



Augustana News

May 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

During our April meeting of the Ministerium we reviewed the ELCA's Draft of a Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith. The Task Force is now at the point of seeking public comment on the document which is the result of three years of study which included listening sessions, hours of reading, study by members of the task force, discussion, and grappling with the critical, contemporary, and vexing matters around Civic Life and Faith. All this in an attempt to bring this document to common conviction and expression. Feedback is being accepted through September 30, 2024, at which time the task force will edit the draft in light of public input. The proposed draft will be submitted to the ELCA Church Council who will vote on sending it on to the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in 2025. If adopted by a 2/3's margin, the social statement will become the official social teaching of this church and as such will govern church teaching, policies, and ministries. It will also serve as a tool for all members of the ELCA as we individually or as a congregation think about civic life.

I would encourage everyone to read the document which comes in an "abridged version" (which, in my humble opinion, leaves significant room for confusion and various misunderstandings) and the "full version" which is more tedious to read (55 pages) but which brings significant light and explanation to the Social Statement from a theological, doctrinal, Biblical and spiritual perspective. Though it is impossible in this article to give justice to this statement let me highlight the sections which are addressed: I. Fundamental Teaching: God's Activity Toward Well-being Through Civic Life; II. The Calling to Robust Civic Participation; III. Assessing the U.S. Constitutional Form of Government; IV. Religion and the First Amendment; V. Describing the Constructive Relationships of Religious Organizations and Political Authority; VI. Addressing Selected Contemporary Concerns in Civic Life. Go to <https://www.ELCA.org/civicsandfaith> to read the Draft, comment with your opinions and suggestions on the survey, and learn more about individuals on the task force. There is also a study curriculum on Civic Life and Faith which wrestles with what it means to be disciples of Christ in a democracy – to serve God as citizens, as residents, and as a community of faith. The Draft Social Statement as well as the study materials includes a helpful glossary.

So why do I bring this up in my May Newsletter article? Because every year on the first Thursday of May our country observes the National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer exists to mobilize unified public prayer for America. We are invited to pray for our Nation and to intercede for our nation: federal government (President, Vice-President, Cabinet members, Congressional leaders, Supreme Court Justices); state government (Governor, Executive leaders, Legislative leaders, Judicial leaders); and local government (Mayor, City Counsel, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Judges, County Officials); our military, media, business, education, church, and family.

The theme this year is **Lift Up The Word – Light Up The World**. The theme comes from 2 Samuel 22:29-31: "For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. This God – his way is perfect: the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him." On May 2, the

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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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Jerry Duck
574-532-9628 – cell

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574-294-3910 – home

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269-641-2182 – home

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Augustana Call Committee

Brian & Stacy Fann (Co-Chairs)

Maralee Macumber

Janie Williams

Nancy Tinder

Doris Koontz

Diane Erickson

Interim Minister

Sister Nora Frost
574-226-1412 – cell

*Lift Up
the Word*

~ ~ ~

*Light Up
the
World*

The Word in Season
daily devotional booklets

and

The Lutheran Journal
Volume 93 have arrived.

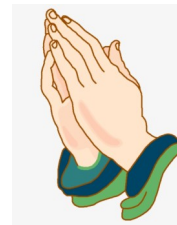
Pick up your free copies
inside both entrances of
the church building.

Wednesday Evening Holden Prayer Begins!

Third Wednesday in May

6:30PM ~ Augustana

Please let your friends and neighbors know that this quiet reflective service is available. All are welcome. The service is about 40 minutes in length.



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

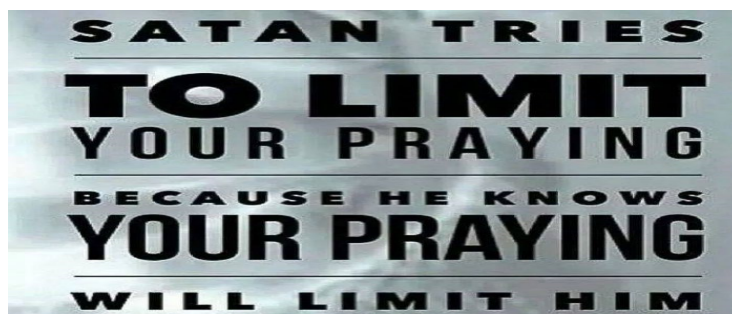
Saturday & Sunday ~ Call for an appointment.

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

Tom Brill
Jennifer Ball's sister:
Billi Jan
Rick Cassel
Emily Moyer's father: Don
Tracy Thompson
Becky

Health Concerns

Roy Powell
Lori Howard
Jerry & Judy Duck
Melanie Watson's mother:
June
Eric & Ryan Drummond
Terry Myers & wife Rita
John Bryan
Karen Gugel
Ron Steele
Margaret
Kelly Smith
Hugh Wardlaw
Tim Cunningham
Priscilla Powell's son: Mike
Jon Howard
Deb Ludlow & her mother:
Jenene Whalen
John Metz
John Metz' friend: Gene
Katlin Williams
Wini Rogers

Health Concerns, Continued

Arlene Doring
Deborah Trapp
Janet
Jim
Chris
Mary Harder
Charles
Kim's wife
Martin McCullen
Gracie
Sharon Butler
Teresa Berket

Those who mourn

Families of
Pam Gentle
Stephen Nyikos

Other concerns

Sean in discernment
Samantha
Victims of war, violence,
natural disasters
Pioneer Faith Ministries
Elkhart Schools students & staff
Council & Call
Committee
Future Pastor

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National Day of Prayer, take time to pray the following prayer as an individual Christian, with members of your family, with a group of neighbors, or with members at church:

*Jesus we profess our faith in You. You are the Light of the World, and in You there is no darkness. For You are our lamp, O Lord, and our God who lights our darkness. Forgive us for fearing and focusing on the darkness around us instead of being filled with faith and shining like the city of a hill You have called us to be. Forgive us for the times when we have been the absence of light, allowing darkness to dwell in America. Lead us forward to dispel the darkness and bring light throughout the Church, our Family, Education, Business, Military, Government, and Arts, Entertainment, and Media. We are saved by grace through faith, released from the darkness that once held us captive and now free to walk in the newness of life in You. Light dispels darkness and exposes what is hidden and wicked, so we commit to rise and shine! For by You, Lord, we can take courage to run against the enemy; and by our God we can fight the good fight and keep the faith as living lampstands in our communities and country. We fear no evil for You are with us. Lord, Your way is perfect. You lead us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Your Word is Truth, instructing and inspiring us to live in the abundant life You gave when You saved us from death and destruction of the enemy. Fill us with Truth as we read, study, and live Your Word. God, You are a shield for all those who take refuge in You. As we abide in You and Your Word abides in us, we take up our shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God and run boldly into the darkness to **Lift Up the Word and Light Up the World!** In the mighty name of Jesus we pray. Amen. ~ Written by NDP President Kathy Branzell*

Blessings on your Day,
Sister Nora



May 5 - Easter 6	May 12 - Easter 7	May 19 - Day of Pentecost	May 26 - The Holy Trinity
Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 I John 5:1-6 St. John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 I John 5:9-13 St. John 17:6-19	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 St. John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 St. John 3:1-17

“In Over Our Heads” by William White

Upcoming 4-week Book Study Begins on May 7

Tuesdays, 1:30 PM at Grace ~ Thursdays, 6:30 PM at Augustana

This book focuses on themes of grace and discipleship. Included in the book are compelling faith stories, strong retelling of many biblical stories, and provocative questions for reflection and discussion.

Session I: Read Part One, Pages 14-36

Let Sister Nora know you would like a book. There is only 1 book left. The cost is \$10.00 each.



After successfully completing all the First Communion Classes, Isabella Mills will make her First Communion at Augustana on May 12th at the 11AM Service of Worship.

May God bless Isabella as she grows in faith and receives The Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**MAY 2024
SERVER SCHEDULE**

May 5 - Easter 6

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer

Lector: Jerry Duck

Server: Leah Moyer

Technology Server: Cayden Abner

Ushers: The Watson Family

May 12 – Easter 7

Assisting Minister: Nancy Tinder

Lector: Jennifer Ball

Server: Jack Watson

Technology Server: Leah Moyer

Ushers: The Moyer Family

May 19 – Day of Pentecost

Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber

Lector: Maralee Macumber

Server: George Scupham

Technology Server: Jack Watson

Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

May 26 – The Holy Trinity

Assisting Minister: Scott Watson

Lector: Jennifer Ball

Server: Dorothy Moyer

Technology Server: Mark Moyer

Ushers: Jerry & Judy Duck

May Altar Guild

Emily Moyer & Heidi Scupham

Please let the office know of any changes.

**Pioneer Faith Ministries Invites
Our Youth**

Meeting up 6-8PM the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month! Come gather with us for opportunities to glean & grow with friends and face new opportunities and challenges! Every season will be different as well as every challenge — our God remains the same!

Come join Pioneer Youth | Pointing Youth To HIM

Questions? Contact Tim Piper at 574-370-9379 or Michele Piper at 574-370-8346 .

Registration link:

pioneerfaithministries.churchbase.com/forms/555

May Altar Flowers

May 5 – Given by Mike & Linda Iavagnilio

May 12 – Given by Randy & Nancy Tinder
In celebration of the birthdays of
Chuck Miller and Lori Howard

May 19 – In memory of Sister Phyllis Enck,
Sister Nora's friend

May 26 – Available

*Please be sure to sign up to sponsor
altar flowers at the easel in the nar-
thex using the provided envelopes.
There is availability in May and July.
Thank you.*



FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 9 AM
(Always the first Wednesday)**

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

LAST THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

May 30 ~ Noon

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 Wednesday, May 29.*

3rd Friday Game Night at Grace

5:30 PM ~ May 17

Casseroles, desserts, & more. Puzzles, card games, board & trivia games. Watch the announcements for May's theme. All youth and adults are welcome!

April Financial/ Attendance Report

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

**Information thru April 24, 2024

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement	Fiscal Year-to-Date Funds to General Fund
\$25,711.25	\$14,998.00
April Monthly Budget	April Offering to General Fund
\$11,935.00	\$3,909.00
April Weekly Budget	Noisy Offering Fiscal Year-to-Date
\$2,983.75	\$52.00
April Average Sunday In-Person Attendance	April Average Sunday Facebook Attendance
30	23



Friday, May 3, 11:00 AM
Grace & Augustana Ladies Lunch
 at Hacienda, 186 Easy Shopping Place
 RSVP: Karen Culver 615-330-0269



Augustana Work Day
Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM

Bring tools, screw gun, etc., yourself, and dress for the occasion. There's plenty of work for everyone!

Approved Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes Highlights Of March 12, 2024

Present: Maralee Macumber, Randy Tinder, Gunnar Erickson, Diane Erickson, Jerry Duck, Dave Ermis, Nancy Tinder, Chuck Miller, Sister Nora

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

***Financial reports** from February were presented and unanimously approved.

***Sister Nora's reports** were presented. She spoke on the Code of Ethics and the Synod staff who are leaving. Bishop Bill retires September and the new Bishop is to be installed in October.

***Unfinished Business:**

Constitution & Bylaws was sent to the Review Committee.

Call Committee report is on hold for now. Synod Assembly. Augustana needs 2 members to attend.

Organist. The search for organist beyond June 2 continues.

Pioneer Faith wants to include Augustana youth in their youth group.

***New Business:**

Work Day. A list of projects has begun.

Time & Talent Sheets. A committee restructuring is needed.

Endowment & Paul Fischbaugh Fund was discussed at length. Will be discussed further at next meeting.

First Communion Class to be held in April for youth and adults.

Blessing Bags will be distributed March 28.

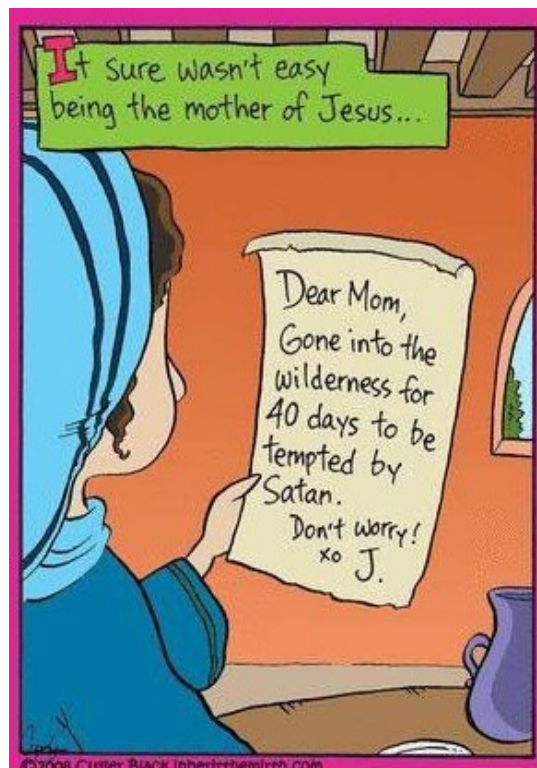
(See full minutes on the Bulletin Board outside of the Fellowship Hall)

Two Important Church Festivals in May Ascension Day & The Day of Pentecost

Forty days after Easter, the church celebrates the Ascension of our Lord, who ascended into heaven not only as God but also as man. The color of Ascension Day is white. This year we again have the opportunity to join with Lutherans throughout our North Central conference on May 9th at 7 PM at Hilltop Lutheran Church of the Ascension in South Bend, Indiana just one block off the corner of Ireland Rd. on Ironwood from the 20 Bypass. If you plan to attend, let Sister Nora know so a reservation can be made or call directly at 215-920-9119.

Then the final Sunday of the Easter season (fifty days after Easter) is the Celebration of The Day of Pentecost on May 19th. This Festival was adopted by the early Christians to commemorate the first great harvest of believers for Christ. Therefore, Pentecost is seen as the birthday of the church, as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they gave their compelling witness about the resurrected Lord. The color of the Day of Pentecost is red, representing fire and blood. Red recalls the tongues of fire received on the first Pentecost and all the martyrs who shed their blood for the faith. The Day of Pentecost begins the long green season (color is green) of the Sundays after Pentecost. There are twenty-six Sundays after Pentecost which take us to the last Sunday of the Church Year – Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 24th). Many of our Gospel readings will come from the Gospel of Saint Mark but we will also enjoy many of the bread texts from the Gospel of Saint John throughout the summer.

*We celebrate all our mothers on
Mother's Day,
Sunday, May 12*



Please make the following addition to your Augustana Directory:

Addition:

KOBOLD, Denny & Pat

612 Windmill Dr

Plymouth IN 46563

574-298-0328 (Denny cell)

574-361-0969 (Pat cell)

Denny Birthday: June 19

Pat Birthday: November 2

Denny & Pat's Anniversary: August 20

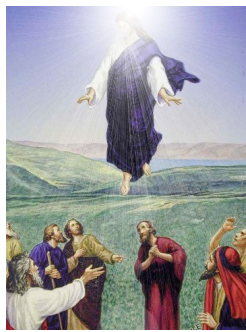
Please note: To minimize miscommunication of information, please contact the church office directly with your Directory updates. They will be published in the following Newsletter and will be included in the 2025 Church Directory. Thank you for your help!

Ministry Opportunity

Augustana is searching for a person or persons who would be willing to mail out birthday and anniversary cards to those listed in the Directory. The church would provide all of the materials necessary to do this task. This would be especially perfect for people who find it difficult to get out and about. If this is you, please contact the church during office hours and speak with Julia.

**Conference Ascension Day Service
Thursday, May 9, 7:00 PM**

Hilltop Lutheran Church of the Ascension
4114 S Ironwood Drive
South Bend IN 46614
RSVP by May 2 to Pr. Alexa Kvande
215-920-9119



*"And after He had said these things,
He was lifted up while they were
watching, and a cloud took Him up,
out of their sight."
~ Acts 1:9 NASB*



Looking Ahead

Indiana-Kentucky Synod Youth Mission Trip Sunday, June 23 – Saturday, June 29, 2024 Indianapolis, Indiana

Join us for a week of meaningful community service alongside strong local ministries and non-profit organizations in the Indianapolis area. Our time will be packed with practical acts of love and service as we engage people with Christ-like empathy and compassion. Evening activities will give us the opportunity to sample the culture and diversity of Indiana's largest city.

The cost is \$175 per person which is all inclusive (except for travel to Indianapolis). Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Pastor Dan Fugate at pastordan@pilgrimindy.org or 317-846-2221. Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Carmel, Indiana, will serve as our home base for the week.

This mission trip has been designed for students in grades 8-12 and adult mentors. We encourage both congregational groups as well as individuals to participate.

Summer Camp 2024

The summer camping season is upon us and children and youth have a full schedule of camp offerings they may attend beginning in June through the beginning of August. The three camps which are part of our synod's camping program are Lake Luther in Angola, Lutheran Hills in Morgantown, and Lutherwald in Howe. The cost of camp is between \$450 and \$675 per camper. We have youth who have expressed interest in attending; and as in years past, we would like to be able to financially help them have this important camp experience. If you would like to contribute toward to Camp Scholarship, please mark 2024 Summer Camp on your offering.



If you have or know of a child or youth entering grade 1 through grade 12, there is a camp program for them. All camps are full weeks, Sunday through Friday. Campers experience a wide variety of age-appropriate activities in small and large groups, Bible Study, games, hiking, swimming, arts and crafts, devotions, worship, campfires, and music play. Camp grows faith, Camp provides connections, Camp prepares leaders, Camp changes lives.

Information and registration information and volunteering to help can be found on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall or by visiting www.lomik.org. **Augustana will provide scholarships for youth who wish to attend.** If you have questions, please speak with Sister Nora.

**Center for Hospice Care's
31st Bereavement Camp Evergreen
& Grief Support**



Camp Evergreen Day Camp	Camp Evergreen Family Workshop
Saturday, June 1, 2024	Saturday, October 5, 2024
Youth & teens ages 10-17 (18 if they are a senior in high school)	Center for Hospice Care – Mishawaka Office Youth ages 6 to 12 with at least one parent/guardian
Camp Alexander Mack in Milford, IN	
Free Transportation from designated pick-up sites.	

The Center also offers individual & family grief counseling as well as Children’s Grief Support Groups and Teen Grief Support Groups. All bereavement services are available to anyone who is grieving the death of someone significant in their lives and are free of charge. Information on bulletin board or call 574-255-1064 for more information.

ELCA NEWS

ELCA Conference of Bishops calls for cease-fire in Gaza

The Conference of Bishops met Feb. 27–March 5. Among other [key business](#) the conference issued a [statement](#) and sent a [letter](#) to President Joe Biden calling for a permanent bilateral cease-fire in Gaza and urging the president and legislators “to do everything in their power to bring an end to the current suffering and lay the foundation for lasting peace with justice.” Read more at [ELCA.org/News-and-Events/8219](https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8219).

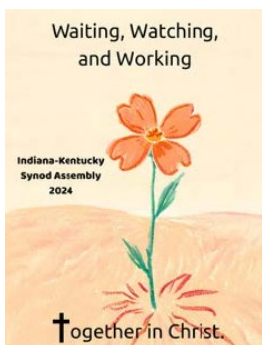
2024 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly ~ June 7-9, 2024

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/>



Thank you to Dave & Janet Ermis for serving as our voting members.

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.

Augustana Lutheran Church

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Website: www.augustanaelkhart.org

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, May 9, and Thursday, May 23 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
Laundry detergent

*The following items are found at Dollar Tree:

*Mac & Cheese with foil pack
*Boxed cereals (any size or kind)
*Spaghetti-O's – pull top
*Pork n' Beans & Dogs – pull top
*canned Kid meals
*Bags or boxes of rice
*Dinty Moore Stew
*Bags of beans
*Tuna

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

May 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Join us each Sunday morning for Fellowship in the Narthex before & after worship.</p>			<p>1 Secretary Out of Office 9 AM-Breakfast Club at Perkins</p>	<p>2 Secretary Out of Office</p>	<p>3 11 AM-Grace & Augustana Ladies' Lunch at Hacienda</p>	<p>4 9 AM - Augustana Work Day</p>
<p>5 11 AM-Worship</p>	<p>6 Secretary Out of Office</p>	<p>7 1:30 PM-Book Study at Grace</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 10-11 AM-God's Gifts Food Pantry 6:30 PM-Book Study at Augustana 7 PM-Ascension Day Service in South Bend</p>	<p>10 6-8 PM-Pioneer Faith Youth Group</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day  11 AM-Worship First Communion</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 1:30 PM-Book Study at Grace 6:30 PM-Augustana Council Meeting</p>	<p>15 6:30 PM-Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>16 6:30 PM-Book Study at Augustana</p>	<p>17 5:30 PM-Grace Game Night</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 11 AM-Worship Day of Pentecost</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8:45 AM-Noon-Ministerium Mtg 1:30 PM-Book Study at Grace</p>	<p>22 <i>Newsletter Articles Deadline</i></p>	<p>23 10-11 AM-God's Gifts Food Pantry 6:30 PM-Book Study at Augustana</p>	<p>24 6-8 PM-Pioneer Faith Youth Group</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 11 AM-Worship</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day - Office Closed </p>	<p>28 1:30 PM-Book Study at Grace</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 6:30 PM-Book Study at Augustana</p>	<p>31</p>	