



# Augustana Lutheran Church

## Good Newscaster - Lent / Easter 2022

### March - April

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

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](http://www.augustana.org)

†10:00 am English

†11:30 am Spanish

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"*

*<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."*

*<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"*

*<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. Luke 4:1-13*

We begin the Lenten Season of the year 2022 with Ash Wednesday with the sign of the cross made in ashes from the previous Palm Sunday as we hear the words "Remember that thou art dust and to dust thou shall return." These are sobering and centering words after two years of the Covid-19 pandemic that has taken so many lives as well as the gun pandemic we have discussed together and now the terrible immoral invasion of Ukraine by Russia as we hold the Ukrainians and all impacted by violence in our prayers. And yet these words help to center us in what is truly important in life, the relationships we have, the beauty and fragility of the human family we are part of, the earth that God has blessed us with and called us to steward faithfully for present and future generations. Yes a call to love God, ourselves and one another centers us in God's amazing love that we have experienced in Jesus Christ.

The 40 Day Lenten Journey centers us in this love. We are thrilled that we can now truly begin to open again. On the first Sunday of Lent we hear the story of Jesus filled with the Holy Spirit being led by the Spirit into the wildernesses for 40 days of testing. This takes place immediately after he has been baptized in the River Jordan by John and God's voice declared from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased" even as the Spirit of God in the form of a dove descended upon him. Yes, our 40 day journey

of Lent offers the disciplines of Lent that focus our being and renew the power and purpose of our lives in Christ.

During Lent we reflect with Christians throughout the world of every generation on the meaning of baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. The disciplines of prayer, fasting and alms giving, doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God gives our lives a renewed meaning and deepens our relationship with God and one another. Lent is a time of repentance, turning back to God, and spiritual renewal which is life giving. It is a time of endings and a time of new beginnings.

This Lent our 40 day journey together will lead us to the Cross of Good Friday an amazing remembrance of God's love for all humanity, and the Joy of Easter Dawn. The sermon for Easter Sunday will be, "You Can't Hold Back the Dawn". As Covid-19 recedes, as we strive for justice and peace in all the earth, as we renew and deepen relationships with one another and the earth we can see new life all around us. Springtime is coming with new signs of life, babies are being born in our midst, teenagers and others are getting signatures to create new ways of peace, and Augustana you are leading the way for clean renewable energy as you are now one of the first "Multicultural Solar Sanctuary Churches" in the nation.

We are told that when Jesus returned from his 40 days in the wilderness he was filled with the Holy Spirit and in his synagogue in his home town of Nazareth he delivered his first recorded sermon and set the tone for his ministry and may it be ours:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

Have a blessed Lenten Journey,

Pastor Mark

**Annual Meeting took place virtually on February 12 at 9 a.m.** It was a wonderful celebration of the ministry we have been about with the power of the Spirit. We gave thanks for those members who died this past year and joined the Host of Saints, for the baptisms, confirmations, new members and weddings. We celebrated the near completion of our new Solar System. We thanked outgoing council members LeAnne Jabs, Mark Witham, Rebekah Witham and Greg Halverson. Re-elected to Church Council for a second term are Laurie Richardson, Elizabeth Morse, and Robert Morse. Elected to the Church Council for first terms were Michael Lauruhn, Lisa Switalla, and Rev. Anthony Lathan. Re-elected to the Foundation for a second term were Nicole King and Ansel Johnson. We received many servant team reports as well as a record year of benevolences and a record year of giving as we passed a strong budget for 2022.

### **Sunday School and Confirmation News**

As we enter this season of Lent, we are into the second year of the Covid-19 pandemic. So much has changed in our lives but it gives me great joy and hope to realize that we still have God and Jesus and the pattern of the church year to ground and sustain us.

Normally we would be having in-person classes and lessons leading up to Easter, however with the state of the world we are still able to remember that this season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter are still true, valid, and important in our lives.

Lenten Calendars have been distributed to Elementary and Jr. High students in the hope that families will use this a tool to be mindful of the season of preparation. This will be a different Easter as we maintain good co-

rona protocols as the pandemic slows down, but we are still being cautious. Check the worship section of this Newscaster to find the schedule for both in-person and live streamed worship on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. If you feel comfortable worshipping in person, please remember that we are still masking and following the proper protocols. The same is true of Easter Sunday. My intention is to mark each of these events in a meaningful way, even though we can't celebrate as we have in the past. I hope all the Augustana family will be mindful of what we do have, what we can and do celebrate, and always thank God in all situations.

Blessings as we continue this journey together.

Rebecca Dodson, Christian Education Coordinator

### **Augustana High School Youth**

Augustana Youth have been invited to join with youth from four other congregations for group activities, with Rev. Chris Dela Cruz, Youth minister at Westminster Presbyterian. Pastor Mark and Marilyn Keller with Augustana youth attended a recent event at Central Lutheran. The next gathering is Sunday, March 27 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. with the site to be determined. **Tulip Sale coming for Easter:** Watch your emails for more information on pricing and ordering. - *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 Updates**

We had an amazing ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication of Augustana's new solar energy system, held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. On a beautiful sunny Sunday, close to one hundred people attended. Two local TV stations covered the event and the speakers, especially our teens, were inspirational. Thanks to Jenny Schmidt and the volunteer team that worked to make it so successful and such fun.

Pacific Power set the new net meter on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the transformers were activated on February 25<sup>th</sup>, and the solar energy system on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The solar project informational sign has been ordered and will be installed on 15<sup>th</sup> Ave near the bus stop by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and take a look. The sign includes aerial photos of the project and of the ribbon cutting at the dedication.

David Schmidt has developed a beautiful webpage for the solar project on the Augustana website. Click on the solar tab at the top of the homepage and learn about our solar journey including links to view the documentary video and to see how much energy the system produces.

- Robert Morse

**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**

**Sunday, March 6**                      **I Lent**  
 Deut 26:1-11; Ps 9:1-2, 9-16; Rom 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

**Sunday, April 3**                      **V Lent**  
 Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**Sunday, March 13**                      **II Lent**  
 Gen 15:1-2, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

**Sunday, April 10**                      **Passion/Palm Sunday**  
 Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

**Sunday, March 20**                      **III Lent**  
 Isa 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

**Sunday, April 17**                      **Easter Day**  
 Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

**Sunday, March 27**                      **IV Lent**  
 Josh 5:9-12; Ps 32; 2 Cor 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Sunday, April 24**                      **II Easter**  
 Acts 5:27-32; Ps 118:14-29; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

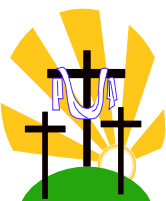
**Wednesday evening Bible Studies during Lent: 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, beginning Wednesday, March 9 through Wednesday, April 6, see the weekly zoom meeting list for the link.**



**Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, April 10**  
 Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11;  
 Mark 14:1-15:47  
**Livestream and in-person worship 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. at [augustana.org](http://augustana.org)**

**Maundy Thursday, April 14**  
 Exod 12:1-4[5-10]11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-29; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
**Livestream worship 7:00 p.m. at [augustana.org](http://augustana.org)**

**Good Friday, April 15**  
 Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42  
**Livestream worship 7:00 p.m. at [augustana.org](http://augustana.org)**



**Easter Sunday, April 17**  
 Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8  
**Livestream and in-person festival worship at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at [augustana.org](http://augustana.org)**

**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); David Schmidt (webpage); Mark Knutson (advisor) (webpage)

**Classic Service musicians** look ahead to carrying forward our music ministry throughout the Lent and Easter seasons.  
*-Walter Krueger, 11a musician*

**2022 is a great year to reconnect with Augustana!** We invite you to join us in ministry:

**Calling Team:** The pandemic has been very isolating for many in our congregation. Calling Team members connect by calling 3-4 people every 2 months to check in.

**Sanctuary Arts:** During Lent there are many opportunities to help with parament changes and other visual arts to enhance worship.

**Property (outside):** Spring is around the corner and there will soon be more yard work to do. Watch for work party announcements. Most outside work is done on Saturday mornings.

**Property (inside):** Drop in during office hours to help with cleaning jobs.

**Moses Movers:** The Moses Mover team volunteers at the Northeast Emergency Food Program. Help is needed with sorting and packing food for distribution. here are many shifts to accommodate different schedules.

**Choir:** The choir is singing again. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings.

**Tech Team:** Join our growing team of volunteers to help run cameras and sound for Sunday services. The commitment is about once a month. Robust training is available.

For information on any of these ministry opportunities, please contact Jenny Schmidt [j.pl.schmidt@comcast.net/503-550-1478](mailto:j.pl.schmidt@comcast.net/503-550-1478)

**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!

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

**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 3rd Tues, 7pm

**Tai Chi,** weekly Tues, Thurs, Sat at 10am

**Coffee hour** every Sun, 11:15am

**Lift Every Voice Oregon, located at Augustana, needs you!**

We are in the midst of Signature Gathering with over 400 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 goal 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 300! This is democracy at its best, for the sake of public health. Invite everyone you know to join the effort.

**Moses Movers:** Moses Movers continue to work with NEFP on a regular basis. We are "adapting 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 oppor-

tunity to do likewise in 2022. 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.

**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 the family of Ed Hope (Sue) upon his death Feb. 27; the family of Peter Minus (Joyce) upon his death in December; and the family of Eva Tyree upon her death in February.

Roseta Akin  
Colleen Benson  
Deacon Sue Best  
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  
Marty Goplen  
Ed Granshaw, surgery 3/8  
Gordon Grover, lung transplant

David Gutzler, Anna Stiefvater's father  
Steve Hanneman and Katie Hanneman, struggling through covid (friends of George and Terri)  
Wendy Jenkins, surgery 1/28  
Susan Johnson  
Scott Jones  
Azzree Lathan  
Alena Lesley  
Brigitta Lloyd and Kristina Stein, daughters of Arlene and Don  
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

Gladine Reynolds, Tamrah Knutson's mother  
Fred Scholtz  
Judy Schwartz  
Virginia Segletes, Jennifer Fort's mother  
Victor Sheidler  
Myrna Sheie  
Mark Stewart  
Jessica, Linda Sumner's niece  
Brent Swanson  
Rongrong Wang recovering from surgery  
Luci Wells  
Arlene Widman, recovering from a fall  
Miles Wilson  
Mary Lou Yakymi, recovering from stroke

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in March and April!

Gay Mitchell 03/02  
 Maggie Swanson 03/04  
 Elizabeth Tull 03/04  
 Michael Haslebacher 03/06  
 Erika Kohn 03/06  
 Lisa Murdock 03/06  
 Mark Hoffman 03/07  
 Quin Wonderlick 03/07  
 Kyle Iboshi 03/09  
 Silas Wortmann 03/09  
 Dan Bell 03/10  
 Glen Jacobs 03/10  
 Richard North 03/13  
 Tabor Stuczynski 03/15  
 Bev Walker 03/15  
 Don Widman 03/17  
 Nikki Hayes 03/19  
 Scott Jones 03/20  
 Greg Halverson 03/21  
 LeAnne Jabs 03/25  
 Elizabeth Morse 03/25  
 Michael Lauruhn 03/27

Mary Anne Turner 03/28  
 Kay Lowe 03/30  
 Denise Gates 03/31  
 Janice Hall 04/02  
 Joaquin Trujillo 04/02  
 Nicolas Tull 04/02  
 Madeleine Delaney 04/03  
 Nicole King 04/04  
 Oscar Kohn 04/04  
 Paul Slyman 04/05  
 Heidi Spafford 04/05  
 Trisha Wonderlick 04/05  
 Justin Cameron 04/06  
 Elizabeth Lombardi 04/07  
 Raleigh Slyman 04/09  
 Fred Scholtz 04/10  
 Thomas Campbell-Schmitt 04/11  
 Sue Best 04/12  
 Lynn Gray 04/12  
 Elizabeth Kaiel 04/14  
 Steve Loniewski 04/14  
 Bret Wonderlick 04/14  
 Darrell Mecklem 04/15  
 William Rauchholz 04/16

Grace Smith 04/17  
 Maya Kruger 04/18  
 Lola Conner 04/19  
 Aaron Kohn 04/20  
 David Brownmiller 04/21  
 Sophie Kindschuh 04/22  
 Jami Knutson 04/22  
 Andrea Cedfeldt 04/23  
 Cheryl Davis 04/23  
 Deborah Splinter 04/23  
 Fiona Taylor 04/23  
 John Tomlinson 04/23  
 Lois Fox 04/24  
 Adam Joy 04/24  
 Rebecca Nevers 04/24  
 Jean Hansen 04/25  
 Joanne Mecklem 04/25  
 Beverly North 04/25  
 Annali Smith 04/25  
 Barbara Cooke 04/27  
 Grant Haslebacher 04/28  
 John Wacker 04/28  
 Bob Boyce 04/29  
 Andrew Kindschuh 04/30

**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](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; 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  
**Admin. Asst:** Joyce Kindschuh  
**Gifts for Ministry:** Jenny Schmidt  
**Education Coord:** Rebecca Dodson  
**Interim Youth Coord:** Marilyn Keller

**2022 Augustana Church Council**

Ken Petersen, <i>Treasurer</i>	Michael Lauruhn	Wayne Reitz
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Diane Davis	Elizabeth Morse	Lisa Switalla
Sil Davis	Robert Morse	Peggy Thatcher-Aguilu
Todd Gienapp	Ramona Nieman	Robert Trimble
Rev. Anthony Lathan	Susan Nieman	Lisa Wenzlick

**Musicians**

**Contemporary Music Coordinators:** Maile Grumm, Jenny Schmidt, Joe Paterno, Andy Fort  
**Contemporary Band:** Barbara Passolt-Piniero, Mark Foat, Andrew Fort, Mark Wells, Jenny Schmidt, Maile Grumm, Joe Paterno, Jany 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, Jacqueline Luna, Dora Reyna, Aranza and Miranda Aguirre

**2022 Foundation Board**

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Linda Knudson	Pastor Mark Knutson

**Pastoral Associates**

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Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt	Rev. Jake Jacobson	Rev. Sandy Walker
Rev. Patty Campbell-Schmitt	Rev. Anthony Lathan	Deaconess Julia Brown