



Augustana Lutheran Church

Good Newscaster

September / October 2022

Pentecost 13 to Reformation

**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

†10:00 am English

†11:30 am Spanish

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

-Matthew 28:16-20

Our risen Lord meets the disciples by the Sea of Galilee and he calls them to go and make disciples of all nations teaching them all that he had commanded and he reminded them as he reminds us today "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

These words of Jesus speak to us today in a powerful way in the midst of coming out slowly from a time of isolation and loss. People are hungry for good news, deeply desiring community and a renewed sense of being part of something greater than themselves. Many are seeking but not sure how to engage. Many wish to find joy in the midst of sorrow from acts of violence they hear in the news whether between or within nations or in our own state from Bend to Portland.

Many are seeking real relationships with others in the context of authentic community where Jesus' command to love God, neighbor and ourselves is active and real and life giving. And here we are Augustana. We are in a place and time where we have come through the past years poised and ready to share the good news of God's love for all through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are called to go therefore and make disciples, teaching all that Jesus has commanded.

So as we prepare for our upcoming Rally Day on Sunday, September 11 with the beginning of Sunday School, who are

the children, teens and families we know that have no church community that we might invite? Who are those whether young or chronologically gifted that would love to be invited into an ever expanding circle of love called the church? Who are those we know or have not yet met who may be isolated and alone who would be renewed with a message of love rather than hate, of inclusion rather than exclusion? This is the calling of each of us to a hungry world who simply know where the food is.

When I was in Washington DC doing my doctoral work I had breakfast at an Airbnb with the two hosts who did not attend church. They were fascinated by it and asked me what was worship like. I told them we greet one another in love, we sing, we read and hear good news, we pray for one another, sing some more, share peace with one another and then go out refreshed for the week to make a difference in the world out of love. They smiled and said, "That sounds wonderful!" to which I smiled and said, "It is!"

My sisters and brothers and siblings at Augustana, let us share the good news of God's love for all in Jesus Christ with a renewed commitment this fall because our neighbors long to hear it. Let us use personal invitation, social media, compassion and kindness, public actions born of Christ's love for the common good whether it be the passage of Measure 114 or Health Care for all or true equity and inclusion while we celebrate our beautiful diversity that God has blessed us with. Let us do so knowing that Christ is with us always.

Christ's peace and joy,

Pastor Mark

Sunday School and Confirmation News

Sunday school begins on September 11, 2022 with in-person classes. There will be one class for PreK, Kindergarten and 1st grade students taught by Kathy Jones and Joyce Minus. The elementary school grades 2nd through 6th will be taught by a great teaching team of Peggy Thatcher-Aguilu, Ryan and Amy Stuczynski and Drew Gremel. Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th grade students will be taught by Rebecca Dodson and Mike Lauruhn.

We are planning on masking in classrooms and there will not be a combined opening. Parents of PreK, Kindergarten and 1st grade students should join Kathy and Joyce downstairs in the old nursery at 9 a.m. and drop their children off. Parents are welcome to stay in the classroom, but don't have to. And then pick up their children at 9:45 a.m. from the classroom.

Elementary class will take place in room 22 (upstairs off the Fireside Room). Please have your children in class at 9 a.m. and come and pick them up at 9:45 a.m. Confirmation students should come to the Confirmation room #24 at 9 a.m. for class, and they will be excused at 9:45 a.m. That should give everyone time to get prepared for worship at 10 a.m.

Of course, we want to protect the students and teachers and all, so we are asking everyone to mask when they are in the building. If there is a big bump in Covid cases, we may have to change our direction, but that is our intent at the beginning.

Calendars of the entire Sunday school year, from September 11 through June 4th are available on the corkboard by room 23 the Christian Education Resource Room (CERC) next to the Fireside room. Help yourselves to the calendars and there will also be calendars in each classroom for each family. A couple of dates to note are: October 2 will be the Blessing of the Animals during SS time, and Bible Story Books and The Adventure Bibles for 3rd grade will be distributed on November 13.

We are not planning on having a Children's Pageant or Birthday Party for Jesus this coming year, due to uncertainty around what the Covid pandemic will be in the Fall/Winter. For the same reason, we are not planning to have an Advent Festival on November 27.

With prayers that you are having a good end to summer and that you and your family will be safe and well in the Fall.

Rebecca Dodson, Christian Education Coordinator

Augustana High School Youth

Our Youth Leaders at Augustana are to be commended for their unceasing work getting IP 17 on the November ballot this year!

Augustana Youth join youth from four other congregations monthly for group events and activities.

- Marilyn Keller, Interim Youth Coordinator

The College Ministry is seeking 15 (!) secret pals for this year! Secret pals work like Secret Santas: they send small packages of inexpensive things in the months when College Ministries does not— i.e., Sept., Nov., Jan., Mar., Apr., May. An ideas list will be provided. An identity reveal at the end of the year is optional. If interested, notify Beth Boyce at boycees@aol.com.

Augustana is 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.

We pray for ...

...the people of Ukraine enduring war and invasion from Russia ...the people in northern Ethiopia, suffering from starvation and malnutrition as a consequence of war; that all war may end and healing begin

Roseta Akin

Colleen Benson

Beth Boyce

Bob Boyce

Laurie Bregitzer's grandson, his mom and family

Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt

Lou Carman

Rose Christopherson

Pat Gebhardt

Susan Johnson

Scott Jones

Azzree Lathan

Alena Lesley

Pat Lynch, brain cancer

Grace Mattox

Scott Mattox

Darrell Mecklem

Joanne Mecklem

Joyce Olson

Alice Pfirmann, Elizabeth Morse's mother

Fred Scholtz

Virginia Segletes, Jennifer Fort's mother

Victor Sheidler

Linda Sumner's niece **Jessica**

Mark Stewart

Brent Swanson

Natalie Van Winkle

Arlene Widman

Miles Wilson

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

Sunday, September 4 **Pentecost 13**
Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sunday, September 11 **Pentecost 14**
Exod 32:7-14; Ps 51:1-10; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 18 **Pentecost 15**
Amos 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 15 **Pentecost 16**
Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Sunday, October 2 **Pentecost 17**
Hab 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps 37:1-9; 2 Tim 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Sunday, October 9 **Pentecost 18**
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Ps 111; 2 Tim 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sunday, October 16 **Pentecost 19**
Gen 32:22-31; Ps 121; 2 Tim 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Sunday, October 23 **Pentecost 20**
Jer 14:7-10, 19-22; Ps 84:1-7; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Sunday, October 30 **Reformation Sunday**
Jer 31:31-34; Ps 46; Rom 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Many thanks to our (rotating) musicians listed on the back, worship leaders, and our Livestream Team Members including: Livestream/ Tech Crew (rotating): 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, Linnea Smith, Annali Smith, Ed Granshaw, Brandon Knutson (remote), Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt (remote), Tamrah Knutson (remote), Rick Gordon (advisor); David Schmidt (webpage); Mark Knutson (advisor)

Property Updates: Ansel, Wayne and I are plugging along with the mowing and various projects. We, with Robert are looking at incentives from the Energy Trust to replace several heating / cooling systems to make us as a church even greener.

Looking forward to fall we will need help raking up the leaves — more later — *Glen Jacobs*

The next **Red Cross Blood Drive at Augustana** will be Saturday, **November 12** from 10a-3p; contact Paul and Lois Fox for details on sign-up; and thank you to all who can participate in this life-saving effort.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Summer in the City Thank You to all the volunteers who helped to make Summer in the City a success! It was great to gather and enjoy good food and music. A special thank you to Marylee Major and Eddie Johnson for doing the shopping and grilling and to Marilyn Keller for leading the musical offerings.

Get ready for Sunday School: Sunday School is resuming in-person! To help get our indoor spaces ready we are having a **BACK TO SCHOOL WORK PARTY, Monday Sept 5, 9:00-12:00 noon.** We welcome any help at any time during the morning. There will be jobs for all ages and abilities, so parents, please bring your children. Donuts and coffee/hot chocolate will fuel our labors

Communion Prep: We looking for help with Communion preparation. Volunteers arrive 20 minutes before Communion Sundays to prepare the bread and wine. Sign up for as many Sundays as you wish. Training will happen during the month of September.

Tech Team: We are always looking for help with cameras and sound for Sunday services. How often do you get to learn a cool new skill and work fancy equipment? Our livestream is such a vital

ministry. Commitment is about one Sunday a month, and you can choose the Sunday.

LEVO: Signature gathering was a herculean effort. Now we need to get this measure across the finish line. Your help can make it happen! Go to lifteveryvoiceoregon.com

Questions on any of the above? Contact Jenny, j.pl.schmidt@comcast.net

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Prayer and Bible Study: Meets every Monday at 9:30am via Zoom.

Men's Pub Theology: Meets the 1st Tuesday at 7pm. They have returned to in-person meetings at the McMenamins on NE 15th & Broadway.

Book Group: Meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm via Zoom.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch: Meets in-person the 3rd Wednesday at 11:30am for brown bag lunch or excursions to local points of interest.

Tai Chi, weekly via Zoom Tues, Thurs, Sat at 10am

Moses Movers: Moses Movers volunteers with our Augustana Moses Movers Food Bank Servant Ministry. The goal is for each of us to take part in a training at NEFP, pick a time that works for each of us on a monthly basis, and volunteer during that time frame. Thanks and Blessings, Dale, Greg, & Wayne *Many thanks to Dale Walker, Greg Halverson, and Wayne Forsgren.*

Telephone Ministry We contact approximately six households once every two to three months to check in and listen for any special needs. We are seeking a few additional callers to adequately cover the congregation. Orientation and support are provided; you do not need to meet the needs of the people you call--only pass on their concern to Pastor Mark, and lovingly listen. Callers meet together every few months for support and guidance. If you would like to join this ministry please contact Patty Campbell-Schmitt at 503-432-6677.

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

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.

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

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

<p>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, Janey Paterno, Mark Mummy, Keri Haslebacher, Kaitlyn Haslebacher, Nate Fort</p>	<p>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</p>
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