



Augustana Church PREVIEWS

Lutherans & Anglicans worshipping together



January 2024

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WELCOMING CELEBRATORY INSPIRING ADVENTUROUS IN MISSION

Hopefully we will all have had the chance to sit down and rest during the Christmas season. But when faced with a new year, it is so easy to be filled with anxiety as we contemplate the massive challenges awaiting us over the next twelve months. However, when faith moves in, anxiety and fear move out.

The outcome of this next year does not depend on us but on God. New experiences, perhaps some new needs and some changes, but “the eyes of the Lord are always upon us, from the beginning of the year until the end of the year” (~Deut. 11:12). Perhaps this year God might be telling us to strive less and trust Him more. And perhaps that might not just be such a bad thing.

January also moves us into Epiphany. The feast of Epiphany concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.

In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism.

We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people. So as we face this new year, let’s do it together with faith in God, and get ready for an incredible journey of excitement.

It just could be a very good, blessed new year!

on behalf of Pastor Kirk



Behold, I am making all things new. Revelation 21:5



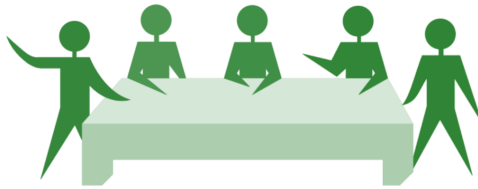
Arise, **SHINE**
for your *light*

has come, and the glory
of the Lord *rises*

upon you. Isaiah 60:1

Council Notes

Pat Blakley, Council Chairperson



Hello Augustana Church Family,

Happy New Year from Church Council.
With the new year comes new challenges and opportunities.

Council met on December 20, 2023. The focus of the meeting was budget planning. All aspects of the budget will be examined with finalization of budget at the January or February 2024 Council meeting in preparation for presentation to the congregation at the March 3, 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM). Karen Wallace will have more information to provide. Opportunities for increasing revenue will be explored. If you have any suggestions, please contact Karen.

There is another opportunity to consider. There will be openings on Council for 2024. The election will occur at the AGM. Please consider volunteering to service on Council. We require individuals who are committed to faithfully exploring the short and long term future of the congregation. Please contact any member of Council if you have questions about the work that you will be doing as a council member.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to be brought to Council, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,
Pat Blakley,
Church Council
Chairperson

Augustana Church Council:
Chairperson — Pat Blakley
Vice-Chairperson — Larry Trenouth
Secretary — Katie Ottley
Treasurer — Karen Wallace

Members:
Shelley Apolonia
Echo Fettes
Merv Johnson
Monica Johnson
Gabi Lindenbach



From the desk of Bishop Sid

Saskatchewan Synod, ELCIC

Dear partners in the Gospel,

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven (Eccl 3.1).

After a summer and fall of pondering, discerning, praying, wondering, I've finally come to a decision about my call as Bishop of the Saskatchewan Synod. Taking into consideration both my call as Bishop and the needs of the synod, I have decided that I will not let my name stand for call at our convention this May.

The call to be bishop of the synod came on me rather unexpectedly in May of 2014. It has been a deeply fulfilling and endlessly challenging call. But I have decided that it is the time 'under heaven' for me to close this chapter after ten years in the role and enter into what God has in store for me in retirement.

As I look out at the synod, I have been wondering what the synod needs as well. I was struck, recently by a conversation on the Convention planning committee. We had been wondering about how to generate interest and engagement in the next synod convention in a time when our churches are struggling to regain their momentum after the pandemic. It came to me that electing a new bishop might be just what the convention needs—more deeply, what the synod needs.

Convention could become a time for the synod to consider how God is calling us forward in this challenging time for church.

Christmas is just around the corner! What better for all of us to begin dreaming anew about God's future for our church.

Peace,
+Sid

Bishop Sid Haugen

BA MA MDiv PhD



Saskatchewan Synod
ELCIC

We recognize that the Saskatchewan Synod is on the Territories of Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10, traditional gathering lands of 74 indigenous peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Augustana services are in-person and live-streamed, and worship recordings can always be accessed through the YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxIZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA/videos>

Or on the Augustana website <http://augustanasaskatoon.net/worship-resources>

To participate in the **10:30 AM live-streamed worship service** please go to the Augustana YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCua4E9ZVxIZ4Wfmct0ZLnBA/featured>

Once there, click the play button on the player in the browser to open the live player

Date	Tech Support	Ushers & Communion Assts	Lector & Prayers	Coffee Clean-up & Set-up
Jan. 7	Katie O. (Karen W. bu)	(?) & (?) (?)	Chris Martin	(?)
Jan. 14	Bryan T. (Greg F-N. bu)	Bonnie Moser & (?)	Betty Warren	(?)
Jan. 21	Greg F-N. (Bryan T. bu)	Edith & Lorne Carlson (?)	Wayne Carlson	(?)
Jan. 28	Karen W. (Katie O. bu)	(?) & (?)	Bonnie Moser	Betty & Ted Warren
Feb. 4	Bryan T. (Greg F-N. bu)	(?) & (?) (?)	Paul Weatherington	Isabel Zacharias
Feb. 11	Katie O. (Karen W. bu)	D.-Jay Krozser & (?)	Don Gwozdz	(?)
Feb. 18	Greg F-N. (Bryan T. bu)	(?) & (?) (Margareth Peterson)	(?)	(?)
Feb. 25	Karen W. (Katie O. bu)	(?) & (?)	Chris Martin	(?)

If you need to trade with someone for a worship role, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank You!

✝ If anyone would be interested in helping with altar guild or any of the worship roles, it would be greatly appreciated and make a huge difference for how worship continues at Augustana. Please prayerfully consider assisting and signing up when the clipboard is passed around on a Sunday. Thanks!

✝ Choir will resume practices on Thursday, January 11th.



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The Ordination of **Kyle K. Schiefelbein- Guerrero**

to the Ministry of
Word & Sacrament



By the grace of God and the call of the church
Kyle K. Schiefelbein-Guerrero
will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Saturday, January 13, 2024

3:00 pm PST

A reception of light refreshments follows the liturgy

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1111 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, CA 94109 USA

Your prayers and presence are requested
All pastors and deacons are invited to process
The color of the day is red

Livestream: <https://smc.live/kylelivestream>

Bishop: The Rev. Jason Zinko, Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario
Synod Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Ekdale

Kyle has been called to serve in his current professorship at
Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon

AUGUSTANA FINANCIAL UPDATE

(as per Accountant / Treasurer reports)

	To Nov. 30, 2023	To Nov. 30, 2022	2023 Budget
INCOME			
Offerings, Rental	194,224	164,254	211,960
EXPENSES			
Worship (Pastoral, Music, Supplies, etc.)	100,646	59,027	113,965
Learning (Education, Conferences)	2,649	896	3,950
Witness (Parish Nurse, Health Cabinet)	2,782	126	7,900
Service (Benevolences)	24,976	22,667	24,494
Support (Staff, Supplies, Utilities, Audit, etc.)	96,902	84,923	102,451
Total Expenses	227,953	167,640	252,760
Funds Increase (-Decrease)	-33,729	-3,386	-40,800
<u>Augustana Financial Position</u>			
	As at Nov. 30, 2023	As at Nov. 30, 2022	
Funds beginning of Year	77,125	73,337	
Funds End of Month	43,396	69,951	
	As at Nov. 30, 2023	As at Nov. 30, 2022	
Affinity Credit Union Chequing Account	25,352	20,512	
Canadian Western Bank Account	11,831	1,286	
Credit Union Term Deposit	10,626	40,000	
Canadian Western Bank GIC	0	10,000	

Expenses estimated (December): 19,398

Income estimated (December): 25,039

From the Treasurer's Desk

Karen Wallace

Please note our Fund Balance at the end of November

At AGM the budget was presented with an estimated \$40,000 deficit for the year.

As of November 30, 2023 our deficit was \$33,729. December was a good month for offerings which should help offset the deficit further. If you have any thoughts about our finances and meeting our budget in 2024 please reach out to me or any of our council members. Thank-you.

January Health Awareness: Brain Facts

The brain is an organ that serves as the center of the nervous system in all vertebrate and most invertebrate animals. It is the most complex organ in a vertebrate's body. Its function is to exert centralized control over the other organs of the body. The adult human brain weighs on average about 1.5 kg (3.3lb). The living brain is very soft, having a consistency similar to soft tofu. Although referred to as "grey matter," the live cortex is pinkish-beige in colour and slightly off-white in the interior.



The brain consumes up to 20% of the energy used by the human body, more than any other organ. It is only 2% of the body weight, but it receives 15% of the cardiac output, 20% of total body oxygen consumption, and 25% of total body glucose utilization.

Your brain contains billions of nerve cells arranged in patterns that coordinate thought, emotion, behaviour, movement, and sensation. A complicated highway system of nerves connects your brain to the rest of your body, so communication can occur in a split second. While all the parts of your brain work together, each part is responsible for a specific function controlling everything from your heart rate to your mood. The cerebrum is the largest part of your brain. It's what you probably visualize when you think of brains in general. The outermost layer of the cerebrum is the cerebral cortex, the "grey matter" of the brain. The **cerebrum** is divided into two halves. The hemispheres communicate with each other through a thick tract of nerves. In fact, messages to and from one side of the body are usually handled by the opposite side of the brain.

Each hemisphere is divided into four lobes.



1. Frontal lobes control thinking, planning, organizing, problem solving, short-term memory, and movement.
2. Parietal lobes interpret sensory information, such as taste, temperature, and touch.
3. Occipital lobes process images from your eyes and link that information with images stored in memory.
4. Temporal lobes process information from your senses of smell, taste, and sound. They also play a role in memory storage.

The **cerebellum** is a wrinkled ball of tissue below and behind the rest of your brain. It works to combine sensory information from the eyes, ears and muscles to help coordinate movement. The **brainstem** links the brain to the spinal cord. It controls many functions vital to life, such as heart rate, blood pressure and breathing. This area is also important for sleep.

Structures deep within the brain control emotions and memories. Known as the limbic system, these structures come in pairs. Each part of this system is duplicated in the opposite half of the brain.

The peripheral nervous system is composed of all the nerves in your body, aside from the ones in your brain and spinal cord. It acts as a communication relay between your brain and your extremities. For example, if you touch a hot stove, the pain signals travel from your finger to your brain in a split second. A nerve cell (neuron) communicates with other cells through electrical impulses when the nerve cell is stimulated. Neurotransmitters pass through the synapse, the gap between two nerve cells, and attach to receptors on the receiving cell. This process repeats from neuron to neuron, as the impulse travels to its destination — it forms a web of communication that allows you to move, think, feel, and communicate.

Your brain is more amazing and complex than all the computers throughout the world combined!!

Carol Kostiuk, 2015 Parish Nurse article

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Alzheimer Society

S A S K A T C H E W A N

Learn More Live Well

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA

The Alzheimer Society is your First Link to extensive expertise in risk reduction, dementia research, and support. We invite you to join us for this presentation on **January 17 from 7-9 PM**, Online via Zoom.

Featuring guest presenter Dr. Megan Surkan, Assistant Professor Geriatric Medicine, from the University of Saskatchewan. Learning more about dementia can help us identify when it's time to access support, should we notice the warning signs in ourselves or others we care about, and it helps us understand how to relate in a positive way with others we may meet or serve in the community. [Click here for more info and to register.](#)

EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR CARE

Our Learning Series helps people with dementia, their families, and friends to live as well as possible with the disease. Join us for our next care partner focused Series, delivered via Zoom.

Virtual Options for Care - A learning opportunity for family and friends

January 16, 18, 24, and 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Participants are asked to attend all sessions. To register, call 1-877-949-4141!

This series will help family members and caregivers evaluate their current caregiving needs and explore other possible care options, including where to turn when needs are increasing. For more information on our Learning Series, please visit our website <https://alzheimer.ca/sk/en>

REDUCING THE RISKS OF DEMENTIA THROUGH NUTRITION AND SOCIALIZATION

On November 29th, we hosted a Community Conversation to help people learn more about how eating socially with others can improve your health and reduce your risk of dementia. We were joined by panel experts **Dr. Allison Cammer and Julie Beitel** from the University of Saskatchewan, who are registered dietitians and facilitators of the Cognitive Kitchen Program based in rural Saskatchewan.

[Click here for the event summary and to view the recording.](#)

CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

The **Health Cabinet** would like to give a **huge thank you** to our congregation for their very generous donations for the Christmas Hampers this year! The \$2060.00 that was raised enabled us to make 21 hampers that included a Christmas card with a message from Pastor Kirk, a grocery gift card, homemade cookies, chocolates, candy canes, Christmas napkins, and oranges.

The Sunday School kids added a special touch with the Christmas cards made for these recipients and also made the packing of hampers an easy task! 21 hampers are the most we have ever been able to make - we gave up to 70 people a little bit of Christmas cheer this year! We also have \$320 left over for grocery cards that can be handed out to People in Need this year.

Thank you!

AUGUSTANA BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 9th from 1:30-3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall and continue until February 13. Topic to be discussed will be the nativity stories in the Gospels. The basic source used will be the highly acclaimed study that was published many years ago entitled THE BIRTH OF THE MESSIAH - written by Raymond Brown, a highly respected Roman Catholic scholar who specialized in New Testament. A few new persons around the table would always be welcome.

MEN'S BOOK AND BREAKFAST CLUB

The **Men's Book and Breakfast Club** meets each Wednesday morning for about one hour beginning at **8 AM** and will start up again this January once the next book of study is determined.

The Book Club reads both fiction and non-fiction books. They are not always directly related to theology or spirituality but we generally discuss them through a spiritual lens.

We often choose books that are available through the Saskatoon Public Library's Book Club in a Bag program, in which case it is not necessary to buy the book. We will meet by Zoom most weeks but may get together at a restaurant occasionally (probably every six weeks) for breakfast, discussion and exchange of books. If you are interested, contact Bryan Tastad.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

JANUARY 2024

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| ☐ 01 Psalm 73:1-14 ★ | ☐ 16 Psalm 76 |
| ☐ 02 Psalm 73:15-28 | ☐ 17 Jonah 3 |
| ☐ 03 Psalm 74:1-11 | ☐ 18 Mark 8:27-9:1 ★ |
| ☐ 04 Psalm 74:12-23 | ☐ 19 Ephesians 1:15-2:10 |
| ☐ 05 Ephesians 1:1-14 | ☐ 20 Ephesians 2:11-22 |
| ☐ Wisdom 10 ☩ | ☐ 21 Ephesians 3 |
| ☐ 06 Matthew 2:1-12 ★ | ☐ 22 Ephesians 4:1-16 |
| ☐ 07 Isaiah 60:1-12 | ☐ 23 Ephesians 4:17-32 |
| ☐ 08 Isaiah 60:13-22 | ☐ 24 Ephesians 5:1-20 |
| ☐ 09 Mark 1:1-13 | ☐ 25 Galatians 1:11-24 ★ |
| ☐ 10 1 Samuel 3 | ☐ 26 Deuteronomy 18:9-22 |
| ☐ 11 Matthew 2:13-23 ★ | ☐ 27 Psalm 111 |
| ☐ 12 Mark 1:14-20 | ☐ 28 Mark 1:21-28 |
| ☐ 13 John 1:19-34 | ☐ 29 Mark 1:29-45 |
| ☐ 14 John 1:35-51 | ☐ 30 Isaiah 61 |
| ☐ 15 Psalm 75 | ☐ 31 Isaiah 62 |

MULTIFAITH SASKATCHEWAN

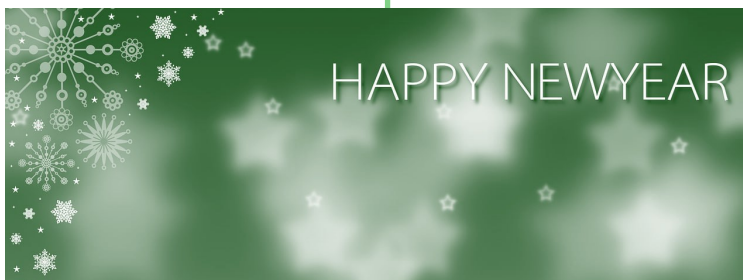
The **Multifaith Saskatchewan AGM** will be on **Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 3pm**. This meeting is held online to facilitate participation from across the province. **Please register for the Zoom meeting at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMldO2oqD8rE9LjZqz5RedfelKFcj_dmKq**

In addition, the MFS has some vacancies on the Board: President (2023-2025), Communications (2023-2025), 1 Southern representative (2023-2025), and 2 Northern representatives (2022-2024 & 2023-2025). Nominations for any of these positions may be sent to the Nomination Committee, c/o Nicholas Jesson (njesson@archregina.sk.ca). We welcome self-nominations! No experience is necessary.

These positions are described in the MFS Constitution at <https://multifaithsask.org/constitution>. If you have questions about the Board and its responsibilities, please contact the Nomination Committee at the same address. **Download the [AGM Jan. 7 2024 Agenda](#), the [2022 AGM MFS Minutes](#), and the [2022-2023 Financial Statements](#)** if interested.

ELW

The **ELW meeting and Bible Study** for January will be held on **Monday, January 29th at 2 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend.



THE 2024 DE MARGERIE ECUMENICAL LECTURES
ON CHRISTIAN RECONCILIATION AND UNITY



Grassroots Ecumenism

**Re-imagining Lay People
as Stewards of Doctrine**

Wed., Jan. 24
7 p.m., Riffel Auditorium (CMAUD),
Campion College
University of Regina

**Doctrine as the Fuel
of Renewal**

Thurs., Jan. 25
7 p.m., Fr. O'Donnell Auditorium,
St. Thomas More College
University of Saskatchewan



Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch

The Rev. Dr. Karen Petersen Finch is an ecumenical theologian in the Reformed tradition who specializes in dialogue with Roman Catholic theology at the local, national, and international levels. Karen is Professor of Pastoral Leadership at The Presbyterian College in Montréal, QC, Canada and represents the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the Reformed-Catholic Dialogue in the United States. Karen earned her doctoral degree from Gonzaga University with a dissertation recommending the theological method of Bernard Lonergan, S.J. for ecumenical dialogue. She later studied Lonergan as a Fellow of the Lonergan Institute at Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Her book, *Grassroots Ecumenism: The Way of Local Christian Reunion*, is currently inspiring multilateral dialogue among lay people in the West Island of Montreal.



About the Annual De Margerie Lectures

Named in honour of Fr. Bernard de Margerie, a priest of the Diocese of Saskatoon who has dedicated his whole life in ministry to the promotion of Christian unity. In this 12th year of the lecture series, we are offering lectures in both Regina and Saskatoon. Attend each of these unique lectures in-person, or through livestream using the QR code. Please also watch for workshops scheduled in your location.

Workshop: The Eucharist - Where is Jesus? Fri., Jan. 26, 10am to 12 noon, soup lunch to follow 12-1pm
Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, 114 Kingsmere Place, Saskatoon (*not livestreamed*)

PEOPLE IN NEED

Every 3rd Sunday of every 2nd month, (Feb. 18, etc.)

after the offering plates are sent around, baskets with slips of paper with **needed food items for the Food Bank and/or People in Need** will follow.

The large blue bin in the Narthex is available for you to drop off your food items at any time.

Thank you for supporting those who need our help.

Monetary donations to People in Need are also welcome.

SASKATOON CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICE

Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service (SCIS) is the only 24-hr Mobile Crisis Unit serving the people of Saskatoon. Your support helps to deliver this vital service to individuals and families in crisis.

SCIS provides phone, in office and Mobile Crisis 24/7/365 response to over 30,000 individuals and families each year. In addition to working with a police officer responding to mental health calls, **SCIS** has case management services where intensive community support is provided to people who have significant and enduring mental health and additional challenges.

The Journey Home approach coupled with practical support works towards long term housing for our houseless folks in Saskatoon.

With the closure of The Lighthouse, the number of clients who will receive services through Journey Home will be doubling. In order to provide for the clients, **SCIS** needs the following supplies:

- Clothing: Men's socks (new), women's socks (new)
- Personal items (full size): Body wash, conditioner, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste
- Food items: grocery gift card
- Household items (new or gently used): blankets, towels
- Miscellaneous items: Adult colouring books and colouring supplies
- Financial gifts: donations can be made at <https://saskatooncrisis.ca>

New or gently used household items may also be accepted depending on the item and available space.

Please contact Alicia at asteiestol@saskatooncrisis.ca if you have household items to donate.

Thank you for considering the clients served by **SCIS**.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH GROUP

The **Spiritual Growth Group** meets twice a month on Tuesdays at 8 AM.

We continue to discuss *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer.

If you are interested to know more about the group contact Heather Kleiner or Noreen Donald .

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The **2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18 to 24th**, is on the theme "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" based on Luke 10:25-37. This year's theme was prepared by an ecumenical team in Burkina Faso. Local neighbourhood services and other observances include the following:

Jan. 18-25, 7am WPCU services and breakfast, Saskatoon

Thurs., Jan. 18, Prayer service and lunch at Queen's House, Saskatoon

Sun. Jan. 21, 3pm at First Mennonite Church, 418 Queen St., Saskatoon

Ecumenical Youth event at Zion Lutheran Church, 323 4th Avenue, Saskatoon Sun. Jan. 21 at 5:30 PM

Thurs., Jan. 25, Ecumenical Campus Worship at St. Andrew's College chapel, Saskatoon

HEY YOU(TH)! CHECK IT OUT!

SK SYNOD YOUTH GATHERING

CAMP KINASAO, CHRISTOPHER LAKE

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024



JOIN WITH YOUTH FROM ACROSS
SK FOR A WEEKEND DESIGNED
JUST FOR YOU(TH)!

COME EXPERIENCE COMMUNITY,
TIME IN THE WORD & CREATION,
AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN.
BRING A FRIEND!



DETAILS YOUR ADULTS WILL WANT TO KNOW:

AGES: 12-17 COST: \$115/PERSON (SUBSIDIES ARE AVAILABLE!)

NEED A RIDE? JOIN THE CHARTER BUS IN ESTEVAN, REGINA,
SASKATOON OR PA! (FOR NO ADDITIONAL COST!)

A PARTNERSHIP EVENT PUT
ON BY THE ELCIC SK SYNOD

LEARN MORE AT KINASAO.CA



Retreat theme: "Catch the Fire!" (Acts 2); Keynote Speaker: Pastor Ronald Shumba
Lay and rostered leaders are encouraged to attend in support of their home team.
Registration fees for leaders: \$75.00.

A TRIBUTE TO JAMES (JIM) KOMAR by Ken Peterson

My first recollection of Jim Komar was one Sunday back when St. Timothy had the early service and Augustana the late. I was attending St. Tim's service and I saw this man with 'no legs' going up to the altar for communion. Little did I know then how my life would be enriched by this man.

Somehow in those days Jim found out about the Bible Study of which I was the leader, and asked Pastor Hunter if he could attend - to say the least, he became soon a full participant of the Bible Study and subsequently expressed the desire to join Augustana. Thus, in the Bible Study over the past (is it really about 10 or more?) years, his contribution of information and freedom of thought brought (I would say) new life to the sessions. He was even an evangelist, bringing a new member from outside to the class, who subsequently joined Augustana but has since died.



Jim was always willing to play host and bring the goodies for the break - soon others were offering him rides to/from the Bible Study - his presence and contributions will be missed in the Bible Study group when we reconvene.

One thing about Jim (not found in the very fine obituary that appeared in the Dec. 16 issue of the Star-Phoenix) was Jim's fondness for little children. I discovered this maybe five or so years ago. Jim always sat toward the front on the pulpit side of the church, right behind a couple of our families with small children. I figured Jim sat there as being hard of hearing he could lip read the pastor during the sermon, and thought (dumb me) that he must be bothered by the children sitting in front of him. I said to him, maybe we should ask those families to move to the other side! Oh, no, Jim said. That's the reason I sit there, to watch those children! This leads me to one other illustration of this interesting attitude of Jim.

As some of you may remember, my sister-in-law, Louise, came from a congregation in Chicago that has been a leader in integrating gay and hetero-sexual folks in a congregation. I had received a video online for a service of the blessing of marriage couples (both same sex and hetero-sexual) where they renewed their vows - must have been about 20 or so couples in the chancel. I forwarded that video to Jim, and a few days later asked him in person what he thought of the video - his response surprised and puzzled me - he said, "Ken, I really enjoyed watching the children in the video!" What children I thought (but did not say to Jim) but went home and watched it again. Sure enough, while those couples were in the chancel, off to the side (and obviously unnoticed by me previously) their children (maybe a dozen or more) were having a good time. That was what impressed Jim Komar!

Finally, I was informed (unofficially from his estate) that Jim had designated some of the money in his estate for Augustana to have a better sound system. How much I do not know, but besides his regular financial support he supplied a substantial amount for the newly designed sign in front of the church building.

Jim Komar will be missed - by me and by Margareth - by the members of the Bible Study group - and I suspect by many of you! We pray peace to his memory+++

Prayer Changes Things

Prayer Net: God hears our prayers. Prayer is a gift God has given to us for sharing joys and sorrows. Intercessory prayers, prayers for others, are offered as we follow Christ's example. The Prayer Net involves volunteers who feel called to the ministry of prayer and are committed to pray for those who ask for special prayer or for those whose needs have been made known to us. To activate the Prayer Net, contact any person on the list; that person will then pass the prayer request to other members. The confidential nature of information shared is respected. When a request is received or need is known, prayer will be offered as soon as possible and continue to be held up until told otherwise.

THE PRAYER NET		
Sandra Cey		
Michael Diegel		
Noreen Donald		
Marie Ebbert		
Alice Hamp		
Heather Kleiner		
Ev Knoll		
Jim Komar		
Ev Schumacher		
Kirk Tastad	(306) 242-9553	Augustanapastor @sasktel.net



Please remember all those in need of our prayers:

Ron & Marlene Belke, Curtis Carlson, Danielle Carlson, Edith Carlson, Kevin & Linda Catton, Gayle Dixon, Alice Dzus, Ron Fast, Don & Shelby Gwozdz, Alice Hamp, Lisa Hamp, Scott Hamp, Audrey & Ed Hedlin, Brodie Jenkins, Minnie Kaminski, Adrienne Kinchen, Evelyn Knoll, Mildred Lesser, Karin Lissel, Doris Lundmark, Lyssa Martin, Sharon & Gord Morley, Bruce Nordstrom, Linda Richmond, Evelyn Schumacher, Jim & Tannis Sharp, and Deanna White.

May all be strengthened in the knowledge of God's grace, and the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

We also pray for those who grieve at this time, especially the Wallace family in the loss of Peter, Marie & family in the loss of her mother Evelyn, and the friends and family of James Komar.

May they be comforted by the promise of God with us.

This month we pray for our **Finance Committee**

The Finance committee oversees the finances of Augustana's congregation and develops our yearly budget. They ensure that we faithfully and legally manage the offerings that support the ministry of Augustana.

Monthly Manna (Canadian Bible Society)

✠ Day 3: "And let the peace that comes from God rule in your hearts." Colossians 3:15a (NLT)

✠ Day 16: "I For you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." Psalm 9:10b (NIV)

✠ Day 28: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I give you rest." Matthew 11:28 (ESV)



Augustana church council would like to thank:

- † **Greg Fowlie-Neufeld** for agreeing to tech the Christmas Eve service, allowing those who cannot attend in person to participate in the service.
- † **Deborah Buck** for collecting information about what other churches are charging for music related rentals so that Augustana could create a comparable fee structure.
- † The **Alter Guild** for decorating during the Advent and Christmas season.
- † **Karen Wallace** for her effort in putting together the 2024 budget.
- † All those **members** who stepped up to cover ushering for the Christmas Eve services.

PHOTO FROM FOREVER IN MOTION, Christmas Gathering December 12th



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Augustana Previews

Please feel free to submit items for the newsletter to publicize events or activities in your group.

Digital pictures from events would be great!

Information for the February 2024 Newsletter should be submitted by January 23, 2024.

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JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 3 PM "The Tea Room" AA Group
7 Baptism of Our Lord 10:30 AM Worship & Holy Communion	8 7 PM AFG (Al Anon grp)	9 10 AM Forever in Motion 1:30 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Concordia Alpenrose Jr. Dancers	10 8 AM Men's Book Club (Zoom) 7 PM "The Living Room" NA Group	11 10 AM Forever in Motion 7 PM Choir	12	13 3 PM "The Tea Room" AA Group
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YEAR B 2024 CHURCH YEAR CALENDAR

SUNDAYS AND PRINCIPAL FESTIVALS	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL	HYMN OF THE DAY	ADVENT	CHRISTMAS	TIME AFTER EPIPHANY	LENT	HOLY WEEK	THREE DAYS	EASTER
Dec 3, '23	1 Advent	Isa 64:1-9	Ps 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Cor 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37	435						
Dec 10	2 Advent	Isa 40:1-11	Ps 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8	255						
Dec 17	3 Advent	Isa 61:1-4, 8-11	Ps 126 or Luke 1:46b-55 or Ps 89:1-4, 19-26	1 Thess 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28	261						
Dec 24	4 Advent	2 Sam 7:1-11, 16	Luke 1:46b-55 or Ps 89:1-4, 19-26	Rom 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38	265						
Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Isa 9:2-7	Ps 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	270						
Dec 25	Christmas Day II	Isa 62:6-12	Ps 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20	288						
	Christmas Day III	Isa 52:7-10	Ps 98	Heb 1:1-4 [5-12]	John 1:1-14	285						
Dec 31	1 Christmas	Isa 61:10-62:3	Ps 148	Gal 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40	285						
Jan 6, '24	Epiphany of Our Lord	Isa 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-7, 10-14	Eph 3:1-12	Matt 2:1-12	302						
Jan 7	Baptism of Our Lord, Lec. 1	Gen 1:1-5	Ps 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11	450						
Jan 14	2 Epiphany, Lec. 2	1 Sam 3:1-10 [11-20]	Ps 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Cor 6:12-20	John 1:43-51	798						
Jan 21	3 Epiphany, Lec. 3	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Ps 62:5-12	1 Cor 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20	696						
Jan 28	4 Epiphany, Lec. 4	Deut 18:15-20	Ps 111	1 Cor 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28	310						
Feb 4	5 Epiphany, Lec. 5	Isa 40:21-31	Ps 147:1-11, 20c	1 Cor 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39	843						
Feb 11	Transfiguration of Our Lord	2 Kings 2:1-12	Ps 50:1-6	2 Cor 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9	317						
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa 58:1-12	Ps 51:1-17	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	321						
Feb 18	1 Lent	Gen 9:8-17	Ps 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15	517						
Feb 25	2 Lent	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16	Ps 22:23-31	Rom 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38	667						
Mar 3	3 Lent	Exod 20:1-17	Ps 19	1 Cor 1:18-25	John 2:13-22	723						
Mar 10	4 Lent	Num 21:4-9	Ps 107:1-3, 17-22	Eph 2:1-10	John 3:14-21	660						
Mar 17	5 Lent	Jer 31:31-34	Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16	Heb 5:5-10	John 12:20-33	330						
Mar 24	Passion/Palm Sunday Color: Scarlet or Purple	Proc. Mark 11:1-11 Isa 50:4-9a	Ps 31:9-16	Phil 2:5-11	Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]	345						
Mar 28	Mundy Thursday Color: Scarlet or White	Exod 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14	Ps 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Cor 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35	358						
Mar 29	Good Friday Color: None; altar is stripped	Isa 52:13-53:12	Ps 22	Heb 10:16-25 or Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42	352						
Mar 30	Easter Vigil*											
Mar 31	Easter Day Color: Gold or White	Acts 10:34-43 or Isa 25:6-9	Ps 118:1-2, 14-24	Rom 6:3-11 1 Cor 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18	449						
Apr 7	2 Easter	Acts 4:32-35	Ps 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31	386/387						
Apr 14	3 Easter	Acts 3:12-19	Ps 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48	495						
Apr 21	4 Easter	Acts 4:5-12	Ps 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18	764						
Apr 28	5 Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Ps 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8	447						
May 5	6 Easter	Acts 10:44-48	Ps 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17	367						
May 9	Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Ps 47 or Ps 93	Eph 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53	579						

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