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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church



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Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church

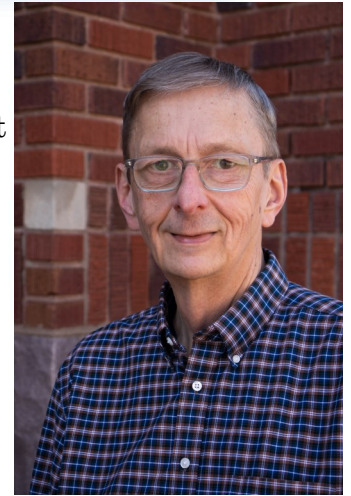
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“ALWAYS REFORMING”

by Pastor John Paulson

A friend of mine grew up in a house that seemed never to be finished. Her dad was always changing or fixing something. So it has been with the Church through the ages. The Protestant Reformation began over 500 years ago as an attempt to correct abusive practices within the Roman Catholic Church of the time. We commemorate its begin-



ning on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29. The Reformation went on for decades, however and, in a sense, continues in the church, even to this day.

Indeed, the original reformers maintained that “the church is always reforming” (*ecclesia semper reformanda est* in Latin). Just the church back then needed to be cleansed from the abuses of the day, the church, its teachings, and its practices need continually to be re-examined and reformed, not merely for the sake of change, but according to the Word of God.

Augustana Lutheran Church has seen a good deal of change in its 140 years history. Some of those changes have been intentional, like the building of an addition twenty years ago and the decision to invite Pueblo de Dios into our midst. Other changes have come as a result of outside forces like the pandemic and changes in the surrounding neighborhood.

Throughout all these changes, God’s word remains the same: We are saved by God’s grace from the forces of sin and death, so that, believing, we might be free to share with our neighbors the fruits of our salvation, the fruits of God’s love.

We have much to celebrate this month, as you will see in this newsletter. As we celebrate, we give thanks for a God who guides and ever renews the church in the midst of changing times.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Sunday Oct. 1: Church and Community Forum: Stories from Addition
- Sunday Oct. 8: Blessing of the Pets (worship in the Social Hall)
- Sunday Oct. 15: Recognition of Augustana’s Quilting Ministry
- Sunday Oct. 22: Burning of the Mortgage with potluck
- Sunday Oct. 29: Reformation Sunday

What's Happening

OFFICE HOURS AT AUGUSTANA

Augustana utilizes a part-time pastor and office manager.

We nevertheless strive to respond to all ministry needs as they arise.

Church Office: Andrew Smith, our office manager, is typically in the office Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and at other times by appointment. Call 605-338-1672. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name and phone number, and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Pastor John is in or around the church on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Saturday afternoons, Sunday mornings before and after worship, and at other times by appointment. Please call the church office at 605-338-1672. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name and phone number, and someone will return your call as soon as possible. In an emergency, Pastor John can be reached at 605-550-0718.

RECOGNIZING AUGUSTANA'S QUILTING MINISTRY

For generations, Augustana Lutheran quilters have warmed bodies and hearts with their creations. On Sunday Oct. 15 we will take time to recognize this valuable ministry and the women and men who have participated in it.



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY FORUM OCTOBER 1

October 1 is Companion Synod Sunday across the South Dakota Synod. On this day we recognize the Lutheran Churches in Nicaragua and Cameroon, with which our synod partners for ministry. Rev. Aaron Matson will be with us, both in worship and in our first Church and Community Forum of the season, to talk about this valuable partnership. We hope you can join us!

LOGOS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4, 5:30-7:30 P.M.!

LOGOS is a youth and children's ministry at Augustana, co-sponsored by Augustana Lutheran Church and Pueblo de Dios. A meal is served at 5:30, followed by worship, Bible study, games, crafts, and other fun activities. We are looking for volunteers to help lead activities and/or to drive kids to and from the church. Please call the church office at 338-1672 if you can help. Tell your friends and neighbors!



MORTGAGE BURNING CEREMONY SUN. OCT. 22!

The mortgage has been paid on Augustana's 20-year-old building addition! We will celebrate this milestone on Oct. 22! Join us!

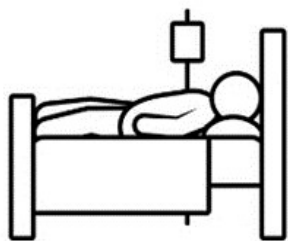


10:00 a.m.: Worship with Rev. Dr. Karen Soli preaching
11:00 a.m. Mortgage Burning Ceremony with potluck meal and special guests



LOGOS

IF YOU ARE SICK OR HOSPITALIZED...



Hospitals do not call the church when members are admitted. In fact, they may not even know what church the patient attends. If you or someone are hospitalized and would like the pastor to visit, please call the church office at 605-338-1672. In an emergency, you may call Pastor John at 605-550-0718.

FOOD-TO-YOU

*Oct 5 @ East Side Lutheran
 Oct 12 @ Messiah New Hope
 Oct 19 @ Augustana Lutheran
 Oct 26 @ Garfield Elementary
 Community Center*

All distributions 6-7pm

Volunteer groups from organizations, churches, and businesses, or family and friends are needed to sponsor and provide workers for each distribution. Volunteers come about 90 minutes early on the distribution day, set up the area, unload and arrange items, and interact with guests as they conduct the distribution.



AUGUST FINANCIAL SUMMARY

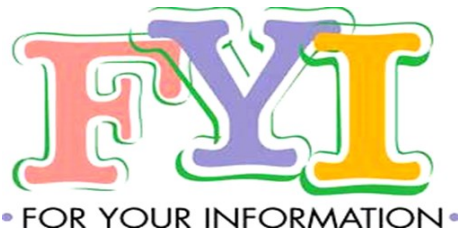
RECEIPTS

Offerings for Operating Fund	\$ 11,018.12
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 410.00
Noisy Offering (for SHIFT Garage)	\$ 40.12
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
Memorial	\$ 10.00
Miller Funeral Home	\$ 125.00
Rummage / Bake Sale	\$ 1,716.95
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 73.00
Mission Partner (Memorial Lutheran - Pierre)	\$ 100.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,868.19

EXPENSES

Devotional Books	\$ 5.66
Worship Materials	\$ 231.33
Utilities / Phone / Internet	\$ 1,443.44
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 902.06
Staff Support	\$ 8,717.58
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 63.39
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID	\$ 11,363.46





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.** Thanks to **Jim and Linda Sanden** for managing the HyVee card's!

Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, October 1

18th Sunday after Pentecost
 First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
 Psalm 25:1-9
 Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13
 Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, October 8

19th Sunday after Pentecost
 First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
 Psalm 80:7-15
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday, October 15

20th Sunday after Pentecost
 First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
 Psalm 23
 Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9
 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, October 22

21st Sunday after Pentecost
 First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday, Year A
 First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Psalm 46
 Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28
 Gospel: John 8:31-36







*October
 Scriptures
 For Your
 Personal
 Study*



This is your Birthday Song!
It Doesn't long very Long!
Happy Birthday
From Augustana Lutheran!

10/08 Frank Alvine	10/25 Linda Sanden
10/16 Lara Suing	10/26 Kendra Stel-

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Church & Community Forum: Companion Synod Sunday 10am - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	2	3 6:00 p.m. — Church Council	4  5:30 pm — 7:30	5	6	7
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