

# Augustana Lutheran Church

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, December 3, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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Thank you to our lectors Paul Weatherington, Tannis Sharp, and Ezekiel Blaser, communion assistant Tannis Sharp, acolyte Illaria Blaser, ushers Noreen Donald and Larry Trenouth, musician and choir director Deborah Buck, and technical support Bryan Tastad for assisting in worship today. Thanks also to our altar guild for communion preparations, the coffee crew of Leverne & Rene Baxter, and Augustana-St. Timothy's Choir for the special music.



**Estimated Offering & Income for Nov.: \$29,456**

**Estimated Nov. expenses: \$19,792**

We gratefully accept offerings via e-transfer to [augustana@sasktel.net](mailto:augustana@sasktel.net) (full name and address required for a tax receipt) or donate with credit card through Canada Helps (donate button on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/>). OR sign up for PAR. Please ensure envelopes put in the offering plates have an envelope no. or address.

### Our Parish Calendar

Sunday	2:00 pm	NEST Meeting
Monday	7:00 pm	Monday AFG (AA grp)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Concordia Alpenrose Jr. Dancers
Wednesday	8:00 am	Men's Book & Breakfast Club (Zoom)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	The Living Room NA Group
Thursday	10:00 am	Forever in Motion
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir
Saturday	3:00 pm	The Tea Room AA Group
Sunday	10:30 am	Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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**Augustana & St. Timothy's Choir** will be sharing another very special anthem again, thanks to a gift from Wayne Carlson in memory and celebration of Eileen Carlson. On Dec. 17 (Third Sunday of Advent) the choral selection will be "O Emmanuel," based on the well-known American tune "Star in the East" in an energetic setting by Karen Marrolli, featuring a wonderful violin part played by Cherie Jarock. Thank you to Wayne for making possible this musical treasure for Advent—a fitting tribute to our friend and former choir member and cantor Eileen, who so cherished music.

The Health Cabinet **Christmas Hamper Appeal ends today**. If you would like to contribute to *Christmas Hampers*, please indicate so on your offering envelope, cheque or e-transfer. The goal is to support over 20 families in need. **If you would like to share any extra Christmas Cookies for our Christmas Hampers there is a sign up sheet on the Health Cabinet board.** Cookies are to be brought to the church Dec. 10 or before, OR contact Linda Catton to make other arrangements. Cookies should be sturdy for packing and nut free. And if you have any extra Christian themed Christmas Cards or large Christmas gift bags you would like to donate for our Christmas Hampers there is a box by the Health Cabinet Board you can place them in. Packing day of Christmas Hampers will be on Dec. 10 after church.

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**Saskatoon Men's Chorus Christmas Concert "Silence, Frost and Snow" Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:30 PM at Grace Westminster Church, 505 10th St E, Saskatoon.** As in past years SMC will be collecting donations of food for Saskatoon Food Bank at the door. General Admission is \$25 for adults, with no charge for children under 12 years of age. Tickets are available from a Chorus member, at the door, or by sending a request to [inquiries@saskatoonmenschorus.ca](mailto:inquiries@saskatoonmenschorus.ca)

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**Augustana ELW meeting and Bible Study** for December will be held on **Monday, December 11th at 2:00 PM.** in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies are reminded to bring their Prayer Partner gifts and 3 dozen cookies to be donated to Haven Kids' House and the students at the Lutheran Theological Seminary. All women are welcome.

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The **J.O.Y. Group** cordially invites you to their **Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 15th** at 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Room at **Aspira Village at Stonebridge, 250 Hunter Road.** The menu from their dining room is posted in the narthex along with a sign-up sheet and you can order whatever you wish. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet and give Sandra Cey your order by **Tuesday, December 12th.**

We also ask that each of you bring a **wrapped \$1 to \$2 gift** (gender neutral) for a fun gift exchange. Since there is limited guest parking by the building, carpooling is suggested. If you need a ride or are able to offer a ride, please call Sandra Cey (306) 373-1071.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this fun-filled afternoon!

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**Help us choose the hymns for our Lessons & Carols service Dec. 31!** We'll share a link in the worship email each week, on our YouTube livestream, and as a QR Code in the church to an online form where you can vote. We'll also have paper ballots to cast your vote in the Narthex. Each week's poll will be available from Friday to Tuesday - so get your votes in early! The link for this week is <https://forms.office.com/r/ektaLMNzXS>.