



Augustana Lutheran Church



The Parish Visitor

The Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church Hobart, IN

June 2022

Services

Sundays

10:00 am

Live on Facebook and In-Person

Sunday School

Off for the Summer

Church Office

Hours

Mon - Fri

9am - 1pm

219-942-3574

Rev. Scott Mauch
Pastor

Roger Emig
Organist

Melinda Reinhart
Choir Director

Kristin Sturgeon
Handbell Director

Jackie Fitzgerald
Office Manager

Christian Education Coordinator
Position Open

Bruce Wilkinson
Property Manager

Sue Sutton
Custodian

Pentecost



Confirmation Sunday

Join us on Sunday June 5th,

at the 10:00am Service

Thoughts from the Pastor....

This is an exciting time, for our High School seniors who will be graduating. It is exciting for them and for their parents, who helped make this time possible. The end of May beginning of June will be an important time, as our young people will finally finish this major step in life. They will hopefully, depending on finals testing, be able to walk across the stage, and know that they are finally done.

All of the studying or cramming, the late-night book reports, the last-minute projects, are over. There are no more equations to solve, no more verbs to circle, no more nouns to underline. There is no longer a reason to know the atomic number of an element on the periodic table. And now when someone asks you, "If one train is leaving NY at noon and the other is leaving LA at 3 what time will they meet?" You can look at them and know that the right answer is WHO CARES!! This is an awesome time.

But what I want to say to you today is that no matter where you go in life the learning never stops. The education you received in school is critical and extremely important to achieve success in life, but the education we gain in the real world is priceless. And there is no book to teach you how to succeed. Many years ago, Robert Fulghum wrote "All I Really Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten." It was his way of sharing all that we would need to live by to be happy and succeed in life. He says,

- Share everything, Play fair, Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them, clean up your own mess, and don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody, wash your hands before you eat, and flush!
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life--learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work some. Take a nap every afternoon.
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
- Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup--they all die. So do we.
- And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned--the biggest word of all--LOOK.

Today I want to teach all of you the most important lesson you need to know. Robert Fulghum gives some great advice, but if you come to me and ask me, "Pastor Scott, what do I need to be the most successful person possible in life?" I am going to look at you and say, "all you need is love."

No, I'm not talking about the Beatles song, and I am not talking about a love that we have for that fling, or high school boyfriend or girlfriend. The love I am talking about is the love that we can only get from God. An unconditional love. Learn God's love, what it means, what it is, how it can be used in our lives, and you will be successful in everything you do.

Remember, if you want to be the most successful person you can be in life, all you need is love. Secondly, if you want love, you need to learn to accept people for who they are, forgive those that have hurt you, support other believers in their faith walk, and learn that you are truly free if you are walking in God's love. But also remember; to learn God's love you've got to love yourself first, and then to love those that nobody else will. When we learn this. When we learn to love like God, then we can know that we are truly successful.

Well Done, Graduates!

Pastor Scott



We remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ, our shut-ins, our hospitalized, ill or recovering, and all our men and women serving in the military.

Deaths

None in May

Baptisms

None in May

First Communion or Confirmation

Katie Bonez
Mya Connell
Gretchen Gruett
Camden and Carson Ritter

Weddings

None in May

Hospitalized

None May

New Members

None in May

Visitor Deadline

Deadline to get articles in to the July visitor is June 20th

Committees & Gatherings

Confirmation

Pentecost Sunday is June 5, 2022. There will be 4 Confirmands that will be Confirmed on June 5th; Jena Burton, Emily Cicillian, Grace Griffith & Ely Gruett

Hope Circle

Hope Circle has decided to dissolve along with W.E.L.C.A. Thank you all who have belonged to these Circle's and participated in many good Bible Studies, luncheons and various out-reach programs.

We will continue to have funeral luncheons for church members.

Needlers

Needlers will meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month, in the social hall room downstairs, at 7:00 pm. All are invited.

Altar Guild for June

Lois & Sarah MacMillan

Offering Stewards

Jenni Roberts, Monica Deck, Chuck Daniels, Walt Yovanovich & Paul Allen

Birthday Offerings

Sue Fay, Jenni Roberts, David Husek, Jackie Fitzgerald, Marilyn Pearson, Margie Stratton

Donut Angels

We are looking for someone to be the Donut Angel in June. Call the church office if you're interested.

Bible Study

Pastor Scott has a Bible Study that meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. All are welcome!

Augustana Food Baskets

Next food pantry is June 21st. We helped 10 families in the Month of May and 3 walk-ins.

Augustana Families, There are food pantry bags available anytime to be picked up or you can pick one up on Sunday leaving church and we are accepting monetary donations too. 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. **Thanks to Dick Freckelton for numbering Food Pantry's Bags!!**

Food pantry is in need of paper Bags!!

Augustana's Website

Visit our WEBSITE!

augustanahobart.com

(A great way to view the worship service and weekly news, if you can't make it to church).

Also, look us up on Facebook @ Augustana Lutheran Church ELCA. It's a great way to communicate and stay connected.

(This is our private page.)

Watch Sunday morning services at 10:00 am on Facebook – AugustanaLutheranChurch-Hobart

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School during the summer.

Worship & Music

Worship & Music's doesn't meet through the summer.

Attention!! Clean Up Day!!

We will be having a cleanup day on Saturday, June 4th from 8:30 – 12:00 pm with coffee and donuts at 8:30.

Please bring gloves & rakes. Hope you can help out!!

Puppy Pantry

I am expanding the help for Hobart Humane Society and Cat Society. I have a container by the entryway next to the food pantry bin. It has a list of needs for cats & dogs. If you can't get to either shelter to donate, I will be glad to take donations. Just place it in the blue container by the food pantry box.

Choir June Schedule

June

5 - Chancel Choir

Funeral Luncheon's

If you are interested in helping with Funeral Luncheons:

Setting-up

Serving

Clean-up

Bringing food

Please sign-up on the sheet located in the Hallway at the top of the stairs or call the church office and let them know.

Flower Chart 2022

Please try to sign up for flowers, because if nobody signs up, then we won't have flowers on the altar for Sunday!

Just a reminder to everyone, 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!

We need people to sign up for flowers for July & August

The Augustana Lutheran Church Foundation

Augustana Foundation News

We would like to congratulate Ethan Whiteman as our 2022 Lindholm/Burke Grant recipient. He will receive a \$1,500 Educational Grant for 4 years. Ethan is starting his studies at Purdue University this fall in Computer Science.

We have also approved the following Lindholm/Burke Grant Renewals.

Nina Rucinski - Senior at Indiana University / Biology with a minor in Nutrition

Timothy Wheeler - Sophomore at Indiana University / Public Policy and Pre Law

The Foundation will also issue Special Educational Grants of \$750 to the following.

Brian Rucinski - Sophomore at Purdue North Central / Business

Paige Cooper - Junior at Indiana University NW / Psychology

Paula Isolampi - Graduate at Valparaiso University / Transition to Teaching

Abigail (Clemmons) Speidel - Junior at Ball State / Criminal Justice

Payton Disney - Freshman Purdue North Central / Technology

Please join us on Foundation Sunday to celebrate our Augustana students on Sunday, June 5th.

Council Notes

Council Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm, a quorum was present.

Pastor:

Pastor Scott shared that attendance increased during the month of April due to Easter. Online viewing is still a very high percentage.

Office Manager

Jackie stated that Carlos had installed software on Jackie's and Judy's computers so that they are properly being backed up now. There may or may not be the possibility to order geraniums for Pentecost Sunday. Jackie will investigate orders with other nearby nurseries. A suggestion was made for Church Council members to be Communion Stewards plus greeters on given Sundays. The Food Pantry is low on non-perishable items. Another suggestion was to move the Food Panty bin into the Narthex where it is more visible.

Financial:

Chuck conveyed that there was an increase in offering during the month of April. A new fund labeled "Funeral Dinners" has been set up for families that are not able to pay for a needed funeral dinner.

Youth & Family:

Amber Ratcliff has stuffed around 500 eggs for Easter. The eggs will be hidden while breakfast is being set up. Sunday School has been attended well.

Property:

The much-needed roof repairs have happened. Repair pictures were shared during the meeting. The alarm system is going to be installed on Friday. Next week, the new doors will also be installed. The Church Cleanup Day will be on Saturday, June 4th. Pastor Scott repaired the two emergency lights.

Council's next meeting is June 9th.

June Birthday's

- 1 – Mr. Alan Beckler
2 – Mrs. Marie Podrebarac
4 – Mrs. Tammy Pivarnik
5 - Mrs. Karen DaVaney, Mr. Eric Barron
6 - Mr. Phillip Gilyan
7 - Ms. Bonnie Claussen
8 - Mrs. Ashley France, Cierra Crofton
Ms. Samantha Disney, Ms. Becky Husted
9 - Mrs. Tory Krause
10 - Mr. Terry Ellis
11 - Mr. Ronald Kelm, Mrs. Nancy Baker
12 - Mr. Matthew Roberts, Mrs. Bobbi Pavese,
Mrs. Virginia Johnson
16 - Mr. David Ittel, Mallary Rappatta
17 - Mrs. Jennifer Goodman,
Mrs. Lois MacMillan
18 - Mr. Terry Bennett, Mrs. Amy George
19 - Mr. Jim Sikora
20 - Mrs. Dorothy Eaton
21 - Mrs. Heidi Moore, Mr. Steven Forsythe,
Nolan Connell
22 - Mr. Vincent Razo, Mrs. Sabrina Szostek,
Ms. Lauren Orchard, Mr. Jeff Sudroff Jr.
23 - Mrs. Erin Crofton
24 – Mr. Randy Griffith Jr.
25 - Ms Carol Eaton, Mrs. Teddi Burt
26 - Mrs. Dawn Lindborg
28 – Mrs. Susan Hearth, Ms. Nina Rucinski
Mrs. Regina Gilyan, Brooklyn Coons
29 – Mr. David DaVaney
30 - Mr. Mark Williams,
Mrs. Dorinne Richardson, Mr. Zach Porter

Thank You

Thank you to all who made Mya's First Communion so special!
She loved having you come down for cake, coffee and all the hugs!
Mya greatly appreciated the very generous monetary gifts and gift cards.
We love you and consider you all family.
Love, Judy & Mya

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your generous \$2,000.00 emergency gift to help the people of Ukraine, who are enduring unimaginable hardship and suffering. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.
Your gift is being put to use immediately to deliver emergency food, shelter, Personal Care Kits, Baby Care Kits, medicines and other critically needed items for children and their families who are trying to survive the horrifying fighting...or are being forced to flee their homeland with a few meager belongings.
Your willingness to share your blessings during a global crisis like this is a godsend to your neighbors in Ukraine who are hurting. They can feel your love and are deeply grateful to know you are keeping them in your thoughts and prayers.
If you have any questions regarding your donation, please feel free to reach out to us anytime at 800-597-5972 or via email at lwr@lwr.org. You'll also find inspiring stories of the life-changing work you make possible at lwr.org. And if you haven't already, be sure to subscribe to our e-newsletter to receive bi-weekly updates on the impact of your generosity.
Warm Regards,
Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhart (ret.)
President and CEO



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

Another Thank You

The People of Augustana Lutheran,

I had a great visit with Pastor Scott last week and thoroughly enjoyed the Bible Study after our meeting. Thank you for the generosity you have shared with our neighbors around the world and specifically with those in Ukraine. What you do and give matters and makes a difference.

Grace & Peace,

Tim Krick

A Note from Ceci

Dear Ones,

Weather here today is in the 50's and very windy with tidal flooding. You are in the 80's per the Weather Person. What a switch! Ha Ha!!

Think of you all the time and pray for you all when I do, but know I have a very loving church family here also.

Love & Prayers,
Ceci

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

The needs of our neighbors in Ukraine and the number of refugees are growing every hour. Your continued love will get cash directly into the hands of refugees and support the incredible partners, including other Lutheran congregations near Ukraine, that are welcoming neighbors in with loving arms.

LWR teams are on the ground meeting immediate needs and planning a longer-term response as families rebuild their lives after destruction. But we can't do it without you. Please continue to give – and to inspire your congregation – to give generously - until your love reaches every neighbor!

Augustana Lutheran Church has pledged \$4000.00 through donations from the Food Pantry and Foundation, and we are asking the members of Augustana to help grow our pledge.

HOW CAN I GIVE?

- Give to Augustana – Please write LWR Ukraine on your check or envelope
- Give directly to LWR at www.lwr.org/matc



Creation Station

Thursdays
June 30th - Aug 4th
6 - 8pm

Jerry Ross Elementary
11319 Randolph Street
Crown Point, IN

www.creationstationwinfield.weebly.com

Celebrate creation care with us this summer.

Creation Station is an exciting blend of storytelling, arts, crafts, science, music and an opportunity to use your imagination. Your family is invited to join in the fun every Thursday evening to get creative about the world we live and love.

Thursdays, June 30th through August 4th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Creation Station is for all ages, children, families, youth, parents, guardians, grandparents and the young at heart! Everyone is welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Creation Station is hosted at Jerry Ross Elementary School, located at 11319 Randolph Street in Crown Point, Indiana.

All events are free, but we do ask you to pre-register at www.creationstationwinfield.weebly.com.

REPORT TO NORTHWEST INDIANA CONFERENCE SYNOD COUNCIL MEETING 4/22 and 4/23 2022

The Synod Council met IN PERSON on Friday and Saturday, April 22nd and 23rd, 2022 (three individuals joined via Zoom).

The Friday evening started with where or how we had seen God at work. My response was in the New creations Men's Shelter for homeless men in Valparaiso. I have worked at 6 different churches in town and found men, at each church, willing to give of themselves to help the less fortunate. This time was also a chance for us to get reacquainted with each other after 2 years of virtual.

We also approved the minutes of the last Synod Council meeting, and got an update on the Bishop Election process. In separate action, we formally acknowledged the disaffiliation from the ELCA of Bethany Lutheran in LaPorte and St John Hubbells in Sunman. Both congregations had the required two votes of their membership to disaffiliate. Both will join the North American Lutheran Church.

We also formally voted to dissolve the Shalom SAWC (Synod Authorized Worshiping Community). This was a group of individuals that were immigrants who started a worshiping community in Indianapolis. Over the last few years they have worked closely with Salem Lutheran Church and have decided to formally dissolve and join Salem.

On Saturday we started with a fiduciary session. Our Synod finances seem to be in good shape. We have about \$16,000 more in expenses than income so far this year, but that does not reflect any draw on our endowment. We finished the 2021/2022 budget year with Mission Support about \$200,000 under budget but were able to balance income and expenses with endowment draws. Our audit for the 2020/2021 budget year is finished with minor findings to be corrected. The Audit for the 2021/2022 budget year will start this summer.

We considered and approved new compensation standards for Deacon and Pastors. They are in a spreadsheet at the Synod website that you can just fill in the blanks and the spreadsheet will do the calculations for you. Contact pastor Heather Apel for more details or if you have trouble using the spreadsheet.

Under roster concerns we approved retirement for Pastor Roberta Meyer and Deacon Lauren Mache; on leave from call for Pastor Curtis Black, Pastor Jim Ward, and Pastor Hannah Hawkinson; and Synod Council Call for Pastor Brian Beckstrom (Assist. VP for Mission, Church, and Ministry at VU) and Deacon Jodi Winter (Chaplain at University Place in Lafayette).

Under a "generative" label we discussed and approved, pending approval at this year's Assembly, the Assembly Agenda/Rules of Assembly and the budget for 2023/2024. After some discussion we also appointed a Task Force to consider the frequency of in-person synod assemblies. We did not have any assembly in 2020, and an on-line assembly in 2021. The registration for this year's assembly, which is a Bishop's election, is down significantly. So the question is do we need in-person assemblies every year. The task force is to report back at the June Synod Council meeting so a decision can be made and reported to the Assembly.

Paper Recycling Bin

Please bring your **old newspapers, magazines and flattened cardboard** to church with you and drop it off in the Paper Retriever Bin, located in the parking lot. It's been moved next to the trash bin.

Pop Tabs, Old Glasses & Cell Phones

We are still collecting pop tabs, old glasses & cell phones. Please bring them in and put them on the table in the hallway by the coat racks.

Free Magazines

Did you know that we have free Lutheran magazines in the hallway by the church office for you to pickup? There's Living Lutheran, The Lutheran Journal, The Lutheran Message & Christ in Our Home (Quarterly Devotion Book)

Recipe from the Church Kitchen

Strawberry Crisp Recipe

Ingredients

Filling:

5 heaping cups fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered
1/4 cup granulated white sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 Tablespoons cornstarch

Topping:

1 cup all purpose flour
3/4 cup old fashioned oats
2/3 cup granulated white sugar
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a deep dish pie plate or large baking dish with butter or cooking spray and set aside.

Combine the chopped strawberries and sugar in a large bowl and mix until the strawberries fully absorb the sugar. Add in the cornstarch and vanilla extract and stir until all of the strawberries are evenly coated. Pour into the prepared baking dish. In a separate medium size bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, granulated sugar, salt, and cinnamon. Pour in the melted butter and stir well until well coated and crumbly. Sprinkle the crumb mixture evenly over the top of the strawberries. Bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes until fruit is bubbly and topping is golden brown. Allow to cool slightly before serving. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream on top. Enjoy!

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