

November 2026

Augustana News

It's the time of year when our minds and hearts are prodded towards considering the things we are thankful for.

Of course, we know there is really no bad excuse to be grateful. As God's people at Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches we are reminded each week of reasons to be grateful: the grace of God poured out in the waters of Baptism and given freely in the bread and cup of Holy Communion, the blessing of gathered community, the abundant gifts of creation, the joy of receiving God's word, the love of Jesus, the accompaniment of the Holy Spirit, all that we have and are able to share–gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and so much more. Each week part of the reason we gather is to remember God's many rich blessings and our calling to share them with those beyond our church walls.

But thankfulness outside of worship might come a little more slowly for us. There are, after all, many things in our lives that are difficult. We witness violence in the world around us and in our own communities, we struggle to make ends meet, we face challenging medical diagnoses, we are separated from those we love, we endure times of grief and doubt. Some days it is just harder to cultivate gratefulness than others!

This month I invite you to embrace a daily practice of gratitude. Included here in our newsletter, is a daily gratitude calendar from *Faithful Families* with one small practice you can embrace each day in November. There is one small prompt every day to help you consider something for which you are thankful: an animal, a game, a memory, or a tradition, for instance. You could write your answers down in a journal or on a wall calendar, speak them aloud in prayer or at the dinner table with family, text or email them to a group of friends. If you miss a day or two, don't give up! Keep cultivating gratefulness within yourself. This can be a formative spiritual practice when taken up with intention.

Practicing gratitude even on days when it doesn't come as easily helps us to remember God's goodness not only during this time of year when we might be prodded to do so, but to also remember God's goodness, grace, and nearness when we really need it, on those days when it would be so much easier to forget. This will help us cultivate a spiritual hardiness that can carry us through dark winter days and so much more.

So print off your calendar, rip it out of your newsletter, or pick up an extra at church. Put it somewhere you will notice it each day this month. Let everyday in November be a time to give God thanks, not only on one particular Thursday.

I'm thankful for each of you!
Pastor Emily



Fellowship Opportunities

First Wednesday Breakfast Club
Wednesday, November 4th ~ 9 AM

Meet at Perkins on Cassopolis Street.
Call Deb Rowland for reservations.





Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, November 25 ~ Noon

Come and join your Augustana friends for lunch at:

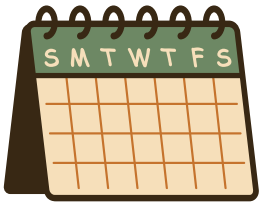
Baker's Nook Cafe 127 Easy Shopping Place Elkhart IN 46516

Bring a friend or neighbor with you.
Phone your reservation and the number coming to the church office by Monday, September 21st.

First Sunday Dinner

Join us on **Sunday, November 1st** for our First Sunday Dinner after worship. Stay for food, fun & fellowship!





Mark your calendars



All Saints Day is November 1

All Saints Day is November 1: On All Saints Day we remember those saints we've known and loved who have gone before us in faith. Bring a picture or memento for our "All Saints Altar" and light a candle for someone who you have loved and lost. All members and friends of our congregation who have died in the past year will be remembered in prayer this day.

Mark Your Calendar: Annual Meeting November 22
Not only is November 22 Reign of Christ Sunday, the final Sunday of the Church year, it is also our Annual Congregational Meeting at Augustana. At this yearly meeting, we vote on the budget, elect new council members, and take on the business side of being church together. The complete packet of reports will be available by email and for pick up in the office by November 8. Please read these in advance and come prepared with your questions.



Bells ARE Ringing!

BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

831 West Marion Street
Elkhart, Indiana

8:30 A.M. UNTIL 1 P.M.



DECORATED COOKIES



BAKED GOODS



MINCEMEAT



GIFT BASKETS

GENTLY USED CHRISTMAS ITEMS & NEARLY NEW ITEMS



EGG CASSEROLE BREAKFAST



Bring a friend and start your Christmas shopping early!

Did you know that you can give to Augustana electronically? Set up your offerings through Tithe.ly! Go to our website https://augustanaelkhart.org and at the top of the page click on "More" then "Giving. Or scan the QR code here using the camera app on your smartphone. You can make a one time donation or set up your weekly or monthly offering. Thank you for giving to God's work at Augustana!



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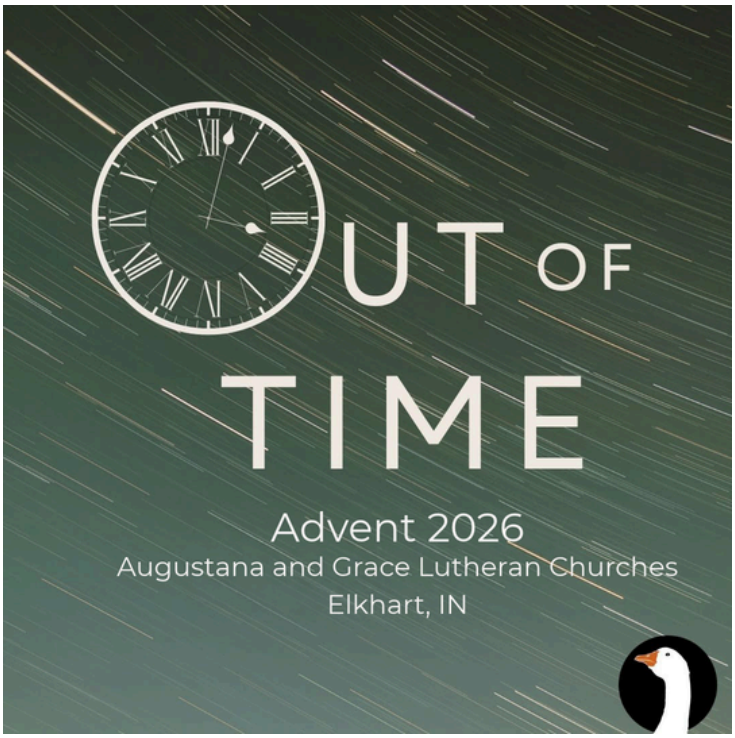


Our church offices will be closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope you enjoy the holiday!



JOIN US

Advent



This Advent Season begins on November 29, and we are OUT OF TIME! You know those calendar push notifications that regularly pop up on your phone? The ones that remind you that you have a doctor's appointment or a lunch date? They may have saved your reputation as a responsible person once or twice! Those notifications remind us of the birthdays, deadlines, and events that would otherwise be lost in a sea of distractions.

When Advent arrives, it's as though a push notification appears in our collective Christian consciousness: ***The day of the Lord is coming up!***

As the church year barrels to its close in November and then careens into a new beginning, the texts we'll hear in worship are preoccupied with time: the day of the Lord, God's time versus our time, the mysterious scheduling of the day and the hour when God will appear. God, who created time and exists beyond it, is busy within, around, and beyond our human experience of time.

Just what is God doing when it comes to time and to us? Our Advent series this year– *Out of Time*– invites reflection on how people experience time and on how God uses our experience to meet us, challenge us, bless us, shape us, and call us into holy endings and new beginnings.

Advent thrusts upon us the reality that time is limited. We run out of time to reconcile, to prepare, to make a change. Yet even as we are running out of time, God is outside of time entirely. God's infinite being and infinite patience cut through our fear as God enters human time to dwell with us: *Emmanuel*, God-with-us.

Join Augustana and Grace Lutheran Churches in this Advent season as we explore this theme in take-home devotionals, preaching, worship, and more.

ANNUAL QUARTER SALE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Annual Quarter Sale will be Saturday, December 12 and we are looking for a few donations!
Donate items that make a nice, small gift for anyone in a family--grandparents, parents, or kids. These items will be available for sale to kids from our church and neighborhood who want to purchase a Christmas present for their family members. Please drop off at the church by December 6. Volunteers will be needed that day as well, and the sale will be 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



Request your favorite Christmas Carol, enjoy local artwork, and bask in the best of holiday music: Join us for a Community Carol Sing!
Augustana is hosting a Community Christmas Carol Sing on Monday, December 14, 6-8 PM. Come request your favorite carol, enjoy the musical offerings of our own Ethan Ford, listen to music from other local musicians, and view local art. More details to come in December, but mark your calendars now for a memorable evening. This event is FREE and open to the entire community, so bring a friend!

November 2026 Servers Schedule

November 1 – All Saints Day
Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer
Lector: Mark Moyer
Acolyte: Leah Moyer
Technology Server: Cayden Abner
Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

November 8 – Pentecost 24
Assisting Minister: Nancy Tinder
Lector: Nancy Tinder
Acolyte: Cayden Abner
Technology Server: Randy Tinder
Ushers: Deb Rowland & Emily Moyer

November 15 – Pentecost 25
Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber
Lector: Maralee Macumber
Acolyte: Leah Moyer
Technology Server: Mark Moyer
Ushers: Gunnar & Diane Erickson

November 22– Christ the King
Assisting Minister: Nancy Tinder
Lector: Diane Erickson
Acolyte: Cayden Abner
Technology Server: Randy Tinder
Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

November 29– Advent 1
Assisting Minister: Ed Williams
Lector: Ed Williams
Acolyte: Leah Moyer
Technology Server: Mark Moyer
Ushers: Deb Rowland

November Altar Guild
Emily Moyer & Heidi Scupham

*Please let the office know of any changes.

Children's Church
November 1 - Diane E. and a friend!
November 8 - Emily M. and Leah M./Dorothy M.
November 15 - Stacy F. and Brian F.
November 22 - 2 volunteers needed!

November Altar Flowers



November 1 - Anonymous
To the Glory of God

November 8 - Available

November 15 - Deb Rowland
in memory of her brother, Bob Todt

November 22 - Janet and Dave Ermis
in memory of their son, Nick Ermis

November 29 - Deb Rowland
in memory of her father, James Todt

If the Altar Flowers are not sponsored, there will be no flowers.
Two floral bouquets total $25.
Many slots are available for sponsorship throughout the year. The easel is at the back of the pews.
Choose your date, sign your name, and whether the flowers are in honor or memory of someone special. You may pay when you sign up or later. Either way, please use the envelope provided for your $25 for both bouquets. Thank you!



50 FAMILIES – 175 PEOPLE SERVED IN OCTOBER

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, November 12 and Wednesday, November 25 will be our next sack distributions.
Thank you to all who have brought items! We continue to serve more people each week, so your contributions are very much needed and appreciated!
Please bring items to the church, Sunday mornings or any time during the week during office hours, placing them in the barrels by the office.

The following items are needed:

Canned chicken or tuna	Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Canned fruits & vegetables	Shampoo
Cereal & Oatmeal	Toilet Paper & Kleenex
Ritz or other crackers in sleeves	Dish Soap & Laundry Detergent (not pods)
Pork and Beans	Cleaning supplies
Boxes or bags of rice	
Boxed potatoes	*The following items are found at Dollar Tree: *
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Mac & Cheese with foil pack
Spaghetti or other pasta	Boxed cereals (any size or kind)
Canned spaghetti sauce (red)	Spaghetti-O's – pull top
Cake mixes and frosting	Pork n' Beans & Dogs – pull top
Pudding - Jell-O	Canned kid meals
Cookies (individually wrapped)	Bags or boxes of rice
Juice	Dinty Moore Stew
Shelf stable milk	Bags of beans
Cooking oil - butter	Tuna

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

NO EXPIRED FOOD



GRATITUDE

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO USE THIS CALENDAR

1. **Make it a small daily ritual.** Whether you reflect on the prompt alone over a cup of coffee or discuss it with your family before bed, choose a time that works for you.

2. **Respond however you like.** Write your answers, draw a picture, say them aloud, or keep a note on your phone.

3. **Cross off the days you do the exercise.** Gratitude is a habit. See how many days in a row you remember.

4. **Be flexible and return.** It's okay if you miss a day or two. Pick up where you left off!

5. **Share with others.** If your whole community is using this calendar, text, call, or email each other with your shared answers.



NOVEMBER 2026 GRATITUDE EVERY DAY

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THU	FRI	SAT
1 A small thing I am thankful for	2 A color I am thankful for	3 A family member I am thankful for	4 A song I am thankful for	5 A memory I am thankful for	6 A freedom I am thankful for	7 A game I am thankful for
8 A book I am thankful for	9 A friend I am thankful for	10 An animal I am thankful for	11 A goal I am thankful for	12 A food I am thankful for	13 A dream I am thankful for	14 A teacher I am thankful for
15 A smell I am thankful for	16 A treasure I am thankful for	17 A season I am thankful for	18 A thing in nature I am thankful for	19 A possession I am thankful for	20 A promise I am thankful for	21 A time of day I am thankful for
22 An act of kindness I am thankful for	23 A piece of advice I am thankful for	24 A talent I am thankful for	25 A mystery I am thankful for	26 A tradition I am thankful for	27 A memory from yesterday I am thankful for	28 A word I am thankful for
29 A lesson I am thankful for	30 A place I am thankful for					



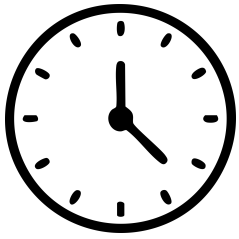
a Faithful Families™ Resource | www.TraciSmith.com

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 *All Saints Day* **11 AM-** Worship **12 PM-** 1st Sunday Dinner	**2**	**3**	**4** **9 AM -** Breakfast Club @ Perkins **4 PM -** Youth Group @ Grace **4:45 PM -** Confirmation Class @ Grace	**5** **4 PM -** Holy Communion @ Grace	**6**	**7**
8 **11 AM -** Worship	**9**	**10**	**11** **4 PM -** Youth Group @ Grace **4:45 PM -** Confirmation Class @ Grace	**12** **10-11 AM -** God's Gifts Pantry **4 PM -** Holy Communion @ Grace	**13**	**14**
15 **11 AM -** Worship	**16**	**17** **6:30 PM -** Council meeting	**18** **4 PM -** Youth Group @ Grace **4:45 PM -** Confirmation Class @ Grace **6-8 PM -** Young Adult Group @ Grace	**19** **4 PM -** Holy Communion @ Grace	**20**	**21**
22 **10:30 AM -** Annual Meeting **11 AM -** Worship	**23**	**24**	**25** **10-11 AM -** God's Gifts Pantry **Noon -** Lunch Bunch @ Baker's Nook	**26** **Office Closed** 	**27** **Office Closed**	**28**
29 **Advent Begins** **9 AM -** Combined Worship @ Grace	**30**	**27**				


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Office Hours



Pastoral Information
Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller

Pastor Emily's Office Hours
9 AM-3 PM
Monday, Wednesday at *Augustana*
Tuesday, Thursday at *Grace*
*Please call for an appointment

OFFICE HOURS
Monday ~ 9 AM-3 PM
Tuesday ~ 1 PM-4 PM
Wednesday ~ 1 PM-4 PM

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