

# September 2023

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church

**AUGUSTANA**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH 

SIoux FALLS, SD

## Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church

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### PLANNING FOR A NEW SEASON OF MINISTRY

by Pastor John

A new season of ministry is in the works, in more ways than one. The most obvious way is that with school back in session, things start to get busier around the church over the next couple of months, for example: Wednesday, September 13, Pastors John and Maria will be attending the second annual Faith Fair at Augustana University, designed to introduce students to some of the many ministries in and around Sioux Falls.



**Parade!** Sunday, Sept. 17, the congregation has been invited to participate in the first-ever Latino Festival Parade in Sioux Falls as part of Hispanic Heritage Month. The parade will start at 11:00 a.m. at 9th and Dakota, turn left on Phillips, and end at 6th and Phillips. The festival will begin right after the parade ends, at the Levitt Shell, and will end at 5pm. Augustana's mortgage burning celebration originally scheduled for that day will be postponed until October. More details regarding both events will be announced after the Sept. 5 Church Council meeting.

**Adult study:** We hope to start another study series for adults in September, led either by me or another member of the congregation. Possibilities include a book study and/or a weekly study of the readings for the coming Sunday. Let us know what you would enjoy!

**Story Junction:** You will be hearing more about this pilot program aimed at helping people listen to and tell stories about life and faith experiences. We have already done a little of this in council and committee meetings and at the Block Party/Fiesta.

**LOGOS**, our youth and children's ministry with Pueblo de Dios, will begin Oct. 4. We need volunteers to help lead activities and/or transport students to and from the church each Wednesday. Please call the office if you can help. Background checks are required.

**Forums:** Also in October, the Church and Community Forums will resume. If there are programs or organizations you would like to learn about, please let Pastor John know.

The Augustana church council is preparing for a new season of ministry in a different way. We are working on plans for a council retreat to be facilitated by Bishop Constanze Hagmaier this fall or winter. Together we will explore God's activity in our past and present lives and ministry. From there we will seek to discover where God might be leading this congregation as we look toward the future. More information will be available as the planning progresses.

I know that life can get busy for everyone at times, especially for those with children or grandchildren in school. Please do take the time, however, to refresh your spirit in whatever ways you can, including gathering for ministry with the people of Augustana.

# 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.

*See what's happening this month!*

Church Office: Andrew Smith, our office manager, is typically in the office Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 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.

## ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY/FIESTA BRINGS CULTURES TOGETHER



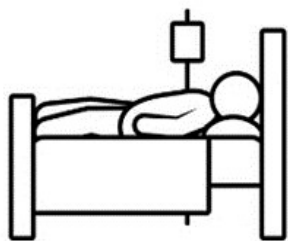
Around fifty people from Augustana, Pueblo de Dios, their families, friends and neighbors came together to celebrate the annual Block Party/Fiesta. With worship in Spanish and English and food prepared by immigrants from Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Haiti, this was truly a celebration of cultures! If others took photos of the gathering, we'd love to see them! Please send them to the church office at [alcsf@augustanasioxfalls.com](mailto:alcsf@augustanasioxfalls.com).

## 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!



**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**

*Sept 7 @ East Side Lutheran  
 Sept. 14 @ Messiah New Hope  
 Sept 21st @ Augustana Lutheran  
 Aug 28 @ 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.**



**JULY FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

RECEIPTS		EXPENSES	
Offerings for Operating Fund	\$ 9,830.37	Devotional Books	\$ 20.24
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 695.00	Office Supplies	\$ 179.36
Noisy Offering (for SF	\$ 51.37	Utilities & Phone	\$ 647.99
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 44.00	Maintenance & Repair	\$ 231.58
Mission Partner (Memorial	\$ 100.00	Staff Support	\$ 8,432.12
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 10,720.74</b>	Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 102.46
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES PAID</b>	<b>\$ 9,613.75</b>

*Generosity*  
 changes everything



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

### Sunday Scriptures

#### Sunday, September 3

##### **14th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21

*Psalm 26:1-8*

*Second Reading Romans 12:9-21*

*Gospel Matthew 16:21-28*

#### Sunday, September 17

##### **16th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Second Reading

#### Sunday, September 10

##### **15th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalm 119:33-40

Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

#### Sunday, September 24

##### **17th Sunday after Pentecost**

First Reading Jonah 3:10--4:11

Psalm 145:1-8

Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|------|-------------------|------|------------------------|
| 9/2  | Cassandra Pope    | 9/13 | Eva Nelson             |
| 9/3  | Laurie Kjergaard  | 9/14 | Jackie Doese           |
| 9/3  | Rhonda Loe        | 9/15 | Chase Buie             |
| 9/4  | Lorraine Mears    | 9/16 | Cami Kuchta            |
| 9/5  | Natalie Bartling  | 9/18 | Steve Bartling         |
| 9/6  | Lori Braa         | 9/20 | Jaxier Maldonado-Lemme |
| 9/9  | Andy Pedersen     | 9/22 | Lena Stellingwerf      |
| 9/13 | Marilyn Alvine    | 9/25 | Rose Grant             |
| 9/13 | Alan Stellingwerf |      |                        |

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>LATINO FESTIVAL SEPT. 17,</b> 11:00 a.m.: Parade from 9th and Dakota to 6th and Phillips Noon to 5:00 p.m. Festival at the Levitt Band Shell.						
						
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<b>3</b> <b>10am</b> - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook <b>12:30pm</b> - Pueblo de Dios Worship			<b>6</b> Quinceanera Practice 6p-9p			
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<b>17</b> <b>10:00am</b> - Worship w/ communion Online Worship on ALC Facebook <b>Latino Festival !</b> <b>See above</b>			<b>20</b> Quinceanera Practice 6p-9p	<b>21</b> 6:00 - 7:00 pm - Food-to You	<b>22</b> <u><b>Newsletter Deadline</b></u>	<b>23</b>
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