

**August Bible
Study Plan**

August 5, 2018 ~

Pentecost 11

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 12, 2018 ~

Pentecost 12

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 19, 2018 ~

Pentecost 13

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 26, 2018 ~

Pentecost 14

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69



Augustana News

August 2018

“Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”

~Deuteronomy 31:6

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Greetings in Christ,

Pastor's Page

“See what love the Father has given us,
that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.
The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.”

– 1 John 3:1-2

First, let me thank you for your generous hospitality and warm welcome that you have shown to Kim, Naomi, and me, in these first few weeks that we have been together. You have demonstrated love and grace that is crucial to us getting to know one another more fully. When I've made mistakes or done things “differently” that you're used to, I'm grateful that you have rolled with it and are living into this new period in our life together.

While June was filled with saying goodbye to Pastor Steve and welcoming me as your pastor of record and preacher, and July has been getting used to me and my particular quirks, we now enter a new time. I believe that August will be a time of discernment and transition for all of you at Augustana. What does it mean to be the community of faith at Augustana? What are the core beliefs and practices that define you? How do you best live out your faith in ways that shines the light of Jesus to a community that so desperately needs to hear Good News? How is God calling Augustana to partner with other congregations to live out ministry together? These are all important questions for all of us to consider and they are just the tip of the iceberg.

In the weeks to come, I imagine that the council and the Augustana-Grace Work Group will begin to outline a process of discernment to include as many voices as want to be part of this

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process as possible. They will take the lead, but each of us has a part to play in this work, for we are all children of God, endowed with unique gifts to share with the community of faith. At the very least, I hope each of us listens for the voice of God – in Scripture, in prayer, in conversation with others – so that we may follow the Spirit in whatever decisions are made. My role in this process at present is to support and encourage, while listening to the questions, hopes, and dreams that you have for Augustana and the Lutheran presence in Elkhart. Please share those with me, and know that I am praying for this process for you.

For none of us know how the church will continue to evolve and change and what new work that God has in store for us as individuals and communities. We know, though, that we are children of God, and as such, we know that we are loved by our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer and that is enough for whatever lies ahead.

Thank you for your partnership in this work at Augustana. Let's keep the conversations going as we listen for God's voice to lead us to where we are called to go.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Dan

We keep before us the fact that stewardship is basically about things that don't belong to us. What do we do with the gifts of God? The gift becomes the task.

There is a sense of urgency that we must be stewards of the Gospel, of the friendship of God; an urgency of opportunity of giving thanks to God, for returning to God that which is God's alone.

We pray that we may grow together in the stewardship of our lives.



from Stewardship August 2018

Christian stewards have discovered that time is an important part of total stewardship.

Time is a gift from God, and stewards realize that they will be held accountable for the way in which they use their time on earth. They recognize the importance of the role of time and explore the many ways time can be used for God's work. They find time to assist their pastor in supporting various church programs, to serve the community in various ways, and to be a committed parent and spouse.

I-K Lutheran

Where God is doing new things

August 2018

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. (ELW #661)*



The congregation's pastor and I processed toward the "back" of the worship space as we all sang the old hymn with vigorous familiarity: "I love to tell the story," the story "of Jesus and his love." When we reached the back pews and turned again toward the gathered folk for the liturgy's final blessing and sending, in my mind's eye I was transported back over decades and distance to another Sunday when I was serving as an acolyte for worship with First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights, Minnesota, the congregation that first formed me in faith. I could see and sense my gangly, slightly long-haired early-teen self standing next to Pastor Joe, who had just finished preaching about our call to tell the Jesus story anywhere and always, to anyone and everyone. Echoing through the years I could still hear his strong, somewhat gravelly, always off-pitch voice rising above the voices of the few hundred folk gathered for worship. I could hear again the conviction in his voice and see the gleam of joy in his eyes as he sang: *I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.*

"Go in peace; serve the Lord!" snapped me back to the present time and place to join the congregation in responding with our own conviction and joy, "Thanks be to God!" And in that moment, I remembered anew how much I do love to tell the story of Jesus and his love ... and I realized how seldom I actually tell it outside of my role as pastor and bishop.

It is one thing to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love in settings related to my role as bishop, like preaching, teaching, leading meetings, and pastoral conversations. It's another thing altogether to tell others about Jesus and his love in the various moments and relationships of my life outside that role, with family, friends and acquaintances, in the neighborhood where we live, during encounters with folks in stores or at events or across the table at some social gathering.

In the years since that long-ago Sunday at First Lutheran, I seem to have moved a little more toward the approach to telling the story of Jesus and his love captured in this quote sometimes attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel at all times; use words if necessary." Yet, the bible teacher, Walter Brueggemann reminds us that

*The noun "gospel," which means "message," is linked in the Bible to the verb "tell-the-news" (one word, *bissar*, in Hebrew). At the center of the act of evangelism is the message announced, a verbal, out-loud assertion of something decisive not known until this moment of utterance. There is no way that anyone...can avoid this lean, decisive assertion which is at the core of evangelism.¹*

It is crucial that I live in ways that reflect the storied self-giving love of Jesus. The ELCA tag line, "God's Work; Our Hands," is so true and important for us to lean into. But scripture and the witness of our forebears in faith also invite us to lean into something like "God's Work. Our Voice." After all, if I really do trust that the story of Jesus and his love is true and believe that this love satisfies my longings as nothing else would do, why would I not share this good news with others who might need it as desperately and find it as satisfying as I do?

By your word, eternal God, your creation sprang forth, and we were given the breath of life. By your word, eternal God, death is overcome, Christ is raised from the tomb, and we are given new life in the power of your Spirit. May we boldly proclaim this good news in our words and our deeds, rejoicing always in your powerful presence; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen. (ELW p. 75)

+ Bishop Bill Gafkjen

¹Brueggemann, Walter. Biblical Perspectives on Evangelism: Living in a Three-Storied Universe (p. 14). © 1993 Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.

Thank You's

Augustana Family-

Thank you so much for the unending support, love, prayers and gracious giving over these past couple of months. Our burdens have been lightened due to your thoughtfulness. God has shone brightly through all of you. We are truly blessed. With His grace, we look forward to sharing stories of continued healing and progress. Blessings and Peace to each of you.

The Kneppers -

Julie, Mike, Sadie and Olivia

Thank you to all who helped with Sadie's Sale from Augustana and Grace.

The Thrivent Action Team of 13 volunteers raised \$502 to help with travel and medical expenses for the family by selling plants, baked goods, and a silent auction. All of the help was much appreciated.

~Chris Miller



Thank You!



GIGGLES

What Are Kids Learning In Sunday School?

In Sunday School the children were learning about how God created everything, including people. One little boy, Joey, was especially interested in the part where Eve came from Adam's rib.

Later that week Joey's mother saw him laying on the couch looking ill. "What's the matter?" she asked.

Joey replied, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

A Sunday School teacher asked the class, "Why did Mary and Joseph take Jesus with them to Jerusalem?"

A little boy raised his hand, "I know, he said. "Because they couldn't get a babysitter."



Word Search

cab pad wag jam mang
nap rat bag ram cat

f g h y t r e w p l n k
r s m a n f f v a g f l
a l c p w k j h d f s o
m c a b l n m k l b d i
w l k m p o c a t t q r
b l g f d r e j a m w w
l o v w u a k h b g e e
a l y a o t n e n b z f
r t h g y p a n a t x z
b a g l j e s o p n c b



Have a little
fun with this
word search!

KID'S PAGE

Tourist: Look! A bunch of cows.

Cowboy: Not "a bunch" a herd.

Tourist: Heard what?

Cowboy: Herd of cows.

Tourist: Sure, I've heard of cows.

Cowboy: No, a cow herd.

Tourist: That's OK. I have no
secrets to keep from cows!

The other day, I was standing in the
park wondering why a Frisbee gets
bigger and bigger the closer it gets.

Then it hit me!



A few more days at
the beach!

August Craft- Woodsy Wind Chimes

*Make these lovely wind chimes to catch the summer breezes we
have left!*

Materials Needed:

- 1-foot-long stick
- Paint
- 14-26 craft sticks
- Scissors
- 7-14 pieces of string (1 will be for the hanger)
- 7-13 buttons
- Glue

- 1) Find a 1-foot-long stick.
- 2) Paint matching pairs of craft sticks. Let them dry.
- 3) Cut 7-13 long pieces of sting. Tie one end of each to the stick (you can decide how many chimes you want!). Tie buttons to the other end of each string. Glue the craft stick pairs together on the string between the stick and the button. Let them dry.
- 4) Tie the one extra piece of string onto either end of the stick as a hanger, and put the wind chimes where they'll catch a breeze.



New Address for
Pastor Steve and Carol:
Steve & Carol Reshan
9479 Blue Lake Rd
Hazelhurst, WI 54531

Year-to-Date
Noisy Offering:
\$663.27



Church News

Sunday mornings after
services, join us for
coffee hour!



Important Dates

Wednesday, August 1st and Wednesday, August 15th ~
OxBow Park 'Hike & Visit 6:30pm, Worship at 7:15pm

Saturday, August 4th ~ Memorial Gathering for
Marcine Todd at Augustana from 2-4pm

Sunday, August 5th ~ Endowment Committee meeting
after service.

Sunday, August 12th ~ Blessing of the Backpacks during
services

Saturday, August 11th ~ Park Shelter built in memory of
Thom and Charlotte Garl dedicated in Walker Park on
East Bristol St at 11am



Grace/Augustana
Men's Breakfast
Saturday, August 11th at
8:30am at Perkin's Restaurant

Breakfast Club



Wednesday,
August 1st at
Golden Egg
All Welcome!

Members of Augustana and Grace are
invited to the dedication of a Park Shelter
built in memory of

Thom and Charlotte Garl.

It is located at the Walker Park on Bristol
Street just across from Pinewood School. It
will be held on August 11th at 11:00 am.

Special Funds 2016-19 Status

[as of 7/22/2018]

(Total Cost of Renovation: \$45,000)

July 2018 <u>beginning</u> balance: \$44,106.34	July 2018 <u>ending</u> balance: \$44,281.34
Total July Pledges: \$64.60	Total July Giving: \$175.00

Special Funds 2016-19 Loan Status

(Loan from Parsonage Fund)

Total Original Loan Amount: \$35,000.00	Total Pay-off Balance Amount (as of 7/22/18): \$715.00
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Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement

Fiscal Year-to-Date Offerings to General Fund

[as of 7/22/2018]

\$89,179.23	\$89,110.66
July Monthly Budget	July Offerings to General Fund [as of 7/22/2018]
\$15,698.23	\$21,223.83
July Weekly Budget	July Average Weekly Attendance
\$3,139.65	49

[Fiscal Year runs Feb.1 thru Jan. 31]

Congregation Care Corner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August Anniversaries
Harry & Jean Rombke 8/10
Richard & Pat Sellers 8/15
Luke & Heidi Harbison 8/22



Jesus said to them,
 "I am the bread of life.
 Whoever comes to me
 will never be hungry,
 and whoever believes
 in me will never be
 thirsty."

~John 6:35



August Birthdays

- Lynda Barker 8/2
- Olivia Knepper 8/3
- Sean Diller 8/3
- Ward Merchant 8/4
- Gino Iavagnilio 8/6
- Wini Rogers 8/9
- Richard Cassel 8/10
- Dee Smith 8/17
- Richard Sellers 8/19
- Vera Companion 8/21
- Kevin Stutzman 8/23
- Julie Knepper 8/29



Prayer List

Russ & Pauline Anderson;
 Jim & Judy Bower; Christy
 Bradley; Dick & Mary Cassel;
 Jeff Caton; Ann Checkley; Rich Cliett; Elaine
 Conley; Tyler Conley; Cindy Creighton; Iris
 Curras; Gary & Cathy Davis; Barbara Dills;
 Christopher Dudley; Sister Nora Frost; Amy Garl;
 Jacquie Guest; Daryl & Vicki Hickman; Matt
 Hickman; Howard Holmes; Gina Iannarelli; Betty
 Iavagnilio; Stephanie Iavagnilio; Betty Johnson;
 Jared Kauffman; Sadie Knepper; Gayle Mallon;
 Diane Mann; Amy Miller; Kathy Miller; Marie
 Moberg, Janet Moyer; Gretta Peterson; Leah
 Reshan; Wini Rogers; Jean & Harry Rombke; Jim
 Schenb; Juanita Schumaker; Thom Swanson;
 Debra Trapp; Gene Williamson

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To add someone's name you may email requests to
secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net or drop off new
 requests to the church office.

Altar Flowers for August



Sunday, August 19

*In honor of Dee Smith's
 Birthday - from Gene & June Williamson*

The Sundays of August 5th, 12th and 26th are still available

Notice:

*Beginning in January 2018 the sign up sheet for the altar
 flowers will be in the church office. To schedule altar flowers
 please contact Kathy in the office, or drop off an envelope with
 requested date and payment.*

*Payment will be required before altar flowers are ordered.
 Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you.*

AUGUST 2018 SERVER'S SCHEDULE

"I think that if ever a mortal heard the voice of God it would be in a garden at the cool of the day."

-F. Frankfort Moore,
A Garden of Peace



Assisting Minister:

John Metz

Communion Assistant:

Jerry Duck

Altar Guild:

Chris Mills & Dawn Mills

Coffee Hostess:

Janie Williams & Linda Iavagnilio

Counter:

Bonnie Rice

August 5, 2018 – Pentecost II

Greeters: Ron Johnson & Art Senne

Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

Server: Keegan Peterson

Lector: Sr Nora Frost

Nursery: Nancy Tinder

Sound: Keith Johnson

August 12, 2018 – Pentecost 12

Greeters: George Scupham & Gunnar Erickson

Ushers: Brenda Miller & Bonnie Rice

Server: Samantha Barker

Lector: Scott Watson

Nursery: Jillian Scupham

Sound: Chuck Miller

August 19, 2018 – Pentecost 13

Greeters: Brad & Amanda Ganczak

Ushers: Ron Johnson & Jay Rice

Server: Garrett Ganczak

Lector: Dawn Mills

Nursery: Emily Moyer

Sound: Mark Moyer

August 26, 2018 – Pentecost 14

Greeters: Scott & Melanie Watson

Ushers: Don & Dee Smith

Server: Brooke Watson

Lector: Julie Knepper

Nursery: Judy Duck

Sound: Keith Johnson

Reminder: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement – and let the church office know who the replacement is. Contact information:

secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net or 574.294.3823.

Thank you.

*The garden is a love song, a duet
between a human being and
Mother Nature.*

-Jeff Cox



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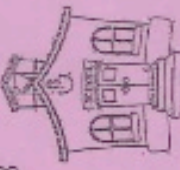
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			9AM-Breakfast Club at Golden Egg 4PM-Worship at Grace 6:30PM-OxBow Park 'Hike & Visit', worship at 7:15PM			2PM to 4PM-Memorial Gathering for Marcine Todd
Pentecost 11 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship ~Noisy Offering- After Service: BP Checks, Coffee Hour, Endowment Committee Meets	5PM-Monday Night Meals		4PM-Worship at Grace			8:30AM-Grace/Augustana Men's Breakfast at Perkin's
Pentecost 12 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Blessing of the Backpacks -both services 9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship After Service: Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals	7PM-Church Council	4PM-Worship at Grace 6:30PM-OxBow Park 'Hike & Visit', worship at 7:15PM			
Pentecost 13 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship ~Noisy Offering- After Service: BP Checks, Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals		4PM-Worship at Grace			
Pentecost 14 26	27	28	29	30	31	
9AM-Worship at Grace 11AM-Worship After Service: Coffee Hour	5PM-Monday Night Meals		4PM-Worship at Grace		South Bend Cubs Game 6:30PM-Picnic 7:35PM-Game	

August

2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA 4:00pm Worship 6:30pm OxBow</p>	<p>2</p> <p>11:00am Share Team at DQ</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Grace Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00am Augustana Worship</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Food Pantry 10:40am Susanna's K. MI</p>
<p>8</p> <p>3:00pm Table Talk @ Riverlake Inn, Colon MI 8:00pm AA</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30am Men in Mission Breakfast Softball Tournament</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Grace Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00am Augustana Worship 1:00pm Picnic at Utery's</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Food Pantry</p>
<p>15</p> <p>1:00pm Greeting Cards @ Wirt's 4:00pm Worship 6:30pm OxBow 8:00pm AA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1:00pm - Euchar @ Leazenby's</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 Grace Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00am Augustana Worship</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew 9:30am Clothing Room 6:30pm Council</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00am Food Pantry 5:30pm Faith is Fun!</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Grace Notes Articles Due</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Closed 6:00pm Grace Supper Club @ TBO</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 Grace Worship 10:00 Fellowship 11:00am Augustana Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Food Pantry 10:00am GN Mailing 5:30pm Faith is Fun</p>
<p>29</p> <p>4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Church Office Closed SB Cubs game 6:30pm Picnic 7:35pm game</p>				

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