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Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

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SIoux FALLS, SD

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



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MOMENTS OF GENEROSITY by Pastor John Paulson

I am launching a new monthly series this month, prompted by a similar one in another congregation's newsletter. I say, "I," but anyone (!) may contribute to this series, sharing individual stories or a whole article.

Generosity tends to multiply, and, much like rumors (but obviously more positively), talking about generosity can spread it even more. So, in whatever form you wish to share, bring on the words of generosity!

Generosity
changes everything

This month I want to talk about three congregations that, through their donations, regularly help to support the work of Augustana Lutheran. Two of them, Lutheran Memorial Church in Pierre and St. Marks in Sioux Falls, were recipients of work by this and other congregations, who helped start those two churches. Annual donations from Peace Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls are part of an effort to help maintain an ELCA presence in changing neighborhoods in central Sioux Falls.

I believe all generosity springs from God's own generosity and abundance. People of faith who acknowledge that can adopt an attitude that says, "We have received more than we deserved," and/or "God has so much more to give than I could ever receive and use on my own." For a variety of reasons, Augustana Lutheran Church has been the recipient of the generosity of others, and for that we truly thank God!

a word from **The Church Council**

Our summer break is over and fall events are getting underway. Thanks to the members and friends who attended the Block Party, one of my favorite Sundays of the year.

The Augustana Council's September meeting included discussion and planning of the Block Party, God's Work, Our Hands weekend, and other things happening in the church this month. We heard reports about the ongoing upkeep up the building, and received monthly financial reports. We also continue to plan for LOGOS, the Fall Bazaar, the re-starting of the book group, our anniversary program in January, and other events. Please consider how you can help.

Our next meeting will be October 6 at 6 pm. Please let me know if there are any items you think we should discuss, and please continue to pray for our congregation and our pastor.

Anna Amundson
Church Council President

Thank You

- Thank You to Lutheran Memorial Church in Pierre and Peace Lutheran, Sioux Falls, for their gracious donations to the work of this congregation. We are partners together in Christ's mission.
- Thank You from Bethany Lutheran Home. We so appreciate you guys' help with yardwork, visiting with our residents, and supporting our grandparent's day party. We couldn't provide our residents with the support of our donor churches and volunteers. We appreciate your work and support.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

--theme for 140 year celebration.

Starting with this newsletter, tidbits of the history of God's house at 235 N Prairie, currently referred to as Augustana Lutheran Church will occur through the end of December as preparations ensue for the 140 year celebration in January, 2023. Detailed history can be found in Gail Jereb room, Pastor's office and every nook and cranny in and outside the church building.

It's closing in on the end of 1882. Chester Arthur is President of the United States, FDR is 11 months old, and the first Labor day is celebrated on September 5. December 28, a small district named Sioux Falls in the Dakota Territory (becoming South Dakota in 1889) saw the organization of a church named the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC).

Interesting? Ironic? Holy Spirit? December 28 is the fourth day of Christmas. Could it be that our true love (Jesus the Christ) sent to us four calling birds named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? The gospel writers gave us teachings, delivered by our Savior, on how we should love God and love one another. Who's to say that the start of SELC wasn't a call to shed light on the three french hens (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost)? Nevertheless, Pastor John Randall helped organize churches in Benton, Beaver Valley and SELC in Sioux Falls. SELC was on its way with worship being held in members' homes (Swedish being the only language spoken at these services) until such time a sit could be found for a church. The church started with 16 members – 140 years later, members that are physically in the present day church for worship is 16 (give or take).

Six months in (June 25, 1883), a lot located on the SE corner of 6th & Spring in Sioux Falls was purchased. A church was built and the first service held was January 6, 1884. That summer SELC and Benton came together as one parish. The first Sunday school was held on January 8, 1885. In 1900, (SELC now being led by Revered CE Lindsten), the church building was moved to face Spring Avenue, a tower constructed, a basement dug and furnace installed.

1905 brought a mention of English speaking services being provided. Pastor Lindsten made the call – services the two languages were alternated. This change was slow and painful. Pastor Martin Gustafson (pastor from 1916 – 1921) handled the two languages as if one. 100 plus years later, the church houses a Spanish speaking congregation – Pastor Jon Halverson handled the two languages as one. Swedish/English, Spanish/English. The languages are different but the messages are the same, bringing glory to God. We are all one in the Spirit.

Time progressed and the need for a larger church was evident. In 1921, a lot at 7th & Prairie was purchased (at this time, parish with Benton was dissolved).

What's Happening

See what's happening this month!

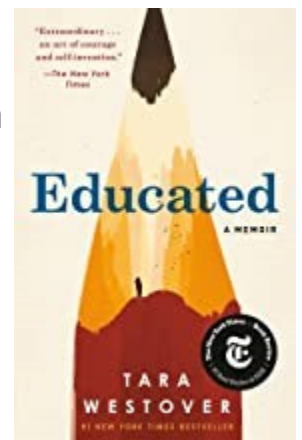


Noisy Offering-The Noisy Offering is going to Church on the Street.

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 next 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

10/08 Frank Alvine

10/25 Linda Sanden

10/16 Lara Suing

10/26 Kendra Stellingwerf



• 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.

LOGOS

LOGOS will begin on October 26.

Contact the church office if you would like to volunteer to help with LOGOS this year.

ANNUAL CHURCH BAZAAR

Saturday October 29

9am-3pm

We are in need of Pies for lunch at the bazaar contact Amber Stellingwerf at 605-553-8888 or call the church office.

We will be making Rosettes on Saturday October 22. We looking for people to help with that as well.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A9AF29A2F8C43-church>

BLOCK PARTY 2022

A little rain outside did not dampen the celebration inside as Augustana Lutheran and Pueblo de Dios celebrated their annual Block Party/Fiesta de la Calle. Participants worshiped, ate, and enjoyed music by Larry and Karol Olson of Dakota Road, visits by members of Sioux Falls Fire and Police Departments, face painting, piñatas, and lively conversation.





Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00am - Worship w/ Communion Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	3	4	5 12:00 PM Book Group on Zoom	6 6:00 PM Church Council	7	8
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16 11:00am - Worship w/ Communion Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website	17	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 12:00 PM Book Group on Zoom	20 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food-to You	21	22 9:00 AM Rosette Making
23 10:00am - Worship Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	24	25	26 12:00 PM Book Group on Zoom LOGOS 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	27 4:30 PM Bethany Board Meeting	28	29 9 AM - 3 PM Bazaar & Vendor Fair
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Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, July 21 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. October is cereal, any kind and hygiene kits. November will be Peanut Butter/Toilet Paper.



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!

We need your help. Consider helping. Links for Helping at Church.

Communion Helpers

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A9AF29A2F8C43-worship1>

Worship Readers

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A9AF29A2F8C43-worship>

Cleaning

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49A9AF29A2F8C43-church1>

AUGUST FINANCIAL DATA**RECEIPTS**

Offerings for General Fund	\$ 10,055.00
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,040.00
Noisy Offering <i>(designated for Church on the Street)</i>	\$ 29.20
World Hunger	\$ 35.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 17.00
Refund from Century Link	\$ 144.82
Mission Partners <i>(Memorial Lutheran - Pierre SD)</i>	\$ 100.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,771.02

EXPENSES PAID

ELCA Missions & World Hunger	\$ 210.00
Donation to Beaver Valley Lutheran Church	\$ 205.00
Website / Zoom Subscription	\$ 26.60
Office Supplies	\$ 24.90
Utilities, phone, internet	\$ 1,371.76
Insurance	\$ 824.66
Equipment / Maintenance / Repair	\$ 1,846.49
Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,000.00
Staff Support	\$ 7,266.08
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 50.97
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,826.46

Remaining Balance on Church Mortgage: \$16,075.00

From the Bishop's Desk



Greetings in the name of Christ,

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly convened in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 8-12, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Gathering under the theme, Embody the Word, voting members participated in plenaries and worship while acting on key legislative business and hearing reports on the work of the church.

In this newsletter insert, you will find a summary of the actions of the Churchwide Assembly. As you will, there was a lot! What follows covers a lot of ground; if you would like more information on the Assembly, or any of these actions, you can visit the ELCA's 2022 Churchwide Assembly page at elca.org/churchwideassembly. There, you can find a full rundown of everything that happened and watch recordings of every plenary session and worship service. I am also happy to speak to you or your congregation if you would like me to share my thoughts on any of the actions taken at the Assembly – just contact the Synod office to schedule a time.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

THANKSGIVING MEAL

Saturday, November 22, 2022

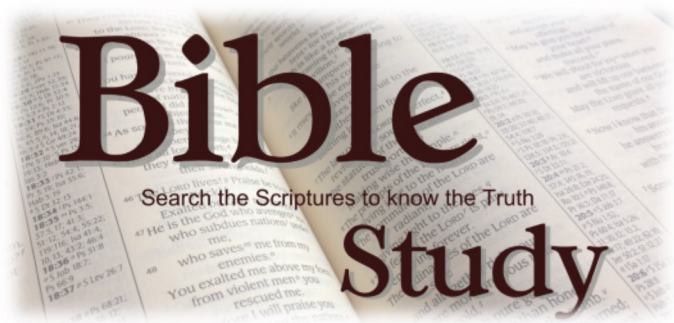
Augustana Lutheran Church

10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Looking for Volunteers to help with prepping food (the week before), Serving & Cleaning Tables at the Thanksgiving Meal.

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

If you are able to help or donate contact Nancy Kremin at 605-940-3072, nkkrebin@gmail.com or the Church Office.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OCTOBER



October 2, 2022
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 9, 2022
18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 16, 2022
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gensis 32:22-31
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 16:1-13

October 23, 2022
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Jere,iah 14:7-10, 19-22
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:7-14

October 30, 2022
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:10-18
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

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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, October 18

- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of October 24



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