



Augustana News

March 2024

Dear Friends in Christ;

When you receive this newsletter, we will be approaching the third Sunday in (but not of) Lent. We always celebrate Sunday as a “Little Easter;” and though we have ceased our spoken and sung Alleluias for a few more weeks...we still rejoice in the promise of Easter which we celebrate each and every Sunday of the church year. During Lent we have been studying the book “Forgiveness: A Lenten Study” by Marjorie Thompson. There have been some helpful take aways.

In week one we looked at Luke 15:11-32 to realize that all three characters in the parable of the Prodigal Son are needing to confess their sin, ask for forgiveness, and hear from each other the pronouncement of absolution (the younger son who demands his inheritance before the father’s death and then loses everything due to his foolishness, the Father who perhaps acts irresponsibly, takes his older son for granted and shows favoritism, and the older son who refuses to join the family in their joy and who harbors resentment and a heart that is closed). We learn there is no future without forgiveness, and we are all inextricably connected. God’s forgiveness offers us the way forward, and this forgiveness comes from the crucified Christ.

Our week two study called us to read and meditate on Psalm 51 and Psalm 139. Both of these Psalms are examples of self-examination and call us to engage in an examination of conscious and an examination of consciousness. The take away was that what we cannot acknowledge what we cannot confess, and what we cannot confess we cannot present to God or others for forgiveness and healing. Self-examination is such a great Spiritual exercise, especially for Lent, because it helps us look at the dynamics between our heart and our mind. It requires us to be open, honest, and humble before God...the God who loves us unconditionally. Hopefully, during these remaining days of Lent we will examine ourselves asking perhaps at the end of the day, “What were my interactions, situations, and activities today? What were my thoughts, judgments, emotions, beliefs, questions, observations and in which of those moments did I feel God’s presence or leading? How did I respond? Learning forgiveness requires first that we clearly see our own need for it; and self-examination is one of the best ways to discover our deep and ongoing need.

In our remaining weeks of study, we will discuss honesty as we engage in the inner struggle, repentance, embracing the freedom of forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration as we begin again. That will bring us to Palm/Passion Sunday, the Three Great Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil) and The Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. The only path to the hope of Easter is through the struggle of Holy Week. By His sacrifice on the cross and by His resurrection from the tomb, He has won the victory for us over Sin, Death, and the Devil. We are not only freed from sin, but at the same time we are filled with grace. Because of that we are to be living witnesses of Christ’s resurrection by letting that grace shine out of us for all to see. The entire Lenten

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Council Members

Maralee Macumber – President
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Diane Erickson – Vice President
574-370-5379 – cell

Dave Ermis – Secretary
574-220-1367 – cell

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574-370-5703 – cell
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Jerry Duck
574-532-9628 – cell

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574-294-3910 – home

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269-641-2182 – home

Chuck Miller
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Augustana Call Committee

Brian & Staci Fann (Co-Chairs)

Maralee Macumber

Janie Williams

Nancy Tinder

Doris Koontz

Diane Erickson

Interim Minister

Sister Nora Frost
574-226-1412 – cell

*Self-
examination*

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*Confession*

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Forgiveness

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season has been intended to prepare us for rising with Christ from our daily deaths into the daily new life of which baptism calls us. Easter is not a single day but a season of seven weeks (a week of weeks). It is a season of joy, praise, wonder, and the mystery of God's power over all that would try to keep us from Him. Easter is about abundance and new life through the promise of God's love. We are invited during the Easter Season to see how we might live in ways that are guided by justice, peace, and love. We are all challenged to live, act, and speak in the power of the Risen Christ and to choose hope, life, and wellness for ourselves and others. This is a time for us to think about, pray for, and meditate on what this abundant life looks like for ourselves and also for our church and the people we are called to serve. Accepting God's gift of forgiveness and embracing an abundant life means we are free to offer this to others. We acknowledge that the power of the cross is the most powerful thing in our lives. When we allow the reality of God's grace and forgiveness to become ours, we give God total access to work in and through us. My prayer for us during these remaining Lenten days as we approach Holy Week and Easter is that we will ask God to help us receive His forgiveness and offer it to others. That will lead us to new depth and joy.

Blessings,
Sister Nora

Pastoral Contact Information

Sister Nora Frost, Interim Pastor
574-226-1412 ~ srnfrost@gmail.com

Sister Nora's Office Hours

Monday 9AM – Noon ~ Augustana
Tuesday, 9AM – Noon ~ Grace
Wednesday, 9AM – Noon ~ Augustana
Thursday, 9AM – Noon ~ Grace
Friday, 9AM – 10:30AM ~ Grace
10:30AM – Noon ~ Augustana

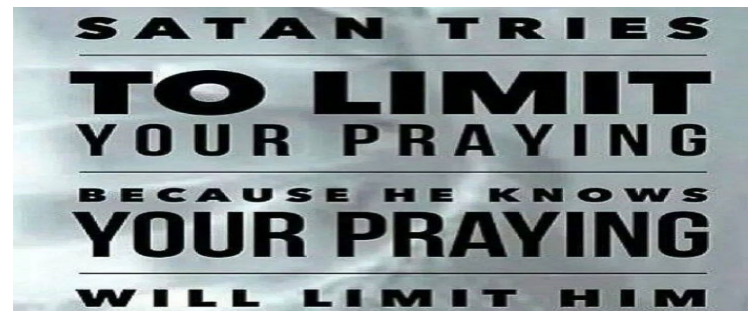
Saturday & Sunday ~ Call for an appointment.

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.

Please 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 or Sister Nora directly. 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 be part of your healing process.



PRAYER LIST

Please contact us with updates, praises, & requests.

Surgery Recovery

Melanie Watson
Rick Cassel
Don
Tracy Thompson
Becky
Fred Dunfee

Health Concerns

Fred Canfield
Karen Gugel
Ron Steele
Alex
Margaret
Kelly Smith
Hugh Wardlaw
Tim Cunningham
Mike
Jon Howard
Deb Ludlow
Roy Powell
John Metz
Katlin Williams
Wini Rogers
Matt, friend of John Metz
Arlene Doring
Deborah Trapp
Janet

Health Concerns, Continued

Jim
Chris
Mary Harder
Charles
Kim's wife
Martin McCullen
Gracie
Renee Zimmerman
Sharon Butler
Rhonda
Teresa Berket

Those who mourn

Family of Cathy Ermis
Family of Terry Maddox

Other concerns

Samantha
Victims of war, violence,
natural disasters
Pioneer Faith Ministries
Elkhart Schools stu-
dents & staff
Council & Call
Committee
Future Pastor



March 3 - Lent 3	March 10 - Lent 4	March 17 - Lent 5	March 24 - Palm Sunday	March 31 - Easter Sunday
Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 I Corinthians 1:18-25 St. John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 St. John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 St. John 12:20-33	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 St. Mark 15:1-47	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 I Corinthians 15:1-11 St. Mark 16:1-8

LENTEN READINGS BY DAY

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ March 1st – Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 □ March 2nd – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 □ March 3rd – John 2:19 □ March 4th – Luke 4:24-30 □ March 5th – Matthew 18:21-35 □ March 6th – Matthew 5:17-19 □ March 7th – Luke 11:14-23 □ March 8th – Mark 12:28-34 □ March 9th – Luke 18:9-14 □ March 10th – John 3:14-21 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ March 11th – John 4:43-54 □ March 12th – John 5:1-16 □ March 13th – John 5:17-30 □ March 14th – John 5:31-47 □ March 15th – John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 □ March 16th – John 7:40-53 □ March 17th – John 12:20-33 □ March 18th – John 8:1-11 □ March 19th – Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a □ March 20th – John 8:31-42 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ March 21st – John 8:51-59 □ March 22nd – John 10:31-42 □ March 23rd – John 11:45-56 □ March 24th – Mark 14:L1-15:47 □ March 25th – John 12:1-11 □ March 26th – John 13:21-33, 36-38 □ March 27th – Matthew 26:14-25 □ March 28th – John 13:1-15 □ March 29th – John 18:1-19:42 □ March 30th – Mark 16:1-7 |
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Luther's Morning Prayer

"I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen."

Luther's Evening Prayer

"I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen."

FEBRUARY 2024
SERVER SCHEDULE

March 3 - Lent 3

Assisting Minister: Scott Watson
Lector: Scott Watson
Server: Cayden Abner
Technology Server: Jack Watson
Ushers: Jerry & Judy Duck

March 10 – Lent 4

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

March 17 – Lent 5

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer
Lector: Mark Moyer
Server: Jack Watson
Technology Server: Cayden Abner
Ushers: Janet Moyer & Deb Rowland

March 24 – Palm Sunday

Assisting Minister: Nancy Tinder
Lector: Melanie Watson
Server: George Scupham
Technology Server: Dorothy Moyer
Ushers: The Scupham Family

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber
Lector: Jennifer Ball
Server:
Technology Server:
Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

March Altar Guild

Deb Rowland & Nancy Tinder

Please let the office know of any changes.

FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 9 AM
(Always the first Wednesday)**

Meet at Perkins on Cassopolis Street.
Call Deb Rowland for reservations – 574-596-2776

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3rd - Judy Duck
6th - John Howard
13th - Lilly Fann
13th - Ava Iavagnilio
18th - Olivia Iavagnilio
28th - Heidi Paston



March Altar Flowers

March 3 – Given by Jerry Duck
In Celebration of Judy Duck's
Birthday Today

March 10 – Given by Jennifer Ball
In Memory of Marjorie & Jim Ball

March 17 – In Celebration of
Lilly Fann's Birthday

March 24 – Given by Gina Iannarelli
In Honor of Nick & Jayme Iannarelli

March 31 – Please place your orders for Easter
Flowers by Sunday, March 10.

LAST THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

NO Lunch Bunch during Holy Week.

The next Lunch Bunch will be **at noon on April 25**. Come and join your Augustana friends for lunch at the **Golden Egg Pancake House** on Nappanee Street across from the Drive and Shine Car wash. Bring a friend or neighbor with you. *Phone your reservation and the number coming to the church office by Tuesday, April 23.*

February Financial/ Attendance Report

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

**Information thru February 27, 2024

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement	Fiscal Year-to-Date Funds to General Fund
\$8,059.00	\$5,128.00
February Monthly Budget	February Average Atten. Sunday In-Person
\$8,059.00	28
February Offering to General Fund	February Average Atten. Sunday Facebook
\$5,128.00	29
February Weekly Budget	Noisy Offering Fiscal Year-to-Date
\$2,014.75	\$0.00

Blessing Bags Distribution

Thursday, March 28, 11AM – 1PM

at the Plaza downtown

If you can help, meet us at the Plaza at 11 AM.

The following items are needed for the Blessing Bags. These can be brought to Augustana in a bagged marked “Blessing.”

- Canned meats—pull top
- Soft granola bars
- Chicken or tuna spread & cracker packages
- Pudding cups
- Peanut butter crackers
- Drink boxes
- Flavored water
- Feminine pads
- Individual toothbrushes
- Personal Care Items
- New socks
- Blankets
- Clean sweatshirts
- Clean tennis shoes
- Money to buy fresh fruit or extras

Questions? Contact: Janet Ermis 574-215-3723

2024 Augustana Directory

We are hopeful that the new directory will be available for pick up on Easter Sunday. Be watching the Sunday bulletin for an announcement.

Approved Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes Highlights Of January 9, 2024

Present: Diane Erickson, Dave Ermis, Gina Iannarelli, Randy Tinder, Nancy Tinder, Chuck Miller, Mark Moyer, Sister Nora Frost

Minutes from the December council meeting were presented & unanimously approved.

***Financial reports** from November were presented. It was reported the Outreach Fund was at \$12,000.00. Reports were unanimously approved.

***Sister Nora’s reports** were presented. Holy Week schedule will be the same this year. Sister Nora indicated she could use help with home communions.

***Unfinished Business:**

Shared Ministry Covenant was approved by the Council.

Constitution Bylaws and Continuing Resolution was discussed.

Pioneer Faith New Contract will be drafted.

***New Business:**

Endowment Committee. There was extensive discussion about the Endowment.

Updating Church Email List was discussed.

2024 Annual Meeting Agenda was discussed & changes made. There are now 121 confirmed members.

(See full minutes on the Bulletin Board outside of the Fellowship Hall)

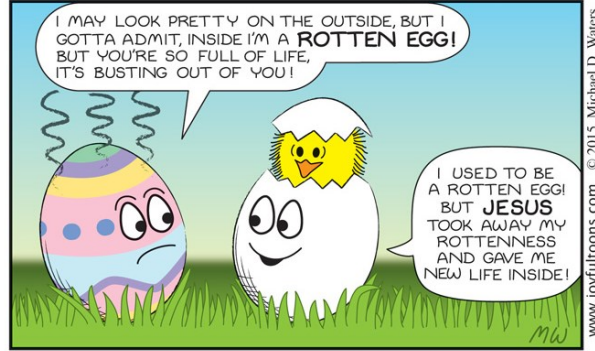


Lenten Calendars & Study Booklets are still available to pick up in the narthex.

Please note that there is one large print booklet left.

EASTER EGGS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. - JOHN 20:31 NV

----- Cut Here -----

Easter is fast approaching and it's time to place your order for Easter flowers!

Again this year the choice for flowers are Easter Lilies, Tulips or Hyacinths, all are 6" potted with a lovely gold pot cover.

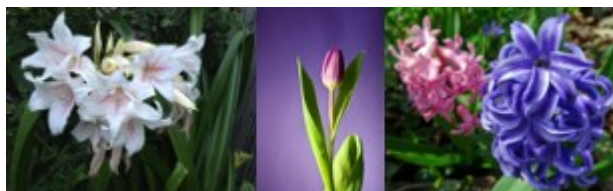
Each beautiful plant costs only \$10

Make your order with this order sheet and drop it off at the church office or place in the offering.

NOTE: Orders must be submitted by Sunday, March 10.

Each plant is \$10.00.
Deadline is Sunday, March 10, 2024
 NO EXCEPTIONS

	Quantity				
Easter Lilies	_____	X	\$10 =	_____	
Tulips	_____	X	\$10 =	_____	
Hyacinths	_____	X	\$10 =	_____	
Total Enclosed:				_____	
Name: _____					
In honor of: _____					
In memory of: _____					





Did you know?

The Dairy Queen located at 206 W Jackson Blvd, Elkhart has a **PAY IT FORWARD** meal plan.

You can Pre-Pay a meal for someone in need who cannot afford it for only \$7.00 to \$10.00.

When you buy a meal of your choice from their menu, they will place the receipt for that meal on their public wall inside the restaurant. Anyone in need may come in, take that receipt, give it to the cashier, who will make that meal for the person. No questions asked.

What a great opportunity to show the love of Christ to someone in need this season!

GOD'S LOVE DISPLAYED

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - ROMANS 5:8 NIV



All members of Grace & Augustana who enjoy singing are encouraged to attend March choir rehearsals at Grace on **Tuesday evenings at 7 PM** (March 5, 19, and 26). We will be learning music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. If you have questions, please contact Sister Nora.

Saturday, March 9, 7:30-11:30 AM The Post Youth Center Fund Raiser

301 E Lincoln Ave - Goshen
Celebrating 20 Years of serving
Pancakes & Sausage!

Tickets are \$5 at the door. Kids 5 & under free when you dine in.

Drive through carry out is available.



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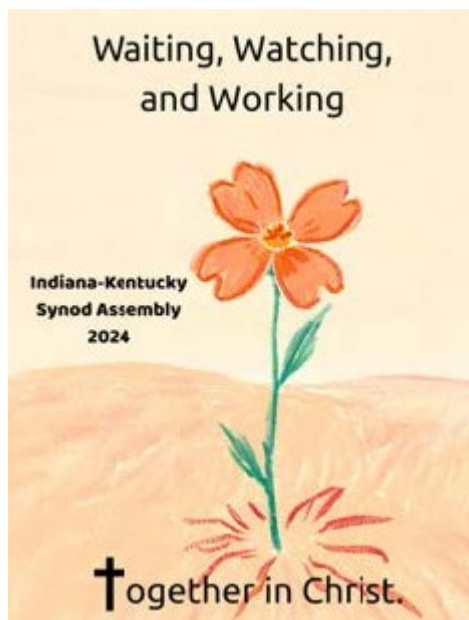
2024 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly June 7-9, 2024

CROWNE PLAZA LOUISVILLE AIRPORT
830 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40209

The 37th Annual Assembly of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held **Friday, June 7, through Sunday, June 9, 2024**, at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209.

On site check-in/registration opens at 11:00 am Eastern on Friday, June 7, 2024, with the Opening of the Assembly beginning at 2:00 pm Eastern.

For more details and registration information, go to: <https://iksynod.org/assembly/>



Augustana needs 1 male and 1 female voting member present. The church will pay the registration fee, room, and meals, as well as travel expenses. Early Bird registration ends April 4 and the rate will increase April 5. Please consider serving in this capacity and let Sister Nora know.

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ 8AM-Noon
Tuesday ~ 10:30AM-1:30PM
Wednesday ~ 8AM-Noon
Thursday ~ 8AM-Noon
Friday ~ OFFICE CLOSED

GOD'S GIFT FOOD PANTRY

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

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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.*

God's Gifts Pantry Needs Your Help

Thursday, March 14, and Thursday, March 28 will be our next sack distributions. Your donations are very much appreciated! Our numbers have increased to 100 persons per month. Please bring items to the church, placing them in the barrels by the office. The following items are needed:

Canned chicken
Ritz or other crackers in sleeves
Pork and Beans
Boxes or bags of rice
Cake mixes and frosting
Peanut Butter
Spaghetti or other pasta
Canned spaghetti sauce (red)
Cookies (individually wrapped)
Toilet paper

*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

Cans with pop-tops are preferred though we know many cans do not come that way.

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Join us each Sunday morning for Fellowship in the Narthex before & after worship.					1	2	
3 10AM-Bible Study 11AM-Worship	4	5 1:30PM-Book Study at Grace 7:00PM-Choir Rehearsal at Grace	6 9AM-Breakfast Club at Perkins Midweek Lent Services: Noon-Grace 6:30PM-	7 6:30PM-Book Study at Augustana	8	9  SPRING AHEAD!	
10 10AM-Bible Study 11AM-Worship	11	12 9:30AM-Christ Mass at Faith Lutheran-Goshen 1:30PM-Book Study at Grace 6:30PM-Augustana Council Meeting	13 Midweek Lent Services: Noon-Grace 6:30PM-Augustana	14 10-11AM-God's Gifts Food Pantry 6:30PM-Book Study at Augustana	15 5:30PM-Grace Game Night	16	
17 10AM-Bible Study 11AM-Worship	18	19 8:45-Noon-Ministerium Mtg 1:30PM-Book Study at Grace 7:00PM-Choir Rehearsal at Grace	20 Midweek Lent Services: Noon-Grace 6:30PM-Augustana	21 Newsletter Articles Deadline 6:30PM-Book Study at Augustana	22	23	
24 10AM-Bible Study 11AM-Worship with Palm Procession 	25	26 7:00PM-Choir Rehearsal at Grace	27 Midweek Lent Services: Noon-Grace 6:30PM-Augustana	28 10-11AM-God's Gifts Food Pantry 11AM-Blessing Bags Distribution 6:30PM-Maundy Thursday Service at Augustana	29 Noon-Stations of the Cross at Grace 7:30PM-Tenebrae Service at Grace	30 6:30PM-Easter Vigil at Augustana	
31 7AM-Sunrise Service at Grace 9AM-Easter Service at Grace 10AM-Bible Study at Augustana 11AM-Easter Service at Augustana						Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever!	