



**Augustana
Lutheran Church**
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Augustana Lutheran Church

Good Newscaster - November 2020

The mission of Augustana Lutheran Church is to witness to the Good News of God in Jesus Christ as a multicultural and multinational congregation of justice-seekers and peacemakers who welcome and affirm every person. Sanctuary Congregation since 1996

We Invite You to Sunday Livestream Worship at www.augustana.org

†10:00 am English

11:30 am Spanish

When Jesus¹ saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely¹² on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:1-12

"Blessed are the peacemakers," Jesus proclaims in his Sermon on the Mount, "for they shall be called children of God." This is the Gospel text for All Saints Sunday, November 1. A Sunday with great power and meaning that comes two days prior to one of the most contentious elections in US history. It is so important that we who are old enough to vote do so for the sake of our children and to restore confidence in our Democracy. It is equally important that we judge our nation by how the poor and those who are most vulnerable are doing and then to vote accordingly.

On Tuesday evening November 3, we pray that the results of most races and referendums are clear. However we know that this may not be the case. So once we have voted let us not dwell on being a republican, democrat, independent or green, for that will not be important. What will be most important is that we be children of God who seek the well-being of all, in particular those who are poor or the most vulnerable.

Following the election, we as Christians in partnership with so many others are called by Jesus himself to be peacemakers. To seek peace and the well-being of our communities and the human family is one of our greatest calls as people of faith. We know that in the coming weeks this call to peacemaking will be as important as

ever in families, communities, this nation and God's global village and the earth itself.

We, too, know that there can be no peace without justice. Truth-telling can help lead to reconciliation which can help lead to healing. Taking on the injustice caused by institutional racism born of white supremacy is part of that work for justice, as are the calls for equity and inclusion including black and brown sisters and brothers and those in the LGBTQ community and those with disabilities. In this 100 year anniversary of the first group of Women's Right to Vote, justice means working for gender equity in all fields including pay. Working for justice which leads to peace means striving to end violence against one another and the earth.

Yes, as followers of Jesus who would show us how to live and to love and who would go to the cross for us and all humanity, let us strive now more than ever to be peacemakers even amidst the pain and suffering of covid-19. Let us model for our children and youth how to reach out to others and to build the Beloved Community. Let us listen to one another and hear where others' pain may come from. Let us overcome hatred, division and fear with faith, hope and love. Yes, Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessings to each of you peacemakers in Jesus' name.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Christ's joy and peace,

Pastor Mark

Augustana Solar Project Team Updates

The Pacific Power Blue Sky grant application has passed an initial screening and a second-round interview is scheduled for November 19. We requested \$54K to fund a rooftop solar system, including 96 solar panels on the Education Building roof. Awards will be announced in February 2021. For the Pacific Power Electric Mobility grant, we are a finalist, and we have a good chance of receiving \$70K for the installation of two EV charging stations in our parking lot near 14th Avenue and an all-electric KIA Niro SUV to be used by Augustana and its non-profit partners. -Robert Morse, Care of Creation Team Chair

Fall Generosity: The congregation has been very faithful in your giving and now we are entering the last quarter of

the year which is very important as we seek to end the year strong. Please keep the work of Christ's church central in your regular giving.

We pray for Nikki Hayes and family upon the death of her mother Eleanor on Oct. 28. We give thanks for her life and the new life that is hers in Christ.

Those who have joined the host of saints this past year, who were members of Augustana or memorialized through Augustana:

Robert Kelly
Gwyn Terhaar
Danny Rowley
Charles F. Soneson
Diane Wheeler
Don Lombard
Jaelin James Scott
Nora Love
Jerry Benson
Linda KickingWoman Huddleston
Darlene Mae Benner

We pray for all who have lost loved ones, communities that have been destroyed and the many people displaced from their homes in Oregon and the west coast in the midst of historic wild fires. We pray for all firefighters and their families.

Francisco Aguirre, Dora Reyna & family
Roseta Akin
Kristie Allen, breast ca treatments
Karen Almquist recovering from cancer surgery
Bella, Linda Sumner's friend
Jessica, Linda Sumner's niece
Colleen Benson

Chris Bergerson
Deacon Sue Best
Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel
Beth Boyce
Darrell Brooks in Chandler AZ, with Covid-19

Ron Brown
Alison Emblar-Brown
Allen Brown, Jr.
Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt
Lou Carman
Toni Chang, broken arm
Patty Cooper, Laurie Richardson's cousin, home lost in fire
Kirky Doble
Kathy Drozd
Paul Fox
Delores Franklin, Tamrah Knutson's aunt
Pat Gebhardt
Deaunka Geiger
Norene Goplen
Brian Gregory
Michelle Greyfox
Philip Greyfox
Ted and Toni Hagenbucher
Karen Hansen, residents/staff of her facility
Kelsey Hansen
Katelyn Haslebacher, broken leg
Nikki Hayes' mother Eleanor
Mahsa Heidari
Leah Higgin
Mark Hoffman's brother Cary
Ed Hope
Marcie Jinings
Eddie Johnson
Kristen Johnson
Lloyd and Connie Johnson
Susan Johnson, shoulder surgery
Kathy Jones
Tony Keller, Marilyn's brother
Tamrah Knutson's mother,

Gladine Reynolds
April Lane
Anthony Lathan
Chris and Annabel Pacheco
Marquez
Scott Mattox
Jean McKenzie, Tamrah's aunt
Peter Minus
Nicole Mongrain
Ann Nelson
Linda Nelson, shoulder PT
Susan Nieman mobilized to help fight Covid-19 somewhere in the country
Joyce Olson
Chris Powers, friend of Lisa Wenzlick
D'Norgia Price
Laura Ramirez, chemotherapy
Gary Rosenthal
Jenny Schmidt
Fred Scholtz
Virginia Segletes, Jennifer Fort's mother
Jerrime Shelton
Erin Spadelli
Barry Sutton
Mary Jo Swalwell, Kevin Smith's mother
Brent Swanson
Lynn Thompson
Armando Vasquez
Rev. Don Voeks
Courtney and Trinity Walker, Ron/Sally Beck's daughter and granddaughter
Robert Wallace
Luci Wells
Miles Wilson

We pray for:
All who are houseless; for our city, county, state and national elected leaders for courage, discernment, vision and action born of justice.

The physical and emotional safety of children in our communities, especially children in foster care or other out-of-home placements.

The health, wellness and compassion of everyone caring for and coaching children through these uncertain times - help us all do our best to make this world a better and safer place for children to grow and flourish.

Present and past members of the Open Circle community at Augustana.

Elders and families of indigenous and tribal communities here in this local region, throughout the Pacific Northwest, and across Turtle Island as they continue to be hard hit with Covid-19 and other illnesses.

The preservation of and equity in access to clean, safe water for all.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, people, and their families still searching or waiting for justice or closure.

Strength, endurance, and unity of everyone rising up to eliminate systemic racism and social inequities in their communities.

Healing of the wider church body, that it may grow in compassion for the most vulnerable members of all communities.

All those affected by the virus throughout the world.

**Livestream Worship each Sunday at www.augustana.org
10:00 a.m. English 11:30 a.m. Spanish**

Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day
Rev 7:9-17; Ps 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12

Sunday, November 8 Pentecost 23
Amos 5:18-24; Ps 70; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

Sunday, November 15 Pentecost 24
Zeph 1:7, 12-18; Ps 90:1-8; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

Sunday, November 22 Christ the King
Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 95:1-7a; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

Sunday, November 29 1st Sunday of Advent
Isa 64:1-9; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Ps 19:1-6, 17-19; Mark 13:24-37

Many thanks to our (rotating) Livestream Team Members including: Ben Joy, Dave Schmidt, Jenny Schmidt, Lane Johnson, Andy Fort, Jon Jensen, Francisco Aguirre, Marilyn Keller, Glen Jacobs, Terri Svetich, Ken Petersen, Andrew Kindschuh, Mark Wells, Nate Fort, Joe Paterno, Brandon Knutson (remote), Ayn Frazee (remote), Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt (remote), Tamrah Knutson (remote), Rick Gordon (advisor); Rebecca Dodson (webpage); Mark Knutson (advisor)

Open Circle, under the leadership of Andrea Robideau, has been working hard to seek out and serve the most vulnerable. Please keep all in your prayers.

Augustana Youth News

Greetings in this month of Thanksgiving. I hope you are all safe and well in your homes, and that you are doing well with virtual school.

November is the month when we present **Adventure Bibles** to 3rd grade students. This year Tabor Stuczynski will receive his. We will acknowledge him, and Tabor's Bible will be delivered to him. Last year we started giving **Bible storybooks** to 3 through 8-year-old children. If your child is in the age range, and didn't receive one last year, or has just turned 3, please let me know and I will see that they get one delivered.

Our annual service project at St. Francis on Thanksgiving will not be happening this year because of the pandemic. I will miss that time of helping and seeing so many of you. Here are a few suggestions if you want to do something that will **put a smile** on someone's face:

Draw, color or use stickers to **make "Thinking of You"** cards for people in our community who could use a cheery something in the mail. Return them to the church office, under the door, or mail them to the office care of Rebecca

and we will make sure they get distributed.

If there are other adults in our community who are special to you, you can **call me** to get their addresses and send them homemade cards for Thanksgiving, saying "I miss you." I know that these will be much appreciated. Help your mom and dad **clear out toys** you no longer need and donate them to a favorite charity. Most charities are now accepting donation. (No broken or soiled toys, please.) I am planning on gathering some resources and projects that you can do at home, to **prepare for Advent and Christmas**. If you have ideas to share with me, please email me or call me, 971-400-9381. We will have livestream services on **Christmas Eve**. Times will be posted on Augustana's website.

Advent begins on November 29th this year and we will not be able to gather for the Advent Festival in the Fellowship Hall. I am looking for ways to keep myself positive even though this will be a much different Christmas than past ones. If you have ideas to share, please do so.

In Christ,
Rebecca

The Augustana High School Youth Group continues the BottleDrop fundraiser: For the upcoming holiday season, BottleDrop is doing matching funds for non-profits of up to an **additional 20 percent** of the cans and bottles dropped off **between November 15th and December 1st**. Blue Bags tagged with the Augustana Youth tag and dropped at any BottleDrop location during this specified matching period will count toward our total. Laura Thalacker has registered Augustana's Youth Group for this 20 percent match. Blue bags are available in the church office.

The All Saints Cross Project with 500 wooden crosses made by immigrants in the Willamette Valley remembering the 500 women, men and children that died along the US / Mexico border in 2019 is well underway, and all are invited to participate. This is a powerful project for children, youth, members and friends of Augustana of all ages. **To participate:** Drive by Augustana any time of day or night and take as many **unpainted crosses** as you need; they are spread from the Sanctu-

ary doors on 14th to the sign on 15th. **Paint them at home** and invite neighbors to join you. You choose the colors and design, and any words of remembrance you wish to include, i.e., "We won't forget" "You are remembered" etc. **Return them** to the lawn **by All Saints Sunday, November 1**, and bring a hammer to plant them on the lawn (you might want to do this with a few other households, socially distanced). Also, special offerings for the border ministry of water stations that is part of the cross remembrance are welcome in any amount, \$1.00 and up with each dollar covering at least a gallon of water. Make offerings to Augustana and put "water" in the note area. -Marilyn Keller, Interim Youth Ministry Coordinator

The National Lutheran Choir brings the annual All Saints program to a virtual world-wide audience on **November 1**. "In Memoriam (We Remember)" we'll share music of Remembrance, Perseverance, and Hope, with memorial names submitted by listeners as backdrop to the music and message. **Sunday, November 1, 2020 – 4pm (CST) @ NLCA.com** *This online presentation is FREE for all.*

November 3 is Election Day. Encourage everyone you know to vote. Pastor Knutson is on the Steering Committee for the Portland measure to create a Citizen's Police Oversight Board which will be a bellwether for the nation, and the Multnomah Library Bond Campaign office is at Augustana, staffed by Rachel Bowman.

The fall **Red Cross Blood Drive at Augustana** is **Saturday, Nov. 7**. Blood collection is essential. See <https://www.redcrossblood.org>. For info, click on [Learn about coronavirus and our safety protocols](#). Things continue to change, unsure about walk-in donors. Please sign up ahead; enter "AugustanaPDX" as the Sponsor Code in the red box at the top right corner of the screen, then click the arrow in the blue box and follow the steps. Contact Paul 503-753-3133 or Lois 503-422-2738 with questions. Thank you for sharing the gift of life.

Property Updates: Upcoming projects include re-carpeting the bell tower stairway. The property committee continues to rake leaves, trim shrubs and weed and beautify the grounds. We have had some bring-your-own-breakfast work parties. Property volunteers John and Kathy Allen Kirsch, Wayne Westfall and Su Hanset have kept the property looking great. *Glen Jacobs*

Help Prep for Leaf Pick Up Day: There will be a **Leaf Prep Work Party on Thursday Nov. 5, 8:30am** to sweep as many leaves as possible into the street for pick up on Nov. 6. Any help is gratefully accepted! Just show up with a rake if you have one. (We have extra rakes if you need one.) Coffee and fellowship will fuel our efforts!

The Cornerstone Staffing Team has met several times this fall with recommendations to come before the Council later in the year, prior to next winter's Annual Meeting.

Regular Zoom Gatherings: All are welcome to join. Please see the weekly Zoom schedule for links.

- Women's Bible Study and Prayer: weekly at 9:30am
- Men's Pub Theology: usually 1st Tues, 7pm (Note: Due to election day, Nov meeting will be 2nd Tues)

- Knotty Needlers (crochet/knitting and conversation): 1st Wed, 10am
- Book Group: 3rd Tues, 7pm
- Tai Chi: weekly on Tues 10am, Thurs 1pm, Sat 11am
- Coffee hour: weekly on Sun, 11:15am

Volunteer Opportunities

Augustana could use your help! If you are interested in any of these, please contact Jenny j.pl.schmidt@comcast.net. Indoor jobs require masks and social distancing, solo or with a partner, depending on your preference.

Saturday Property Team: 8:30am BYO breakfast followed by outside jobs

Maintenance at flexible times (you choose when and how often):

- leaf raking
- sanctuary upkeep (vacuuming/straightening pews)
- refreshing altar candles
- "fix it" jobs around the church (painting, minor repairs, changing light bulbs)
- general cleaning (sweeping, vacuuming)
- baking communion bread

Technical help with Sunday worship: Looking for volunteers to help with livestreaming and sound. We have an awesome team and are looking to expand. Come join us! We will train you!

Christmas Trees: Need volunteers to help secure and install Christmas trees in December.

The Contemporary Choir continues to meet via Zoom; we check in socially and discuss safe options for moving ahead in the coming year.

The 11 o'clock choir meets some Thursdays at choir time, 7:30p, virtually from home via the Zoom platform. It is a time for sharing how we are doing and tell stories. We hope for a day when we can all be back together. *Dr. Walter Krueger*

Augustana's Calling Team meets regularly and has conducted another round of calls to check up on everyone. If you need to speak with Pastor Knutson, email him at mark@augustana.org.

The Augustana Helping Hands servant team assists Augustana members needing help with household tasks during the Covid quarantine and distancing regulations.

Over 20 members of the Augustana community volunteer to help with dog walking, Zoom calls, grocery or pharmacy runs, phone calls, mask-making, etc. If you need assistance with tasks or want to help, contact Michele Delaney mdelaney@insigniahealth.com

TIVNU Jewish Gap Year Students: 18 students ages 17-20 from across the nation volunteer for various non-profits, working out of Augustana in two shifts during the week.

Lift Every Voice Oregon, located at Augustana, continues preparing for the 2021 Legislature to see that important gun violence prevention legislation moves forward. The LEVO Youth Leadership Academy was an important step along the way as is the coordination of some 3000 volunteers around the state.

The Augustana Center for Systemic Change: Familias en Accion is doing amazing work in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis, including food distribution from Augustana's parking lot every Friday; the **Library bond** lead staff is officed at Augustana; **Jobs with Justice** moved their offices to Augustana in June; and the **VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network** completes its first year. Of course all staff members of these partners are primarily working from home.

Augustana Financial Picture moving into November: Your faithfulness over the past six months has placed Augustana on a good financial basis as we move forward. Regular offerings are important for us to finish the year strongly. Our current challenge is to support the Solar Project; contributions can be mailed in or online through our webpage. We continue to collect funds for Northeast Emergency Food Program and ELCA Disaster and Hunger funds.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform (Pastor Knutson is part of the Steering Committee that has a seat in the Federal Court) The AMA Steering Committee has met every month at Augustana for the past eight years, and the general meetings are the first Thursday at 5 p.m. at Maranatha Church on 12th and Skidmore. All are welcome to the general committee meetings.

Legislative Advocacy: Teams from Augustana continue to advocate around specific justice issues from Health Care for All to Gun Safety, Police Reform, Homelessness, Fair Wages and other key topics. Email the church if you would like to assist.

Augustana as a place of Sanctuary: There is more information available about the cutting-edge work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service on immigra-

tion reform by going to www.elca.org. The Lutheran community has been a major mover on immigration for decades. If you would like to assist, call or email the church office. **Augustana is a Sanctuary Congregation** that

recognizes we are on holy ground in the heart of the city. A place for all people. For more information on the New Sanctuary Movement, see the Augustana website.

The Augustana Non-Profit Collaborative includes Irvington Cooperative Preschool; Familias en Accion; Jobs with Justice; VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network; Yes for Our Libraries; Open Circle Ministries; the Augustana New Sanctuary Institute; Society for Haitian Arts, Culture, & Social Support.

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Musicians

8:30 am Music Coordinators: Maile Grumm, Jenny Schmidt, Joe Paterno, Andy Fort
8:30 am Band: Maile Grumm, Jenny Schmidt, Mark Foat, Eric North, Joe & Janey Paterno, Barbara Passolt, Noah Fort, Steve Aguilu, Keri Haslebacher
Organist & Sanctuary Choir Director: Dr. Walter Krueger
Pianist, Contemporary & Children's Choir Director: Andrew Fort
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