

## Announcements Week of December 3, 2017

### THIS WEEK AT AUGUSTANA

#### TODAY

- 8:00 a.m. New Member Orientation
- 9:00 a.m. Worship/First Communion/New Member Welcome
- 10:00 a.m. Refreshments
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Church Decorating and Cookie Baking
- 6:00 p.m. Migrant Ministry in Great Hall

#### MONDAY PASTOR'S SABBATH

- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. AA

#### TUESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Yoga
- 9:00 a.m. Quilting
- 11:00 a.m. Text Study

#### WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship at Peter and Annie's
- 8:30 a.m. Girlfriends at Peter and Annie's
- 4:00 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
- 4:00 p.m. Wednesday School
- 5:15 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Advent Worship
- 7:00 p.m. HEY!

#### THURSDAY

Set up for St. Lucia

#### FRIDAY

- 7:00 a.m. St. Lucia

#### SATURDAY

- 7:45 a.m. Weight Watchers
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Cookie Walk

#### SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Study
- 10:00 a.m. Refreshments
- 2:00 p.m. Cumberland Community Choir Concert
- 4:00 p.m. Cumberland Community Choir Concert
- 6:00 p.m. Migrant Ministry

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Last Sunday: 96

Wednesday Night: 11

Noisy Offering to Date: \$328.29

**THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY** we are able to carry out God's purpose for us here at Augustana. Last week \$1,489.00 was given for mission and ministry of Augustana. This makes a total for November of \$14,813.00 of the \$19,571.00 needed each month.

**DECEMBER'S NOISY OFFERING** will be given to Permaculture Education in Malawi. This is an agriculture program to encourage growth of native plants.

**THE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY WILL NOT MEET TODAY.**

We invite the Adult Study people to join in the church decorating and baking after worship. The Luther Study will begin again on Sunday, December 10. We have an excellent DVD series "Reformation Roots" which follows Luther's life and impact on the church. We'll watch the DVD and then discuss a chapter each week. Join us for fellowship and a time of learning. Learn more about the leader of the Reformation. **All are welcome!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

3 Amanda Ahneman, Edward Chafer, Kip Wiita  
4 Logan Boucher, Grant Sutherland  
5 Diane Carlson, Amanda Jeffery, Tory Jeffery  
6 Jan Schweiger, Maci Werner  
10 Deb Johnson

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...**

7 Gary and Betty Nyseth

**TODAY IS NEW MEMBER SUNDAY.** We welcome Josh and Lindy Anderson and their children, Owen and Maci Werner, John and Linda Bavier and Jeanette Rydberg.

**FIRST COMMUNION IS TODAY.** We celebrate this milestone with Avery Johnson

**THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF MANY,** Augustana has NOT yet needed to use ANY money from the Capital Reserve Fund in order to meet expenses. THANK YOU! If you have not made a commitment for giving in 2018, please contact Jene in the office.

**ANNUAL REPORTS NEED TO BE TURNED IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>!!** Each committee (and subcommittee) is asked to submit a report of their 2017 activities.

**HELP IS NEEDED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH TODAY** after worship. Men, women and families are needed. Many hands will get it done quickly.

**CHRISTMAS BAKING WILL ALSO BE TODAY** right after church. We will be making krumkake, rosettes and sand bakkels. If you have a krumkake iron, please bring it. Also rosette irons and deep fat fryers. Batters and doughs and oil for frying will be provided. We need many hands to accomplish this task. It's a fun time of fellowship for men, women and children. Come for an hour or three hours. All are welcome. Lunch will be provided.

**AUGUSTANA COOKIE WALK WILL BE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Everyone in the congregation who is able is asked to provide Christmas cookies, candy, or other holiday treats. Please bring items to the church by Friday morning, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Since St. Lucia is the same day, please mark your items for either St. Lucia or Cookie Walk to avoid confusion.

The money raised from our Cookie Walk is used for Outreach projects. This past summer the Bluegrass Music Series was made possible with funds from the Cookie Walk.

**THE 2017 ST. LUCIA FESTIVAL** will be held on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. in the Augustana sanctuary. A Swedish breakfast will be served after the service in the Great Hall. This event opens the Christmas season all over Sweden and has been celebrated at Augustana for over 30 years. Lucia was a Christian maiden martyred during the time of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, about 304 A.D. This observance is a celebration of light in the winter darkness and the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. All women and girls are invited to attend.

**HELP FOR THE ST. LUCIA BREAKFAST:** Volunteers are needed to bring food and help in the kitchen. Please call Sheri Johnson at 419-0705 or Katie Smith at 419-0593 if you can help or bring food. If you volunteer to bring rolls, muffins, Lucia Buns, or cookies, we'd appreciate it if you could have them to the church by Thursday afternoon so we can set up the serving plates. Rice puddings can be brought to the kitchen before the service on Friday morning.

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP IN DECEMBER**

OFFERING COUNTERS: Dave Evenson and Barb Garling  
GREETING CARD MINISTRY: Linda Anderson  
MUSICIAN TODAY: Summer Fountaine  
ALTAR CARE: Kris Girard and Gloria Johnson

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**9:00 a.m.**

ELEVATOR: Denise Westin  
GREETERS: Bob and Sarah Lundquist  
USHERS: Carol Rohl  
WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Kirsten Sandman  
READER: Sheri Johnson  
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: Garling Family

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:00 a.m.**

ELEVATOR:  
GREETERS: Mark and Sandi McHenry  
USHERS: Deb Johnson and Wendi Bruns  
WORSHIP ASSISTANT: Janice Ahneman  
READER: Joan Kraft

**THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**, The ABC's of Christmas, will be Sunday, December 17, 2017 at the 9:00 a.m. Worship. Practices will be held during class time Wednesday and Sundays through December 13<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday School will NOT meet December 27. Sunday School will NOT meet December 24 and 31.

Thank you to all families for a great fall of fun and learning at Augustana!

### **ITEMS FOR PROJECT SANTA WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL DECEMBER 3.**

Suggested items to donate include new unwrapped toys, art supplies, books, games, cosmetics, batteries, balls, gift certificates, etc. Check should be made to Margaret's Project Santa, % Barb Muench, US Bank. There are boxes for donations located at the top of the stairs in the church entry and at the back of the Great Hall.

Thank you for your love and compassion.

### **WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK...**

#### **Prayers for comfort and healing for..**

Jay Bergmann (Pete and Ann's son)  
Brittney Bobrowski (Carol Leopold's granddaughter)  
Taylor Bruns (Wendi Bruns daughter)  
Craig Bucher  
Kelly Garling  
Cheryl Jaastad  
Kay Johnson (Kirsten Sandman' Mother)  
Laurie Klinkhammer (Spike Gideo's sister)  
Cathy Koser  
Chris Landstrom  
Cheryl Nolan (Friend of Karyn Hullinger and Leah Hullinger)  
Diana Ostness  
Ryan Schnell  
Laura Sierra (Marilyn Dierks' daughter)  
Lori Stuntz (Jason's Mother)

**We remember military personnel** and all those serving as military chaplains. Especially Wade Hove (Edna's son).  
Paul Behling (Diane Craine's grandson)

**We remember our nursing home and homebound** members and friends.

**We remember our Mission Partners:**

Churches in our companion synod of Malawi.

**ELCA Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission**

Lars Anderson, from Duluth, Minnesota, who is serving in Jerusalem.

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