I was definitely in the minority.

Being a pastor is my second career, my first being in television and radio, doing everything from photographing and reporting the news, to producing commercials, to playing classical, country, and even polka music on the radio. That background served me well as congregations, including my own, closed their doors and went online two years ago due to the pandemic.

Throughout most of my ministry I have sought to invest myself in the neighborhoods and communities in which I have lived and worked. That has included serving on community boards and volunteering for arts, health, and other nonprofit groups. My work toward a Doctor of Ministry Degree in congregational mission and leadership, earned in 2007, taught me that communities and congregations can work together to build leadership capacity in both.

I sought a call to Augustana in part because of your own involvement in the multicultural community that Sioux Falls has become. I enjoy partnering with others in ministry and am looking forward to working with your own varied ministry partners, including Pueblo de Dios.

My change in call was also prompted by my becoming an “empty-nester” this past year. Well, sort of. I will arrive in Sioux Falls with my wife Holly and our daughter Angela, who will be entering university studies this fall but will be living with us during the summer and working for the City of Sioux Falls as a lifeguard. Angela has three older brothers: Adam, who works part-time as a media assistant for Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls and as a lifeguard for Midco Aquatic Center; Nicolas, a student at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey; and Zachary, a campus minister to international students in the Denver area.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you and to your learning more about me as we journey together over the next several years. May the risen Christ, whom we celebrate this Easter season, accompany us on that journey.

Blessings,

Pastor John

# What's Happening

See what's happening this month!



**Noisy Offering**-The Noisy Offering in April go to “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. Items can be put in the grocery cart upstairs.



**Augustana Book Group meets virtually each Wednesday at noon on Zoom**

Book Group will begin again in the Fall.

## LOGOS

Thank you for those who have participated in and supported LOGOS children’s programing this year! A special “Thank You” to the LOGOS leaders including Pastor Maria, Michael, Carla, Shireen, Klely, Anna, Reese, Emily, Leah, LauriAnn, and Skye. Members of both Augustana Lutheran Church and Pueblo de Dios are welcome to attend a closing program and meal on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm. Thank you for your support of this vital, long-established ministry in our congregations.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

5/3	Flora Richter	5/13	Frances Ericksen
5/5	Amber Stellingwerf	5/13	Dawson Sauby
5/6	Erin Bertram	5/17	Javian Maldondo
5/6	Crystal Bartling	5/25	Marvel Hansen
5/8	Robert Johnson	5/25	Virgil Huebner
5/9	Beverly Ericksen	5/27	Karlynn Stellingwerf
5/9	Jennifer Koepsell	5/29	Michelle Herman



• 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 **\$24,425** 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

- **Andrew Smith Vermillion for providing decorations for the Easter breakfast. They were beautiful.**
- **Everyone who contributed food items for the Easter Breakfast.**
- **Everyone who attended and made a donation for repair of the refrigerator**
- **To the following for providing Easter Lily's & spring flowers Easter Sunday**
  - Virgil Huebner Family in memory of Marge Huebner**
  - McDonald/Lappegard Family in memory of Doris & Lyle Skillman, Bernie McDonald and Eric Lappegard**
  - Leone Kayl and Jennifer Soule in memory of Robert Kayl, Cindy Kayl, Fred & Ruth Egger and Brad Soule**
  - Fred & Pat Moffett in memory of John & Leone Moffett (Fred's parents), Lorraine Weckert & Rudy Ebert (Pat's parents), Mary Lou Roach (Fred's sister), Ron Ebert (Pat's brother), Diana Locke (Pat's sister) and Clarine Lange (past member of Augustana).**



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> - Worship with Communion Online Worship on Facebook &amp; ALC Website</p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> - Pueblo de Dios Worship</p>	2	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>12:00pm Book Discussion ZOOM</p> <p>5:30pm to 7:30 pm LOGOS</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p>	6	7
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> - Worship Worship on Facebook &amp; ALC Website</p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> - Pueblo de Dios Worship</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p>	11	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p>	13	14
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>10:00am</b> - Worship with Communion Online Worship on Facebook &amp; ALC Website</p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> - Pueblo de Dios Worship</p>	16	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p>	18	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p> <p><b>6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food-to-You (Drive-Up)</b></p>	20	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>4-10 pm Graduation Party</p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> - Worship Online Worship on Facebook &amp; ALC Website</p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> - Pueblo de Dios Worship</p>	23	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p> <p><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>	25	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p> <p>4:30 PM Bethany Board Meeting</p>	27	28
<p>29</p> <p><b>10:00am</b> - Worship with Communion Online Worship on Facebook &amp; ALC Website</p> <p><b>12:30pm</b> - Pueblo de Dios Worship</p>	30	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>6:30 - 8:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Quincearera Practice</b></p>				



## 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. May is Peanut Butter. June will be Tuna & Tuna Helper

ALC serves Food-to-You, May 19th



Join us on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon/evening to serve with Food-to-You mobile food pantry in our own building. Friends are welcome! Sign up is located online at [augustanasioxfalls.com](http://augustanasioxfalls.com) at the bottom of the main page, under "Volunteer". This is a wonderful way to serve with our close ministry partner, Charis Ministries, the ministry organization in charge of Food-to-You.

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!*

**MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT**

**RECEIPTS**

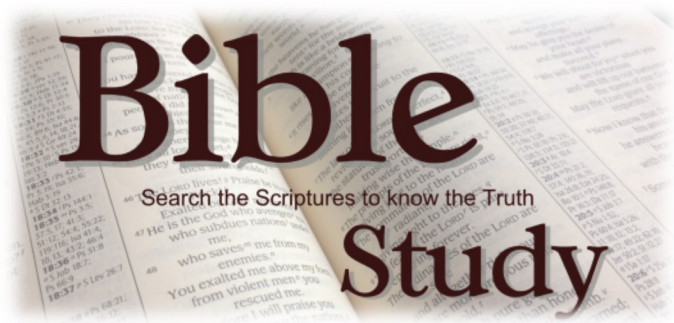
Offerings for General Fund <i>(incl. Lenten offerings)</i>	\$ 7,551.30
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,395.00
Noisy Offering <i>(designated for Luth. Outdoors in SD)</i>	\$ 76.97
Use of Facilities	\$ 710.00
Designated Gifts <i>(chimney repair)</i>	\$ 50.00
Designated Gifts <i>(new furnace &amp; water heater)</i>	\$ 4,150.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 28.00
Mission Partners <i>(Memorial Lutheran - Pierre SD)</i>	\$ 200.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 14,511.27</b>

**EXPENSES PAID**

ELCA Missions	\$ 100.00
Website & Zoom subscriptions	\$ 26.60
Worship Materials <i>(Palms &amp; devotional books)</i>	\$ 54.91
Office supplies	\$ 81.08
Utilities, phone, internet	\$ 2,185.38
Insurance	\$ 824.66
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 4,752.28
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,000.00
Staff Support	\$ 4,685.12
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 43.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 13,753.11</b>

Remaining Balance on Church Mortgage: \$22,744.95





**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
FOR  
MAY**



May 1, 2022  
3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6(7-20)  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

May 8, 2022  
4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

May 15, 2022  
5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
Revelations 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

May 22, 2022  
6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

May 29, 2022  
7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34  
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21  
John 17:20-26



From the Bishop's Desk

Dear SD Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Driving across the State I can see that we are pretty dry. I pray for rain and moisture to water our parched lands. I also lift up prayers for our ranchers and farmers. It's not only the land that is parched, but spirits can run dry too. You may remember that in the very first months of my term you were invited to a farm summit in Mitchell SD. We shared in

the joys and challenges of farming and ranching, learned about resources, and were assured that God's always close at hand. At the same time of the farm summit, I also collaborated with Lutheran Social Services in SD. We partnered to offer Mental Health First Aid training to our leaders so that they can learn about the first signs of distress. But we also developed a web-based tool called Psychological First Aid. It is designed with your neighbor in mind. You can take this web-based training at your pace and at your time. It strives to equip you with what you need to read early warning signs of mental health issues, and gives you tools to be a good neighbor to your neighbor. Please watch for the link to come your way soon via our synod's e-news. If you currently do not receive the e-news, please sign up at [www.sdsynod.org](http://www.sdsynod.org).

Last but not least, many ask about how to best support the Ukrainian refugees. At this time your monetary gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) or Lutheran World Relief (LWR) are the best help you can provide as they aid relief efforts on the ground. Our ministry partner LSS is in close communication with the federal government to see how to best assist refugees that will find their way to the United States. Watch your e-news for regular updates.

Journeying with you,

Bishop Constanze Hagmaier



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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, May 18**

**- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of May 23**



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GERANIUMS DONATIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will **provide flowers** to decorate the church.

I/we will deliver to the church June 1 9 am to 4 pm  
or by noon Saturday, June 4.

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory or \_\_\_\_\_ honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_