

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 28 ~ First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am Congregational Event - Manger Project
- 9:45 am Traditional Sanctuary Worship
- 9:45 am Adult Forum
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
- 6:30 pm Senior High Sunday

Monday, November 29

- 10:00 am Women's Coffee & Conversation
- 7:00 pm Rejoice Bells Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 30

- 6:00 pm Faith-Filled Mat Yoga
- 7:00 pm AI-Anon/AA Groups

Wednesday, December 1

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

Thursday, December 2

- 10:00 am Faith-Filled Chair Yoga
- 6:00 pm Befriender Ministry

Friday, December 3

Saturday, December 4 ~ Elva Kaffe~

- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Elva Kaffe Celebration

Sunday, December 5 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

- 8:30 am Traditional Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:00 - 11:30 am Advent Fair
- 9:45 am Traditional Sanctuary Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:45 am Kids' Kingdom
- 9:45 am Youth Forum
- 11:00 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Swedish Meatball Dinner

Wednesday, December 15, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

\$6 per person

Join us for a traditional Scandinavian dinner of meatballs, potatoes, lingonberries, lefse, and a vegetable. Please sign up at signuppenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-swedish because we need to know how many meatballs to make!

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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November 28, 2021

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Connection Card

11.28.2021

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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Augustana COVID Task Force

The Augustana COVID Task Force recommendations through December:

- 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 until further CDC guidance.
- 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 concludes TODAY. Beginning December 5, all 3 worship services will be indoors. An online worship service will continue to be offered.
- Limit gathering and visiting before or after services.

The COVID Task Force will continue to monitor COVID statistics and CDC and MDH guidelines. Thank you for your cooperation.

NAMI Family Support Group here in 2022

2nd & 4th Mondays beginning in January, 6:30 pm

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers family and friends of individuals living with a mental illness an opportunity to meet with others who share their concerns, to compare experiences and to learn from each other. Meetings are free of charge and registration is not necessary. For further information, contact Faith Community Nurse Joann Arneberg at 651-457-3373 or jarneberg@augustana.com.

2022 Living Well with Chronic Conditions Series

Tuesdays, January 11 - February 15, 1:00 pm

Presented by Faith Community Nurses Joann Arneberg and Rebecca Indahl

Older adults living with a chronic health condition deal with daily challenges. In this weekly class, topics on nutrition, exercise, medication use, pain management, emotions, and communicating with medical providers will be presented. Participants will create weekly action plans, share experiences, and help each other solve problems they encounter. *Registration is for anyone age 60 and older*; there is no cost to attend, but donations are appreciated. Register now at <https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/2684>. Contact Joann Arneberg at 651-457-3373 or jarneberg@augustana.com) or the Faith Community Nurse Network (FCNN) office at 651-204-0904 or info@fcnntc.org for more information.



Poinsettia Garden is back this year: Each Christmas season our church is adorned with beautiful poinsettias. If you would like to make a gift toward the Poinsettia Garden, envelopes can be found in the pew pocket. Thank you for your generosity as we celebrate this most joyous season.

Poinsettia Delivery Volunteers Needed

Poinsettias for Homebound Members: Each year we deliver a poinsettia to our homebound members and they are always so grateful for these festive plants. You are invited to sign up at the Information Center or call the church office at 651-457-3373 to deliver a plant to one or more of our homebound members. Delivery is set for December 12.



CONNECT

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Senior High Sundays, Grades 9 - 12

Sunday, TONIGHT and December 12, 6:30 pm

Connect with your church friends and participate in a variety of activities throughout the year. Activities rotate between service, fellowship, and education. All students in grades 9 - 12 are invited and encouraged to attend!

Where Faith Meets Family Event - The Manger Project

TODAY, 9:00 - 11:00 am in the Commons

The Manger Project is a fun and interactive Christmas tradition that helps families focus on the true meaning of Christmas while building a manger. This project gives families a chance to learn why the manger (God coming to earth as a baby) is so important to their faith. This could become your family's favorite Christmas tradition. Please sign up signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-themanger or by emailing Cathy chendrikson@augustana.com or Abby anorlin-weaver@augustana.com.

Ornament Make & Take

Friday, December 10, 6:30 pm

All are invited to our annual Augustana Ornament Make & Take. Each family unit will be able to make up to 10 ornaments to decorate your tree. Supplies will be provided to make the ornaments. Please sign up at: signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-ornament by December 5.

Happy Birthday Jesus Party!

Sunday, December 12, 3:00 pm

Due to smaller numbers of children enrolled in Kids' Kingdom and the children's choirs, the decision has been made to forego the annual Christmas Program this year. So, in place of that, we will be throwing a birthday party for Jesus! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for cake, party games, and crafts. And, we will be collecting items to make 'birthday kits' for our friends at Neighbors' Inc to stock their food shelf. Cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, and napkins are needed. Watch for your personal birthday invite to come in the mail.

Augustana Baptism Class

Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM.

If you desire baptism for yourself or child, please attend one of Augustana's Baptism class led by Pastor Deb Kielsmeier. This 45-minute class will discuss the meaning of Christian Baptism and the importance of this sacrament. To reserve a spot and receive the ZOOM link, email Barb Rolfes brolfes@augustana.com.

Pizza, Movie, and Craft Night for Kids

Friday, December 17, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

For children in Kindergarten and older. Drop your kids off for an evening fun working on crafts. We will have pizza and a movie to enjoy as well.. Space is limited, so don't wait to sign up at signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-crafts

Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 18, 11:00 am, Fort Snelling National Cemetery

Help honor our veterans as we celebrate the Christmas season and lay wreaths on gravesites at Fort Snelling. There are 20 spots available for those wishing to help. There is no age minimum, but anyone under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a parent. Sign-up at: signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F



LEARN

ADULT

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

Instructor: Cristi Hoving

Yoga Flow: Tuesdays, through December 16, 6:00 pm (No class 11/23)

Chair Yoga: Thursdays, through December 18, 10:00 am (No class 11/25)

Where Faith Meets Life Bible Study

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

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

Adult Forum In-Person

Sunday, 9:45 am, Jerusalem Room

Stacy Eichman-Cardwell will facilitate a discussion on Brian McLaren's four-stage model of faith development. This model offers a path forward where sincere and thoughtful people leave behind unnecessary baggage and intensify their commitment to what matters most.

Women's Coffee and Conversation In-Person

Mondays, November 29 & December 6, 10:00 am

Using Brian McLaren's book *Faith After Doubt* we will look at how doubting and even changing our religious beliefs can actually move you forward on your faith journey.

And Yet... online educational videos

Videos available: December 8

Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 pm, ZOOM Discussion

You can view the lessons at your leisure and then participate in a ZOOM discussion on Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. This series will cover key points from Brian McLaren's book *Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to Do about It*. Questions and doubts are not the enemy of faith but a doorway to a more mature and fruitful kind of faith.

Online Book Study

Fierce Love: A Bold Path to Ferocious Courage and Rule-Breaking Kindness That Can Heal the World by Rev. Jacqui Lewis. Sign up with Stacy secardwell@augustana.com to get the reading assignments and ZOOM discussion dates.

Holiday Memorial Service

Saturday, December 11, 10:00 am

The holiday season is a time to remember loved ones who have died. Join us in this annual Augustana tradition to celebrate the memory of loved ones and to light a candle in their honor during this meaningful service. If you wish, bring a photo or a reminder of your loved one.

2021 Elva Kaffe Update

Elva Kaffe

Saturday, December 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate a smaller version of Elva Kaffe. Music performances in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall are scheduled along with delicious Scandinavian treats. Unfortunately, the food and craft demos will not be part of the schedule this year. We will have to wait until 2023 to admire our talented crafters and enjoy the samples from our gifted chefs.