

January Bible  
Study Plan

**January 1, 2023**

**Christmas 1**

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

**January 8, 2023**

**Baptism of Our Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

**January 15, 2023**

**Epiphany 2**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

I Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

**January 22, 2023**

**Epiphany 3**

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

I Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

**January 29, 2023**

**Epiphany 34**

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

I Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12



# Augustana News

## January 2023



### Augustana Lutheran Church

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 9am - 12noon

*Thank You from  
Sister Nora*

Dear members of Augustana;

Words could never express my gratitude for the overwhelming love and kindness which you showered upon me during this Christmas Season. Your kind words, generous gifts, lovely cards, and countless expressions of love brought such joy to my heart and touched my soul. The monetary congregational gift and the gift from the Women's organization of almost \$1,000 has left me speechless.

God has blessed me so richly through each one of you and I feel so thankful to be allowed to serve beside you in ministry here at Augustana while you search for your next pastor.

My prayer for you is that you had a very blessed Christmas with family and friends and that in 2023 you will experience much joy and good health.

As we rejoice in Christ's coming into the world, May we celebrate the good news, God's grace and the gifts of this holy season in our everyday lives.

May peace, joy, hope, and love fill your hearts.

With thanks and love,

Sister Nora

### Pastoral Contact Information

Sister Nora Frost, Interim Minister

574-226-1412 (cell) ~ [snfrost@gmail.com](mailto:snfrost@gmail.com)

Augustana Mission Statement: As the Body of Christ we are called to Love All, Serve All, Welcome All.

## Sister Nora's Schedule

### Sister Nora's Office Hours

Monday morning 9AM - 12PM ~ Augustana

Tuesday morning 9AM - 12 PM ~ Grace

Wednesday morning 9AM - 12PM ~ Augustana

Thursday morning 9AM - 12PM ~ Grace

Friday morning 9 - 10:30AM ~ Grace & 10:30AM - 12PM ~ Augustana

Saturday and Sunday - call for an appointment

(There are meetings on some mornings, as well as Zoom meetings, so please call in advance to make sure that Sister Nora is in before coming.)

**Happy New Year to all!**

**In honor of the New Year holiday the church office  
will be closed Monday, January 2nd..**



*and God  
will open doors*

ISAIAH 22:22

## An update from your Council and Call Committee...

The Call Committee has been in communication with Pastor Dan Forehand, who is back in Indiana in his new role as Assistant to the Bishop. He is our new contact in the call process. We discussed our online profile which is active for potential candidates.

Pastor Dan is on the look-out for other candidates for Augustana.

He plans to visit on Sunday, February 12th and will meet with the congregation as we learn our next steps.



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### Call the Church Office or Sister Nora Directly if You Are Hospitalized or Having Surgery

Pastoral care is a ministry of Pastors and Deacons and one of the ways healing can be offered to the body of Christ. It is important for you (or someone else if you are not able) to contact the **Church office (574-294-3823) or Sister Nora directly (574-226-1412).**

When we are sick, have had an accident or having surgery we need not only physical healing but spiritual healing as well. These are times when your church family can be holding you in prayer which sometimes is the best and most important thing which we can do for each other.

PLEASE allow your Interim Minister, and members of your church family to be part of your healing process.



### Noisy offering will be received on the first Sunday of January, during Worship.

Bring your loose change (or bills) to contribute to Church Community Services.

### Blood Pressure Clinic in the Narthex after worship on the first Sunday of the month

If you are a person who needs to have your blood pressure checked, you can get your blood pressure checked right after worship on the first Sunday of each month. You will be given the record of your blood pressure which can be taken to your physician's office visit; and we will keep a card which will have a list of your blood pressure results each time it is taken at the church. We could use additional persons to take blood pressures and have the stethoscopes and cuffs at the church for you to use. Please let the office know if you can help.



### Augustana Breakfast Club First Wednesday of each month - 9AM

Everyone is welcome to the Augustana Breakfast Club on **January 4 at 9AM** at Perkin's Restaurant on Cassopolis Street. Come for the food and enjoy the fellowship. To make a reservation call Deb Rowland at (574) 596-2776 before Wednesday.



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**Augustana Lutheran Church**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 15, 2023 ~ starts at 11am**  
A brief worship to follow.  
(Snow Date: Sunday, January 22, 2023)

Pick up your Proposed 2023 Budget and Annual Meeting Packet  
in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 8.



**Prayer Group meets on the 2nd Sunday**  
**of each month after worship**

We have many prayer concerns which we are asked to pray for each week. There are many things we can do during these difficult days in the church and in our world; but the most important thing we all can do is pray. Prayers are especially needed for the Call Committee and the Council as they begin their work with the synod preparing paperwork and seeking the Spirits guidance in finding our next pastor.

Meet in the Library about 10 minutes after the conclusion of worship.



**Next Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**Augustana Sack of Food - Food Ministry**

**on Thursday, January 12th and, January 26**  
**from 10AM - 11AM.**



*Donations are always welcome! Items most needed: boxed meals, canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, personal care items.*



**Sock, Scarf and Mitten/Glove Tree**  
**for Blessing Bags**

We will be collecting these items through the season of Epiphany season of Epiphany to be used for our next Blessing Bag event.

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## Holden Evening Prayer and Potluck

Wednesday, January 18th

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a time of food and fellowship the third Wednesday of the month, **January 18th at 6PM.**

The service of Holden Evening Prayer will follow in the Sanctuary at **7PM.**

Join us for both, or just one if that is what your schedule allows.

Bring a friend or neighbor for this beautiful and meditative service.



## Watch on Facebook

Watch the Sunday morning worship live on Sunday morning or anytime - on the Augustana Facebook page!



## Coming in February:

~ Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11  
Confirmation Retreat at Augustana

~ Sunday, February 12 Pastor Dan preaching and presiding  
with meetings and fellowship following (details to come)

## Know Your Council

**Maralee Macumber**

President

574.606.6441 (cell)

term ends: **Feb 2024**

**Diane Erickson**

Vice President

574.370.5379 (cell)

term ends: **Feb 2025**

**Dave Ermis**

Secretary

574.220.1367 (cell)

term ends: **Feb 2023**

**Chloe Cornwell -**

574.849.3858 (cell)

term ends: **Feb 2023**

**Brenda Miller -**

574.849.9916 (cell)

term ends: **Feb 2023**

**Nancy Tinder-**

574.294.3910 (home)

term ends: **Feb 2024**

**Jerry Duck -**

574.532.9628 (cell)

term ends: **Feb 2024**

**Chuck Miller -**

574.849.1823 (cell)

term ends: **Feb 2025**

**Gunnar Erickson**

269.641.2182 (home)

term ends: **Feb 2025**

## Augustana Call Committee

Brian & Stacy Fann  
(Chairs)

Maralee Macumber

Janie Williams

Nancy Tinder

Doris Koontz

Diane Erickson



## Pictures!!



Preparing for the Swedish Rye Bread Sale

## Santa Lucia Photos





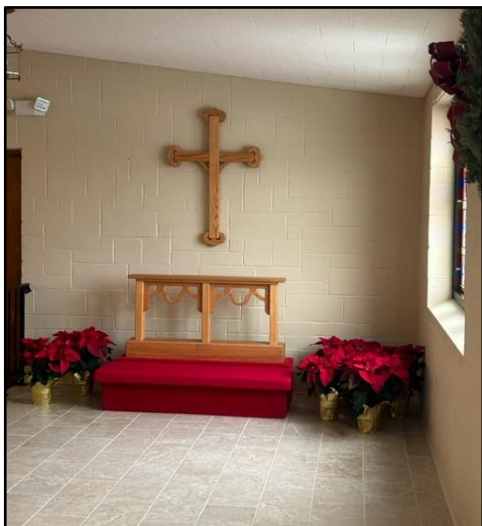
## Pictures!!





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### The Church in Advent





## Corner

### Altar Flowers for January



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Christmas I

Open

Sunday, January 8, 2023 -

Baptism of our Lord

Open

Sunday, January 15, 2023 - Epiphany 2

Open

Sunday, January 22, 2023 - Epiphany 3

Open

Sunday, January 29, 2023 - Epiphany 4

Open



### August Financial/Attendance Report

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

**\*\*Information thru December 25, 2022**

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement	Fiscal Year-to-Date Offerings to General Fund
\$144,969.51	\$88,971.42
December Monthly Budget	December Average Atten. Sunday In-Person
\$12,901.40	30
December Offerings to General Fund	December Average Atten. Sunday Facebook
\$7,407.69	16
December Weekly Budget	Noisy Offering Year-to-Date
\$3,225.35	\$0

### January Birthdays

AJ Diller - 1/3

Kathy Garl - 1/4

Brian Fann - 1/5

Chris Kauffman 1/9

Adam Miller - 1/14

Stacie Jeffirs - 1/18

Doris Koontz - 1/18

Kathy Miller - 1/25

Ann Howard - 1/30



**Prayer List** ~ Pray for healing and comfort for Nancy; Isaiah; Nicole; Don and Julie Hood (friends of the Watsons); Jennifer and Tim Ball; Ed Williams; John Paston; Deb Rowland; Pat Rheinheimer; John; Kim Shrock and her brother, Mark; Paul Gross; Kathy Nowak; Lori Howard; Sharon Butler; Patty Densmore; Jamie Iannarelli; Kathy Miller; Christine Jeffirs-Moore; Judy (sister of Priscilla Powell); Brian Mills; Marleen Finagen; Michelle Reed; Terri Bland; Nancy; Gerry Stutzman; Mark Schrock; Mary Lowe; Rick Cassel; Dick & Mary Lou Cassel; Mike Vergonet (son of Priscilla Powell); Linda DeGeeter; Deb Ludlow; Karen Gugel; Brenda Miller; John Metz; Chris Mills; and Deborah Trapp. Pray for those with Covid and cancer. Pray for Cody Hollingsworth as they are deployed. Pray for the people of Ukraine, and an end of the war. Pray for the ministry of Pioneer Faith Ministries. Pray for the children and staff of Mary Daly and Beardsley schools. Continue to pray for Augustana and the call committee and for the process to move forward.

December 13, 2022



Present: Maralee Macumber, Diane Erickson, Dave Ermis, Brenda Miller, Jerry Duck, Nancy Tinder, Chuck Miller, Gunnar Erickson, Sister Nora Frost, Randy Tinder, Kathy Nowak Members Absent: Chloe Cornwell

- \* **Call to Order (6:38pm)/Devotions.** Devotions provided by Maralee Macumber.
- \* **Approval** of November Minutes, and Financial Reports. Sister Nora reported on a recap of Worship, Deaths, Visitation/Pastoral Care, and other Items and Communication .

**Unfinished Business:**

- \* **Pioneer Faith Ministries** - Dave Ermis, Diane Erickson and Jerry Duck met to go over the six-month review of the contract with Pioneer. Members discussed items that should be added to the next contract.
- \* **Sister Nora's Contract Extension** - the contract will remain the same.
- \* **Call Process Review & Update** - Pastor Dan will be visiting Feb. 12th to preach and preside, and have a meeting with the congregation.
- \* **Website Support Needed** - The council discussed checking with area schools for an intern to fill the role. Content to be used was discussed. Diane Erickson has someone in mind.
- \* **Music Substitute** -Erin Taylor is coming back for this next semester and leaves again May 20th. Maralee Macumber will continue to look for a consistent sub. organist.
- \* **25¢ Sale and Bread Sale** - The \$200+ profit from the combined sales will be kept for kitchen supplies.
- \* **Fall Clean Up** - Basement area clean up was completed. It was noted that a clean-up of the kitchen is also needed.
- \* **New Name for Sack of Food?** - Input needed from program directors.
- \* **Updates on 150th Anniversary (August 26th/27th, 2023) Committee** - Diane Erickson reported on meetings, fund raising, budgets, permits, vendors, tents and displays. Also needed, a banner and brochure.

**New Business:**

- \* **Maralee Macumber will Be Gone in January and February.**
- \* **Motivation as We Enter the Winter Months** - Sister Nora challenged others to motivate people in church during the cold months ahead.
- \* **2023 Annual Meeting Date and 2023 Proposed Budget** - The proposed budget was discussed then had a motion to approve from Jerry Duck, seconded by Dave Ermis and unanimously approved. The proposed budget and meeting packet will be given out the Sunday prior to the Jan. 15th meeting.
- \* **Adjourn/Closing Prayer** - The Lord's Prayer.

[Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2023]

*Full Meeting Minutes will be available on the Fellowship Hallway bulletin board, or you can request a copy sent to you by USPS or email. Contact the church office.*

# January 2023 Server Schedule

## **Sunday, January 1, 2023 -**

### **Christmas I**

*Assisting Minister* : Maralee Macumber

*Lector* : Maralee Macumber

*Server* : Cayden Abner

*Ushers* : Dave & Janet Ermis

*Technology Server* : Dorothy Moyer

## **January Altar Guild**

Jerry & Doris Koontz



## **Sunday, January 8, 2023 -**

### **Baptism of our Lord**

*Assisting Minister* : Sarah Hobbs

*Lector* : Sarah Hobbs

*Server* : George Scupham

*Ushers* : Emily Moyer, Janet Moyer

*Technology Server* : Leah Moyer

## **Sunday, January 15, 2023 - Epiphany 2**

*Assisting Minister* : John Metz

*Lector* : Nichole Metz

*Server* : Liam Peterson

*Ushers* : Jerry & Judy Duck

*Technology Server* : Mark Moyer



## **Sunday, January 22, 2023 - Epiphany 3**

*Assisting Minister* : Mark Moyer

*Lector* : Mark Moyer

*Server* : Dorothy Moyer

*Ushers* : Scott & Melanie Watson

*Technology Server* : Jack Watson

## **Sunday, January 29, 2023 - Epiphany 4**

*Assisting Minister* : Nancy Tinder

*Lector* : Diane Erickson

*Server* : Leah Moyer

*Ushers* : Jay & Bonnie Rice

*Technology Server* : Cayden Abner

*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.com](mailto:secretary@augustana.com) or 574.294.3823. Thank you!*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Christmas I 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
11AM-Worship w/ Noisy Offering Blood Pressure Checks in Narthex	<b>Office Closed For New Years Day</b>		9AM-Augustana Breakfast Club at Perkins		Epiphany of our Lord	
Baptism of our Lord 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11AM-Worship Prayer Group in Library Pick up Annual Meeting Packet and Proposed Budget in the Sanctuary		6:30PM-Augustana Council Meeting		10-11AM-Sack of Food		
Epiphany 2 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
11AM-Congregational Meeting with brief Worship following			6PM-Potluck and 7PM-Holden Evening Prayer	Sister Nora has Interim Minister's meeting in Indianapolis	Time TBD-Ministerium at Faith in Goshen  February Newsletter Articles Due	
Epiphany 3 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
11AM-Worship [Snow date for Congregational Meeting]				10-11AM-Sack of Food		
Epiphany 4 29	30	31	<b>Coming Up In February...</b> Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11 – Confirmation Retreat at Augustana Sunday, February 12 – Pastor Dan preaching and presiding with meetings, and fellowship following			
11AM-Worship						