

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

235 North Prairie Avenue

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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran



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## GOOD NEWS FROM AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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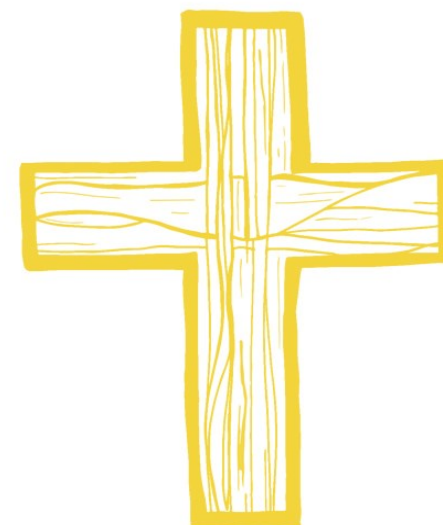
### Holy Week and Easter

March 24 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 am worship

March 27 NO LOGOS

March 28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm worship

March 31 EASTER 10:00 am worship



### Midweek Lenten Worship

using Holden Evening Prayer

Meal with LOGOS at 5:30 p.m.

Worship at 6:00 p.m.

Theme: "Subversive Love"

### Feb. 38: Moses' Family:

Saving a Child & Undermining a King

### Mar. 6: David and Jonathan:

Defying Dad to Save a Friend

### Mar. 13: Mary and Joseph:

Romance Dared and Delayed  
to Save the World

### Mar. 20: Jesus:

God's Unconditional Love Incarnate

### Mar. 28, Maundy Thursday

with Holy Communion

Jesus' Example of Servant Love

**“SUBVERSIVE LOVE”  
IS THE LENTEN THEME**

by Pastor John



The start of Lent this year coincided with that secular celebration of love, Valentine’s Day. It is no coincidence, therefore, that I decided to focus on love for Augustana’s midweek Lenten services. This is not the sentimental love of greeting cards and their movie channels, however. The love I have decided to consider is the sort of love that disrupts the plans of the rich and powerful, upholds and protects those who are powerless and oppressed, and advances the reign of God on earth.

Christian author C.S. Lewis, adapting ancient Greek philosophy, divide love into four kids:

Familial love, that is the love evident (at least ideally) between parents and children, siblings, and within other family or family-like relationships.

Love that is shared between friends, especially those who would drop anything or overcome any obstacle to help one another.

Romantic love, the love between partners, which is not just sexual but more fully emotional and caring.

*Agape*—unconditional and selfless love—most fully expressed in Jesus Christ, who gave himself up to die on the cross for the salvation of the world.

Each of these types of love is shown in the Bible to have a subversive character: Moses’ mother gave him up to be raised by Pharaoh’s daughter in order to save her son’s life, thus undermining Pharaoh’s order to kill all the immigrant Hebrews’ baby boys. David’s friend Jonathan defied his father, King Saul, to save his friend from the deadly effects of Saul’s wrath. Joseph and Mary, Jesus’ earthly parents, delayed their own romantic involvement in order to bear God’s beloved Son, and in the process, threatened the rule of King Herod. And then there is God, who “so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him might be saved” (John 3:1).

I hope you will join me as together we explore the powerful impact of God’s love, expressed through these four interconnected types of human love. We will worship on the remaining Wednesdays in Lent at 6:00 p.m., both in person and streamed live on Facebook, along with LOGOS students and staff. You are invited to eat with LOGOS as well at 5:30 p.m.

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# MARCH 2024



## JANUARY FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### RECEIPTS

General Fund Offerings	\$ 25,382.82
Building Fund Offerings	\$ 510.00
Noisy Offering	\$ 17.27
World Hunger	\$ 100.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 136.00
Thanksgiving Meal Receipts	\$ 309.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 700.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 27,155.09</b>

### EXPENSES PAID

Mission Support to SD Synod	\$ 700.00
World Hunger	\$ 135.00
Other Charitable Giving ( <i>SHIFT Garage</i> )	\$ 231.39
Worship Materials	\$ 59.95
Evangelical Outreach ( <i>Thxgiving Dinner Expenses</i> )	\$ 661.88
Utilities / Phone / Internet	\$ 1,275.09
Maintenance / Repairs	\$ 1,913.76
Staff Support	\$ 11,599.93
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 71.87
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 16,648.87</b>

Augustana ended 2023 with \$10,809.46 of unpaid bills.

Thanks to some benevolent donors, many of those bills were able to be paid in January.

Currently there are about \$4,000 of outstanding bills.

Noisy Offering receipts from July - December, 2023, were gifted to SHIFT Garage car ministry.

The Noisy Offering for the first six months of 2024 will be designated to Pueblo de Dios.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:00-3:00pm <b>Quinceañã</b> <b>Practice</b>
<b>3</b> 10:00 am worship w/communion 12:30 Pueblo de Dios worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm LOGOS 6:00 pm Lent Worship	<b>7</b> 5:00-7:00 pm <b>Quinceañã</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:00-3:00pm <b>Quinceañã</b> <b>Practice</b>
<b>10</b> 10:00 am worship 12:30 pm Pueblo de Dios worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm LOGOS 6:00 pm Lent Worship	<b>14</b> 5:00-7:00 pm <b>Quinceañã</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1:00-3:00pm <b>Quinceañã</b> <b>Practice</b>
<b>17</b> 10:00 am worship/ communion 12:30 pm Pueblo de Dios worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30 pm LOGOS 6:00 pm Lent Worship	<b>21</b> 6:00-7:00 pm <b>Food To You</b>	<b>22</b> 5-7:00 pm <b>Quinceañã</b> <b>Practice</b>	<b>23</b> 1:00-3:00pm <b>Quinceañã</b> <b>Practice</b>
<b>24</b> PALM/Passion SUNDAY 10:00 am worship 12:30 pm Pueblo de Dios Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> NO LOGOS	<b>28</b> 7:00pm Maundy Thursday & Pueblo de Dios Joint worship/ Communion	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1:00-3:00pm <b>Quinceañã</b> <b>Practice</b>
<b>31</b> EASTER 10:00 am worship/ communion 12:30 pm Pueblo de Dios worship						

## March Birthdays

*Let's celebrate these March birthdays!!*

Leone Kayl	March 2
Ruth Berglund	March 6
Patricia Kase	March 6
Teresa Engebretson	March 6
Diede Zander	March 8
Lyndon Kremin	March 16
Martin Dennis	March 16
Jeffery Kayl	March 29



Charis Ministry Partners

Rev. Alex Smith, Secretary

To our generous partners in ministry: THANK YOU for your continued faithfulness as we work together to care for our neighbors in need through Charis Ministry Partners! This past year, we were able to serve hundreds of families each month with critical items not covered by food stamps (Necessities for Neighbors) and boxes of fresh, frozen, and healthy foods (Food To You). These events, hosted by various churches in our community, are a lifeline for many in times of crisis. Thank you for responding to Jesus' invitation to care for those in need! (Matt. 24:40)

As of January 2024, the Charis Board is working to the best of our abilities to steward resources and provide ongoing care while we search for a new Executive Director. In the meantime, you may contact any the following leadership team for questions related to distribution events:

Pastor Chris Zuraff, President (Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls)

Pastor Alex Smith, Secretary (Peace Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls)

Please review the calendars below for upcoming distribution events. Note we are still in need of sponsors for the many dates highlighted in yellow. Sponsors provide 10-15 volunteers for the event, plus a sponsorship gift of \$350.00 for items/food costs. If you are willing to be a sponsor, please contact our leadership team as soon as possible. We need all of our 13 mission partners!

FOOD TO YOU - 2024 CALENDAR				
	1ST THR @ EAST SIDE	2ND THR @ MESSIAH NEW HOPE	3RD THR @ AUGUSTANA LUTH	4TH THR @ ST. JOHN'S
JAN	1/4 East Side Lutheran	1/11 Messiah New Hope	1/18 Wenger Roofing	1/25 Tre Ministries
FEB	2/1 Gloria Dei Lutheran	2/8 Grace Lutheran	2/15 sponsor needed!	2/22 St. John Lutheran
MAR	3/7 East Side Lutheran	3/14 sponsor needed!	3/21 sponsor needed!	holiday 3/26 Holy Cross
APR	4/4 E sponsor needed!	4/11 West Nidros, Benton, Willow	4/18 Peace Lutheran	4/25 Trinity Lutheran
MAY	5/2 First Congregational	5/9 sponsor needed!	5/16 sponsor needed!	5/23 sponsor needed!
JUN	6/6 sponsor needed!	6/13 Grace Lutheran	6/20 sponsor needed!	6/27 Renner Lutheran
JUL	holiday 7/4 sponsor need!	7/11 sponsor needed!	7/18A WestSide Lutheran	7/25 sponsor needed!
AUG	8/1 sponsor needed!	8/8 Peace Lutheran Church	8/15 sponsor needed!	8/22 St. John Lutheran
SEP	9/5 sponsor needed!	9/12 Gloria Dei Lutheran	9/19 Holy Cross Lutheran	9/26 sponsor needed!
OCT	10/3 East Side Lutheran	10/10 sponsor needed!	10/17 sponsor needed!	10/24 sponsor needed!
NOV	11/7 Peace Lutheran	11/14 sponsor needed!	11/21 Renner Lutheran	holiday 11/26 WestSide
DEC	12/5 sponsor needed!	12/12 sponsor needed!	12/19 sponsor needed!	12/26 sponsor needed!

NECESSITIES - 2024 Calendar		
MONTH	1ST SUN @ PEACE LUTH	3RD TUES @ FIRST LUTHERAN
JAN	1/7 Peace Lutheran	1/16 sponsor needed!
FEB	2/4 sponsor needed!	2/20 sponsor needed!
MAR	3/3 sponsor needed!	3/19 Renner Lutheran
APR	4/7 sponsor needed!	4/16 sponsor needed!
MAY	5/5 Holy Cross Luth	5/21 sponsor needed!
JUN	6/2 sponsor needed!	6/18 sponsor needed!
JUL	7/7 Peace Lutheran	7/16 Holy Cross Luth
AUG	8/4 Gloria Dei	8/20 Grace Lutheran
SEP	9/1 Peace Lutheran	9/17 sponsor needed!
OCT	10/6 Renner Luth	10/15 sponsor needed!
NOV	11/3 Grace Lutheran	11/19 sponsor needed!
DEC	12/1 sponsor needed!	12/17 sponsor needed!

**Thank you to our Lutheran Church partners!**

Augustana	East Side
First	Gloria Dei
Grace	Holy Cross
Peace	Renner
Spirit of Joy	WestSide
Our Savior's	St. John
Messiah New Hope	