

# Ripples of Generosity... in the Community

Augustana shares 20% of total Giving Plan dollars with local mission partners

360 Communities	\$5,200
Camp Wapogasset	6,000
ELCA World Hunger	8,500
Feed My Starving Children	4,000
Habitat for Humanity	15,000
Humble Walk	3,000
Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul	3,000
Loaves and Fishes	7,000
Lutheran Campus Ministry	5,600
Lutheran Social Service (LSS)	15,000
LSS-Rezek Teen Housing	15,000
Lyngblomsten	5,000
Missionary - Mark Jacobson	10,000
Neighbors Inc.	15,000
Preschool Scholarships	5,000
Seminary Student	6,000
St. Paul Area Synod	136,600
Union Gospel Mission	8,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$273,200</b>

Thanks to your Giving Plans we:

- Reached out to current local mission partners to determine and meet additional community needs.
- Connected with new community partners to respond to the unique and specific needs of the pandemic and civil unrest.
- Shared many "at home" service project ideas to support our local community.



## 2020 Augustana Ripples By the Numbers

# 14,000

Number of views for Augustana's online worship services.

# 1,676

Ounces of hand sanitizer purchased to help prevent the spread of germs at Augustana.

# 200

Number of daily educational and inspirational videos produced and posted on our website and social media to stay connected while the building was closed.

# 476

Number of cards and packages mailed to Kids' Kingdom students letting them know they are prayed and cared for while we're apart.

# 1,500

Number of pre-filled communion sets that provided a safe and convenient way to celebrate Holy Communion at drive-in worship.

# \$14,430

Dollars Augustana shared in direct response to community needs due to COVID-19 and civil unrest, above and beyond our 2020 planned local mission gifts of \$273,200.

# 43

Percent increase of members choosing the safe and contactless online giving option for making their gifts.

# 1,200

Number of phone calls made to check in with Augustana members who were in a high risk category for COVID-19.

# 19,168

Number of hand towels used to dry little preschool hands after all the handwashing.

# 1,300

Number of packets which included sermons, activity pages, and devotions that were mailed to members unable to join us online.

# The Ripple Effect of Faith

Stewardship Sundays: October 4, 11, 18 & 25

Dear Ministry Partner,

As a child I loved throwing stones into a lake and watching the ripples move out into the water. That's why our theme verse is so compelling for me. *The Lord Jesus is the living stone. You also are like living stones...*

—1 Peter 2:4a, 5a.

We are living stones. Living a life guided by faith has a ripple effect in our lives, the greater community, and the world. The impact of the ripple can be felt in waves as it grows and expands, touching people's lives. The ripple continues when those lives are inspired to love their neighbor and live a life of generosity. This ripple effect of faith is needed now more than ever to counteract the ripple effect of fear, scarcity, and the loss of hope that is so prevalent in our world.

This year has been filled with challenges. Yet, God's work continued. Your gifts made this possible. This brochure illustrates what Augustana has done and promises to keep doing to be a positive ripple in the community.

Next year will hold new challenges. Completing your *Giving Plan* by the end of October will allow Augustana to plan for another year of generosity. Together, with God's strength, guidance, and your financial gifts, we will creatively meet the challenges before us.

Thank you for following Jesus. Thank you for being one of God's living stones. Thank you for changing our world through your ripple effect of faith.

With gratitude for your partnership,

*Pastor Anne*



**Core values inform and guide our generosity.**

**Created in God's Image**

Reflect the image of our loving and generous God.

**Created In God's Image**

**Inspired by the Spirit**

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Listen to the whispers and follow the gentle and not so gentle nudges of the Spirit reminding us to share our gifts.

**Guided by Faith**

Trust that God will provide in all circumstances so we can be generous in all circumstances.

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**Engaged in Learning**

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Study the word of God and allow it to inform and shape how we live a life of generosity.

**Energized to Act**

Do God's work in the world whether it is easy or hard.

**Energized to Act**

# Ripples of Generosity... at Augustana

Thanks to the generosity of Augustana members who continued to make their financial gifts in challenging and uncertain economic times, we:

- Found new ways to gather and learn using online worship, daily videos, and Zoom Bible study.
- Connected weekly with members without internet access by mailing packets containing sermons, activity pages, and devotions.

- Pivoted to virtual learning for children and youth. Confirmation finished in the spring with weekly videos and "at-home" discussion guides. Children's Ministry distributed Holy Week and VBS activity bags to nurture faith at home.

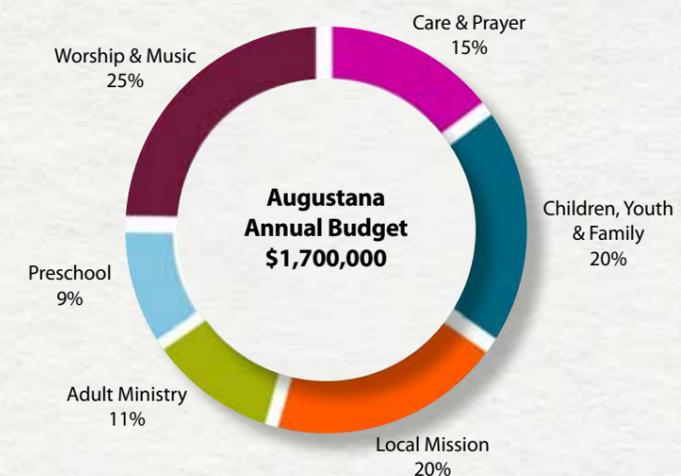


*If You Believe it... Are You Living It?*

**Energized to Act:** Your Giving Plan ensures that Augustana and our local mission partners will generate positive ripple effects throughout our community.

One of the ways Augustana does this is by sharing 20% of giving Plan dollars with our local mission partners and the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA).

Your financial gifts also support the Augustana faith community through: worship, care and support, children, youth, and adult faith formation.



**Create Your Giving Plan**

- Complete the enclosed card and either place it in the Sunday offering or mail it to the church office.
- Visit [augustana.com](http://augustana.com), select **Give** from the menu, scroll down and select **Create Giving Plan** on the right side of the page.
- Email Deb Van, Financial Secretary at [dvan@augustana.com](mailto:dvan@augustana.com) with your intention.

**Augustana offers many ways to make your gift**

- Cash or check
- Automated withdrawal
- Online giving at [augustana.com](http://augustana.com)
- Mobile app (download GivePlus App)
- Online banking (set up through your bank)
- Stocks or securities
- Donor Advised Fund or Qualified Charitable Contribution from an IRA