

Augustana Update



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125 Years Old

Can you believe it is the 125th Anniversary of Augustana this year?

We are going to celebrate on July 18 in conjunction with our
7th annual Friends and Neighbors Sunday.

We will have only one service at 10:00 a.m.

This will be followed by a pot luck lunch in the Great Hall.
Several documents and pictures from the archives will be on display.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and
Bring a neighbor or friend to share the day with us.

Vacation Bible School



SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School
will be held together with several area churches
at First Lutheran Church Sunday, July 25th
through Thursday, July 29 from 5:30-7:45 p.m.

Registration forms are available
for Pre-K through 6th grade students
Students entering 7th grade and older
and adults are needed to help. Join the fun!

FROM THE PASTOR...

Reflections from the deck...

I love it when the lake is still – like a mirror... when it clearly reflects the “world” around – the trees and shrubs along the edge... as well as the beauty of the sky above – whether it is filled with clouds or bright blue.

Anything that “disrupts” its stillness – be it a loon popping up from below, a family of geese swimming by, or a boat speeding across to another part of the lake – makes ripples or waves that make their way outward until they disappear in the stillness of the lake once again.

Since my arrival in January, I sometimes feel as if all I have been doing is reacting and/or responding to ripple upon wave upon ripple that confronted me – the reality of adjusting to any new job and setting, I suppose.

The reality is that you, too, have been reacting and/or responding to each new wave or ripple of change that your long time of interim (with three different interim pastors) brought with it. Hopefully, we are all finally settling in to our life and ministry together. As the waves and ripples of the busy-ness of the winter and spring months settle into at least moments of summer *stillness*, I am grateful for time to reflect upon and evaluate the past six months and begin looking ahead to the fall and the coming year(s).

During the month of May, I spent time in conversation with many of you through the various cottage meetings that were held. (If you were unable to make one of those sessions, please know I am still open to and interested in being in conversation with you about our life together at Augustana.) In last month’s article I shared with you some of the comments and concerns that were expressed regarding worship – along with my own thoughts and questions, of course. What did you think? What was your reaction to what you read? What direction do you think Augustana should go with worship (schedule, format, and content)? How can we keep the focus of our worship on God and God’s ongoing mission (which includes, at all times, a focus on “the neighbor” – both in our own neighborhood and across the globe)... while also finding ways to connect with the diverse preferences and expectations of our own members?

This month I want to share with you more of the comments and concerns that were raised through those cottage meeting conversations and through the “big picture” conversations your council has been having over the past several months.

Identified concerns and/or needs:

- Augustana has become “2 separate congregations” – those who attend the early service and those who attend the late service. How do we stay “one” when we never gather all together? Or is that even possible?
- Are we doing things / offering the kinds of services and programs that actually feed peoples’ spiritual lives and equip them for their lives of faith outside these walls (young and old alike)?
- Augustana needs to reclaim its focus on mission, outreach, and community involvement – “living” our faith. What are outreach possibilities – with migrant workers? the un-churched in our area? the summer residents / cabin folks? the poor? our own members?
- We wish we could set goals for benevolence like we used to – to help us keep growing in our giving (not just money, but also time and talents). Augustana has become too “self” / \$\$ / budget focused over the past few years.
- Where are all the children? The Sunday School numbers are down significantly – why? Is Sunday morning the right time to offer this programming? How do we draw and welcome into our community families with children? Along with this – what are the needs of those young families? How can Augustana better serve those needs while also encouraging the sharing of the gifts these families offer to this community?

- In the past couple of years, we have lost (through death) some key leaders – spiritual leaders / prayer warriors / mentors / teachers. Who will step into those key roles in this community? How do we continue to raise up “new key leaders” in our midst?
- Augustana needs something (as a congregation) to rally around... to focus on... to challenge us. At this time, there seems to be no common sense of mission... no clear vision of where we are headed. What will be our focus for the coming year(s)? Where is God leading us?

Identified strengths:

- “Mission” focus among a core group of members – in this community (supporting our local food pantry / Food Share program; visiting homebound and Nursing Home residents) and globally (making quilts for LWR; selling fair trade products; sponsoring missionary family)
- Music – has always been a core value at Augustana! Keep it going!
- Youth and Family ministry focus – our commitment to planting seeds and nurturing the faith of youth in our community while at the same time supporting and equipping families to BE critical partners in this ministry of making disciples.
- Strong lay leadership – we need to keep encouraging and mentoring new leaders... young and old alike.
- Friendly... welcoming of visitors and new-comers... and supportive of members in need. People truly care about each other.

Ideas and/or suggestions for the future:

- Start a program like Stephen Ministry / “Care Team”
- Updated picture directory... plus wear name tags periodically (like 1 Sunday per month) – we still don’t know peoples’ names... and feel uncomfortable asking.
- Assess needs and outline goals re: technology (i.e., update and better utilize the website and email for communication; projector and screen for the Great Hall; etc.); facility and grounds; staff and volunteers
- Look into the possibility of getting (or making / having made) an altar, font, etc. for worship in the Great Hall.
- Offer more small group opportunities for adults – book clubs, “Brown Bag Bible Studies,” “Diner’s” clubs (to intentionally gather in small groups for social / fellowship purpose), more “Book of Faith” groups (in addition to the Sunday morning group), 3-6 week studies and/or discussion groups (contemporary issues, parenting, grief, etc.)

What will Augustana’s future be?

Where will we focus our time and energy and resources in our ministry together?

The answers to these questions don’t lie with me alone. The answers rest with us – ALL OF US... for we are, together, the people of Augustana Lutheran Church. Please pray for the Spirit’s leading as we continue to discuss and discern the direction and focus of our ministry together – for this next year... and for the years ahead.

Peace,

Pastor Karen

Thank you to everyone who helped with the garage sale.
The profit from the sale was \$539.88.

Salad Luncheon at First Lutheran

First Lutheran Church is hosting a Salad Luncheon at 12:00 noon on Thursday, July 15. First Lutheran provides all the food and all women are invited to come for food and fellowship.

MISSION PROJECTS

Health Kits, Sewing Kits, and Quilts for Lutheran World Relief

Hospice/AIDS Kits for Global Health Ministries

At the top of the stairway in the church entry is a basket containing plastic bags to be filled with items for the Health, Sewing, and Hospice/AIDS Kits. Inside each bag is a list of items needed for each kit. Blankets, Fabric, and Bed Sheets in good condition are needed to make Quilts. Information can also be found on the WELCA bulletin board downstairs in the hallway by the library entrance.

Also, when you are at garage sales look for items for layettes.

Church in Society

GOD AT WORK IN SENEGAL

Where, oh, where is Senegal? It is a country on the west coast of Africa. There about 14 million people living there. It is a predominately Muslim country. Christians represent about 10 percent of the population. It is a country that is being observed for its peaceful relationships amongst the Muslims and other religious groups.

Who, oh, who is Pastor Peter Grow-Hanson? He and his family are ELCA missionaries to the country of Senegal. Augustana Lutheran provides support to them. This summer they are back in the United States and are visiting the churches that sponsor them. Come to church on Sunday, July 11th and learn more about Senegal and the Grow-Hanson's work there.

GOD AT WORK IN CUMBERLAND

The summer workers who come to Cumberland to process green beans are beginning to arrive. Augustana will provide space on Wednesday afternoon, July 14th and Thursday morning, July 15th for UMOS and Job Services to offer the summer workers help with housing questions and job related questions.

The Church in Society Committee will be providing hospitality to them while they wait their turn for help. We will be serving them small sandwiches and fruit. We would like either monetary donations or donations of fruit (watermelon and bananas) or sandwich fixings such as cheese and cold meats. We will be making sandwiches and cutting up fruit the morning of July 14th. Volunteers would be appreciated to help with this getting food ready or help serving these on the afternoon of July 14th and Thursday morning, July 15th.

GOD AT WORK IN BARRON COUNTY

Augustana is embarking on a new domestic mission project, right here in our own Barron County.

Benjamin House, a homeless shelter for singles and families of Barron County is being established on Heart Island in Rice Lake. Their mission is to work together as a non-profit agency with community organizations and individuals to provide housing opportunities for the homeless population in Barron County.

Are there homeless in Barron County? YES! It has been reported that there can be as many as 27 homeless each night in Barron County. There are NO emergency homeless shelters in Barron County right now.

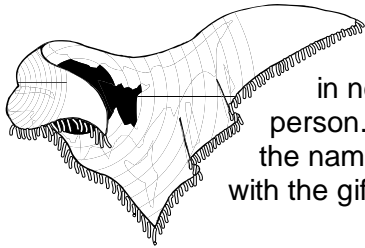
Augustana will be providing some monetary funds right away. We will start to collect those hotel soaps and shampoos that you don't use when you stay at a hotel. There will be opportunities in the future to help with meals, help with transportation, and help with annual fundraisers. Stay tuned for updates. Watch the bulletin board in the hallway for further information.

GOD AT WORK IN THE WORLD THROUGH AUGUSTANA

Augustana's Sunday School and members gave

a very generous offering of \$1,029.46 for MALARIA NETS. Thanks to your generosity, 102 MALARIA NETS can be purchased at \$10.00 a net through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative for Africa. \$142.00 of this money was from the milk caps that you save. KEEP SAVING THOSE MILK CAPS. Summer Stretch kids will be counting them soon.

Carol Halverson
Church in Society Committee



Prayer Shawls are available in the church library. If you know of someone who is in need of comfort and prayer, you may pick out a prayer shawl and give it to that person. To prevent duplicate gifts, a signup sheet is located on the top shelf. Please fill in the name of the shawl recipient and the date. Also on the top shelf is a card to be included with the gift of the shawl.

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



AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES June 15, 2010

Attending: Carol Wallin, Pastor Karen Hofstad, Mark Ruppel, Marty Voshell, Joe Brown, Rachael Stuntz, Sally Landstrom, Diane Carlson, Dan Shoemaker, Bob Chubb, Tom Hallgren, Candace Jacobs

Absent: Craig Friess, Laura Lindquist

Council President Joe Brown called the meeting to order.

Mark Ruppel led devotions and group prayer.

Diane Carlson made a motion to approve the agenda. Marty Voshell seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

May Council minutes were amended to include the following:

Effective April 20th a motion made by Rachael Stuntz and seconded by Tom Hallgren that effective April 20th, the 1% of the building fund pledges that have been going to the campership funds will go to Luther Point Bible Camp for the remaining 7 quarters of the current building fund drive.

Sally Landstrom moved to approve the May minutes as amended. Dan Shoemaker seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

Carol Wallin gave the Treasurers report.

Mark Ruppel gave the Finance committee report.

As of May 31, 2010

Balance in Checking	\$24,229.90
Money Market Savings	\$41,125.82
Building Fund Checking	\$13,395.36
Loan Balance	\$315,109.26

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hofstad, The Jungerbergs, Jene and Carole D. attended the Synod Assembly.

The cottage meetings have been completed with a total of 63 people attending. A report is included in the newsletter.

Carole is preparing for Summer Stretch. Pastor is preparing for confirmation with ideas and information being presented in July.

Pastor Hofstad is working on attending a meeting of all of the committees.

Chapter 5 of Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear was discussed. Chapter 6 will be discussed next meeting.

Council –Committee Action:

Property Committee: Has started a process to consider improving the signage of Augustana. The budget needs to be reviewed and considered to further consider the basement leak. Light in the tower will be replaced.

Stewardship Committee: Stewardship Committee is focusing on Stewardship of the soul. The challenge is to use the Taking Faith Home insert and use it everyday.

Old Business:

Friends and Neighbors/125th Anniversary Potluck will be put in motion by the Congregational Care Committee: July 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Great Hall. Congregational Care will be looking for volunteers to provide food, set-up and clean up.

August Food Share will be from 6am-10am on August 7th. 20-30 Volunteers will be needed. Children 14 and under will need to be accompanied by an adult.

5 Questions previously compiled were discussed. The focus of these 5 questions was further discussed.

New Business:

August Church Council Meeting will be on August 10th instead of the usual meeting time.

Mark Ruppel made a motion to adjourn.

Bob Chubb seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Jacobs

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Augustana Finance Committee

Finance Committee met at 6:00 p.m. June 14 at JAK offices.

Members present: Dan Shoemaker, Brenda Kupferschmidt, Carol Wallin, Tom Hallgren

Budget Performance (YTD thru May 2010)

Offerings: +\$15,810 above budget

Expenses: +\$ 2,658 above budget

Net Income: +\$13,152 above budget

- No new business.

Finance Committee meetings will be held on the Monday immediately before the Tuesday Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the JAK offices. Next meeting is July 19.

Communications Committee

June 10, 2010

Present: Sally Landstrom, Pastor Karen, Jene Morey, Corrine Thoe, Donna Olson, Carol Rohl and Carol Halverson.

Corrine brought one of the banners for our anniversary celebration for us to review, Looks very good and we will get the second one done and put them up after the 4th of July.

Carol Rohl brought some information from Jeff Hile about framing our Pastor's pictures for a permanent display either in hallway or fellowship hall. The Irene Dahl family would like to do this as a memorial for Irene. Will continue this for possible completion by anniversary in July.

Information began for a possible anniversary book that will not now be printed. It was agreed that we should continue gathering information so it will not be such a big project for a future book.

The new directory will be available at the end of the month. We will meet on the 15th to put together.

Sally will be writing an article for the paper about our anniversary.

We will create some kind of archive display for the anniversary celebration.

The bulletins are still a work in progress. We will use up the covers we have and then try a variety of our own work. Size may also change.

We will have a July meeting which will be before our anniversary and then not an August meeting unless something new comes up.

Happy Birthday in July to:

- 1 Holly Thomas, Zackary Wagner
- 2 Kaia Johnson
- 3 John Erdman, 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 Bryna Annis, Margaret Siemers
- 10 Aaron Feidt, Francesca Ficocello
- 11 Debby 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 Barbara Anderson, Kalley 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
- 26 Trenton Anderson, Hannah Bergstrom
- 28 Ben Hines, Dan Shoemaker, William Paffel
- 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 Stuntz

Wedding Anniversary wishes to:

- 1 Al and Cindy Agen
Greg and Shelley Taft
- 6 Tim and Mary Jean Jergenson
- 9 Lynda and Dean Kolzow
- 18 Barry and Wanda Kuenkel (40th)
- 20 Bobbie and Wayne Boyd
- 21 Scott and Kris Girard
Barb and Roger Wistrucill
- 22 Ted and Jan Bents
- 23 Ervin and DeLores Nickell (55th)
- 27 John and Denise Westin (25th)

Join us for
Cumberland Food Distribution
The First Saturday of Every Month
 In conjunction with Ruby's Pantry
At Cumberland Elementary School
 1520 Second Avenue

Bring Your Own Containers for Food
 Ticket sales begin at 7:30 a.m.
 Distribution begins at 8:00 a.m.

This food distribution has
NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS
\$15.00 donation appreciated.
 Cash only, please.

Typical food includes meat, fresh fruits, veggies, bread, dairy and snacks.
 (Food and quantities differ each month.)

Volunteers needed. Call 715-822-2830.
 July 3 October 2
 August 7 November 6
 September 4 December 4

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

Be a part of the next cool project at Augustana. The Worship Committee is proceeding with the installation of a Video Projection System in the Great Hall. This would be used for power point presentations (worship and otherwise) and movies, slides, etc. The cost is around \$8000.00 and we have about half so far in Memorial Funds and other monies. If you are interested in contributing, contact Pastor Karen or John Westin.



11525 Luther Point Rd
Grantsburg, Wisconsin 54840
Craig M. Corbin, Director

Greetings from Luther Point! July 2010

Consider Family Camp: We still have openings for Family Camp. This year our guest resource pastor is Rev. Carl Heidel from Siren, Wisconsin. Pastor Carl is serving Trinity Lutheran in rural Siren. He will be leading the adults through the Prayer of St. Francis in relation to our summer theme, "Connected we Live". Families come in all shapes and sizes these days. Come as you are and spend some quality time with your family. We will take care of the cooking and cleaning. Your job is to relax, refresh, and retreat.

Still Time to Register for Camp: Several program offerings available for most ages. Register online at LutherPoint.org.

Camperships Available: Campership request forms are available online at www.LutherPoint.org on the front page, lower middle section. We want to see every child who has a desire to attend camp, to have the ability to do so. We want to see those happy camper smiles at camp. Between the financial assistance that is available at your local congregation and what Luther Point can provide, we will make it happen.

Annual Golf Scramble: Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at the Frederic Golf Course, Frederic, Wisconsin. Start talking with your friends and get your team registration in. Registrations are available upon request at 715-689-2347. Hole Sponsors being sought. Consider sponsoring a hole for \$100. More information will be available soon online at www.LutherPoint.org.

Luther Point Summer Celebration: A Fundraiser to Celebrate and Support Luther Point's Ministry: Mark your calendars now for Saturday, August 14 for our annual end of summer event and fundraiser to celebrate the ministry of Luther Point. Consider donating artisan craft items such as artwork, pottery, woodcrafted items and quilts as well as produce for the Farmers' Market! For more information, contact Becky at 715-689-2347 or Becky@LutherPoint.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Introducing New Year Round Ministry: "Daybreak" is a music ministry team that provides meaningful youth ministry experiences for area congregations. Focused on building relationships, the team will engage the members of your congregation by bringing camp to you. Events being scheduled now for the 2010-2011 fall-spring season. Events are on a contractual basis for a fee to support the Daybreak team. Contact Jesse: 715-689-2347 or Jesse@LutherPoint.org

Together in Ministry
Rev. Craig M. Corbin, Executive Director

Thank you to those serving in July

If you cannot serve on your scheduled Sunday, please find a substitute or call Jan Schweiger at 822-8079.

JULY 4

Elevator Operator
Greeters
Ushers
Worship Assistant
Reader
Coffee Server

8:00 a.m.

Chris Landstrom
Barb Landstrom
Pete Bergmann and Gary Lundquist
Val Sutherland
Val Sutherland
Susan Jungerberg

9:30 a.m.

Shirley Anne Evenson
Jan Schweiger
Jan Schweiger and Terri Ruppel
Dave Evenson
Joan Kraft

JULY 11

Elevator Operator
Greeters
Ushers
Worship Assistant
Reader
Coffee Servers

Steve Komarek
Pam Mysicka
Pete Bergmann and Gary Lundquist
Vonnie Schell
Vonnie Schell
Sally, Barb, and Chris Landstrom

Alex Duncan
Barb Agen
Bill and Jeanette Olsen family
Janice Ahneman
Janice Ahneman

JULY 18

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS SUNDAY 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

One Service this Sunday in Great Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Greeters
Ushers
Worship Assistant
Reader

Scott and Brenda Kupferschmidt family
Alan and Diane Carlson family
Colleen Warner
Colleen Warner

JULY 25

Elevator Operator
Greeters
Ushers
Worship Assistant
Reader
Coffee Servers

Vickie Robertson
Judy Lundquist
Pete Bergmann and Gary Lundquist
Craig Bucher
Craig Bucher
Ann Bergmann and Julie Donatelle

Karyn Hullinger
Ann Bergmann
Charlotte Melby and Carol Leopold
David Ficocello
David Ficocello

ALTAR CARE_

Sally Landstrom
Diane Crane
Donna Olson

OFFERING RESPONSIBILITY Bob Chubb and Craig Friess

GREETING CARD MINISTRY Judy Lundquist