



Augustana News

July 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever thought of your relationship with God...as a dance?

*Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.*

We sang this hymn on Holy Trinity Sunday back in June as we considered the mystery of how God is at once three distinctly separate powers and yet one Divinity.

We even got out of our pews and DANCED, didn't we?! You never know what you might miss when you miss worship....

Our language describes the mystery of Trinity imperfectly, but the image of dance is a captivating one for me. It communicates the MOVEMENT that happens as part of God's person, and the RELATIONSHIP both between us and God, and also within God's self.

Through the act of creation and through the work of the Spirit anew each day, God moves aside to incorporate us into the dance, the joy, the holy work. As people of faith, we know well this joy of being a part of the divine dance. We know what it means to have had God waltz with us through the good times in life and to take our hand and lead us to a slower tune in times of grief or pain. We know what it is to have been accompanied in a way that is freeing and flowing, strong and persistent, gentle and grace-filled.

So, the question becomes—how do we as people of faith make room in the dance for others? How do we step aside to bring others into the joy? Where can we move aside for the sake of God's continuous new creation?

Who is missing from our Sunday worship? Kids and families? Young adults? People from the neighborhood around our churches? Who else? How might we make worship a more inviting space for newcomers?

What friend or family member might be searching for a spiritual connection? Can you invite them to worship with you, to volunteer at our blessing bag distribution July 19, to bible study in the fall?

**Join
the
dance.**

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(Dear Friends—Continued from Page 1)

Are you the one longing to jump back into the groove? Now is the perfect time! Sign up for a small group gathering to get to know me and reconnect with your fellow churchgoers.

This summer, dust off your old dance shoes, put on a welcoming smile, and extend a hand to someone new inviting them into the dance of God that we are so blessed to already be a part of.



*Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.*

~ Cha-cha-cha!
Pastor Emily

Pastoral Information

Rev. Emily Trubey-Weller

Pastor Emily's office days
are in flux as we prepare to welcome a
new administrative assistant.

Please call for an appointment.



Pastor Emily is getting to know us!
Join her for a small group gathering
in July or August.

Thursday, July 3, 10-11:30 AM
Thursday, July 10, 1-2:30 PM
Tuesday, July 22, 6:30-8 PM
Sunday, August 10, after worship

See the sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex for the dates and times available or contact the church office. If none of these work for you, please indicate so on the separate sign up, and Pastor Emily will be in touch. We need one host for each event who will choose the location and arrange for refreshments. Thank you!



PRAYER LIST

Please contact us with updates, praises, & requests.

Health Concerns

Ken Davis, Deb
Rowland's son-in-law
Sister Nora Frost
Barbara Hillyer
Nancy
Dick, Jan, Stacy & Tony
Thaxton
Tracey
Dee
Kathy Nowak
Mary Lou Cassel
Lorri Reinders, Daniel
Trubey-Wellers' Aunt

Other concerns

All Students & Staff and
their families
Victims of war, violence,
natural disasters
Military Service Members
Pioneer Faith Ministries
Council

Prayer for Transition

Pastor Emily & Family
Augustana & Grace

The LORD detests the sacrifice
of the wicked,
but He delights in the
prayers of the upright.
~ *Proverbs 15:8 NLT*



July 6 - Pentecost 4	July 13 - Pentecost 5	July 20 - Pentecost 6	July 27 - Pentecost 7
2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 Galatians 6:1-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20	Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2:6-19 Luke 11:1-13

July Fellowship Opportunities

FIRST WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST CLUB Wednesday, July 2 ~ 9 AM

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

LAST THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH Thursday, July 31 ~ Noon

Come and join your Augustana friends for lunch at **our new location:**

Baker's Nook Café
127 Easy Shopping Place, Elkhart

Bring a friend or neighbor with you. *Phone your reservation and the number coming to the church office by Tuesday, July 29.*

July Worship Opportunities

All Thursdays - 4 PM
Holy Communion at Grace Chapel



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies! Mark your calendars now!

Built on a Rock

Women's Retreat

Camp Lutherwald

September 26 - 3 pm - 9 pm

September 27 - 9 am—3 pm

Sponsored by North Central Cluster, IK
Synod, Women of the ELCA

Watch for further details!



Announcing Scholarship Deadline

Calling all college-bound persons.

Get your scholarship requests in by

Friday, August 15, 2025

to be considered for a Fall Scholarship.

Forms are available in the church office.

JULY 2025 SERVER SCHEDULE

July 6 – Pentecost 4

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer

Lector: Mark Moyer

Server: Leah Moyer

Technology Server: Cayden Abner

Ushers: Jerry & Judy Duck

July 13 – Pentecost 5

Assisting Minister: Maralee Macumber

Lector: Diane Erickson

Server: Jill Scupham

Technology Server: Mark Moyer

Ushers: Gunnar & Diane Erickson

July 20 – Pentecost 6

Assisting Minister:

Lector:

Server: George Scupham

Technology Server: Mark Moyer

Ushers: Janet Moyer & Deb Rowland

July 27 – Pentecost 7

Assisting Minister: Nancy Tinder

Lector: Nancy Tinder

Server: Dorothy Moyer

Technology Server: Randy Tinder

Ushers: Ed & Janie Williams

July Altar Guild

Heidi Paston & Deb Rowland

Please let the office know of any changes.



July Altar Flowers

July 6 – Given by Mary Lou Cassel
in Memory of Richard Cassel

July 13 – Available

July 20 – Given by Ed & Jane Williams
In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary

July 27 – Given by Jennifer Ball
In Memory of her mother,
Jacqueline Campbell

If the Altar Flowers are not sponsored, there will be no flowers. Two floral bouquets total \$25. That's a real deal! 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. Thank you.

Did you know???

- ♦ The term "lawn mullet" means having a neatly manicured front yard and an unmowed mess in the back.
- ♦ Lightning kills about 10,000 people a year worldwide, more people than tornadoes or flooding.

Contribution Statements

Be watching for the mid-year giving statements in July.

They will be available for you to pick up in the narthex. Any leftover at month's end will be shredded.

This is a perfect time to review your desire for offering/giving envelopes. Do you still wish to receive them? Do you want to receive them? Let the office know!

DAILY
DEVOTIONS

The Word in Season devotional booklets for July, August, September have arrived.

Pick up your *free* copy!

Financial/ Attendance Report

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

**Information thru June 26, 2025

Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget Requirement	Fiscal Year-to-Date Actual Funds in General Fund
\$69,247.00	\$47,168.26
June Monthly Budget Requirement	June Actual Offering to General Fund
\$11,940.00	\$6,671.64
JULY Monthly Amount Needed to meet Budget Requirement	Noisy Offering Fiscal Year-to-Date
\$11,940.00	\$100.00
June Average Sunday In-Person Attendance	June Average Sunday Facebook Attendance
36	3
Building Fund Roof Repair Goal	Building Fund Roof Repair Total Giving
\$55,147.00	\$19,347.00

Approved Augustana Lutheran Church Council Minutes Highlights Of May 13, 2025

Present: Jerry Duck, Diane Erickson, Gunnar Erickson, Dave Ermis, Gina Iannarelli, Maralee Macumber, Mark Moyer, Nancy Tinder, Randy Tinder, Sister Nora

Minutes from the April Council meeting were presented & unanimously approved.

***Financial reports** from April were presented. Thrivent Dollars received went towards Roof Fund. We are behind budget. Reports were unanimously approved.

***Sister Nora's reports** were presented. May 18 will be her last day.

***Unfinished Business:**

Organist Update - Alex Jeffirs is interested in being a substitute organist.

Work Day will be scheduled after the roof is completed.

Blessing Bags - Leann Buss from Grace will coordinate the Blessing Bags.

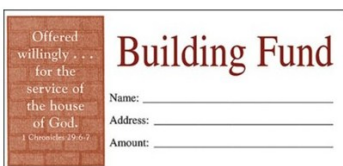
***New Business:**

Building Security - A concern was raised about who will be locking up the church after Sunday services.

Graduate Recognition Sunday: June 8

Pastor's Office Computer - The church will purchase a monitor, keyboard, and a mouse for Pastor Emily to use with her personal laptop.

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



Building Fund Envelopes

Please use these Building Fund Envelopes found in the pews and

narthex for your offerings to help reimburse roof repair costs. If you are unable to make it to church, you may mail in your offering check noting "Roof Repair" on the memo line. Monthly updates in meeting our goal are listed in the above chart. Thank you.



Facebook Livestream

It has been difficult to capture a realistic Facebook Livestream attendance count. We are asking that if you are watching the Sunday worship service live, later in the day, or later in the week, that you would click on the "Like" thumbs-up icon or make a comment. That way, your attendance will be captured, and we will have a more accurate count to report.

Thank you for your help!



God's Gifts Pantry ~
2nd & 4th Thursdays ~ 10-11 AM
One Volunteer's Testimony
~ by Susan Stowell

"Serving and helping others is a great feeling and lets me give back like others gave me when I needed a little help.

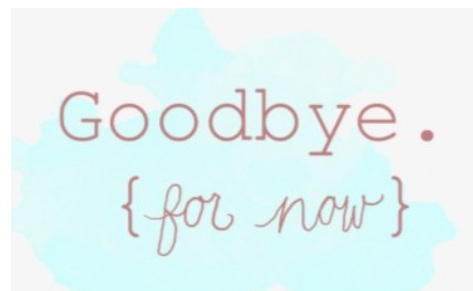
Making some things like coloring book bags, baby quilts, or even just bottle holders, puts a smile on children's faces...it makes you smile. How wonderful it is to easily show another person love.

So, I will keep volunteering as long as I'm allowed."



~ The Pantry Girls:

Mary Lou Cassel
Janet Ermis
Heidi Paston
Priscilla Powell
Deb Rowland
Sue Stowell



Dear Members and Friends of Augustana:

I have made the decision to step down as Parish Secretary. There are things on the horizon for me that I want to be ready for and don't want to miss.

Thank you all for making the past two years a joy at Augustana. Working & serving with, praying with, and getting to know you has been an honor and privilege.

May God bless each of you richly as you continue in His Word, prayer, and being in community with one another.

If I don't see you again, meet me in Glory!

~ Julia

Some Recipients of God's Gifts Pantry...



Looking Ahead

JULY HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, August 6 -

Breakfast Club at Perkins

Thursday, August 14 -

God's Gifts Pantry

Wednesday, August 19 -

Newsletter Articles Deadline

Thursday, August 28 -

God's Gifts Pantry

Thursday, August 28 -

Lunch Bunch at Baker's Nook Café

All Thursdays in June - 4 PM -

Service of Holy Communion at Grace

Founding Members Series

Researched & Submitted by

Diane Frickson

Whoever would have imagined that a fine Italian gentleman has such deep ties to Sweden. Our very own Mike Iavagnilio has not one, but two sets of relatives that were first members of Augustana. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Johanson and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Johanson.

The first on the list are Mike's Great Grandparents. Karl August (Johannisson) and Johannas Marie (Andersdotter) who married in 1865 before immigrating from Sweden in 1871. They had a son, Johannes August Frithiof, and a daughter, Emma Christine. Emma Christina married Andrew Magnuson.

The second members of Augustana were Mike's Grandparents, August F. and Ida Marie Johanson, who had 13 children. Four of those children died in one year from an epidemic. Three of A. F. Johanson's boys served in WW II, but son, Paul, worked for the railroad as did his father. One of the daughters was Alice Helena who died giving birth.

Alice Helena died giving birth to Mike's mother, Betty. Many of you would remember Betty Kurtz Iavagnilio. She was a longtime member but attended Augustana only after her husband passed.



Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

— 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1 NIV



2025 Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly Report Faith, Hope, and Love

Bishop Tim Graham was the keynote all three days,
speaking on Faith, Hope, and Love.

Our itinerary:

Thursday: First Plenary session, Welcome Dinner, Keynote with Bishop Tim, Gathering Worship Service

Friday: Morning Prayer/Devotional, Plenary session, Keynote with Bishop Tim, first of two breakout sessions. I went to “E-connect -A Transformational Journey for your Congregation” session regarding “congregations rediscovering their purpose, energizing their ministries, and deepening their connection with God, each other, and their communities.” Emily Moyer attended “Getting to Know your Community” where attendees learned how to use available public data to be more informed about the community that lives in the immediate vicinity around your church and ways to reach them . Plenary session continued after break outs with synod vice president candidate Q&A, election and results, Synod reports (financial, et al), floor motions and discussion (lots of discussion)

Second breakout session. I attended the session regarding IN/KY synod disaster response, Emily Moyer attended the breakout regarding “De-Stigmatizing Addiction and Recovery in Congregations.” (She received training for the use of Narcan!) Nice Q&A with Bishop Tim to end the evening.

Saturday: Morning Prayer/Devotional, Plenary session, Keynote with Bishop Tim, adoption of budgets (with discussion), remaining elections, and resolutions (with discussion), sending worship service with installation of new synod officers.

I didn’t know what to expect at my first assembly, but I guess it went about the way I expected. I do bring back greetings and well wishes from Pr. Dan Forehand and Pr. Amy Beitelschees-Albers. It was also nice to spend more time getting to know Pr. Emily and the delegates from Grace. Lots of people, lots of listening, good fellowship, meaningful worship together, good sessions to dive a little deeper into something that spoke to you, lots of listening....

Two things stuck with me the most:

1. At the e-connect breakout, the administrator of the session reminded all of us in attendance that “You (Augustana) are enough. You (Augustana) already have all the tools and gifts you need.”
2. And Bishop Tim, (having to re-write/re-work his keynote a little for Saturday after The Pacers NBA Finals Game 1 win) reminded all of us that it really is one simple thing –

“The mission is to tell the story.”

If interested, the bulletin of reports can be found at the IN/KY Synod website under “Upcoming Events, 2025 IN/KY Synod Assembly, Bulletin of Reports”

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ 9am – 3pm

Tuesday & Wednesday ~ 1 – 4pm

GOD'S GIFTS PANTRY

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

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.*

171 People

Served in May

God's Gifts Pantry Needs Your Help

Thursday, July 10 and **Thursday, July 24** 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
Canned fruits & vegetables
Cereal & Oatmeal
Ritz or other crackers in sleeves
Pork and Beans
Boxes or bags of rice
Boxed potatoes
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Spaghetti or other pasta
Canned spaghetti sauce (red) - no glass jars
Cake mixes and frosting
Pudding - jello
Cookies (individually wrapped)
Juice - no glass jars
Non-dairy milk
Cooking oil - butter

Toothpaste & toothbrushes
Shampoo
Toilet Paper & Kleenex
Dish Soap & Laundry Detergent (not pods)
Cleaning supplies

*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.

NO GLASS JARS and NO EXPIRED FOOD

July 2025

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<p>Join us each Sunday morning for Fellowship in the Narthex before & after worship.</p>		1	2 9 AM-Breakfast Club at Perkins	3	4 	5
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