



**Augustana  
Lutheran Church**  
*Serving Portland and the  
World to the Glory of  
God since 1906*

# Augustana Lutheran Church

## Good Newscaster - Advent /Christmas 2021

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 in-person and livestream Worship at [www.augustana.org](http://www.augustana.org)

†10:00 am English

11:30 am Spanish

### CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICES

**7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m. Friday, December 24, 2021 \*\* In-Person & Livestream \*\* Invite Others**

<sup>8</sup> And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the

babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. <sup>16</sup> And they came with haste, and found Mary, and

Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

<sup>17</sup> And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

<sup>19</sup> But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Luke 2:8-20

When the angels left the shepherds on the hillside at Bethlehem they immediately sought out Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. Now shepherds usually did not come together like this; theirs was often a solitary life with the sheep they cared for. But there was something about this Jesus that brought them together with the angels and the Holy Family, and a new community was born.

As we move into the beautiful, reflective and rich season of Advent and Christmas that renews our souls and deepens our spiritual lives which fuels our commitment to strive for peace and justice in all the earth, we will focus on deep and abiding relationships across Augustana and the wider community.

Community and life-giving relationships with God and one another are at the core of the Body of Christ, the Church. These deep relationships have kept the congregation healthy and generous during the isolation and profound strain of Covid-19 on our homes, our church, and our society. And yet, and yet, God is doing something new, Christ is present, and Christ will come again this Christmas. Just as he did that first Christmas when a new community was born.

As we move into the life-giving season of the four Sundays of Advent and the joy of Christmas, we will focus on deepening our relationships. This Good Newscaster is full of opportunities to do so, including the following:

**Wednesday, December 8, 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom:** A New Members and Adult Inquiry class will be held for all comers.

**Wednesday, December 15, 12:00-1:30 p.m.** will be the annual women's lunch group Christmas Luncheon (for men as well) in the Fireside Room at Augustana. This will be a potluck for all comers and will include Christmas carols and the reading of the birth of Jesus from the second chapter of Luke. All ages are invited.

**Wednesday, December 15, 6:00-7:00 p.m. via Zoom:** A Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke, our primary source for the new church year, will take place.

**Tuesday, December 21, 7:00-7:45 p.m.** An in-person Blue Christmas Winter Solstice service to acknowledge loss and isolation will take place in the Sanctuary.

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**2021 Offerings Year-End Sprint:** December is our final month when members and friends of Augustana catch up on our offerings as an act of worship and thanksgiving, and many go the extra mile during this time. Our offering goal is \$75,000 as we finish this year of ministry in a powerful way. Let us all do our part, for God has been good to us.

## Augustana Sunday School News

Advent is coming. The first Sunday of Advent is November 28, 2021. We will again miss being together for this fun event for families of all ages. We are able now to attend church in person with the proper protocols, but Sunday School classes are still not possible in person currently.

Each year Augustana gives an age-appropriate Bible to all children in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This year Bibles were given to Bea Halverson and Armaan Berry.

**To celebrate Advent this year,** I encourage each household to create an Advent Wreath or Log. There are many resources online to help you create this together. I will email readings each week that you can do with your family as you light your Advent wreath candles. I made my own Advent Log from what I had on hand last year, and it was very lovely to keep that tradition, especially since other ways of celebrating were not available.

It is important for us to focus on what we **have** and what we **can** do, rather than on what is missing again this year. If you have ideas for celebrating safely or doing something kind for neighbors, please email me or call 971-400-9381 to share them.

**Curriculum for December:** Sunday School will study the stories of Jesus' birth, the Old Testament prophecy, the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph's story, and the witness of the shepherds from our latest Shine winter curriculum.

**Christmas Pageant** will not take place this year. I will email some suggestions of what to watch together as families, both commercial productions and livestreamed pageants from other churches as I find them. Families are encouraged to zoom watch favorite videos with other families, or with friends and family who are far away.

**Winter Break:** We will not meet via zoom on December 19 or 26 2021; or January 2, 2022. Zoom classes resume January 9, 2022.

**December Worship Services:** Look elsewhere in the Newscaster for the entire listing of dates and times for services, including Christmas Eve.

I and the whole Christian Education program are praying for your families in this time of waiting and uncertainty, that you will be strengthened and empowered by knowing that you are God's children and are deeply loved. *In Christ, Rebecca*

## Augustana Solar Project Team Updates

The first annual Solar Energy Education Conference, led by Augustana teens Nathan, Linnea, and Calvin, was an outstanding success. Over 70 individuals from six states joined us on Zoom to learn about Augustana's Solar Project and solar energy in general. We had nine speakers, including Théa Kindschuh, whose fascinating description of her passive solar home in the high desert of New Mexico was a highlight. Our young people are planning to host the second annual conference next year.

The City of Portland issued our Solar Project Building Permit on September 17, and the electrical permit on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Our solar installer Neil Kelly held a site visit and met with the Augustana solar team on November 1. Although there have been several weather delays, hopes are high that a break in the rainy weather cycle will allow installation to begin soon.

We are close to reaching our fundraising goal of \$119,000, thanks to the \$3000 anonymous matching pledge and the youth group contribution of \$1500 from their bottle and can recycling project. The November Italian Takeout Fundraiser raised over \$4,200 and should put us over the top! The Augustana Congregation has contributed generously to support this project. Thank you! This project was also made possible by the funding support of Pacific Power's Blue Sky program participants.

We did experience some higher-than-expected costs and delays in the coordination of the waterproofing materials needed to protect the new roof from leakage when the solar racking system is installed. The Foundation has agreed to cover these costs.

- Robert Morse

## Augustana High School Youth Group

The Youth Group's can and bottle recycling drive using the blue, pre-tagged bags through Oregon Bottle Drop is going strong and will continue through 2022. After donations of cans and bottles totaled \$1,583 the Youth Group in August 2021 was thrilled to donate \$1,500 of the proceeds to the Augustana Solar Project. Since then, additional cans and bottles have been collected and the balance on the account is now over \$400.

Please keep recycling your cans and bottles as good stewards of the earth and to support the Youth Group's projects! Blue bags can be picked up at the church and returned to any Oregon Bottle Drop locations. Thank you to Augustana for all the support that has been shown for this project. - Laura Thalacker

The Augustana High School Youth Group is moving forward through this moment in time by focusing their efforts on fundraising, social justice and the health of Mother Earth. Over the summer months the Youth Group participated in gaining funds for the Solar Panel Project by offering \$1,500 towards the final cost, and planning and implementing a Solar Energy Education Conference which was impressive in its scope and effect.

The Sunday morning livestreamed Worship Services at Augustana have seen several of our tech savvy youth not only take part in the process- but take over and run the entire audio/video line! Hats off to this energetic, motivated group of young Christian leaders!

**Saturdays, 1:00-1:45 p.m.** High School/Jr. High meets via Zoom. All youth and friends are welcome.

- Marilyn Keller, Interim Youth Coordinator

**In-Person and Livestream Worship each Sunday at [www.augustana.org](http://www.augustana.org)  
10:00 a.m. English                      11:30 a.m. Spanish**

**Advent and Christmas Services**

**Sunday, November 28                      1 Advent                      Sermon "Great Expectations"**  
Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:1-10; 1 Thess 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

**Sunday, December 5                      2 Advent                      Sermon "You Are Messengers"**  
Mal 3:14; Luke 1:68-79; Phil 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

**Sunday, December 12                      3 Advent                      Sermon "The Lord Is Near"**  
Zeph 3:14-20; Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

**Sunday, December 19                      4 Advent                      Sermon "Magnificat"**  
Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45[46-55]

**Christmas Eve Services**

**Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.**  
7p jazz in-person & livestream; 9p classical in-person



**Sermon "Peace on Earth"**



**Monday, December 25                      Christmas Day                      Christmas Concert *livestreamed, 10 a.m.***  
**Sunday, December 26                      1 Christmas                      Christmas Concert *livestreamed, 10 a.m.***

**Francisco Aguirre** witness in Washington D.C.: On Thursday, November 18 Augustana staff member and Executive Director of the VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network Francisco Aguirre was raised on a cross alongside another Latino pastor at the gates of the White House, calling for action by Congress for DACA youth and TPS residents as well as immunizations for those along the border who need them. Action was taken by Congress that night. This was sponsored by NDLO, the National Day Laborers Network.

**Many thanks to our (rotating) musicians listed on the back, worship leaders, and our Livestream Team Members including:** Ben Joy, Dave Schmidt, Jenny Schmidt, Lane Johnson, Andy Fort, Francisco Aguirre, Marilyn Keller, Glen Jacobs, Nate Fort, Katelyn Haslebacher, Keri Haslebacher, Grant Haslebacher, Peggy Thatcher-Aguilu, Calvin Stuczynski, Ed Granshaw, Brandon Knutson (remote), Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt (remote), Tamrah Knutson (remote), Rick Gordon (advisor); Rebecca Dodson (webpage); Mark Knutson (advisor)

**Augustana Refugee Resettlement Efforts through Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon's SOAR Program**

Refugees from Afghanistan and other countries are arriving in Portland and need our assistance. Augustana is working with EMO's SOAR Program ("Sponsors Organized to Assist Refugees") to help with resettlement. If you would like to get involved and work directly with refugee families, please contact the church office at [ministry@augustana.org](mailto:ministry@augustana.org) and we will be in touch with information about EMO's background check process and other steps you will need to take to participate.

Another way you can help during Advent is by donating new items for a "Refugee Care Collective Restart Kit" (see info/instruction on page 6 of this newsletter) or, in lieu of collecting items for a full kit, donating funds so that kits can be

purchased by the church and donated to EMO. If you are putting together a kit to donate, please follow the instructions on the information page. ***Completed kits can be dropped off in the church parking lot on Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and will be delivered to EMO. If you plan on dropping off a completed kit, please email Laura Thalacker ([kiltportland@hotmail.com](mailto:kiltportland@hotmail.com)) so we can make necessary arrangements to store and transfer the kits.***

Monetary donations to purchase kits can be sent to Augustana (if by check, payable to "Augustana Lutheran") with a note directing the funds to "Refugee Care Collective Restart Kits."

Thank you for supporting this important work!

**Open Circle, under the leadership of Andrea Robideau, works faithfully to seek out and serve the most vulnerable. Please keep all in your prayers.**



**Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Services  
Friday, December 24  
7:00 & 9:00 p.m.**

**Sermon "Peace on Earth"**

**Also livestreamed so you can view the service at a convenient time for your family.**

**Augustana Music presents a Christmas Concert!** Our second annual pre-recorded concert will feature our Classical, Contemporary, Jazz, and Spanish-Language service musicians as well as some readings from the families of Augustana and the hard work of our tech team. It will show on **Christmas morning at 10:00 a.m. and replay on Sunday, December 26th at 10:00 a.m.** Watch for it on the website and YouTube channel!

**"Virgin of Guadalupe"** play produced by our Spanish Language Service leaders for all to enjoy. Watch for the date and time.

**Dr. Walter Krueger's article, "Advent Hymn Tour"** was just published in "In Tempo" a periodical of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM).

A meditative walk-through of four famous Advent Hymns, it starts with the 4th-Century hymn by St. Ambrose, *Veni Redemptor Gentium (Savior of the Nations Come, ELW 263)*. Ambrose aptly earned the moniker "father of Christian Song." Martin Luther, the "Ambrose of Lutheran hymnody," famously recast this hymn into our modern version, ELW 263.

Next was *"Wake, awake, for Night is Flying"* ELW 436. Written by Lutheran pastor Philip Nicolai during the plague of 1597, it is based on the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids who waited for the Bridegroom in varying states of preparedness.

The tour then went to the great Methodist hymnwriter, Charles Wesley, and his *"Lo! He comes with clouds descending"* ELW 435, based on Matthew 24:30 *"...the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven..."* Alleluia!

Lastly, the tour concluded in modern times with the lilting and mirthful *"People, Look East"* ELW 248. Written by Eleanor Farjeon in 1928, the coming Savior is described as "Love, the Guest, the Rose, and Star." Augustana Classic Choir will sing this carol at worship in December. Happy Advent, everyone!

On November 30 we'll send **homemade cookies for finals** studying. Please bring cookies to church **Tuesday, November 30, 9:30 a.m.** We will meet, masked, in the upstairs church kitchen to assemble the packages of cookies. Thank you for all your help! -Beth Boyce

**Property Updates:** Ansel, Floyd and I have been getting doors and door closures to work and starting to winterize. We also decommissioned a leaking sink in the Families office. Steve Loniewski fixed the lights in the Christian Education office by replacing a switch wire. We also got all the entryway pendant lights working except one, and the part we need is on the way.

Outside we joined 12 other church members on October 30th, raking leaves to the street. This to be ready for our first Portland Leaf day. We will have another work party on December 11th to get ready for our second leaf day — all are welcome.

*Glen Jacobs, property committee co-chair*

The **Red Cross Blood Drive at Augustana** is December 4.

**Moses Movers:** The last year and a half has been challenging, but still productive. Moses has made about six moves of various types. Regarding our ongoing commitment to NEFP (Northeast Emergency Food Program), with Covid 19 Moses Movers no longer "shops the dock" at the Oregon Food Bank, as the dock is closed to shopping. That said, NEFP is extremely busy, with various Moses Movers volunteering on an irregular basis at NEFP. The positive news, now that most folks are fully vaccinated, Moses Movers will be working with NEFP on a regular basis after the first of the year. We all have to "adapt to new, but often better and more positive realities". NEFP has various job descriptions for volunteers, and Moses Movers will be able to select from these and volunteer monthly in areas that work best for each individual. Hopefully other Augustana Members and Friends will have the opportunity to do likewise in 2022. NEFP, part of EMO (Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon [emo-nefp.org](http://emo-nefp.org)), remains VERY busy serving those in need of food staples, especially as Covid 19 continues. NEFP Volunteers number over 250 serving in various capacities, with 800+ families helped monthly. (Individuals assisted each month number over 35000.) NEFP, serving the greater metro

area including SW Washington, is the busiest pantry in the state. Of the individuals served, 40% are children!

**Wednesday Lunch Bunch** people and friends have now donated 27 heavy coats, over 125 pairs of socks, and 15 canisters of medicated foot powder to EMO's HIV Day Center. The recipients and EMO staff are very grateful for these necessary items. Thanks to all who donated! *Kathy Jones*

**Robinswood Foster Home and HIV Day Center:** Provide gifts for these by following this link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IPyIqxoHK74FfbgJaewbTfj\\_-wkaZc4zVGLAlzciwI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IPyIqxoHK74FfbgJaewbTfj_-wkaZc4zVGLAlzciwI/edit?usp=sharing)

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

**Women's Bible Study and Prayer,** every Mon. 9:30am

**Men's Pub Theology,** 1st Tues, 7pm  
**Book Group,** monthly on the 3rd Tues, 7pm

**Tai Chi,** weekly on Tues, 10am, Thurs 1pm, Sat 11am

**Coffee hour,** 11:15am

**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!** Property Committee (special thanks to Glen Jacobs and Ansel Johnson) \*\* Tech Team \*\* Calling Care Ministers \*\* Cleaning Helpers \*\* Worship Assistants \*\* Musicians \*\* Church Council & Foundation \*\* Financial Team \*\* Sanctuary Prep Team \*\* LEVO Team \*\* Solar Team \*\* Sunday School Teachers \*\* Bible Study/Fellowship Leaders \*\* Refugee Resettlement Leaders

**COVID-SAFE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** We appreciate any help with ...

**CLEANING:** Is cleaning your thing? There's lots to do around church and in the sanctuary. With plenty of room to spread out, and masks wearing required, it feels safe!

**LEAF RAKING:** Can you rake leaves? The Property Team will advertise special clean up days, but if you'd like help on your own time, drop by with a rake and pop some leaves in the green bins.

**CALLING CARE MINISTRY:** Can you make calls from home? We need about 8 more volunteers for the Calling Team. Volunteers receive names of congregation members to call once every 2

months. This is a vital ministry and a great way to connect with others in the congregation.

**LAUNDERING ROBES:** Do you have a washing machine? Our robes for worship leaders need laundering. If you can take a few home to wash and bring back, that would be great!

**GOODWILL DELIVERY:** Have a truck or a car? We have some items to take to Goodwill or the Community Warehouse. Any help is welcome. One item requires a truck to transport.

**PAINTING:** Like to paint? We need to paint the walls of the bell tower stairway. We can get a crew together or you can do an individual painting shift if that feels more comfortable. **Contact Jenny [j.pl.schmidt@comcast.net](mailto:j.pl.schmidt@comcast.net) with questions or to volunteer!**

**The Cornerstone Staffing Team** continues to work on our Youth Ministry position as we move through Covid-19.

**The Contemporary Choir** The Contemporary Choir is temporarily joining forces with the Classical Choir, through the end of 2021. If you'd like to sing with us you're welcome to join during the Classical Choir rehearsal. *Andrew Fort*

**The Augustana Classic Choir** (formerly 11 a.m. Choir) rehearses Thursdays, Nov. 17 and Dec 2, focusing on recording two selections for the Virtual Christmas Concert. Recording is Saturday Dec. 4th! We will sing December 5th at the Classic-led Service, and on January 2, the second Sunday after Christmas! -*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](mailto:mark@augustana.org).

**Augustana Helping Hands team** assists Augustana members needing help with household tasks during Covid quarantine and distancing regulations. For assistance with tasks or to help, contact Michele Delaney [mdelaney@insigniahealth.com](mailto:mdelaney@insigniahealth.com)

**TIVNU Jewish Gap Year Students:** 8 students ages 17-20 from across the nation volunteer for various non-profits, working out of Augustana part of the week.

**Lift Every Voice Oregon, located at Augustana,** (part of the Augustana Center for Systemic Change) **Initiative Petitions 17 & 18** to make our communities and students safe through nationally significant legislation to end gun violence are in the Oregon Su-

preme Court to be made available this fall for signature gathering. The church is playing a major role in this effort. Sign up to be a circulator (signature-gatherer).

**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 week; **Jobs with Justice** has been housed at Augustana since 2020; and the **VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network** completes its second year. Of course all staff members of these partners are primarily working from home.

**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.

<p><b>November 2021</b> <b>We pray for:</b></p> <p><b>Roseta Akin</b> <b>Colleen Benson</b> <b>Beth Boyce</b> <b>Bob Boyce</b> Julia Brown's mother <b>Deb</b>, cancer treatments <b>Gary Caldwell</b> (cancer) <b>Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt</b> <b>Lou Carman</b> <b>Cindy Corey</b> (cancer)</p>	<p><b>Denise Gates</b> <b>Marty Goplen</b> <b>Gordon Grover</b>, recovering from lung transplant <b>David Gutzler</b>, Anna Stiefvater's father <b>Susan Johnson</b> <b>Scott Jones</b> <b>Mike Kaiel</b> recovering from surgery <b>Azzree Lathan</b> <b>Mike Lawrence</b>, friend of</p>	<p>Robert and Elizabeth Morse <b>Alena Lesley</b> <b>Serena Lloyd</b> <b>Lou Martini</b>, friend of Robert and Elizabeth Morse <b>Grace Mattox</b> <b>Scott Mattox</b> <b>Darrell Mecklem</b> <b>Peter Minus</b> (home hospice) <b>Linda Nelson</b> <b>Joyce Olson</b> <b>Fred Scholtz</b></p>	<p><b>Virginia Segletes</b>, Jennifer Fort's mother <b>Victor Sheidler</b> <b>Myrna Sheie</b> <b>Brent Swanson</b> <b>TJ Tyler</b> <b>Luci Wells</b> <b>Mark Wells</b>, recovering from surgery <b>Miles Wilson</b> <b>Mary Lou Yakymi</b></p>
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<p><b>Happy Birthday to:</b> Caroline Gienapp 11/01 Laura Nixon 11/03 Molly Paterno 11/04 Sydney Hamilton 11/05 Eric North 11/06 Elizabeth Adams-Hansen 11/08 Pat Jacobson 11/11 Ayvin Berry 11/12 Shelby Knutson 11/16 Samuel Vargas 11/16 Martin Bell 11/17 Joey Foat 11/18 Amy Running 11/18</p>	<p>Elsa Roberts 11/20 Ian Spafford 11/20 Colleen Benson 11/21 Rebekah Witham 11/21 Heather McClelland 11/22 Lisa Switalla 11/23 Judith Alley 11/24 Paloma Trujillo 11/25 Paula Foat 11/26 Elizabeth McKanna 11/26 Nancy Gray 11/27 Wayne Forsgren 11/28 Cameron Knutson 11/29 Barbara Passolt-Pineiro 11/29</p>	<p>Paula Hudlow 11/30 Chris Pacheco Marquez 11/30 Charles Kohn 12/02 Kristen Haslebacher 12/05 Lottie Jensen 12/05 Josi-Lynn Dulaney 12/07 Benjamin Iboshi 12/07 William Iboshi 12/07 Engred Chai 12/12 Gino Pieretti 12/12 Marshall Butsch 12/16 David Schmidt 12/16 Katie Witham 12/16 Jean Hoffman 12/17</p>	<p>Robert Trimble 12/20 Roseta Akin 12/22 George Hall 12/22 Susan Hanset 12/25 D'Norgia Price 12/25 Claudia Scholtz 12/25 Renee Ignacio 12/26 Linda Nelson 12/26 Nat Fox 12/27 Marilyn Williams 12/27 Cole Delaney 12/30 Paul Cedfeldt 12/31 Karen Kinzey 12/31</p>
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**AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN  
ADVENT COLLECTION OF REFUGEE CARE  
COLLECTIVE RESTART KITS  
1:30-3:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021**

Most refugees arrive in the United States with next to nothing, but you can help them rebuild their lives by putting together a restart kit. Choose a restart kit category below, place the items in a clean, clear plastic tub that can close, and label the top of the container with the restart kit name. Please purchase new items and do not tape the tub closed. We also encourage you to include a handwritten, unsealed note welcoming the family to Portland.

*Augustana will be collecting completed kits in the church parking lot from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021 and will deliver them to Ecumenical Ministry of Oregon's SOAR Program.* If you plan on donating a kit, please email Laura Thalacker ([kiltportland@hotmail.com](mailto:kiltportland@hotmail.com)) so we can make necessary arrangements to store and transfer the kits.

If you would prefer to make a monetary contribution to this effort instead of putting together a kit, funds can be sent directly to the church (payable to "Augustana Lutheran") with a note specifying the funds are for "Refugee Care Collective Restart Kits."

Thanks for helping to welcome refugees to Portland.

**REFUGEE CARE COLLECTIVE RESTART KITS  
(new items only, please)**

**Personal Care Kit:** Toothbrushes (4-6) - Toothpaste (2) - Shampoo (2) - Conditioner (2) - Deodorant (2 men's, 2 women's) - Bars of soap (3) - Razors (4) - Shaving cream (2) - Nail clippers and file - Eyebrow tweezers - Feminine hygiene pads - Rolls of toilet paper (4)

**Welcome Kit:** Teapot and tea - Oregon calendar - Map of Portland area - Scented jar candle with lighter - Blanket - "Welcome" doormat - Notebook and pens - Chocolate - Umbrella - Soccer ball

**Bathroom Kit:** Bath towels (4) - Hand towels (4) - Washcloths (6-8) - Shower curtain with rings - Floor bathmat - Hand soap - Rolls of toilet paper (4) - Small waste basket

**Cleaning Kit:** Mop and bucket \* - Broom and dustpan \* - Pack of sponges - Bottle of all-purpose cleaner spray - Toilet brush - Dish soap - Laundry detergent - Light bulbs - Tissues (2) - Paper towels (2)

**Bedding Kit:** Choose twin or queen (include on kit label). - Comforter - Sheets and pillow cases - Pillow (1 for twin, 2 for queen)\*

**Kitchen Kit 1:** Dishes (plates and bowls for 6) - Cups/glasses and mugs for 6 - Silverware (forks, knives, spoons for 6-8) - Silverware tray/holder for drawer - Dish towels (2) - Potholders (2) - Paper towels and holder - Hand soap - Trash can (11-13 gallons)\* - Garbage bags

**Kitchen Kit 2:** Mixing bowls (2-3) - Plastic tupperware or storage containers - Frying pan - Small pot with lid, large pot with lid - Baking dish (glass or ceramic) - Cutting board - Large carving knife, smaller paring knife - Spatula - Can opener

**Baby Kit:** Choose any size (include on kit label). -Diapers - Baby wipes - Small baby items (onesies, rattle, etc.)

\* - If this item doesn't fit in the tub, please tape it to the top of the kit.

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**Friday, December 24:** Candlelight Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary will take place in person at 7:00 p.m. (livestreamed) and 9:00 p.m. to celebrate the birth of Christ and the community of the church we are called to.

**Saturday, Christmas Day and Sunday, Dec. 26:** A special Christmas concert featuring our musicians and choir will be streamed, at 10:00 a.m. both days.

During the week of December 19, our Jr. High and High School students will be invited to a servant event serving

those in need, followed by a pizza party. The Women's Christmas Luncheon will take place, and solar panels will be installed.

Just as that first community of hope was formed around the manger, people are longing for community today. Invite others to join us this Advent and Christmas Season.

Christ's peace and joy,

**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](http://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; Families en Accion; Jobs with Justice; VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network; Open Circle Ministries; the Augustana New Sanctuary Institute.**

**Augustana Lutheran Church Staff**

**Pastor:** Rev. Mark Knutson  
**Admin. Asst.:** Joyce Kindschuh  
**Gifts for Ministry:** Jenny Schmidt  
**Education Coord:** Rebecca Dodson  
**Interim Youth Coord:** Marilyn Keller

**2021 Augustana Church Council**

Mark Witham, <i>President</i>	LeAnne Jabs	Wayne Reitz
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Francisco Aguirre	Ramona Nieman	Rebekah Witham
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**Musicians**

**Pianist, Contemporary & Sunday School/Children's Choir Director:** Andrew Fort

**Organist & Sanctuary Choir Director:** Dr. Walter Krueger

**Jazz Service:** Marilyn Keller, George Mitchell, Ron Steen, Kevin Deitz

**Spanish service:** Francisco Aguirre, Oscar Amaya, Elvio Gonzalez, Jackeline Luna, Dora Reyna, Aranza and Miranda Aguirre

**8:30 am Music Coordinators:** Maile Grumm, Jenny Schmidt, Joe Paterno, Andy Fort

**8:30 am Band:** Barbara Passolt, Mark Foat, Andrew Fort, Joe Paterno, Janey Paterno, Jenny Schmidt, Maile Grumm, Mark Mummy

**2021 Foundation Board**

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Rev. David Brownmiller	Rev. Jake Jacobson	Rev. Gavin Dluhosh
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Rev. Patty Campbell-Schmitt	Rev. Sandy Walker	Deaconess Julia Brown