

'Tis the season . . .

Deadline: December 3

Buy Angel Tree gifts for refugees

Help provide Christmas presents and/or gift cards for Lutheran Family Services' refugee clients! Augustana's confirmation class has a Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall decorated with paper angels with gift ideas on them. Please take an angel, purchase the gift, and bring it UNWRAPPED to the tree with the angel attached by Sunday, December 3. You may also provide a reusable shopping bag with your gift. Augustana Early Learning Center will have a tree set up, too. Thank you!

Rehearsals for Candlelighters begin November 26

Middle and high school students are invited to join the Cantabile choir in the Candlelighters singing procession, a tradition at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve worship. If you do not normally sing with this choir and would like to be a Candlelighter, please join rehearsals on Sunday

afternoons, 1–1:45 p.m. beginning on November 26. Please contact **Angela Howard** (anhoward@gmail.com) or **Cindy Lindeen-Martin** (lindeen-martin@augustanadenver.org) if you plan to participate. The dress rehearsal for all Candlelighters will be Saturday, December 23, 10 a.m.–noon in Augustana's sanctuary followed by a pizza lunch!

Make lefse!

Do you love to make lefse, or would you like to learn how? Come and make lefse with friends and family Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.–noon in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. You will learn the basics of lefse-making or swap tips and recipes with other experts, and you will go home with a few pieces of fresh-baked lefse that you can share with your family!

If you have lefse-making equipment (potato ricer, pastry board with pastry cloth, lefse griddle, lefse stick, rolling pin with a cloth cover, a grooved lefse rolling pin, etc.),

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good news!

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Thursday, November 30, 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for the January edition. E-mail **Lyn Goodrum** (goodrum@augustanadenver.org).

Sunday Schedule

- 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation (September–May)

Chapel Prayer

- Monday, 10 a.m., Christ Chapel

Mission Statement

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we gather in Christian community, reach out and invite, offer hope and healing in Jesus Christ, and walk humbly with God.

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Recently lifted up in prayer . . .

For hope and healing:

- Genevieve Bucklin,
Megan Dierker, Carly
Fors, Tanya Gabrielian,
Amy Irwin, Jocelyn
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Nelson, Orvid Olson,
Hattie Post

For comfort and courage:

- Leigh Quist in the
death of his son-in-law,
Fred Ehlers
- Jamie Kastens, in the
death of his mother,
Sheila Kastens
- Duane Howell in the
death of his friend,
Wills Long
- Mendy Motes in the
death of her mother,
Donna Mays
- Family and friends of
Pastor Mark Meyer in
his death
- Nancy Cowee in the
death of her brother,
Henry Polk Pendleton
- Guy Peterson and
family in the death
of his wife, Margaret
Peterson
- Rhonda Crossen in the
death of her father, Bob
Smith
- Sandy Kistler in the
death of her aunt,
Arlene Sukraw

Thank you for the gifts!

Ammerman Library

- In memory of Carol
Tamminga

Augustana Foundation

- In memory of Eldon
Hemmingsen

Senior Ministry

- In memory of Eldon
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Special Gifts

- In memory of Eldon
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World Hunger

- In honor of Pastor Ron
Swenson

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Sign up to receive *The Tower* by e-mail! It's more colorful, faster, and saves Augustana in production costs! Send an e-mail request to **Lyn Goodrum** (goodrum@augustanadenver.org) or download it at www.augustanadenver.org.

Pastors

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace . . .

Isaiah 9:6-7



As I write these words, our country is grieving and horrified at another mass shooting, this one during a Sunday worship service. By the time you read these words, I imagine that for many of us the horror has been forgotten, buried beneath the constant avalanche of violence

and pain that has become part of our daily life. The final months of this year seem to have been a season of heartache for our nation and for many of us personally.

And now we come to the season of Advent and Christmas, a season of profound hope. We will sing and hear “fa-la-las” everywhere, but the promise of this season is deeply serious: God loved the world so much that Jesus entered human life in all its fullness, messiness, and brokenness. Nothing — nothing — can separate us from that love, so we do not despair. Instead we are freed to live in ways that embrace and hold up Isaiah’s vision of love and peace.

A contemporary carol by Chris Tomlin, “Welcome to Our World,” speaks to this hope we have in Christ:

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking
How we need to hear from God
You’ve been promised, we’ve been waiting
Welcome, Holy Child
Hope that You don’t mind our manger
How I wish we could have known
But long-awaited Holy Stranger
Make Yourself at home
Please make Yourself at home
Bring Your peace into our violence
Bid our hungry souls be filled
Word now breaking Heaven’s silence
Welcome to our world

With Advent and Christmas Hope,

Pastor Ann

God-bearers in the world this Christmas



December makes the gospel switch from Matthew to Mark, Year A to Year B, in the Revised Common Lectionary, as a new church year begins with Advent. I, for one, am relieved. Matthew highlights the tension between the early church and Temple Judaism so much that it can be challenging to preach with all

of that wailing and teeth-gnashing about who’s in and who’s out. The Gospel according to Mark is the shortest of the four gospels at 16 chapters. This means that the Gospel of John shows up more in Sunday readings which, for this preacher, is heaven on earth. Get it? Word made flesh (John 1:14)? (I’m throwing in my own chuckle on this one thereby reifying my kids’ perception that I laugh far too easily at my own jokes.)

In the Gospel of Mark, urgency is a main thing as the word *eutheos*, often translated “immediately,” is used 41 times. Mark starts with John the Baptist, skipping Jesus’ birth story entirely. I like the pause that preaching creates in the urgency. Slowing things down gives time to think about what’s happening for Jesus and the people he’s encountering, which may show us a thing or two about how Jesus encounters us. Those encounters can be alternately reassuring, challenging, or just plain weird. Regardless, the promise that Jesus urgently encounters us is good news.

As December unfolds the church season of Advent, may Christ dwell in our hearts through faith and, like Mary in the Gospel of Luke, send us as God-bearers to a world in need of good news this Christmas.

Peace,

Pastor Caitlin

'Tis the season . . .

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please bring it. If you don't, come and learn and bake anyway!

RSVP to shanna@augustanadenver.org or Augustana's office (303-388-4678) by Thursday, November 30, and bring \$5 to cover the cost of supplies.

Advent Adventure is Sunday, December 3, 2–4 p.m., Fellowship Hall

On the second Sunday in Advent, families and friends of Augustana gather in Fellowship Hall for seasonal food, merry-making, and fellowship. Participants sip hot cider, enjoy a light dinner, sample made-on-the-spot lefse, make Advent and Christmas crafts, sing Christmas carols, and hear beloved stories of Christmas. Folks of all ages enjoy this annual Augustana tradition — you will too!

Help host Advent Adventure

If you would like to share a craft idea, facilitate an Advent Adventure craft table, or help out wherever needed, contact Director of Children's Ministry **Erin Brown** (erin@augustanadenver.org or 303-416-0630). Thanks!

Let's buy farms yet again this Advent!

As part of our Advent journey toward the birth in a stable among cattle and sheep of the One whose grace sustains and nourishes us daily, the Global Mission Committee is again asking Augustana members to support the ELCA Good Gifts ministry. As a congregation last year, we helped reduce hunger and poverty by purchasing almost 15 farms (three more than the previous year)! A "farm" includes animals, farm implements, and the educational support needed to ensure success. All of this still for only \$715 per farm! Our collection will begin on December 3 and end on Sunday, December 24. Make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church, and write FARM in the memo line. Online gifts can be made at www.augustanadenver.org; click on "Giving." Children will again receive barn coin banks so they can participate. Again, let's make Christmas an especially joyous event for those who will receive a fresh start in life!



Helping Others

The LEAPP (Lutherans Engaging and Accompanying Policy and People) Advocacy Table, Sunday, December 10, Fellowship Hall, will focus on immigration and refugee concerns.

A resource advocate from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services from Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains will be available to talk informally, answer your questions, and share information. We will have several ideas for advocacy to continue support for God's people with special needs as they transition to our community.

Advocacy Opportunity for Advent: Personal Care Kits

Advocate for people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence by providing Project Promise Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are sent to where the need is greatest which currently is in Puerto Rico and Africa. You may make your kits and bring them to Augustana by Sunday, December 10, *or* you can buy items for a kit and help assemble them on December 10. (Buying tip: Target has towels for \$3).

A Thrivent Action Grant will support this advocacy project.

Include the following in each personal care kit:

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

Some important guidelines to remember:

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size. Smaller bath towels are acceptable as long as they are not hand towels.
- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages, or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Adult Forum: “The Songs of Advent”

Sundays, December 3, 10, 17, 9:15 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

Songs are very much at the center of our celebrations of Advent and Christmas, and have been so for many of us since childhood.

The Christmas carols we love are an eclectic mix, some sung as a rousing chorus, some in a cathedral in a choral setting. Many have been handed down from one generation to another and they continue to retain their popularity.

Luke’s Gospel has a series of songs as part of his introduction to the story of Jesus, and these have been handed down to us within the scriptures we hear and the music that we sing as part of our worship services.

Join Pastor Ann for this intriguing Bible study exploring the songs of Zechariah, Mary, and the angels.

Trailblazers

Denver Christkindl Market

Saturday, December 9, leave Augustana’s south parking lot at 4 p.m.

Experience the sights, sounds and smells of a German Christmas market in downtown Denver. We will take the light rail to Union Station, view the lights there, then walk or take the mall shuttle to the Christkindl Market at 16th and Arapahoe streets.

Guide: **Laurie Scott** (303-358-5864 or laurajscott@msn.com)

Sponsored by Senior Ministry and Children, Youth, and Family Ministry

Christmas Caroling

All are invited to join in Christmas Caroling to our home-centered members, Saturday, December 9. We will gather in the Anna Paulson Room at 9:45 a.m. and carpool to different locations. We will conclude our time with pizza at the church. Please RSVP to **Shanna** (303-388-4678 ext. 107 or shanna@augustanadenver.org) by Friday, December 8.



Youth Christmas Party

The senior high youth are all invited to the VanderWels for a Christmas party, Sunday, December 10, 5–8 p.m. Supper will be provided, and youth are welcome to bring along a Christmas treat to share. We will also be doing a white elephant gift exchange, so please bring a gift valued below \$10.

Support Augustana's Christmas Eve radio broadcast

Augustana Lutheran Church has a long history of broadcasting the gospel on Denver's airwaves. Virtually as

**Christmas Eve Broadcast
Sunday, December 24, 10 p.m.
KOA News Radio 850 AM**

long as Denver has had radio stations, Augustana has had a radio ministry of one type or another. Weekly broadcasts of services and sermons

began in the 1950s and continued until 1998. The broadcast of Augustana's Christmas Eve service has continued for over 50 consecutive years.

The planned, one-hour broadcast over radio KOA reaches most of the western United States. Each year Augustana receives dozens of reports, acknowledgements, and thank-you notes from members and strangers

who hear the broadcast at home and in the car throughout the country.

Again this year, Augustana will air a one-hour, Christmas Eve broadcast at 10 p.m. over radio station KOA. The broadcast and production costs run around \$1,500. In the past the Augustana Foundation has helped fund this outreach ministry. Recently, the congregation has reached out to support this

important ministry, and now is your opportunity to continue to do so. If you'd like to contribute toward this broadcast, please make a check payable to Augustana Lutheran Church and note "KOA Christmas Broadcast." You can make your gift in honor or memory of a loved one, and the acknowledgement will be included in the Christmas bulletins. Thank you!

Poinsettia gifts celebrate and remember loved ones

This Advent and Christmas season you can help provide poinsettias for Augustana's chancel while honoring or remembering special events or loved ones. Use the form below to indicate your preferences. Any amount is welcome. Make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. Gifts received by Wednesday, December 20, will be acknowledged in Augustana's Christmas bulletins.

You may also give a gift toward the KOA Christmas Broadcast in honor or in memory of a loved one. Thanks!

Poinsettias and Christmas Eve Radio Broadcast

(Please print or type.) Enclosed is my gift of

\$ _____ for the Christmas Eve radio broadcast

\$ _____ for Poinsettias/Christmas Trees

in memory of in honor of _____

given by _____

in memory of in honor of _____

given by _____

name _____ phone _____



Silver Notes to perform at December Monthly Luncheon

Thursday, December 14, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Augustana's Silver Notes will again entertain us with narrated Christmas music for our December program. If you missed last year's outstanding program, mark your calendar for the second Thursday of December so you don't miss this year's special Christmas program. Enjoy fellowship over a festive luncheon prepared by Judy Nyquist and her crew, and invite friends and neighbors to join you. We welcome visitors! Your reservations are needed in Augustana's office (303-388-4678) no later than Monday, December 11 to help Chef Judy plan the meal. Cost: \$8 per person. We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon!

Longest Night: A Service of Healing and Hope

Wednesday, December 20, noon and 6:30 p.m., Christ Chapel

Everyone is invited to gather for a worship opportunity in Christ Chapel on Wednesday, December 20, at either noon or 6:30 p.m. During this season that is filled with celebrations and parties, many people have a longing for a quieter time of reflection. As we worship we'll hear God's promises in scripture, sing familiar hymns, and have the opportunity for prayers of healing. All are welcome; please invite your friends or neighbors to experience this meaningful service.

Fourth Sunday of Advent in the morning — The Nativity of Our Lord in the afternoon and evening!

Celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent with worship at 10:30 a.m. in Augustana's sanctuary on Sunday, December 24. Complete the Advent wreath circle of light in the morning; then welcome the light of the Christ child in the evening! Please note: no 8 a.m. worship that morning. Augustana's nursery will be staffed for 10:30 a.m. worship.





Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 11 p.m., Sanctuary

Celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord at Augustana with worship Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24 at 3 p.m., 5 p.m., and 11 p.m. in the sanctuary. All services will include beloved Christmas carols, candlelight, music by Augustana's choirs, and the nativity story as told through Luke's gospel. Worship at 3 p.m. will offer Holy Communion and include musical leadership by AVE. Augustana's Candlelighters will process and sing at 5 p.m. worship, which also includes special musical leadership by Augustana's children's and handbell choirs. Hear Augustana's Christmas Eve radio broadcast on KOA News Radio 850 AM beginning at 10 p.m. Holy Communion will also be offered at 11 p.m. worship with special musical leadership by Augustana's Chancel Choir. At 11 p.m. candles will be provided to ALL during the singing of "Silent Night"!

Augustana's nursery will be open but not staffed for Christmas Eve worship.

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Day worship on Sunday, December 25 continues the celebration with Holy Communion and beloved carols at 10:30 a.m. in Augustana's Sanctuary.

You're invited to Christmas Day dinner at Augustana!

Augustana will serve a festive Christmas Day ham dinner in Fellowship Hall following 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship. All are welcome — families with children, couples, singles, including visitors. Call Augustana's office with your reservation (303-388-4678) by noon, Wednesday, December 20.

Holiday office schedule

Augustana's office will be closed for the holidays, Tuesday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. If you have an emergency, call the emergency line (303-862-3027).



AUGUSTANA *Arts*

Augustana Arts is pleased to present a holiday greeting card with musical wishes of peace, love, and joy for you and your entire family. Join us for one or more of these gifts of music. Purchase tickets (\$20/adult, \$15/student and seniors) online at www.augustanaarts.org, by phone at 303-388-4962, or at the door the night of the event. Enter code ALC50 and receive a discount when you purchase tickets online!

Colorado Choir

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

Kelly Parmenter, Conductor

Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2, 7:30 p.m. at Augustana

The esteemed Colorado Choir performs Harry Simeone’s “Sing We Now of Christmas” along with other traditional Christmas music including “O Holy Night” and “What Child is This.”

Colorado Women’s Chorale and Colorado Men’s Chorale

Holiday Family Sing-Along

Jennifer Ferguson, Music Director

Saturday, December 9, 2:30 p.m. at Augustana

The annual CWC/CMC Holiday Sing-Along is a family favorite featuring beloved holiday standards followed by a holiday party where little ones can take selfies with Santa, decorate cookies, eat sweet treats, and play lots of games.

Augustana Lutheran Church Christmas Concert

“And On Earth Peace”

Sunday, December 17, 7:30 p.m. at Augustana

Join Augustana’s Chancel Choir, Augustana Ringers, and members of Stratus Chamber Orchestra for the annual Christmas Concert, “And on Earth Peace.” The centerpiece of the concert, “In Terra Pax,” by English composer Gerald Finzi, will delight the audience, along with other well-known favorites including “O Little Town of Bethlehem” and “Angels We Have Heard on High” creatively arranged by South Carolina composer Dan Forrest and New York composer John Walkner. Augustana Ringers will be ringing a fun arrangement of “Go Tell It on the Mountain” by Joel Raney for handbells and percussion. There will be carols for the audience to sing along with. The concert is FREE, but tickets are required. Obtain them in advance at www.augustanaarts.org or at the door the night of the concert.

Heart for the Arts

Mark your calendars and join us for Augustana Arts’ First Annual Heart for the Arts Fundraising Gala, Friday evening, March 16, 2018. Includes live music, dinner, and a silent auction.

Proceeds will benefit City Strings, Stratus Chamber Orchestra, Colorado Women’s Chorale, and Colorado Men’s Chorale.

Watch for invitations in the mail mid-February!



Health Ministry



Options for Care

Sunday, December 3, 11:30 a.m., Anna Paulson Room

Do you have questions about senior care? **Kari Degerness**, a licensed nursing home administrator, invites you to join her for an informational session to prepare yourself, family or friends for senior care. Most individuals over 65 years old will require some form of care in their lifetime, whether it be in their home or in a community.

Kari has served both as the Care Center Administrator at Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center and as Executive Director at Balfour Senior Care. Come join her for a light meal and discussion around the topics of care options, paying for care, and how best to be prepared.

Reserve your place with Augustana’s office (303-388-4678).

Take care of your feet!

Augustana’s Health Ministry hosts a monthly foot care clinic usually on fourth Mondays, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Anna Paulson Room. In December, the clinic will be offered Tuesday, December 12. Regular foot care provides an early alert of more serious health issues, such as diabetes, heart disease, and poor circulation. At your scheduled foot care appointment, nurses from Colorado Visiting Nurse Association will trim your toe nails and check your feet for sores, blisters or swelling. Cost: \$30. Kaiser health plans may cover a few routine foot care visits a year. Call **Maryann** (303-263-1105) to check for eligibility and to schedule your appointment.

Financial Statement for October

	October 2017		October 2016	YTD 2017		YTD 2016
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual
All Income	\$ 72,941.38	\$ 77,310.50	\$ 166,741.88	\$ 952,958.48	\$ 936,383.88	\$ 841,242.03
All Expenditures	91,454.92	90,742.02	84,101.95	871,984.70	838,750.11	816,949.73
Net Income(Loss)	\$ (18,513.54)	\$ (13,431.52)	\$ 82,639.93	\$ 80,973.78	\$ 97,633.77	\$ (24,292.30)

In October, \$1,200 for youth trip deposit to Ecuador, \$9,665 for repair on the chiller, and \$5,200 for health ministry staff and supplies were all provided by our gifts.



500 Years on the Move Finish Line

Money and Miles Totals, Top Two Teams, and Gratitude!

Thank you, one and all, who participated by moving, giving, cooking, planning, creating, and encouraging!

Between Pentecost, June 4 and Reformation Day, October 31, the people of Augustana commemorated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by moving in exercise, advocacy, volunteering, and prayer, as well as giving money toward our \$15,170 goal for ELCA World Hunger. With the hurricanes, the planning team combined gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response as well.

19,281 total miles moved!

Using a world map for perspective, we “moved” in a looping arc from Wittenberg, Germany, to Denver to Guatemala City to Suriname to the new Lutheran Center in Juba, South Sudan. All of these communities receive World Hunger grants including Denver.

Top Two Hunger Opponent Teams

Team Trailblazers (Don and Carol Troike, Braxton, Anne, Amelia, and Caroline Stratton, Rosalee Wanchisen, Sarah and Elise Earhart, Glenna O’Neal, Dean and Linda Ducnuigeen) moved **3,999 miles**, and **Team Aarestad** (Norm and Margaret Aarestad, Diane Zarlengo, Jim Gustad, Tracy Lutz) moved **3,075 miles**.

In honor of each team, the Augustana Foundation is donating \$1,517 to ELCA World Hunger! Thank you, Foundation!

ELCA World Hunger uniquely partners with communities in the United States and around the world in projects ranging from health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy. Gifts to ELCA World Hunger move people from poverty to self-sufficiency.

Lutheran Disaster Response begins with immediate relief and accompanies people through every phase of

Goal of \$15,170 met and exceeded!

\$12,264.85 ELCA World Hunger

\$ 3,034.00 ELCA World Hunger by Augustana Foundation

\$15,298.85 TOTAL ELCA World Hunger

\$ 9,507.00 Lutheran Disaster Response

\$ 24,805.85 Combined TOTAL

the disaster until recovery is complete. 100 percent of donations marked “U.S. Hurricane Response” go to Hurricane Relief.

Thanks, thanks, thanks!

On behalf of “500 Years on the Move for Hunger,” we give a “big thank you” to Augustana members for collaborating in this fun and challenging way to honor our heritage of Martin Luther. Our gifts to ELCA World



“Poverty, I say, is not to be recommended, chosen, or taught; for there is always enough of that by itself, as [Jesus] says (John 12:8): ‘The poor you always have with you,’ just as you will have all other evils. But constant care should be taken that, since these evils are always in evidence, they are always opposed.” (Luther)

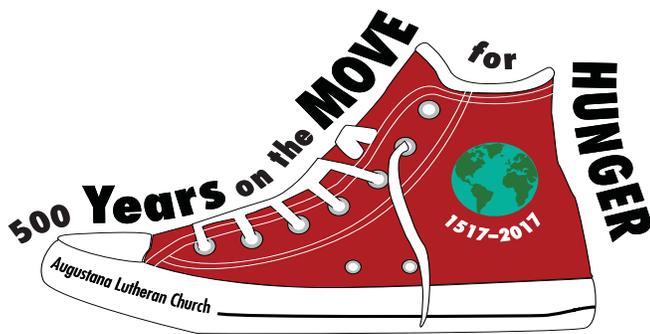
“For so to help a man that he does not need to become a beggar is just as much of a good work and a virtue as to give alms to a man who has already become a beggar.” (Luther)

“God makes love to our neighbor an obligation equal to love to himself.” (Luther)

Hunger and Disaster Relief help our church creatively and courageously work toward a world of justice in which all are fed. Our Augustana Global Mission purpose statement says “We believe our life and faith impact others for the sake of the Gospel!” Amen.

500 Years on the Move for Hunger Committee

Don and Carol Troike, Pastor Caitlin, Marilyn Stember, Shanna VanderWel, Lyn Goodrum, Holly Massie, Julie MacDougall, Jean Gall, Spiritual Arts Committee, Greg Johnson, and Augustana Foundation and Paul Blanchard and team for the brat lunch. There were about 200 people who participated by walking, golfing, running, biking, doing yoga, going to exercise class, advocating, giving food to Metro Caring, volunteering for hunger organizations, meditating and praying, and many other activities.



Check out books on Christmas and Luther in the Ammerman Library

The books donated after the recent Augsburg Fortress book sale coordinated by Erin Brown are on the shelves now. Some are featured in the cabinet in Fellowship Hall and others are in the “New Books” section on the endcap to the right of the card catalog.

As Advent and Christmas approach, remember to look in the shelves in the middle of the north wall as well as featured Christmas books on the endcap to the left of the card catalog.

Children, Youth, and Family Ministry



Augustana's youth will be hosting two parents night out events, Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 9, 5–10 p.m. Supper, activities, entertainment, and safety will be provided for your children. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$25 per kid or \$50 per family. Please RSVP for the December 1 night by November 28 and the December 9 night by December 6 to **Shanna** (303-388-4678 or shanna@augustanadenver.org).

Cross-Generational Sunday, December 31

All are invited to join in our second cross-generational faith formation time on Sunday, December 31, 9:15–10:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall. There will be no other classes scheduled on this day, so you can come together to learn, share stories of faith, and enjoy a time of fellowship.



**THRIVENT
FINANCIAL®**

Thrivent meeting changed from November to December

The December 10 meeting (note change of date from November 19) of Augustana's Thrivent members will feature decisions about disbursing Thrivent Choice Dollars to Augustana programs, property, or groups. All Augustana friends and members are welcome to attend, but only Thrivent members may vote on the decisions. A light lunch will be served (\$5) at 11:30 a.m. in the Ann Paulson Room. Contact **Katherine Cruson** (303-696-7430) by Friday, December 8 for lunch reservations.

Need more funds?

Augustana programs, groups, and property are eligible to receive designated funds as voted by Thrivent members. Requests for funds should include the name of the organization, amount of money, the purpose of the grant, and a contact person with telephone number and/or email address. Send your request by Tuesday, December 5 to KL-cruson@comcast.net so it can be considered at the Thrivent Financial meeting, Sunday, December 10.

Thrivent Choice Dollars have been generously designated by Thrivent members to a special fund at Augustana Lutheran Church. Thrivent members may contact thrivent.com or 1-800-THRIVENT to designate your Choice Dollars at any time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:15am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 5pm Parents Night Out 7:30pm Augustana Arts: Colorado Choir "Sing We Now of Christmas"	2 8am Lefse-Making Workshop 7:30pm Augustana Arts: Colorado Choir "Sing We Now of Christmas"
3 Advent 1 Health Ministry Sunday 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Learning/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Youth Group 11:30am Health Ministry: Options for Care Noon Prayer Shawl Ministry 2pm Advent Adventure See JASS below	4 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 7pm Augustana Early Learning Center Board	5 9am Library Committee 5:30pm Yoga	6 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	7 9:30am Augustana Early Learning Center Chapel 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 9:30am Phoebe Circle 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	8 9:15am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 4:30pm Christmas Program: Augustana Early Learning Center	9 10:30am Caroling 2:30pm Augustana Arts: Colorado Women's/Men's Chorales Holiday Family Sing-Along 4pm Trailblazers: Denver Christkindl Market 6pm Parents Night Out
10 Advent 2 8am Worship/Communion 9am LEAPP 9:15am Learning/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Thrivent Financial 5pm Senior High Youth Christmas Party See JASS below	11 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer 1pm Mary Circle	12 8:30am Foot Care Clinic 9:30am Deborah Circle 1pm <i>The Tower</i> Assembly 5:30pm Executive Committee 5:30pm Yoga 6pm Children, Youth, & Family Ministry Committee	13 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 6pm Augustana Ringers 7:30pm Chancel Choir	14 9:30am AELC Chapel Sarah Circle 9:30am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30am Monthly Luncheon 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga 7pm Property Committee	15 9:15am Silver Notes 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	16 8:45am "God's work. Our hands" ANSAR Food Pantry 9am Rehearsal: Chancel Choir and Orchestra 7pm Swedish Club of Denver Lucia Procession
17 Advent 3 8am Worship/Communion 9:15am Learning/Fellowship 10:30am Worship/Communion 7:30pm Augustana Arts: Augustana Christmas Concert "And On Earth Peace" See JASS below	18 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers 10am Chapel Prayer	19 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Congregation Council	20 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers Noon Longest Night: A Service of Healing and Hope 6:30pm Longest Night: A Service of Healing and Hope 7:30pm Chancel Choir	21 www.elca/prayfastact 9:30am AELC Chapel 5:30pm Mindfulness Yoga	22 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	23 10am Rehearsal: Candlelighters
24 Advent 4 Christmas Eve Nativity of our Lord 10:30am Worship/Communion 3pm Worship/Communion 5pm Worship 10pm Christmas Eve Broadcast KOA News Radio 850 AM 11pm Worship/Communion	25 Christmas Day 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:30am Christmas Dinner	26 - office closed -	27 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	28	29 9:45am Augustana Firm Believers	30
31 Christmas 1 8am Worship/Communion 9am Fellowship/Coffee 9:15am Cross-Generational Faith Formation 10:30am Worship/Communion						11:30am Lunch 12:15pm Cherubs, Choristers, GraceNotes 1pm Recorders, Cantabile, SONshine Ringers 1:45pm BELLievers

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