

**January Bible
Study Plan**

**January 5, 2020 ~
Epiphany of Our Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

**January 12, 2020 ~
Baptism of Our Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

**January 19, 2020 ~
Epiphany 2**

Isaiah 49:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

**January 26, 2020 ~
Epiphany 3**

Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Augustana Staff

Pastor (of Record):
Dan Forehand
Deacon: Sister Nora Frost
Music Director: Sean Diller
Treasurer: Randy Tinder
Secretary: Kathy Nowak

**Deadline for items for the
February 2020
Augustana News is
Thursday, January 16th!**

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Augustana News

January 2020

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

-Isaiah 60:1

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Greetings in Christ,



“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light...for a child has been born for us, a son given to us...He will establish and uphold a throne with justice and righteousness from this time onwards and forevermore.” – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

I am writing this to you in the office right after the 11pm Christmas Eve service at Augustana. What a lovely Christmas Eve it was. I'm grateful for all who gathered at any of the three services that we had. For those who were traveling and visiting loved ones, I pray that your Christmas was wonderful.

I'm amazed every year at how the story never changes – we always read Luke 2 – and yet, the story is always changing. Each year, a different part of the story jumps out at me and it touches me in a different way. I pray that it happens that way for you, too. I pray that you can see the great light and love of God in new ways all the time.

As we move from the joy of Christmas, into the imagination of Epiphany, I'm excited for the new things that God will continue to reveal. The abundance of God, the blessing of God, the presence of God are all things that we know about – but we will see in new ways in these coming weeks.

Thank you for your great love and support to Kim, Naomi, and me during this Christmas season. It is a lot of work, but thanks to you all, it's fun and it doesn't seem quite so daunting. Special thanks to Sister

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Nora for all that she does to alleviate the busy-ness and to Sean and all those who share their musical gifts with our congregations. Kathy in the office makes sure that I have everything I need to be present with the work that I'm called to do. I'm grateful for your generous Christmas gift to my family and me. I value our partnership.

Here's to a new decade and a continued curiosity at the new things that God is doing. I'm grateful to be a part of your journey in this time. Grace and peace to you – may you see the radiant light of Christ shining all around you today and always.

Pastor Dan

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19NIV

A Stewardship Minute

January 2020

There once lived a live-wire boy in New York named Jason. His actions, antics and humorous comments added much levity to peoples' lives around him. Down deep, however, Jason was struggling. His faith was dormant; his belief quite shaky.

Then something happened. Something that gave him assurance that God was real and wanted him to become a more dedicated disciple. He had an encounter with God that altered him. A friend tells how she observed Jason develop into a steadfast steward of the gifts God had planted in him. She details how he strove to grow close to God in his daily actions, in Bible study, in prayer, and in service projects, especially those sponsored by the church. In short, Jason began to increase in faith and in service to God and others. Jason, whether he realized it or not, was actually beginning to fulfill the advice that St. Peter gave to the early Christians.

Peter wrote: "As he (God) which called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy' (1 Peter 1:15). Jason was growing in grace. Good stewardship, is putting God first in our lives and then using all the gifts God has given us to glorify the Creator. To do that is to grow in grace and holiness in ourselves. Jason's adventure is told in "A Call to Holiness" in January's issue of *Stewardship*.

Prayer: Holy and loving God, help us to grow in grace and holiness that we may please you in every way. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Where God is doing new things

January 2020

While walking our dog, Karley, early one December morning, the sun just rising in the east, I heard a strange chirping, chortling, nearly barking sound echoing in the space between our house and our neighbors'. I left the security of the sidewalk to peer through the dusky dawn light in hope of catching a glimpse of what odd animal might be there. My heart rate rose as I shuffled closer.

Nothing. I saw nothing. Yet the volume of the sound grew, and the strange cackle-call surrounded me. I pulled poor Karley closer, fearful, I must admit, that something lurked and threatened, heard but not seen, in the shadows.

Slowly backing my way to the sidewalk, I realized that the sound was not a single voice, but many, and it came not from the earth, but the sky. I looked up and there they were, filling the sky, hundreds of them, huge as pterodactyls, a cacophony of croaking, chortling, chiding as they took turns at various places in their ever reforming and elongated "V". The sight and sound of them was overwhelming. My heart pounded again, now in wonder, as I stood still, staring starward and listening with much more than my ears.

And then, a minute or two later, they were gone. All sound went with them as the last in line faded into the southern sky. Karley and I were alone again, standing together in stunned silence, wrapped in the crisp December cold, inhaling wonder, exhaling awe.

Back in the house (and grateful for Google), I found the sound I had heard and discovered that I had been witness to the migration of Sandhill Cranes. Their calls can be heard more than two miles away. Sandhill cranes, not pterodactyls after all, but no less a wonder to hear and behold.

Two poems came to my mind as I read about these cranes and listened to recordings of their calls: one from an ancient Christian mystic quoted in an Advent devotional that my wife Janet and I were reading, the other from a longtime favorite Lutheran pastor/theologian/poet. Each in their own way, these poems resound with the call of the cranes and point a way forward for me from that December morning into the new year rising. Perhaps they will also be helpful guides for you, as you step out into breaking dawn to walk through the gift of a new year, looking and listening for the promised and surprising presence of God.

Every single creature is full of God
and is a book about God.
Every creature is a word of God.
If I spend enough time with
the tiniest creature, even a caterpillar,
I would never have to prepare a sermon.
So full of God is every creature.
—Meister Eckhart

Can it be that grace takes us by surprise
in the midst of the ordinary and the repeated?
Why shouldn't this be so,
because grace is from outside us,
not within?
It is God's interruption,
his wonderful invitation.

Grace is God at his unpredictable best.
No vision of Christ duplicates another,
for love defies the stereotype.
To believe is to live in perpetual surprise
and expectation.

—Gerhard Frost

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

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Check out https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Sandhill_Crane/overview and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EckKXUersb8> to learn about and hear these amazing creatures.

Eckhart quote: Boss, Gayle. All Creation Waits: The Advent Mystery of New Beginnings.

Paraclete Press. Kindle Edition.

Frost quote: Frost, Gerhard. Journey of the Heart: Reflections on Life's Way. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.



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Merry Christmas...Joyeux Noel...Frohliche, Weihnachten...Boun Natale.....Felicem Diem....Feliz Navidad...God Jul, etc.

No matter what language is used to wish others a Merry Christmas the question remains, “Why is Christmas Day on the 25th in December?” Among the earliest Christians in the Eastern Church, January 6th was the important festival day celebrated around Jesus’ birth. On this day Epiphany was celebrated and marked the wise men (the Magi) arriving to see and worship Jesus. These Magi – foreign visitors – represent all of us from many nations who worship Jesus.

Christmas wasn’t widely observed until after Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and declared it the Roman empire’s favored religion. The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336 AD. There is no actual date for Jesus birth in the Bible and the Nativity account contains conflicting clues. For instance, the presence of the shepherds and their sheep suggest a spring birth. When church officials agreed on Dec. 25th at the end of the 3rd century, they likely wanted the date to coincide with existing pagan festivals honoring Saturn (the Roman god of agriculture) and Mithra (the Persian god of light). That way it became easier to convince Rome’s pagan subjects to accept Christianity as the official religion.

Over the next several centuries the celebration of Christmas spread through the Western world. Some, including the puritans of colonial New England, banned the observance of Christmas feeling that giving gifts and decorating a tree were linked to paganism. In the early days of the United States, celebrating Christmas was considered British custom which wasn’t thought of in a positive light following the American Revolution. Christmas actually became a federal holiday in 1870.

The Little Season of Christmas

We celebrate the 12 days of Christmas from December 25th through January 5th. This should be our opportunity to celebration God’s greatest gift to us – Jesus. Dec. 26th is the commemoration of St. Stephen, deacon and first martyr (Acts 7). Dec. 27th is the commemoration of St. John the apostle and Gospel writer. Dec. 28th is the day we commemorate the Holy Innocents, Martyrs remembering the slaughter of the innocent children of Bethlehem by order of King Herod and killed by Herod’s soldiers as they searched for the baby Jesus. On January 1st we celebrate the Name of Jesus. The days of Christmas end on January 5th (Twelfth Night), the Eve of the Epiphany of our Lord.

During the Christmas season take time to read Luke chapters 1 and 2, think about the Angels as they appear as messengers of God and in large numbers over the fields of Bethlehem praising God and announcing the Savior’s birth to the angels.

If you have a nativity scene at home move the Magi closer and closer to the baby Jesus during the 12 days of Christmas and then have them proudly take their places near the manger on January 6th.

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Epiphany

On the day we call Epiphany (January 6th) 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 6th 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.

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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WORLD RELIGIONS: THE IMPACT ON OUR CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

Adult Bible Class taught by Pastor Dan – January 12th, 26th and Feb 2nd.

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. This study will be an entry point for understanding the basics of the world's major religions and what they mean for us.

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



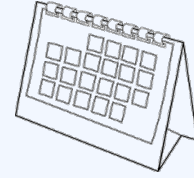
Spiritual Direction offered

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

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Upcoming dates for you to know:

Adult class – February 9th, 16th and 23rd (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 19th (8am-5:30pm)

This will be at Augustana. As in the past we have been given one Complimentary Screening for someone from Augustana or Grace. In order to use this Complimentary Screening which is good for 1 individual Screening worth \$70 or \$55 towards any vascular package valued at \$129 or more. Please speak with Pastor or Sister if you would like to receive the complimentary screening. You still must pre-register and then bring the Complimentary Screening paper with you. This Complimentary Screening is valid for any event and expires on 6/16/2020.

Lenten Booklet Deadline to submit material – Friday, January 10th

As I mentioned in announcements at Grace this month.....A list appeared in the last Augustana Newsletter reminding everyone the scripture they chose and the date for their devotional. Print copies of the newsletter have been in the Grace Narthex. Those have all been taken but a copy of the information you need will be in the narthex at both Grace and Augustana for you to pick up.

As you prepare your devotional for the booklet.....please take time to read through your scripture passage for the day several times. Then in 100 words or less tell us what you believe the passage is trying to tell us or what meaning the passage has for you. Perhaps something new came to your mind when you read the passage which you had never seen before. Your devotional on the scripture text should be a summary of the verses rather than simply reflecting on the text verse by verse. As you conclude your devotional for the day write a one to three sentence prayer which further summarizes how you hope God will bless us.

If you have questions, please contact Sister Nora at 574-226-1412.

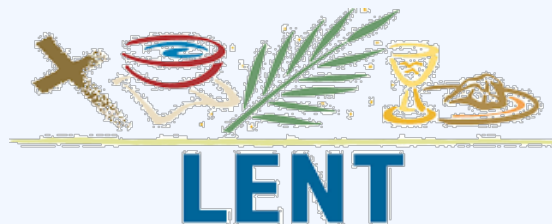
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Update on Lenten Booklet

Thanks to everyone who agreed (willingly or not so willingly) to participate in the preparation of the 2020 Lenten Devotional Booklet.

Feb. 26 th – Mark 1:1-13	Linda Iavagnilio	March 20 th – Mark 10:32-52	Judy Brouwer
Feb. 27 th – Mark 1:14-28	Melody Robertson	March 21 st – Mark 11: 1-19	Bonnie Rice
Feb. 28 th – Mark 1:29-45	Sharon Windmiller	March 23 rd – Mark 12:1-12	Ed Frutig
Feb. 29 th - Mark 2:1-17	Gerald Croop	March 24 th – Mark 12:13-27	Greg Smith
March 2 nd – Mark 3:1-19	Eva Brewer	March 25 th – Mark 12:28-44	Heidi Moyer
March 3 rd – Mark 3: 20-35	Diana Erickson	March 26 th – Mark 13:1-23	Maralee Macumber
March 4 th – Mark 4:1-20	Amy Shelly	March 27 th – Mark 13:24-37	John Metz
March 5 th – Mark 4:21-41	Mary Olson	March 28 th – Mark 14: 1-11	Janet Ermis
March 6 th – Mark 5:1-20	Barbara High	March 30 th – Mark 14:32-52	Deb Rowland
March 7 th – Mark 5:21-43	Valeria Corson	March 31 st – Mark 14:53-72	Cheryl Mann
March 9 th – Mark 6:14-34	Brenda Miller	April 1 st – Mark 15:1-15	Riley Wolschlager
March 10 th – Mark 6:35-56	Chloe Cornwell	April 2 nd – Mark 15:16-32	Amy Wolschlager
March 11 th – Mark 7:1-23	Keith Johnson	April 3 rd – Mark 15:33-47	Abby Wolschlager
March 12 th – Mark 7:24-37	Dave O'Neil	April 4 th – Mark 16:1-20	Natalie Wolschlager
March 13 th – Mark 8:1-21	Bill LeFever	April 6 th – Hebrews 2:1-18	Nichole Metz
March 14 th – Mark 8:22-38	Susan Todd	April 7 th – Hebrews 3:1-19	Jane Jamison
March 16 th – Mark 9:14-32	Dawn Frutig	April 8 th – Hebrews 4:1-16	Pastor Dan
March 17 th – Mark 9:33-50	Ruth Veamoi	April 9 th – Hebrews 5:1-14	Chris Kidd
March 18 th – Mark 10:1-12	Gunnar Erickson	April 10 th – Hebrews 6:1-20	Judy Duck
March 19 th – Mark 10:13-31	Tim Swinehart	April 11 th – Hebrews 7:1-22	Nancy Tinder
		April 12 th – Matthew 28:1-10	Shamaya Bell

Please take time to read through the scripture passage for the day that you have chosen, then in **100 words or less** tell us what you believe the passage is trying to tell us or what meaning the passage has for you. Perhaps something new came to your mind when you read the passage. This should be a summary of the verses rather than simply reflecting on the text verse by verse. Then write a one to three sentence prayer which further summarizes how you hope God will bless us through this day of Lent. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Nora at 574-226-1412.





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.



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Present: A.J. Diller, Keith Johnson, Heidi Scupham, Janet Ermis, Bonnie Rice, Doris Koontz, Maralee Macumber, Don & Dee Smith, Pastor Dan Forehand, Sr. Nora Frost, Randy Tinder and Kathy Nowak

Grace Council Present: Tim Swinehart, Pam Smith, Christopher Ouimet, David O'Neil, Christine Kidd, Barbara High, Dustin Friend, Mark Wolschlager, Dawn Frutig, 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 November Council Meeting- AJ Diller asked if there were any questions or concerns on the minutes. Janet Ermis moved to accept the minutes; Doris Koontz seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pledge/Giving report and Treasurer's report- A.J. Diller asked if there were any questions or concerns on the report. Several members noted the continuously good attendance numbers, and that many Augustana members are in those numbers. Janet Ermis moved to accept the report; Keith Johnson seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pastor Dan's report - Report was reviewed by Council. Pastor Dan also included his proposal for Paternity Leave.

Sister Nora's report - Report was reviewed by Council. Sister Nora noted that she is looking into providing Spiritual Direction for some members. She would have a cap on how many people she would provide this for, and sessions would likely be about once a month, for about an hour. The council approved her to move forward with this.

Finance Committee – Keith Johnson reported that Randy Tinder had completed the proposed 2020 budget. He said it would be very much like the 2019 budget. After council members had a chance to look it over Keith Johnson motioned to accept the proposal. AJ Diller seconded, and a unanimous vote carried.

Stewardship Committee – Keith Johnson noted that a stewardship letter and pledge card will go out in January. Pastor Dan noted that both Grace and Augustana will complete their pledge drives in February.

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

Worship & Music Committee – AJ Diller reported that the committee will be meeting Sunday, December 22 and planning through Ash Wednesday.

Social Ministry & Evangelism Committee – Bonnie Rice noted that there is nothing new to report at this time.

Endowment Committee – Don and Dee Smith reported that scholarship forms had been mailed out and the committee will be meeting December 29 to distribute funds.

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

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Property Committee – Keith Johnson asked Kathy Nowak and Heidi Scupham for an update of where things stood with the items on the “to do” list. Heidi reported that she had spoken with an electrician who will be coming in to look over the list of items that need repaired after the holidays.

Old Business:

New Business:

*Annual Meeting was scheduled for Sunday, January 19 (snow date: Sunday, January 26).

*Committee reports should be submitted to the church office by Monday, January 6 so that meeting packets can be set out for preview on Sunday, January 12.

*Keith Johnson discussed his planned move in July after retirement and what will be done about the remainder of his term (his term runs through February 2021). He asked if, since three more members will be elected to the council during the Annual Meeting, if they would want to elect one more to replace him then.

*Kathy Nowak asked to have Monday, December 23 as a vacation day; and Monday, December 30 as an unpaid day off.

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

Keith Johnson motioned to adjourn, and Bonnie Rice seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pastor Dan closed with devotions.

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At it's November 22-23 meeting the
Candidacy Committee of the Indiana-Kentucky
Synod, ELCA approved

Katherine (Fann) Van Valkenburg
to the Word and Sacrament Roster of the
ELCA as an ordained minister.

We celebrate this important
milestone for Katherine,
and continue to support her in prayer.



Augustana Lutheran Church

Annual Meeting

January 19, 2020

after worship

All committees should have reports
in to the church office by
Sunday, January 5, 2020.



[Snow date for meeting is January 26, 2020]



Snow Tubing Family Fun

Friday, January 31, 2020

beginning at 5:30PM

at Ferretti/Baugo Park

Come Join The Fun!!



The weary evangelist knocked on another door, fully expecting to have it slammed in his face. Sure enough, the older woman who answered, angrily demanded that he leave once she figured out why he was there and slammed the door.

The door, however, bounced back open, and the woman shouted, "Get your foot out of my door!"

"But ma'am..." the evangelist began, when the woman again slammed the door in his face. Once again it bounced back open.

"I said get your foot out of my door!" the woman yelled again. One more time she slammed the door. One more time it bounced open again.

"But ma'am..." the evangelist said again, only to be cut off.

"Don't talk back to me!" the woman screamed in a rage. "I want you off my property!" She slammed the door a fourth time, only to see it bounce open a fourth time.

"Ma'am," the evangelist yelled as he beat a hasty retreat down the sidewalk, "you'll be able to close your door if you move your cat out of the way!"

Giggles



St. Lucia 2019



St. Lucia - through the years



2016



2017



2015

Older St. Lucia pictures courtesy of Pastor Steve.

Christmas Eve Worship



St. Lucia 2019 and Christmas Eve photos courtesy of Sister Nora.

Year-to-Date Noisy Offering:
\$476.50



Church News

Coming Up in January and February

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

January 1 - New Year's Day ~ Church Office Closed.
 No Breakfast Club in January.

January 5 - Committee Reports Due to Church Office for Annual Meeting

January - Prayer Group on the 1st Sunday of the month; Noisy Offering and Blood Pressure checks on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

January 6 - Cup o' Joe at 7:15AM at Electric Brew.

January 7, 14, 21, 28 - Food Pantry at 10AM, Faith is Fun! at 5:30PM, Bells Practice at 6PM and Choir Practice at 7PM all at Grace.

January 8, 15, 22, 29 - Wednesday Worship at 4PM at Grace.

January 10 - Deadline on submissions to Lenten Booklet to Sister Nora.

January 11 - Men's Breakfast at 8:30AM at Tradewinds.

January 12, 26, & February 2 - Bible Study after worship.

January 13 thru 17 - Pastor Dan will be out of town.

January 19 - Augustana Annual Meeting after worship (January 26 - snow date for meeting)

January 20 - Clothing Room at 9:30AM at Grace.

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

January 27 - Cup o' Joe at 7:15AM at Electric Brew.

January 31 - Snow Tubing at 5:30PM at Ferrettie/Baugo Park.

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

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

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.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement	Fiscal Year-to-Date Offerings to General Fund [as of 12/22/2019]
\$132,135.20	\$112,760.43
December Monthly Budget	November Offerings to General Fund [as of 12/22/2019]
\$11,624.00	\$7,048.64
December Weekly Budget	December Average Weekly Attendance
\$2,324.80	104

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

Congregation Care Corner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Anniversaries
"No Anniversaries"



January Birthdays
 AJ Diller 1/3
 Kathy Garl 1/4
 Brian Fann 1/5
 Barbara Kern 1/6
 Chris Kauffman 1/9
 Adam Miller 1/14
 Doris Koontz 1/18
 Stacie Jeffirs 1/18
 Harry Rombke 1/21
 Olivia Miller 1/22
 Kathy Miller 1/25
 Ann Howard 1/30



I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
 Mark 1:8

REMEMBER: Augustana Annual Meeting is January 19, 2020 after Worship.



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; Amy Miller; Kathy Miller; Olivia Noelle Mills; 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 or drop off new requests to the church office.

Altar Flowers for January



January 5 ~
 Dave & Carol O'Neil (Grace)
 January 12 ~
 Wayne & Eva Brewer (Grace)
 January 19 ~
 The Walsh Family (Grace)
 January 26 ~
 Open



JANUARY 2020 SERVER'S SCHEDULE

*"Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called
Children of God."*

-Matthew 5:8-9



Assisting Minister:

Keith Johnson

Communion Assistant:

Dawn Mills

Altar Guild:

Doris Koontz & Dee Smith

Coffee Hostess:

Bonnie Rice & Dee Smith

Counter:

Janet Ermis

January 5, 2020 - Epiphany of the Lord

Greeters: Dave & Janet Ermis

Ushers: Jay & Bonnie Rice

Servers: Jack Watson

Lector: Melanie Watson

Nursery: Emily Moyer

Sound: Mark Moyer

January 12, 2020 - Baptism of the Lord

Greeters: Mike & Linda Iavagnilio

Ushers: Brenda Miller & Deb Rowland

Server: Lilly Ganczak

Lector: Nancy Tinder

Nursery: Christine Jeffirs Moore

Sound: Chuck Miller

January 19, 2020 - Epiphany 2

Greeters: Gunnar & Diane Erickson

Ushers: Janet Moyer & George Scupham

Server: Dorothy Moyer

Lector: Lynn Winters

Nursery: Jillian Scupham

Sound: Mark Moyer

January 26, 2020 - Epiphany 3

Greeters: Jerry & Doris Koontz

Ushers: Scott & Melanie Watson

Server: Keegan Peterson

Lector: Jerry Duck

Nursery: Judy Duck

Sound: Chuck Miller

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.


January 2020

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
~Jeremiah 29:11

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			New Year's Day 1	2	3	4
			Church Office Closed <i>No Breakfast Club in January</i>			
Epiphany of Our Lord 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Augustana w/ Noisy Offering After Worship: Prayer Team; BP Checks; Coffee Hour		6PM-Bell Practice at Grace 7PM-Choir Practice at Grace	4PM-Worship at Grace		Deadline to have your submission to the Lenten Booklet to Sister Nora	8:30AM-Grace/Augustana Men's Breakfast at Tradewinds
Baptism of Our Lord 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Augustana After Worship: Coffee Hour; Bible Study (1/3)	<i>Pastor out of town</i>	<i>Pastor out of town</i>	<i>Pastor out of town</i>	<i>Pastor out of town</i>	<i>Pastor out of town</i>	
Epiphany 2 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Augustana w/ Noisy Offering AUGUSTANA ANNUAL MEETING-after worship	6:30PM-Joint Council Meeting at Augustana	9:30AM-Ministerium at Augustana 6PM-Bell Practice at Grace 7PM-Choir Practice at Grace	4PM-Worship at Grace			
Epiphany 3 26	27	28	29	30	31	
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Augustana After Worship: Coffee Hour; Bible Study (2/3) (Snow Date for Augustana Annual Meeting)		6PM-Bell Practice at Grace 7PM-Choir Practice at Grace	4PM-Worship at Grace		5:30PM-Snow Tubing at Ferrettie/Baugo Park	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	January		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	2 Office Hours 9am-noon	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 9:00am Worship @ Augustana 10:00am Fellowship	6 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew EPIPHANY	7 10:00am Food Pantry 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 7:00pm Choir	8 4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	9	10 Church Office Closed	11 8:30am Men in Mission Breakfast
12 9:00am Worship @ Augustana 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Bible Study	13	14 10:00am Food Pantry 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir	15 11:30am TableTalk 4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	16	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 9:00am Worship @ Augustana 10:00am Fellowship	20 9:30am Clothing Room 6:30pm Council @ Augustana	21 10:00am Food Pantry 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir	22 4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	23 9:00am Grace Notes Articles Due	24 Church Office Closed 6:00pm Grace Supper Club @ TBD	25
26 9:00am Worship @ Augustana 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Bible Study	27 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew	28 10:00am Food Pantry 10:00am GN Mailing 5:30pm Faith is Fun 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir	29 4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	30	31 5:30pm Snow Tubing @ Ferrettie/Baugo Park	

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