

| This week at Augustana | | December 20-27, 2009 |
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| TODAY | | Fourth Sunday in Advent |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Refreshments and Conversation |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Sunday School and Adult Education |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School Program in Great Hall |
| | 6:00 p.m. | HEY! Senior High Youth |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Third Sunday Bluegrass Jam Session |
| MONDAY | | Pastor's Sabbath |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Yoga Class |
| | 7:00 p.m. | AA |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Al-Anon |
| TUESDAY | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| THURSDAY | 4:30 p.m. | Christmas Eve Family Worship |
| | 11:30 p.m. | Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship |
| FRIDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Christmas Day Festival Worship with Holy Communion |
| NEXT SUNDAY | | One Service Only |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Service of Lessons and Carols Refreshments and Conversation following worship |

Check out the Youth and Family Institute Resource and Gift Center items that are on display and for purchase in the Great Hall.

The Church Council will have a special meeting on Tuesday, December 29, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of preparing the 2010 budget.

Please turn reports for Annual Meeting in to the church office by December 22nd.

TODAY AND THIS WEEK AT AUGUSTANA
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HEY! Senior High Youth will meet tonight for the **Hey Christmas Party**. "Red and green pot luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. at church. Bring something red or green to eat. Fun, Fellowship and worship. Bring a can for the food shelf.

There will be Cavatills lunch to go today. Stop by the kitchen and buy lunch. This is a fundraiser for the 2010 Mission Trip to Bozeman, Montana to build houses for Habitat for Humanity. Anyone interested in going on the 2010 Mission Trip is invited to help make money for the trip by helping with "lunch to go". Please be in the kitchen at 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The Mission Trip informational meeting will be January 17th at noon.

If you have not turned in your stewardship material (pledge card and time and talent sheet), please do so as soon as possible. The Finance Committee needs these figures to plan a budget for 2010.

Join us this fall for Sunday Morning adult study from 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. in the Friendship Room. We are doing a study of Exodus from the books of Faith Series. Join us for study, fellowship, and coffee. All are welcome.

There will be a Community Christmas Dinner at Cumberland Methodist Church on December 25, with serving from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. It will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. There is no charge for the dinner. Anyone who will be alone on Christmas is invited to attend. If you need a ride or meal delivery, please call 822-4293 Monday – Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. or 822-8569 evenings.

The Visitation Committee is looking for more volunteers to make visits to homebound and nursing home people. If you are interested, please contact Al Agen at 822-4953.

Year-End Finances

Please have all contributions for 2009 in the church office by December 31. Thank you for your continued contributions.

Special Year-End Donations

If you are looking for a place to give a donation yet this year, here are 2 opportunities for giving.

- 1) Give to Lutheran World Relief or ELCA Hunger Appeal. You may write the check to Augustana and put it in the offering in an envelope marked with your designation.
- 2) Give to the Organ Repair Fund. The organ will soon be repaired. Insurance money and Memorials will cover some of the cost, but not all, so donations would be appreciated.

Remember the Food Pantry December is Food Pantry Month

Suggested Donations include:

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| Spaghetti | Tomato sauce | Macaroni and cheese |
| Ramen noodles | Tuna | Canned Vegetables |
| Rice | Beans | Cereal |
| Margarine | Meat | Fruit |
| Soup | Crackers | Hamburger or tuna dinner |
| Soap | Paper products (paper towel, toilet paper) | |
| Personal care items | | |

If you prefer to write a check you may do so, making the check out to the Cumberland Food Pantry and leaving it with Barb Muench at US Bank. The last Sunday of each month is designated as "Food Pantry Sunday" but you may bring items in any time during the month and put them in the boxes at either entry.

Check the Augustana website www.augustanachurch.com

for the monthly Newsletter and Calendar and weekly announcements. There are also printed copies of the newsletter available at the church.

Serving in Worship today...

ALTAR COMMITTEE:

Terri Brown and Carol Wallin

GREETING CARD MINISTRY: Corrine Thoe

OFFERING RESPONSIBILITY: Bob Chubb and Mark Ruppel

ORGANIST: Marty Voshell

COFFEE SERVERS: Sunday School

8:00 a.m.

ELEVATOR OPERATOR: Susan Jungerberg

GREETERS: Ann Bergmann and Julie Donatelle

USHERS: Pete Bergmann and Gary Lundquist

WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Vonnie Schell

READER: Jaylen Lansin

10:30 a.m.

GREETER: Elaine Olson

USHERS: Alan and Diane Carlson Family

Notice about Label and Stamp Collection

There is no longer anyone who accepts used postage stamps or Greeting Card fronts, so we will not collect them at church.

However, we will continue to collect
Campbell Soup UPC labels
Box Tops for Education, and
Milk labels and caps

You may also bring in used computer ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling.

Thank you for your donations.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

8:00 a.m. 58 10:30 a.m. 101

Advent Midweek 61

GENERAL FUND OFFERING NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$4982.52
GENERAL FUND OFFERING NEEDED EACH MONTH: \$21,591.00

OFFERING LAST WEEK:

General Fund: \$5352.00 Building Fund: \$465.00

GENERAL FUND RECEIVED TO DATE IN DECEMBER: \$10,905.00

BUILDING FUND RECEIVED TO DATE IN NOVEMBER: \$6,791.17

As of November 30, 2009

Income is \$7,831.13 below projected budget amount and
Expenses are \$31,085.47 below projected budget amount

Happy Birthday to...

- 20 Bill Capra, Brett Moravitz, Tasha Pond
- 21 Larry Brown, Amanda Lundquist, Brian Paffel
- 22 Donovan Paffel
- 23 Jessi Sebens
- 25 Paige Auchampach
- 27 Pete Bergmann, Jacob Most

Happy Anniversary to...

- 26 Paul and Barbara Anderson

LaKrista Koegel would like to make the following request for participants for her college dissertation project:

Are you interested in how people behave in social situations? This is the general idea that my senior psychology Honours dissertation project at the University of Edinburgh aims to study. I am looking for participants between the ages of 18-30 and 55-85 to participate; participating entails completing a variety of psychological tasks which will take approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes. I will be home from Dec. 14 – Jan. 10.

I greatly appreciate the time that you would take to participate as it will significantly increase the quality and variety of my data.

If you are interested, please contact me, LaKrista Koegel at (715) 529-5355 or via email at L.Koegel@sms.ed.ac.uk. You may also see the bulletin board across from the office for information.

In our prayers this week... the week of December 20, 2009
Sympathy to: **Elsie Lloyd and family** at the death of her husband, John.

Continued prayers for:

Delores Sandve, hospitalized
Alex Duncan, recovering from surgery
Carol Coss, (Faith Barker's cousin), diagnosed with lung cancer
Laura (Marilyn Dierks daughter), diagnosed with breast cancer
Zach Kreger, broken leg
Scott Yirka, (fiancé of Ron and Kay Theese's daughter), healing
Marie Stevens, (Brian's mom) at Heritage Manor in Rice Lake
Gary Stevens (Brian's dad) dealing with cancer
Jaclyn Laursen, at home, healing and recovery
Jaime Lundequam, healing and recovery
Jack Blomsness (Fran Chubb's brother-in-law), recovering from stroke
Nancy Erickson, cancer
Nancy Foster-Allen, (Agnes Matthy's daughter), cancer treatments
Anders Breidenbach (Todd Sandman's godchild) eye cancer
Doug Garling, continued healing
Laurie Peterson (from Turtle Lake), healing from car accident
Isaac Lundquist, continued healing
Kallai Hokanson (Cumberland student and friend) continued healing
Austin Ricci, (younger brother of Cumberland students) leukemia

We remember military personnel All those serving as military chaplains, and: **Justin Poggemann** (Jerry Jensen's nephew, going to Afghanistan)
Richard D. Phernetton (Irene's grandson)
Ryan Kroells (2nd time in Afghanistan).
Jenna Johnson, (Kirsten Sandman's niece) in Iraq
Amsie Owens, (Terri Ruppel's niece's husband), Iraq for 4th tour of duty
Beth Ahneman, in Iraq
Heath Pengilly (Lorna Halaas' son) one-year deployment in Bahrain.
James Warner, serving in North Carolina
Bill Odell, (Marge Bergmann's nephew) in Afghanistan.
The Wisconsin 32nd Brigade

We remember our Mission Partners: **the Grow-Hanson family** ELCA missionaries in Senegal. **Churches** in our companion synods of **Malawi** and **Brazil**.