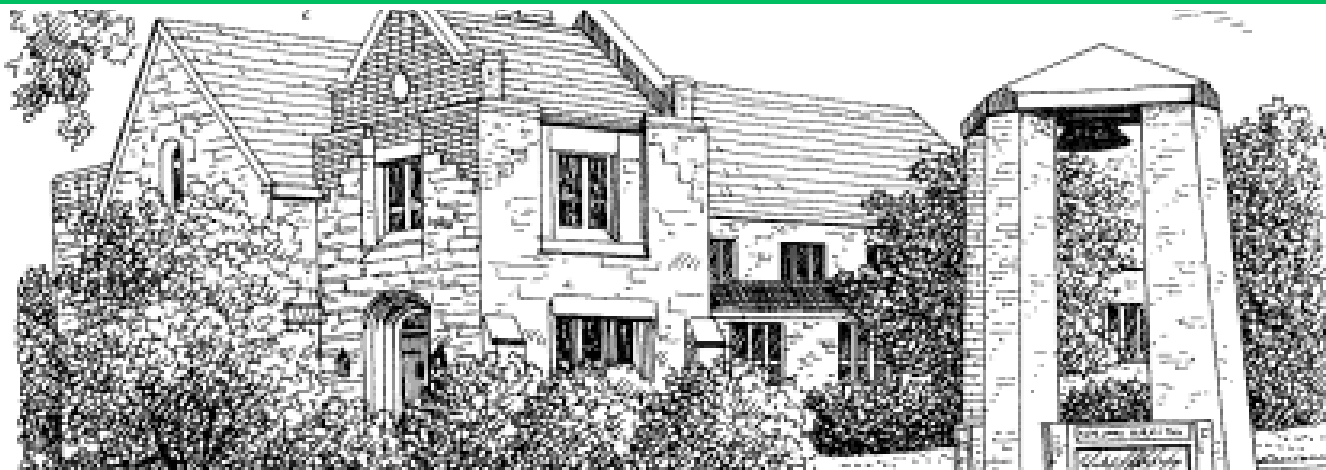


— August 2026 — Augustana News



Get ready friends! August will be a month of miracles.

In our scripture readings this August, we will be witnesses to some of Jesus' greatest hits: feeding the 5000, walking on water, healing the Canaanite woman's daughter. Peter will witness all this and profess that Jesus is the Messiah, the son of the living God (Matthew 16:16).

But I don't mean only in our scripture readings. We will also witness miracles in our world, in our churches, and in our homes. Sometimes they will be big and flashy, like the well-known miracles above. We will see people healed who we thought were too far gone, we will see miracles of abundance and peace. These will elicit from us a confession like Peter's, praising God for the miracles before us.

And we will witness smaller, more everyday miracles too. I often wonder about everyday life with Jesus on the road, and what the disciples witnessed between these great ministry milestones recorded in our scriptures. One of the most moving parts of our weekly bible study with The Chosen has been seeing some of those moments imagined and fleshed out: everyday conversations, quiet moments, simple meals shared, friendly greetings, and the blessing of mundane everyday life lived in community. All of these everyday miracles are available to us, and they should not be overlooked. They too should elicit a confession of thanks and praise.

There are many miracles we will witness together this August:

- On August 2 at Augustana we will bless the quilts prepared by women at Augustana last spring to be shared globally through Lutheran World Relief. What a miracle that we have the resources to share warmth and comfort far beyond the borders of our own country!
- Musical miracles abound! On August 4, Grace's bell choir and our joint vocal choir will have open rehearsals for those who want to take our choirs for a test drive. Might we experience the miracle of a few new music makers?! On August 16, we will install and bless Ethan Ford as our new accompanist at both Augustana and Grace. What a miracle that God has brought Ethan into our community and blessed us through the gift of music!

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**GET
READY**

- On August 9, we will have Back-to-School blessings in both congregations before the school year begins, blessing our students, educators, and school staff for another year full of the miracle of learning, growth, and working together for the good of our children.
- In the month of August, Faith is fun dinners will resume on Tuesdays at Grace. The miracle of shared meals and life in community is offered freely!
- And of course, many of our usual ministries that offer miracles all year long continue. Let me tell you, it is no small thing to receive a call to the church office for someone looking for food assistance and to be able to say YES! WE CAN HELP! To the person on the other end of that phone call, that is a miracle. Our church food pantries offer miracles week after week!

Live expecting God's miracles—large and little—in your life. Then join us in worship to give thanks to God for all that God has done.

I'll see you there!
Pastor Emily



A BIG THANKS TO OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS KATIE AND SHARON!

A hearty thank you to Katie Robertson in Augustana's office and Sharon Windmiller in Grace's office for their efforts in putting together our new newsletter. You may or may not notice the changes, but to learn new software they both put in extra hours of training and practice. And they even did it with smiles on their faces! Thank you both for your hard work!



**THANK
YOU**

A note from George Scupham:

I would like to thank the congregation for the reception, well wishes and congratulations on my high school graduation. I have grown up in this church and so many of you are like family and I am very thankful for that connection. I will take the lessons that I have learned here and apply them to my next chapter in life.

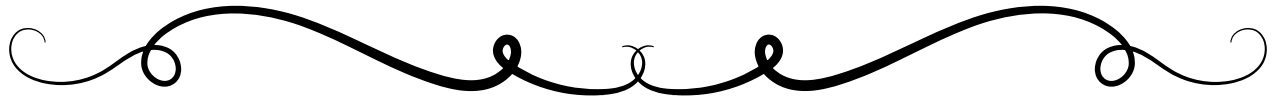
Thank you,
George



Prayer List

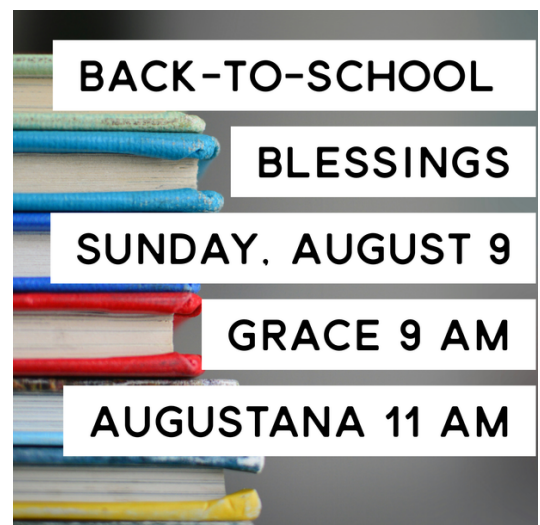


Ken Davis
 Sister Nora Frost
 Barbara Hillyer
 Joel, Barbara's son-in-law - cancer
 Deb Ludlow
 Roy Powell
 Jane Rada, neighbor of Mary Lou Cassel - cancer
 Elizabeth Hilner, friend of Ed Williams - recurring cancer
 Rachelle Laroche - lung cancer treatment
 Courtney Evans, Jessica Kauffman's brother-in-law - cancer
 Military Service Members, especially Jonathan Beyer



Back-to-School Blessings on August 9!

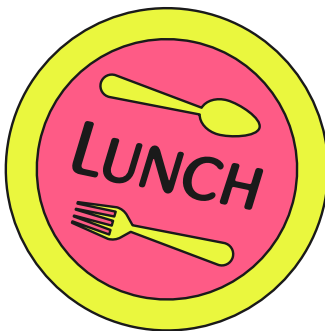
In worship at both of our churches we'll offer a blessing for students (of all ages!), educators, and school staff prior to the start of the new school year. Receive a backpack tag as a reminder of your blessing all year long. This is a great Sunday to invite a student or teacher you know to visit us!



Fellowship Opportunities

First Wednesday Breakfast Club Wednesday, August 5th ~ 9 AM

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



Last Thursday Lunch Bunch Thursday, August 27 ~ Noon

Come and join your Augustana friends for lunch
at:

**Baker's Nook Cafe 127 Easy Shopping Place
Elkhart IN 46516**

Bring a friend or neighbor with you.
Phone your reservation and the number coming
to the church office by Monday, August 24th .

Our combined worship on Aug. 30 will be at Camp Lutherwald!

Join us for a fun-filled camp day at Lutherwald on August 30. We'll begin with worship in the woods at 11 AM, enjoy a picnic lunch together, and then have time for camp fun in the afternoon. Friends and family are invited to join us for this special day! There will be options to carpool from both churches. More details and sign up sheet to follow. For those who cannot make it out to Lutherwald that day, we invite you to join our worship service at Grace on Thursday, September 3 at 4 PM when the same readings, prayers, and sermon will be offered.



Lutheran World Relief Quilt Blessing, August 2 in worship at Augustana:

Last spring a hardworking group of ladies gathered at Augustana to assemble quilts to be shared globally through Lutheran World Relief (LWR). LWR notes that “Often, when natural disasters strike or war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion but we don’t know how to help... Making Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings. Each one reflects God’s loving presence in a world rife with suffering.” Thank you to the ladies from our churches, other local Lutheran churches, and the neighborhood who worked on these quilts!



For one year, we have been calling for transparency, accountability, and immigration reform rooted in the compassion and justice God calls us to.

AND WE WON'T STOP NOW.

One year of prayer at Miami Correctional Facility: Join the Prayer Vigil Tuesday, August 25 at 2 PM!

Clergy and faithful people from across traditions and across our state have gathered outside of Miami Correctional Facility in Bunker Hill, IN for one year, calling for immigration reform rooted in compassion and justice. This reform isn’t about politics or opinion, it is rooted in the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. In words from the book of Hebrews, Bishop Timothy Graham of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the ELCA reminded us in July:

“Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them.” (Hebrews 13:3). As people of faith, we know that God calls us to have compassion for all people. The detention of immigrants at Miami Correctional and many places around our country, and aggressive practices of immigrant detention are far from compassionate. Join us in praying for reform that reflects the teachings of our faith!

August 2026 Servers Schedule

August 2 – Pentecost 10

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer
Lector: Mark Moyer
Server: George Scupham
Technology Server: Cayden Abner
Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

August 9 – Pentecost 11

Assisting Minister: Nancy Tinder
Lector: Nancy Tinder
Server: Leah Moyer
Technology Server: Randy Tinder
Ushers: Deb Rowland & Emily Moyer

August 16 – Pentecost 12

Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber
Lector: Maralee Macumber
Server: Cayden Abner
Technology Server: Mark Moyer
Ushers: Gunnar & Diane Erickson

August 23– Pentecost 13

Assisting Minister: Nancy Tinder
Lector: Diane Erickson
Server: Leah Moyer
Technology Server: Cayden Abner
Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

August 30– Pentecost 14

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer
Lector: Mark Moyer
Server: Cayden Abner
Technology Server: Randy Tinder
Ushers: Deb Rowland

August Altar Guild

Nancy Tinder
helpers: Deb Rowland & Heidi Paston

*Please let the office know of any changes.

August Altar Flowers



August 2 - Deb Rowland
in memory of her mother, Mary Todt

August 9 - Available

August 16 - Available

August 23 - Available

August 30 - Available

If the Altar Flowers are not sponsored, there will be no flowers. Two floral bouquets total \$50.

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 \$50 for both bouquets. Thank you!



Take-Along Page

**177 PEOPLE
SERVED IN JULY**

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

God's Gifts Pantry Needs Your Help Thursday, August 13 and Thursday, August 27 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) Cake mixes and frosting Pudding - Jell-O Cookies (individually wrapped) Juice Shelf stable 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
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Cans with pop-tops are preferred, though we know many cans do not come that way.

NO EXPIRED FOOD



Welcome to our new accompanist: Ethan Ford!

We are so glad that Ethan is joining us as our new accompanist for Augustana and Grace beginning on August 16. That day we will install Ethan in his new position and pray for him in worship. If you didn't get to hear his music when he subbed with us in July, you are in for a treat.

Get to know Ethan: Pianist Ethan Ford is dedicated to sharing optimism with audiences through performances marked by both energy and sensitivity. He made his solo debut at age seventeen with the Miami Symphony Orchestra. An enthusiastic collaborator, Ethan has performed extensively in both vocal and instrumental chamber settings. As a solo and collaborative pianist, Ethan has appeared in concert and historic venues across the United States and abroad, including the Adrienne Arsht Center and Newman Recital Hall in Miami, Duncan Recital Hall and Stude Concert Hall in Houston, and Schloss Leopoldskron and Mirabell Palace in Salzburg.

Ethan also brings extensive experience as a private teacher and vocal coach. He has taught privately for students of all ability levels. In May 2026, Ethan earned his Master's Degree in Piano Performance from Rice University. He previously completed his undergraduate studies at the Frost School of Music at the University of Miami. Outside of music, Ethan enjoys reading and playing Dungeons & Dragons with his wife, Kara, and playing with their two cats.



YOU'RE INVITED TO A MUSIC MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE!

Have you ever wondered what it's like to sing the choir or play in the handbell choir? Now's your chance to find out!

Join us for a relaxed, “ring, sing, smile” where anyone is welcome to come and experience our music ministries and make a joyful noise—**with absolutely no pressure to join.**

Whether you've sung for years, played bells before, or are simply curious, we'd love to have you stop by and give it a try. Current choir and bell choir members will be there to welcome you, answer questions, and help you feel comfortable.

Come for one choir or both!

- Try singing in the vocal choir.
- Ring a few handbells and see how it works.
- Meet friendly people who love making music together.
- Enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

No auditions. No experience required. No Commitment. Just come and see!

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Time: Bells 6:00-6:30 PM, Vocals 6:30-7:00 PM

Location: Grace's Sanctuary—enter from parking lot



Music is one of the many ways we worship God and build community.

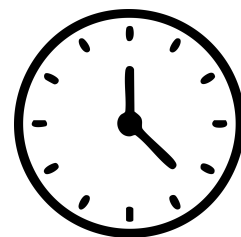
We hope you'll join us for this enjoyable evening of music, laughter, and fellowship. Bring a friend—we'd love to meet you!



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2 11 AM - Worship *Quilt Blessing 1st Sunday Dinner	3	4 6-7 PM - Music Open House at Grace	5 9 AM - Breakfast Club @ Perkins 6:30-7:45 PM - Chosen Bible Study	6 4 PM - Holy Communion @ Grace	7	8
9 11 AM - Worship with back to school blessings	10	11	12 6:30-7:45 PM - Chosen Bible Study	13 10-11 AM - God's Gifts Pantry 4 PM - Holy Communion @ Grace	14	15
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23 11 AM - Worship	24	25 2 PM - Prayer Vigil @ Miami Correctional Facility	26	27 10-11 AM - God's Gifts Pantry Noon - Lunch Brunch @ Baker's Nook 4 PM - Holy Communion @ Grace	28	29
30 11 AM - Combined Worship @ Camp Lutherwald	31					



Office Hours



Pastoral Information

Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller

Pastor Emily's Office Hours

9 AM-3 PM

Monday, Wednesday at *Augustana*

Tuesday, Thursday at *Grace*

*Please call for an appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ 9 AM-3 PM

Tuesday ~ 1 PM-4 PM

Wednesday ~ 1 PM-4 PM

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Augustana Mission Statement:

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