

God's Work, Our Hands

You're invited to be a part of Augustana's Caring Ministries



BeFriender Ministry

A Listening Presence

BeFrienders provide care through a listening presence to anyone experiencing grief, loss, transition, or other concerns such as: parenting challenges, job loss/career change, financial concerns, etc.

If you are interested in becoming a BeFriender, there is an information session on January 24 at 9:30 and 10:45 am in the Bethlehem Room. No sign up required. We would love to see you on January 24.

If you or someone you know could benefit from a BeFriender, please contact Mary, Nordtvedt, Parish Nurse at 651 457-3373.



Care Team Ministry

Doing for a friend what a friend would do

Care Team Ministry contains the precious gifts of friendship and faith. Volunteers nurture relationships with members of the congregation by providing: grocery shopping for someone needing assistance, transportation to medical appointments, yard work or home repairs, etc. Out of that demonstration of kindness and compassion, faith grows. And the community is strengthened. Care Team Ministry is in partnership with Lyngblomsten. If you're interested in being part of the team or know someone that could benefit from this ministry, please contact Mary Nordtvedt, Parish Nurse at 651 457-3373.



The Gathering

Renew Replenish Rejuvenate

The Gathering presents a day of **RENEWAL** for those experiencing early- to mid-stage memory loss offering them a variety of stimulating activities with a specially trained group of volunteers to engage their minds and bodies.

While their loved ones enjoy a safe and engaging time, caregivers can do errands, visit with a friend, and/or rest in order to **REPLENISH** their energies for their role of caregiving.

After The Gathering participants spend a day with peers, and caregivers enjoy a restful break, both return to their daily routines feeling refreshed and **REJUVENATED**.

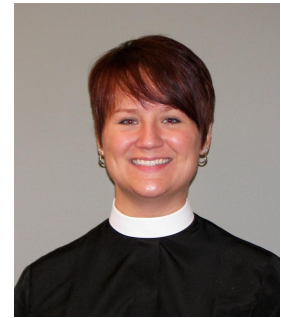
Whether you have a few hours a month or five hours a week, we are always looking for volunteers who want to have fun and share their gifts. Training is provided. This ministry is in partnership with Lyngblomsten.

If you know of someone who would benefit from being a part of The Gathering, please contact Mary Nordtvedt, Parish Nurse at 651 457-3373.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. **1 JOHN 4:12**

A Minute with Pastor Megan

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. - PSALM 100:2-3



Happy New Year! At this time of year, right at the beginning of a new calendar, we are filled with optimism and hope. This year will be different, we tell ourselves. This will be the year we really make a change for the better. Commercials and advertisements are filled with gyms, diets, and stop-smoking aids for this very reason. Right now, before 2010 gets away from us, we each want to do something to make this year better than the ones before.

Unfortunately, some of us (yes, that includes me) have already fallen short. Change is difficult. We get frustrated and distracted and have trouble keeping focused on our goals. It happens to everyone. So, with that in mind, let me suggest a resolution you can make right now, where you'll start seeing results immediately, and will not frustrate you or let you down.

I propose that you make a resolution to come to worship every Sunday. Maybe even consider bringing your friends and family with you. It's probably the best resolution you can make, and here's why:

First, and ultimately most importantly, worship is the most important thing we do as Christians. It brings us into community, teaches us about our faith, brings us into God's presence through word and sacrament, and uplifts us emotionally and spiritually. You simply cannot be Christian without being part of a worshiping community. Too many vital things happen on Sunday mornings for you to not be a part of it. Worship is something you can't afford to miss.

Secondly, coming to worship is a way to connect to the community. How many hours a day do you spend emailing, facebooking, or even tweeting? Taking just over an hour out of your week and coming to worship allows you to connect with others like you, others who will challenge you, or even others who will simply smile at you and welcome you.

These kinds of interpersonal connections are important! They are what support us through hard times, allow us to celebrate in good ones, and keep us level throughout. Come to worship, meet some new friends, connect with old ones, and be part of an active community.

Next, when you are part of worship, you are helping others. Sound impossible? As the gathered body of believers, we pray for those in need. When you come to worship, you are part of that. When you come to church on Sunday, you are invited to give of yourself in money, time, and talent for the service of others. If you're never around, it's hard for you to do that. And when you come to worship with others, whether your children, a friend who needs a ride, or someone who's never set foot in a church before, you open a door to God's love for someone else.

Finally, we come to worship for more selfish reasons that are nonetheless worthwhile. In worship, we are encouraged and uplifted for another week. We learn things about ourselves and our faith that give us confidence and courage. We hear music that inspires us. We hear readings that move us. We get a chance to come together in a welcoming place and be reminded that every single one of us is created, called, loved, and supported by God. That just feels good. Why would you want to miss that?

For Augustana to continue to be a place where both God and neighbor are served, where mission and generosity matter, where people have worth and Jesus Christ is preached, we need you. And really, whether you'd like to admit it or not, you need to be in worship, too. So why wait? Make the resolution to join us in worship today. No guilt, no shame, no pressure - simply come, be a part of the community, and be renewed.

Soli deo Gloria,

Pastor M

Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 10 ~ Baptism of Our Lord

8:30 am **Traditional Worship**
Cherub Choir

9:45 am **Traditional Worship**
Senior Choir

11:00 am **Celebration Worship**
Celebration Band
Holy Communion

Sunday, January 17 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am **Traditional Worship**
Holy Communion

9:45 am **Traditional Worship**

11:00 am **Celebration Worship**
Celebration Band
Holy Communion

Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger in the Nursery.

Sign Language interpreting is offered at the 8:30 am Service.

LOWER LEVEL HAPPENINGS

9:45 am Kidsø Kingdom

9:45 am Youth Forum

Celebrations & Prayers

Please notify the Augustana office if you or anyone you know has a prayer need, or when you or a loved one is hospitalized, has a baby, or a death occurs in the family.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY GOES TO

- Ann Dudero and family on the death of her mother, Agnes Erkkila of St. Paul, who passed away on December 27.
- Mickey Labovitch on the death of his sister, Libby Lois Rosenaur of Las Vegas, who passed away on December 27.
- Ken Brinkman and family on the death of his mother, Rosette Brinkman of Denver, who passed away on December 31.
- Maxine and George Bergh on the death of their son-in-law.

BIRTHS

- On December 14: Aidan Moses Dennis, son of Martell & Nicole Dennis.
- On December 21: Jonnie Marielynn Lander, daughter of Derek & Cherisse Lander.
- On December 28: Elijah Thomas Philippi, son of Tim & Marie Philippi.

THANK YOU TO Augustana's wonderful pastors and parish nurse for their visits, and for all the prayers and cards sent while I was recovering from knee surgery.

Barb Mortensen

Worship Attendance

December 20

8:30 am 573
9:45 am carols
11:00 am 586
Total 1159

December 24

11:00 am 107
2:30 pm 349
4:00 pm 862
5:30 pm 297
10:30 pm 278
Total 1893

December 27

8:30 am 175
9:45 am 295
11:00 am 118
Total 688

January 3

8:30 am 169
9:45 am 322
11:00 am 159
Total 650

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

ANNUAL MEETING

**JANUARY 19 AT 7:00 PM
IN THE SANCTUARY**

Health Ministry

Mary Nordtvedt RN, Parish Nurse, in partnership with Lyngblomsten

Yogadevotion Winter Session

Tuesdays, January 12 to March 16, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Cost: \$ 60.00

Nursery available upon request. Please sign up with your payment in the Health Ministry Book in the Info Center.

Centering Prayer Workshop

Saturday, January 23, 8:00 to 11:30 am at Augustana
Workshop Leader: Diane Boruff, Certified Contemplative Outreach Instructor

This will be a morning to discover a peaceful and inspiring way to deepen your relationship with God through prayer. *“When you pray, enter into your private room, close the door and then pray to the father in secret; and the father, who sees in secret, will reward you.”* MATHEW 6:6

Foundation Principles of BeFriender Ministry

(continued from 12/13/09 newsletter)



A Listening Presence

Principle No. 3 – Nonjudgmental Presence. BeFrienders understand the importance of hearing another's story from that person's perspective. Openness and respect allow them to respond with empathy and without judgment.

Principle No. 4 – Active Listening. There is a healing power in being able to tell one's story. BeFrienders know the value of active listening skills, which are a critical component of training.

To learn more about becoming a BeFriender, please join us for the information meeting on January 24 at 9:30 or 10:45 am. If you are in need of a BeFriender call Mary Nordtvedt, RN, Parish Nurse. The leadership team looks forward to sharing the story of this ministry.

Living, Lunching, Learning that has been meeting monthly for the past few years will no longer be meeting in 2010. Ellen Bromley and Mary Nordtvedt thank all the people who attended this gathering to share in fellowship, food and learning. For all those who enjoy learning, mark your calendar for an outstanding educational event on May 6, Gathering of Grandparents: Explore Your Vocation.

Healing Touch...Is It For Me?

Healing Touch is a relaxing, nurturing energy therapy. It is a form of holistic healing for the body, mind and spirit. It may be helpful for any physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual issue. Healing Touch works in harmony with regular medical care. Many hospitals, long-term care facilities and churches offer Healing Touch. The practice is being taught in nursing and medical schools.

Healing Touch was developed in 1989 by Janet Mentgen, R. N., B. S. In 1997, Linda L. Smith, who is also an R.N., introduced Healing Touch from a Judeo-Christian perspective: Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry. This ministry is based on Jesus' healing ministry when he walked the earth and includes prayer, hands-on-healing and anointing with healing oils.

Healing Touch can benefit children and adults of any age. Benefits will vary for each individual and may:

- Improve and/or relieve symptoms of physical challenges, such as headaches, post-surgery symptoms, back pain, neck pain, knee injuries, side effects of chemotherapy, carpal tunnel, fibromyalgia, stomach aches, sinus congestion, hyperactivity, and more.
- Relieve or decrease symptoms of depression, fears, anxiety, and grief.
- Assist with general relaxation, calmness, stress relief, improved clarity of thought, and improved relationships with others.
- Help with finding clarity in one's life purpose and having a better connection with God.

If you would like more information, the following websites are good resources: www.htspiritualministry.com or www.healingtouchinternational.org.

Healing Touch is offered at Augustana by Tricia Lawrence, MSW, HTSM Healing Practitioner who has attended Augustana for 10 years. Please call her if you would like more information or to schedule healing appointments: (651) 450-0631.

Adult Ministry

Stacy Eichman-Cardwell

Chick Talk

Monday evening, January 11, 7:00 to 8:00
Youth Center lower level

Tai Chi Chih & Qigong Meditation Classes

Tuesday's January 12 thru March 16
10:00 to 11:00 am, at Augustana
Cost: \$60 payable at sign up – We need 12 participants

Theresa May, an extensively trained professional will be instructing us in Qigong and Tai Chi Chih Meditation. A number of people took advantage of her free lessons in December. Qigong and Tai Chi Chih help with relaxation, balance, healing, spirituality and over-all health. Sign up in the Adult Ministry book by January 6th with payment ó 12 participants are necessary. Please call for nursery several days in advance.

Martin Luther King Breakfast

Augustana is Westside site for General Mills Breakfast
January 18 at 7:00 am
Mexican breakfast served, prepared by the women of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
Cost: free

Anyone interested in attending must register. Please visit the St. Paul Area Council of Churches website (spacc.org) and click on the MLK poster to register. Registration deadline is January 13.

Women's Coffee and Conversation

Monday, January 18, 10:00 -11:30 am, Jerusalem

Stacy will highlight several books that offer a glimpse of heaven. Come find out what heaven is like from people who have been there! No sign up necessary, please call several days in advance if you need nursery.

Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 20
8:30 am to 3:00 pm
At Augustana

Mark your calendars, more details coming soon!



www.augustana.com

Women's Coffee and Conversation – Special Brunch

Monday, January 25, 10:00 -11:30 am, Jerusalem
Cost: Free

Matt Mc Connell will share his recently published book of poems *Does the Sky go on Forever?* His presentation will also enhance our appreciation and comprehension of poetry. Also, brunch will be served so come hungry! No sign up necessary, please call for nursery several days in advance.

Blood Drive

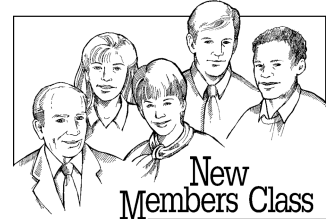
February 16, 1:00 to 7:00 pm

The need is constant. The gratification is immediate. Plan on giving blood at the Augustana Blood Drive. Sign up at the Info Center the next several Sundays. Or you can sign up online at www.givebloodgivelife.org. You can enter sponsor number 5645.

New Member Dinner

Monday, February 22, March 1 & March 8
New members received Sunday,
March 14, at 9:45 am

The spring new member class will soon be starting!!!



If you are interested in making Augustana your church home, please plan to attend the new member classes/orientation meetings. The first meeting will include dinner and a chance to meet the Augustana program staff.

If you are interested being a part of the spring new member class please RSVP by calling the church office at 651-457-3373.

Prayer Shawls are made by many talented and creative artists in our Augustana community. The shawls bless people who are experiencing health or life challenges. Are you interested in making a prayer shawl? There is yarn available that has been donated. Colors are Waterfall, Colonial, Mixed Berries, Earth and Edwardian. Contact Mary Nordtvedt if you are interested.

Children & Family Ministry

Cathy Hendrikson & Laurie Armon

B.A.S.I.C Waterpark of America Event

Sunday, January 17, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Cost is \$25(nonrefundable) which includes lunch

All youth and their friends in grades 4 through 6 are invited to the Waterpark of America. We will leave church at 11:00 am and return at 4:00 pm. **We need a minimum of 20 people to go on this event or it will be cancelled.** Sign-up in the Children's Ministry binder at the Information Center.



Family Fun Friday: Movie Night

Friday, January 8, 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Join us for "**Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.**" We will be showing this movie on the big screens in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!!!

February Date Night

Friday, February 12, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Start Valentines's weekend early by dropping your children off for us to entertain. Space is limited to the first 12 children 3yrs & under, 15 children 4/5yrs, and unlimited for children kindergarten-5th grade. Please sign-up in the Children's Ministry binder at the Info Center.



Summer 2010 Camp Dates

Music Camp-June 14-17

VBS-June 21-24

Drama Camp-June 28-July 2

Seeds Weekend at WAPO-July 9-11

Wapo Tim Team-July 9-16

Wapo week long-July 11-July 16

Taste of Mn Faith (NEW CAMP)-July 19-23

Rec. Camp-July 26-30

Watch for summer camp brochures to come out the middle of February.

CAMP WAPO

Camp WAPO brochures are here and available at the Info Center.

Please note registration is open to Augustana members only. If you

have a friend who would like to also go with your child the same week

please have them call WAPO to secure a spot and register. **All registration forms, health forms and a \$100**

non-refundable deposit (please make checks out to CAMP WAPO) are due to Cathy no later than

March 7th. Spots are limited and are on a first come first serve basis.



Kids' Kingdom Kids Collecting Dum Dum Suckers for the Troops

I received a Christmas card in the mail that had a story about a soldier from Eagan who is serving in Afghanistan. This soldier just happens to be the nephew of Augustana members Greg & Brenda Alsterlund. Lance Corporal Trent Hawes, who is serving in the Marines, delivers humanitarian aid to the communities with the rest of his unit. One of the things the soldiers also do is hand out treats to the children they encounter. Trent sent word back that handing out treats to the kids helps with creating positive change in the area they are patrolling. The Kids' Kingdom kids will be collecting Dum Dum suckers until the end of February to send over to Trent and his unit. If you would like to also help this cause suckers can be dropped off in the church office or the Info Center until Feb. 28th. Kids' Kingdom will also be using their offering for January and February to pay for the shipping of the suckers to Afghanistan. We are asking that only Dum Dum suckers be donated as they are easy to carry, handout, and hold up in the heat.

Youth & Family Ministry

Don Marsh

Youth/Family Ski Day at Afton Alps

Saturday, January 16 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Cost: \$28 for adults and \$23 for youth (under 18)

We have special discounts on rentals. Contact Don Marsh for details.

Open to youth in grades 7 and up and their families. Depart church at 9:00 am, ski from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and return to church at 4:00 pm. Friends welcome. Sign up in the Youth & Family book. Nursery will not be provided.

Indoor Archery

Sunday, January 17 from 2:00 to 4:30 pm, cost: \$10

Youth in grades 7 and up are welcome to join our committed group of adult leaders for target shooting at Bwana Archery. This is always a fun event. Friends are welcome. Sign up in Youth and Family Ministry book. Nursery will not be provided.

“Parent/Child Communication”

Wednesday, January 20 from 5:50 to 7:00 pm, cost: free

Rev. Dennis Tigerö McLuen, Executive Director of Youth Leadership will return to Augustana for a helpful and insightful session for youth and adults on ways to foster and strengthen communication between young people and their parents. For Confirmation students attendance is expected as this is our session for the week. Parents are strongly urged to join us and others who may be interested in the topic are welcome as well. This is be a full house so come early! No sign up required. Nursery will be provided.

The REACH

Sunday, January 24 from Noon to 1:30 pm

Cost: Free

The REACH is a youth led mentoring experience that will pair Confirmation age students with a High School aged person for a time of faith building discussion over a simple lunch that is provided. Sign up in the Youth & Family Ministry book.



Senior High Snow Trip

February 26-28, cost: \$195.

Complete an Events/Activities Form and enclose a \$50 deposit. The remaining balance is due February 20. Friends are welcome.

We will travel to Lutsen Mountain in northern Minnesota. We will stay in deluxe ski in/ski out condo lodging, featuring a pool, sauna and other amenities. Most food is included in the package price. We also offer special discounts on rental packages.

Summer Trips Meeting

Sunday, January 10 at 9:45 in the Youth Center

All youth in grades 7-12 and their parents are invited to a presentation of upcoming summer trips and other major events for 2010. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. No sign up required. Nursery provided.

Summer Trips 2010

Visit www.augustana.com for additional information on these trips.

June 13-19: Senior High Mission Trip to Idaho. Cost: \$375.

July 11-17: South Dakota Family Camp. Cost: \$250 per person with a \$750 family maximum.

July 14-18: Sonshine Music Festival: Our annual trip to Willmar, MN.

August 1-6: Rockford Service Trip for Confirmation Age. Cost: \$160

YOUTH ORCHESTRA

If you are in grades 7-12 and play a band or orchestral instrument, you are invited to join the Augustana Youth Orchestra.



We will play for the 8:30 and 9:45 am services on Youth Sunday, January 31. There are three rehearsals on Sunday mornings in the Commons at 10:45 am: January 10, 17 and 24.

If you want to play in the orchestra, or have questions, please call Dee Ann Crossley (651-457-8994).

Church Council Corner

Meet Your Council—Donna Hanson



Tell us about yourself and your family.

My husband, Steve, and I are retired. We have two grown, married children, Stephanie and Scott. We have also been blessed by two wonderful granddaughters. We enjoy gardening at our hobby farm in Spring Valley, WI. My other hobbies include reading, cross-stitch, cooking and helping care for our two granddaughters, Molly and Chelsea.

How long have you been a member at Augustana?

We have been members of Augustana almost 40 years.

What brought you to Augustana?

We were attracted to Augustana by the preaching, the music, the Sunday School program, and the hospitality of the members and that lay members are encouraged to develop and use their talents and gifts.

What activities are you involved with here?

I taught Sunday School for 20 years and am currently lay delegate to Lyngblomsten. I have participated in many Bible studies and served on various committee, most recently, the call committee. For the past 15 years have been involved with the Weavers Prayer Ministry

Why do you think Augustana is special place?

The staff and the members all make Augustana a special place. However, always knowing we will hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ preached and taught is the reason why Augustana is a place we would never leave.

Donna's Favorite Bible Verse: **One of my favorite verses is Isaiah 56:7: My house shall be a house of prayer. The other one is Psalm 122:1: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" These verses speak to me about what is important in life and reminds me to do what I have been called to do.**

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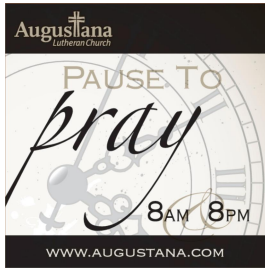
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Faithful Living



Dear God,
How can the common birth of a baby be so uncommon? How can such a small, squealing, and swaddled infant be God's fulfilled promise of a Messiah for all people? How can humanity and divinity come together in a manger in the obscure village of Bethlehem? O Lord, the Word made Flesh is indeed a mystery. But I stand amazed as I join multitudes in praising God and saying, %Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth!+ In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

1. Bible Bits is a book-by-book overview that will help put the whole Bible into an understandable context. Our story begins in the Old Testament.

Jeremiah

WRITTEN: 587-538 B.C.E.

WRITTEN BY: Traditionally, Jeremiah has been considered the author of the book. Over the course of two centuries, the question of authorship has been seen to be more complex. While the book probably has a major collection of Jeremiah's preaching, it is now usually understood to be the product of a long growth of development in which many authors/editors have had an important role, especially Jeremiah's secretary, Baruch.

WRITING STYLE: Prophetic writing.

OVERVIEW: The book of Jeremiah is the longest book in the Bible (in terms of words and verses), and it is certainly one of the most complex.

Jeremiah is a prophetic book that reports the ministry of the prophet Jeremiah to the people of Israel both before (primarily) and after the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 B.C.E.

The preaching of Jeremiah speaks sharp words of indictment and judgment to an idolatrous people. Initially Jeremiah speaks in the hope that they will turn from their wicked ways, but in the wake of a lack of repentance the prophet portrays an inevitable judgment. Jeremiah also speaks words of hope, but recognizes that such a hopeful future will be realized only on the far side of the fall of Jerusalem.

*From Enter the Bible from Luther Seminary
www.enterthebible.org*

2. Purposeful Praying

Breath Prayer

The breath prayer is a short, simple prayer to repeat in time of need. To remind us, in a single cycle of breathing, that God is nearer to (me) than (my) own breath.

The Breath Prayer is a simple way of praying that can be used at any time. It is especially helpful in times of anxiety to bring focus and a sense of calm.

Begin a breath prayer by centering yourself in the presence of God. Next, choose a favorite scripture verse (Be still and know that I am God). Upon inhaling, say, "Be still and know" and exhale saying "that I am God." Slowly repeat this several times.

Or choose a Christian mantra such as Yahweh (Hebrew word for God). Upon inhaling, say "Yah" and exhale saying "weh." Slowly repeat this several times.

A prayer of six to eight syllables that flows smoothly when spoken aloud or expressed as a heart thought. A prayer of six to eight syllables has a natural rhythm. Anything longer or shorter usually does not flow easily when said repeatedly.

The breath prayer is a cooperative effort of Body, Mind and Spirit. Simply be open to the presence of God and the relationship that God desires with you and the relationship we all long for.

Local Outreach

Julie Michelson

Congregational Service Project

Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 pm

Come help us make warm fleece scarves to be donated to various organizations in the community. Donations of large pieces of fleece are welcome.

Augustana Book Club

Sunday January 24, 9:45 am

The selection will be **LITTLE HEATHENS** ó Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression by Mildred Armstrong Kalish.

LITTLE HEATHENS is Mildred Kalish's story of growing up on her grandparents' Iowa farm during the depth of the Great Depression. It is, however, not a tale of suffering but the story of a childhood that built character, fed the intellect, and stirred the imagination.

The book is filled with stories of a family that gave its members a remarkable legacy of kinship, kindness, and remembered pleasures, and is brimming with recipes and how-to's for everything from catching and skinning a rabbit to preparing homemade skin and hair beautifiers, apple cream pie and the world's best head cheese. Little Heathens portrays a world of hard work tempered by simple rewards ó and shows how the right stuff can make even the bleakest of times seem like quite a romp.

Augustana Food Shelf



Food Share Month

January is Meat Month

Canned meat, hamburger helper, tuna helper, tuna etc.

Food collection Sunday is January 17

Thanks to the Augustana Congregation ó our food shelf has served a record number of families ó thanks for your continued generous support.

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Calendar January 10 ~ January 23

Sunday, January 10 ~ The Baptism of Our Lord

9:45 am Youth Summer Trip Meeting/YC
9:45 am Kids' Kingdom

Monday, January 11

1:30 pm Encore/ Rms 2 & 10
4:30 pm Loaves and Fishes
7:00 pm Chic Talk

Tuesday, January 12

10:00 am Tai Chi Chih/Youth Center
1:00 pm Quilting Ministry/Rms 6 & 7W
1:30 pm Encore/Rms 2 & 10
6:00 pm Building Appeal Leadership Training
6:30 pm Yogadevotion/Commons

Wednesday, January 13

5:15 pm Congregational Dinner
5:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting/Bethlehem
5:45-7:15 Resource Room Open
5:50 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Coffee Club
6:15 pm Cherub/Chorister Choirs
7:00 pm Agape Choir/Rejoice! Ringers
8:00 pm Senior Choir/Alleluia Bells

Thursday, January 14

Friday, January 15

10:00 am M.H. Moms/Nursery

Saturday, January 16

9:00 am Family Skiing at Afton
9:00-5:00 Boy Scout Merit Badge Blast

Sunday, January 17 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Annual Report Distributed in the Services
Building Appeal Kickoff and Installation
9:45 am Youth Forum
9:45 am Kids' Kingdom
11:00 am BASIC Waterpark Trip

Monday, January 18

Office Closed All Day/No evening activities.
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Breakfast at Augustana/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 19

10:00 am the Gathering/Rm 5E
10:00 am Tai Chi Chih/Youth Center
6:30 pm Yogadevotion/Commons
7:00 pm ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING
8:00 pm Church Council Meeting/Luther Room

Wednesday, January 20

5:15 pm Congregational Dinner
5:30 pm Social Ministry Meeting/Bethlehem
5:45-7:15 Resource Room Open
5:50 pm Confirmation
6:00 pm Social Ministry Service Project
6:00 pm Coffee Club
6:15 pm Cherub/Chorister Choirs
7:00 pm Agape Choir/Rejoice! Ringers
8:00 pm Senior Choir/Alleluia Bells

Thursday, January 21

9:00 am Driver Improvement Class/Jerusalem
7:00 pm Knitting Ministry/Culvers in WSP

Friday, January 22

Tanzania Delegation Departs

Saturday, January 23

8:00 am Centering Prayer Workshop

January 13
Chili and
Cornbread



January 20
Tatertot
Hotdish

Congregational
Dinner



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YOUTH SUNDAY

JANUARY 31

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

On the one Sunday each year young people provide leadership at each of our worship services. The idea is for everyone to be involved. There are plenty of opportunities ranging from the youth orchestra to vocal/bell choirs to serving as a reader for a lesson, an usher or a greeter. The point is there is a place for everyone to be involved in Youth Sunday. If you do not currently have a role in this amazing day at Augustana please contact Don Marsh in the church office or via email at DMarsh@Augustana.com

YOUTH ORCHESTRA

If you are in grades 7-12 and play a band or orchestral instrument, you are invited to join the Augustana Youth Orchestra.

We will play for the 8:30 and 9:45 services on Youth Sunday, January 31.

There are three rehearsals on Sunday mornings in the Commons at 10:45 am:

January 10, 17 and 24

If you want to play in the orchestra, or have questions, please call Dee Ann Crossley (651-457-8994).