



Augustana Lutheran Church

Good Newscaster

November / December 2022

All Saints through Christmas

**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

Then the angel¹ showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life³ with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.
Revelation 22:1-2

On the coffee table in my office there are two clay leaves next to a circular candle holder. Both have great meaning for me. The candle holder was a gift from the Disciples of Song, directed by Christor Lewis and featuring Marilyn Keller. They sang and rehearsed at Augustana in the first decade of my call to Augustana and helped to pack the church when we produced Quincy Jones' "Soul Filled Messiah" at the beginning of Advent. The candle holder represents our oneness in the Human Family.

The ceramic leaves are from an art gallery in northern Israel where I had lunch with seven mayors; four Israeli and three Palestinian. I was one of 15 Christian leaders from the US matched with 15 Jewish leaders who met with Muslim, Palestinian and Israeli leaders in 2005 as we all were envisioning peace. The art gallery was owned by a Muslim and featured Jewish, Muslim and Christian artists around a theme of "from Wounds to Healing." These leaves on my coffee table in my office at Augustana always remind me of Revelation 22. Indeed, we are leaves of the tree of life ... for the healing of the Nations!

Over the next two months from Pentecost to Advent to Christmas when we celebrate the Birth of Christ, the Prince of Peace, we will look to our role as healers in a broken world. We have the source of healing and hope itself, Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with us.

Our healing work as a congregation will be evident as we have been a leader of Lift Every Voice Oregon, seeking with

so many interfaith partners to end the public health crisis, yes, the pandemic, of gun violence. I cannot underscore enough your bold and beautiful, courageous and compassionate response to the call of our children and youth to join them in making our schools and communities safe.

Tuesday, November 8 will be a day that will begin the transformation of this nation from violence and fear to peace and hope in a movement centered in love. CBS, NBC/MSNBC, NPR, FOX News, and our local stations have all covered this movement that grew out of our sanctuary and coordinated in our youth rooms in the church basement. Never underestimate the good that can come from unexpected places like churches, synagogues, mosques, temples and longhouses. Rome was asleep when a baby named Jesus was born in a manger.

Yes, with Measure 114 we are working for healing. When we enter the Advent season at the end of November we will focus for four Sundays on the Healing of the Nations. That begins right here at Augustana as we will spend a great deal of time on in-reach and pastoral care and renewed training of members and friends in this work. It will also include outreach and baptisms and new member classes for the many that have made Augustana their home during this pandemic. It will also include outreach to the community for those seeking a community of refuge, renewal and hope.

Augustana, the river of life flows through the heart of the city, and the leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations. You are those leaves!

Christ's peace,

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICES

7:00, 9:00, & 11 p.m. Saturday, December 24, 2022 ** In-Person & Livestream ** Invite Others

† Rev. Dr. W.J. Mark Knutson, Pastor †
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Lift Every Voice Oregon Yes on Measure 114 Election Night Watch Party with music and the pealing of the bell when victory is won, at Augustana; doors open at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

2022 Offerings Year-End Sprint: November and December are our final months 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 **\$110,000** as we finish this year of ministry in a powerful way. Let us all do our part, for God has been good to us.

Sunday School and Confirmation News

It is wonderful to have in-person Sunday School classes for the elementary age children. We have an amazing team; Peggy Thatcher-Aguilu, Amy and Ryan and Drew and Arlet are teaching this fall. They will be joined by Amy and Edward after the first of the year. The PreK group are still getting materials delivered by Kathy Jones and Joyce Minus for use for family learning times. The confirmation program is still being led by myself and Mike Lauruhn and we are enjoying the students very much. Such good energy from all the classes.

Each year Augustana gives an age-appropriate Bible to all children in the 3rd grade. This year Bibles will be given to Anna Cedfeldt and Espen Running.

Advent is coming. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. We will not have an Advent Festival this year. Having the event with the still high numbers of Covid cases just doesn't feel like the right thing to do. **To celebrate Advent this year,** I encourage every household to create your own Advent Wreath or Log. There are many resources online to help you. I will be sending readings via email 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.

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. Or you can send me your family favorites and I will share them via email, rebeccadodson46@gmail.com

Winter Break: Winter break means that we will not have class on Dec 18, Dec 25, or January 1, 2023. Classes will begin again on January 8, 2023.

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

Special blessings to each of you with children in our Sunday school program. May you wait with peace and joy in your hearts in the anticipation of Christ's coming as a little baby into our world.

In Christ, Rebecca

College Ministry: We have all addresses and assigned Secret Pals for this year! We need to mail final-exam cookies to college students! So **let's bake cookies** and gather to pack the boxes at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 2. It will be a little early for some schools, rather than finals time, but I am assuming that students will accept homemade cookies anytime! **Please drop off cookies at 9 a.m. Dec. 2,** and packaging volunteers please meet in the upstairs kitchen at 9:30 a.m. Bakers and volunteers happily accepted! Many hands make light and quick work! The Boyce's will bring addresses, return address labels, wax paper, tape, and markers. Help providing small boxes will be appreciated! (Shoe box size, or a little bigger.) Package peanuts could also be put to use. boycees@aol.com.

Augustana High School Youth

Our Youth Leaders at Augustana are to be commended for their unceasing work getting IP 17 / Measure 114 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

Augustana continues to seek 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 ...

people in northern Ethiopia, suffering from starvation as a consequence of war.

...for the people of Ukraine as they defend themselves from the Russian invasion; that the war may cease and healing begin.

...for peace in all the world, in all nations, and in all families.

Roseta Akin
Janis Bell, shoulder surgery
Colleen Benson
Beth & Bob Boyce
Laurie B's grandson, his mom and family
Lou Carman
Rose Christopherson
Alison Embler-Brown
Paul Fox
Pat Gebhardt

Susan Johnson
Scott Jones
Azzree Lathan
Alena Lesley
Pat Lynch, brain cancer
Grace Mattox, Scott Mattox
Darrell & Joanne Mecklem
Karen Micklish, ovarian cancer
Joyce Olson
Alice Pfirrmann, Elizabeth Morse's mother

Fred Scholtz
Virginia Segletes, Jennifer Fort's mother
Victor Sheidler
Linda Sumner's niece **Jessica**
Mark Stewart
Brent Swanson
Jan Wacker, shoulder surgery
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, November 6 **All Saints Sunday**
Dan 7:1-3, 15-18; Ps 149; Eph 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Sunday, November 13 **Pentecost 23**
Mal 4:1-2a; Ps 98; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 20 **Christ the King**
Jer 23:1-6; Ps 46; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Sunday, November 27 **I Advent**
Isa 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:36-44

Sunday, December 4 **II Advent**
Isa 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; rom 15:4-13; Matt 3:1-12

Sunday, December 11 **III Advent**
Isa 35:1-10; Ps 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11

Sunday, December 18 **IV Advent**
Isa 7:10-16; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-25

Sunday, December 25 **Christmas Day**
One Service at 10:00 a.m.
Isa 62:6-12; Ps 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday, December 24
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.



Sermon
“Joy to the World”



Many thanks to our (rotating) musicians, 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)

In Medio choir presents RHEINBERGER'S MASS IN E-FLAT, Friday, November 4, 2022, 7:00 PM at Augustana.

Augustana's Choir rehearses **every Thursday** (except Thanksgiving) in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. All voices are welcome to join us! -*Dr. Walter Krueger*

Why choirs sing? We sing in great thankfulness for blessings "Now Thank We All Our God." We sing of Christ through artful poetry "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring." We sing our belief and confidence in the providence the God who is "I AM forever who I AM." We pray God's continual presence in our midst, "Stay with Us til night has come." Classic music plans for the season include two public events:

Hymn Festival in Vancouver: we join singers from 5 choirs to present "Our Joy in Music Crowned." **Sunday, November 13, 3 p.m.** at Memorial Lutheran Church, 2700 East 28th St., Vancouver WA, featuring our own **Dr. Walter Krueger**; a mass choir from 5 churches directed by Bill Kuhn, and the Bell Choir from Prince of Peace Lutheran, Battle Ground. November is a month with a lot of "remembering" going on (All Saints, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving) so we are featuring some great hymn writers and composers of the last 50 years.

Classic Lessons and Carols service on December 11 at 3 p.m. at church. Produced by Augustana Choirs and guests, this will be a candlelight service with meditative readings and music. The choirs have been working extra hard to prepare.

The joys of the Classic worship team at Augustana are many. We have been blessed by the companionship of contemporary choir members; we thank Andy Fort for arranging this. The violin contributions of Alison Emblar-Brown are also a joy. Plans are afoot

for more instrumentalists, including guests.

All is made possible by the faithful attendance of our Augustana Singers. Sadly, we said fond goodbye to Linda Knudson as she moves to Bainbridge Island. The choir gave her a luncheon on Oct. 9th with a festive toast. We will welcome her back when she's in town.

Property Updates: Ansel, Wayne and I are working on lawn care, leaf raking and various projects. We, with Robert are working on replacing several heating / cooling systems to make us as a church even greener, with help from the Energy Trust of Oregon. – *Glen Jacobs*

The next **Red Cross Blood Drive at Augustana** is 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.

DECEMBER 7TH AT 6:30 P.M. Contemporary band invites you to join our **jam session**. Bring an instrument or your voice while we explore Christmas-themed songs together. **All ages and abilities welcome!** Direct questions to Andy at andrewfort7@gmail.com

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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 happens periodically.

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

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 choose the Sunday.

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.*

LEVO: Hundreds of volunteers are working to get Measure 114 across the finish

line. You help can make it happen! Go to lifteveryvoiceoregon.com

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Prayer and Bible Study: Meets Mondays, 9:30am via Zoom.

Men's Pub Theology: Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. at the McMenamins on NE 15th & Broadway.

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

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

Telephone Ministry We'd like a few more callers to contact about six households once every 2-3 months to check in and listen for any special needs. 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. We meet together every few months for support and guidance. If you would like to help, please contact Patty Campbell-Schmitt at 503-432-6677.

Augustana Center for Systemic Change: Familias en Accion continues their amazing work, including food distribution from Augustana's parking lot each week; **Jobs with Justice** and **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 as-

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in November and December!

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
 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
 Paula Hudlow 11/30
 Chris Pacheco Marquez 11/30
 Charles Kohn 12/02
 Ginger Sleighter 12/03
 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
 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
 Linda Nelson 12/26
 Nat Fox 12/27

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

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Augustana Lutheran Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Mark Knutson
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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, Janey Paterno, Mark Mummy, Keri Haslebacher, Kaitlyn Haslebacher, Nate Fort

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