



# Augustana

## Lutheran Church

Weekly Parish Visitor

January 11, 2026

### 3rd Sunday of Christmas

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

#### Sunday 1/11

##### Worship Service 8 & 10am

Live on Facebook

Augustanalutheranchurch-hobart  
Also Sunday afternoon posted on  
our website [augustanahobart.com](http://augustanahobart.com)

- Sunday School 9:00am
- AA 5pm

#### Monday 1/12

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

#### Tuesday 1/13

- Daily Devotion with Pastor Scott
- Finance Meeting 10:30am
- Worship & Music 5:30pm
- Bell Choir 6:30pm
- Chancel Choir 7:30pm

#### Wednesday 1/14

- Daily Devotion with Pastor Scott
- Bible Study 9am
- Al-A-non 9:30am
- Confession 10:15am
- Council Meeting 6:30pm

#### Thursday 1/15

- Daily Devotion with Pastor Scott
- Al-Anon 9:30am
- Worship 4pm
- Bible Study 5pm
- Boy Scouts 6:30pm

#### Friday 1/16

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#### Saturday 1/17

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#### Sunday 1/18

- Worship Service 8am & 10am

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#### HYMNS 8:00am

Entrance Hymn	455
Hymn of Praise	849
Hymn of the Day	304
Sending Hymn	310

#### HYMNS 10:00am

Gathering	455
Hymn of Praise	849
Hymn of the Day	304
Communion Hymn	479
Communion Hymn	396
Sending Hymn	310

#### Food Pantry

##### Next food pantry is January 20th

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](http://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.

### Last Week's Attendance

#### Sunday

January 4, 2026  
8am (15)  
10am (68)

#### Tuesday

January 6, 2026  
7pm (62)  
Offering \$830.00  
Went to the Lake County Food Bank

#### Week of January 4, 2026

Financial Update Week 1 Received  
1/4/2026 \$5,551.99  
Required Weekly: \$5,300.00

#### 2026 Pledges so Far

75 for \$181,000.00

#### Birthday Jan.11<sup>th</sup> – 17th

12 - Mrs. Shelley King  
13 - Mr. Paul Allen  
15 -Mr. Will Davis,  
Mrs. Leland Garcia  
16 – Ms. Sharron Hagerty,  
Mr. Anthony Vincent

#### 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 Nov. & Dec. offering was \$65.  
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

Grant Richardson

##### Presiding & Preaching

Chaplain Chris

##### Assisting Minister

Colette Williams

##### Communion Steward

Wil Davis

##### Tech Minister

Anne McDonald

##### Sunday School Teacher

Chaplain Chris Williams

##### Altar Guild – Lois & Sarah

MacMillan

#### Flowers:

**Given By:** Isolampi Family in Memory of Willard & Imo Jean Crizer & Newcom's Anniversary in Heaven

**Given By:** Penny Allen in Celebration of Paul's Birthday!

**Music:** Bell Choir

## January 11, 2026 3rd Sunday of Christmas

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

### 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?

### Save the Date!! Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Church Meeting on January 25, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service.

We warmly invite all members to join us as we reflect on the past year and look ahead with hope and gratitude. In addition to our regular annual business, the Church Council and the Call Committee will present their recommendations for our pastoral call and will seek the congregation's prayerful vote. The Council will also share an update and proposal regarding the installation of new windows throughout the church.

We look forward to gathering together in faith and fellowship as we discern God's guidance for our shared ministry.

President David Wilson

### Flower Chart

I just wanted to remind everyone, that when you sign up for flowers please sign up on the flower chart in the hallway as well as fill out the white paper located below the flower chart. Return the white paper into the church office, so it can be put into the church bulletin correctly! Also, please take a flower fund envelope to be used to put the money in for the flowers.

Thank you for your cooperation!

### Attention

We are looking for someone to help out with Tech Ministry on Sunday morning at the 10am service.

It consist of making sure the service is broadcasting and that it is recorded. Please let Anne McDonald or Jackie know if you're interested.

### *You're More Jewish Than You Think!*

#### **Hebrews Bible Study | Begins January 15**

Join Chaplain Chris for a seven-week Bible study on the Book of Hebrews, exploring the deep Jewish roots of Christian faith, worship, and tradition. Hebrews invites us to see how practices like covenant, sacrifice, priesthood, and perseverance shape our understanding of Christ and our life of faith today.

Together we'll explore how early Christians interpreted Jesus through the lens of Israel's story—and how that story still forms us as a Word-and-Sacrament people. This study is designed for thoughtful conversation, honest questions, and shared learning. No prior Bible study experience is required.

**Thursdays at 5:00 pm**

**January 15 – February 26, 2026**

**Augustana Lutheran Church (Fireside Room)**

All are welcome. Come for one session or commit to the full journey.

Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the top of the stairs or contact the church office to reserve your spot.