

— June 2026 —

Augustana News



Hello friends of Augustana and Grace, and happy summer to you!

I have to admit, I haven't always loved summer. I'm not much of a hot weather gal, I'd take cool mountain forests over a warm beach any day, and on our family vegetable farm, summer can be a prime time for work rather than play. Yet after this long, chilly, damp spring, even I am longing for a little heat, sunshine on my face, and the chance to get my hands in the dirt and grow something. A change in seasons can be refreshing!

We're entering a new season in our ministry together too, as I have passed the one year mark in our churches. Can you believe it?! We have now spent a whole year together! It has flown by for me, and I know I still have a lot to learn about Augustana and Grace. But it is nice to enter a season of feeling a bit more settled in and at home as your pastor. A new season can be the chance to reflect and reevaluate, to choose a new direction if needed, or to recommit to old values. The wisdom of scripture attests to this well in Ecclesiastes 3: "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven... a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted... a time to break down and a time to build up... a time to weep and a time to laugh... a time to seek and a time to lose... a time to keep and a time to throw away... a time to tear and a time to sew, a time to keep silent and a time to speak..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-7, selections). Nature has seasons, the church has seasons, and our lives have seasons too.

When has a change in the weather, or in the season of your life provided you with such an opportunity? Was it a turn from spring to summer? Or perhaps from living more independently to providing care for someone else or needing to seek more assistance for yourself? Has a change in work required you to slow down or speed up, or has an injury or illness made you pause and reassess? Love, loss, opportunities, and aging all mark seasonal transitions in our lives. How is God working through your current season to remind you of the Spirit's persistent presence in all things, urging you to give in a way you haven't before, or reminding you to recommit to what matters?

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As congregations, we will do some reflecting, reevaluating, and recommitting ourselves this summer! We are recommitting to the study of scripture, as we commit to spending the next year getting into God's Word together. Sign up for The Chosen bible study this summer to recommit yourself! We will have the opportunity to reflect weekly in worship at Augustana, as we start our "Year of Listening" together and begin worship in a time of quiet each week.

The summer break from many usual ministries will give us the chance to think about what these ministries have meant in the past and what they might look like in the future when they resume. Make time in your summer schedule to reflect on your needs and hopes in this season of life, and to hear God's invitation for now.

Praying you find lots of summer sun, refreshment, and God's guidance in this new season!

Peace,
Pastor Emily

Please Note:

Pastor Emily will be out of office and unavailable **June 18-27**. If you need to be in touch with the church or have a pastoral emergency and need a pastor, please contact the office.

Thanks for your understanding and patience!





Prayer List



Ken Davis

Barbara Hillyer

Joel, Barbara's son-in-law

Larry Hillyer

Deb Ludlow

Rachelle Laroche

Courtney Evans, Jessica Kauffman's brother-in-law

Andi Ermis

Jim, Patty Turner's partner

Military Service Members

Alert!

Please note: There will be no July newsletter! We are taking some extra time this summer to work on migrating our newsletter to a new format. The software we previously used is being discontinued.

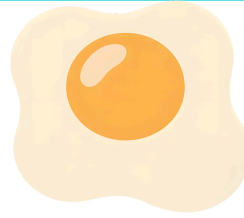
Look forward to our new and improved newsletter in August, and give our office a hand by getting in any August submissions nice and early so that we have plenty of time! Thank you!



Fellowship Opportunities

First Wednesday Breakfast Club

Wednesday, June 3 ~ 9 AM
Meet at Perkins on Cassopolis Street.
Call Deb Rowland for reservations.



Last Thursday Lunch Brunch Thursday, June 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, June 22.

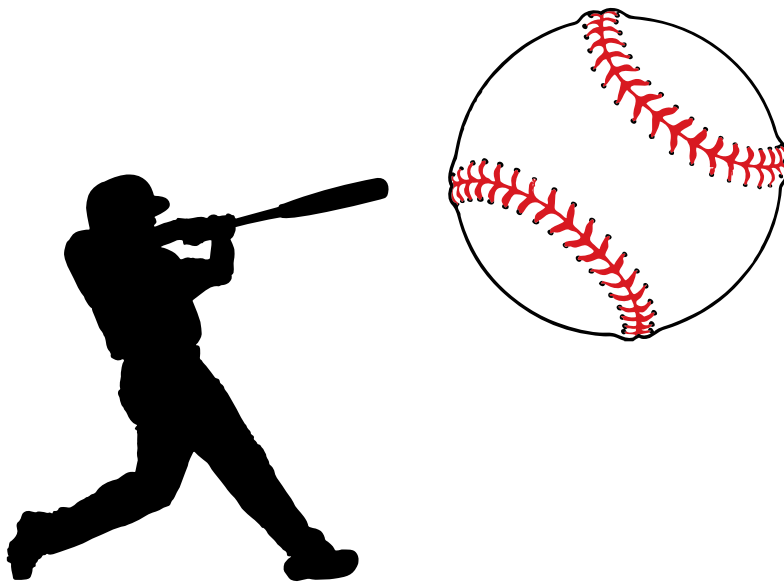
New Member Welcome!

New Member Welcome on June 7!
Say hello to our new church members on June 7 as we welcome them in worship through the rite of Affirmation of Baptism. We are so glad and grateful they have chosen to make their church home with us, both those new to our congregations and those returning.



Young Adult Group
POTLUCK on June 17!

Our new young adult group is off to a great start, and we are excited for our second meeting Wednesday, June 17, 6-8 PM at Grace Lutheran Church in the Luther Room. We're having a potluck dinner with our friends at St. John's Episcopal Church, Augustana, and Grace. RSVP to Pastor Emily and if you'd like, bring some food to share!



Play Ball! South Bend Cubs on June 28! If you reserved tickets for the Cubs game you can pick them up at the will call window before the game. This year we are joining our friends from Faith Lutheran Church in Goshen to have a big cheering block together. Our seats are behind home plate. Game time is 2:05 PM! See you there!

Year of Listening

A new way to begin worship: As our Year of Listening begins, we are changing the beginning of our worship together.

In place of the usual Prelude after announcements, we will have a brief time of silence to center ourselves for worship and to prepare to listen to God's voice.

The silence ends with the ringing of a singing bowl (an instrument of prayer and meditation) followed by music. We'll continue this pattern through the coming year, changing the music seasonally.

Of course, we know there will be some noise, especially from our little ones and that is okay! This practice might stretch all of us as we grow in faith together.



Bible Study with The Chosen begins July 1:

Join us for the second bible study of our year of study, as we read along with the TV series, The Chosen.

We are so grateful that Pastor Ken Peterson will be with us to lead this study.

We will gather at Grace in the Luther Room on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:45 PM, July 1-August 19.

Over these 8 weeks we will study the bible texts from the first season of The Chosen. Each lesson will include background info, time to watch the episode together, and discussion.

If you'll be out of town or busy with summer fun and miss a week or two, you can still participate! You can watch the first season for free on your own from wherever you happen to be and join us when you're back.

Sign up in the back of the sanctuary or speak with Pastor Emily.



June 2026 Servers Schedule

June 7 – Pentecost 2

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer
Lector: Ed Williams
Server: George Scupham
Technology Server: Mark Moyer
Ushers: Dave & Janet Ermis

June 14 – Pentecost 3

Assisting Minister: Ed Williams
Lector: Diane Erickson
Server: Cayden Abner
Technology Server: Mark Moyer
Ushers: Deb Rowland

June 21 – Pentecost 4

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

June 28 – Pentecost 5

Assisting Minister: Mark Moyer
Lector: Mark Moyer
Server: George Scupham
Technology Server: Cayden Abner
Ushers: Deb Rowland

June Altar Guild

Heidi Scupham & Emily Moyer

*Please let the office know of any changes.

June Altar Flowers



June 7 - Maralee & Steve Macumber
in honor of their anniversary

June 14 - Jane & Ed Williams
in memory of Pam Gentle.

June 21 - John & Heidi Paston
in honor of their 64th Anniversary

June 28 - Available

If the Altar Flowers are not sponsored, there will be no flowers. Two floral bouquets total \$50.

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 \$50 for both bouquets. Thank you!



Take-Along Page

**232 PEOPLE
SERVED IN MAY**

Take this page with you to the grocery store to help Augustana serve those in need.

God's Gifts Pantry Needs Your Help Thursday, June 11 and Thursday, June 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.

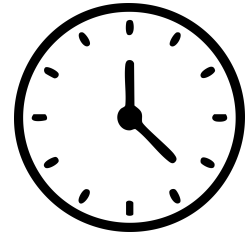
NO EXPIRED FOOD



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:30 AM - New Member Class @ Augustana	3 9 AM - Breakfast Club @ Perkins	4 4 PM - Holy Communion @ Grace	5	6 9:30 AM - Virtual Synod Assembly
7 11 AM - Worship New Member Welcome 12:15 PM - Acts Bible Study	8	9	10	11 10-11 AM - God's Gifts Pantry 4 PM - Holy Communion @ Grace	12	13
14 11 AM - Worship	15	16 6:30 PM - Council meeting	17 6-8 PM - Young Adult Potluck @ Grace	18 4 PM - Holy Communion @ Grace	19	20
21 11 AM - Worship	22	23	24	25 10-11 AM - God's Gifts Pantry Noon - Lunch Brunch @ Baker's Nook Cafe 4 PM - Holy Communion @ Grace	26	27
28 11 AM - Worship 2:05 PM - South Bend Cubs Game	29	30				

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