



# Augustana News

## August 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

*Things are heating up! Can you feel it?*

We are in the “dog days” of summer. It’s likely hot and humid outside as you read this letter. And yet, that’s not exactly what I’m talking about. As I sit in my air conditioned office writing, it’s a little ways out from when this letter will be mailed and I don’t know precisely what weather we’ll be facing. I mean that things are heating up in our ministry together.

The end of what is often a slower summer season is the beginning of a new year for many of our ministries at Augustana and Grace. The pressure is building to get going and get things done! In the world around us, a new school year is spinning up with pressures of its own and plenty on the to do list for our families, students, and educators. And for those who care about things like the start to football season, don’t worry, soon that will be heating up too.

Just a few of the things heating up this month at Augustana: We’re collecting school supplies for our local schools, we have more get-to-know-you groups on the calendar, we’ll have Back-to-School Blessings in worship on August 17, and change is coming to our ministries for children, including updates in our sanctuary and a new Sunday School program. If that’s not enough, don’t worry, we’ll soon have confirmation class and adult book studies on the calendar for fall too!

Later this month we’ll hear God declare through the prophet Jeremiah, *“Is not my word like fire?”* (**Jeremiah 23:29**). Is it getting warmer in here or is it just me? God’s word is burning bright and fierce as we pursue many ways—old and new—to do God’s work in our church and in the world.

And yet one week after we hear those words in worship we’ll be reminded in the voice of the prophet Isaiah and in the deeds of Jesus of the importance of Sabbath: resting, healing, pausing, and honoring our relationships with God and with one another. As things heat up, we must still take intentional time to cool off too.

Getting the rest we need—sleep and downtime—matters. Making time to intentionally connect with our family, friends, and church family matters. Taking care of our bodies matters. Having time to worship, pray, and rest in the presence of God matters. We are called to this sacred rest as God’s people. Here are a few ideas for how you might cool down as things heat up this August:

***“Is not  
my  
word  
like  
fire?”***

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*(Dear Friends—Continued from Page 1)*

**As part of your morning routine each day, splash some COLD water on your face.**

Cold water helps reset our nervous system when we're stressed, and it's a great way to remember your baptism as a beloved child of God!

**Help a child in your life pause the busyness for some fun.**

Take them to a splash pad, pool, or run the sprinkler in your backyard. Send a gift of bubbles or water toys to a long distance kiddo you love and include a special note.

**Check on your neighbors in hot weather, especially the oldest and youngest.**

Make sure everyone has what they need to stay cool and point them to a cooling center if needed.

**Eat a popsicle.**

Yep, I'm serious. Eating or drinking something ice cold can have the same effect as cold water on your nervous system, and nothing quite helps you recapture the summer fun of childhood like a popsicle. Share one with a friend!

**Come to church.**

You knew that one was coming! Church is the best way for us to cool down when the pressures of life, ministry, work, or family are hot. At our church you will always hear beautiful music, be reminded that you are loved and forgiven, and have intentional time to listen for God's voice.

I think our ministry together is going to continue to heat up for a while! So I pray that we also find ways to cool down, slow down, and seize the Sabbath rest to which we are called.



~ Keep it cool,  
Pastor Emily



**Pastor Emily is getting to know us!**

Join her for a small group gathering  
in August.

Sunday, August 10, after worship

See the sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex for the dates and times available or contact the church office. If none of these work for you, please indicate so on the separate sign up, and Pastor Emily will be in touch. We need one host for each event who will choose the location and arrange for refreshments. Thank you!



**Health Concerns**

Jim Checkley  
Tim Ball  
Vicky—friend of Katie R,  
Joe —friend of Katie R.'s  
family

Ken Davis  
Sr. Nora

**Other Concerns**

Military Service Members  
Victims of flooding in  
central Texas

**PRAYER LIST**

*Please contact us with updates, praises, & requests.*



<b>August 3 - Pentecost 8</b> Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	<b>August 10 - Pentecost 9</b> Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	<b>August 17 - Pentecost 10</b> Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	<b>August 24 - Pentecost 11</b> Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17
			<b>August 31- Pentecost 12</b> Proverbs 25:6-7a Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

### August Fellowship Opportunities

#### **FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST CLUB Wednesday, August 6 ~ 9 AM**

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

#### **LAST THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH Thursday, August 28 ~ Noon**

Come and join your Augustana friends for lunch at:

**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 Wednesday, August 26.*

### August Worship Opportunities

**All Thursdays - 4 PM  
Holy Communion** at Grace Chapel



### **Ladies! Mark your calendars now!**

Built on a Rock

Women's Retreat

Camp Lutherwald

September 26 - 3 pm - 9 pm

September 27 - 9 am—3 pm

Sponsored by North Central Cluster, IK  
Synod, Women of the ELCA

*Watch for further details!*



### **Announcing Scholarship Deadline**

Calling all college-bound persons.

Get your scholarship requests in by

Friday, August 15, 2025

to be considered for a Fall Scholarship.

Forms are available in the church office.

## AUGUST 2025 SERVER SCHEDULE

### August 3 – Pentecost 8

*Assisting Minister:* Mark Moyer

*Lector:* Heidi Scupham

*Server:* Cayden Abner

*Technology Server:* Randy Tinder

*Ushers:* Janet Moyer & Deb Rowland

### August 10 – Pentecost 9

*Assisting Minister:*

*Lector:* Jerry Duck

*Server:* Jill Scupham

*Technology Server:* Cayden Abner

*Ushers:* Gina Iannarelli & Emily Moyer

### August 17 – Pentecost 10

*Assisting Minister:* Maralee Macumber

*Lector:* Maralee Macumber

*Server:* Leah Moyer

*Technology Server:*

*Ushers:* Dave & Janet Ermis

### August 24 – Pentecost 11

*Assisting Minister:* Nancy Tinder

*Lector:* Nancy Tinder

*Server:* George Scupham

*Technology Server:* Mark Moyer

*Ushers:* Deb Rowland

### August 31 – Pentecost 12

*Assisting Minister:* Mark Moyer

*Lector:* Mark Moyer

*Server:* Cayden Abner

*Technology Server:* Randy Tinder

*Ushers:* Randy & Nancy Tinder

### **July Altar Guild**

Gina Iannarelli & Emily Moyer

*Please let the office know of any changes.*

### **Pastoral Information**

Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller

Pastor Emily's office days are in flux.

\* Please call for an appointment.



## August Altar Flowers

August 3—Given by Deb Rowland  
in memory of her mother, Mary Todt

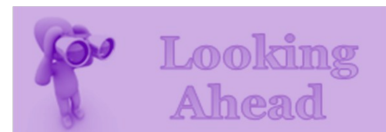
August 10—Given by Gina's granddaughter  
in honor of Regan Iannarelli

August 17—Given by Nancy Tinder  
in honor of teachers everywhere.

August 24—Given by Iavagnilio's

August 31—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!



## AUGUST HAPPENINGS

**Wednesday, August 6 -**

Breakfast Club at Perkins

**Wednesday, August 12 -**

Church Council Meeting

**Thursday, August 14 -**

God's Gifts Pantry

**Tuesday, August 19 -**

Newsletter Articles Deadline

**Thursday, August 28 -**

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**Thursday, August 28 -**

Lunch Bunch at Baker's Nook Café

**All Thursdays in August- 4 PM -**

Service of Holy Communion at Grace

## Financial/ Attendance Report

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

\*\*Information thru July 29, 2025

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement	Fiscal Year-to-Date Actual Funds in General Fund
\$83,575.00	\$54,815.26
July Monthly Budget Requirement	July Actual Offering to General Fund
\$11,940.00	\$5,217.00
AUGUST Monthly Amount Needed to meet Budget Requirement	Noisy Offering Fiscal Year-to-Date
\$11,940.00	\$100.00
July Average Sunday In-Person Attendance	July Average Sunday Facebook Attendance
22	5
Building Fund Roof Repair Goal	Building Fund Roof Repair Total Giving
\$55,147.00	\$19,427.00

Offered willingly . . . for the service of the house of God. 1 Corinthians 13:3

### Building Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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!



There are still **The Word in Season** devotional booklets available. Pick up your *free* copy!





# Built on a Rock

## **“Weathering the Storms of Life” (and the Sunny Days too!)**

September 26, 2025    3:00 a.m.-9:00p.m.  
September 27, 2025    9:00a.m.- 3:00p.m.

A Spiritually, Powerful Women’s Retreat  
sponsored by North Central Cluster, IK Synod, Women of the ELCA

Led by PASTOR VICKI GARBER

For a time of Bible Study, Prayer, Reflection, Fellowship  
and Peace

Kemski Retreat Center, Lutherwald, Howe, Indiana

RSVP TO: Diane Erickson By September 15, 2025  
[ericksondiane32@gmail.com](mailto:ericksondiane32@gmail.com) or 269-641-2182

**ALL WOMEN WELCOME! - Bring a friend!**

***\* sign up sheets will be in office \****

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**BUILT ON A ROCK**  
**“Weathering the Storms of Life”**  
**(and the Sunny Days too!)**

**WOMEN’S RETREAT with PASTOR VICKI GARBER**

September 26-27, 2025

North Central Cluster, IK Synod, Women of the ELCA is blessed to host a Retreat at Camp Lutherwald, Kempfski Center in Howe, Indiana led by Pastor Vicki Garber. Her past retreats have been awesome, and this too will spiritually nourish our bodies, minds, and spirits. Come for all or any portion of this event that you can attend.

Cost – FREE for the day. Synodical Women’s Group is covering \$10 of the total cost for rooms. Each person will pay \$50 to spend the night. Donations will be excepted and financial assistance available upon request. The center is handicapped accessible.

Arrival begins at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 26. Dinner will be provided. Breakfast and Lunch will also be provided on Saturday, September 27. A Thrivent grant will be used to defray some of the expense and a freewill offering will be taken.

**As a service project**, we would like to help camp, if possible but not required, please bring a regular sized pillow – cheap ones acceptable.

**Schedule:**

3:00 PM -Arrive – twin/queen beds – handicapped accessible

Session 1 Introduction led by Pastor Vicki Garber

6:00 PM – Dinner

Session 2

8:00 AM – Breakfast

Session 3

Lunch

Session 4

Worship/Closing, followed by 3:00 – Return Home



**Pathways Retreat** will be offering a variety of programs and workshops this fall, including a weekly Dream Weavers Reflection Group, Transitions Journey Retreat, Enneagram Introductory Workshop, and Attuning to the Season. Transition Inner Soul, Clergy Inner Soul, and Group Spiritual Direction groups are forming to meet monthly September - May. Learn more at [pathwaysretreat.org](http://pathwaysretreat.org)

## *Founding Members Series*

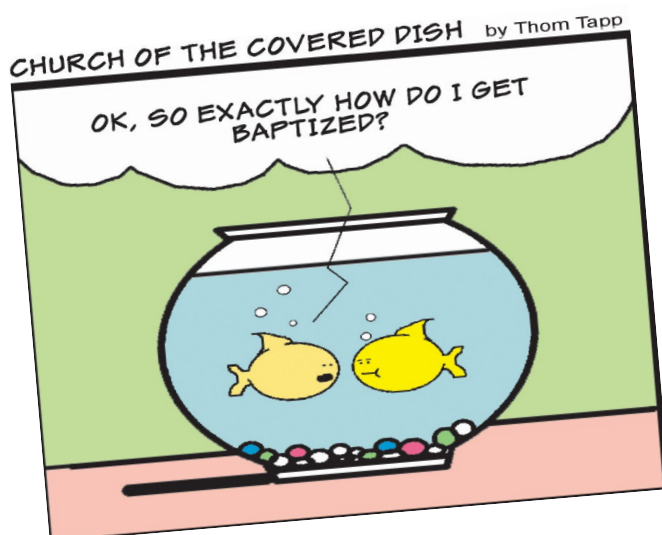
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*Diane Frickson*

Second in a series about our founding fathers—Connected to Grace Lutheran Church, Mr. and Mrs. Johan Hulten are listed as charter members of Augustana. Johan Hulten came to America as Johan Johansson. However, his name was changed at Ellis Island like so many others that arrived in the United States.

He married Matilda Johannesdotter in 1871, two years before our church was founded, and they lived on Marion Street

Their children were Anna Marie, who married Winifred E. Warren, and a daughter, Martinena, named after her uncle, Martin Robert Hulten. Martinena Marie Hulten married L. J. Frechette, Jr. They had a son, John Frechette, who is a member of Grace Lutheran Church.





## ~ God's Gifts Pantry ~

The 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month is our pantry—we are open from 10-11, and most weeks we have several women waiting when we arrive at 9. This past Thursday, 36 people came and we passed out food for a record number of 157 people!! In the month of July, we distributed for 242 people in just 2 Thursdays!

### **What is involved in our pantry?**

Twice a month we make a trip to Milford for restocking from the food bank there. We are given a time slot and have 45 minutes to make our selections. We never know what we will be able to get. There are bins of canned and boxed foods, personal care items, and occasionally cleaning items. We are given 5 tote bags that we fill as full as we can. Then it is on to the shelves where we select items that help fill our pantry shelves. Yes, we do get items that are a bit out of best by date. We pay .05 a pound and usually bring back about 600lb! When we are able to get meat, it is a big deal! Occasionally there are items that we can purchase at an additional discounted cost.

Then it's back to Elkhart to unload and put away what we have obtained. The day before pantry, we set up in the kitchen. The counter, by the sink, is where we have grouped items packaged to make a meal for the family. The center island has more groceries where they can choose 6 items (cereal, crackers, coffee, tea, etc.) To the right of the stove is our pasta area. Everyone can choose a pasta sauce, a pasta, a vegetable, a fruit, and a bread product. We also have beverages where they can pick one. To round things out, we have personal care items and cleaning items when we can get them. Each person can choose 2 of these items. Toilet paper goes quickly.

If you ever want to see how the pantry works, please feel free to stop in on a Thursday.

### **NOW what can you do to help with the pantry?**

We can use cash donations. It costs to get food from the Food Bank in Milford. Several of us shop when we find a good deal on items. When you are shopping for groceries, pick up a couple extra items and add them to the bin in the hallway by the office. If you see a great price on an item you use, we have someone who can probably use it, too. If you are cleaning out your pantry and have an item you aren't using— donate it. Those items need to be unopened and not out of date.

If you aren't sure, ask! We have a list of items that we can use.

We can make cash go far.

Thanks for helping to make our pantry a safe place!

God's blessings,

Janet Ermis



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

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday ~ 9am—3pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 1— 4pm

**GOD'S GIFTS PANTRY**

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

## Augustana Lutheran Church

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### 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.*

242 People

Served in July

### God's Gifts Pantry Needs Your Help

**Thursday, August 14** and **Thursday, August 28** 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**

# August 2025

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<p><b>Join us each Sunday morning for Fellowship in the Narthex before &amp; after worship.</b></p>					1	2
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>11 AM-Worship</p> <p>School Supply collection begins</p>	4	5	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9 AM-Breakfast Club at Perkins</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace</p>	8	9
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<p><b>24</b></p> <p>11 AM-Worship</p> <hr/> <p><b>31</b></p> <p>9 AM- Combined Worship at Grace</p>	25	26	27	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>10-11 AM-God's Gifts Pantry</p> <p>Noon-Lunch Bunch at Baker's Nook Café</p> <p>4 PM-Holy Communion at Grace</p>	29	30