



Augustana News

June 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am thrilled to have officially begun work as your pastor. Can you tell?! I can't count the number of times I've caught myself saying, "I'm so happy to be here!" in the past days, and it is true. I am so happy to serve as your pastor. I am also so grateful for your warm welcome of my family and me. We feel the love! Your understanding as all of us adjust to two new places with their own communities, buildings, and traditions is so appreciated. We are glad to make our new church home with you.

We have certainly hit the ground running, haven't we? Hospital visits, funerals, council meetings, worship, and more! It is a lot of work, but it is work which I enjoy and which I feel called to do.

It is also work that I feel very well supported in—by all of you! Your offers to assist, your patience with questions, the vibrant ministries to which you are all committed and in which you continue to serve...each of these is a sign of God's Spirit at work in this place. As I preached on my first Sunday with you, the Spirit that Jesus promised to send, that accompanied Paul and Silas in their travels, that met them in the people they encountered like Lydia, it is alive and active and at work in each of you. There are so many signs of God's faithfulness to you over the past 150+ years, and to your faithfulness to God's good work in the world too.

I believe we are going to continue to feel the Holy Spirit move this summer! June 8 we celebrate the ancient church holiday of *Pentecost*, commemorating the first arrival of the Holy Spirit and listening for the ways she continues to speak to us. Throughout the summer, we'll continue discerning the Spirit's guidance. We'll see how the Spirit blows through our worship and our lives. We'll expect the Spirit's arrival in unusual places. We'll train our ears to listen for the Spirit's voice. With some of our usual ministries on summer hiatus, it is the perfect chance for us to take intentional time to listen for God's direction. I'll make time to get to know you, learn more about our ministries, and consider what our future together holds.

***First
Words
from
Pastor
Emily***

We will have an important chance to gather all together on June 28, to celebrate my official installation as the pastor of Augustana and Grace with

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(Dear Friends—Continued from Page 1)

Bishop Tim Graham. It will be an exciting day that will involve both of our church buildings and congregations. Details are still in the works, so stay tuned.

I pray that the summer months also give you time for reflection and refreshment in your life. Spend more time outdoors, spend less time on screens, sit in a few moments of quiet presence with God to start or end your day, pick up a new practice of prayer or journaling, reconnect with a church friend over a meal. Use the long days to add more meaning and joy into your life—not more busyness! I promise, despite all that's on my ever-growing to do list, I'll try to do the same.

Let's see where the Spirit takes us this summer!

In Peace,

~ *Pastor Emily*

Pastoral Information

Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller

Initially, Pastor Emily' will use a similar schedule as Sister Nora had used and will adjust as needed.

Pastor Emily's Office Hours:

Monday 9AM – Noon ~ Augustana
Tuesday, 9AM – Noon ~ Grace
Wednesday, 9AM – Noon ~ Augustana
Thursday, 9AM – Noon ~ Grace

*But when you pray,
go away by yourself,
shut the door behind you,
and pray to your Father in private.
Then your Father,
who sees everything,
will reward you.
~ Matthew 6:6 NLT*



PRAYER LIST

Please contact us with updates, praises, & requests.

Health Concerns

Judy Duck
Sharon Butler
Ken Davis, Deb
Rowland's son-in-law
June, mother of
Melanie Watson
Fred Dunfee,
John Metz' friend
Paul Erickson
Joanna Rice, Jay &
Bonnie Rice's
daughter-in-law
Sister Nora Frost
Barbara Hillyer
Kathy Struckle
Karen Duck, Penny
Duck's mother-in-law
Kelly Duis, sister of
Penny Duck
Nancy
Angela Johnson
Jennifer, mother of
Dorothy Moyer's Friend
Cameron

Those Who Mourn

Families of:
Emma Jones Kyle
Jill Elizabeth Turner
Fred Dunfee
DeEtta June Williamson

Other concerns

Redeemer Lutheran
Church in Somerset, KY
Victims of war, violence,
natural disasters
Pioneer Faith Ministries
Council

Prayer for Transition

Pastor Emily & Family
Augustana & Grace



June 1 - Easter 7	June 8 - Day of Pentecost	June 15 - The Holy Trinity	June 22 - Pentecost 2	June 29 - Pentecost 3
Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17, 25-27	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	I Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

Special Announcement

Augustana and Grace have many ministries, groups, and committees that keep us going, and Pastor Emily is trying to learn about it all! If you are involved in a ministry or group that you think Pastor Emily should know about, please extend an invitation for her to attend. There's a lot to learn, and this will help her navigate the many commitments on our church calendars.

Thanks!



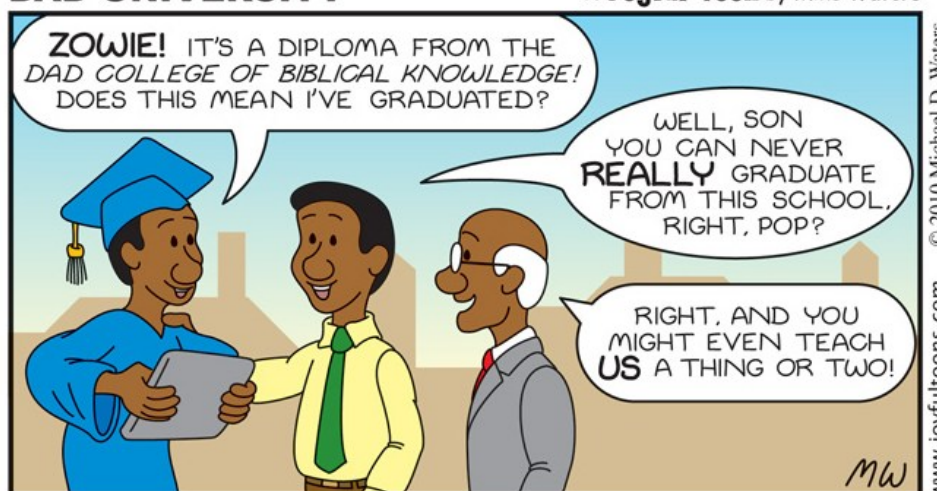
Sunday, June 8
Graduate Recognition
for our Graduates:

Mackenzie Mills
Jill Scupham

Cake & Punch Reception
for everyone
will follow the
morning worship service.

DAD UNIVERSITY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

— PSALM 78:5-6 NIV

JUNE 2025 SERVER SCHEDULE

June 1 – Easter 7

Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber

Lector: Maralee Macumber

Server: Leah Moyer

Technology Server: Mark Moyer

Ushers: Gunnar & Diane Erickson

June 8 – Day of Pentecost

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer

Lector: Mark Moyer

Server: Dorothy Moyer

Technology Server: Cayden Abner

Ushers: Janet Moyer & Deb Rowland

June 15 – The Holy Trinity

Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber

Lector: Diane Erickson

Server: Jack Watson

Technology Server: Mark Moyer

Ushers: The Scupham Family

June 22 – Pentecost 2

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer

Lector: Mark Moyer

Server: George Scupham

Technology Server: Cayden Abner

Ushers: Ed & Janie Williams

June 29 – Pentecost 3

Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber

Lector: Maralee Macumber

Server: Cayden Abner

Technology Server: Mark Moyer

Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

June Altar Guild

Emily Moyer & Heidi Scupham

Please let the office know of any changes.

June Altar Flowers

June 1 – In Honor of Sister Nora's
48th Anniversary

June 8 – Available

June 15 – Available

June 22 – In Celebration of the
63rd Wedding Anniversary of
John & Heidi Paston

June 29 – Available



If the Altar Flowers are not sponsored, there will be no flowers. Two floral bouquets total \$25. That's a real deal! Many slots are available for sponsorship throughout the year. The easel is at the back of the pews. Choose your date, sign your name, and whether the flowers are in honor or memory of someone special. You may pay when you sign up or later. Either way, please use the envelope provided for your \$25. Thank you.

Did you know???

- ♦ The term "lawn mullet" means having a neatly manicured front yard and an unmowed mess in the back.
- ♦ Lightning kills about 10,000 people a year worldwide, more people than tornadoes or flooding.

A Special Thank-You

Dear Ladies,

It's easy to be grateful when there are wonderful people like you in the world.

Thank you so much for doing the [funeral] lunch.
You all mean so much to us.

Don & Dee Smith and all of *Mom's family
*DeEtta June (Johnson) Williamson



Financial/ Attendance Report

[Fiscal Year Runs Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31]

**Information thru May 27, 2025

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement	Fiscal Year-to-Date Actual Funds in General Fund
\$59,695.00	\$39,996.62
May Monthly Budget Requirement	May Actual Offering to General Fund
\$11,940.00	\$7,242.64
JUNE Monthly Amount Needed to meet Budget Requirement	Noisy Offering Fiscal Year-to-Date
\$11,940.00	\$75.00
May Average Sunday In-Person Attendance	May Average Sunday Facebook Attendance
37	4
Building Fund Roof Repair Goal	Building Fund Roof Repair Total Giving
\$55,147.00	\$9,187.00

Approved Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes Highlights Of April 8, 2025

Present: Jerry Duck, Diane Erickson, Gunnar Erickson, Dave Ermis, Gina Iannarelli, Maralee Macumber, Chuck Miller, Mark Moyer, Nancy Tinder, Randy Tinder, Sister Nora

Minutes from the March Council, Amended Joint Council, & Special Congregation meetings were presented & unanimously approved.

***Financial reports** from March were presented. Reports were unanimously approved.

***Sister Nora's reports** were presented. This is the last week for book studies which went well.

*Unfinished Business:

Organist Update - Alex Jeffirs will play May 4 & will substitute intermittently throughout the summer with a view to become the permanent organist & possible music director.

Shared Ministry - When Pastor Emily begins, a Shared Ministry Committee will be put together.

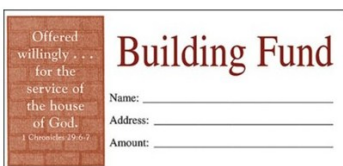
Security Camera - Advanced Security will be giving us an installation date.

Women's Retreat is now scheduled for September 26-27 at Camp Lutherwald.

*New Business:

Mutual Ministry Committee was discussed. This is a committee where Pastor Emily and congregation members come to bring concerns, questions, suggestions, etc. Sister Nora stated there is printed material to help set up such a committee and that it can also be for all staff.

(See full minutes on the Bulletin Board outside of the Fellowship Hall.)



Building Fund Envelopes

Please use these Building Fund Envelopes found in the pews and

narthex for your offerings to help reimburse roof repair costs. If you are unable to make it to church, you may mail in your offering check noting "Roof Repair" on the memo line. Monthly updates in meeting our goal are listed in the above chart. Thank you.



Facebook Livestream

It has been difficult to capture a realistic Facebook Livestream attendance count. We are asking that if you are watching the Sunday worship service live, later in the day, or later in the week, that you would click on the "Like" thumbs-up icon or make a comment. That way, your attendance will be captured, and we will have a more accurate count to report.

Thank you for your help!

June Fellowship Opportunities

FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesday, June 4 ~ 9 AM

Meet at Perkins on Cassopolis Street.
Call Deb Rowland for reservations.

LAST THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, June 26 ~ Noon

Come and join your Augustana friends for lunch at **our new location:**

Baker's Nook Café

127 Easy Shopping Place, Elkhart

Bring a friend or neighbor with you. *Phone your reservation and the number coming to the church office by Tuesday, June 24.*

Please Note!!

**1st Sunday Meal-a-Month
and Game Night at Grace
are off for the summer.**

These will start up again in September.

June Worship Opportunities

All Thursdays - 4 PM

Holy Communion at Grace Chapel

Saturday, June 28—Time To Be Determined

Pastor Emily's Installation Service with
Bishop Timothy Graham presiding. Watch for details!

Sunday, June 29 - 11 AM

Joint Worship Service with Grace at Augustana



Sunday, June 22, 2025

2:00 PM

South Bend Cubs

Home Game

**~ A Summer Activity of
Shared Ministry**

Amy Wolschlager from Grace is the coordinator for this fun Shared Ministry activity!

Gates open 2 hours before game time. It is Sunday Funday, so those arriving early can get autographs from the players and play catch on the field!

Tickets for the JB West Home Run Porch are **\$37 per person** and includes: ticket; wider, padded seats with food rail in front; baseball hat; and 2-hour classic ballpark buffet (burgers, hot dogs, chips, mac & cheese, cookies, lemonade, water, and soda.)

**DEADLINE to Reserve
Tickets is Sunday, June 8.**

Parking costs extra as do fun zone wristbands.

Sign up sheet in the narthex or call the church office.



**God's Gifts Pantry ~
A Story Worth Sharing &
Thank You
2nd & 4th Thursdays ~ 10-11 AM**

In the beginning, when we started God's Gifts Ministry, we would fill grocery sacks with self food and take them to the cars of those who came. On one of our Thursdays, a lady got out of her car and started crying, she said that she never had to ask for food. Her husband had lost his job. I hugged her and said, "Things would get better." The next time we had the food give-away, she came and asked for prayers for her husband who had an interview that day. The next time she came, her husband was hired and she had found a part-time job. We were all thrilled for them. When she left, she gave us all hugs and said, "I'm not going to come anymore, others need the food more than we do."

We (The Girls) would like to thank all who have donated food and monetary gifts for this beautiful ministry!

~ Heidi Paston & The Girls
Mary Lou Cassel
Janet Ermis
Priscilla Powell
Deb Rowland
Sue Stowell



Many heartfelt thanks goes out for the following:

- ♦ Financial support for an individual member
 - ♦ Attending the lunch sponsored by Mosaic (Kathy Miller's residence)
 - ♦ Helping with Sister Nora's Farewell Celebration before, during, and after the event
- You know whom you are and these things would not have been possible without you!

~ Diane Erickson

Dear Members and Friends of Augustana:

There are no words to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for all that you have done for me and meant to me throughout the years...and now...this wonderful Sunday Brunch with so many lovely cards (both from older members and from our youth), so many thoughtful gifts, kind words, so much fantastic food, the acrostic sign (I would agree with the second "S" in sister as stubborn is pretty accurate), the trivia was really fun yet somewhat scary as you showed how much you really know about me; and if that weren't way more than enough, there were several very generous gifts from the congregation.

I am seriously overwhelmed. I thank God so much for each of you. I have been so blessed to be here among you; and I am definitely a better person and hopefully a more faithful minister of Word and Service because of all that you have taught me.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love and care and for all your prayers. I will continue to hold each of you, the Mission and Ministry of Augustana, and Pastor Emily in my prayers as you begin this new and exciting chapter in the life of God's church here on Kilbourn Street and beyond. May God bless you.

In Christ's service,
~ Sister Nora



Summer Camps 2025

I wanted to reach out and remind you that summer is rapidly approaching and that means summer camp! There are a few changes this year and I wanted you all to be aware of them.

Confirmation Camp Dates for Grades 6-9 are:

Lake Luther: June 22-27

Lutherwald: June 15-20

Lutheran Hills: June 22-27 and July 6-11

Cost for campers is \$450 ***Augustana will help offset this cost.***



All pastors and adult helpers will need to fill out a health form and have background checks run (or results of background checks done by their church) filed in the office prior to their arrival at camp.

Cost for Pastors to stay the whole week is \$200. Health form and authorization & release for background check is available in Augustana's office.

For those in your congregations that would like to be involved: I am always looking for camp nurses, reading camp teachers, and other volunteers. They can call the office at 260-667-7750.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Thanks and I hope to see you all at camp! Chris

Christine Miller, Executive Director

LOMIK (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Indiana-Kentucky Inc.)

Phone: 574-370-1622

Email: chris@lomik.org

2025 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly

June 5-7, Thursday-Saturday

Crowne Plaza in Indianapolis ~ Union Station, 123 W Louisiana St



Let's all be in prayer for traveling mercies and wisdom for Mark & Emily Moyer and Pastor Emily and all those in attendance as well as for God's presence over this important Assembly for the entire I-K Synod.



Looking
Ahead

JULY HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, July 2 - Breakfast Club at Perkins

Thursday, July 10 - God's Gifts Pantry

Wednesday, July 23 - Newsletter Articles Deadline

Thursday, July 24 - God's Gifts Pantry

Thursday, July 31 - Lunch Bunch at Baker's Nook Café

All Thursdays in June - 4 PM -

Service of Holy Communion at Grace

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Join us each Sunday morning
for Fellowship in the Narthex
before & after Worship.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday ~ Wednesday ~ Thursday
8:15 AM – 1:15 PM

GOD'S GIFTS PANTRY

Sack of food & personal items
distribution every 2nd & 4th
Thursday of the month.

Augustana Mission Statement:

As the Body of Christ,
we are called to Love All, Serve All, Welcome All.



Take-Along Page

*Take this page with you to the grocery store
to help Augustana serve those in need.*

201 People
Served in May

God's Gifts Pantry Needs Your Help

Thursday, June 12 and Thursday, June 26 will be our next sack distributions. Thank you to all who have brought items! We continue to serve more people each week, so your contributions are very much needed and appreciated! Please bring items to the church Sunday mornings or any time during the week during office hours, placing them in the barrels by the office. The following items are needed:

Canned chicken or tuna
Canned fruits & vegetables
Cereal & Oatmeal
Ritz or other crackers in sleeves
Pork and Beans
Boxes or bags of rice
Boxed potatoes
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Spaghetti or other pasta
Canned spaghetti sauce (red) - no glass jars
Cake mixes and frosting
Pudding - jello
Cookies (individually wrapped)
Juice - no glass jars
Non-dairy milk
Cooking oil - butter

Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Shampoo
Toilet Paper & Kleenex
Dish Soap & Laundry Detergent (not pods)
Cleaning supplies

*The following items are found at Dollar Tree:

*Mac & Cheese with foil pack
*Boxed cereals (any size or kind)
*Spaghetti-O's – pull top
*Pork n' Beans & Dogs – pull top
*canned Kid meals
*Bags or boxes of rice
*Dinty Moore Stew
*Bags of beans
*Tuna

Cans with pop-tops are preferred though we know many cans do not come that way.

NO GLASS JARS and NO EXPIRED FOOD

June 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 11 AM-Worship	2	3	4 9 AM-Breakfast Club at Perkins	5 IK Synod Assembly	6	7
8 11 AM-Worship with Graduate Recognition 12:15 PM - Graduate Reception	9	10 6:30 PM- Augustana Council Meeting	11	12 10-11 AM-God's Gifts Pantry 4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace	13	14
15  11 AM-Worship	16	17	18	19 Newsletter Articles Deadline 4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace	20	21
22 11 AM-Worship 2 PM - South Bend Cubs Game	23	24	25	26 10-11 AM-God's Gifts Pantry Noon-Lunch Bunch at Baker's Nook Café 4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace	27	28 Time TBD Installation Service for Pastor Emily with Bishop Timothy Graham Presiding
29 11 AM-Joint Worship Service at Augustana	30	Join us each Sunday morning for Fellowship in the Narthex before & after worship.				