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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus the Christ. September is here and we roll into the fall schedule. Things to expect: a variety of small groups, new learning and service opportunities and ways to discover our mission and purpose at this time and in our context. All that we do is in response to the call of Jesus to love God and love our neighbor. By engaging in small group and study groups we prepare ourselves to do the ministry each one of us is called to do with the gifts we have been given.

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another”
Romans 12:4-5

Together we can accomplish much but we must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

What new thing will happen at Augustana? How will we as a community of faith live into the purpose God has in store for us here? How will others experience the grace of Jesus through us? These are the questions we must ask because they are the right questions.

Celebrate Jesus, live the love.
Pastor Randy

Church In Society

Celebrate Jesus Live the Love

Thank you for your generous noisy offerings to ELCA Missionaries. A big thank you to Britta Moen for her service as an ELCA Young Adult in Global Mission. Her presentation was very good. Makes one feel happy to know that we are using our youth to bring the Good News message to the world.

September's Noisy Offering will put WINGS AND SAILS under the quilts and kits we have made and assembled. The offerings will go to help defray shipping costs of quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief, and for medical supplies and equipment and kits for Global Health Ministries.

When you make LWR quilts and kits you join countless others across the country who reach out to people in need around the world through this ministry. LWR spends nearly \$1.7 million to operate this program, distributing about \$12 million worth of quilts and kits each year. Those funds, combined with the generosity of donors, ensure LWR has the resources needed to move these items around the world—putting WINGS AND SAILS on those quilts and kits. Costs to deliver one quilt is \$2.50 and one school kit is \$1.40

In 2016 346,170 quilts were shipped and 191,720 school kits were shipped. Augustana was part of these numbers. In 2016 Augustana's school kits were sent to Djibouti, Africa which is just below the Red Sea surrounded by Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia. Some of our quilts were sent to Peru on 3-4-16 and to Honduras 11-14-16.

From the Global Health Ministries warehouse in Fridley, Minnesota; newborn and hospice kits, bandages, and medical supplies and equipment are sent to hospitals and clinics in countries deeply challenged by poverty. Through financial gifts these ministries are made possible. Just \$5.00 per kit or 5 cents per rolled bandage not only covers the cost to ship these items overseas, but also helps provide the urgently needed medications, food and vaccines that accompany them.

Lets put big WINGS AND SAILS under the quilts, kits, medical supplies and equipment from Augustana.

The school kits and quilts will be brought to Rice Lake on October 14 and placed in large trucks to be taken to the LWR warehouse in St. Paul.

Here at home, 60 quilts were given to victims of the Chetek tornado that caused so much damage earlier this summer and 3 fleece blankets that were made at the recent retreat the Women of the Northwest Wisconsin Synod were given to Augustana for distribution as needed.

Carol Halverson
Church In Society

"THANK YOU" Many thank you notes have been received by the many ministries here at Augustana during this past year from the recipients of scholarships, meals, baptisms, camping, and more.

COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED. If you did not attend the Special Congregational Meeting, please consider writing your comments, questions, concerns, or solutions for Augustana's future on a sheet of paper. Please return them to the church office or leave in office mailbox by Friday, September 8th. Thank you!



The annual **Walk to End Alzheimer's** will be held in Spooner on Saturday, September 23, at 10:00 a.m., beginning at Trinity Lutheran Church. Jene Morey and her family will again have their team *Gram's Gang*, in memory of her mother, Clarice Morey. Donations are appreciated. Checks should be made to Alzheimer's Association and may be left with Jene in the church office or mailed to Jene Morey at 508 7th Avenue West Shell Lake, WI 54871. On-line donations may be made by going to www.alz.org/walk, clicking on donate and selecting the team or person you wish to donate to. We thank you for your continued support.

Bluegrass Gospel Music Comes to Augustana



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH 7:00 P.M.

THE STRINGSMITHS

The Stringsmiths are a hard driving bluegrass band that keep audiences tapping their toes. Based in Cumberland, and including Barb and Chris Landstrom from Augustana, these fine instrumentalists also add a blend of two, three, and four part vocal harmonies to their performances. They look forward to closing out the concert series on a high note!

*The concerts will be held in Augustana's Great Hall. There will be no admittance charge for the concerts, but your donation will be appreciated.

The Cumberland area community is welcomed to attend this great musical event!

Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 3
9:00 a.m.

Labor Day Weekend
Worship in the
Sanctuary



Sunday, September 10
9:00 a.m.

God's Work Our Hands.
Worship at the Park.

Monday, September 11
6:00 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal Begins

Wednesday September 13
7:00 p.m.

6th – 9th grade confirmation students
and parents meet

Sunday, September 17
8:15 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal Begins
Worship in the Great Hall
Sunday School and Adult Education

Tuesday, September 19
9:00 a.m.

Quilting begins



God's Work. Our Hands.

Sunday, September 10

Augustana and First Lutheran
Worship at 9:00 a.m. at the Beach Park
Followed by Fellowship and
Service Projects in the Community

Projects will be at Benjamin's House Shelter, Scoutland, the beach Park and Eagle Point, School Kits assembly, and First Lutheran and Augustana grounds. *Sign up for projects that day.*

As a part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday, we are also collecting items for the Benjamin's House Homeless Shelter. Please bring these items in the next few weeks.

Paper Towels
Bags
Pillows
All Purpose Cleaner
Room Fans

Tall Kitchen Garbage
Shower Caddies
Disinfectant Spray
Laundry Baskets

Shopping List for Lutheran World Relief School Kit:



Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled

paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



Five unsharpened #2 pencils with

erasers.



One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters

on one side and inches on the other



Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)



One pencil sharpener



One box of 16 or 24 crayons



One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



One 2½" eraser

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED ITEMS FOR THE SCHOOL KITS. When the kits are packed, any extra items (incomplete kits) will be given to Cumberland Elementary School.



The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Lay School of Ministry

Equipping Lay Leaders for Ministry

NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

If you are desiring a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Lutheran Faith and a deeper spiritual growth in your own faith, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry is a great place for you. It has the reputation of being the best lay school in the country with teachers from Colleges and Seminaries all over the country. Classes are held one week-end a month from September through May. On the second weekend of the month, classes are on Friday night from 7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. and Saturday morning worship at 8:30 am with classes from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The school is for lay people only and you work with a mentor pastor of your choice. Supper, breakfast and lunch are available for a fee. Host families offer free overnight lodging. Scholarships are available for the tuition. Check out the website for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin for details about subjects being studied, instructors, tuition, scholarships and enrollment forms. www.nswsi.org



QUILTING GROUP

QUILTING BEGINS AGAIN on September 19 at 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief; which then sends the quilts to needy areas around the world. You do not need to know how to sew or quilt; you only need to know how to tie a knot! Come join us! If you cannot join us on Tuesday mornings and would be willing to cut squares or make quilt tops and/or backs please contact Evelyn Brown or Jan Schweiger for more information



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT PRAYER?

Perhaps you aren't certain how to go about growing your prayer life.

You are invited to participate in an 8-week small group journey with "Abiding in Christ; The Way of Living Prayer". This resource provides daily readings, reflections and opportunities to practice several methods of prayer to explore what works for you. We will use the weekly meetings to explore our questions, reactions and share insights.

Plan to start the week of September 17th. Please contact Karyn Hullinger at [715-671-3029](tel:715-671-3029) cell or email karynhullinger@charter.net or contact Jene at the church office, [715-822-2890](tel:715-822-2890).

Don't worry, you won't be asked to pray out loud unless you want to. :).



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A MOVIE!!

"A Return to Grace—Luther's Life and Legacy", sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, will be shown at CEC-Lake 7 Theater in Rice Lake on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30 p.m. Cost of tickets is \$12.00 per person. **This event will only happen if 46 more tickets are reserved.** Complete information may be found at <https://www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-ws-7>. If enough tickets are pre-purchased, you would be able to buy tickets the day of the showing.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to...

- 2 Devon Anderson
Gage Feidt
- 3 Mark Erickson
Bill Olsen
- 4 Joan Kraft
- 5 Beau Bergstrom
Judy Lundquist
- 6 Brenden Schultz
Phil Warner
- 7 Ashlyn Johnson
- 9 Jim Baker
Hannah Kupferschmidt
Finley Ruppel
- 11 Kelsie Hove
- 14 Brad Burling
Sadie Horton
Michelle Stokes
- 15 Abby Lloyd
- 16 Dick Dierks
- 17 Gloria Johnson
Mark Ruppel
- 18 Shawn Malone
- 19 Alexa Olsen
- 20 David Nickell
Gene Graf
Alyssa Lundquist
- 21 Lincoln Bents
Lydia Huebner
- 22 Lexie Friess
Lennie Hart-Hawkins

- 23 Harold (Bud) Hawkins
- 24 Ken Rohl
- 25 Brady Annis
Wade Hove
- 26 Madeline Lloyd
- 27 Lynda Brown
- 28 Cooper Anderson
- 29 Wanda Kuenkel
Scott Kupferschmidt
- 30 Doris Erickson



Happy Anniversary To . . .

- 1 Rod and Marty Voshell
- 9 Linda and Larry
Anderson
- 10 Mikey and Ashley
Huebner
- 12 Mark and Sandi McHenry
- 14 John and Susan Hall
Shawn and Katie Malone
- 16 Sean and Sara Annis
- 19 Joe and Terri Brown
- 21 Doug and Lynda Brown
- 22 Richard and Jackie Annis
- 26 Tyler and Jennifer Lloyd
- 29 Sam and Julie Donatelle
- 30 Pete and Ann Bergmann
Oscar and Roxanne Nelson