

## February Bible Study Plan

February 2, 2020 ~

### Epiphany 4

Micah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

February 9, 2020 ~

### Epiphany 5

Isaiah 58:1-12

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Matthew 5:13-20

February 16, 2020 ~

### Epiphany 6

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

February 23, 2020 ~

### Transfiguration of our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

February 26, 2020 ~

### Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

2 Corinthians

5:20b--6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### Augustana Staff

Pastor (of Record):

Dan Forehand

Deacon: Sister Nora Frost

Music Director: Sean Diller

Treasurer: Randy Tinder

Secretary: Kathy Nowak

# Augustana News

## February 2020



Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.  
Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:7

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Greetings in Christ,



*“Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.– Matthew 19:13-15*

For our family, February is shaping up to be a very exciting month. This is the month when we will meet our second daughter, as Kim’s due date is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Our two girls will be about 21 months apart, so there promises to be an extra dose of chaos in our lives – but we cannot wait.

As I see church through a different lens – the lens of parent – I begin to better understand Jesus’ words in Matthew 19. Many times, the way the church is a hindrance to children is done unintentionally. We do not mean to put up barriers to kids being themselves, but we often do. Sometimes it’s ignoring the mom who is trying to wrestle a diaper bag and some kids. Sometimes it’s shushing or giving a judgmental glance at the dad who is trying to engage the kids, but they are talking full volume.

My hope for the Lutheran presence in Elkhart is that we can be a community that welcomes children. Not just when they are cute, but

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Deadline for items for the March 2020  
Augustana News is Thursday, February 20th!



even when they are a little more challenging. It's why we have the Playground at Grace. It's why we continue to think creatively about ways to offer Sunday School, led by the folks at Augustana. It's why we try to have youth activities and children's sermons. All of those are good things.

But it really does start when somebody with young people walk through the door. How can we better practice hospitality? How can we make space for the little children to be themselves and bring their whole selves to worship?

We offer something unique for many families – namely, a multigenerational experience. There's something beautiful and powerful and kingdom-like of a young family sitting next to a couple who just became great-grandparents. Those opportunities don't happen everywhere, but that's one of the great gifts of church.

May we be a community that truly welcomes all – no matter how big or how small. No matter if they make giggles and peeps or snore through my sermons (you know who you are). All are welcome and let's be especially grace-filled to families.

In peace,

Pastor Dan



### **Pastor Dan's Paternity Leave**



Pastor Dan and Kim look forward to welcoming their second child at some point in the month of February. Consistent with the policies of the Synod, Grace instituted a family leave policy several years ago that gives the pastor a 6-week paid parental leave at the birth of a child. That means, for the six weeks following the birth of Pastor Dan's daughter, he will be away from the congregation.

As has been discussed and approved by council, Sister Nora will be the primary contact person during Pastor Dan's leave. She will lead worship, handle any emergencies that come up, and be the liaison between the congregation and Pastor Dan. Through e-mail, Sister Nora will regularly update

Pastor Dan on happenings at Grace and Augustana, and Pastor Dan will answer questions and provide support to Sister Nora.

During this time, if you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Sister Nora. Her phone number will be on the voicemail when you call the church. If you do e-mail or text Pastor Dan for any reason, do not expect a prompt response. He will be checking e-mail, but will be much more interested in holding his daughter and helping Kim with cooking, cleaning, diapers, and more.

Thank you for your understanding!

# A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving  
An introduction of *Stewardship* to the congregation

February 2020

The beloved UCLA basketball coach John Wooden, now in his nineties, began each basketball season by sitting his players on a bench and demonstrating the proper way to put on their socks before putting on their basketball shoes! Coach Wooden knew that if the socks were smooth and tight on their feet it would prevent them from getting blisters and probably not be able to play as they became worse.

One of Coach Wooden's mottos was: "Little things make big things happen." Another of his quotes is "Failing to prepare is preparing to fail." He believed that being disciplined in one's life, habits and daily practices is the clue to living a successful and worthy life. Is it any wonder that his UCLA teams won National Championships 10 times? What the coach was teaching was that to be a good steward of the life God has given us, one must be disciplined in all things: one's body, mind, spirit, talents, resources, even the use of our time. This month's issue of *Stewardship* makes highlights the point that if we are not so disciplined, we will not fulfill the plans God has for each of us. The last five verses of the 24th chapter of the book of Proverbs makes a similar point:

**"I passed by the field of one who was lazy ... and it was all overgrown with thorns ... covered with nettles. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed warrior." (Proverb 24:30-34)**

Such is the life of one who fails to apply their God-given gifts in a consistent, disciplined manner.

**Prayer:** Teach us, dear Lord, to make our lives fruitful so that we become good and faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

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## We know the truth

This column is a reprint of her June 2018 column in *Living Lutheran*.

By Elizabeth A. Eaton



Father's Day is in June. Let me tell you a little bit about my dad. His name was William Frederick Eaton. He was born in 1924 to an Irish Catholic father and a German Lutheran mother. (There were always going to be potatoes and cabbage in my future.) My father was a child of

the Depression. Like thousands of his generation, he enlisted in the army during World War II. An Army Air Corps officer at age 20, he flew B-24s and served in North Africa and Italy.

My father, who had an amazing sense of humor, told my brothers and me stories about his time in the army—about the training, the friends he made and the not-quite-regulation antics they pulled. These were 20-year-olds, after all. Only once did he speak about an actual combat operation, and then only briefly. War is about killing, and those we send to serve carry that with them for the rest of their lives.

After the war and newly married, my father and mother built a life together. They bought their first house. My father went to night school and earned his bachelor's degree. One of my fondest childhood memories was when my mother allowed me to stay up late so I could see my dad when he came home from night school. He was the first in his family to graduate from college.

My father was a man of integrity and courage. He grew up in a working-class family, and he worked hard for everything he earned. He served his country; loved my mother, brothers and me; raised a family; served his church; and was involved in the community.

June is also the month of Juneteenth, the celebration of the emancipation and the end of slavery in the United States. President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. It wasn't until June 19, 1865, that the news reached Texas, the last state that had slaves. Finally, at least officially, freedom was granted to all. We know that

African descent people took their place in local, state and national leadership and elected positions, including Congress. This was a time of great hope and possibility for our country as former slaves became citizens and worked alongside European descent citizens to rebuild the nation. But it was short-lived.


Almost immediately laws were put in place that restricted African Americans' access to economic advancement, voting, education and property ownership. We know the dreadful history of the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and the horror of lynching.

My father's family had only arrived in 1863. My mother's family would not come to America for another half century.

Here is where my father's story and that of the not-yet-realized emancipation of African American people intersect. After World War II our government enacted the GI Bill that made benefits like college tuition and low-interest home loans available for veterans.

My father's bomb group had a fighter escort squadron. It was the job of these men to protect pilots like my dad. They were the Tuskegee Airmen, the Red Tails. They were also brave men who served our country and, after the war, came home to start families and build a life. They served in the same war, wore the same uniform and flew the same missions, but they were barred in practice from the benefits of the GI Bill because they were African American.

This is white privilege. It doesn't diminish my father's courage and service. It doesn't mean that white people don't sacrifice and work hard. It does mean that the system favors white people. We didn't create this—we inherited it.

Now that we know about it, we have to do something about it. Americans love fair play. We've been taught that everyone should have an even chance. Now we know the truth. Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32). It might hurt, but it brings liberation. We are not free until all of us are free." 

A monthly message from the presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Her email address is: [bishop@elca.org](mailto:bishop@elca.org). Reprinted with permission.



## Epiphany

On the day we call Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>) astrologers from the Near East found the Savior by their cosmic calculations. Were they disappointed when they found the humble baby in the manger born to working class parents? We don't know; what we do know is that they left extravagant gifts, fit for a king – gold, frankincense, myrrh. These gifts point to royalty and to death....the death of Jesus 33 years later. It has been said that it may have been this same myrrh which was prepared to embalm Jesus. In the Eastern church Epiphany was celebrated second only in importance to Easter. The Day of Epiphany opens up the entire season of Epiphany as a season of light and hope that enters our lives and helps us see beyond the darkness. In our western world we have not been very observant of Epiphany.

The season of Epiphany for us extends from January 6<sup>th</sup> through Transfiguration Sunday (The last Sunday before Ash Wednesday). During the Christmas season we focus on the infant Jesus and his childhood but during Epiphany we see who Jesus really is. The first Sunday after the Epiphany is the Baptism of Jesus where God calls forth Jesus to be God's son. With this Jesus begins to call disciples, to teach and train them and then begins his ministry of preaching, teaching, and healing, and performing miracles. Throughout the Epiphany season the readings show us how Jesus cared for people and their problems. The final Sunday in the Epiphany Season celebrates the Transfiguration of our Lord, when Jesus leads his three closest disciples up a mountain where they see him shining with a brilliant light and again, like at his baptism, hear the voice of God proclaiming Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The Transfiguration is Jesus' last epiphany in the season and calls for our last alleluias until the resurrection of our Lord on Easter.

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### Thank You note:

Dear Members of Augustana,

How can I ever thank you for the many lovely Christmas Cards, notes, kind wishes and the very generous gift from the congregation as well as the Women's Group. It is my honor and privilege to serve with you in your Mission and Ministry and with Pastor Dan, the Church Council and others on the staff. You have welcomed me with such open and loving arms; I can't even begin to tell you the number of ways you have blessed my life in these last months. I pray for you daily and ask for your prayers as well that the Lord will continue to use me to serve with a joyful spirit and always to the glory of God. Many thanks and may God bless you in 2020.

Sister Nora

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### Things to do in the New Year to strengthen your spiritual life

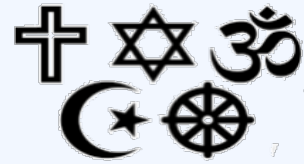
1. Commit to pray daily. All you have to do is talk to God like you would to your best friend.
2. Read Scripture every day. Even a verse each day is better than nothing.
3. Tithe weekly. You don't have to use a paper envelope. Decide to provide the church with your offering directly from your checking account or give on line. If you are 70 ½, consider giving your required withdrawal from a 401K, etc. to Augustana. You will not need to pay tax since the church is a not-for-profit.
4. Make the effort to get up and worship at 9am with your brothers and sisters in the faith. January at Augustana, February at Grace, March at Augustana and April at Grace.
5. Volunteer to help those in need. Whenever we give we receive so much more.

### Things to do to prepare for your future

1. Prepare a will.
2. Prepare a living will (Stating if you would want a feeding tube to keep you alive.)
3. Prepare a Health Care Power Document (This will name the person who will make health decisions if you are unable to make them for yourself.)
4. Write your obituary (If you are like me, my family would not know some of the needed information.) Sister Nora has a form to help you
5. Talk with a funeral home or crematory Services and do pre-planning and even pre-pay. Your family will thank you.
6. Put together what kind of funeral or memorial service you would want....hymns, scripture, and participants. Sister Nora has a form to help you think through this.
7. If you don't have a cemetery plot and you wish to have burial in the ground or mausoleum, consider options.
8. Talk with your family about what is important to you in life, during dying and after your death.
9. If you would not want to be resuscitated at the time of cardiac or other event that might require CPR, you MUST have a doctor sign an Out of Hospital DNR. You will also sign it. This is not a document that a lawyer can do for you.
10. In order to prepare for your future you must plan in the present. This definitely will let you enjoy a much better 2020.

The future belongs to  
those  
who prepare for  
it today.  
~Malcolm X

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## WORLD RELIGIONS: THE IMPACT ON OUR CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

**Last Adult Bible Class in the Series taught by Pastor Dan on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Whether you are a person of faith, a skeptic, or something in-between, the concept of spirituality, organized religion, and morality effect all of us. There are about 18 major world religions which significantly impact our world with Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, Atheism/Agnosticism being perhaps some of the most influential. It would be impossible in three sessions to encapsulate all the world's religions in just a few words and discuss how each one has an impact on us as Christians. In the first class we studied Islam and on the second week the class will focus on Hinduism/Buddhism an entry point for understanding the basics of the world's major religions and what they mean for us. On Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Dan will focus on Judaism.

Come and join us after worship. Pick up some coffee and join us in the Sanctuary.



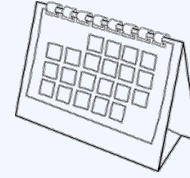
## Spiritual Direction offered

Several persons at Augustana who had been in Spiritual Direction with Pastor Steve have asked if it would be possible to have that offered again. Sister Nora will be available to provide spiritual direction to a limited number of persons from both Augustana and Grace beginning in the New Year. So what is Spiritual Direction? This is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with the Divine, and to learn and grown in your own personal faith. The person seeking direction shares stories and times in their lives when they have had an encounter with the divine and how that changed or deepened their faith. In brief....Spiritual Direction's main purpose must be aimed at forming and cultivating a relationship with the Lord. Spiritual Direction is not counseling and it is not confession. Spiritual Direction uses scripture, and other spiritual tools. The Director is a guide in the process and is not there to "fix you" or fix anything".

Directees usually meet with the director once a month for no more than an hour. If you are interested in setting up a time to begin this process with Sister Nora, please call or text her at 574-226-1412 or email her at [SRNFROST@gmail.com](mailto:SRNFROST@gmail.com)

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### Upcoming dates for you to know:

#### Adult class – February 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> (after worship)

Sister Nora will teach the Adult class in Feb. Titled, “Global Missions in the ELCA and in our hearts”

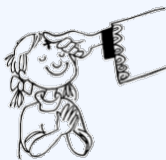
#### Life Line Screening – February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 8-5:30 PM

Life Line Screening will be held at Augustana on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-5:30 PM . As in the past we have been given one complimentary Screening for someone from Augustana or Grace. In order to use this complimentary screening worth \$70 or \$55 towards any vascular package valued at \$129 or more, please get the paperwork necessary from Sister Nora or Pastor Dan. You must still pre-register and bring the screening papers with you. The Complimentary Screening is good for one screening before June 16<sup>th</sup> at any site. Also, if you call the number on the sign up materials you will get a discounted rate since we are hosting the event.

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### Ash Wednesday an Important Day in the Life of the Church

During our services on Ash Wednesday, a cross is marked on our foreheads to symbolize repentance. Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent, a six-week period leading to Easter. Easter Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after a full moon following the Spring Equinox. Ash Wednesday follows Shrove Tuesday known as Pancake Day. It is customary for the ashes used on Ash Wednesday to be made by burning palm leaves which may be mixed with some olive oil. As the cross is marked on our heads we hear the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”. Though the origins of Ash Wednesday are not all together clear, it is believed to go back as far as the papacy of Gregory the Great (590-604).



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### Lenten Booklet available in February

Thanks to forty people from both Grace and Augustana all members of both churches will be able to read the same scripture, meditative devotional and prayer for each of the days of Lent. The booklets will be available on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sunday worship. If you know of someone who is unable to pick one up, please feel free to take one to them. Lent is the 40 days when we as Lutheran Christians focus on practices which draw us closer to God. This includes spiritual disciplines such as prayer, devotional reading, scripture reading, fasting from certain things and feasting on other things, and almsgiving (sharing what we have with others.) The 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays as we consider them Little Easter’s when we celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection. We pray that this booklet prepared by your brothers and sisters will be a meaningful blessing to you and your family.



Augustana Lutheran Church  
Annual Meeting  
January 19, 2020

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



After confirming a quorum (29) the meeting proceeded.

A call was made for elections for three three-year members for the Council and two three-year members for the Endowment Committee. The ballots had two members published for council, **Chloe Cornwell** and **Brenda Miller** and one for Endowment, **Bonnie Rice**. **Dave Ermis** agreed to be the third for Council, and **Doris Koontz** agreed to be the second for Endowment Committee.

Due to volunteer numbers being met, and with no additional nominees, the individuals **noted** above have been accepted into the 2020 Church Council and Endowment Committees.

The 2020 proposed budget was introduced. After a question regarding how the flower budget worked that was answered by Randy Tinder; Jerry Duck moved to adopt the 2020 budget, and Janet Ermis seconded. The motion was passed with a majority voice vote.

The congregation heard and read reports from Pastor Dan, Sister Nora, the treasurer, the financial secretary, as well as committee reports, and Pastor Dan's Paternity Leave plan. After a question on the stewardship report on how pledges are becoming so few, Pastor Dan explained that this is the trend for many churches, however actual giving is increasing. Bonnie Rice moved to accept all reports presented, and Dee Ferris seconded. The motion was passed with a majority voice vote.

There was no Old Business to present to the congregation.

Several items were raised under New Business.

- ◇ Jerry Duck explained the appraisals on the Augustana, Grace and Redeemer buildings that are currently taking place.
- ◇ Diane Erickson has found some Boy Scout items that she would like to donate or get rid of- Pastor Peterson noted that she would like to possibly use some of them.
- ◇ Diane Erickson also asked if Campership Scholarships are available to non-members. It was decided that that would be left up to the council to decide.
- ◇ Heidi Scupham invited anyone interested, to feel free to attend council meetings.

Heidi Scupham moved to adjourn and Janet Ermis seconded. The motion was passed with a majority voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dee Smith, Church Council Secretary [kn]

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*Present: Keith Johnson, Heidi Scupham, Janet Ermis, Doris Koontz, Don & Dee Smith, Pastor Dan Forehand, Sr. Nora Frost, Randy Tinder, Kathy Nowak and newly elected member, Dave Ermis*

*Grace Council Present: Tim Swinehart, Pam Smith, Christopher Ouimet, Christine Kidd, Barbara High, Dustin Friend, Mark Wolschlager, Karen Leazenby, Pastor Dan Forehand*

Pastor Dan led the joint councils in opening devotions, then Grace and Augustana councils met separately to discuss each church's business.

Minutes from the December Council Meeting- Keith Johnson asked if there were any questions or concerns on the minutes. Janet Ermis moved to accept the minutes; Dave Ermis seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pledge/Giving report and Treasurer's report- Keith Johnson asked if there were any questions or concerns on the report. Several members noted that the Total Financial Report for Augustana should be published in the next Augustana News newsletter. Heidi Scupham moved to accept the reports; Janet Ermis seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pastor Dan's report – Report was reviewed by Council.  
Sister Nora's report – Report was reviewed by Council.

**Finance Committee** – Keith Johnson reported that the proposed 2020 budget was passed at the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 19.

**Stewardship Committee** – Keith Johnson noted that a stewardship letter and pledge card should go out before Consecration Sunday with Grace's Pledge Sunday on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Education Committee** – Heidi Scupham noted that there is nothing new to report at this time.

**Worship & Music Committee** – AJ Diller was not at the meeting. Sister Nora reported that the committee will be meeting Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and planning through Easter.

**Social Ministry & Evangelism Committee** – Bonnie Rice was not at the meeting.

**Endowment Committee** – Don and Dee Smith reported that scholarship allocations had gone out the first week in January.

**Memorial Committee** – Janet Ermis noted that there is nothing new to report at this time.

**Property Committee** – Keith Johnson noted that there is nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business:

New Business:

\*Discussed delegates for the June Synod Assembly.

\*The technician from BW/Cook had come to service the furnaces and noted that one of them needs a new motor at an estimate cost of \$550. Kathy Nowak asked for approval to schedule that work, and it was approved.

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\*Kathy Nowak made note of the ordering of the 2021 Offering Envelope order renewal to get it onto "Old Business."

\*Grace-Augustana updates put on the agenda by Pastor Dan. Updates from teams. Questions for Synod staff? Planning out the next few months of the process-what do we need going forward? When would we like to have the final consolidation recommendation ready to present to the congregations?

Augustana and Grace Councils came back together for further consolidation work. The Communication Team expect to have another summary report out soon.

Dee Smith motioned to adjourn, and Heidi Scupham seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pastor Dan closed with devotions.



## **Augustana 2020 Church Council and Endowment Committee Members**

### Council – Officers for 2020 elected at February Meeting

- Janet Ermis – term ends in Feb. 2021
- A.J. Diller – term ends in Feb. 2021
- Keith Johnson – term ends in Feb. 2021
- Maralee Macumber – term ends Feb. 2022
- Don & Dee Smith -term ends in Feb. 2022
- Heidi Scupham – term ends in Feb. 2022
- Chloe Cornwell – term ends in Feb. 2023
- Brenda Miller – term ends in Feb. 2023
- Dave Ermis – term ends in Feb. 2023

### Endowment – Don & Dee Smith – treasurers

- Dave Ermis – term ends in Feb. 2021
- Keith Johnson – term ends in Feb. 2021
- Gunnar Erickson term ends in Feb. 2022
- Jerry Duck – term ends in Feb. 2022
- Bonnie Rice – term ends in Feb. 2023
- Doris Koontz – term ends in Feb. 2023

**Augustana: Total Balance of Accounts as of December 2019**

**Investment/Savings**

Thrivent Financial total at the end of 12/2019 ----- \$267,095.57  
(Endowment, Paul Fishbaugh, partial Memorial Funds)

Thrivent Credit Union total as of 12/19 ----- \$34,505.84  
(Endowment and Paul Fishbaugh Funds Dividends)

Parsonage Fund total as of 12/2019 ----- \$47,131.82

Memorial Fund (1<sup>st</sup> Source) as of 12/19 ----- \$14,424.36

Mission Fund as of 12/2019 ----- \$16,523.48

**Sub Total = \$379,681.07**

**Checking/Savings**

Current General Operations Assets as of 12/2019 ----- \$14,729.28

Current Designated Funds Assets as of 12/2019 ----- \$46,013.30

Women's Group Savings as of 12/2019 ----- \$834.00

Women's Group Checking as of 12/2019 ----- \$1,308.08

**Sub Total = \$62,884.66**

**Cash**

Petty Cash as of 12/2019 ----- \$25.00

Youth Group as of 12/2019 ----- \$109.23

**Sub Total = \$134.23**

**GRAND TOTAL = \$442,699.96**

~From the January 2020 Council Meeting~

## Deliver the Valentine



## KID'S PAGE

Q: What did Tarzan say when he saw elephants coming?

A: "Here come the elephants!"

Q: What's the difference between elephants and grapes?

A: Grapes are purple.

Q: Why are elephants so wrinkled?

A: Because they take too long to iron!

Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?

A: A gummy bear!

## February Craft- "Hand" Crafted Monkey Valentine

### Materials Needed:

- White card stock paper
- Brown & Green squeeze paint
- Light brown paper
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- Heart stickers
- Black Sharpie marker



Paint 4 fingers brown and press on white card stock paper (do not use thumb).

Cut out tail, head, nose & ears with brown paper. Paint the monkey's face with brown paint as well as a tail and edge of ears. Use the black Sharpie to make nose and mouth.

Use green squeeze paint to make vines and add heart stickers hanging down from it.

Add "I ❤️ hangin' with you!" for Valentine's Day!



## The Charles Schultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip. You don't have to actually answer the questions, just read this straight through, and you'll get the point:

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
4. Name the last six Academy Award winners for Best Actor and actress.
5. Name the last ten years' worth of World Series winners.

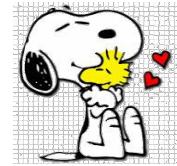


How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headlines of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.



Easier? The lesson is that the people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.



A trooper pulls over a priest and immediately smells alcohol on his breath. The next thing he notices is an empty wine bottle lying on the passenger seat.

"Have you been drinking?" the officer asks.

"Just water," says the priest.

"Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and shouts, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

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Q: What do you call an Amish guy with his hand in a horse's mouth?

A: A mechanic.

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Is the chemical symbol for holy water H2Omg?



# Giggles

**Year-to-Date Noisy Offering:  
\$476.50**



## Church News

### Coming Up in February, March and April

Sundays in February – worship at 9AM at Grace. Sundays in March – worship at 9AM at Augustana.  
Sundays in April - at 9AM at Grace. Coffee Hour/Fellowship follow.

February 2 – Bible Study after worship; World Religions taught by Pastor Dan.

February 3, 10, 17, 24 – Cup o’ Joe at 7:15AM at Electric Brew.

February 4, 11, 18, 25 – Food Pantry at 10AM, Faith is Fun! at 5:30PM, Bells Practice at 6PM and Choir Practice at 7PM all at Grace.

February 5 – Breakfast Club at 9AM at The Golden Egg.

February 5, 12, 19, 26 – Wednesday Worship at 4PM at Grace.

February 8 – Men’s Breakfast at 8:30AM at Tradewinds.

February 9, 16, 23 – Bible Study after worship; ‘Global Missions in the ELCA and in Our Hearts’ taught by Sister Nora.

February 16 – Consecration/Pledge Sunday at Grace Worship.

February 17 – Clothing Room at 9:30AM at Grace.

Joint Grace/ Augustana Council Meeting at 6:30PM at Grace.

February 18 – Ministerium at 9:30AM.

February 19 – Life Screening Event from 8AM thru 5:30PM at Augustana.

February 25 – Shrove Pancake Supper at 5:00PM at Grace (no Faith is Fun!)

February 26 – Ash Wednesday Services: 12PM at Grace and 7PM at Augustana.

Lent Season Worship Schedule – to be determined.

March – Prayer Group on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month; Noisy Offering and Blood Pressure checks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.

April 25 – Women’s Cluster Gathering from 9AM thru lunch at St. Paul’s Church in Middlebury.

There are still open Sundays to choose from to sponsor Altar Flowers.

The cost is \$25 and your payment is requested to be made prior to that Sunday. If paying by check please make it payable to your church with “Altar Flowers” noted in the memo line. And place it in the offering plate on Sunday or drop off at either church office.

The food pantry at Grace is in dire need of food items. Please bring items to church to be distributed at Grace on Tuesdays at 10am.

| <b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement</b> | <b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Offerings to General Fund</b><br><small>[as of 1/26/2020]</small> |
|---|--|
| \$144,356.00                                  | \$122,182.61   |
| <b>January Monthly Budget</b>                 | <b>January Offerings to General Fund</b><br><small>[as of 1/26/2020]</small>             |
| \$9,896.00                                    | \$7,125.18   |
| <b>January Weekly Budget</b>                  | <b>January Average Weekly Attendance</b>   |
| \$2,474.00                                    | 95   |

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

# Congregation Care Corner



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

February Anniversaries  
Gunnar & Diane Erickson 2/27



February Birthdays

- Russell Anderson 2/6
- Gary Davis 2/10
- Troy Nusbaum 2/12
- Cathy Davis 2/13
- Jillian Scupham 2/14
- Michael Kindy 2/15
- Mary Lou Cassel 2/17
- David George 2/28



as I have  
loved you,  
LOVE one  
another  
John 13:34



Counter for February:  
**BONNIE RICE**



*Prayer List*

Russ Anderson; Dick & Mary Cassel; Carolyn Caton-Pindell; Tyler Conley; Gary & Cathy Davis; Barbara Dills; Eunice Edmonds; Amy Garl; Brynleigh Iavagnilio-granddaughter of John & Nichole Metz; Gina Iannarelli; Stephanie Iavagnilio; Betty Johnson; Sadie Knepper; Debra Ludlow; Amy Miller; Kathy Miller; Marie Moberg; Janet Moyer; Gretta Peterson; Wini Rogers; Harry Rombke; Juanita Schumaker; Thom Swanson; June Williamson

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

*Altar Flowers for February*



- February 2 ~  
Sister Nora Frost in Memory of her mother, Lucile Frost
- February 9 ~  
Wayne & Eva Brewer in Memory of Dorothy Dobroch
- February 16 ~  
Vicki Babcock in Memory of Ann & Michael Nowak
- February 23 ~  
Carol & Dave O'Neil in Honor of their 52nd Anniversary





# February 2020






## Augustana Lutheran Church

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| Sunday  | Monday                                | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|----------|--------|--|
| <p>For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,<br/>That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.<br/>~ John 3:16</p> |                                       |   |  |          |        | 1  |
| Epiphany 4<br>2   | 3                                     | 4   | 5  | 6        | 7      | 8  |
| 9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace<br>After Worship: Prayer Team; BP Checks; Coffee Hour, Bible Study (3/3)   |                                       | 10AM-Food Pantry at Grace<br>5:30PM-Faith is Fun! at Grace<br>6PM-Bell Practice at Grace<br>7PM-Choir Practice at Grace                       | 9AM-Breakfast Club at Golden Egg<br>4PM-Worship at Grace   |          |        | 8:30AM-Grace/Augustana Men's Breakfast at Tradewinds |
| Epiphany 5<br>9   | 10                                    | 11  | 12   | 13       | 14     | 15   |
| 9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace<br>After Worship: Coffee Hour, Sr Nora's Bible Study (1/3)   |                                       | 10AM-Food Pantry at Grace<br>5:30PM-Faith is Fun! at Grace<br>6PM-Bell Practice at Grace<br>7PM-Choir Practice at Grace                       | 4PM-Worship at Grace   |          |        |  |
| Epiphany 6<br>16  | 17                                    | 18  | 19   | 20       | 21     | 22   |
| 9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace<br>After Worship: Coffee Hour, Sr Nora's Bible Study (2/3)   | 6:30PM-Joint Council Meeting at Grace | 9:30AM-Ministerium<br>10AM-Food Pantry at Grace<br>5:30PM-Faith is Fun! at Grace<br>6PM-Bell Practice at Grace<br>7PM-Choir Practice at Grace | 8AM thru 5:30PM-LifeLine Screening at Augustana<br>4PM-Worship at Grace                          |          |        |  |
| Transfiguration of our Lord<br>23   | 24                                    | 25  | 26   | 27       | 28     | 29   |
| 9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Grace<br>After Worship: Coffee Hour, Sr Nora's Bible Study (3/3)   |                                       | 10AM-Food Pantry at Grace<br>5PM-Shrove Pancake Dinner at Grace<br>6PM-Bell Practice at Grace<br>7PM-Choir Practice at Grace                  | 12PM-Ash Wednesday<br>Worship at Grace<br>4PM-Worship at Grace<br>7PM-Ash Wednesday at Augustana |          |        |  |

|    | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|----|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
|    |   |  | <b>February</b>   | <b>2020</b>                           |   | <br>1 |
| 2  | 9:00am Worship @ Grace<br>10:15am Fellowship<br>10:30am Bible Study | 4<br>10:00am Food Pantry<br>10:40am Susanna's Kitchen<br>5:30pm Faith is Fun!<br>6:00pm Bells<br>7:00pm Choir  | 5<br>4:00pm Worship<br>8:00pm AA  | 6                                     | 7<br>Church Office Closed   | 8<br>8:30am Men in Mission Breakfast   |
| 9  | 9:00am Worship @ Grace<br>10:15am Fellowship<br>10:30am Bible Study | 11<br>10:00am Food Pantry<br>5:30pm Faith is Fun!<br>6:00pm Bells<br>7:00pm Choir  | 12<br>4:00pm Worship<br>8:00pm AA   | 13                                    | 14<br>Church Office Closed<br> | 15   |
| 16 | 9:00am Worship @ Grace<br>10:15am Fellowship<br>10:30am Bible Study | 18<br>10:00am Food Pantry<br>5:30pm Faith is Fun!<br>6:00pm Bells<br>7:00pm Choir  | 19<br>11:30am Grace Table Talk @ Tradewinds<br>4:00pm Worship<br>8:00pm AA  | 20<br>9:00am Grace Notes Articles Due | 21<br>Church Office Closed  | 22   |
| 23 | 9:00am Worship @ Grace<br>10:15am Fellowship<br>10:30am Bible Study | 25<br>10:00am Food Pantry<br>10:00am GN Mailing<br>5:00pm SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER<br>6:00pm Bells<br>7:00pm Choir<br> | 26<br><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>12:00pm Worship<br>Grace<br>4:00pm Worship<br>7:00pm Worship-Augustana<br>8:00pm AA | 27                                    | 28<br>6:00pm Grace Supper Club @ DaVinci's  | 29   |

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