



Who are these masked volunteers?

The person who identifies the most publication super volunteers in this photo wins a box of chocolates! The photo was taken at an August luncheon honoring Augustana's publication volunteers with the theme "Volunteers Are



Superheroes!" Many thanks to these folks who serve God by collating Sunday bulletins and assembling *The Tower* for mailing.

E-mail your guess to goodrum@augustanadenver.org by Thursday, October 15!

Augustana members honored as 7Everyday Heroes

Kay and Ken Madsen were honored Tuesday, September 15, as 7Everyday Heroes by Mitch Jelnicke for their 15 years of volunteering with Metro Caring. Watch channel 7 news for their story Sunday, September 27, 10 p.m., Monday, September 28, 11 a.m., Saturday, October 3, 5 p.m., Sunday, October 4, 7 a.m., or Thursday, October 8, 11 a.m.



good news!

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Sunday Schedule

- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (September–May)

Chapel Prayer

- Monday, 10 a.m., Christ Chapel
- Tuesday, 7 p.m., Christ Chapel

Mission Statement

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we gather in Christian community, reach out and invite, offer hope and healing in Jesus Christ, and walk humbly with God.

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Recently lifted up in prayer

For hope and healing:

- Gail Bartels, Jason Gustad, Rogers Hauck, Joyce Jenkel, Kalyn Johnson, Greg Larson, Phyllis O'Neal, Hannah Scully, Joe Tripp, Farrel Vikman, Ria Werner

For comfort and courage:

- Family and friends of Lloyd Tokheim in his death
- Ron Swenson in the death of his sister, Joanne Pearson
- Shirley Swedeen in the death of her sister, Audrey Rhodes
- Family and friends of Peggy Sale in her death
- Sharon Schillereff in the death of her friend, Mary Filosa Brown

Other

- Krista Degerness in her mission trip to Cambodia which starts on September 10, 2015 and ends on December 10, 2015

Thank you for the gifts!

Augustana Arts

- In memory of Carole Berson

Augustana Foundation

- In memory of Babs Quist

Health Ministry

- In memory of Babs Quist, Edith Schneider, EJ Thomson

"Over the Top!"

- In memory of Yvonne and Carl McConnell, Edith Schneider, Jerry Strong

Senior Ministry

- In memory of Yvonne and Carl McConnell, Louis Toscano

Silver Notes

- In memory of Hilda Frost, Edie Schneider

Special Gifts

- In memory of Edith Schneider, Louis Toscano

November/December newsletter schedule change

The deadline for articles for a **combined November/December Tower** issue is Thursday, October 15. This issue should reach local homes around October 31.

The deadline for the January 2016 issue of the *Tower* is Thursday, December 3. This edition should reach local mailboxes around December 19. You may also include late December and Christmas news in this edition.

Contact **Lyn Goodrum** (goodrum@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678 ext. 114) if you have questions.

Need more funds?

Augustana programs, groups, and property are eligible to receive designated funds as voted by Thrivent members. Requests for funds should include the name of the organization, amount of money, the purpose of the grant, and a contact person with telephone number and/or e-mail address. Send your request by November 10 to KL-cruson@comcast.net so it can be considered at the November 15 Thrivent Financial meeting.

Thrivent Choice Dollars have been generously designated by Thrivent members to a special fund at Augustana Lutheran Church. Thrivent members may contact thrivent.com or 1-800-THRIVENT to designate your Choice Dollars at any time.

Worship

Reformation Sunday, October 25

Augustana celebrates Reformation Sunday, October 25, with Holy Communion at 8 a.m. worship and Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. worship! Both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship will be in Augustana's sanctuary. The festival color of the day is red.

Daylight Saving Time ends!

Turn your clocks BACK an hour Saturday night, October 31.



“Thanks, Augustana!”

Dear Pastor Caitlin and Augustana staff,
Thank you all for the beautiful funeral service for Edie Schneider, and for the delicious cookie and punch reception! Beautiful memorial service!

God bless each of you,
Kristin and Stan McDonald and family

What an honor it was to be invited to display my paintings on the Chapel Walk for the months of August and September. I appreciate all the complimentary comments that I received from so many.

A huge thank you to those who chose to purchase some of my work. You are so appreciated.

A special thank you to Anna Blanchard, a charming, young miss who was my first Chapel Walk customer. Bless you, Anna.

Last but not least, thanks to Lyn Goodrum for all her help and advice.

Sincerely,
Dee Melicher
Psalm 107:1

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 1. Augustana will remember those who have died in faith in the congregation's life over the past year. If you have a loved one who has died since last All Saints Sunday (November 2, 2014), Augustana is pleased to include their name in its All Saints prayers. Call or e-mail Augustana's office (303-388-4678 ext. 114 or goodrum@augustanadenver.org) by Wednesday, October 28; clearly spell their name, include their date of birth and date of death, and if necessary, give pronunciation directions.

Vivian Schneider and family McDonald express our thanks to the pastor and staff for the beautiful memorial service for Edie and to those attending and contributing to the church in her memory.

Vivian Schneider

Dear Rev. Caitlin Trussell and friends at Augustana Lutheran Church:

On behalf of Metro Caring participants, thank you for your recent contribution to fund the organization's vital hunger-relief work. This donation ensures that Metro Caring can continue to help families access enough nutritious food while also receiving education and resources on the path to self-sufficiency.

Again, we are so grateful for your recent support. With an integrated, holistic service model to assist food-insecure neighbors, Metro Caring is working to address both immediate as well as long-term needs. Together, we are advocating and directing efforts toward a future when all are well-fed.

Thanks for your generous gifts to help bring about local food justice!

Lynne Butler
Executive Director



Plan now for the November Congregational Meeting!

Sunday, November 8, 11:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Augustana's annual fall congregational meeting will be held Sunday, November 8, in Fellowship Hall following 10:30 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the 2016 budget, elect Congregation Council and Nominating Committee members and Synod Assembly representatives, vote on amendments to the constitution, and to address any additional business that comes before the assembly.

A lunch will be served prior to the start of the meeting, and childcare will be available. If you are a member of the congregation, please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Congregation Council

Motion to be voted on at November annual meeting of the congregation

At this year's annual meeting of the congregation, to be held on November 8, the congregation will be asked to vote on a motion presented by the congregation council. The purpose of the motion is to permit the Augustana Foundation to amend the method by which it determines the amount of funds available from the investment portfolio for distributing grants.

Currently, the Foundation is permitted to disburse up to 4 percent of the Net Asset Value of the Foundation Fund

in annual grants. The proposed motion will permit the Foundation to distribute grants totaling no more than the actual amount of income earned and received by the Foundation for the prior calendar year.

The reason for this change relates to the fact that in years past, it was difficult to project actual income from a portfolio containing both equity and fixed income investments. Now that the Foundation has changed its portfolio mix to be almost exclusively fixed income investments, annual portfolio income is more easily determined.

One of the guiding principles of the Foundation is that only income, not principal, be expended. The proposed motion better aligns with this guideline.

The motion has the support of both the Foundation and congregation council who urge the congregation to vote in favor of the motion.

Augustana Lutheran Church Council Motion

At the Augustana Foundation Board meeting held February 10, 2015, a discussion was held to encourage the council and congregation of Augustana Lutheran Church to adopt a resolution changing the method of determining distributions from the Foundation investment portfolio. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, it has been the practice of the Augustana Lutheran Church Foundation (the "Foundation") to calculate the funds available for grant distribution by taking the prior year-end Net Asset Value of the portfolio times four percent (4.0%). This method was utilized because of the difficulty in projecting actual income from a portfolio containing both equities and fixed income investments, and

WHEREAS, the Foundation has, over the last several years, changed its portfolio mix to be almost exclusively made up of fixed income investments, and

WHEREAS, portfolio income is now readily apparent, and

WHEREAS the Foundation wishes to amend the method by which it determines the funds available from the investment portfolio for distributing grants,

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that effective January 1, 2016, the Foundation will calculate funds available from the investment portfolio for distributing grants to be an amount no greater than the actual amount of income earned and received by the Foundation for the prior calendar year.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2015.

Congregational Learning

Families Inspired Together

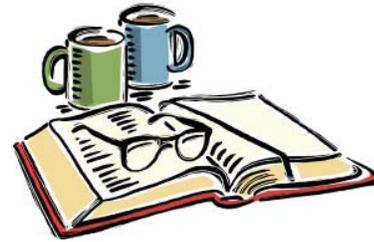
Sundays, 9:15 a.m., Room 3

- September 27 – “Sunday School and Confirmation: What’s New,” **Yvonne Wilken**, presenter
- October 4 – Parenting Discussion
- October 11 – “Rituals and Traditions in the Home,” **Yvonne Wilken**, presenter
- October 18 and 25 – “Confirmation: What’s it all about?”

Considering making Augustana your church home?

Learn more about Augustana at the newcomers/new members class, which begins Sunday, November 1 and meets every Sunday through November 22. The class will meet 9:15–10:15 a.m.

During this time, the pastors will discuss Lutheran beliefs and theology, and various staff and lay leaders will share details about Augustana’s ministries. If you have questions, please contact **Julie MacDougall** (303-388-4678). Reservations in advance are appreciated but not required.



“Martin Luther - His Life and Times”

Sundays, September 27, October 4, 11, and 25, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room. You are cordially invited to a five-week presentation: “Martin Luther - His Life and Times.” Presenter is **Paul Alexander**.

Thursday Morning Study Group

What did King Henry VIII (yes, the dude with the six wives) give Martin Luther for a wedding present? Find out by attending the study group Thursdays, 9:30–11 a.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. “Life and Times of Martin Luther” begins on October 1. Sign up with Augustana’s office (303-388-4678 or info@augustanadenver.org) and plan to bring your Bible. If you have questions, please contact **Linda Daniel** (303-238-0687 or thedaniels2190@comcast.net).

Financial Statement for August 2015

	August 2015		August 2014	YTD 2015		YTD 2014
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual
All Income	\$ 67,459.10	\$78,872.40	\$ 75,787.69	\$ 618,739.53	\$ 629,034.14	\$ 633,559.07
All Expenditures	86,265.94	80,890.20	73,169.43	701,547.07	645,602.32	634,311.44
Net Income(Loss)	\$ (18,806.84)	\$ (2,017.80)	\$ 2,618.26	\$ (82,807.54)	\$ (16,568.18)	\$ (752.37)

Expenditures in August included:

- Several items supporting ministry for children and youth: \$463.95 to place Bibles in the hands of our children; \$1,197.16 as an additional portion of the mission trip of our youth to South Dakota; \$582.12 for Sunday School supplies and worship engagement activities; and \$240.98 for Vacation Bible School supplies
- In addition, the purchase of compostable cups for \$206.75 supports our commitment to care for God’s creation.



Darryl Farrington, Paul Blanchard and Jeff Ziebarth at the “hand food” lunch. Thanks to Stephen Daniel for photographs!



▲ Augustana members and friends use their hands to portion bulk bags of rice and beans into smaller bags for Metro Caring.

▼ Chancel Choir warms up.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday: Update and Gratitude

Thank you to all who helped with the ministry efforts. Many, many people came together to magnify the ministry of the baptized on Sunday, September 13, from Global Mission and Social Ministry Committees, Children’s and Family Ministry, Health Ministry, Music Ministry, Augustana Early Learning Center Ministry, Community Garden Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Barbeque Ministry and more.

Meals were taken to the homeless, 1,600 pounds of rice and beans were portioned for Metro Caring, prayer shawls were knitted, time was shared, and people enjoyed working and being together.

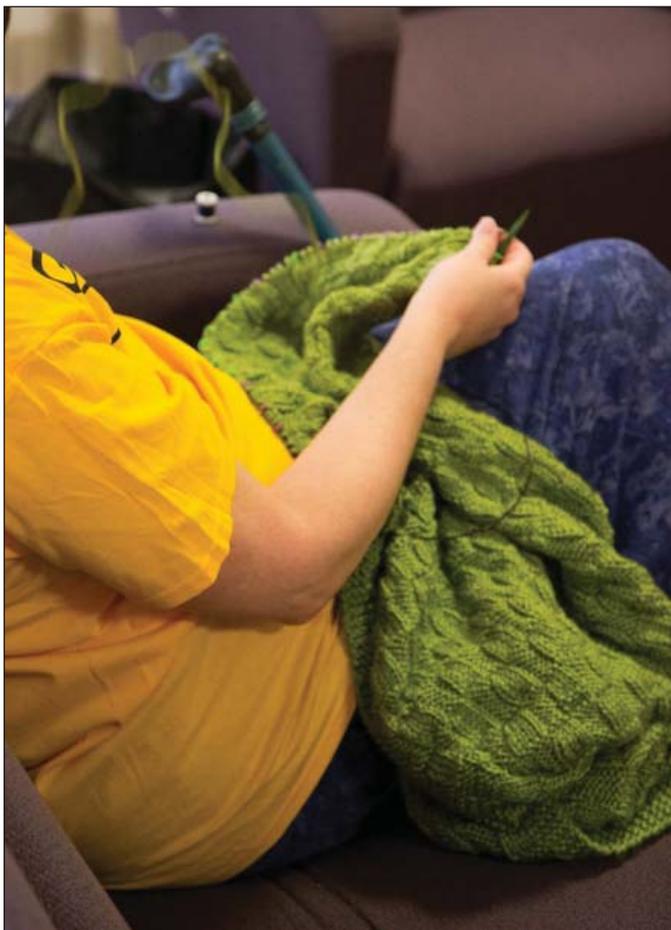
People were so enthusiastic that we had to ask the 8 a.m.

worshippers to stop work after about 30 minutes to leave some beans and rice for the people who came to worship at 10:30 a.m. so they could join in the fun. The rest of the beans and rice took about 15 minutes after the 10:30 a.m. worship service to finish bagging. We’ll order more for the next food break down!

Special thanks to Ken Beazer, Paul Blanchard, Lyn Goodrum, Cindy Lindeen-Martin, Julie MacDougall, Dwight Stenseth, Sheryl Stenseth, Don Troike, Barb Watts, and Yvonne Wilken who ran some key lead positions to pull this together!

Peace,
Pastor Caitlin

We'd love to hear your thoughts about "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Please extend your grace along with your comments, questions, and future ideas to info@augustanadenver.org subject line: "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. Or speak directly with Julie MacDougall, Barb Watts, or Pastor Caitlin Trussell.



God's work. Our hands.

Health Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, October 4, **Susan McKee**, founder and director of **Knitting4Peace**, will be joining us at our monthly meeting. This organization shares our values and concerns about meeting both the physical and emotional needs of those in difficult circumstances. Susan will share the history of Knitting4Peace and introduce us to

Community Purls, a local initiative to deliver warmth to Denver's most vulnerable members. She will bring samples of items that are needed and patterns for making them. This is the time for you to come if you have been considering participating in our prayer shawl ministry. We meet outside the John W. Cowee Health Ministry office at 11:30 a.m., immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship, on the first Sunday of every month.

Save the Date

Understanding Dementia—Its Stages and Approaches to Communication

- Sunday, November 1, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Anna Paulson Room
- Brunch and Program

October is National Dental Hygiene Month

This year's focus during National Dental Hygiene Month (NDHM) centers around four components of good oral health maintenance: brushing teeth twice daily, flossing every day, rinsing with antimicrobial mouthwash, and chewing sugar-free gum.

The best way to ensure that adults and children do not get cavities or gingivitis is to instill proper oral habits early. Good oral hygiene routines should be established as early as infancy and continued throughout life.

The hectic pace of today's adult lifestyle often leaves little time for the daily oral health care routine needed to prevent cavities and periodontal disease. This is unfortunate since periodontal disease is the most common cause of tooth loss in adults. An estimated 75 percent of Americans reportedly have some form of periodontal disease. Regular dental visits, every six months, will help you learn more about proper care for you and your children's teeth and gums. Good oral health habits will benefit not just your oral health, but also contribute to improved overall health.

Pastors

Pastor Caitlin

Sometimes, it starts with a question...



About a year ago, Augustana member Barb Watts asked me something almost casually about “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. I don’t remember exactly what she said, but it was close to, “Would something like that ever be something we would do here?” My response was supportive of the idea while investigating her

interest and passion for helping lead it. “I’m game . . . do you want to be a part of seeing what’s possible?”

A few months went by, 2015 flipped on the calendar, and Julie MacDougall started working in the office as the Volunteer Coordinator. She was more than game for “God’s work.

Our hands.” Sunday. Bringing her years of church membership, relationships, and formidable skills from the business arena along with her, we started the conversation with Barb and Lyn Goodrum, Augustana’s communications specialist. Slowly but surely adding people to the mix from Global Mission and Social Ministry Committees, Children’s and Family Ministry, Health Ministry, Music Ministry, Augustana Early Learning Center Ministry, Community Garden Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Barbeque Ministry and more.

Celebrating “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday meant looking at things differently—especially after several years of holding the “Discover Augustana!” ministry fair on the same Sunday in September. “God’s work. Our hands.” is part of a church-wide emphasis of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) uniquely embodied by each ELCA congregation. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton invites us to be “church together” on the second Sunday in September to live into our baptismal identity in the world.

In its first year, 2013, I balked at the idea. Augustana had

just called me as a pastor and we were getting to know each other slowly but surely. “Discover Augustana!” ministry fair was already in place and going strong on the second Sunday in September. The second year, 2014, was the summer following Pastor Pederson’s retirement, and, quite frankly, God’s work for my hands had filled them plenty full.

These excuses worked those first couple of years mostly because I was skeptical of the project. Here’s a confession for you. As a general rule, I’m fairly skeptical of Christian projects. How’s that for a paradox in a collar? Part of the skepticism is that Christian projects can have the effect of trying to dress up the gospel, turning it into something else entirely, so that you no longer hear that Jesus died on a cross and lives again for the unconditional forgiveness of the world.

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It becomes so easy to take the gospel of Christ’s death and resurrection and pile something else on top of it, making the gospel contingent and conditional. Whether it’s moral conservatism or liberal moralism or some other

–ism entirely, you’ve likely heard the language. Fill in this blank, “You’re really a Jesus follower if you _____.”

Christian projects have a way of turning into these contingent, conditional sentences. And these sentences have a way of turning into self-righteous weapons that truly hurt other people and cut off relationships. So as benign as these yellow t-shirts look, I could see their short-sleeved shadows.

But, as Jesus people, we say that we are baptized into Christ’s death and raised to new life in Christ. By this baptism, we are the Body of Christ in the world. The waters of baptism drown the skeptic. Skepticism can be occasionally helpful and sometimes fun. But there are issues of justice that need attention. More immediately, people need to eat. So, the waters of baptism drown the skeptic and send us to participate in the practical. We tend to the feeding of the hungry, the clothing of the naked, the healing of the sick, and offering hope to the hopeless.

This is the punch of “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. It’s like setting up a magnifier over the ministry of the

baptized. On the other 364 days of the year, the ministry of the baptized hums along in our homes and our places of work in our daily vocations of relationships, work, and volunteerism.

The ministry of the baptized hums along in our worship in white robes and street clothes. Sometimes we know the good we do, but most of the time we really don't. It's often hidden from us and it's mostly hidden from others. And that is likely a good thing because otherwise the ministry of the baptized so easily becomes our project and not God's.

As we are conscripted by our baptisms, be assured by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Ephesians 2:8–10

Peace,

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Pastor Todd

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

—Paul in his greeting to the church in Thessalonica

Something happened at church a few Sundays ago. It was a simple thing, and when it happened I did not give too much thought to it. Since it happened I have had it in my mind, though, so I want to share it.

I walked into Augustana's building on a beautiful September morning to be greeted with tomatoes. A kind person greeted me, really, but he held a bucket of tomatoes. They were fresh fruits, straight from the garden, beautiful in color, of various sizes and shapes (one was shaped more like a



sweet potato than a tomato, but I took it nonetheless). The kind person said I could take some, and offered a bag to put them in.

“Thank you, sir, I will.”

I walked a few steps further into the church hallway and another kind person greeted me with a worship bulletin. “Here are your tomatoes; here is your bulletin. Let's worship!” I guess that is how it is sometimes, and I am grateful! Grateful to be in church, to be so blessed. Grateful for generosity—for joy in giving and joy in receiving. Yet I also feel for those who are not able to be here at worship. Those who cannot make it to worship every Sunday, who may love the taste of fresh tomatoes. I think of those who cannot be at worship, but love the company of others as they praise Jesus and hear of Christ's love for all people. I felt so blessed by shared fruit and shared worship at church. I also found it somewhat humorous to get tomatoes with my bulletin!

A couple days later I visited someone who was not in church, and cannot be regularly. In their home, I witnessed similar acts of sharing. Not tomatoes and bulletins, but other things, shared in faith and generosity. My host described how their neighbor shared a book. She described how her family purchased and delivered some food. How a TLC minister from Augustana had visited and prayed with her, and how much that relationship means to her. She pointed to some mail which included the bulletin and sermon from Sunday's worship (she receives it from church each week as requested).

Faith is growing abundantly in these things. It may be a tomato, an act of worship, a book, groceries, prayer and time together. Faith can grow abundantly by any act of generosity. The love of every one of you for one another may increase in such things.

In this season when we look for harvest, when fresh tomatoes greet us sometimes at church, let us not forget to be both grateful and generous. We give thanks to God for one another, for growing faith and for abundant love.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Todd

God's word. Our faith.

In the fall, the Stewardship Committee emphasizes the Christian practice of giving money, time, and skills, helping us think about our own need to give as an act of faithful response in our Christian life. There are several ways to think about what we are stewarding with our gifts—personally, congregationally, locally, and globally.

Along that line, members received the “God’s word. Our faith.” devotional booklet in the mail—written by people of Augustana at the invitation of the Stewardship Committee. The devotions are their thoughts and stories about how being a part of the congregation reflects their faith. Devotion writers were free to choose their own scripture or have help choosing one. Some chose to meet with a pastor to talk about what they wanted to share. As you read their stories, you’re invited to wonder about your own. A page at the end of the booklet invites you to write a scripture passage along with your story. Contact Augustana’s office (info@augustanadenver.org or 303-388-4678) if you would like to receive a copy of the booklet.

The following is an excerpt from the booklet:

Liv likes to read the two following Bible stories from her Whirl Story Bible. These are the stories as they read in the New Revised Standard Version.

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13–16

[Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all

those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Mark 12:41–44

I like choir. I like that we sing cool songs about Jesus. And we get to learn about Jesus and the past. I like coloring in the kids bulletin. It’s also fun to follow along in the grown up bulletin and sing songs with Vale. And make him laugh! I enjoy eating lunch with the other Cherubs before we do our practice. I like walking into the education building where we do choir. I like having faith in God.

Liv Triplett

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries.

1 Corinthians 4:11

Simply Giving® Challenge Goal

Stewardship Committee decided to try something new this year by challenging the congregation to a goal of 100 new households in the Simply Giving program, a monthly automated offering withdrawal from a bank account of your choice. Many people no longer carry or use checkbooks or cash for their personal banking, making following through on the intention to give money during the offering in worship more challenging.

Most members of Stewardship Committee have long used Simply Giving as a way to maintain their commitment to the Christian practice of giving. It made sense to offer this as a practical choice for you too. A member of Stewardship Committee and **Lisa Mikolajczak**, Augustana Finance Administrator, will be available in Fellowship Hall, 9:15–10:15 a.m., September 27 or October 4 and 11, to answer questions about Simply Giving as well as start the process either electronically or on paper. Online enrollment is managed by you. Paper enrollment is managed by you through Augustana’s Finance Administrator.

World Hunger

Help break the cycle of hunger and poverty by providing access to education

As leaves begin to change colors and the weather starts to cool, we sense that fall is just around the corner. The new season brings on another type of change—changes in schedules as families and children prepare for a new school year.

But for too many children around the world—especially those experiencing poverty and hunger—education is often an unattainable goal. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger help to break the cycle of hunger and poverty by providing children, youth and adults access to education.



ELCA World Hunger
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Some say that the cycle of poverty is impossible to break, but by your gifts you have already helped to break a chain in the cycle for 17-year-old Ahmed, who lives in Cairo, Egypt.

Will you join us in reaching more lives today?

Ahmed and his family were forced to flee Ethiopia, bringing Ahmed's education to an abrupt end. The family took an arduous journey to Egypt and arrived in the new country as refugees, with few possessions, little savings, and unable to speak Arabic, the country's language.

Ahmed was met with insurmountable obstacles as he sought to continue his education to pursue his goal of becoming a doctor. Undeterred, at the age of 16, he discovered St. Andrew's Refugee Service, an outreach of the Christian community to refugees in Cairo, and was accepted into an educational program for non-Arabic speakers.

During the course of the new school year, Ahmed's commitment to learning became an inspiration to his classmates and teachers. Earlier this year, Ahmed was recognized for receiving one of the highest exam scores in the city. Today, Ahmed speaks four languages and is helping his brothers and sisters meet their educational goals, as he continues to pursue his goal of becoming a doctor.

Thanks to your gifts to ELCA World Hunger you have given Ahmed and his family hope. "Now that my education has restarted, I feel my whole life has restarted, and now I am recovering my lost years," says Ahmed.

In the work that we share—your aid, our companionship with ministries around the world, and the determined spirit of those seeking a better life for themselves and their family—futures are changed.

As the new school year begins, we are prepared to help more students like Ahmed who otherwise would not have access to education. Whether we are making it possible for children to have access to education, food, clean water or affordable life-saving health care, together we are making a life-changing difference. Join us in continuing to do God's work with our hands.

To give a gift for World Hunger, use the designated envelopes in Augustana's pew pockets and make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. Thank you!

New Beginnings Chow Hall Gala

Friday, October 9, 5:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall, Augustana

The women of New Beginnings Worshipping Community invite you to their **First Annual Chow Hall Gala**. Reserve seats/tables at 303-831-7023 or OSLC915@gmail.com, \$35/seat or \$280/

table of eight. Come learn how this ministry transforms shattered lives from fearful isolation to restored wholeness in a safe and peaceful worshipping community.





Organist Faythe Freese on the Mighty Reuter Organ

Augustana Arts, in collaboration with Augustana Lutheran Church and the Denver Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will present a recital by Dr. Faythe Freese at Augustana, Saturday, October 3, 7:30 p.m. Dr. Freese's performances have been hailed as "powerful...masterful...impressive...brilliant."

Dr. Freese, Professor of Organ at the University of Alabama School of Music, is in demand as a recitalist throughout the United States, Germany, Denmark, South Korea and Singapore. She is the first American woman to have recorded at L'Eglise de la Sainte-Trinité, Paris, on the landmark instrument where Guilmant, Messiaen and Hakim were titular organists. Her fourth compact disc, entitled "Faythe Freese à l'Orgue de l'Eglise

de la Sainte Trinité," has received critical acclaim in *The Diapason*, *The American Organist*, and *The Tracker* magazines. The solo organ work entitled "The Freese Collection," a work by Dr. Pamela Decker, was commissioned and premiered by Dr. Freese in January 2013. It will close the program at Augustana.

Faythe Freese lived in Magdeburg, Germany, for over three months in spring 2015 during her sabbatical and played and performed on over fifty historic organs in nine countries. Her most recent recitals upon her return incorporate the historic repertoire performed by Dr. Freese and accompanied by a slide show of the historic instruments upon which she performed in the spring.

Dr. Freese holds degrees in organ performance and church music from Indiana University. She has held faculty positions at Indiana University, Concordia University in Austin, University of North Dakota-Williston, and Andrew College. Her organ teachers have included Marilyn Keiser, Robert Rayfield, William Eifrig and Phillip Gehring. She has coached with Dame Gillian Weir, Simon Preston, and Daniel Roth.

Faythe Freese is the author of publications *Five Chorale Preludes & Free Hymn Accompaniments*, *Sunday Morning Organist: A Survivor's Guide for the Pianist*, and *Sonus Novus: Intonations and Harmonizations*.

Faythe Freese's program is entitled "Boa Viagem" and comprises a musical and pictorial travelogue of three of the countries whose historical instruments she played on her recent European trip. Also featured will be the Colorado premiere of *The Freese Collection*, a collection of pieces commissioned by Faythe Freese from composer-organist Pamela Decker. The program will be interesting to non-organists and organists alike.

Tickets will be priced at \$25 (adults), \$20 (seniors over 60), \$15 (students with ID), and \$10 (children) and can be purchased at www.augustanaarts.org.

Dr. Freese will also present a workshop for church organists and other interested people at Augustana Friday, October 2, 7-9 p.m. called "POPS!—New Preludes, Offertories, and Postludes." She will address the very practical topic of new service music for the organ, including her own publications. The cost for the workshop will be \$10.

Anniversaries: 150th Birthday of Sibelius

Stratus Chamber Orchestra

Saturday, October 17, 7:30 p.m. at Augustana

Stratus Chamber Orchestra begins its season with a celebration of Jean Sibelius's 150th Birthday. Stravinsky's *Pulcinella* and Aaron Copland's *Outdoor Overture* begin the program, then Stratus welcomes Valor Symphonics Youth Orchestra to the stage for a side-by-side performance of Sibelius's grand and charming Symphony No. 3.

Tanya Gabrielian, Piano

Chancel Choir and Stratus Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, November 1, 7:30 p.m. at Augustana

Augustana's Chancel Choir and Stratus Chamber Orchestra present the *Lord Nelson Mass* by Joseph Haydn. They will be joined by pianist Tanya Gabrielian in Beethoven's "Fantasy in C minor for Piano, Chorus, and Orchestra." Tanya will further delight the audience with "Chaconne in D Minor" by J.S. Bach/Siloti.

Purchase tickets for these events (\$25/adult, \$20/senior, \$15/student, and \$10/child 4-17 years) online at www.augustanaarts.org, by phone at 303-388-4962, or at the door the night of the event.

Music Ministry

AVE News

As many know, we lost all four of our AVE members to various life changes and events. Soprano Meg Morrison has been our longest member of the quartet, singing here for nine years. Meg officially left AVE at the end of August due to health concerns. Bruce Johnson, tenor, sung with AVE for seven years and has retired. Our

two newest members, Jennifer Cress, mezzo-soprano and Steven Uliana, bass, have both moved on to new ventures. We will miss them and wish them godspeed.

During the summer we have been interviewing/auditioning, and it has been a slow-going process. Recently things have picked up, and we are pleased to announce the hiring of a new mezzo-soprano, **Leslie Remmert Soich**. Leslie is a wonderful addition to Augustana's Music Ministry and the first singer in the "new" AVE. She has many years of experience singing in church, most recently having sung professionally at Holy Ghost Catholic Church and prior to that at St. John's Cathedral. She has much more to add to these credentials. Read on to know more about Leslie! Please welcome her as she helps lead our worship as soloist at 8 a.m. until we add more singers to complete the quartet.



Leslie Remmert Soich

Leslie Remmert Soich has been a faculty

member in the Music and Entertainment Industry Studies Department at CU Denver since 2006 and the Commercial Voice Area Director since 2012. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Leslie has been living in Colorado since 1995 and has been a very active performer up and down the Front Range. She has appeared with Opera Colorado, Opera Ft. Collins, Opera Theater of the Rockies, Boulder Philharmonic, the Colorado Baroque Chamber Orchestra, and is a current member of the St. Martin's Chamber Choir and the Central City Opera Artist Ensemble. She has twice been a Metropolitan Opera Auditions Regional Finalist and was the Third Prize Winner of the Meistersinger Competition in Graz, Austria.

Leslie currently lives in Littleton with her husband (Steve), a 6-year old ball of energy (Brecken), a cat, four fish, three snails and a frog. She is a Cardinals fan (born and bred). She loves hiking in the summer, skiing in the winter, and has a talent for useless movie facts.

Children's and Family Ministry

Halloween Care Packages for College Kids

Parents of college students will meet to pack Halloween care packages, Sunday, October 18, 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall. Please bring 25 fun items—Halloween candies or trinkets, granola bars or microwave popcorn, desk items such as pens, pencils or note pads, etc. If you are unable to attend, items may be labeled and left in Augustana's office by October 18. For additional information, contact **Joy Hawkins** (Joy.Hawkins@ucdenver.edu or 303-915-7645) or **Bill or Ellen Mangione** (wjmangione@gmail.com or 303-394-2289).

Make sure we have your kids' information!

If you have a student who is new to college, whose college address has changed, or who is no longer in college, contact **Lyn Goodrum** (goodrum@augustanadenver.org) by Wednesday, October 14, so that we can have an accurate recipient list for the Halloween boxes! Thanks!

A Spooktacular Halloween

This year Augustana's Children's and Family Ministry Committee and FIT will host a Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 31, 2–4 p.m. in the Alameda parking lot. Young and old are encouraged to come dressed in your costumes to gather some tricks and treats as well as do some pumpkin carving. It's going to be a spooktacular event for all!

October Events

Senior High Youth and Parents Pizza Party

Friday, October 16, 6:30 p.m., Youth Room. Please RSVP to Yvonne (yandertwilken@gmail.com) by October 14. This is a great opportunity for youth to meet all the kids in their class as well as a good time for parents to learn more about the youth group and keep track of what is happening.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31, 2–4 p.m., Alameda parking lot. All senior high and middle school youth are invited to participate in the Trunk or Treat event. A contest for best costumed vehicle as well as best costumed person will be held, so come prepared to win!

FIT—Families Inspired Together

Wondering what to do while your kids are in Sunday School? Join the FIT group. FIT is a group of parents who meet each Sunday to discuss parenting ideas and faith development in the home. Each week the group gathers together in Room 3 in the education building, to get to know each other, share parenting stories and advice, and to learn from guest speakers on various topics. It's a low-key group, so bring your coffee and sit for a spell while the kids are busy learning about God.

The upcoming schedule includes:

- September 27 – “Sunday School and Confirmation: What's New,” Yvonne Wilken, presenter
- October 4 – Parenting Discussion
- October 11 – “Rituals and Traditions in the Home,” Yvonne Wilken, presenter
- October 18 and 25 – “Confirmation: What's it all about?”

Youth Ministry Team

Augustana's new youth ministry team will meet the first Sunday of each month, 11:30 a.m., in the Youth Room. Over lunch we will plan upcoming youth events as well as discuss the previous month's events. Have ideas you want to share with the team? E-mail them to Yvonne (yandertwilken@gmail.com), and she will share them at the next meeting.

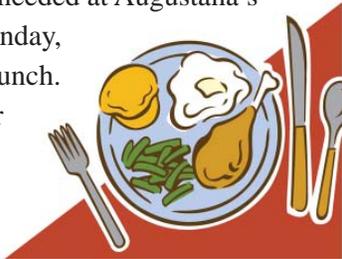
Senior Ministry

October Luncheon

Thursday, October 15, 11:30 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

2015 is the 80th Anniversary of Social Security and the 50th anniversary of Medicare. **Suzanne Baker**, CPA and Certified Fraud Examiner, will do a short presentation which includes a history of social security numbers and provide a handout on privacy issues. After the presentation she will make a laminated copy of your Medicare Card with the Social Security number blacked out for those interested in this service.

Your reservation for lunch is needed at Augustana's office (303-388-4678) by Monday, October 12, to help plan the lunch. Bring a friend or neighbor for this interesting program and a delicious lunch prepared by Judy Nyquist and her crew.



Senior Ministry Retreat—an update

The Senior Ministry Retreat is cancelled for this year. Conversations are taking place on Senior Ministry Committee and among the staff about future retreats in terms of content, age ranges of attendees, and more accessible locations. Please extend grace along with your questions or feedback to **Vivian Bengtson** or **Pastor Caitlin Trussell** (303-388-4678 ext. 115).

Fellowship

Trailblazers

South Valley Park Hike

Saturday, October 10, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m. Picturesque hike through sandstone rock outcroppings and rolling meadows located southwest of Denver.

Rating: Easy

Distance: 4 to 5 miles round trip

Elevation: 5,800 to 6,300 feet

Guide: **Ron Johnson** (303-745-4047)

Roxborough State Park: Fountain Valley Trail

Saturday, October 24, leave Augustana's south parking lot at 9 a.m. This trail winds through the Fountain and Lyons rock formations and takes you through some of the most magnificent land in the park. Hike through several different habitats for plants and animals, including mule deer, fox and a variety of birds. You may see a golden eagle soaring over the hogback hunting small mammals, snakes or birds. At the top of the loop are buildings built by Henry S. Persse at the turn of the century. Persse used Roxborough as a summer home and hoped to develop the land into a resort.

Rating: Easy to moderate

Distance: 2.2-mile loop

Elevation: 6,100 to 6,300 feet

Guide: **Laurie Scott** (303-321-4954)

Theatre & Theology

Theatre & Theology brings members of Rocky Mountain Synod congregations in and near Denver to productions of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. After viewing a play, we do a talk-back discussion with cast members on theological issues raised in the play. The plays and these discussions can challenge and stimulate our faith, and, therefore, the mission of the Church, in a unique way. For more information, contact **Rosalee Wanchisen** (303-759-9836 or rwanchisen@gmail.com).

Tribes

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 p.m., Ricketson Theatre, Tickets: \$35

Check payable to Rocky Mountain Synod and footnoted "T&T Augustana: Tribes" due by Tuesday, October 20.

In this scintillating drama, the members of Billy's fiercely intelligent and proudly politically incorrect family share private languages, inside jokes and fiery arguments. But meeting Sylvia causes Billy, deaf since birth, to question what it means to be understood. Dissecting the possibilities of belonging, family and language, *Tribes* is as witty as it is heartrending.



- 1** Arjan Bornhijm
Barbara Clifford
- 2** Elaine Anderson
Lisa Bickle
- 3** Diane Beer
- 4** Vivian Bengtson
Marti Gordon
William Smith
Andy Stone
Lauren Triplett
- 5** Howard Jacobsen
Gregory Johnson
Richard Wood
- 6** Audrey Haber
Stephen Zarlengo
- 7** Siri Anderson
John Christy
Ann Pearson
Ophie Pulley
JoAnn Ryan
George Willoughby
- 8** Sukhbat Bolt
Linda Daniel
Garrett Lutz
Biag Mayek

- 9** Dale Arden
- 10** Krista Degerness
Wilma Hughes
- 11** Clayton Regier
- 12** Donna Wink
- 13** Mallory O'Malley
- 14** Berniece Brekke
Timothy Garrington
Harold Johnson
Larry Rydiger
- 15** John Bengston
Claire Bourg
Will Shellhorn
- 16** Katherine Duncan
Nick Massie
Spencer Toppen
Kathy Valadez
- 17** Brynn Aarestad
Karen Lambert
Amelia Wilkins
- 18** Jill Gregory
- 19** Dilworth Blatchford
Barbara Bredenkamp
Nathaniel Cockrell
Amy Pulley
- 20** John Harwell
Arvetta Hjelmstad
Inez Smith
Wendy Stalheim
- 21** Terry Lumme
- 22** Nicole Harwell
Doris McLaughlin
Myron Miller
Brett Porterfield
- 23** Robin Boe
Duane Howell
Ken Maxwell
Michael Priest
- 24** Ken Beazer
Jess Miller
Ann Sethre
Dorothy Templin

- 25**
- 26** Joyce Boe
- 27** Nancy Hardiman
Denise Sanderson
- 28**
- 29** Genevieve Bucklin
Mackenzie Cross
Karen Morgenthaler
- 30** Sandy Hagevik
- 31** Nikolai Arnold
Anne Bickle
Lula Clambey
Ethan Rogers
Dallas Smith

If your name should have been on this list but wasn't, please call Augustana's office (303-388-4678).

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12:15pm	Cherubs, Choristers, GraceNotes, Guitar Ensemble, Parent Groups
1pm	Recorders, Y Hope, SONshine Ringers, Parent Groups
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Lutheran Disaster Response is working with our companion churches to provide food, diapers, blankets, water, health kits, hygiene kits and psychosocial services to assist those who have fled their homes.

To give a gift for Lutheran Disaster Response, use the green World Hunger/Disaster Response envelopes in Augustana's pew pockets and make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church.

Assemble personal care kits

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (maximum 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz.) in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging
- 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope—no plastic bags or wrap.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn. Do not enclose it or any of its contents in plastic bags.

Augustana will collect care kits for the next several weeks for distribution by Lutheran World Relief.