

**September Bible  
Study Plan**

**September 1, 2019 ~  
Pentecost 12**

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

**September 8, 2019 ~  
Pentecost 13**

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

**September 15, 2019 ~  
Pentecost 14**

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

**September 22, 2019 ~  
Pentecost 15**

Jeremiah 8:18--9:1  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

**September 29, 2019 ~  
Pentecost 16**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

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Music Director : Sean Diller  
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# Augustana News

## September 2019

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God." Romans 15:7*

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Greetings in Christ,

## Pastor's Page

***"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."  
-Philippians 2:3-4***

Recently I heard a quote, "As a pastor, I tell new members that my hope is they'll like 70% of what we do here at the church." At first it struck me as rather odd. Shouldn't we try to make church enjoyable 100% of the time? 70% would imply that 30% of the time people won't like what's happening.

The beauty of that quote is that it points to the fact that we are all part of a community. You may love a certain hymn that the person sitting next to you in the pew despises. You may think the brass was a bit too loud, but it brings a tear to the eye of somebody else. You may say that the sermon was life-changing, while your neighbor is sound asleep.

That's what it means to be church – recognizing that there's no "one size fits all" to it, so we try different things and different styles and different ministries that hopefully are a blessing to others. Maybe that's how you feel about the consolidation process, too – maybe you understand how it will be a blessing to the community but you don't really like worshipping at the "other church." I get that. Yet, I also know it's a blessing to others.

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**Deadline for items for the October 2019  
Augustana News is Thursday, September 19th!**



So maybe we're called into the 70-30 rule. The next time you don't particularly care for a hymn or switching buildings or the sermon or a particular prayer, I encourage you to think about somebody else and how that just might be an incredible blessing to them. Because we did it that way, the Spirit worked and did something amazing in their life. I imagine that suddenly it doesn't seem so bad. And then we start to realize that there are probably things that we love, that others could care less about.

We are a community of faith. Each with our own unique gifts, our own passions, and interests. When those come together we become a dynamic system that shares the love of God with all people for the good of those around us. Thank you for being part of this community of faith.

Thank you for being a partner in ministry,

Pastor Dan

## 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer at Augustana

Join us the first Wednesday of September (the 4<sup>th</sup>), October (the 2<sup>nd</sup>), and November (the 6<sup>th</sup>) as we gather at Augustana for a potluck at 6pm and then Holden Evening Prayer with preaching at 7pm. If you have never experienced Holden Evening Prayer it's one of the most beautiful services. With times of music and silence, interspersed with beautiful lyrics, readings, and prayers, it is a service that many people call their favorite.

All are welcome and we will hope you join us!

There is great gain in godliness with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world and we cannot take anything out of the world; but if we have food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and hurtful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs.

~Timothy 6:6-10

from *Stewardship*  
September 2019



### Stewardship Prayer

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded by the Psalmist that yours is "the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have.

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

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# I-K Lutheran

## *Where God is doing new things*

September 2019

One of our synod's pastors recently asked me "What's on your Kindle? What are you reading?" Of course, what I am reading (and listening to while driving across this territory) says something about where at least some of my attention is focused and what I am giving a good portion of my mental and spiritual energy to. In fact, reading is a key spiritual, personal, and professional discipline for me. I often encounter the Word as I wander through works of fiction and non-fiction alike. Here's a list that includes a couple of books I recently finished along with a few that I am currently working my way through.



The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea. As a Mexican-American family gathers for a weekend that includes both a funeral and a birthday party, flashbacks reveal how each of the family members arrived in America and portray the losses, challenges, opportunities, and roadblocks they experienced along the way. At the same time, the story of this family's weekend together draws the reader deep into the complexity of the joys and sorrows that make up just about every family's life.

Song of Exile: The Enduring Mystery of Psalm 137 by David W. Stowe. As many folks know, I often quote Psalm 137 when talking about the situation of the church today. As the landscape in which we go about mission and ministry has changed dramatically in recent years, many of us cry out with our ancient ancestors, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" Stowe explores the amazingly wide variety of profound ways in which this psalm has found its way into music, movies, TV shows, literature of all sorts, and a wide variety of secular and religious communities.

Building Successful Communities of Practice: Discover How Connecting People Makes Better Organizations by Emily Webber and Cultivating Communities of Practice: A Guide to Managing Knowledge by Etienne Wenger, et al.

This fall, conference deans and synod staff will begin exploring how we might become an intentional "community of practice" and, consequently, cultivate our conference ministeriums as communities of practice. Such communities both build deep, trusting, mutually supportive relationships among their participants and create space for them to help each other grow in their gifts and skills for their particular ministries.

Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US by Lenny Duncan and Waking Up White by Debby Irving. Lenny Duncan is an African-American ELCA pastor. Debby Irving is a white woman. Each tells their own story and experience with race and racism while also offering insight about confronting racism within ourselves and in church and society.

Anna Pigeon Mysteries (Series) by Nevada Barr. Each of the novels in this series of mystery novels takes place at a different national park and features Anna Pigeon, a park ranger and sleuth. Reading the series is a little like touring the parks while also getting caught up in murders, mayhem and mysteries, as well as the complex issues and people that create and are affected by them.

What are you reading?

Peace be with you,

Bishop Bill Gafkjen

# Upcoming Synod Youth Ministry Events

## Confirmation Retreats (grades 6 through 8 and adult mentors)

INDIANA-KENTUCKY SYNOD



MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING

- Friday evening, September 20, through Sunday morning, September 22, 2019. Held at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in St. John, Indiana (please bring air mattress, sleeping bag, etc.)
- Friday evening, October 4, through Sunday morning, October 6, 2019. Held at Lutheran Hills Camp, Morgantown, Indiana

- We will focus on the Lord's Prayer and we will help students identify their unique gifts, grow in faith, and building connections for youth across the synod. There will be experiential learning sessions, a hands-on service project, and time for recreation and fun. Worship will be held on Sunday morning.
- Cost is \$75 per person which includes lodging, food, and programming at Holy Shepherd and \$100 per person at Lutheran Hills.

## Synod Youth Gathering/Bishop's Day (grades 7 through 12 and adult mentors)



- Friday evening, November 22, through Sunday morning, November 24, 2019
- Held at Cambria Suites Hotel, Noblesville, Indiana
- Rachel Kurtz will be our musician and speaker
- We will have experiential learning sessions, a hands-on service project, games, recreation, music, fun, and a focus on building connections for youth from across the synod.
- Cost is \$125 per person which includes lodging, food, and programming.

## Indiana-Kentucky Synod Youth Leadership Summit (grades 7 through 12 and adult mentors)



- Thursday, June 4, through Saturday, June 6, 2020
- Held at Embassy Suites Hotel, Noblesville, Indiana
- Join us for a focus on leadership development, faith formation, and building connections for youth across our synod. There will be engaging speakers, a digital service project, and lots of fun.
- Cost is \$75 per person which includes lodging, food, and programming.

## Indiana-Kentucky Synod Youth Mission Trip (grades 7 through 12 and adult mentors)



- Sunday evening, June 21, through Saturday morning, June 27, 2020
- Held in Louisville, Kentucky
- 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 Kentucky's largest city. We will spend Friday at Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay Water Park.
- Cost is \$175 per person which includes everything except travel to and from Louisville.



Indiana-Kentucky Synod  
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### Blood Pressure Checks Expanded

There will be Blood Pressure Checks after worship at Augustana on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. This costs nothing but could save your life.



### Noisy Offering will be Collected after Children's Sermon on 1st and 3rd Sunday

Don't forget to bring your loose change to worship on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at Augustana. This money, collected by our children, is given to support the programs at Church Community Services. What does Church Community Services do?

This faith-based agency helps people in Elkhart County weather life's storms and build more secure futures through emergency assistance and intensive job and life skill training.

Two really important programs are Soup of Success and Seed to Feed.

Go to [churchcommunityservices.org](http://churchcommunityservices.org) to learn more.



### Prayer Team Starts September 1

The Prayer Team will begin meeting on the first Sunday of each month after worship. If you are interested in being a part of this important and vital ministry, please join us in the library on Sunday, September 1st. There are many needs in our congregation, area congregations, the ELCA, synod, city, country and around the world.



### Holden Evening Prayer Returns at Augustana

A number of you have asked that the monthly Holden Evening Prayer Service return. We will meet together for this beautiful meditative service of song, prayer and homily at Augustana:

Wednesday, September 4th	6PM Potluck	7PM Worship
Wednesday, October 2nd	6PM Potluck	7PM Worship
Wednesday, November 6th	6PM Potluck	7PM Worship



### Are You Willing To Bring Someone to Worship or Other Church Events?

There are a number of individuals who are members at Grace and Augustana who would very much like to attend worship on Sunday, Wednesday at 4PM at Grace or Holden Evening Prayer (6PM) 7PM at Augustana on the first Wednesday of the month as well as some of the planned events on the weekly calendar; however, they no longer drive or have transportation to them. If you are willing to assist with this need, please talk with Sister Nora.



### **"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday -- September 8th**

Youth and adults from Augustana and Grace will join forces for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday on September 8th immediately following worship. This will also be the kick off Sunday for our youth from both congregations. Three projects will be offered and we need the congregations help in collecting some items to complete the projects.

We will be preparing birthday bags for several food pantries in our area. What is a birthday bag you may be asking? Well, it is a bag which contains everything you need to celebrate your special day. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to celebrate their birthday. So we need your help collecting items for these bags which would be given out at the time folks come to pick up food from the pantries. Our hope is to make at least 30 bags. Please bring items to Augustana or Grace marked "God's Work. Our Hands." any time prior to September 8th.

#### **Needed for the Birthday Bags:**

**Any type of cake mix \* Frosting \* Candles \* Plates \* Napkins \* Streamers \* Ballons \* Small Bottles of Vegetable Oil**

The second project is a fleece project for animal toys and blankets to be used by two "no-kill" animal shelters (One in Cassopolis, Michigan and one in South Bend, Indiana.)

#### **Needed for Fleece Project:**

**Any type, color print of fleece. It would be great if the fleece had an animal print.**

The third project will be park clean-up.

#### **Needed for Park Clean-Up Project:**

**Bring a rake and gloves with you on September 8th. Trash bags will be provided.**

We need everyone from each congregation to stay after worship for this important day of service. Every congregation across the 65 synods of the ELCA will be pitching in to make something special happen on "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday.



### **Youth Organizing -- September 8th**

All youth in upper elementary, middle school and high school will be meeting together to choose a name for our group. So be thinking of some really DANK names. We will talk about when we will meet like maybe the first and third Sundays of a month. We are exploring Group Remind/Band app where youth can ask each other for prayers, help with school or issues and where each one can give and receive everyday encouragement throughout the week.

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### Youth Organizing -- September 8th *continued*

We will be talking about some seasonal challenges, Video Mini Series, Book discussion, Bible study with Faith Lens (ELCA Website).

Some youth would like to explore other religions and various denominations like: the Jewish, Hindu, Catholic, Amish, Muslims and others as these are all our neighbors. If this interests some, then we will make arrangements to actually visit these houses of worship and talk with the leaders of these religions/denominations.

We will be discussing the possibility of a Fall Lock-In on September 27th; Lake Luther Clean up on October 12th; November Synod Youth Gathering (grades 7-12) November 22-24 in Noblesville, Indiana; Thanksgiving Dinner Helps; Baby Shower for Jesus in December; and a sledding party at George Wilson Park in January.

Let's plan for the I-K Synod Youth Mission Trip (grades 7-12) June 21-27 in Louisville, Kentucky. Time will be packed with practical acts of love and service as people are engaged with Christ-like empathy and compassion. Evening activities will give us the opportunity to sample culture and diversity of Kentucky's largest city. Friday will be spent at Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay Water Park.

COME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th TO BE PART OF THE PLANNING.

We have a potential of 29 youth. Yeah!!  
This youth group is going to be the GOAT. For sure! Don't miss it.



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### September and October Classes to Be Offered

Pastor Dan will be teaching a class after worship on September 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

"**Coping with Change and Dealing with Crisis: How much breaking news can you take?**" is definitely a timely topic to which most of us can relate. During the month of October (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th) following worship Sister Nora will teach a class "**Power Tools: Spiritual Disciplines to Refresh the Spirit, Encourage the Mind and Relax the Body.**" Who doesn't need a little refreshment, encouragement and relaxation? Come and indulge.

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### Women of the ELCA Fall Biennial Convention -- September 13/14 Indianapolis

Women from across the Indiana-Kentucky Synod will be gathering at the Holiday Inn Indianapolis Airport under the theme "Come to the Well...Leave it all Behind." There will be study, service projects, worship, and much more.

Please let Diane Erickson or Sister Nora know if you still would like to attend.



### Email Prayer Chain -- Phone Prayer Chain

We have had numerous requests for prayers over the summer. Some have been requests for intercessions regarding health crisis, unexpected life events, death, surgery, etc. Others have been requests for prayers of thanksgiving when prayers have been answered or situations have taken a positive turn. We as Christians have the opportunity to engage in the lives of other Christians through the power of prayer. If you are willing to receive these email prayer requests and earnestly offer these requests to God, please call the church office to have your email address added to the list. If you do not have email but are willing to receive the request by phone and pass it on to another person who also needs the request by phone, please call the church office as well.

Please call the church office to activate the prayer chain or to ask the staff to hold you and/or your request in prayer. Please be aware that requests should be made with the consent of the one for whom you are requesting prayers. If this is not a ministry in which you are able to engage, please take the bulletin home with you and offer your prayers for those listed each week.

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### Questions Regarding Ministers in the ELCA --Pastors, Deacons.....Help us understand?

There have been questions about Rostered Ministers in the ELCA. Candidacy in the ELCA is the churchwide process of preparation and formation leading to rostered ministry to either ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament (Pastor) or ordination to the Ministry of Word and Service (Deacon). Pastors (Ministers of Word and Sacrament) are primarily responsible for the community of faith. That is they preach the Gospel, forgive sins, interpret doctrine, and celebrate the sacraments. They may also be called to non-congregational calls as administrators, professors, chaplains, teachers, etc. Deacons (Ministers of Word and Service) serve congregational, church related and in positions which extend the church's mission and ministry of care and witness into the world to address social need. Deacons serve in congregations as parish workers, directors of Christian education and youth, as institutional chaplains, administrators, counselors, advocates, educators, spiritual directors, etc.

Some Deacons are also Deaconesses who are called Sisters and belong to a religious community of women in the ELCA which traces its origin in Biblical roots to the New Testament and in the United States to 1884 when the first Sisters arrived from Germany to open a Hospital, Home for the Aged, School for Girls and a Motherhouse for the religious Community. For those of us who have chosen to be members of the Deaconess Community of the ELCA there is a dual candidacy process....one for the community and one for the synod as outlined below.

The candidacy process is the same for all candidates (Pastors and Deacons) in all 65 of the ELCA synods and includes completion of an undergraduate degree, meeting a synodical committee for a positive entrance decision, receiving a positive seminary decision, attending and completing a Master's degree from an approved seminary with grades sent to the synod, relating and meeting with the synod committee throughout seminary, completing an internship with reports sent to the candidacy committee, having psychological testing with report to the synod committee, attending formation events, taking a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (for one to two years of residency for those seeking Board certification as an institutional chaplain), endorsement interview with candidacy committee and writing a required essay. With all these things completed there is an approval interview with an essay being presented to the Synod candidacy committee. When a positive approval decision is given you are eligible for

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**Questions Regarding Ministers in the ELCA --Pastors, Deacons.....**  
**Help us understand? *continued***

ordination (the term for the rite previously had been called consecration). You are then ready for a call in the ELCA. The process for all calls go through the office of the Bishop in which you reside. You may think this is the end of the process; but it is really the beginning of a life-long process of continuing education and spiritual formation.

You must remain in a call, be retired or be on-leave from call with the Bishop's approval for three years with appropriate extensions. If you are not in a call within that amount of time; you may be removed from the roster of ministers of the ELCA and need to repeat steps of the candidacy process to be reinstated.

So what about lay persons who wish to serve in some way but for one reason or another are not being called to a vocation in the church? For those who wish to learn more there is the official Diakonia program which gives persons an opportunity to study in an overview fashion an introduction to New Testament, church history, Lutheran Creeds and Confessions, Practical Ministry, The Daily Life of the Christian, Doctrine, Introduction to the Old Testament, Worship and ethics. The purpose of this program is to help persons discover their God given gifts, strengthen their faith and give purpose to using their gifts in the church and the world. This program and others offered outside the ELCA synodical candidacy process do not lead to rostered ministry in the ELCA but does not lessen their value or worth.

All Christians are called to use the gifts God has given them to serve God and God's people. If you feel God is calling you to rostered Ministry in the ELCA or to deepen your commitment as you seek to live out your Baptism in a deeper, fuller and more intentional way, talk with Pastor Dan or Sister Nora. Listen, God is calling.

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**2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Actions**

The more than 900 voting members gathered from August 5th - 10th in the Wisconsin Center under the theme "We are Church." The following are some of the actions taken:

~Reelect on the first ballot of Rev. Elizabeth Eaton to a six year term as Presiding Bishop. This will be her second term and two terms is the limit that bishops may serve.

~Elected Deacon Sue Rothmeyer to a first six year term as ELCA Secretary. She presently has been serving in the office of the secretary as Executive for Administration.

~Approved the social statement "Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Call to Action" and its implementing resolutions. The social statement in part, names patriarchy and sexism as sins and calls the church to action on a range of issues, including gender based violence, workplace discrimination and economic inequality.

~Adopted "A Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment," which will serve as church policy for inter-religious relations. The policy was adopted with the witness of 39 ecumenical and inter-religious guests in attendance.

~Approved the triennium budget for 2020-2022.

~Adopted the "Strategy Toward Authentic Diversity in the ELCA" which consists of a report and recommendations on how the ELCA exhibits authentic diversity and formulates goals for racial diversity and inclusion.

~Witnessed the presentation of the "Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent," which was accepted by the Rev. Lamont A. Wells, president of the African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA) and members of ADLA.

~Adopted 26 memorials en bloc, ranging in topics from gun violence to engagement in the Holy Land and gender identity to seminary tuition.

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2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly Actions *continued*

~Adopted a memorial that affirms the ELCA's long standing commitment to migrants and refugees and declares the ELCA a sanctuary church body.

~Adopted a memorial to encourage all synods and congregation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in 2020, the 40th anniversary of the ordination of women of color in the Lutheran tradition and the 10th anniversary of the ELCA decision to remove barriers to ordination for people in same gender relationships.

~Adopted a memorial to support the vision and goals of the Poor People's Campaign that align with the ELCA's social teachings.

~Adopted a series of amendments to the Constitutions, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA, including one that makes ordination the entrance rite for ministers of Word and Service, and an amendment to no longer count deacons as laypersons for representational principles.

~Adopted a resolution that committed the ELCA to support the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign towards a world without race and violence.

~Adopted a resolution to commemorate June 17th as a day of Repentance in the ELCA FOR THE MARTYRDOM OF THE EMANUEL 9 - the nine people who were shot and killed June 17th, 2015 during a Bible Study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

~Adopted a resolution to condemn white supremacy, called all ELCA congregations to engage in a "study of the structures and rhetoric that empower and fuel racism and white supremacy and to take to heart the teaching of Scriptures, so we may all be better equipped to speak boldly about the equal dignity of all persons in the eyes of God."

~Celebrated the end of "Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA" which concluded June 30 with nearly \$250 million raised in cash, multiyear commitments and planned gift commitments. At the 2013 ELCA Churchwide assembly, voting members approved the \$198 million campaign to help sustain and grow ministries of the church.

~Elected members to serve on the Churchwide council, committees, boards, etc.

Road Trip to  
St. John, Indiana

Saturday, August 10th



The weather finally cooperated for our road trip to the Shrine of Christ's Passion ~ it was beautiful!

Sunday, August 11th  
The Blessing of the Backpacks



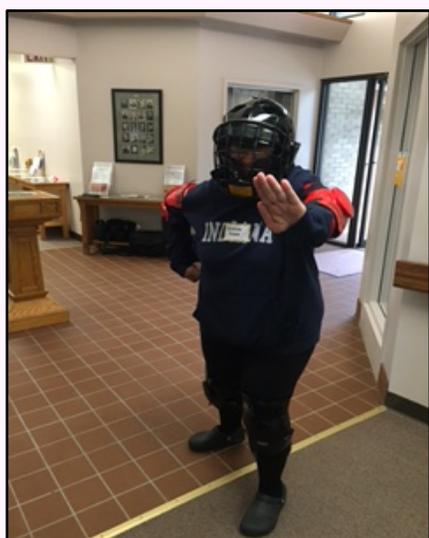
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Monday Night Meals  
volunteer picnic



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Sister Nora graduates from the  
R.A.D. Self Defense Classes  
held in the month of August  
at Augustana.



*Present: Keith Johnson, Heidi Scupham, Janet Ermis, Bonnie Rice, Doris Koontz, Nichole Metz, Don & Dee Smith, Pastor Dan Forehand, Sr. Nora Frost, Randy Tinder, Kathy Nowak and Grace's Council.*

Pastor Dan led the joint councils in opening devotions, then Grace and Augustana councils met separately to discuss each church's business. The two churches shared financial information so as to be transparent going into an anticipated consolidation procedure.

Minutes from the June Council Meeting- Keith Johnson asked if there were any questions or concerns on the minutes. Janet Ermis asked if the transition from Chase Bank to 1<sup>st</sup> Source Bank had been completed. The answer was yes. Janet Ermis moved to accept the minutes; Doris Koontz seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pledge/Giving report- Keith Johnson asked if there were any questions or concerns on the report. The question was raised on the money shown in the Monday Night Meals account. Kathy Nowak explained that the money shown there was actually held in the General Fund account and it would just be accounting paperwork to remove it from the Pledged accounts on the report and that could be done when the council instructs it to be done. Dee Smith moved to accept the report; Janet Ermis seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Treasurer's report- Keith Johnson asked if there were any questions or concerns on the report. Heidi Scupham moved to accept the report; Dee Smith seconded. A unanimous vote carried.

Pastor Dan's report - Report was reviewed by Council.

Sister Nora's report - Report was reviewed by Council.

**Finance Committee** – Keith Johnson noted there is no new report, but that they will be meeting in November.

**Stewardship Committee** – Keith Johnson noted there is no new report, but they will be meeting in the Fall.

**Parish Education Committee** – Heidi Scupham passed out a paper and discussed "Bringing Our Youth Together". Areas this covered were a) looking for a name to call our youth; b) when youth would meet- first and third Sundays of the month during worship; c) curriculum; d) apps the group could use to keep in contact; e) exploring other religions; and f) activities and service projects. Sunday School will be starting September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Worship & Music Committee** – AJ Diller was not at meeting to give report.

**Social Ministry & Evangelism Committee** – Bonnie Rice noted there was no new report.

**Endowment Committee** – Don Smith noted that scholarship checks were sent out last week, approximately \$700 each.

**Memorial Committee** – Janet Ermis noted there is no new report.

**Property Committee** – Keith Johnson didn't have any new reports, but Janet Ermis noted Dave had made several repairs around the church building, and there was more that needed done. Kathy Nowak noted that the tiles in the entryway are getting worn and the cleaning company offered that they could put down a clear coat for \$50 if the council felt it was needed.

Old Business:  
\*No updates.

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New Business:

\*Discussion of Special Meeting on Sunday, August 25. The location on each congregation's meeting. That there will only be one item on the agenda. There must be a quorum in each meeting and a simple majority of those present is what is needed.

\*Pastor Dan noted that the preliminary work on teams to discuss different areas that will need to be fleshed out will begin tonight after the two councils come back together.

\*Pastor Dan then discussed briefly, his planning on taking a sabbatical in 2021, 12 weeks are allowed and he is working on grants at this time.

Augustana and Grace Councils came back together for joint work.

Pastor Dan closed with devotions.

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A pastor is walking down the street one day when he notices a small boy trying to use the doorbell on a house across the street. However, the boy is very small and the doorbell is too high for him to reach.

After watching the boy's efforts for some time the pastor walks across the street up to the little fellow and rings the doorbell. Kneeling down next to the child, the pastor smiles and asks, "And now what, my little man?"

To which the boy replies, "Run!"

A father was reading a Bible story to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

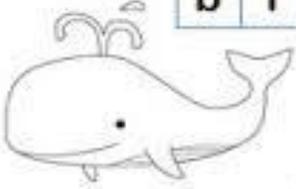


Giggles

# KID'S PAGE

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What seafood goes well with peanut butter?

Jellyfish!

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When does a lizard say "Quack"?

When he's learning a new language!

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What do you call a clam that doesn't share?

A selfish shellfish!

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What kind of bull doesn't have horns?

A bullfrog!



## September Craft- Sand Painting

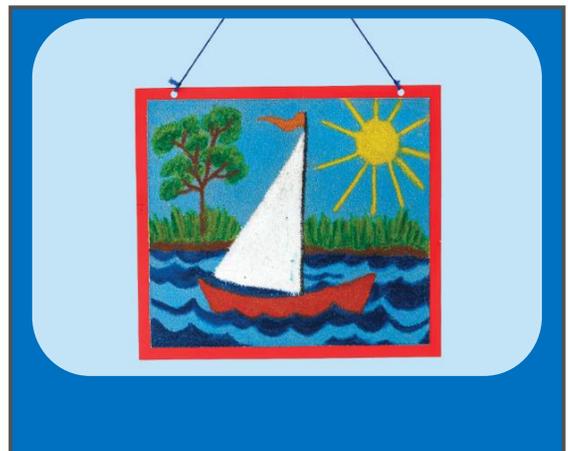
*Make these unusual art pieces for your own Art Gallery!*

### What You'll Need:

- Crayons
- Sheet of Sandpaper
- Foil-Covered Baking Sheet
- Glue
- Card Stock
- Hole Punch
- Yarn

### What You'll Do:

- 1) Use crayons to draw a picture on a sheet of sandpaper.
- 2) Place the picture on a foil-covered baking sheet.
- 3) Ask a parent to preheat the oven to 225° F, to bake the picture for 1 minute, and then to remove it. Let it cool.
- 4) Glue the picture to cardstock. Punch two holes in the top. Add a yarn hanger.



# Vasa Order of America

## Linné Lodge 153



### Scandinavian Smorgasbord

Linné Lodge 153 of the Vasa Order of America is celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Vasa is a Scandinavian organization which encompasses the countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. If your ancestor has ties to any of these countries, join us and learn the cultures and customs of your homeland.

Help us celebrate on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. EST at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 225 Haney, South Bend, IN 46613.

Matt Bumgartner will be speaking about the Teutonic Knights at our October 6, 2019 meeting, and Bruce Anderson will be discussing Swedish Vikings and their ships at our November 3, 2019 meeting.

For information or reservations, please contact Chris Miller at 574-370-1622, or e-mail [epiphanymiller@gmail.com](mailto:epiphanymiller@gmail.com).

Year-to-Date Noisy Offering:  
\$153.00



## Church News

### Coming Up in September and October

Sundays in September - one service only at 9AM at Augustana.

Sundays in October - one service only at 9AM at Grace.

Starting September 1 - Prayer Group on the 1st Sunday of each month; Noisy Offering and Blood Pressure checks on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

September 2 - Labor Day ~ Church Office Closed.

September 3 - Choir practice 7PM at Grace begins.

September 4 - Breakfast Club meets at the Golden Egg at 9AM. Worship at Grace at 4PM. Potluck (6PM) and Holden Evening Prayer (7PM) at Augustana.

September 8 - Sunday School resumes.

God's work. Our hands. Projects and Youth Organizing after worship.

September 11 - Worship at Grace 4PM.

September 13/14 - WELCA Fall Biennial Convention in Indianapolis.

September 14 - Men's Breakfast at Perkin's at 8:30AM.

September 15, 22, 29 - Adult Education Classes with Pastor Dan after worship.

September 16 - Joint Church Council meeting at Augustana at 6:30PM.

September 18 - LifeLine Screening at Augustana from 9AM - 4PM. Worship at Grace at 4PM.

September 24 - Bells practice 6PM at Grace begins.

September 25 - Worship at Grace at 4PM.

October 2 - Breakfast Club meets at the Golden Egg at 9AM. Worship at Grace at 4PM. Potluck (6PM) and Holden Evening Prayer (7PM) at Augustana.

October 6, 13, 20, 27 - Adult Education Classes with Sister Nora after worship.

Grace/ Augustana Men's Breakfast ~ Saturday, September 14th at 8:30am at Perkin's.

Breakfast Club  
Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at  
Golden Egg  
*All Are Welcome!*

Returning the first Sunday morning  
of the month at Augustana, Prayer  
Group will meet after worship.

Join us the first Wednesday of  
September (the 4<sup>th</sup>), October (the 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
and November (the 6<sup>th</sup>) at  
Augustana for a potluck at 6pm,  
then Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm.

<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement</b>	<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Offerings to General Fund</b> <small>[as of 8/25/2019]</small>
\$83,178.00	\$75,415.87
<b>August Monthly Budget</b>	<b>August Offerings to General Fund</b> <small>[as of 8/25/2019]</small>
\$11,153.00	\$6,254.64
<b>August Weekly Budget</b>	<b>August Average Weekly Attendance</b>
\$2,788.25	135

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

# Congregation Care Corner



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

September Anniversaries

*Dave & Janet Ermis 9/5*  
*Terry & Kathy Garl 9/9*  
*Andy & Dawn Mills 9/19*  
*Scott & Melanie Watson 9/22*  
*Chris & Jessica Kauffman 9/26*



September Birthdays

*Mark Moyer 9/2*  
*Elliott Nusbaum 9/4*  
*Thomas Nusbaum 9/5*  
*Cherie Nusbaum 9/6*  
*Dave Ermis 9/9*  
*Alisha Kindy 9/10*  
*Jackie Mann 9/20*  
*Barbara Dills 9/21*  
*Gary Moberg 9/26*  
*Matthew Kibiloski 9/27*  
*Alec Kauffman 9/28*  
*Janet Ermis 9/29*  
*Amy Miller 9/30*



*Grow* in the  
 grace and  
 knowledge of  
*Jesus*  
 2 Peter 3:18



*Prayer List*

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

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

*Altar Flowers  
 for September*



~~ At Augustana ~~

*September 1, 2019 ~ Grace Member*  
*September 8, 2019 ~ Grace Member*  
*September 15, 2019 ~ In honor of the Anniversary  
 of Terry & Kathy Garl*  
*September 22, 2019 ~ Grace Member*  
*September 29, 2019 ~ Grace Member*

**Notice:**

Beginning in January 2018 the sign up sheet for the altar  
 flowers will be in the church office. To schedule altar flowers  
 please contact Kathy in the office, or drop off an envelope with  
 requested date and payment.  
 Payment will be required before altar flowers are ordered.

**Assisting Minister:**  
Sr. Nora Frost (Scott Watson - Sept 29)

**Communion Assistant:**  
Melanie Watson

**Altar Guild:**  
Brenda Miller & Nancy Tinder

**Coffee Hostess:**  
Dee Smith & Bonnie Rice

**Counter:**  
Chris Mills

**September 1, 2019 – Pentecost 12**

*Greeters:* Ron Johnson & Gunnar Erickson  
*Ushers:* Deb Rowland & Diane Erickson  
*Server:* Dorothy Moyer  
*Lector:* Dawn Mills  
*Nursery:* Julie Knepper  
*Sound:* Keith Johnson

**September 8, 2019 – Pentecost 13**

*Greeters:* Brad & Amanda Ganczak  
*Ushers:* Jay & Bonnie Rice  
*Server:* Jack Watson  
*Lector:* Scott Watson  
*Nursery:* Christine Jeffirs Moore  
*Sound:* Mark Moyer

*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](mailto:secretary@augustana.comcastbiz.net) or 574.294.3823.  
Thank you.*

SEPTEMBER 2019  
SERVER'S SCHEDULE

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Dear children, let us  
not love with words  
or speech but with  
actions and in truth.

-John 3:18

**September 15, 2019 – Pentecost 14**

*Greeters:* Ed & Janie Williams  
*Ushers:* Ron Johnson & Brenda Miller  
*Server:* George Scupham  
*Lector:* Lynn Winters  
*Nursery:* Jillian Scupham  
*Sound:* Chuck Miller

**September 22, 2019 – Pentecost 15**

*Greeters:* Christine Jeffirs Moore & Janet Moyer  
*Ushers:* Dave & Janet Ermis  
*Server:* Olivia Knepper  
*Lector:* Jerry Duck  
*Nursery:* Judy Duck  
*Sound:* Keith Johnson

**September 29, 2019 – Pentecost 16**

*Greeters:* Don & Dee Smith  
*Ushers:* Brooke Watson & Deb Rowland  
*Server:* Jillian Scupham  
*Lector:* Nancy Tinder  
*Nursery:* Emily Moyer  
*Sound:* Mark Moyer

# September 2019

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

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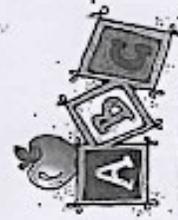
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pentecost 12 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9AM-Worship at Augustana w/Noisy Offering After Worship: Coffee Hour; BP Checks; Prayer Group	Labor Day Church Office Closed		9AM-Breakfast Club meets at Golden Egg 4PM-Worship at Grace 6PM-Potluck and 7PM-Holden Worship at Augustana			
Pentecost 13 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Augustana After Worship: Coffee Hour; Youth Meeting; <b>Gods work. Our hands.</b> Activities			4PM-Worship at Grace		WELCA Fall Biennial Convention in Indianapolis-runs through the 14th	8:30AM-Grace/Augustana Men's Breakfast at Perkin's
Pentecost 14 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Augustana w/Noisy Offering After Worship: Coffee Hour; BP Checks; Adult Education Class	6:30PM-Joint Council Meeting at Augustana	9:30AM-Ministerium  Pastor out of town	9AM to 4PM-LifeLine Screening at Augustana 4PM-Worship at Grace  Pastor out of town	Pastor out of town		
Pentecost 15 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Augustana After Worship: Coffee Hour; Adult Education Class  Pastor out of town after	Pastor out of town	Pastor out of town	4PM-Worship at Grace	Sr Nora out of town	Sr Nora out of town	Sr Nora out of town
Pentecost 16 29	30					
9AM-Worship/Sunday School at Augustana After Worship: Coffee Hour; Adult Education Class  Sr Nora out of town	Sr Nora out of town					



# September

2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	9:00am Augustana Worship				
2	LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	10:00am Food Pantry 10:40am Susanna's K. 7:00pm Choir	4 4:00pm Worship Holden Eve, Prayer 6:00pm Potluck 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	5	6 Church Office Closed
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5	7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew 11:00am - Share Team	10 10:00am Food Pantry 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 7:00pm Choir	11 11:30am Table Talk @ Flippin' Cow 4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	12	13 Church Office Closed Women ELCA Convention
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8	9:00am Augustana Worship GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY				14 8:30am Men in Mission Breakfast Women ELCA Convention
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15	9:00am Augustana Worship 10:15am Bible Study	16 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew 6:30pm Jt. Council Mtg. @ Augustana 9:30am Clothing Room	17 9:30am Ministerium 10:00am Food Pantry 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 7:00pm Choir	18 9:00am-4:00pm Life Screening @ Augustana 4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	19 9:00am Grace Notes Articles due
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22	9:00am Augustana Worship 10:15 Bible Study	23 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew	24 10:00am Food Pantry 10:00am - GN Mailing 5:30pm Faith is Fun! 6:00PM Bell Choir 7:00pm Choir	25 4:00pm Worship 8:00pm AA	26 Church Office Closed 6:00pm Supper Club @ Chubby Trout
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29	9:00am Augustana Worship 10:15am Bible Study	30 7:15am Cup o' Joe at Electric Brew			



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