

Augustana Update



Augustana Lutheran Church

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

July 2009

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Jennifer Elmquist, Interim Pastor

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Friends and Neighbors Sunday

July 12 in the Great Hall

YOU are invited!

Worship at 10:00 a.m. (One Service Only)

Praise Team

Potluck following the service

Old fashioned church picnic with games and activities.

Invite someone else to come with you!

Ask a friend, ask a neighbor, ask anyone you can think of to come with you that day.

We hope to see you there!

Mission Trip to West Virginia

Members from Augustana Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran McKinley-Georgetown will be going to West Virginia from July 12 to July 19.

Those going from Augustana are

Livia Barker

Dani Bents

Carole DeJardin

Libby DeJardin

Tim DeJardin

Francesca Ficocello

Westly Gallipo

Ashley Lahti

Abby Lloyd

Tyler Lloyd

Bobby Malone

Fidel Rodriquez

Amy Salvaterra

Youth Gathering in New Orleans

The ELCA National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans from July 22 through July 30.

Attending from Augustana are:

Alexa Olsen

Becca Heinecke

Libby DeJardin

Sophia Allen

Carole DeJardin

Tuesdays at Augustana

A summer opportunity for all Adults, Seniors, and Summer Friends sponsored by The Church in Society Committee

Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church Great Hall

No Gathering June 30, July 7, and August 25

July 14 Trip to ECU Courtyard

July 21 Trip to The Rick Noeldner farm

Talking about Raising Alpacas

July 28 Trip to Luther Seminary

Lunch at local restaurant

Visit Global Health Ministries in the afternoon

August 4 To be scheduled

August 11 Keith Anderson

Talking about carving

August 18 To be scheduled

Summer Stretch

Mondays, June, 29, July 13, July 20, and July 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6th Trip to Valley Fair

The following students are participating:

Luke Anderson

Lindsey Bangsberg

Kahlen Donatell

Tess Duncan

Evan Harding

Lexie Friess

Hannah Kupferschmidt

Eliza Sebens

Ben Stevens

Nicholas Stevens

From the Pastor... June 2009

*“Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you, I
want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you, I
want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up; shining in the light of
your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing, holy,
holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy...”*
Open the Eyes of My Heart, Michael W. Smith

The above is one of my favorite contemporary Christian songs, and it never fails to move me. The words might sound sort of strange at first – since your heart doesn't have “eyes”. But I think what the song is really about is just asking God to open our hearts, to truly open them to Him and His will for us. The song is such a worship-full song because it talks about singing “holy, holy, holy”, and so it is a plea for God in Jesus to open our hearts as we worship him – the “lifted up” one.

Worship is just one way that we are bound together as God's people in a very real and visible way. Worshipping together; taking Holy Communion, remembering our baptisms, singing hymns, listening to scripture read and proclaimed – is a strong foundation for who we are as the people of God. Here at Augustana, we have that strong foundation and it is with that strength to anchor us that we can move forward into the future.

As a congregation we could also sing “Open the Eyes of [Our] Hearts” in terms of asking God to open our hearts and minds to His will for us and for our future. Many things will happen over the course of the next few months or so as the search for a new pastor continues. But we know that we can rely on our foundation as the people of God as we go forth from this point. As we continue throughout the summer and start looking forward to busy days and calendars ahead, let us continue to pray for God's guidance and strength to be with us as we move ahead into the future.

God's peace to all of you,

Pastor Jennifer

Vacation Bible School

will be hosted by First Lutheran Church August 2nd – August 6th from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. This year's theme is “SunRock Kids Camp”. Preschoolers through sixth graders are encouraged to attend. Youth entering 7th grade through High School are encouraged to volunteer. Adult volunteers are also needed. Volunteers are needed to help with decorating. Please contact Diane Carlson at 822-3628 if you can help. Thank you.

MISSION PROJECTS MAY - JULY **Layettes**

Include in each: two shirts, two gowns or sleepers, two receiving blankets, four cloth diapers, one sweater, one bath-size bar of soap, two diaper pins. Items may be gently used and sizes up to 24 months. Sweaters may be knitted or crocheted or made from double knit fabrics. Sweatshirts may be substituted, but preferred styles have buttons or ties down the front. Flannel may be used to cut a 45” square for a blanket and for diapers 22-1/2” by 36”. \$22.00 is needed to handle and ship 20 layettes overseas.

Augustana at Farmers Market

Cumberland Farmer's Market begins Saturday, July 25 and continues each Saturday through September 26.

It runs from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Augustana will sell Fair Trade Coffee.

You may enjoy a cup while you visit or you may buy a bag to take home. There are several kinds of coffee available.

Volunteers are needed to set up the booth and sell coffee each week. If you would be willing or available to help with this project on a Saturday, please contact Carol Halverson at 822-3599 or Carol Wallin at 822-2342.



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Greetings from Luther Point! July 2009

Our Top Priority, Calling all Prospective

Campers: It's not too late to register. We still have openings for many of our camps. Specifically, we would like to see more campers for the following weeks,

- Sr. High Servant Camp- July 12-17
 - 5th and 6th Grade- July 19-24, July 26-31 and August 2-7.
 - Trailblazers-Oupost-7th-9th Grade, July 26-31 and August 9-14
 - Canoe Trip 80-90 Miles, Sr. High, August 9-14
- Go to LutherPoint.org and check out the camp programs. Invite a friend and take advantage of our discounts. If you should need some assistance with camp, please inquire about our Campership Fund. A Campership Request Form is available on the Luther Point website as well.

7th Annual Golf Scramble for Camperships:

Monday, July 6th will be our day to gather at a new golf course for our annual Golf Scramble. We are moving to the Frederic Golf Course this year. Registration starts at 9 am with a shotgun start at 10 am. Dinner and awarding of prizes will follow. All proceeds go to help with Camperships!

Downloadable registration forms are online at LutherPoint.org. Find the link in the middle of our website page under "7th Annual Golf Scramble for Camperships" Also; you can register online with a credit card.

60th Anniversary Celebration: Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19th, 2009. Watch for more details in "The Point" Newsletter and other promotional materials in the coming months. **Please consider being a volunteer during this event.** We will need several people here for a variety of help with pre-event set up and during the day of the 19th as well. Attention: Our annual Quilt / Craft Auction will be held this day.

Calling all Former Staff and Parents of Former Staff: Mark you calendars for the 60th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, September 19th. You are invited to be a part of the festive day of celebration and remembrance. If you are a parent of a former staff person, please make every attempt to contact your son or daughter and let them know about this day. We would like to see as many of our former staff as possible.

Onsite lodging is available, please inquire with Lisa@lutherpoint.org

Fall Retreat Offerings: More information online at LutherPoint.org

October 3-4 Senior High Weekend
October 17-18 6th-8th Grade Weekend
October 9-11 Quilting Retreat
December 5-6 Grandparent / Grandchild

Thank you for your partnership!
Craig M. Corbin, Director

Women of the ELCA

Circles Meet

Thursday, July 16

9:30 a.m. Mary Circle

5:00 p.m. Naomi Circle

All women are invited to attend a circle for Bible Study and fellowship.

"Hands That Speak"

Heart of the North Women of the ELCA
Retreat at Luther Park Bible Camp
Chetek, Wisconsin

Monday, August 10th 4:00 p.m. –

Tuesday, August 11th 4:00 p.m.

Nurturing Body, Mind, Spirit

With Pastor Rich Noeldner, Bethel/Dovre Lutheran Church; Mary Toufar, Director of Program Ministry, Luther Park Bible Camp; Barbara Solsaa, Lutheran Social Services; Jan Etnier, Global Health; and the Luther Park Camp Staff musical.

Give yourself 24 hours of scripture study, worship and prayer, singing, fun, good meals and beautiful surrounding.

Cost is \$40.00 per person, due by August 4th or \$45.00 per person, after August 4th.

For reservations contact Carolyn Cleveland, Chair at 715-635-6885 or dccleve@centurytel.net

Registration forms may be found on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board.

Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2009

(Unapproved)

Attending: Diane Carlson, Laura Lindquist, Mark Ruppel, Todd Ahneman, Pastor Jennifer Elmquist, Karyn Hullinger, Cathy Koser, Keith Johnson, Candace Jacobs, Joe Brown.

Not Attending: Bob Chubb, Carol Wallin, Carol Rohl, Marty Voshell.

Council President Todd Ahneman called the meeting to order. Todd led the group in devotions and prayer. Laura Lindquist made a motion to approve the agenda as written, with a second to the motion from Keith Johnson. Motion Carried.

Karyn Hullinger made a motion to accept the May Council meeting minutes as written. A second to the motion came from Diane Carlson. Motion Carried.

Finance Report. Mark Ruppel reported that Brenda Kupferschmidt would be done with the inventory when the property and the worship/music committee fill in the missing information.

Discussion was held regarding funds authorized in previous budgets but never spent. Brenda is correctly accounting for these on our balance sheet under reserve liabilities. Motion made and seconded by Finance committee that accounting and treasurer will give each committee until August 1, 2009 to spend these funds. If they are not spent by then, the money will transfer to the general fund and our accountants will erase the reserve liabilities from the balance sheet. Council took note of this recommendation and Joe Brown made a motion to take this action at the July meeting so that committee chair people can have time to think what they want to do with the funds. Laura Lindquist seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bruce Jungerberg moved to authorize additional \$8000 payment against the principal from the building fund checking. Second by Kupferschmidt. Discussion: This leaves enough in the building fund checking to pay next 6 months required payments even if no donations are received. Motion passed. Committee instructed Carol to proceed with sending 2nd quarter giving statements. We will insert a written comment regarding our current financial condition.

Discussion of current budget: Giving is \$11,118.04 behind 2009 budget. Discussion regarding the fact that finance correctly adjusted the budget to reflect seasonal historical patterns. No changes needed in budgeting or reporting. We are behind.

Treasurer reported that 1st quarter giving statements were mailed on time.

As of May 31, 2009

General Checking \$24,993.94

Money Market \$27,516.15

Mortgage Loan \$388,247.48

Building Fund

Opening balance 5/1/09 \$34,083.26

Total Receipts \$11,430.58

Total Disbursements \$15,225.00

Balance on hand 5-31-09 \$30,288.84

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Finance/Treasurer's report as given. Motion Carried

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jennifer went through the activities that she has been doing. She has been working hard at visitation.

President's Report: Todd Ahneman reported that he and his wife Janice attended the Synod Assembly meeting.

Committee Reports:

Youth: Carole DeJardin wrote a devotional booklet for the band kids to use this summer. She did a great job!

Property: Keith Johnson said that he has a meeting scheduled with Ron Kay from Spooner Glass and Door, to discuss the broken windows at the church. There are about 7 windows that need to be repaired. Also, handicap buttons for the two back doors is being looked into. New exit lights will be put in. The old ones keep burning out. The water drainage problems are still being looked into. The seals on the stained glass windows are going to be looked at.

Worship and Music: The piano is tuned. The estimate for the organ maintenance is still being determined. There was discussion about continuing the two services on Sunday mornings. There are continually about 20 people more at the second service. The way that attendance counting is done is being looked at. There was also discussion about going back to a one-page bulletin. (Order of service). There were three requests for the worship and music committee. 1) people would like the weekly ushers, readers, communion assistants, serving put into the Augustana updates email. Cathy Koser will talk to Jene and try to put this info together. It would be a more effective way of reminding who serves when. 2) Maybe church on Wednesday nights again for the summer? 3) maybe there is a better way to have pages announced in the service to make it easier to follow the service on Sunday mornings. The cranberry book is a little confusing.

Church in Society: Tuesday's at Augustana are going well. Some exciting topics are being planned.

Christian Education: Diane Carlson is trying to plan ahead. Splash (program for three and under is looking at some new ideas. The new curriculum for the Sunday school is SPARK. This will fit into the rotational curriculum that we have done in the past. Diane stressed that the middle school program could use some ideas. Confirmation: who will head up Confirmation after October? (Carole DeJardin's extended hours of pay of 6 ½ hours per week will end then) Much discussion followed, and it was agreed that Carole along with the new Pastor (whoever that will be) would openly discuss the direction of the confirmation. It was felt by council that Carole's wonderful ability as youth director will be a tremendous help to the new Pastor in the area of confirmation.

The issue of what should be expected of Augustana confirmation students was discussed. It was decided that small groups would meet and come up with some core ideas. These ideas will then be brought to the congregation in "Caring Conversations" for more insight. The small groups will consist of the council and the youth committee. The first meeting will be Tuesday July 7th at 7 pm. Milestone ministries is in need of a volunteer. This position would help to fill in some of the voids such as third grade bible ordering, First Communion organization, and so on.

Congregational Care: Candace Jacobs reported that Al Agen is doing a wonderful job with the visitation. Pastor commented that wherever she goes to visit, Al has usually already been there! She sees him often in his role and again, Al is doing a wonderful job.

Stewardship: The offering envelopes for the next church year have been ordered.

Call Committee update: We have four possible candidates for the Pastoral position. The call committee is organized and ready to move forward in the process of interviewing.

Next council meeting is July 21st
Keith Johnson is scheduled to have devotions.
Keith Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second to the motion coming from Karyn Hullinger. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Cathy Koser

Church In Society Hunger Boxes

Thank you to all of you who put your coins in those "little hunger boxes". Augustana sent a check for about \$1,500.00 to the Synod Assembly the last part of May. At the Synod Assembly they received \$42,728.82 in the quarter offering which is designated 1/3 to ELCA World Hunger, 2/3 Food sustainability in Malawi.

The offering at the service of worship was \$8,541.42. This will be sent to 1/2 New Mission congregation, Living Waters, in Cameron and 1/2 Malawi Clean Water Projects.

Hunger is ongoing throughout the year, not just at holiday times and at Synod Assembly times. Thus Hunger Boxes will be available for you to pick up and drop your coins in anytime you have some extra change in your pocket or anytime you have a thankful moment or if you find change in the pockets of the clothes you are washing. Coin boxes can be found in the church entryway.

Trip to Luther Seminary and Global Health Ministries

Everyone is invited to travel to the Twin Cities to visit Luther Seminary and Global Health Ministries on Tuesday, July 28th. We will meet at Augustana Church parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and go to Luther Seminary for Morning Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Then we will tour the campus with Chris Scharen as our host. We will have lunch at a local restaurant and then head to Global Health Ministries where we will have a tour of the warehouse and learn of their ministry to countries around the world. Augustana collects items for the Midwife kits and hospice/aids kits which are taken to the warehouse to be dispensed all over the world.

We are planning to take the bus if we have a large group going. The cost will be \$7.00 per person with lunch on your own.

Broaden your understanding of how our pastors are trained and learn how some of the items we collect are handled. **AND GIVE YOURSELF A DAY OUT.**

Contact Carol Halverson at 822-3599 for details and to make reservations by July 21st.

Invite your friends and neighbors and let's fill the bus.

Carol Halverson
for the Church In Society Committee

Happy Birthday to...

- 1 Holly Thomas, Zackary Wagner
- 2 Kaia Johnson
- 3 Aaron Hallingstad, Sandy Schultz
- 4 Blaine MacNeil, Bill Selle
- 5 Ryan Bohn
- 6 Tim Paffel, Lea Toftness, Kally Wagner, Denise Westin
- 7 Max Erickson, Diane Strickland, Jeremy Westin
- 8 David Anderson, Patti Elfers, Jacob Lundquist, Bailey Sutherland, Nicholas Walters
- 9 Margaret Siemers
- 10 Aaron Feidt, Francesca Ficocello
- 11 Debb Hallingstad, Jennifer Koegel, John Lloyd, Jr., Casey Rohl, Dylan Ruppel
- 12 David Perkins
- 13 Max Brenna, Richard Hecht
- 14 Brady Grewe, Maxine Johnson, Jennifer Lloyd
- 15 Alex Duncan, Val Sutherland
- 16 Mark McHenry, Jordan Neva
- 17 Marty Lundequam, Marilyn Peer
- 18 Barb Anderson, Kally Bergstrom, Kyla Bergstrom, Alec Koser
- 19 Cindy O'Keefe
- 22 Lilly Jergenson, Bob Militano, Lee Stokes, Mary Warwick
- 23 Gary Johnson
- 24 Andy Bangsberg, Shay Horton, Jerad Komarek, Kiel Warwick
- 25 Rachel Wiita
- 26 Trenton Anderson, Hannah Bergstrom
- 28 Ben Hines, William Paffel, Dan Shoemaker
- 29 Kim Anderson, Camille Bohn, Connie Harding, Dan Harding, Nathan Johnson, Savanna Kriedeman, Dennis Schultz, Jerry Weinkauff
- 30 Marian Oleson, Chad Olson, John Ostrem
- 31 Rachael Donatelle

Happy Anniversary to...

- 1 Al and Cindy Agen, Greg and Shelly Taft
- 2 John and Elsie Lloyd
- 6 Tim and Mary Jean Jergenson
- 9 Frank and Cheri Goodwin
Dean and Lynda Kolzow
- 18 Rob and Barb Ankarlo
Barry and Wanda Kuenkel
- 20 Wayne and Bobbie Boyd
- 21 Scott and Kris Girard
Roger and Barb Wistrick
- 22 Ted and Jan Bents
- 23 Ervin and DeLores Nickell
- 27 John and Denise Westin

The Augustana youth going to New Orleans will be part of the Wealth and Poverty Service group. This group will study about wealth and poverty and learn more about why and how the levees broke. This group will also have a chance to actually work on the levee system project. Our girls will be part of 12,000 kids that are doing service in the city of New Orleans on Saturday, July 25th. Read more about what our youth will be a part of by going to the Augustana website at www.augustanachurch.com, click on the youth/hey page and go to the following link: 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering Getting Ready Resource, May 2009.

Wealth & Poverty: Money and power!

What is more at the heart of the gospel message and Jesus' spirit and actions than concern for people and communities that live in poverty alongside an abundance of wealth and resources? The vast spectrum between wealth and poverty is a concern for many people. If it is for you, this is where you may want to focus. There is a growing gap between the rich and the poor in our world -- something every Christian is called to care about. Discover how this gap has contributed to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast, learn about the economic and power gaps in your own community and imagine what we can do together to make a difference in our lifetime -- now! The Wealth & Poverty projects include learning about racism, politics, and systems of oppression that give some people privilege and keep others poor. These projects will mostly involve learning, advocacy, and deeper opportunities to get at the roots of problems in our world in an effort to make gospel-driven, long-term, positive differences. For people who are ready to deepen their commitment to compassionate justice, these projects stretch beyond acts of service or charity and move to a new way of life together.

Augustana Prayer Chain



If you have a friend or family member that you would like to be prayed for, please contact the Prayer Chain by calling

Corrine Thoe at 822-2119 or the church office at 822-2890

Thank you to those serving in July

If you cannot serve on your scheduled Sunday, please find a substitute or call the church office

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

July 5

Elevator Operators	Keith Johnson	822-4194	Chad Olson	822-5707
Greeters	Charlotte Melby	822-8075	Carol Leopold	986-4237
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-2122	Mark & Terri Ruppel	822-4017
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652		
Worship Assistant	Craig Bucher	822-8236	Colleen Warner	822-6327
Reader	Craig Bucher	822-8236	Diana Ficocello	822-4627

July 12

**Friends and Neighbors Sunday
One Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Great Hall**

Greeters	Keith & Sheri Johnson family	822-4194		
	Carol Halverson	822-3599		
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-2122		
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652		
	Bill & Jeanette Olsen family	419-0774		
Worship Assistant	Dave Evenson	822-3397		
Reader	Kirsten Sandman	822-2325		

July 19

Elevator Operators	John Glaubitz	822-3243	Bill Olsen	419-0774
Greeters	Ann Bergmann	822-2122	Roger Anderson	822-2950
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-2122	Jim & Carol Wallin	822-2342
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652		
Worship Assistant	Val Sutherland	822-8353	Mark Ruppel	822-4017
Reader	Val Sutherland	822-8353	Janice Ahneman	822-4475

July 26

Elevator Operators	Judy Lundquist	822-2652	Delores Sandve	822-2027
Greeters	Mark & Sandi McHenry	822-3282	Corrine Thoe	822-2119
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-2122	Todd & Kirsten Sandman family	822-2325
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652		
Worship Assistant	Sally Landstrom	822-3554	Carol Halverson	822-3599
Reader	Sally Landstrom	822-3554	Carol Leopold	986-4237

ALTAR CARE

Sally Landstrom
Diane Craine
Donna Olson

OFFERING RESPONSIBILITY

Diane Carlson and Bob Chubb

GREETING CARD MINISTRY

Judy Lundquist

COFFEE SERVERS

July 5	Jim and Cathy Koser family
July 12	Friends and Neighbors Sunday
July 19	
July 26	Alan and Diane Carlson family

Check out these websites:

www.augustanachurch.com

(Newsletter, Weekly Announcements, Calendar, and Prayer Concerns)

www.elca.org

www.LutherPoint.org

www.nswi.org

www.healthiercumberland.org

2009 Church Council

Todd Ahneman	President: Personnel Home Phone: 822-4475	Bob Chubb	Outreach Home Phone: 822-8398
Keith Johnson	Vice-President: Property Home Phone: 822-4194	Karyn Hullinger	Mutual Ministry Stewardship Home Phone: 822-4487
Cathy Koser	Secretary Congregational Care Home Phone: 357-3020	Candace Jacobs	Congregational Care Home Phone: 822-3370
Shirley Anne Evenson	Treasurer: Home Phone: 822-3397	Laura Lindquist	Worship and Music Home Phone: 822-3874
Carol Wallin	Treasurer: Home Phone: 822-2342	Carol Rohl	Communications Home Phone: 822-3551
Joe Brown	Church in Society Youth Home Phone: 822-3206	Mark Ruppel	Finance Home Phone: 822-4017
Diane Carlson	Christian Education Home Phone: 822-3628	Marty Voshell	Stewardship Home Phone: 822-4974

Augustana Call Committee

Joe Brown	822-3206
Tim Jergenson	357-6159
Keith Johnson (Chair)	822-4194
Susan Jungerberg	822-3800
Sally Landstrom	822-3554
Isaac Lundquist	357-3257
Marty Voshell	822-4974