

Augustana Update



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Farewell to Pastor Jeanne Warner

There will be a pot luck brunch between services on January 10 in honor of and to thank Pastor Warner for her service to us. All are welcome.

Welcome to Pastor Karen Hofstad

Pastor Karen Hofstad will begin at Augustana on Monday, January 11. Installation will be held on Sunday, January 17 at both worship services. There will be an open house reception from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and meet and welcome Pastor Karen Hofstad.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Augustana Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, January 24th at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

All confirmed members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The agenda includes approval of the budget for 2009, election of officers, and reports of the committees.

Stewardship Committee

This committee encourages people to freely give of their time, talents and treasures. It's not just an annual financial campaign, but everything we do once we say "yes" to God.

This year we're going to make stewardship a part of our daily lives at Augustana and feature different forms of stewardship throughout the year. We want to encourage everyone to use God's gifts to the best of his or her ability.

We'll use the Time and Talent sheets that you filled out in 2009 to form our committees in 2010. Please look through your "Owner's Manual" to see how you can help at Augustana. There are extra copies available at the back of the church and in Jene's office if you don't have one. Let Pastor, any of the council members or Jene know what you are interested in.

Marty Voshell, Chair

FROM THE PASTOR...

Endings are beginning for the other side. Have you ever thought about that? As we wrap up 2009 and the holiday season, I will be wrapping up my ministry with Augustana. Even as we say our good byes though, you are preparing to welcome Pastor Karen Hofstad as your new pastor.

I have said publically, on a number of occasions, that serving a congregation as their interim pastor is an honor. It has certainly been true at Augustana. Even though I was one of three, I felt welcomed and appreciated. I am grateful for this. I am also grateful for the commitment to ministry that I see here at Augustana. There is a very hard working core of faith-filled and faithful Christian men and women who regularly step up and pitch in to get ministry moving through this congregation!

There have been some bumps in the road for you in the past little while – decline in worship attendance, decline in membership numbers, decline in financial support, some frustration with the interim period because of the number of pastors who served and the time it took to find a good match to be your next pastor. But during this time I sense growth too.

The new confirmation program, while it is still mostly a skeleton that needs fleshing out, is a great plan to nurture the faith of our youth. The Hand in Hand approach to living as a faith community is catching on and will be a terrific paradigm for keeping faith growing throughout the congregation and throughout the lifespan of your members. Developing ways to pass on our faith and to continually nurture it is a vital part of being the Body of Christ. There is excitement and expectation of new mission commitment with the arrival of your new pastor. Good stuff!

Remember, though, that it is not the pastor who “does” the ministry of the congregation. Instead, it is the role of the pastor to facilitate your mission and ministry. Pastor Karen is coming to preach and teach and administer the sacraments, not to do the ministry which is the work of all the baptized. I believe that Augustana has taken great steps toward making ministry work by the hands of all God’s children in this congregation and for that I am deeply grateful too.

God’s grace and peace as you step into the future to which our gracious God has called you. I shall remember you in my prayers and ask you remember me in yours as well.

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Jeanne Warner

Church in Society Committee

The season for giving is past, so now is **the time to not grow weary of giving.**

Christ has been born again in our hearts. He now reigns as King in our Hearts. We are part of his Kingdom on earth and he has made us priests serving God. Revelations 1:4-8. This is the ultimate gift and now our great response to this gift is to love and serve God. We do this by offering our worship and praise and **our hands to do God’s Work.**

Pray that God will open your eyes and ears to opportunities to serve God.

Continue to remember that the last Sunday of the month is Cumberland Food Pantry month. Many people are hungry in our midst.

Continue to remember to buy fair trade coffee and chocolate on the 1st Sunday of the month. This is helping others to provide a better way of living for themselves and their families.

Continue to visit those who are home bound or in nursing homes. Remember they had a lot of visitors over the holidays and then the gray days of winter come. They need you to bring a smile and a warm hand to brighten the days.

Continue to smile at those who you meet at work or in the lines you wait in. They may need your encouragement and understanding at that moment.

Continue to pray for our missionaries Peter and Sarah Grow-Hanson and their family as they serve in Senegal. Continue to pray for our companion synods in Malawi and Brazil.

The Church in Society committee thanks you for continuing your generous responses to opportunities to serve God in his kingdom.

Carol Halverson
Church in Society Committee

Happy Birthday in January to:

- 1 Merleen Bergmann, Cheri Goodwin,
Diana Ostness, Darlene Paffel
- 3 Katie Proescholdt
- 4 Doris Rydberg, Nancy Thiele
- 5 Jan Randa
- 6 Alan Agen, Linda Bergstrom, Joy Neva,
Amy Salvaterra
- 7 Ann Ethen, Shanna Frasier, Tom Lingen
- 8 Lee Weaver
- 9 Mason Moravitz, Benjamin Stevens
- 10 Gina Grewe, Shayna Nickell
- 11 Phil Anderson, Cody Lombard, Walter Shafer
- 12 Brenda Jensen, Jack Stetler, Jacob Weaver
- 13 Kathleen Duncan, David Johnson,
Gordon Toftness
- 14 Linda Anderson
- 15 Becky Bents, Mitchell Sebens
- 16 Arnie Fichtenberg, Samantha Foss,
Lucas Kiekhoefer, Katie Malone
- 17 Olivia Annis, Josh Burling, Mildred Peterson
- 19 Janice Ahneman, Tyler Lloyd
- 20 Robbie Barker, Tanner Johnson, Allan Siemers
- 23 Teri Most
- 24 Heather Becker
- 26 Jan Matthys, Kirsten Sandman, Tom Toftness
- 27 Jill Molls, Roxanne Nelson, Eliza Sebens, Blaine Stetler, Emma Stokes, Erin Stokes
- 28 Scott Girard
- 29 Chris Hopkins-Hile, Karen Johnson,
Tom Rouzer
- 30 Rob Duncan, Sarah Jergenson, Jaylen Lansin
- 31 Randy Barker, Kahlen Donatell,
Diana Ficocello, Anna Hanson,
Mitchell Hanson

Wedding Anniversary wishes to:

- 10 Bill and Lynn Capra
- 14 Scott and Lisa Theese
- 17 Gene and Arlene Hopkins
- 20 Bob and Darlene Paffel



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Greetings from Luther Point!

January 2010

Opening More Doors Together (OMDT) Capital Campaign Update: It is important that the momentum of the campaign be maintained so that we can reach our goal of building a storm shelter for the youth and families that come to camp. Congregational leader training will be held January 9th and 10th. The training will take place at two different sites each day

Saturday, January 9:

10:00 a.m. Gethsemane Lutheran, Baldwin, WI

2:00 p.m. Luther Point Bible Camp, Grantsburg

Sunday, January 10

2:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Lutheran, Hudson, WI

6:00 p.m. First Lutheran, Taylors Falls, MN

Encourage your congregation to pick a congregational leader or volunteer for the position. The major gift portion of the campaign continues and over \$540,000 has been raised in pledges and gifts. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who have participated so far.

Summer 2010—Put Us on Your Calendar Moms: This is a special word to our moms who are beginning to look ahead to the summer of 2010. The camp schedule is on the Luther Point website: **LutherPoint.org**.

Online registration is available now so register early, especially for the specialty camps, like horse camp, guitar, drama, etc. those programs fill up early. Once again there will be a number of incentives and discounts, so take advantage! **Camperships will also be available.** Look for Campership request form on the webpage:

LutherPoint.org. Summer Brochures will be coming out in mid January.

RETREAT OFFERINGS: Check our website for more details regarding upcoming retreat events scheduled for the winter months ahead, some of the offerings include:

- **3rd-5th Grade Weekend Camp:** March 20-21, 2010
- **Prayer Shawl Retreat:** April 22, 2010, 9 am-3pm

Register online or call and talk with Becky or Lisa. 715-689-2347

Luther Point Ambassador Retreats: These retreats are a time to come together, get some fun, new ideas and receive information to promote Summer Camp and Retreats. The Retreats will be held February 6 and 27 from 9 a.m. until after lunch. If your church does not have an Ambassador, please come to one and share in the fun!

Encourage Your College Students to Apply: During Christmas break from college encourage those young college students to consider summer employment at Luther Point Bible Camp. Applications for summer employment will be available on our website: **LutherPoint.org**. Scroll down to the employment section on the left hand tool bar.

Thank you for your partnership!

Craig M. Corbin, Director

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Attending: Joe Brown, Cathy Koser, Karyn Hullinger, Diane Carlson, Marty Voshell, Todd Ahneman, Mark Ruppel, Sally Landstrom, Pastor Jeanne Warner, and Keith Johnson.

Absent: Laura Lindquist, Candace Jacobs, and Bob Chubb

After a very nice dinner put on for council by Pastor Jeanne, Council President Todd Ahneman called the meeting to order. Pastor Jeanne gave devotions and prayer.

Keith Johnson made a motion to approve the Agenda. Karyn Hullinger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Karyn Hullinger made a motion to accept the November 17th Council minutes as written. Keith Johnson seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Mark Ruppel gave the report for Carol Wallin.

Checking balance	\$34,129.91
Money Market Funds	\$24,462.27
Building Fund Checking	\$18,448.08
Loan Balance	\$359,158.78

Mark Ruppel gave the **Finance Committee Report**. The committee has looked at the pledges that are tallied so far. We seem to be really down on the pledges. More numbers from Jene will be looked at. Cuts will have to be made across the board.

Joe Brown made a motion to accept the treasurer and finance committee reports. Marty Voshell seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Pastors Report: Pastor had three main concerns.

- The church building lockup needs to be done better. There have been times when no one has locked up. There is a schedule for this but it just needs some clarification. Pastor and Jene are working on the Ushers job description so that they are aware that they are responsible for turning out the lights and putting out the candles and so on. Maybe lock the front doors too? Maybe elevator attendants can lock the door by the elevator?
- Vibrant Ministries contract need to be signed. (A formality because the name was changed.)
- Farewell /installation process figured out?

Committee Reports:

Stewardship envelopes are out. Still working on getting pledge numbers figured out.

Communications Committee: The committee did not meet this month; however, they have continued to work on the archives, the congregational directory, and the biographies of older members.

Education: Christmas program is scheduled for December 20th.

Youth: Carole DeJardin is back. Things are back and rolling. The Montana mission trip is up and running for this summer. First meeting will be in January.

Church and Society: Fair trade going well.

Property: Keith Johnson said that the organ is being repaired.

Old Business: none

New Business: Pastor Jeanne farewell is being planned. An exit interview will be conducted with the executive committee. Cathy and Sally will plan a small get together between services.

Installation service of the new Pastor will be January 17th.

Dates to remember: Next Council meeting will be December 29 at 7:00 p.m. (budget only)

Next Regular Council meeting will be January 19th at 7:30 pm.

Annual meeting will be Sunday, January 24 at 9:15am between services.

Committee reports due by the 10th of January.

Diane Carlson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Keith Johnson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Koser Church Council Secretary

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.

Thank you to those serving in January

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

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

January 3

Elevator Operator	Bill Olsen	419-0074		
Greeters	Dean/Pam Bergstrom	822-2551	Doris Rydberg	822-2035
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-3290	Jan Schweiger	822-8079
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652	Logan Boucher	822-2576
			Hannah Kupferschmidt	822-2521
Worship Assistant	Val Sutherland	822-8353	Alan Carlson	822-3628
Reader	Val Sutherland	822-8353	Kirsten Sandman	822-2325
Acolytes	Luke Anderson		Nic Stevens and Makenna Olson	
Coffee Servers				

January 10

Elevator Operator	Keith Johnson	822-4194	Chad Olson	822-5707
Greeters	Dan/Ruth Shoemaker	822-2712	Corrine Thoe	822-2119
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-3290	Jim/Carol Wallin	822-2342
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652		
Worship Assistant	Kip Wiita	822-4955	Mark Ruppel	822-4017
Reader	Jaylen Lansin	822-8910	Janice Ahneman	822-4475
Acolytes	Luke Anderson			
Coffee Servers	Barb Glaubitz and Brenda Kupferschmidt			

January 17

Elevator Operator	Sue Jungerberg	822-3800	Delores Sandve	822-2027
Greeters	Ann Bergmann	822-3290	Elaine Olson	822-8349
	Julie Donatelle	822-8080		
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-3290	Todd Sandman family	822-2325
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652	Hannah Kupferschmidt	822-2521
Worship Assistant	Vonnie Schell	822-8863	Dave Evenson	822-3397
Reader	Vonnie Schell	822-8863	Jeanette Olsen	419-0074
Acolytes	Chase Boucher		Chase Boucher	
	Caitlyn Weaver		Caitlyn Weaver	
Coffee Servers	Jim and Carol Wallin			

January 24

Elevator Operator	Judy Lundquist	822-2652	Jan Schweiger	822-8079
Greeters	Mark/Sandi McHenry	822-3282	Jan Randa	822-3580
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-3290	John/Barb Agen-Glaubitz	822-3243
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652		
Worship Assistant	Sally Landstrom	822-3554	Colleen Warner	822-6327
Reader	Sally Landstrom	822-3554	Ann Bergmann	822-3290
Coffee Servers	Sarah and Bob Lundquist and Isaac and Amanda Lundquist			

January 31

Elevator Operator	John Glaubitz	822-3243	Tim DeJardin	986-2966
Greeters	Roger Anderson	822-2590	Shirley Anne Evenson	822-3397
Ushers	Pete Bergmann	822-3290	Jan Schweiger	822-8079
	Gary Lundquist	822-2652	Logan Boucher	822-2576
			Hannah Kupferschmidt	822-2521
Worship Assistant	David Ficocello	822-4627	Cathy Koser	357-3020
Reader	David Ficocello	822-4627	Diane Carlson	822-3628
Coffee Servers				

ALTAR CARE

Nicole Donatell and Terri Brown

OFFERING RESPONSIBILITY

Joe Brown and Cathy Koser

GREETING CARD MINISTRY

Vonnie Schell