

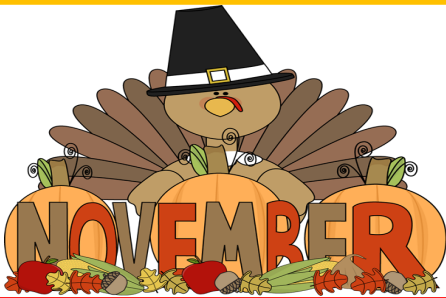
November 2022

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

AUGUSTANA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIoux FALLS, SD

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



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IT'S TIME!

by Pastor John Paulson

Daylight Saving Time ends for this year on Sunday November 6, when most of us will move our clocks back one hour. Growing up on a farm in Northern Minnesota, however, we never changed

our clocks. My dad said that the cows needed to be milked at the same time every day, morning and night, regardless of human attempts to move the clock forward and back.

Still, such changes can provide an opportunity to reflect on how we use our time: for example, that extra hour we gain in the fall (granted, we lose it again in the spring). It might be that we spend that extra hour catching up on sleep, or that project we've been putting off, or spend extra time with family or friends. Or digging into the Bible. Or just relaxing!

Later in November comes a time to be thankful. While we can be thankful every day we are alive on this earth, and thankful, too, for the promise of a resurrection after we die, Thanksgiving Day provides a special moment in time to renew our thanks to the God who created, provides for, protects, redeems, and breathes life into us and all of creation.

At the end of this month we encounter another time to stop and reflect. The season of Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 30. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas, during which Christians prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, into the world.

People prepare for Jesus' coming in different ways: some by lighting candles in an Advent wreath or using an Advent calendar. Some congregations offer extra worship opportunities. At Augustana, we will light Advent candles each week, and worshippers will begin receiving the insert "Taking Faith Home" in the bulletin, which they can take home and use during the week.

It's time! Time to change the time, time to give thanks, and time to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ!

a word from **The Church Council**

In October, Augustana council members met to discuss the beginning of fall activities. We are looking forward to the beginning of LOGOS, as well as re-starting our Fall Bazaar and planning our 140th anniversary.

This month, the council discussed stewardship. We do not think we will be having a traditional stewardship campaign this fall, though we will maintain an ongoing focus on giving to our congregation and our community partners through temple talks. We also hope to begin the process of finally paying off our mortgage in conjunction with our 140th anniversary in early 2023.

While we have resumed many of our pre-pandemic practices, we continue to leave the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. This month, Pastor John and council members will seek feedback from in-person worship attendees about this practice. We have also been meeting for fellowship for some time now, and Pastor John hopes to begin organized discussion forums on occasional Sundays.

Please be in touch if you have questions about any of this, and continue to pray for our congregation.

Anna Amundson
Council President

THANK YOU From Lutheran Outdoors for the gift of \$228.73 from the Noisy Offering.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

--theme for 140 year celebration.

AUGUSTANA AT 140, PART 2

by Jackie Doese

Here are some more history tidbits for God's House at Augustana Lutheran Church. Specific details are available in the Pastor's office and Gail Jereb room. Growing up to 140 years. Thanks be to God.

Imagine a lot, in 1921, at the corner of 7th & Prairie, being what could be deemed as “the little brown church in the wildwood.” 1925 brought the completion of that the little brown church – at present day being Augustana Lutheran Church. The first service was held on the second Sunday in February, 1926. Dr. John Pearson was serving as the pastor. Dr. Pearson thoughts, as cited in the Argus Leader, on serving a small congregation (resonating with the current status of the church) declared that “the greatness of a church is not be measured by its size.” The size of the church or the congregation does not make a great church. A great church is accomplished by sharing of talents and tongues to spread the greatness of God.

Growth of the church in the 20's saw a Sunday school addition being added and a house on the west side being added for a parsonage (later becoming additional space for Sunday school). In the 70's, the house on the south side of the church became the Youth house for confirmation classes and Luther League activities). The need for an elevator and accessible bathrooms became a clear need as time progressed. 2005 saw an upstairs addition with a fellowship hall, restrooms and an elevator, the latter being an innovation with much gratitude from pallbearers.

Ministries (Luther League Sunday school, Bible study, book club, AA meetings, Al anon meetings, Food to You, LOGOS, PdD, women's group, Vibrant Faith – just to name a very few). Two incredible ministries occurred in the 1950's under Pastor E H Baker. Bethany Lutheran Home was established, the first of it's kind in Sioux Falls, as a place to serve, care, and love those whose lives needed an extra dose of kindness. Augustana also had a generous hand in aiding St. Mark's Lutheran “pursuit of it's embarkment on their ministry.”

The church has seen many pastors come and go. Augustana Lutheran has been through two world wars, two pandemics, industrial revolution, no phones to cell phones, and a moon landing. An incredible ongoing list of innovation, destruction, resurgence and reflection. Through all of this, the Holy Spirit has led the peoples of Augustana Lutheran to carry out His work. May the church continue to faithfully serve our creator, and carefully listen to His leading of Augustana Lutheran Church.

MOMENTS OF GENEROSITY

by Pastor John

This month I want to lift up those people, from both Augustana and Pueblo de Dios, who generously give of their time to keeping Augustana's building clean and in good repair. It can be a big job, since there is no paid custodian. Three men from Augustana go out of their way to clean and make repairs, both inside and out: Dave Stellingwerf, Fred Moffit and Mark Grebner. Autumn Kaufhold faithfully keeps up the lawn. Recently Pueblo de Dios enlisted the help of their ministry assistant, Angel Flores, to regularly clean the inside of the building. He does a thorough job every other week, also as a volunteer. Angel is employed as a youth minister at Brandon Lutheran Church, but helps out at Pueblo de Dios just because he "likes to serve."

I am grateful for these people and any others I have not mentioned for doing what they can to make Augustana Lutheran Church a more hospitable place to be.

WILLING TO HELP CLEAN?

We welcome any others who would like to assist in cleaning the building. With more activities starting up, there will be more need. You may call the office (338-1672) or go to the sign-up link at the bottom of the web page—www.augustanasiouxfalls.com—that we'd love to put to good use!



THANKSGIVING MEAL

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Augustana Lutheran Church

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

The dinner will be ToGo this year like last year.

Need someone to put Turkeys in oven & take out on Thursday.

Looking for Volunteers to help with Deboning Turkey's & making Green Bean Casserole on Thursday November 10 starting at 5:30 PM

We are also in need of Cookies or Bars for the Thanksgiving Meal

On Saturday will need help with putting the meals together in containers 8:30 AM, During meal hours need help with serving

What's Happening

See what's happening this month!

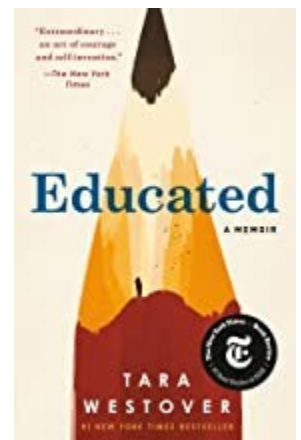


Noisy Offering-The Noisy Offering is going to Church on the Street.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Augustana book group will resume on Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 21, from noon to 1pm. on Zoom. The current selection is entitled "**Educated**" by Tara Westover. This is a riveting memoir about the author's childhood in Idaho, growing up in a large Mormon family with fundamentalist parents who opposed public education and modern medicine. The author was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom and after that, pursued learning for a decade, eventually earning a PhD in history.



Consider joining this group for a lively discussion each Wednesday (even if you can't make it every single week). We will spend approximately 5-6 weeks reading and discussing this selection. 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.

To sign up, contact Anna Amundson at 605-321-2239 anna.amundson@gmail.com or Linda Sanden at 605-413-8984 sanden@sio.midco.net. The book can be purchased at www.Amazon.com (paperback is \$11.70) or may be available for checkout from one of the Siouxland Libraries.



• 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.



All are invited to Messiah New Hope's soup & pie social on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 4-6pm. A free will offering will be taken.



First Lutheran Church Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022

9 am - 3 pm



St. Francis House

6th Annual Walk a Mile in my Shoes

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022

For the Saint Francis House

10:30 Registration 11:00 Walk

Walk will begin at the Big Sioux River & 6th Street

NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:00 PM Book Group on Zoom LOGOS 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	3 6:00 PM Church Council	4 Girl Scouts 5 PM--9 PM	5
6 10:00am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	7	8	9 12:00 PM Book Group on Zoom LOGOS 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	10	11 Veterans Day	12 Thanksgiving Dinner 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
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Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, November 17 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. November is Peanut Butter/Toilet Paper. December will be Tuna/Tuna Helper & Hygiene Kits



Augustana Lutheran Church Women ALCW and QUILTERS

Women's Ministry

◆ 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!



Calling all singers!!

We are putting together a choir to help celebrate during Augustana's anniversary worship in January. If you are interested please attend our rehearsal following the 10am worship on Nov 6, or call or text Diane Larsen at 605-214-0770.

**SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL DATA
RECEIPTS**

Offerings for General Fund	\$ 5,342.00
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 605.00
Noisy Offering <i>(designated for Church on the Street)</i>	\$ 26.59
Designated Gift <i>(non-budget)</i>	\$ 250.00
Fundraising <i>(HyVee cards)</i>	\$ 100.00
Redeemed points from Wells Fargo	\$ 50.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 51.00
Mission Partners <i>(Peace \$500 / Memorial \$100)</i>	\$ 600.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 7,024.59

EXPENSES PAID

Lutherans Outdoors <i>(from Noisy Offering receipts)</i>	\$ 228.73
Hospitality <i>(from private donation)</i>	\$ 245.00
Devotional books	\$ 16.51
Copyright license	\$ 150.00
Zoom subscription	\$ 15.96
Utilities, phone & internet	\$ 1,330.50
Insurance	\$ 824.66
Equipment, maintenance & repair	\$ 962.78
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,000.00
Staff Support	\$ 7,091.28
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 38.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,903.46

Remaining Balance on Church Mortgage: \$15,127.80

Due to the significant shortfall of receipts in September, funds were "borrowed" from the Savings Account to meet some of the expenses.



11/3 Autumn Kaufhold

11/4 Boyd Lappegard

11/7 Barb Mears

11/9 Gayle Suing

11/14 Keniel Maldonado

11/17 Thomas Weber

11/21 Lillian Dennis

11/23 Nancy Kremin

11/26 Anna Amundson

11/28 Veronica Doese

11/29 Teresa Stellingwerf

St. Dysmas Christmas Sack Project

Each year the chaplains' group that serves those incarcerated in our prisons and jails packs and distributes a Christmas treat sack to every inmate at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield, the minimum-security unit in Yankton, the Women's Prison in Pierre, and the inmates in the county jail in Sioux Falls. Unfortunately, due to new policies, home-made fudge will no longer be allowed in any of the state facilities.

But you can still help St. Dysmas with a financial gift. Everything they hand out must be prepackaged items from the factory, which means they must purchase everything they hand out. This increases the cost of this project significantly. They expect to distribute goodies to over 3,670 inmates this year. **Their goal is to raise \$27,000 by Friday, November 11th** so they have time to order the goodies and receive them in time to hand them out before Christmas Eve.

If you can help with a financial contribution, donations can be mailed to:

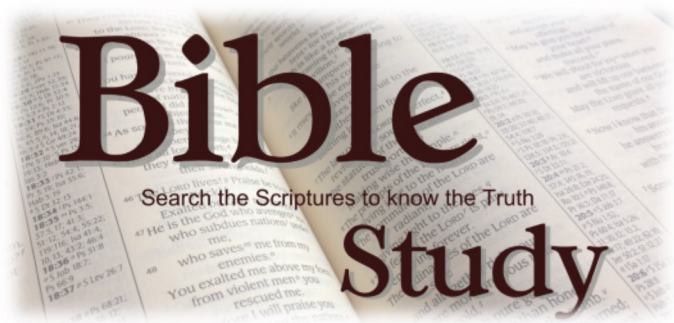
SDPCA Christmas Sacks

601 West 57th St.

Sioux Falls, SD, 57108.

Please put "Christmas Sacks" in the memo line of your check.

Or, you can donate by texting "GIVE" to (605) 789-5550.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NOVEMBER



November 6, 2022
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 13, 2022
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 20, 2022
Christ the King Sunday
Last Sunday of Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



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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, November 22

- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of November 28



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