



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

Augustana Lutheran Church

Good Newscaster - Epiphany 2022

January-February

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

“Arise, shine: for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1

Greetings to each of you as we enter the Epiphany Season which this year includes eight Sundays, concluding with Transfiguration Sunday before Lent begins. Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the magi who traveled from other lands to pay homage to the Christ Child.

Epiphany is a season when we celebrate that Christ was revealed to all nations. Christ, the light of the world, reveals the love of God for all people and all of creation through his life, death and resurrection.

Epiphany is a time of hope, of new insights in times such as these. Even in the most troubling of times, God is doing something new. Yes, arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Christ's peace and joy,

Pastor Mark

**Our annual Martin Luther King service is
Sunday, January 16 at 10:00 a.m.**

(livestreamed) featuring a sermon of
Dr. King's woven through Freedom
songs. Invite others to join us, and the
call for a “Sign From Home Sabbath” for
IP 17 and IP 18.

**Augustana's Solar Power Dedication,
Sunday, February 6th**

10:00 a.m. Worship (English)

11:00 a.m. Ribbon-Cutting

11:45 a.m. Worship (Spanish)

**Augustana's Annual Meeting
Saturday, February 12**

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

This will be a virtual meeting.
Annual reports will be emailed out
in advance.

→→ Annual Meeting - Saturday, February 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Council Officers, Foundation Chair, Committee Chairs, Group/Team Leaders:
All organization reports are due by noon Wednesday, January 19 for inclusion
in the Annual Report booklet. Email documents to ministry@augustana.org

Sunday School and Confirmation News

We are in the season of Epiphany, when we celebrate that Jesus' birth was for the whole world. We begin the season remembering the visit of the Wise Ones from an entirely different culture, who nonetheless believed and came to see. I like to think of this season, during the darkest part of the year, as one that continually shines the light of Christ into our worlds. I try to make sure that I am looking for the light, especially in these dark times of multiple pandemics. Our God is still in control, and we can experience God's miracles daily, if we but look.

Sunday school and confirmation classes began for this year of 2022 on January 9. With the surge of the Omicron variant it is good that we have plans in place to keep the experience of zoom for the 2nd through 5th

grades and also for the Confirmation class. Kathy Jones and Joyce Minus are providing weekly home lessons for the Pre-k, K and 1st grade class. It is amazing to me how we are continually adapting during this time.

We will have classes via zoom through Epiphany, and most probably through Lent and Easter, at least that is the plan for now. There will not be zoom classes on February 20 in observance of President's Day. Spring Break this year will be March 20 and March 27, with no zoom classes on those dates.

Please let me know if there is any way the Christian Education department can help you as you guide your children's faith development during this time.

In Christ, *Rebecca Dodson, Education Coordinator*

Augustana High School Youth

Now that everyone is back in school, weekly virtual get-togethers will resume. Watch your email for the next one.

- *Marilyn Keller, Interim Youth Coordinator*

Augustana is still actively seeking a Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator. We are in conversation with the Synod office as well about pastors and lay professionals who may be looking for a part-time call. If you have names of individuals you think would be interested, please let us know.

Augustana Solar Project Team Updates

The Solar Project is reaching its final stages, 19 months after planning began. Our solar contractor, Neil Kelly, after supply chain, weather, and Covid-related delays has completed the installation of the solar panels, racking system, wiring and inverter. Fisher Roofing has finished flashing the roof penetrations of the racking system. Pacific Power has installed and connected the three transformers on the east side of 15th Avenue. Jon Jensen has created a wonderful 12-minute video documenting the project.

Next steps include the City of Portland inspection, the installation and connection of the new meter by Pacific Power, and the installation of a sign on the west side of 15th Avenue with information about the project. We expect the system to be operational in late January.

On Sunday, February 6th, we will festively celebrate the com-

pletion of the project and Augustana's becoming a Solar Sanctuary Congregation! During the 10 o'clock service, the video will be screened, then at about 11:15 there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside with coffee and cookies. Our solar energy system is designed to meet the entire electricity needs of both the Sanctuary and the Christian Education Building.

The Solar Project cost now totals about \$152K. The Energy Trust of Oregon incentive covers 8%, and thanks to the Pacific Power Blue Sky program participants, our Blue Sky grant funding will provide 36%. The members and friends of our Augustana Congregation have been fantastic! With the donations and the support of the Italian dinner fundraisers, plus some reserve funds, we have raised 56% of the project funding. Thank you for your generous support!

- Robert Morse

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

Sunday, January 9 Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 16 II Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 23 III Epiphany

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 30 IV Epiphany

Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6; 1 Cor 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 6 V Epiphany

Solar System Dedication/Celebration

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, February 13 VI Epiphany

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Sunday, February 20 VII Epiphany

Gen 45:3-11, 15; Ps 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Cor 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, February 27 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Cor 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

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, Mark Wells, Francisco Aguirre, Marilyn Keller, Glen Jacobs, Nate Fort, 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) (webpage)

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

December 4 Blood Drive: The goal was **19 units**; we collected **23!** Steve from Red Cross organized the 4 staff present and all went smoothly. The next drive is **May 14**. Thanks to all who participated, spread the word, and prayed for the donors and the recipients. **23 units of blood** can save up to **69 lives!** What a special Christmas blessing to the recipients and their loved ones! *Paul and Lois Fox*

Classic Service musicians look ahead to carrying forward our music ministry throughout this lengthy season. Longer than usual, this year it has 7 Sundays! We plan to meet in person for rehearsals and services, covid permitting. Under the theme "Light to many nations," we will feature music of other cultures, and we will remember South African Desmond Tutu with one of his prayers in music. We also will sing a prayer for God's protection against the pandemic "Be not afraid, for I am with you." Also planned is a list of guest musicians to enhance our music further. Finally, we are considering a Lent or Spring Organ Concert as a follow-up from last October's very successful "Solar Organ Concert." As Bach said, all to the "glory of God and the refreshment of the soul."

-Walter Krueger, 11a musician

2022 is a great year to reconnect with Augustana!

We invite you to join us in ministry:

- Calling Team: Call 3-4 people every 2 months to check in.
- Sanctuary Arts: Help prepare sanctuary for worship

- Communion: Help prepare communion
- Property (outside): Help with yard work
- Property (inside): Help with cleaning or maintenance
- Helping Hands: Help needy people with errands
- Tech Team: Run cameras or sound (we train!)
- Choir: Sing with mask on
- Refugee resettlement: Support Afghani immigrants
- We need fresh ideas for ...
 - social media
 - outreach
 - social ministry/advocacy
 - finances

Please contact Jenny Schmidt
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Property Updates: The property team continues weekly visits to maintain the property inside and out; a huge thank you to Glen Jacobs, Ansel Johnson, Floyd Jacobs, John and Kathy Kirsch, Wayne Westfall and several others!

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, Thurs, Sat at 10am

Coffee hour every Sun, 11:15am

Lift Every Voice Oregon, located at Augustana, is in the midst of Signature Gathering with over 300 around the state gathering signatures. Junior High and older are welcome to take part. We have until July 8 to turn in 112,028 signatures to put IP 17 and IP 18 on the November ballot. Our goals is 140,000. If we have 1,000 signatures gathered by late winter, that is only 140 signatures each which can be done in a day. The leading signature gatherer is 92 and has collected over 200! This is democracy at its best, for the sake of public health. The King weekend will be the first Sign From Home Sabbath.

Moses Movers: The time since March 2020 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 work with NEFP on a regular basis after the first of the year. We will "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), 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! *Many thanks to Dale Walker, Greg Halverson, and Wayne Forsgren.*

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 each week; **Jobs with Justice** and the **VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network** are housed at Augustana. Of course all staff members of these partners are primarily working from home.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform

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.

We pray for Peggy Thatcher Aguilu and her family upon the death of her mother **Doris Sletner** on Dec. 16. The memorial service was in early January in Minnesota.

We pray for Joyce Minus and her family upon the death of husband **Peter** just before Christmas. The service is pending.

We pray for Angela Byles, daughter Dakota and all the family upon the death of son **Dallas**. The service was December 30 at Augustana.

Roseta Akin

Chris Bassett, Dennis Brooks' son-in-law

Colleen Benson

Beth Boyce

Bob Boyce

Julia Brown's mother **Deb** and father

Jim

Gary Caldwell (cancer)

Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt

Lou Carman

Cindy Corey (cancer)

Denise Gates recovering from surgery

Marty Goplen, cancer surgery

Gordon Grover, recovering from lung transplant

David Gutzler, Anna Stiefvater's father

Susan Johnson

Scott Jones

Mike Kaiel recovering from surgery

Azzree Lathan

Alena Lesley

Serena Lloyd

Lou Martini, friend of Robert and

Elizabeth Morse

Grace Mattox

Scott Mattox

Darrell Mecklem

Linda Nelson

Joyce Olson

Alice Pfirrmann, Elizabeth Morse's mother

Fred Scholtz

Judy Schwartz

Virginia Segletes, Jennifer Fort's mother

Victor Sheidler

Myrna Sheie

Jessica, Linda Sumner's niece

Brent Swanson

Luci Wells

Arlene Widman, recovering from a fall

Miles Wilson

Mary Lou Yakymi

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in January and February!

Chuck Mitchell	01/01
Andrew Schwartz	01/02
Julie Murdock	01/03
Louie Loniewski	01/04
Robert Morse	01/04
Judith Embler	01/06
Nicholas Hudlow	01/06
Nathan Ott	01/07
Janis Bell	01/08
Ella Smith	01/08
Christine Tomlinson	01/08
Alison Embler-Brown	01/10
Isaac-David Trimble	01/10
Jenomi Montgomery	01/11
Armaan Berry	01/13
Pearl Groff	01/13
Joel Nixon	01/13
Adelyn Pollock	01/15
Marilyn Keller	01/17

Keira Smith	01/17
Tanner Smith	01/17
Eli Kruger	01/19
Anne Wortmann	01/19
Laurie Richardson	01/21
Cody Rowley	01/21
Gwen Zander Corum	01/22
Margaret Olmon	01/27
Anna Cedfeldt	01/28
Lee Haugan	01/29
Kristi Davenport	01/31
Katelyn Haslebacher	01/31
Nicholas Joy	01/31
Denali Hatfield	02/01
Alexander Hudlow	02/01
Kitty Knutson	02/01
Helen Stacye	02/01
Victoria Bell	02/02
Gail Brownmiller	02/03
Mike Chapman	02/03
Kimberly Rowley	02/03
Joseph Frazee	02/04
Maxine Long	02/04

Olivia Wenzlick	02/04
Veronica Johnson	02/05
Audrey Nixon	02/05
Matthew Nixon	02/05
Stephanie Smith	02/05
Rachel Thompson	02/06
Matteo Lombardi	02/08
Naomi Mandsager	02/08
Gary Olmon	02/10
Lisa Wenzlick	02/10
Jade McKanna	02/12
Carli Groff	02/13
Hailey Howlan	02/13
Roxanne Parrott	02/13
Noel Vargas	02/13
Sue Hope	02/14
Cynthia Ingebretson	02/14
Audrey Stiefvater	02/14
Laura Minus	02/26
Floydean Satterlee	02/26
John Kirsch	02/27
Annik Running	02/28

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

immigration 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; Open Circle Ministries; the Augustana New Sanctuary Institute

Augustana Lutheran Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Mark Knutson
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Education Coord: Rebecca Dodson
Interim Youth Coord: Marilyn Keller

2021 Augustana Church Council

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Sil Davis	Susan Nieman	
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Musicians

Contemporary Music Coordinators: Maile Grumm, Jenny Schmidt, Joe Paterno, Andy Fort
Contemporary Band: Barbara Passolt-Pinero, Mark Foat, Andrew Fort, Mark Wells, Jenny Schmidt, Maile Grumm, Joe Paterno, Jancy Paterno, Mark Mummy, Keri Haslebacher, Kaitlyn Haslebacher, Nate Fort

Organist, Classical Choir Director: Dr. Walter Krueger
Pianist, Contemporary Choir Director: Andrew Fort
Jazz Service: Marilyn Keller, George Mitchell, Ron Steen, Kevin Deitz
Spanish service: Francisco Aguirre, Carlos Guevara, Elvio Gonzalez, Jackeline Luna, Dora Reyna, Aranza and Miranda Aguirre

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