



Augustana

Lutheran Church

Weekly Parish Visitor

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

207 N. Kelly St.
Hobart, IN 46342
(219)942-3574

Sunday 11/30

Worship Service 10am

Live on Facebook

Augustanalutheranchurch-hobart
Also Sunday afternoon posted on our website
augustanahobart.com

- Sunday School 9:00am

Monday 12/1

- Daily Devotion with Pastor Scott
- N/A 7pm

Tuesday 12/2

- Daily Devotion with Pastor Scott
- Worship & Music 5:30pm
- Bell Choir 6:30pm
- Chancel Choir 7:30pm

Wednesday 12/3

- Daily Devotion with Pastor Scott
- Bible Study 9am
- Al-A-non 9:30am
- Confession 10:15am

Thursday 12/4

- Al-Anon 9:30am
- Worship 4pm
- Boy Scouts 6:30pm
- Grief Share 7pm

Friday 12/5

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Saturday 12/6

- Knitting Guild 10am
- Wedding 3pm

Sunday 12/7

- Worship Service 8AM & 10am
- Sunday School 9am
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HYMNS 8:00am

Gathering
Hymn of the Day
Sending Hymn

HYMNS 10:00am

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Food Pantry

Next food pantry is December 16th

Augustana Families,
You can pick up food pantry bags or drop off Monday-Friday every week 9-1, and we are also accepting monetary donations. We are giving gift cards and non-perishable food to our food pantry people.

We appreciate all of the support we receive from our Augustana family. Stay Safe!!

Please try to grab a bag in the Narthex and get what's needed!!

We Need Paper Bags with Handles!!

Online Giving:

If you are interested in Online Giving please sign into the link below and create an Account. Please ONLY USE CHECKING ACCOUNTS when setting up Online Giving.

Augustana will be charged additional fees if you use a debit or credit card, so we encourage you not to use these.
osvhub.com/augustanahobart/funds

Pastor Scott & Chris Contact Info:

If outside of office hours M-F 9am-1pm please call Pastor Scott's cell 765.343.2275 or call Chaplain Chris Williams at 219-798-9483

David Wilson President Contact

Information (219)712-9800

Communion

In the middle of the communion trays is white grape juice for those of you that would prefer non-alcohol.
Gluten free wafers are available.

5th Sunday of the Month

Beginning Sunday March 30 we will be having only one worship service at 10 am as it falls on the 5th Sunday in March. This will continue for all months that have 5 Sundays in them. (June, August & November.) These special services will enable us to highlight the ministries of Augustana and celebrate them.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday

November 23, 2025

8am (19)

10am (57)

Week of November 23, 2025

Financial Update Week 47 Received

11/23/2025 \$5,680.50

Required Weekly: \$5,300.00

2026 Pledges so Far

57 for \$141,610.00

Birthday Nov. 30th – Dec. 6th

3 - Mrs. Dianna Janes

5 – Mr. Fred Buczek

6 –Mr. David Husek II

Noisy Offering

On the last Sunday of every month the Sunday school children will be collecting loose change from the congregation during the offering. The money collected is used to for Evangelism and to promote Augustana's ministry to our community.

Make a Change

Noisy Offering is the last Sunday of Every Month!
Our October offering was \$50.00
Thank You!!

Donut Angel

Ken & Heidi Moore took donuts to Physical Therapy at Powers in Hobart. Elaine Belt took donuts to USS Crane Repair & Merrillville Police Dept.

Would you like to be a donut Angel? See Jackie in the church office. It's a lot of fun!!

Serving This Week:

Musician

Computer

Presiding & Preaching

Pastor Scott Mauch

Assisting Minister

Joe Barron

Communion Steward

Phil Buzolitz

Tech Minister

Anne McDonald

Sunday School Teacher

Chaplain Chris Williams

Altar Guild – Patty Snyder & Carol Trethewey

Flowers:

Given By: Kay Eaton, Joyce Daniels & Kurt Crizer in Memory of Daucy & Vivian Crizer

Given By: Jeanne Hart in Memory of Bud Hart

Music: Chancel Choir

November 30, 2025 1st Sunday of Advent
 Congregation welcomes everyone-and yes, we do mean everyone.

Blessing Box
 Peyton Griffith brought the blessing box to Augustana with the idea of providing food for individuals who are living in their vehicles or do not have access to kitchen appliances. When donating please consider items that can be opened easily such as soup cans with **pop tabs**, pouches of tuna, and items that can be resealed. We appreciate your continued support.
 Caring Ministry

Thursday Evenings at Augustana – 4:00 PM
 Join us each Thursday evening at 4:00 PM at Augustana for a time of heartfelt worship, prayer, and reflection. Together, we lift our voices in song and open our hearts in devotion to praise and glorify the Divine Mercy of God revealed through Jesus Christ. It’s a sacred opportunity to grow in faith, find peace, and unite as a community in the presence of God's grace. All are welcome.

Luther's Understanding of Confession
 Martin Luther viewed confession as a vital practice for Christians, emphasizing the importance of absolution and personal reflection on sin. He believed that confession consists of two main parts: **confessing one's sins** and **receiving absolution** (forgiveness) from a pastor, which he regarded as equivalent to God's forgiveness. He articulated this in his **Small Catechism**, stating that confession should not be abolished in the Church, as it provides comfort and strength against sin and a troubled conscience. **After Bible Study at 10:15am -11:30am we will be offering Adoration of the Cross- Scripture Meditation and personal private confession in the Sanctuary.** How is your spiritual condition?

Gift Bags for Shut-in’s – Items Needed
 It is that time of year; we are collecting items for shut-in Christmas gift bags. We need ink pens and note paper, stamps, hand & body lotions, bar soap & pump soaps, chap sticks, eye glass cleaning cloths, large print puzzle books, wall calendars & pocket calendars, slipper sox, pocket hand sanitizers.
PLEASE, no greeting cards needed!!
 There will be a box marked for SHUT - INS in the Narthex. Please bring things in by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th. Once the bags are assembled, we will need volunteers to help us distribute them before Christmas. Thank you in advance! These are always well received by everyone. Questions, you can call Jennifer Gould 219-741-3154 or Linda Wozniak 219-763-7357.

Caring Ministry – Sheila’s Angel Tree
 The Caring Committee will be starting the Sheila's Angel Tree on November 9th. Each child has 5 cards with wishes for Christmas. Some of the wishes include things that are needed and a few wants. The gifts will be due on December 7th. We will have wrapping paper outside the Angel Tree sign-up Station. We thank you in advance for your support to give the children a beautiful Christmas!
 Thank you,
 Sarah, Heidi, Rebecca, Andrea

Looking Ahead
 As we move into this special stretch of the church year, our hearts turn toward gratitude, anticipation, and joy. The weeks ahead—Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas—invite us to slow down, reflect, and rejoice in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

Thanksgiving is a natural time to remember the many ways God has blessed our congregation this year. From worship and fellowship to outreach and mission, we have much to celebrate.

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 30, marking the start of a new church year. Our theme this year will be “Our Dear Christ Enters In.” Advent calls us to prepare—not just our homes and schedules, but our hearts—for Christ’s coming. On the last Sunday of November, we will have 1 service to highlight our ministries and to decorate the sanctuary and prepare our worship space.

Our Christmas celebrations will once again center on the miracle of the incarnation—Immanuel, God with us. Plans are underway for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, which will be at 5:30 pm Christmas Eve and 10 am Christmas Day. This is a time when many guests and families return to church, and we have a wonderful opportunity to extend Christ’s welcome. I encourage all of us to be intentional about hospitality, both in worship and in our personal invitations.

Looking Ahead in this busy and beautiful season, let’s remember that everything we do—every service, every fellowship time, and every song sung is an expression of God’s grace. Thanksgiving teaches us to give thanks; Advent reminds us to wait in hope; and Christmas proclaims the joy that Christ has come and will come again.

Thank you for your leadership, faith, and service as we guide our congregation through this meaningful time of year. May God bless our preparations and fill our worship with joy and peace.



No matter how long it’s been, your church home is still here.
 This Christmas, come home, remember what this place means to you.
 ✨ Christmas Eve Candlelight – Dec. 24 at 530 PM
 ✨ Christmas Morning Worship – Dec. 25 at 10 AM
 Come as you are. Come home to the love of Christ.