



Augustana Lutheran Church

Good Newscaster

November 2023

All Saints Sunday through Christ the King Sunday

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 and a Solar Congregation since 2022.

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

Worship in person or livestream at www.augustana.org

†10:00 am English

†11:30 am Spanish

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.” Matthew 5:10

As we enter the month of November we begin with All Saints Sunday which centers on the teaching of Jesus for the living saints which is all of us. In the beatitudes that are found in Matthew, we are called to be peacemakers.

In the second reading from Revelations 7 we have a heavenly vision of all peoples, not just some, but all peoples streaming before the throne of God with words of praise. This is one of the most inclusive visions of God with humanity celebrating our diversity and our oneness that we have in scripture.

With all the strife and violence in the world today with the tragedy of war and the great loss of life in the Holy Land and Ukraine, as well as the gun violence in Maine and across the US, our call to be peacemakers

who have a vision of the beauty and diversity of the human family as one is as great a calling as ever.

God’s blessings saints,

Pastor Mark



The Transgender Day of Remembrance service is at 5:00pm Sunday November 19th at First United Methodist downtown. Pastor Knutson will be a speaker. He will also be on a panel on KBOO FM radio 90.7 on Tuesday November 7th at 6:00pm.

New Members Class will be held Sunday November 12th and 19th at 9:00am in the Fireside Room. A makeup class will be held on Sunday December 3rd, with the new members being received in December. Call the office at 503-288-6174 or email ministry@augustana.org to register.

ADULT FORUMS IN NOVEMBER Join us for two informative Adult Forums during coffee hour after worship 11:15-12:15, in the Fireside Room.

Nov 12 -- Financial incentives to green your home (Elizabeth Morse, Augustana Green Team)

Nov 19 -- How to avoid financial scams (Lynette Case, Augustana member & professional banker)

† Rev. Dr. W.J. Mark Knutson, Pastor †

The Augustana Italian Takeout Fundraiser is back! Funds this year will go to the Augustana Green Team's project to beautify and re-landscape the church grounds with native plants. For information about ordering, email Robert Morse (rmorse313@gmail.com) or call/text him at (434) 390-1267 or click [here](#) for more detailed information. Please place orders by November 13th.

Sunday School, Confirmation, & YES Updates

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” - Matthew 5:16

The youth of our congregation have been shining their lights for all to see! This past month, Augustana's youth (including Sunday school and confirmation students, along with the YES group) put together a wonderful service project which donated 50 sack lunches to those in need at the Jamii Center. The Jamii Center is led by the Urban League of Portland and provides temporary shelter and



transitional assistance for adults in a safe and socially distanced program designed to maximize success for Black community members. The youth had a fantastic time working with one another to do

God's work. Thank you to all of those who participated and donated!

This past Sunday October 29th, six students received their First Holy Communion following a lovely class series. It was a beautiful service with a fun-filled

reception afterwards. **Congratulations to Tabor, Opal, Anna, Espen, Ursula, Cruz, Matteo, and Kai!**



This upcoming month, we are excited to begin our two Sunday School classes with a new roster of teachers. We look forward to a fruitful year of mentorship, connection, service, and walking with our students as their light's shine bright!

YES UPDATES

November 5 (Sun): NE Youth Collective. Social time and dinner with other NE church Youth Groups. Rose City Park Presbyterian in Hollywood. 5pm

November 7 (Tues): Volunteer shift at the Northeast Emergency Food Pantry
4800 NE 72nd Ave, Portland, OR, 97218 3:30pm - 7pm

November 11 (Sat): Work party at Augustana. This will be mostly raking leaves and other tasks with good company. 9am-11am

November 12 (Sun): Pizza night! Pizza Jerk on NE 42nd, 5:30pm

Care of Creation Team Updates

The Climate Crisis Forum, organized thanks to Karen Rowe and Cynthia Ingebretson and held on October 21st, was very successful. Twenty-five members attended to suggest and prioritize actions to meet the nine challenges posed to congregations by the 2023 ELCA Climate Crisis message. Watch for invitations to join exciting projects as we heed the call to care for creation!

Our audit of the church's energy use, using Interfaith Power and Light's Cool Congregations guidelines, continues. The comprehensive landscaping project calls for using drought-resistant native plants to make the church grounds more beautiful and attractive to bees, birds, and ... people. The plan will be presented to the Church Council on

November 14th.

We are doing a feasibility study on installing window inserts to effectively double-pane the education building windows to increase their energy efficiency. Check out the demonstration window insert installed next to the 15th Avenue entrance and its explanatory sign.

If you are interested in working with the Green Team on these and upcoming projects, please email us at augustanagreenteam@gmail.com.



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

Sunday, Nov. 5 **All Saints Sunday**
 Rev 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matt 5:1-12

Sunday, Nov. 19 **XXV Pentecost**
 Zeph 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8[8-11]12; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30

Sunday, Nov. 12 **XXIV Pentecost**
 Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13

Sunday, Nov. 26 **Christ the King**
 Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

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, Peggy Thatcher-Aguilu, Linnea Smith, Annali Smith, Rick Gordon (advisor); David Schmidt (webpage); Mark Knutson (advisor), Judah Frijole Juarez

AUGUSTANA VOLUNTEERS

LEAF RAKING work party: Sat 11/11, 9:00-11:00 (breakfast at 8:15). Our neighborhood pick up day is the following week so we need all hands on deck to sweep the leaves into the street. There will be inside jobs as well. Please add your name to the Google doc to help with planning: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QMsO1BjaGsJeW_Qhvx6lf6BSSa7mLfxxt2CPxctFtLo/edit

BLOOD DRIVE at Augustana.

Fri 11/17, 9:30-2:30. There is currently a shortage of blood in the Portland metro area. Please consider giving the gift of life.



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

To sign up for a donation time vis-

it www.redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code:

In Medio will be in concert Friday November 3rd at 7:00pm at Augustana.

Generosity offerings for 2023 and Commitments for 2024: We are beginning our big three month push to end what has been a remarkable 2023 strong as our ministry has touched so many lives. Everyone's generosity trust makes a difference.

Augustana's Choir will continue to meet at 7pm on Thursdays in the Sanctuary. All voices are welcome with open arms, and we cannot wait to continue to share the beauty of music. -*Dr. Walter Krueger*

MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Women's Bible Study and Prayer meets every Monday at 9:30am via Zoom. The study leaders are amazing Bible scholars and the group is warm and welcoming. All women are invited.

Men's Theology will now be meeting at 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month. Discussion is thoughtful and relaxed. Come check it out on November 1st, 7pm in the Fireside Room at Augustana.

We need volunteers to **help prep for communion.** The commitment is about once a month or once every two months. Prep takes about 15-20 minutes before a service. If

you are interested contact Jenny j.pl.schmidt@comcast.net.

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, NEFP ALL Augustana Members and friends are welcomed and encouraged to help-out at the NEFP (North East Food Pantry) Food Bank Ministry at Luther Memorial Church, 72nd and Wygant Street, Portland. NEFP is open to volunteers Tuesday thru Saturday, with food distribution Thursday and Saturday. Volunteering for a specific NEFP job (of which there are many) for one or two hours once or twice a month on a specific day(s) is what Jon Makler, Manager, is seeking. Please contact Jon (503-928-4536 &/or jmakler@emoregon.org) for specific job information. Along with Moses Movers volunteers, ALL Augustana members and friends are welcome to volunteer at NEFP! We encourage you to click on the link below and explore the site <https://www.mobilize.us/oregonfoodbank/event/546059/>

Mission Moments are a great way for teams and committees to share their ministries with the congregation and to invite participation. If you would like to do a mission moment, contact Jenny or sign up by clicking [here](#).

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

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

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, along with Lift Every Voice Oregon and the Irvington Preschool.

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 ... Ray & Deborah Splinter Pat Gebhardt Norene Goplen Peggy Thatcher	Martha Foat & Laurence Wood Jr. Caroline Richardson Stacy Wilson Dan Bell Sam Ford	John Taber Evans Family Marilyn Williams Carlos Pineiro Kitty Knutson Rose Christophersen	Saleh Saqr al Tmimi Lois & Nat Fox Roseta Akin Colleen Benson Arlene & Don Widman Azzree Lathan	Rev. Anthony Lathan Barry Bell (Marty) Karen Micklish Kay Lowe David Hollenshead
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Happy Birthday to our members celebrating birthdays in October!

Caroline G. 11/01	Olivia J. 11/07	11/07	Bill C. 11/19	Kevin T. 11/24
Sarah K. 11/03	Eva W. 11/07	11/07	Robert O. 11/20	Rick W. 11/24
Laura N. 11/03	Elizabeth A. 11/08	11/08	Elsa R. 11/20	Walter K. 11/25
Kathleen S. 11/03	Pat J. 11/11	11/11	Ian S. 11/20	Zeno T. 11/25
David C. 11/04	Connor T. 11/11	11/11	Colleen B. 11/21	Andrew A. 11/26
Molly P. 11/04	Ayvin B. 11/12	11/12	Rebekah W. 11/21	Deanna B. 11/26
Sydney H. 11/05	James K. 11/14	11/14	Aaron B. 11/22	Paula F. 11/26
Tessa J. 11/05	Mariela M. 11/14	11/14	Talia D. 11/22	Elizabeth M. 11/26
Jasper R. 11/05	Shelby K. 11/16	11/16	Twila K. 11/22	Nancy G. 11/27
Ellecia W. 11/05	Saheed T. 11/16	11/16	Heather M. 11/22	Luca R. 11/27
Janel D. 11/06	Samuel V. 11/16	11/16	Lindy R. 11/22	Wayne F. 11/28
Eric N. 11/06	Martin B. 11/17	11/17	Lisa S. 11/23	Cameron K. 11/29
	Joe F. 11/18	11/18	Judith A. 11/24	Barbara P. 11/29
	Joey F. 11/18	11/18	Theodore B. 11/24	Paula H. 11/30
	Amy R. 11/18	11/18	Anaya P. 11/24	Chris M. 11/30

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. 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.

Lift Every Voice Oregon: The one year anniversary of the passage of measure 114 is November 8th. Things are moving forward. Go to the LEVO web page for more information.

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

2023 Augustana Church Council

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