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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church

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LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIOUX FALLS, SD

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church

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THE PENTECOST FIRE STILL BURNS AT AUGUSTANA!

by Pastor John Paulson

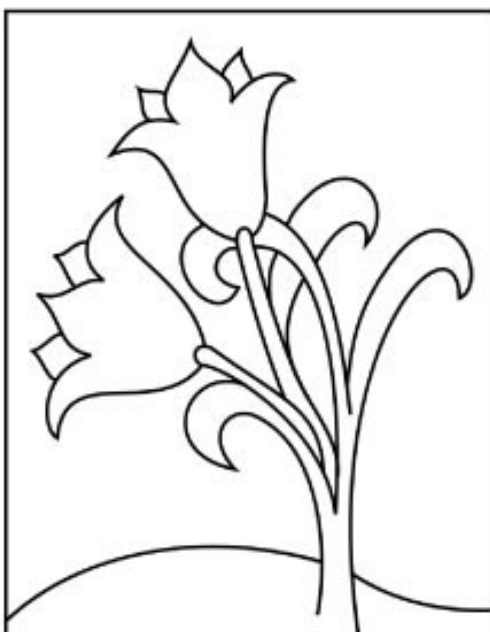


Sunday May 28, the Church celebrates Pentecost, the day the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit with wind and “what seemed to be tongues of fire” (Acts 2:3) to the first apostles. People from many different lands heard the good news of Jesus Christ in their own languages. This was the beginning of the global spread of the gospel and therefore Pentecost has been called the “birthday of the Church.” Word of this spectacular event spread like, well, wildfire, followed by missionaries going to proclaim God’s word in person and making disciples for Jesus throughout the known world. Some may long for that fire to return to the church. I want to suggest that it still burns.

For two days in April people from twenty-five Spanish-speaking households came to Augustana to hear good news in their own language, the good news being that there were people here to help them complete the piles of paperwork necessary to enjoy the freedoms enjoyed by . This good news came courtesy of the nonprofit group The Naomi Project.

Once a month, around a hundred families show up here, spurred by the good news that there is food here for them, courtesy of the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry. On Thursday, May 16 it will be Augustana’s and Pueblo de Dios’ turn to volunteer for this monthly effort.

On Sundays people speaking English, Spanish, and other languages as well gather for worship to and hear the good news proclaimed in words they can understand with their siblings in Christ from Augustana and Pueblo de Dios. In other words, the Pentecost fire that filled the world with God’s good news back in the First Century still burns right here at Augustana! And the wind? Well, this is South Dakota; need I say more? May that good news “blow you away” and ignite yqur heart with praise!



Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER at 6:07 by President Jim. Present were: Pastor John Paulson, Jim Sanden, Dave Stellingwerf, Jennifer Soule, Linda Sanden, Terry Engebretson.

DEVOTIONS Pastor John led devotions based on Corinthians where Paul speaks on weakness is really a strength.

MINUTES Jennifer motioned to accept the Feb minutes and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL MATTERS/

TREASURER'S REPORT Linda reported that ELBO bill was an additional \$519 and a furnace motor was replaced at \$580. Linda is using cash accounting at this time and has trained on Quick Books which will soon be used. The treasurer's report included current outstanding bills and bank balances as well as receipts and expenses for January and February. We have \$4327 left on the mortgage. Jennifer motioned to accept this report and Dave seconded. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/SYNOD NEWS Pastor John reported the Conference Assembly was Sunday, March 5.

MINISTRY AREAS

Pueblo de Dios Joint Council Meeting on Partnership Agreement- Pastor John will set up a meeting for this month.

Worship Ministry Holy Week and Easter-Maundy Thursday service with communion on April 6, time TBD. April Communion- Communion will be the 2nd and 4th Sunday.

Stewardship Ministry Mortgage Retirement-\$4327 left. Online Giving-Pastor John meeting with Tithely tomorrow, which seems to be a simpler method than Vanco.

Christian Education LOGOS- We discussed how to generate more interest. Would a summer program work? Summer Youth Programming/Camp- Are there youth in the area who would attend VBS?

Servant Ministry Iftar Dinner-Terry had spoken with Taneeza Islam regarding dates for the Iftar. Our date preference (after Easter) would not work with Ramadan this year. Linda motioned to table the dinner for this year and Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

Property Management Ministry Speaker Update- We hope to update from 2 speakers to 4, dealing with a company from Brookings. Dave will speak with the payment donor to see if this agreement is possible. People in the back of the church have trouble hearing the service. Parking Lot Agreement- This is an unsolved agreement. The people in the house south of the lot want their parking spots to be kept open. AnAirBnB wanted to use our lot for overflow parking for their business which we are unable to allow.

Elevator Maintenance- KONE suggested preventative maintenance. The door maintenance modules need maintenance at a cost of \$3000. We will revisit this issue next year. Other- Jim reported that some light bulbs have security cameras installed in them, which may be an option for the church.

Vibrant Faith Prayer Partners/Pals- Crystal not here so no report. (CONT.)

MARCH FINANCIAL DATA



RECEIPTS

Offerings for General Fund	\$ 6,556.14
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,260.00
Noisy Offering <i>(designated for SF School Lunch Program)</i>	\$ 35.33
Congregational Fundraising <i>(HyVee card profit)</i>	\$ 50.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars	\$ 25.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 73.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,349.47

EXPENSES PAID

Devotional Books	\$ 20.24
Utilities, Phone & Internet	\$ 2,214.61
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 426.10
Staff Support	\$ 8,098.87
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 43.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,803.77

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Charis Ministry Food To You will be at Augustana on March 16. We are to think about serving coffee/water to patrons. Volunteers will be needed. ALC will be serving FTY on May 18.

PASTOR JOHN'S REPORT

Baptism on April 30! LEAD Pilot Project- Pr. John and Fred Moffett Pr. John off March 19, with Pastor Kathryn Olson as pulpit supply. Spring Rostered Leader's Conference is April 11-12. Retirement Workshop, in Watertown, is April 13-14. "Won't you be our neighbor?" Cathedral Neighborhood Potluck is March 23, 5:30 at ALC. April Forum is cancelled due to choir practice. Graduation Party at ALC on Sunday, May 28.

OLD BUSINESS Historic Preservation Grant-The D.A.R. awards 2 grants annually for historic preservation. One grant is \$50,000 and applications close at the end of March. Another is for \$15,000 quarterly. Tuck pointing of our chimney may qualify, and a cost estimate must be made before applying. Lura Roti with the Cathedral Neighborhood group would write a letter supporting our application. Rummage Sale-We'd like our Rummage Sale date to coincide with the Cathedral's Sale date and we need to find out when that is.

NEW BUSINESS A company has contacted us regarding a photo directory. A free 8 by 10 photo is included with each photo sitting. 25 families would need to sign up. The congregation would receive a free directory of photos. Would September be a good month for this? We will discuss with P d Dios and choose a date.

AUGUSTANA CHURCH COUNCIL: April 4, 2023 @ 6:00

LORD'S PRAYER

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:50

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Engebretson, secretary

FAITH AND COMMUNITY FORUMS

SHIFTed to June!

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. SHIFT Garage started operating in Rapid City in 2012 under a local church and became our own non profit in 2019. Their mission is "To help those we serve discover and fully realize the potential Jesus Christ has for their lives by providing reliable transportation and education designed at improving quality of life." Their founder and director, Joe Smith, will be with us Sunday, June 4th during and after worship to talk about their ministry as part of Augustana's Church and Community Forum series. Join us for coffee and conversation!

Sharing the Dream in Guatemala !

Lauren Vaske, executive director, will be with us on Sunday, May 7 to present information about the mission of Sharing the Dream in Guatemala briefly during worship and afterwards at our Church-and-Community Forum. She will also be selling

purses, jewelry, baskets, wooden spoons, and other items handcrafted by Guatemalan artisans. All proceeds are used to support the artisans and their communities.

Join us for our annual

Neighborhood Watch SPRING CLEANUP

Sat. May 6th @ 3:00

Join us for snacks and conversation before we walk the boulevards throughout the neighborhood to pickup trash!

Craig and Mike's Front Porch (127 S. Duluth Ave)

Please bring:

1. A trash bag and gloves*
 2. Your family and neighbors
 3. Your favorite refreshment
 4. Other items you might want: trash picker-upper, etc.
- *Extra supplies will be provided



If bad weather is in the forecast an e-mail will be sent out rescheduling the event. We will also post the event cancellation on Facebook "Cathedral Historic Neighborhood."

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
ON SAT. MAY 6TH TO BEAUTIFY OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD...TOGETHER!**

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

May 4th @ East Side

*May 18th
Augustana Lutheran*



*May 11th 13th @ Messiah
New Hope*

*May 25th @ Garfield
Elem Comm Ctr*

All distributions 6-7pm

May will be Peanut Butter / Toilet paper

ALL ABOARD FOR STORY JUNCTION!

Augustana is about to embark on a journey, the end of which no one yet knows! Fred Moffit, Jennifer Soule and Pastor John will be working with the South Dakota Synod on a two-year pilot project "Story Junction." The object is to help people in this congregation become comfortable telling their stories of faith--where they've seen God show up in their lives and in the life of the church.

Monthly sessions, both online and in person, are planned

during which participants from a half dozen congregations around the synod will learn and share their own stories and experiences. You are both welcome and encouraged to participate as well! Feel free to contact Pastor John or Fred if you have questions and/or would like to join the journey.





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 **\$24,800** 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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	8	9	10 5:30 : 7:30pm- LOGOS	11	12	13
14 <u>Mother's Day!</u> 10:00am - Worship Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	15	16	17 5:30 : 7:30pm- LOGOS	18 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food- to You	19	20
21 10:00am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	22	23	24	25	26 Newsletter Deadline	27
28 10:00am - Worship Online Worship on ALC Facebook Jiliana Carias Graduation—2:00 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	29	30	31	Notes		



Sunday Scripture Reading

Sunday, May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter Readings and Psalm

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter Readings and Psalm

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22

Sunday, May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter Readings and Psalm

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28 Day of Pentecost Readings and Psalm

Acts 2:1-21
Numbers 11:24-
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Acts 2:1-21 (alternate)
John 20:19-23
John 7:37-39 (alternate)

Thank You

Thank you to Augustana Church Choir!

They did a beautiful job for our Palm & Easter Sundays! You made us and the rafters proud.

Thank you, Diane Larsen for leading and directing the choir!

AND THANK YOU for the music every Sunday!

Thank You coffee team! Linda, Dave, Amber, Andrew, John and all who make fellowship time happen!

Thank You for all the Easter Lily's for the Altar. What a Site to See!

To ALL who gave Lily's on Easter! THANK YOU The Altar was glorious!

Given lily's: Leone Kayl and Jennifer Soule: Robert Kayl, Cindy Kayl, Ruth and Fred Egger Brad Soule

In loving memory of Delores Carlson from her children Lori, Mark, Eric and Dena and to Darlene Ball for the decorative Cross

Thank You Fred and Pat Moffett from folding bulletins and newsletters!

The Chair

By Leone Kayl –
August 11, 2019

To recline or not to recline
is not the question.
The problem is how far back to go.
Since I sleep in this chair,
I must be lying flat.
I finally have found
the perfect sleeper. The color

is correct, the size is right; it has
electrical controls!

Mission accomplished.

My daughters sigh with relief,
the saleswoman

rings the sale up on her cashier.



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