

Augustana's story

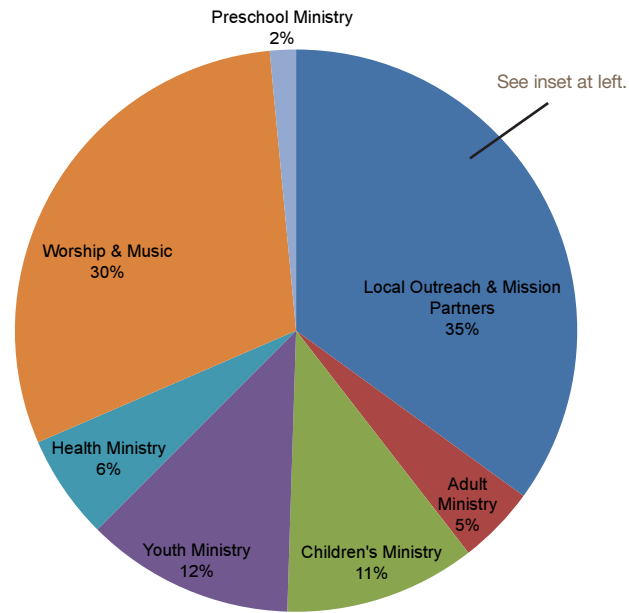
Augustana continues to be "Ridiculously Generous" in giving their time, talent and money.

Local Outreach & Mission Partners

\$161,000	St. Paul Area Synod
12,000	Habitat for Humanity
9,000	Preschool Scholarships
8,600	Missionary – Mark Jacobson
8,400	Loaves & Fishes
6,000	Lutheran Social Service
4,600	Seminary Student
4,400	Neighbors Inc.
4,100	300 Communities
3,500	World Hunger
3,000	Pueblo De Fe
2,900	South East Asian Ministry
2,900	Lutheran Social Service (LSS)
	Teen Housing
2,700	Lyngblomsten
2,400	Camp Wapogasset
2,200	St. Paul Area Council of Churches
1,400	Union Gospel Mission
900	Summer Youth
\$240,000	

Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts changed lives and brought joy as hurts were healed, lost were found, hungry were fed, hope replaced despair and the love of Jesus Christ transformed lives.

Your giving blesses the lives of others Augustana regular offering



Does not include special offerings such as Harvest Fund and Global Missions.

Giving Options

Giving systematically is the key to faithful giving. Automatic giving is an easy way to put your giving plan into action. Augustana offers several options:

- Simply Giving® - automated withdrawal from either a checking or savings account.
- Online Giving allows you to make your gift(s) online using your debit or credit card.
- Cash or check, stocks or bonds.

Stewardship 2012

Building Blocks of Faith, Discover God's Design



Serve

Sermon Theme
October 2



Learn

Sermon Theme
October 9



Give

Sermon Theme
October 16



Worship

Sermon Theme
October 23



Prayer

Sermon Theme
October 30

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

Schedule of Events

October 2
Theme: Serve

Adult Education Topic:
Discover Who God Intends
You to Be
*Presented by Stacy Eichman-
Cardwell*

October 9
Theme: Learn & Grow

Adult Education Topic: Discover
Your Faith Story
Presented by Mary Yackley

October 16
Theme: Give

Time & Talent Fair
Discover How to Get Connected
to Ministry at Augustana

October 23
Theme: Worship

Adult Education Topic: Discover
How Worship Shapes Your Week
Presented by Steve McKinley

October 30
Theme: Prayer

Adult Education Topic: Discover
Ways to Pray – Explore a variety of
prayer activities including making a
prayer board for your home.
*Led by Ingrid Rasmussen and
Karen Larson*

From Pastor Aune



So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. This is God's design for all of humanity and a wonderful way for us to understand our lives. If we believe this to be true (that we are created in God's image), then stewardship should be interwoven into every aspect of our lives. This is whole stewardship; reflecting God's image in the ways in which we care for our bodies, our time, our energy, our wisdom and our resources.

Over the next year, the staff will be planning events and activities around seven dimensions of the whole steward: mind body spirit, connecting through personal relationships, viewing everything through a lens of gratitude, caring and serving others, financial giving, growing partnerships and caring for the environment. The **Time and Talent Fair on October 16** will be structured around those seven dimensions. I hope you will make every effort to be part of the whole steward fair.

As you will see on the back page, Augustana's commitment to bless others through our generosity is as strong as ever. In order for us to fully reflect God's image back into the world, we need everyone to share in God's design for Augustana. We need everyone to create a giving plan (see box in lower left corner). In 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, God gives specific instructions to the whole community of faith: be part of the weekly offering and share according to how God has blessed you. Although the giving amount will be different for each person/family, every gift honors God. God promises to take what we give and multiply it so that together we can accomplish great things. Please be intentional about your giving plan. Pray for God's guidance. Trust in God's promises. Understand that you are created in God's image; you are God's design in this world.

Thank you for what you will do. God's design is to bless the world through us.

With joy and gratitude,

Pastor Aune

Creating a Giving Plan... Why Does it Matter?

Your giving plan informs Augustana what financial gift you intend to share in 2012 so that we can plan for how God's love, through your gifts, will be shared within our community and beyond. The church's mission outreach is based ONLY on these giving intentions.

We invite you to use one of the options below to complete your giving plan.

Paper—cards will be handed out during worship October 30 and will be available in the office and Information Center

Online—visit www.augustana.com and click on "Ways to Give"

Email—email Financial Administrator, Deb Van, at dvan@augustana.com

How Much Should I Give?

"Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safe keeping. Be as generous as you can."

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (THE MESSAGE)

This text provides a wonderful guide for giving to the church.

- Giving to the work of the Lord is to be consistent: **"Every Sunday..."**
- Giving is to be direct: **"Each** of you make an offering..."
- Giving is to be proportionate: **"Be as generous as you can..."** Each giver is to give something according to the ability with which the Lord has blessed each person.
- Generosity will be different for each of us. The Apostle Paul seems to be challenging each individual to give, no matter what his or her status.

St. Paul Area Synod & ELCA

Doing God's work in ways that no individual, congregation or synod can do alone.

2010 Offering → \$161,000 → \$80,500

50% of this goes to ELCA



Members support Augustana through their gifts of time, talent and treasure.



Augustana supports the work of the St. Paul Area Synod.



Augustana & the St. Paul Area Synod support ELCA and churchwide ministries.

Together we support the following ministries:

- 8 seminaries
- 26 colleges & universities
- 180 campus ministries
- 1,530 Lutheran early childhood education centers
- 257 Lutheran elementary schools
- 145 outdoor ministries
- 61 new congregations (in 2010)
- 195 existing congregations focused on renewal
- Ministry projects in over 90 countries ... and more

Building relations with our surrounding community.

Two afternoons each week (for two 10-week blocks every year) 24 third & fourth graders from Garlough Elementary School are bussed to Augustana for after-school music activities. Music professionals, Allison Cramer and Arvida Steen (ENCORE's wonderful teachers), regard this as a secular program in a Christian environment. The children learn music notation and how to play pitched percussion instruments (like xylophones) and various drums, as well as sing and improvise. Staff liaison to ENCORE, Dee Ann Crossley, also demonstrates Augustana's several keyboard instruments (pipe organ, harpsichord and piano) throughout the year.

ENCORE, now in its 12th year, was begun in response to the million dollar gift given to Augustana for the purpose of initiating new ministry programs. Over 500 children have participated over the years. ENCORE is a connection to the outside community that exclusively serves children. 80% of ENCORE students are children who speak Spanish at home.

ENCORE embodies Augustana's mission to strengthen and build relations with our surrounding community.

Encore Music Camp

