



Augustana

Lutheran Church



The Parish Visitor

The Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church Hobart, IN

September 2024

Services

Sundays

8:00 & 10:00 am

Live on Facebook and In-Person

Sunday School

9:00am – 9:45am

(Sept. thru May)

Church Office Hours

Mon – Fri

9am – 1pm

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Christina Fleming

Assistant Custodian

God's Work Our Hands



**Sunday, September 8, 2024 is
God's Work Our Hands Day
Look inside for more information**

**Church Picnic is at 11:30 am on
September 8th**



Thoughts from the Pastor...

Greetings All,

Romans 13:1-7

¹³Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.

²Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.

Paul believed that God ordained governmental leaders for our benefit. The difference between the leaders of our day and the leaders of Paul's day is that we get to choose our leaders. In the USA this process is highlighted on a national level by campaigns and conventions, and as Americans we choose leaders based on a myriad of criteria. One criterion that informs our choice is moral issues. As Christians I feel that this should be our number one issue in selecting a president. However, the question is what moral issue takes precedence over another, and what party candidate will best address moral concerns as each of us defines them.

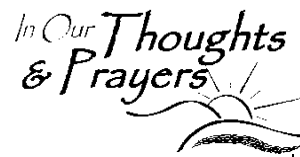
In the past I remember a meeting of a group of ministers from different denominations where we discussed moral issues. We went around the table and articulated each of our top two moral issues facing the country today. The answers were as diverse as our ecclesiastical differences and are as follows in no particular order.

1. Healthcare
2. Missing fathers (both economically and spiritually)
3. Economic injustice from rich to poor
4. Economic injustice from what men make and what women make
5. Just wars
6. War profiteering
7. Right to life (including the elimination of the death penalty)
8. Same sex marriage
9. Importing goods made by slaves
10. Exporting weapons

You can see that moral issues are as diverse as we are individuals. As we enter the final stages of our election process let us consider not what is necessarily best for us as individuals, but what is best for the country as a whole based on moral issues. I urge each of you to reflect on what moral issue is of the biggest concern for you and vote accordingly. I am sure that the list I presented does not exhaust the issues facing the USA in years to come, but I am sure that as God's people you will come up with moral issues that guide your responsibility to pick the proper leader.

God bless,

Pastor Scott



We remember in prayer our brothers and sisters in Christ, our shut-ins, our hospitalized, ill or recovering, and all our men and women serving in the military.

Deaths

Sheila Ellis
Sheila Nicole
Jordan

Baptisms

Kinsley Maren
Meisner

First Communion or Confirmation

None in August

Weddings

None in August

Hospitalized

New Members

None in August

Visitor Deadline

Deadline to get
articles into the
October Visitor
is
September
23rd

Committees & Gatherings

Confirmation

There is a meeting for parents & Confirmation students September 4th at 7pm in the Narthex.

Classes will begin September 11th and meet every other Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:15pm

Needlers

Needlers will meet the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month, upstairs in the conference room, at 6:00 pm. All are invited. Note time change!

Altar Guild for September

Jan Buzolitz & Jean Davis

Offering Stewards

Jenni Roberts, Monica Deck, Chuck Daniels, Walt Yovanovich & Paul Allen

Birthday Offerings

David Wilson, Nick Holmberg, Yvonne Schuck, Jan Zorn, Sidsel Lindborg, Laura Roth

Worship & Music

Worship & Music will meet September 3rd at 5:30pm. All are welcome!

Bible Study

Pastor Scott has a Bible Study that meets every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. All are welcome!

Game Day

Game Day will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month, in the Social Hall. Our next Game Day is **September 11th, from 12 noon until 2:00 pm.** bring your lunch with and a drink. We will have some sort of dessert!!

Augustana Food Baskets

Next food pantry is **September 17th** we helped 10 families in the Month of August & 2 walk-in. **Augustana Families,**

There are food pantry bags available anytime to be picked up or you can pick one up on Sunday leaving church and we are accepting monetary donations too. We are giving gift cards and non-perishable food to our food pantry people. We appreciate all of the support we receive from our Augustana family.

Please try to help if you are able. We also need Monetary Donation's!

We need paper bags too!!

Augustana's Website

Visit our WEBSITE!

augustanahobart.com

(A great way to view the worship service and weekly news, if you can't make it to church).

Also, look us up on Facebook @ Augustana Lutheran Church ELCA. It's a great way to communicate and stay connected.

(This is our private page.)

Watch Sunday morning services at 10:00 am on Facebook – AugustanaLutheranChurch-Hobart

2024 Flower Chart

I just wanted to remind everyone, that when you sign up for flowers please sign up on the flower chart in the hallway as well as fill out the white paper located below the flower chart. Return the white paper into the church office, so it can be put into the church bulletin correctly! Also, please take a flower fund envelope to be used to put the money in for the flowers. Thank you for your cooperation!

There are open spots in Oct., Nov., & Dec.

Sunday School

Sunday School will resume September 15th Pre-K through 6th grade are welcome. Sunday school is from 9:00am – 9:45am every Sunday in the Social Hall.

Noisy Offering

On the last Sunday of every month the Sunday school children will be collecting loose change from the congregation during the offering. The money collected is used to buy donuts for businesses, schools, hospitals, churches etc. Would you like to be a donut Angel??

Donut Angel

We are looking for **2 people** to be the Donut Angel in **September.** Call the church office if you're interested. It's a lot of fun blessing people with donuts!!!

Linda Wozniak blessed Miller's Merry Manor in Portage with donuts. Would you like to be a donut Angel? See Jackie in the church office.

Please Call

Please call the church office to make us aware if you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital. Although some hospitals ask about your church affiliation during the admitting process, they do not always call to let us know that you are there.

Knitting Guild

Knitting Guild meets on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10am-12pm. You are welcome, and if you decide to join, dues are \$15 and you must participate in a charity project.

Spiritual technology, Modern Communication and Evangelism

In the 1450's there was an invention that would forever transform evangelism and also contribute to the success and expansion of the Reformation movement that gave birth to our church tradition and closely held beliefs. During this time Johannes Gutenberg created the first printing press. This "modern technology" supplied the tools for some new teachings to be widely disseminated while promoting free thought on topics that were formerly strictly under the authority of an educated elite. The Roman Catholic Church controlled all that believers were allowed to hear but not what they could read. By 1519 pamphlets on Martin Luther's 95 Theses, which he had nailed to that old church door, were being circulated for all who were interested in reading it. This was huge. The printing press made Luther the first celebrity author of the Early Modern Period and now the Church authorities could no longer control what information the people consumed regarding the faith. Voila! Reformation!

What was modern technological advancement over 500 years ago of course is now slowly going the way of the dinosaurs it seems. Online and social media has replaced print media almost entirely. Something about communication online however seems to allow for more rudeness and aggressiveness. It's like people forget that there are real life flesh and blood human beings on the other end of some terrible messages and comments. This is no more present than during an Election season where everyone becomes a political expert and campaign worker that feels compelled to let the world know every opinion they have on everything. I for one have been guilty of this myself to the irritation of friends and family I'm sure.

There are some questions I try to ask myself before I post anything on Facebook these days: Is what I'm posting working to lift up those who read it? Will the person who sees my post know that I am a disciple of Lord Jesus? Does this meme promote unity or division? Am I posting this just to receive affirmation from those I know already agree with me? Am I belittling someone who sees this? Am I denying someone the right to be absolutely wrong? Lately in answering these questions to myself I have had to go back and delete certain things I posted. I am a work in progress for sure. Of course knowing your audience is helpful and remembering that is incredibly important whether on the internet or in front of a congregation.

Lord Jesus commissioned us to go into the world and proclaim the good news of salvation to the whole creation. He did not send us to prove everyone wrong or make them feel stupid. The message has been communicated in many ways throughout the centuries. First it was transmitted orally, then written down... later printed using presses and now appearing on computer screens, tablets and cell phones. Digital expressions created by the programming of 1's and 0's. There are really only two messages...the message of humble LOVE or the message of prideful FEAR.

It matters what content you post and repost. It matters how you comment on other people's posts. If God's good news of salvation and unconditional love can be communicated verbally and with the written word, it most certainly can be expressed with posts, memes and videos. And just like in the real world, the way we interact with our neighbor carries the message of the gospel more than any other media ever could. So, the way we treat others on the internet is paramount to carrying out the mission Jesus has given us to perform. So... pray before you post!

Yours in loving service,

Chaplain Chris



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Sept. 1, 2024

RE: Sunday School & Confirmation

Dear Friends in Christ,

You are receiving this letter to encourage you to invite your child to take the next step in their journey as disciples of Jesus. They took their first step as the Holy Spirit called them to a life with Jesus through their baptism. The next series of steps is for them to claim their baptism for themselves and to be confirmed as a member of Christ's church. As parents and guardians, it is our responsibility to fulfill the promises we made when our little ones were baptized so that our children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Our world, our future is depending on the faith our children will develop now in God, in themselves and in their neighbors.

The first step of this process is to be fully engaged in Sunday School. Sunday School provides each young disciple with the building blocks of a future faith and a life with Christ, and Sunday School will be for those 4 years old thru 6th grade. During this time First Communion classes are also offered for children whose parents sense it is appropriate.

The second step is Confirmation classes. Confirmation classes are for anyone 7th grade thru 12th grade. These classes prepare our children for their decision to affirm their baptisms and fully enter church life and all that that means. Good Christian fellowship is also a critical component to the formation that is so crucial to teenagers especially nowadays. Students are also encouraged to attend the White Roses Youth Group where we get some real-life opportunities to put spiritual principles into action.

If you are interested in taking these steps with your child, please plan to attend a meeting with me on Wednesday September 4, 2024, at 7 pm in the Narthex of the church. At this meeting I will give you a schedule of classes for the 2024-2025 Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth Group Year. We will also share contact information to communicate with one another during the year. Sunday School children need not attend but may attend with their parents. Confirmation students must attend with their parents as there will be a short introductory Confirmation class at 7:30, which will only last about 15 minutes.

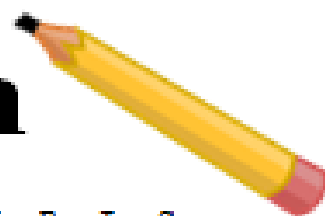
Yours in loving service,

Chaplain Christopher Williams
Youth and Family Lay Minister

Back to School



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Foundation

Foundation Request

After a stretch of financial volatility, the Foundation will once again be considering grant applications, beginning in September of this year. If there is an organization you'd like to see Augustana financially support, encourage that organization to complete and submit a written application as soon as possible.

Grant applications are available online at our church website – augustanahobart.com

The application will give the Foundation vital information about their mission and will help us make sound and inspired financial decisions.

Thank you for your input.

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief is once again collecting Personal Care Kits to distribute to those in need. Please include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:

1. **One light weight** bath towel 52" X 27" dark color. NO large or heavy towels. DOLLAR TREE carries these towels in dark colors for \$3.00, and sometimes WALMART has them for \$2.50 which are good bargains! PLEASE remove packaging & small plastic strips that hold the towels together.
2. **Two Bath Size** bars of soap, any brand, in original wrapping.
3. **ONE Adult size** toothbrush in original wrapper. Please no multi pkgs of brushes.
4. **ONE wide tooth comb.** Please remove packaging.
5. **ONE metal toenail clipper.** Please remove packaging.

There are plastic Ziploc bags with a list of these items in the Narthex, and a large cardboard box to hold the returned kits. **We will need all the kits turned in to the church by SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th** so we have time to assemble, wrap and box them up. This is sooner than usual, but they are being shipped earlier this year.

We appreciate ALL the great participation every year for this project. Our congregation always gives a huge response.

Any questions, or if you would like to help assembling the kits, please contact Jennifer Gould, 219-942-3098 or Linda Wozniak 219-763-7357. Thank you!

Thank You

To my Augustana Family,
Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts and well wishes for my BIG Birthday. You all made me feel very special, and I appreciate you all very much,
With all my love,
Sidsel

Thank you to Pastor Scott for his visit and for the phone calls, cards and prayers from the congregation.
Sincerely,
Kathy Winovich

Thank you for my football sponsorship. I really appreciate it.
Odin Williams

The family of Nicki Jordan would like to thank everyone who helped to make Nicki's visitation, service, and luncheon so meaningful. We are so appreciative of our Augustana family. Nicki was raised at Augustana, and we are so grateful for your kindness and support.
Paul, Penny & Emily Allen

Dear Pastor Scott & Augustana Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for opening your hearts to us and welcoming us in your home, which now also feels like our home. And thank you for being a part of our daughter's special day. We will remember today and cherish it for the rest of our lives.
Love the Meisner's
Kyle, Colleen, Kane, Colt & Kinsley
Kinsley baptized 8.25.24

Caring (Committee) Ministry

Hobart Humane Society

The Hobart Humane Society is a great place to volunteer. Dogs benefit from volunteers assisting the staff with walking and playing. Volunteers do need to be 18 years or older. Please call ahead at 219-942-0103 to schedule a time.

The animals are in need of the items listed below. Please drop off items directly to the Hobart Humane Society at 2054 IN 130, Hobart which is open Monday through Wednesday 11:00 to 4:00, Thursday closed, Friday through Sunday 11:00 to 4:00.

gently used blankets
gently used towels
bleach
dog and cat food
paper towels

Caring (Committee) Ministry

Blessing Box

Peyton Griffith brought the blessing box to Augustana with the idea of providing food for individuals who are living in their vehicles or do not have access to kitchen appliances. When donating please consider items that can be opened easily such as soup cans with pop tabs, pouches of tuna, and items that can be resealed. We appreciate your continued support.

Caring (Committee) Ministry

September Birthday's

- 1 - Mr. David Sudroff,
Mrs. Janet Connell
2 - Mrs. Martha DeHart,
Mrs. Linda Wozniak
3 - Brian Rucinski Jr.,
4 - Mrs. Danielle Kisner,
Pastor Strietelmeier, Bella Williams
5 - Mr. Joseph Barron
6 - Axel Bood
7 - Mr. Don Nedberg
8 - Miss Emily Allen
10 - Mrs. Judy Sikora
13 - Mrs. Tomi Valdez,
Jacob & Mia Caldwell
14 - Mrs. Dawn Newman,
Mr. Chris Edwards, Jennifer Wheeler
15 - Mr. Daniel Ittel, Mrs. Laurie Edmond,
Mr. Leslie Doepping
18 - Grace Griffith, Ellyanna Gruett
20 - Jamie Bogdan, Mr. Ryan Ritter
22 - Mrs. Carol Trethewey
23 - Mr. Jeff A. Sudroff
25 - Lauren Edmond
26 - Mr. Dale Nagatz, Maybelle Gruett
27 - Mr. Dennis Lindborg
28 - Miss Jennifer Sudroff, Leah Guzek
Cardin Sanders, Mrs. Sarah Griffith,
Zoe Crofton
30 - Mr. John Knight, Mr. Kevin Freeman,
Mrs. Judy Dennis,
Mrs. Mary Hilburger, Mrs. Kathy Holland,
Rev. Scott Mauch

Council Notes

Pastor

Pastor Scott conveyed that his classes were well attended.

Chaplain

Vacation Bible School went well. Chris is working on the fall curriculum. A new fitted robe was bought for Chris.

Office Manager

Jackie said that many people are still volunteering to help her in the office. Letters have been sent out to all children/kids telling them about Sunday school, Confirmation & the Youth Group.

Worship

The church picnic will be on September 8th. The Boys Scouts will set up the tent and the Youth Group will set up tables and chairs outside. Jackie will ask Jan Buzolitz to order the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and water. Dave will grill the food. Grace volunteered to do face painting. Iced tea and lemonade will be made in five-gallon coolers. Backpacks full of school supplies will be distributed at the picnic.

Building

The church sign panel was disconnected. The parking lot has been recovered and painted. Carlos sealed and painted the basement closet under the stairs.

Next Meeting is September 12th at 6:30pm



Venture to VU by Colette Williams

There are many events happening on campus at Valparaiso University in October. All events listed are free to the public.

Lutheran Centennial Hymn Festival: Founded on Faith

Homecoming and Family Weekend

Saturday, October 5, 4:00 p.m.

Chapel of the Resurrection

Chamber Concert Band Concert

Saturday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.

Chapel of the Resurrection

Luce Concert Band and Community/University Concert Band Concert

Saturday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.

Chapel of the Resurrection

Symphony Orchestra Halloween Spooktacular

Thursday, October 24, 6:30 p.m.

Chapel of the Resurrection

Let The Right One In (Theatrical Production)

October 25-26, 8:00 p.m.

October 27, 2:00 p.m.

November 1-2, 8:00 p.m.

November 3, 2:00 p.m.

University Theatre, Center for the Arts

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Thanks,

Colette L Williams

Valparaiso University

Worship & Music

Choirs' rehearsals resume in September. New members are always welcome! No experience necessary, just your time and dedication. We will teach you what you need to know. Handbell rehearsals resume on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd @ 6:30 pm in the balcony. New ringers are always welcome, and we could especially use some with strong muscles to ring the big bells! No experience necessary. If you're interested in playing Bells, please text or call Kristin Sturgeon at 219-730-8939.

Church Choir meets Tuesday's @ 7:30 pm in the sanctuary, beginning Sept. 3rd. If you are interested in singing in the Choir and have any questions, please call Melinda Reinhart at 219-413-1213.

New members are always welcome!

Did you know? There's a Preschool here at Augustana HOME OF



(AGES 3 – 5)

Call Stephanie at 219-771-1965
For Information



Online Giving:

If you are interested in Online Giving please sign into the link below and create an Account. Please ONLY USE CHECKING ACCOUNTS when setting up Online Giving.

Augustana will be charged additional fees if you use a debit or credit card, so we encourage you not to use these.

osvhub.com/augustanahobart/funds

If you would like envelopes to put your offering in, please see Jackie in the office!!

Paper Recycling Bin

Please bring your **old newspapers, magazines and flattened cardboard** to church with you and drop it off in the Paper Retriever Bin, located in the parking lot. It's been moved next to the trash bin.

Pop Tabs, Old Glasses & Cell Phones

We are still collecting pop tabs, old glasses & cell phones. Please bring them in and put them on the table in the hallway by the coat racks.

Free Magazine's

Did you know that we have free Lutheran magazines in the hallway by the church office for you to pickup? There's Living Lutheran, The Lutheran Journal, The Lutheran Message & Christ in Our Home (Quarterly Devotion Book)

Recipe from the Church Kitchen

COBBLER

½ c. butter

¾ c. milk

1 c. flour

1 egg (beaten)

1 c. sugar

2 c. any fruit

2 tsp. baking powder

2 T. cinnamon/sugar mixture

½ tsp. salt

Put fruit in bottom of greased square pan. Using a mixer, cream butter and sugar. Add flour, baking powder, salt, milk and egg. Pour over fruit. Pour ½ c. boiling water over mixture. Sprinkle cinnamon/sugar mixture on top. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes-until golden and bubbly.

APPLE CRISP

2-3 peeled, sliced apples

¾ c. oatmeal

¼ c. flour

½ c. sugar

¼ c. brown sugar

2 T. flour

½ tsp. baking powder

¼ tsp. cinnamon

1/3 c. melted butter

Put apples in a 9 in. pie dish. Mix sugar, 2 T. flour, and cinnamon. Toss with apples. Mix oatmeal, ¼ c. flour, brown sugar, and baking powder. Pour over apples. Pour melted butter over the top. Bake at 375° for 35mins. Serve hot or cold with cream or ice cream.

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