There was a fantastic turnout (around 300 people) for the Augustana Summer Picnic!

There was an abundance of warm weather, great food, wonderful fellowship and toe-tapping music! The pictures speak for themselves.

Thanks to ALL the volunteers! We couldn't have done it without you!
Does Faith Work?

I am finding this to be an increasingly important question the older I get and the more complex our world becomes. Does faith work? It is a personal question because when I ask it, I am asking, does MY faith work? It is a great question to ask of yourself and your church because it is practical and it speaks to God’s presence in our world and lives.

You may be one of those people who would say that faith is working in some parts of your life but not in others. For example, I know people who worry a lot. The might worry about finances, family or work, or any number of things. They also know that Jesus says do not worry because God knows what we need before we even ask him. The same person who worries might have a faith that is rock solid when it comes to parenting or family relationships. So why does faith work in one area of life and not another? How can we allow faith to work in all areas of our lives?

What role does the community play in helping develop a faith that is practical; that works in our daily lives Monday through Saturday, and not just on Sunday morning. The staff is exploring this question. Over the next year, we want to help you discover how the gift of faith can make a difference in every circumstance of your life.

Jesus was a practical sort of guy. He talked to people, listened to their struggles, fed them, healed them, and ultimately died for them. He let them know that they were that important in God’s eyes and heart.

Faith in Jesus isn’t some magic formula to lead a perfect life. Faith in Jesus is God’s power at work in our imperfect lives so we can be people that reflect God’s love and presence in the world. The Apostle Paul says it best in Philippians when he writes; “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

One of the ways you make faith practical is the manner in which you receive and teach interns about Christian community. Once again you have welcomed and embraced another intern, Daniel and his wife Leslie. They have been a blessing in our midst. Daniel’s last Sunday with us is August 17 and I hope you will join us for their Sundae Sendoff. It’s the perfect time to express to Daniel and Leslie your good wishes and thanks as their year with us comes to a close.

Keep on enjoying your summer. Eat the good and healthy food that comes to market this time of the year. Get out and exercise and enjoy the warm weather. Call a friend you haven’t spoken with in a while. Tell someone how much they mean to you. Pray and listen to what God will say to you. Use your faith. Make it practical. You’ll find out that it works.

Thanks be to God,

Organist Update

The organ search committee has spent the past several months reviewing resumes, listening to performance tapes and interviewing candidates.

The interview process has now concluded and we look forward to sharing the announcement of our new organist in the next few weeks.

Thank you to the members of the search committee for their dedication and hard work throughout this process.

Members of the committee were: Pastor Aune, Pastor Torgerson, Anne Losby (chair), Kathy Andrews, Sue Berg-Williams, Scott Deyo and Eileen Wilke.
**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday, August 3 ~ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am  Drive-In Worship  
10:00 am  Sanctuary Worship  
            Holy Communion

**Sunday August 10 ~ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am  Drive-In Worship  
          Holy Communion

10:00 am  Sanctuary Worship

**Sunday, August 17 ~ Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am  Drive-In Worship  
          Holy Communion

10:00 am  Sanctuary Worship

**Sunday, August 24 ~Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am  Drive-In Worship  
          Healing Service

10:00 am  Sanctuary Worship  
          Healing Service

**Sunday, August 31 ~ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am  Drive-In Worship

10:00 am  Sanctuary Worship

Nursery is available during the 10:00 am service for children 3 years of age and younger.

The 10:00 Sanctuary Worship is signed for the convenience of those who have hearing issues.

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**Celebrations & Prayers**

**BAPTISMS**

- July 6: Connor Charles Benson, son of Chris & Juanita Benson. Sponsors for Connor are Tom and Cindy Huebner.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY GOES TO:**

- Chris Anderson and family on the death of her mother, Barbara Condon, who passed away on May 27.
- Mark Partyka and family on the death of his father, Florian Partyka, who passed away on June 17.
- The family of Robert Temple, who passed away on June 17.
- The family of Irene Devendorf, who passed away on June 18.
- The family of Elsie Hocking, who passed away on June 25.
- Rebecca Kleiber on the death of her mother, Shirley Dodds, who passed away on June 25.
- The family of Derwyn Peterson, who passed away on June 26.
- Lisa and Shelby Dack and Angela and Katie Crowley on the death of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who passed away in June.
- Bruce Ivascu and family on the death of his mother, Eileen Ivascu, who passed away on July 5.

Our sincere gratitude to Pastor Aune and his wondrous crew for orchestrating and implementing a memorable service in celebration of Bob Temple.  

_Patty Temple & Family_

Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Aune, Mary N. and Daniel for the visits and care you gave to Irene Engels Devendorf as she prepared to make her final journey. Thanks also to the kitchen crew and all who served graciously in our time of need. We are so blessed to belong to the Augustana faith community.  

_Eric & Donna Engels and Family_

Thank you Intern Danial Rinehart for visiting with me at St. Josephs Hospital before and after my surgery. It was very meaningful to know that my Augustana family was praying for me. Sincerely, with much love and blessings to all.  

_Bob Taylor_

We wish to thank Pastor Aune, Pastor Torgerson, Intern Daniel Rinehart, Mary Nordtvedt, and the congregation for all the thoughts, prayers, and support that Elsie Hocking received during the last few months of her life. Thank you so much!  

_Sue and Bill Hocking and Family_
Yogadevotion

“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”  Exodus 33:14

Cindy Senerghi, ELCA pastor and founder of Yogadevotion shares this about “Christian” yoga, “I chose this guiding scripture from Exodus because when people ask me what ‘Christian’ yoga is, I simply say it is a practice of faith, a practice in the Presence of God who has promised throughout all of scripture to be with us always.” Some find the practice of faith and yoga combined to be a time of prayer, for some it is a time of worship and praise, still for others the physical practice brings them to a place of alert calmness where they may be still, hear God’s voice, and experience God’s Presence and love.

As a pastor and a yoga instructor, I have found it a blessing to be a conduit of God’s Spirit, sharing the Good News of God’s love in Christ Jesus through the practice of yoga. The practice of yoga in a faith community nurtures faith and the love of God is experienced in a fresh new way.

Augustana Yogadevotion
Fall Classes

Yogadevotion Flow
Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 pm
September 9 to November 11
Cost: $65

Seated In His Presence Chair Yoga
Mondays 9:00 to 10:00 am
September 8 to November 10
Cost: $65

We must have 9 participants to hold classes. Sign up in the Health Ministry binder at the Information Center.

Dental Van Clinic

Required Assessment: Monday September 15, 5:30 pm
Dental Clinic at Augustana: Wednesday September 17

The dental van is designed to:
- Connect those in need with a licensed dentist
- Treat individuals who exhibit URGENT dental needs
- Serve low income members of the community
- Serve those with NO dental insurance
- Preventative dental care (exams or cleaning) NOT PROVIDED

To schedule an assessment, please call 651-457-3373 ext 19.

Caregiver Support Group
for Those Caring for Loved Ones with Memory Loss
(In partnership with the Alzheimer’s Association and Lyngblomsten Gathering Program)

Tuesday, August 5, 10:00 am in the Augustana Library
(Held the first Tuesday of every month)

Caregivers must care for themselves to continue to care for others. This group is a small caring group that is facilitated by Sherry and Eileen, both experienced compassionate facilitators. You are welcome to come every month or as your schedule permits. Call Sherry at (651) 739-2114.

Twin Cities Senior Housing Guide and Resources 2014-15
Serving Older Minnesotans, Their Families & Professionals

The Twin Cities Senior Housing Guide offers information on resources and services that can help you remain in your home or research future housing opportunities. It also helps caregivers assist seniors who are considering a move. The Guide helps clarify all current senior housing options with accurate, up-to-date information. This great resource is available in the brochure rack in the narthex or by calling Mary, Parish Nurse.

Web link is http://seniorhousingguide.us/index.html.

Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday September 16
12:30 to 3:00 pm

Mark your calendars to get your flu shot (regular or high dose), pneumonia or Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis). Shots will be given by qualified professional RNs from the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association (MVNA). Most insurances accepted or you may pay by cash or check. Healthy refreshments will be served. The difference between MVNA and other vaccination providers is proceeds go directly to support care for the most vulnerable people in our community.
Columbarium Committee Update

The last two newsletters introduced to the congregation the Columbarium/Memorial Garden Committee which has been developing a project plan to build a Columbarium/Memorial Garden here at Augustana. In response, congregation members have raised some questions about what this project will cost, how it will be financed, and what it will cost for a niche.

At this early stage, the committee does not have meaningful cost estimates to share. We can share that this project will be completed without financing. The Columbarium/Memorial Garden is anticipated to be self-sustaining with construction covered by the pre-sale of niches and operational costs to be covered by future sale of niches.

Once our columbarium/landscape design contractor produces a site plan, we can develop cost estimates for the construction phase. Costs are dependent on the design, placement, landscaping, and types of cabinets for the niches. We plan to present a proposal to the church council for their approval in the fall and to the congregation at the 2015 Annual Meeting in January.

After extensive discussion and analysis, the committee has recommended that the Columbarium/Memorial Garden be located adjacent to the Labyrinth/Healing Garden which is already a “holy place” with an established sense of peace for meditation. It also allows for future expansion in years to come.

As the committee awaits delivery of the site plan we are working on developing the policies and procedures for the operation of the Columbarium/Memorial Garden.

Again, the committee invites you to direct questions or comments to any of its members: Gordy Ericson (chair), Pastor Mark Aune, Jim Andrews, Ruth and Jerry Delgehausen, Nancy Ericson, Lois and Paul Larsen, Karen Meslow, and Bev and Dave Mooney.

Adult Forum
Begins Sunday, September 7

This year the 9:45 to 10:45 am session will be “sound free” (i.e. no sound from the Celebration Band). During the 10:45 to 11:45 am session we will occasionally hear music during the Celebration service. The microphone and DVD sound system has been fixed in the Jerusalem Room and lighting is currently being addressed, making it easier to see visual presentations. The Fall Adult Forum flyer will be available on September 7.

Women’s Coffee and Conversation
Begins on Monday, September 29.
Fall flyers will be available on September 14.

Men’s Breakfast
Begins Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30 am.

The Adult Education theme for this year is:

Celebrating God’s Creation – Nature Heals, Nourishes and Sustains

We begin this journey by exploring nature’s healing essential oils. Adult Forum on Sunday, September 28 will explore the healing oils of the Bible. On Tuesday, September 30, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm we begin our first Aroma therapy class led by certified Aroma therapist, Cathy Mullaney. An aroma therapy class schedule will be available on September 14.
Summer Camp Review

We had an awesome summer of camps at Augustana! Over 300 kids age 3 years to grade 6 attended the variety of camps. A big thank you to all the volunteers and camp directors who made these camps run smoothly. We couldn't have had the great camps we did without you!

Summer Camp Review

Children and Family Ministry
Cathy Hendrikson & Laurie Armon

Save the Dates

September 7
Kids' Kingdom Open House

September 14
First day of Kids' Kingdom

Kids' Kingdom Registration

Kids' Kingdom registration has begun! A brochure was sent to all Augustana families the last week of July. We ask that all kids are registered by August 25 so adequate supplies can be ordered. You need to fill out a new registration form each year for your children, so we can update our computer system. We know this can be an inconvenience, but we thank you in advance for helping us keep your contact information up to date and to help us with planning.

If you do not receive a brochure in the mail or are new to Augustana, please call the church office and have one mailed to you. Brochures will also be available on the church website and at the Info Center.

Church Mouse

Calling All Augustana College Students!
Would you like to receive letters of encouragement, cards and maybe even a care package while you are away at school? Sign-up to be adopted by an Augustana Church Mouse. We will need your name, school address, things you like to eat, hobbies, and any dietary needs. You can either email your info to chendrikson@augustana.com or fill out a form at the Info Center. This is a great way to keep in touch with Augustana while you are away from home.

Church Mouse Needed!
We are looking for people to adopt Augustana college students while they are away at school. All this is done anonymously, with a reveal picnic at the end of the school year. Adopting a college student consists of sending encouraging cards, letters, and care packages. Anyone can adopt a student...families, singles, couples, confirmation small groups ... the list is endless. If you would like to be a church mouse either email chendrikson@augustana.com with your name, address, & phone or sign-up at the Info Center and a college student's info will be sent to you. This is a fun program for both the student and the church mouse.
Follow the Augustana Youth on Twitter - #ALCYouth2014

New York Mission Trip Highlights
Each day we sent groups to six service sites, most of which had something to do with serving food. Activities ranged from doing things like a soup kitchen to "meals on heels" (which is a door to door meal delivery program done by small groups on foot). On Monday a group went to an immigrant detention center that felt like a prison. A group also went to a "harm reduction center" that works with drug addicts. Everyone saw things we have never seen before. Our service has been eye opening in many ways.

BBBBQ
Wednesday, August 30 at 6:00 pm
Youth in grades 7 and up are welcome to join us for the final BBBBBQ of the summer. This one is a pool party at the home of Mike and Michelle Haedrick. You must sign up in advance as space is limited. Contact Don Marsh in the church office to sign up.

Augustana Variety Show
August 13 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Acts needed (youth and adults) for the Augustana Variety Show! Do you do magic? Twirl a baton? Sing? Dance? Play an instrument?

Sign up for the variety show! Contact Stefanie Fauth with questions at 612-619-8636, sfauth001@luthersem.edu.
Boys & Girls Club - Taco Tuesday  
**August 26, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
291 Belvidere Ave, St. Paul (only 1.5 miles from Augustana!)  
Please join us at the Boys and Girls Club for Taco Tuesday! We cook and serve a healthy meal to about 125 youth, and then read and play games.

Feed My Starving Children  
Sign up in the FMSC binder at the Information Center or visit www.fmsc.org.  
**Wednesday, August 20**  
6:00 to 7:30 pm - online join code 438795  
**Thursday, September 18**  
6:00 to 7:30 pm - online join code 438798

LOAVES & FISHES  
First shift prep: 2:30 to 4:30 pm  
Second shift serve: 4:30 to 6:30 pm  
Third shift clean up: 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
**Tuesday, August 5 OR Monday, August 11**  
Sign up in the Information Center

**Did you know . . .**  
you can designate your Harvest Fund gift to support scholarships to ELCA seminaries?

Luther Seminary  
Throughout the month of August we will be praying for our local partner, Luther Seminary.

Luther Seminary is the largest of the eight seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and located in St. Paul.

Almost 800 students attend the seminary from all over the world. 54% of the students are male and 46% are female.

Almost 70% of seminary students will graduate with an average debt of $43,000. Your gifts (Augustana offering) as well as special gifts to the Harvest Fund assist the seminary in reaching its goal of raising funds to reduce student debt.

The past four interns have been from Luther Seminary. Daniel Rinehart shares below his gratitude for the education he has received from Luther Sem.

“I’m grateful for my education at Luther Seminary. It’s a wonderful gathering of committed, talented, and wise Christians—students, faculty, and staff. Luther serves the ELCA as well as our partner churches nearby and worldwide; many of my classmates are from Africa, Asia, and Europe. As sad as I am to be leaving Augustana, I’m looking forward to returning to my studies.”

Theological education in this country faces an uncertain future, and Luther Seminary continues to have need of our prayers and support. The past few years have been difficult for Luther: the last president had to resign, and many faculty and staff had to depart due to budget shortfalls. But the seminary’s mission continues with a new president, Robin Steinke, and a new curriculum.

Lord God,  
We give thanks that Paul answered the call to go on a missionary journey to Europe. We also are thankful the Holy Spirit led him to an encounter with Lydia as she was praying down by the river. Because of Paul’s vision and Lydia’s hospitality many lives have been changed forever. May we be unafraid to venture into unfamiliar territory proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the name of the One who opens hearts in every time and place. Amen.
Get to know your Church Council

Bruce Calhoun

Tell us about yourself:

My wife, Susan and I live in St. Paul. I work in Human Resources at Medtronic and Susan leads the Underwriting department at Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance. In my spare time I enjoy bicycling, photography, travel, and weather observation.

How long have you been members at Augustana?

19 years.

Where do you see God’s abundance in your life?

Our lives are richly blessed by God’s abundance: loving family and friends, good health, and fulfilling occupations. Specifically at Augustana, we are grateful for gifted pastors, talented staff, and the many opportunities available for involvement and enrichment. We are also constantly amazed by the “ridiculous generosity” of our congregation.

What is your favorite Bible verse and why?

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 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 12:3-8.

It is a wonderful message about humility and confirmation that we all have different gifts and talents to offer to others and ultimately to the service of God.
We are excited to begin another year! We offer a nurturing, safe and Christian-based educational program for children ages 3 years to Pre-K. There are still a few openings so please tell others about our preschool. For more information contact the preschool at (651) 457-3373 or preschool@augustana.com. Our preschool is NAEYC accredited and licensed by the State of MN.

Listed below are some important dates to remember:

**Wednesday, September 3**
9:00 to -10:30 am Parent/Student Orientation for M/W/F Pre-K programs

**Thursday, September 4**
9:00 to 10:30 am Parent/Student Orientation for T/Th 3 Year-old programs

Orientation is a time for parents and students to explore the classroom, meet other students/parents, and talk with the teachers. A short Informational Session will also be held during that time.

**Monday, September 8**
9:00am School Begins for all M/W/F Pre-K programs

**Tuesday, September 9**
9:00am – School Begins for all T/Th 3 Year-old programs

*All registration forms need to be returned to school before the first day of class. All forms can be found at www.augustana.com/preschool under the heading “Forms”.

I am happy to announce that Kelsey Kahlhamer will be joining our preschool staff. She will be teaching with Teri Collins in the Pre-K Classroom on M/W/F 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Kelsey’s three children have all attended the preschool. She and her family are also members of Augustana. Please take a moment to say hi and welcome Kelsey to the program.
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Sundae Send-off for Intern Daniel Rinehart

Ice Cream Social
Sunday, August 17
11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Please join us as we celebrate Intern Daniel and Leslie at a Sundae Sendoff.

Culver's frozen custard and toppings will be served with a short program to follow.

Please come and wish Daniel and Leslie success in their future endeavors!

Sunday, September 7
Fall Worship begins
Traditional Worship
8:30 & 9:45 am
Celebration Worship
11:00 am

Kids’ Kingdom Open House

Youth Forum Open House

Adult Forum Begins

Wednesday, September 3
Choir Rehearsal Schedule
7:00 pm Rejoice! Ringers
8:00 pm Senior Choir

Wednesday, September 10
Congregation Dinners Begin

Confirmation Opening Worship

Choir Rehearsal Schedule
6:15 pm Cherub & Choristers
7:00 pm Agape Choir
7:00 pm Rejoice! Ringers
8:00 pm Senior Choir
8:00 pm Alleluia Bells