

Augustana Lutheran Church

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Please note, next Sunday, **Dec. 4th will be the in-person thanks, Godspeed and blessing, after church coffee and gift presentation for Pastor Marilyn.** Well wishes, cards, monetary gifts can continue to be sent to the church office. The book of greetings will remain in the narthex for signatures until Wednesday, Nov. 30th

This Advent/Christmas Season Augustana will be incorporating some resources on the theme of "From Generation to Generation" which will help to focus our Advent rituals. We also will be 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.

The Health Cabinet **Christmas Hamper Appeal** continues to **December 11.** The goal of \$1200 for gift card grocery vouchers to needy families is close to realization. If you would like to contribute to *Christmas Hampers*, please indicate so on your offering envelope, cheque or e-transfer. And if you know of a person or family who may benefit from a hamper, please let the church office know.

Subscribe to receive PWRDF's daily Advent resource **The Birth of Hope** starting **November 27th** or visit pwrdf.org/advent2022 to download the entire PDF.

CLWR Gifts from the Heart Catalogue is now available in the church narthex. You can also pick up your copy of **On Eagle's Wings Advent Reflections** as well.

Kids of Note and the Notations are presenting **That Time of Year: A Celebration of Celebrations**, on Sunday, November 27 at 2:30 pm at Grosvenor Park United Church, 407 Cumberland Ave. S. This is the first time they're performing music from a variety of cultural perspectives for "that time of year." Tickets are \$15 in advance through Eventbrite, or \$20 at the door. **Kids of Note** is a non-auditioned, integrated choir for children and youth of all abilities, who love to

sing. Our music is uplifting, fun and often challenging. Now in our 18th season, we have 18 members, ages 7 and up. **The Notations** is aimed at older youth and young adults and strives to emulate the same integrated model as Kids of Note. Currently there are 13 members and we're always looking for more! For more info: director@kidsofnote.com

Ecumenical Advent Series: What Are We Waiting For?

This year, there will be a special ecumenical series of Advent meditations and conversations on the question: "What are we waiting for?," with Canadian church leaders, including:

- Rev. Dr. Robert Faris, Moderator, The Presbyterian Church of Canada
- Rev. Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada
- Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, The United Church of Canada
- Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada

On each Thursday in Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22), 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 and register at <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/11/08/ecumenical-advent/>

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 starting November 27 to mark the start of the season. "*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](https://www.facebook.com/LWFWorldFederation) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/LWFWorldFederation), and among member churches worldwide.

Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing Thursday, December 15, 7:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church

Christmas without a loved one can be a difficult time for those left behind. Other losses, such as the loss of a relationship, health or job can be the cause of loneliness in the midst of Christmas celebrations. Please join us in a service of prayer, scripture, communion and music knowing that God is present. If interested please contact Augustana church office so we can confirm your attendance. Refreshments to follow the service hosted by Saskatoon Lutheran Stephen Ministers.