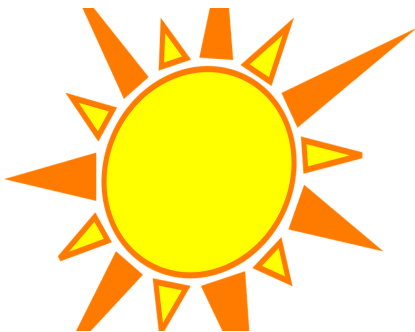


JUNE 2021

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



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I'm still excited about Food-to-You! Augustana Lutheran Church and Pueblo de Dios joining together on the third Thursday of May to serve at Food-to-You mobile food pantry. Food-to-You (and its parent organization, Charis

Ministries) have existed for 12 years and developed a system of distributing needed food to many people. We served 82 family units at the drive-thru food distribution this past month. Thank you to those who helped and those who received. We thank God for the abundance in our world, and the ability to give of that abundance.

You probably know a lot more than I do about the Food-to-You program. Maybe you've helped serve, too. I love hearing stories of Augustana providing a coinciding meal during Food-to-You, and hope for the day we can reinstate that meal.

What brings you joy these days? For what do you hope? I'd love to hear about it! And, this congregation needs your energy, joy, and hope as we continue to worship and serve in this neighborhood and beyond.

The ALC Council has been having good conversations these past months, and that group is striving to focus on the many opportunities ahead, even though the road isn't always easy. God has and will continue to bless this congregation.

In Christ,
Interim Pastor Jon



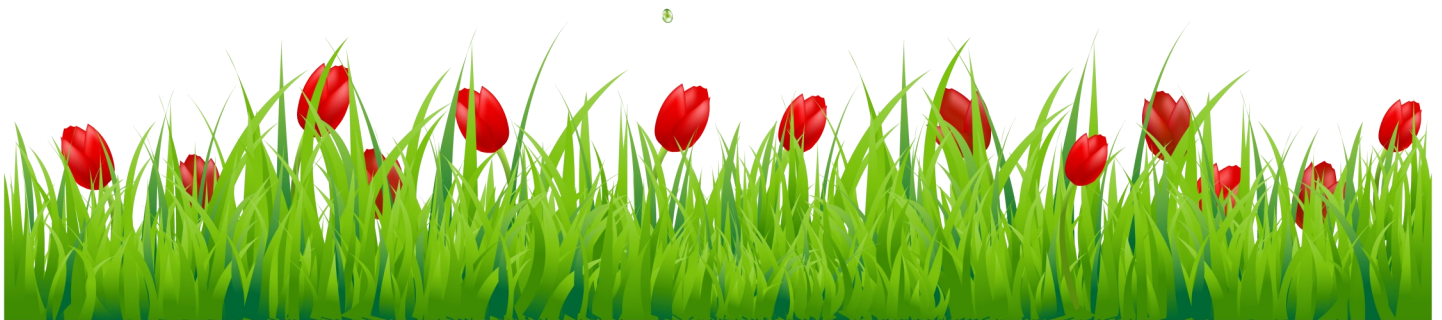
a word from **The Church Council**

Hello from Anna Amundson, the new council president. I accepted this position after Brian Lambertz resigned from the council in April. We are sorry to see him go and we would like to thank him for his service to our congregation.

The church council continues to work during this time of transition. This month, along with other members, we've continued the cleaning and organizing at the church, served Food To You, reached out to homebound members with May baskets and elected a Call Committee.

Last week, four council members and Pastor Jon met with Bishop Constanze Hagmaier, Pastor Renee Splichal Larson and Pastor Jonathan Steiner from the South Dakota Synod of the ELCA. The pandemic has changed our congregation significantly, and synod staff offered support and advice for moving forward. Pastor Jonathan has offered to continue working with us regarding new ways to reach out to our neighbors, and we will let you know how you can take part in these conversations as they continue.

Thank you to everyone who continues to offer their time, money and prayers to sustain our congregation.



Coffee on the Corner

Grab a cup on your way to work, or stop to chat for a bit. Sip and pray and meet those who pass by the corner of 7th and Prairie. Each Tuesday morning during the month of June, Pastor Jon will have coffee, tea, and water available on the east-side



Summer Picnic

It's the longest day of the year, so let's get together! Gather on the church lawn on Sunday, June 20th, from 6:00-8:00pm for a picnic. Please, bring your own food and lawn chair, as we continue to be careful during this time of pandemic. Beverages, yard games, and a brief time of prayer and song will be provided. Friends welcome!

What's Happening

See what's happening this month!

Noisy Offering-The Noisy Offering through June will go to the Bishop Dudley Hospitality House. The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House provides shelter, food, and needed life services to those in need in our community.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Book Discussion-Our book discussion group meets every Wednesday at 12:00 over zoom. A summary of the book we are currently reading is below.

Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion-Early one morning, for no earthly reason, Sara Miles, raised an atheist, wandered into a church, received communion, and found herself transformed—embracing a faith she'd once scorned. Miles didn't discover a religion that was about angels or good behavior or piety; her faith centered on real hunger, real food, and real bodies. Before long, she turned the bread she ate at communion into tons of groceries, piled on the church's altar to be given away.

Thank You

This month we recognize the following for sharing their gifts:

- * To those who helped during worship on Sundays with Reading & Greeting
- * To those who helped with cleaning the church

Thank You to the following for bring geraniums for Pentecost Sunday
They will be planted in the front of the church.

- * Virgil Huebner & family in memory of Marge Huebner
- * Cheryl Strang in memory of Don, Genevieve, Deb, Bud, & Ron Carpenter, Candy Newman & Pamela McDowell
- * Anna Amundson in memory of Don & Irene Anfinson, Boyd & Gladys Amundson and Meredith Ulmer
- * Steve & Crystal Bartling in memory of George Baker
- * Lappegard family in memory of Eric Lappegard
- * Deloris McDonald & family in memory of Lyle & Doris Skillman, Bernie McDonald & Pat McDonald
- * Frank & Marilyn Alvine in memory of Paul & Gertrude Alvine
- * Frank & Marilyn Alvine in memory of Art & Jean Hough



May 1st - Church Spring Clean-up

A special thank-you to everyone who helped with the Spring Clean-up.

"Many hands make light work" - In just 3 hours of focused work efforts on Saturday, May 1st, a group of 9 volunteers were able to clean up the lawn / landscaping, main social hall, foyer areas, and church sanctuary. Pews were vacuumed, floors were mopped, windows were washed, window sills were wiped down, carpet areas were vacuumed, tables / chairs were wiped down, shelves were organized, and several air vents / returns were cleaned out.

It was amazing to see the teamwork and dedication of members of all ages working together to make the church property look great. Truly wonderful to see "God's hands at work through the congregation".

Thank you to those who helped out - Anna Amundson, Carla, Zander & Eleanor Diede, Jackie Doese, Linda & Jim Sanden, Cheryl Strange & Michelle Huebner.



Rev. Renee Splichal Larson to receive *The Living Loehe Award*

The Reverend Renee Splichal Larson was selected as a 2021 recipient of *The Living Loehe Award* from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. *The Living Loehe Award* was established by Wartburg Seminary in 1973 as a way of honoring individuals who have given distinguished service to and through the church and exemplify Christ's call to be disciples in the context of their own daily lives and professional commitments.

Pastor Splichal Larson is a 2010 graduate of Wartburg Seminary and currently serves as the Associate to the Bishop for Candidacy, Congregation, and Rostered Minister Accompaniment in the South Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Prior to being called to the South Dakota Synod in 2019, Pastor Splichal Larson served as pastor of Heart River Lutheran Church in Mandan, North Dakota. While at Heart River, Pastor Splichal Larson served as a mission developer, creating a re-entry ministry and support network for youth at the North Dakota Youth Correctional Center called Heart River Bridges of Hope.

"Wilhelm Loehe dedicated his life in Christian service to God, and God's people, and world. His love for Jesus, Scripture, the Lutheran Confessions, and mission was profound. To receive *The Living Loehe Award* is deeply humbling," Pastor Splichal Larson said.

It is with great joy and jubilation that we celebrate Pastor Renee Splichal Larson and give thanks for her service in the South Dakota Synod.

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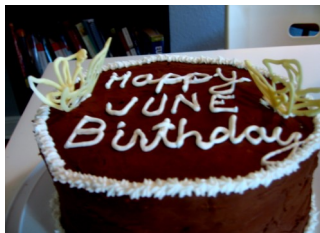


YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHURCH BY BUYING AND USING HYVEE CARDS to do your grocery shopping. Gift cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings, either before or after worship or call **Linda Sanden at 413-8984** or email her at **sanden@sio.midco.net** to make arrangements. You can purchase cards in \$25, \$50, \$100. **Five percent of what you spend comes back to the church.** Since the beginning of this program **\$23,900** 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 fund.



Vibrant Faith Committee along with volunteers at the May 1st Spring Clean-up Day not only cleaned the church but had fun



6/2 Theodore Braa

6/23 Kevin Kase

6/10 Timothy Pope

6/26 Deloris Carlson

6/17 Bryleigh McLain

6/27 Chris Diede

6/20 Randi McLain

6/29 Brian Kjergaard

Hello JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	7	1 8:30-10 AM Coffee on the Corner	2	3	4	5
6 10:00am - Worship and Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	7 6:30pm ALC Church Council	8 8:30-10 AM Coffee on the Corner	9 12 Noon - 1:00pm - Zoom Book Discussion	10	11	12
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Thank You to everyone from Augustana & Pueblo De Dios who helped with Food to You on May 20th. Your help was greatly appreciated



Food-to-You Mobile Food Pantry

Food-to-You (one arm of Charis Ministries, mobilefoodpantry.org) is a program in Sioux Falls that was originated 12 years ago. Augustana Lutheran Church is both a monthly host site as well as one of the founding ELCA congregations. ALC hosts Food-to-You the third Thursday of each month. During the pandemic Food-to-You has shifted to a drive-thru format. And, as their website states: "No need to be early; all will be served." Indeed, all are served as Food-to-You serves between 60 and 100 families each week.



Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, June 24TH starting at 6 p.m. Food-To-You will do a drive-up distribution of food. We will not be providing a meal at this time. The food for June is Tuna & Tuna Helper. July is Macaroni & Cheese.



Women's Ministry

Augustana Lutheran Church Women ALCW and QUILTERS

- ◆ **Quilting** - 9:00 am every Tuesday (Are not meeting during the Pandemic)
- ◆ **The ALCW is not meeting during COVID.**



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 during this COVID - 19)**

Your gifts make a big difference!

APRIL FINANCIAL SUMMARY

RECEIPTS

Offerings for Operating Fund	\$ 11,445.00
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Noisy Offering (for Bishop Dudley House)	\$ 22.56
Use of Facility (1st African Ministry)	\$ 300.00
Designated Gift for electrical work	\$ 820.00
Congregational Fund Raising (Hy-Vee cards)	\$ 125.00
World Hunger appeal	\$ 20.00
Mission Partners (Memorial Lutheran & Peace)	\$ 300.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
Hunger Grant (restricted funds for LOGOS)	\$ 6,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 20,882.56

EXPENSES PAID

ELCA Mission Support	\$ 200.00
World Hunger	\$ 35.00
Advertising & Zoom subscription	\$ 101.60
Office Supplies	\$ 41.52
Utilities & phone	\$ 586.86
Insurance	\$ 754.83
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 1,296.75
Property taxes	\$ 145.48
Staff Support	\$ 6,227.37
Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,000.00
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 39.31
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 11,428.72

Unexpected expenses in April resulted in the following unpaid bills:

Automatic Bldg. Controls: replace the main board	\$ 1,570.88
Tessier's Inc: inducer replaced because of bird that flew into the mechanism	\$ 628.20

If you wish to make a special donation to help cover these bills, please designate that on your check or offering envelope.



From the Bishop's Desk

Dear South Dakota Synod,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the triune God. - I hope these words find you soaking up the warmth of summer. While last year we postponed family and class reunions and avoided gatherings altogether due to the pandemic, I hope you are back to do what you enjoy, being together in community. While you read these lines I will be visiting my family in Germany. I have not seen my parents or my son, who works and lives there, in two years. My Mom was diagnosed with dementia a few years ago, and my dad and our son are the sole caretakers. I will use my time to check in with doctors, see how my family is holding up and enjoy my afternoon pastries while visiting those I love. I give thanks for regaining the freedom to travel again. Are there restrictions? Absolutely! But because vaccinations in the US moved along fast we are able to enjoy traveling much safer again. Did you get your vaccine yet? I did. But I have to admit I am among those who reluctantly went to be vaccinated. Yes, I had fears, I had questions, I wanted to wait, but faithful conversations with medical personnel and scientists assured me that I will be okay. Did it take care of all of my reluctance? Honestly, no, it hasn't, but I trust that those who work with and on vaccines know and answer truthfully. And has a person of faith I trust that in the midst of science and my fears God holds me and cares for my doubts and all. If you have fears about the vaccine talk to your doctor or a medical provider you trust to help you ease your fears, and maybe with more conversations you one day will also be ready to reluctantly get vaccinated. But no matter what, know that regardless you are a beloved child of God.

Journeying with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the SD Synod

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8:00 am - Tuesday, June 17th

- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of June 28th



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