

YouTube Videos

YouTube video of the hymn, **Take My Life and Let it Be**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQ93HVuYd5Y>

YouTube video **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2svZhZT6Pro>

Films

Chariots of Fire (1981)- This film is a wonderful examination on how faith and talent intersect. Two Olympic runners demonstrate their faiths in drastically different ways.

Sister Act (1992)- A comedic flick that still carries an important message about how the discovery and development of gifts can have a positive and lasting effect on a community.

Invictus (2009)- This biopic focuses on Nelson Mandela and the South African rugby team during the Rugby World Cup. Inspired by his faith Mandela sees an opportunity to help mend the wounds from the Apartheid through supporting the gifts and talents of the rugby team.

Augustana Field Trip - Tour Neighbors Inc.

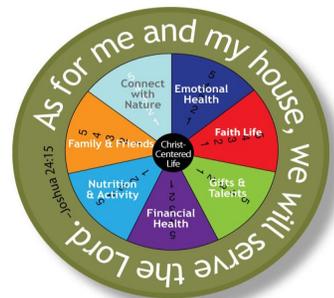
Tuesday February 10

10:00 am or 6:00 pm

Cost: Bring one item for the Neighbor's food shelf

Augustana has had a long standing relationship with Neighbors, Inc. in South St. Paul, but have YOU ever been there? Don't miss this exciting opportunity to check it out!

We will meet at the Neighbor's facility located at 218 13th Avenue South in South St. Paul. Please sign up at the Information Center.



Gifts & Talents

We all have different gifts, each of which came because of the grace God gave us. — ROMANS 12:6

Activities & Ideas

February 8 - Youth Sunday, the youth of Augustana will provide leadership at all 3 worship services.

February 22 - Youth Forum, Olivia Rud and Jacob Hopp will lead a presentation about how they have used their gifts and talents to provide funding for the desks and chairs for a new preschool in Iringa, Tanzania.

February 1 - Adult Forum, Women of Worth by Anna Marsh – how some key women from the Hebrew Bible used their gifts and talents to navigate their social setting

February 2 - Coffee & Conversation, Success in Education through Peace, Healing, and Hope by Karen Rusthoven – at look at how Karen has used her gifts and talents to serve others

February 8, 15, 22 - Adult Forum Hospitality for Christian Living by Bill Eisenmann – a Biblical look at the gift and talent of hospitality.

February 17 - Who Does God Intend You to Be, a class that explores gifts and talents

During February - High School-aged Confirmation Leaders will be working in Confirmation Small groups presenting a learning activity based on the 10 Commandments.

February 23 - Learned Optimism, looking at the gift of optimism and how to enhance it.

February 23 & March 2 - Coffee & Conversation, The Gift of Years, based on Joan Chittister's book.

A Life in Balance

*Knowing WHO you are
Remembering WHOSE you are*

Recommended Readings

For Adults

"Surface to Soul" by Jim Ladoux from Vibrant Faith. This is a workbook style tool that takes participant's on a journey from surface issues to a deeper understanding of the self.

"Living Your Strengths" by Albert L. Winseman, Donald O. Clifton, and Curt Liesveld. A book that uses the Clifton StrengthsFinder tool to help you understand your strengths and use them well in your congregation.

The Wisdom to Know the Difference by Eileen Flanagan

Twelve Steps for Christian Living: Growth in a new way of living

After 50: Spiritually embracing your own Wisdom Years

Lifekeys: Discovering . . . Who you are - Why you're here - What you do best

Soul Types: Matching your Personality and Spiritual Path

Discernment: 40 day practice from Contemplative Life Program

Repacking Your Bags: Lighten Your Load for the Rest of Your life

And for Youth

Find your Fit: Dare to Act on God's Design for you You

I have Enough Stuff

Simple Gifts

Bible Verses

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. — ROMANS 12:6-8

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

— 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

How shall I repay the LORD For all the good things he has done for me? — PSALM 116:16

Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace. —1 PETER 4:10

Now in this way those who are trusted with something valuable must show they are worthy of that trust. —1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

Quotes

"Everything you do for your neighbor is also a service rendered to God." — MARTIN LUTHER

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God." — LEO BUSCAGLIA

"It is in giving that we receive." — ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"The place God Calls you to is where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet" — EILEEN FLANNAGAN

"If you think your talents are simply for you to make a lot of money, retire, and die, you've missed the point of your life. God gave you talents to benefit others, not yourself. And God gave other people talents that benefit you." — RICK WARREN