

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 3 ~ 19th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion
 9:45 am Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
 9:45 am Adult Forum
 9:45 am Kids' Kingdom
 9:45 am Youth Forum
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, October 4

10:00 am Women's Coffee & Conversation
 7:00 pm Rejoice! Ringers Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 5

1:00 - 7:00 pm Blood Drive
 6:00 pm Faith~Filled Mat Yoga
 7:00 pm AI-Anon/AA Groups

Wednesday, October 6

5:00 pm Alleluia Bell Rehearsal
 5:00 pm Congregational Dinner
 5:50 pm Confirmation
 6:00 pm Where Faith Meets Life Bible Study
 6:15 pm Cherub & Chorister Choir Rehearsals
 7:00 pm Agape Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 7

10:00 am Faith~Filled Chair Yoga
 7:00 pm Befriender Ministry

Friday, October 8

Saturday, October 9

Sunday, October 10 ~ Stewardship Sunday I

8:30 am Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion
 9:45 am Traditional Worship
 9:45 am Adult Forum
 9:45 am Kids' Kingdom
 9:45 am Youth Forum
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
 6:30 pm Senior High Sunday

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER UPDATE

Congregational Dinners

Beginning Wednesday, October 6, 5:00-6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

The menu will be scaled down and rotate week by week each month:

- 1st Wednesday—pizza
- 2nd Wednesday—sloppy joes or tacos (rotates every other month starting with sloppy joes)
- 3rd Wednesday—pasta
- 4th Wednesday—soup & sandwiches

Cost will be \$6 per person or \$20 per household for 4 people or more.

All food will be served with COVID precautions and safety measures in place.

HAPPENING @ Augustana

YOUR TAKE-HOME BULLETIN INSERT

For In-Person worship, please complete this Connection Card when you need to update your contact information, request prayers or a pastor visit, or sign up for an event/opportunity, and place in offering plate. For Drive-In Worship, please email contact information and any prayer concerns to the church office at brofles@augustana.com.

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October 3, 2021

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Connection Card

10.3.2021

Welcome! We are happy you are worshiping with us today!

Visitors, help us get to know you by completing the information below.

Members, use this to update/change information.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City and ZIP _____

Phone _____ New **PHONE** number

Email _____

New **HOME** Address New **EMAIL** Address

Check all that apply:

- Member
- Received Communion today (In-Person only)
- Visitor with church home
- Visitor without church home
- I / We would like information on becoming a member at Augustana.

I'd like to . . .

- Share a comment
- Share a prayer request with Augustana's confidential prayer ministry
- Request a call from a pastor
- Notify staff of a hospitalization, new baby or death in family

Comments/Questions/Requests _____



SERVE

Prayerfully choose from the opportunities below; then drop this in the offering plate. Please complete the front side of this card so we know how to contact you. Call the church office at 651-457-3373 with questions about any of these ministries.

Information Center Volunteers Needed

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:15 am OR 10:15 - 11:00 am

The Information Center is back in business! There are two 1-hour shifts each Sunday that need volunteer coverage to help answer questions, give directions, etc. If you're able to help out with this ministry, please contact Barbara Rolfes in the church office at brolfes@augustana.com or 651-457-3373.

Ushers Needed for 9:45 Worship

Prayerfully consider ushering for the 9:45 am sanctuary worship. Help hand out bulletins, collect offering, and assist with communion for one or more Sundays a month. To volunteer, contact Barbara Rolfes in the church office at brolfes@augustana.com or 651.457.3373.

Lay Reader Co-Coordinator/Lay Readers Needed

Help is needed recruiting and scheduling Lay Readers for Sunday worship services. Share this task with member Michele White in calling Augustana members to volunteer to read the Sunday worship scriptures. You would make the calls every other month. Contact Barb at brolfes@augustana.com or call 651-457-3373.

Community Meal Planning Meeting

Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 pm

Augustana is organizing a Community Meal program to be offered here one night a week, beginning this fall. Anyone who is interested in discussing, planning, and helping with this new outreach program, please attend this initial planning meeting. If you can't attend but would like to help, please email Cathy at chendrikson@augustana.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Augustana Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 5, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

"Thank you to our amazing Augustana members. The donor schedule for our blood drive on Tuesday is full! You will be giving many people in need of blood the ultimate gift of life. Thank you!"

Augustana COVID Task Force

We continue to closely monitor the daily COVID statistics for our local area and will make monthly recommendations. For the month of October our recommendations are:

- Wear a mask indoors and practice social distancing for large group gatherings regardless of vaccination status. We ask that children, youth, and volunteers wear a mask indoors as we know kids under 12 cannot be vaccinated.
- Do not enter the building if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms or if you know you have recently been exposed to someone with COVID.
- Choose the worship experience that best meets your comfort level. Drive-In Worship will be offered through October at 8:30 am. The pre-recorded online service will be available every Sunday. In addition, a traditional sanctuary worship will be offered at 9:45 am along with a contemporary worship in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 am.
- Move outdoors to visit between Sunday services.

The COVID Task Force will continue to monitor local COVID statistics and CDC and MDH guidelines. We will update our recommendations as needed.

Thank you for your cooperation.



CONNECT

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Gross Game Night for Grades 4-6

Friday, October 15, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

All youth in grades 4 - 6 and their friends are invited to an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! We will grill out at 6:00 pm for dinner, then play a variety of messy and gross games! Please sign up at signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-gross

MEA Event for Grades 1 - 6

Franconia Sculpture Park & Madison's Playground

Thursday, October 21, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost is \$15, includes lunch, snacks, and transportation

We will start the day with a trip to Franconia Sculpture Park, then off to lunch and to Madison's Playground for an afternoon of games and fun. Please sign-up at: signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-meaevent

Last Drive-In Movie of the Season - "Hocus Pocus"

Friday, October 29, 7:45 pm

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 30, 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Join us outside on the north side of the church for a morning of socially distanced games (all games will be single touch by your child only) and activities. Trunk or Treat will follow Fall Festival in the east parking lot. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Congregation Cars Needed for Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 30, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us on Saturday morning to hand out candy or treats to our Fall Festival kids. We'd love to fill the east parking lot with cars! Decorate your car (not required but there will be prizes for the best decorated cars) and just show up. Please plan on 200 trunk or treaters. If you own or work for a local business, we would love to have them join us at Trunk or Treat.

Senior High Sundays, Grades 9 - 12

Sundays, October 10 & 24, 6:30 pm

Senior High Sunday is back in October! Connect with your church friends and participate in a variety of activities through-out the year. Activities rotate between service, fellowship, and education. All students in grades 9 - 12 are invited and encouraged to attend!

Youth MEA Movie Night

Thursday, October 21, 6:30 pm

No Cost; Registration is required

All Augustana youth and friends in grades 7-12 are invited to a pizza and movie night over MEA. We'll gather at church for a pizza dinner while we watch a fun Halloween movie. All COVID guidelines set by the Augustana Task Force will be followed. If weather allows, we will be outside for this event. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required for planning purposes. Email Abby Norlin-Weaver at anorlinweaver@augustana.com to register by October 18.



All Saints Memorials: Each fall on All Saints Sunday we celebrate and remember those loved ones who have died in the past year. You are invited to make a financial gift to the Augustana Harvest Fund in memory of a loved by **October 31**. The Harvest Fund is Augustana's endowment fund that provides additional financial resources or Augustana ministries. Memorial envelopes are available throughout October in the pews and the Information Center for you to use to make your gifts. All Saints Sunday 2021 is on November 7.



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ADULT

Faith-Filled Yoga - 6-week session: \$30 or \$6 drop-in rate.

Yoga Flow: Tuesdays, September 14 - October 26, 6:00 pm

Chair Yoga: Thursdays, September 16 - October 28, 10:00 am

Instructor: Cristi Hoving

Where Faith Meets Life Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, In-person & ZOOM

Join one of the pastors for a discussion of how the upcoming preaching text is relevant to our daily lives! Contact Barb Rolfes at brolfes@augustana.com or 651.457.3373 if you would like the ZOOM link.

Women's Coffee and Conversation In-Person, Monday, October 4, 10:00 am

Healthy boundaries are an indication of self-respect and self-love. In this 4-week course we will explore where our boundary setting behaviors come from and learn how to set healthy boundaries.

Adult Forum In-Person

Sundays, 9:45 am, Jerusalem Room

Adult Forum will start by giving you an opportunity to meet with our Interim Pastors. Pastor Arne Bergland will be with us TODAY and Pastor Deb Kielsmeier is scheduled for October 10. Plan on giving them a warm Augustana "in-person" welcome!

And Yet... Videos available October 13 and October 27.

ZOOM Discussion - Tuesday, November 2, 6:30 pm

Watch the online lessons at your leisure and then participate in a ZOOM discussion.

Our first topic is on setting healthy boundaries. All our decisions whether about vaccines, masks, who we see, how we spend our time, how we use our gifts etc. are influenced by our boundaries. In this course we will define healthy boundaries, explore where our boundary setting styles came from and learn how to establish and practice healthy boundaries. Setting personal boundaries can be uncomfortable, confusing, and sometimes seem contrary to our beliefs about being "good" Christians, **and yet** having healthy boundaries is good stewardship of the gifts God has given us – especially the gift of us!

Women's Bible Study

Mondays, beginning October 18 - November 15, 6:30 pm

Pastor Deb will lead a five-week study and discussion focusing on the promises of God. We will use the faith practice 'puzzle' cards for this year's theme to look at how our faith and the promises of God intersect with the reality of our day-to-day lives. Sign up with Barb Rolfes at 651.457.3373 or brolfes@augustana.com.

Grief Care Group*

**Is Postponed* and will be rescheduled. Please watch for new dates to be announced.

Augustana Baptism Class

Wednesday, November 3 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM.

If you desire baptism for yourself or child, we ask that you attend a Baptism class led by Pastor Deb Kielsmeier. This 45-minute class will be conducted via ZOOM. We will discuss the meaning of Christian Baptism and the importance of this sacrament. Email Barb Rolfes brolfes@augustana.com to reserve a spot and receive the ZOOM link.