

# Augustana Lutheran Church

*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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This Advent/Christmas Season Augustana is incorporating resources on the theme of **“From Generation to Generation”**. We are using an all-ages mural project, courtesy of a resource called “Way to Lead Ministries.” This consists of 5 large colouring sheets, one for each Sunday in Advent, plus Christmas Eve, that when put together form a large mural which can eventually be displayed in our sanctuary. Anyone coming into the church at any time can do some colouring, but we especially encourage kids to participate in this activity—for example, during the Sunday sermon. This should be a fun and satisfying project which results in something beautiful we can all appreciate.

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There will be two **Christmas Eve Services** this year at 6 and 8 PM with the 6 PM one also being livestreamed. Christmas Day’s service will be at 10:30 AM. Communion will be served at the Christmas Day service only. Ushers are still needed for the 8PM Christmas Eve Service.

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Communion will return to the 1st and 3rd week of the month in January. The communion schedule is impacted by the availability of volunteers to assist with serving. If this is something you might be interested in helping out with, please contact the church office.

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The **Handbell Choir** will be contributing to this Advent and Christmas Season. The Augustana-St. Timothy’s Choir is also providing extra music throughout this month. The last choir rehearsal this year will be Dec. 22, and the first of the New Year will be Jan. 5.

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The **Christmas Hamper** campaign was successful in raising \$1575 this year. All of the money raised went towards gifting 17 families with a Christmas hamper! Our hampers this year again consisted of a Christmas card that contained a grocery voucher and a note from Pastor Kirk. We truly are amazed at your generosity and thank you for helping make another person’s Christmas a bit more joyful!

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**Prayer Petitions: ACC:** The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

**ELCIC:** Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership

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### Ecumenical Advent Series: What Are We Waiting For?

For this special ecumenical series of Advent, meditations and conversations are happening on the question: “What are we waiting for?,” with Canadian church leaders, including:

- Rev. Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop, ELCIC (Dec. 1)
- Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, The United Church of Canada (Dec. 8)
- Rev. Dr. Robert Faris, Moderator, The Presbyterian Church of Canada (Dec. 15)
- Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada (Dec. 22)

On each Thursday in Advent, listeners are invited to join a live discussion at 6:00 pm SK time, via Zoom, with one of the leaders on that week’s Advent theme. Attendees will be able to ask questions during the online conversation. Also, each Monday during Advent, the church leaders will release an ecumenical Advent meditation focused on one of the four Advent themes and will address challenges and opportunities facing the Canadian churches. Find out more at <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/11/08/ecumenical-advent/>

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### LWF Communion: A Singing Communion During Advent

For the fifth year, The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) shares videos from LWF member churches and country programs for the 28 days of Advent. “*Advent: A Singing Communion* has been a creative expression of our shared Lutheran identity and the diverse contexts of the member churches,” said LWF General Secretary Rev. Anne Burghardt. The LWF will share videos daily from the **first Sunday of Advent, November 27 until Christmas Eve, December 24**. These will be published on the [LWF website](#) and social media platforms including [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and among member churches worldwide.

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### Nominations open for the 2023 Leadership Award

The **ELCIC Leadership Award** recognizes the outstanding contributions of rostered and lay members in service to the wider church. Presented at **Assembly 2023** in Calgary, this award honours an individual committed to advancing the mission and ministry of the ELCIC. Full criteria and nomination information can be [found here](#). **Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2023.**

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**We kindly ask that you send in any cash or cheque Year End contributions before 12pm on December 29th so as to be deposited that day for entry on your 2022 tax receipt statements.** E-Transfers can still be accepted until Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. **Thank You.**