

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, January 16 ~ Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am Traditional Sanctuary Worship  
 9:45 am Traditional Sanctuary Worship  
 9:45 am Adult Forum  
 9:45 am Kids' Kingdom  
 11:00 am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

### Monday, January 17 ~ Office closed ~ MLK Day

### Tuesday, January 18 ~ Annual Congregational Meeting

1:00 pm Living Well w/ Chronic Conditions Series  
 6:00 pm Faith-filled Mat Yoga  
 6:30 pm Congregational Pastoral Vote  
 7:00 pm Annual Meeting  
 7:00 pm Al-Anon/AA Groups  
 8:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday, January 19

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Toddler Time  
 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, January 20

10:00 am Faith-filled Chair Yoga  
 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Friday, January 21

### Saturday, January 22

### Sunday, January 23 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

# 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](mailto:brofles@augustana.com).

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January 16, 2022

**Augustana Lutheran Church**

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# Connection Card

1.16.2022

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

### Volunteers Needed

Communion Servers are needed to assist with Communion at the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services. This ministry is open to anyone Confirmation-age and older. The schedule is flexible. Sign up for the Sundays that work with your schedule. Sign-up sheets through May of 2022 are available at the Information Center or contact Barb Rolfes in the office at 651.457.3373 or [brolfes@augustana.com](mailto:brolfes@augustana.com). Training can be provided upon request.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Augustana COVID Task Force

We continue to closely monitor the COVID statistics for our local area and will adjust recommendations as the situation evolves. Our recommendations are to follow CDC guidelines as follows:

- The current CDC and MDH recommendations: Everyone in Dakota County is requested to wear a mask in public indoor settings regardless of vaccination status (because the community transmission rate in Dakota County is HIGH right now).
- Do not enter the building if you have symptoms of any illness.
- Do not enter the building if you know you have recently been exposed to someone with COVID.

Choose the worship experience that best meets your comfort level. All 3 worship services are now indoors. An online worship service will continue to be offered. 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.

### NAMI Family Support Group here in 2022

**2nd & 4th Monday evenings, 6:30 pm**

**Facilitated by Joann Arneberg, Faith Community Nurse**

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](mailto:jarneberg@augustana.com).

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Holy Land Tour

Pastor Bergland will be leading a tour of the Holy Land June 20-29, 2022. Pastor Bergland is working with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and Good Shepherd Tours. The cost for this 9-day tour is \$3,290.00. If you are interested, contact Pastor Bergland for more information and a brochure.



## CONNECT

### CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

#### Wednesday Toddler Time \*New Weekly Event\*

**Wednesdays, January 19 - March 30, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Children 5 years and younger**

Bring your child to the Commons on the lower level of the church Wednesday mornings during the cold winter months to run and play. Each week we will have different activities for the kids to expend their energy! An adult must stay with the child while they are here. No registration is necessary; just drop in. All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors to join you.

#### Winter Snow Tubing

**Sunday, January 23, 12:00 pm - 3:45 pm**

**Cost is \$20 - 4th grade and older**

Fee includes lunch and the cost of tubing. We will meet at church for lunch and a short devotion activity before leaving for two hours of tubing at Green Acres. Green Acres does not require helmets and do not rent helmets. We highly encourage all of you to bring a helmet to wear for safety reasons. Payment must be received in the church office or given to Cathy within a week of registration to reserve your spot. There are 15 tickets available, so hurry and sign up at [signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-winter](https://signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-winter)

#### Senior High Sundays, Grades 9 - 12

**Sunday, January 23, 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!

#### Augustana Baptism Classes

**Wednesday, February 2, 6:00 pm via ZOOM**

**Sunday, March 13, 12:00 pm via ZOOM**

**Wednesday, April 27, 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](mailto:brolfes@augustana.com).

#### Family Valentine Painting

**Sunday, February 13, 12:15 pm Lunch; 12:45 pm Painting**

**Cost: \$5.00 for lunch & supplies**

After a soup & salad lunch, we will have fun painting a Valentine Gnome with instructor Jan Gunderson. Please sign-up at: [signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-family1](https://signupgenius.com/go/30E0848AAAA22A0F94-family1)

**Payment must be received in the church office within one week of signing up to reserve your spot. Spots not paid for will be opened up so others can sign up and enjoy this fun afternoon.**

## SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

### Augustana Summer Camps - More Information to Come!

Music & Arts Camp June 13 - 16, 9:00 - 11:45 am (for children finishing grades 1-5)

VBS Week 1 June 20 - 23, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (4 yrs old - grade 5) \$15 per child

VBS Week 2 June 27 - 30, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (4 yrs old - grade 5) \$15 per child

Wapo Weeklong July 10 - 15 (finishing grades 4-9)

Wapo Seeds Weekend July 15 - 17 (finishing grades 1-3)

Science Camp August 1 - 4, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (finishing grades 3-5) \$150 per child



## LEARN

### ADULT

**Faith-Filled Yoga** - 8-week session: \$40 or \$6 drop-in rate.

**Instructor: Cristi Hoving**

**Yoga Flow: Tuesdays, January 4 - February 22, 2022, 6:00 pm**

**Chair Yoga: Thursdays, January 6 - February 24, 2022, 10:00 am**

#### 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](mailto:brolfes@augustana.com) or 651.457.3373 for the ZOOM link.

#### Adult Forum In-Person

**Today, January 16, 9:45 am**

David Kessler author and grief expert has discovered a sixth stage of grief: meaning. His insight is both professional and intensely personal. As a young child he witnessed a mass shooting at the same time his mother was dying. Recently his life was upended by the sudden death of his 21-year-old son. We will watch his poignant TED talk explaining this sixth stage and highlight several key points from his new book, *Finding Meaning; The Sixth Stage of Grief*.

#### Women's Coffee and Conversation In-Person - Returns January 24, 2022

**Monday, January 24, 10:00 am**

We will start our new season with a special guest, Andy Jacob, Augustana's new organist. Andy will share about himself, his recent marriage, what his job of organist entails and why he is so passionate about his music ministry.

#### 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](mailto:secardwell@augustana.com) to get the reading assignments and ZOOM discussion dates.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

### Congregational Pastoral Vote

Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner has been recommended by the Call Committee as Augustana's next Senior Pastor. The video of Pastor Jason's Meet and Greet from January 11 is available at [augustana.com](http://augustana.com) (scroll down the homepage and select the Call Committee Update box). **The congregational vote to call Pastor Jason will take place on Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 pm followed by the annual meeting at 7:00 pm.** Augustana's constitution states that voting must be done in person. Understanding that everyone's comfort level is different when it comes to gathering in groups due to COVID, we are offering a low contact option to vote. From 6:15 - 6:30 pm, you can come to either Augustana entrance to fill out your ballot and then leave prior to the meeting start time.

**Augustana Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 pm**

**Annual Reports are available  
TODAY at the Information Center**