



Augustana

Lutheran Church



The Parish Visitor

The Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church Hobart, IN

March 2025

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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Custodian

Victoria Caldwell
Assistant Custodian



Ash Wednesday Service

March 5,

At 11 am & 7 pm

Lenten Services are March

12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

At 7:00 pm

With Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm

Thoughts from the Pastor...

Greetings All,

In ancient days the people of Israel grew tired of Samuel's corrupt sons as their Judges and demanded that God raise up a king for them like all the other powerful nations around them. They wrongfully assumed that power and might made for good leadership and a secure lifestyle. God listened to the people and had God's faithful servant Samuel anoint Saul as their king. Saul was readily accepted as their king as he was large in stature, "he stood head and shoulders above everyone else" (1 Samuel 9:2b). We often see physical size as an attribute of strength and leadership. Unfortunately, as was with Saul's case, the physical strength doesn't always correlate to inner strength. Saul let his inner fears overcome him, and he began to lead out of fear instead of listening to God's Word, which was a one time the source of his inner strength.

Saul was eventually removed as king and Samuel was directed to go see Jesse of Bethlehem to choose a successor for Saul from one of Jesse's sons. Of course, Jesse brought out his seven physically strong sons and when God rejected them Samuel asked about his eighth son. Jesse was perplexed as his youngest was tending to the sheep and was gentle, liked to sing, and liked to play the lyre. He wasn't a warrior like the elder sons were. David was brought before Samuel and he declared that this is the one who God has selected after his own heart to lead the people of Israel. God works in mysterious and unpredictable ways that are often counter intuitive as to what we see as strength and power. We often see size or wealth as attributes of strength and prosperity, but God uses the small, the poor, and the weak to demonstrate God's power.

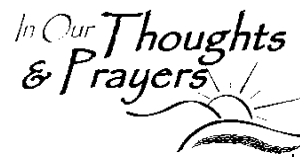
I am hopeful that our ministry at Augustana can work in the same manner. For example, we have a container in the Narthex with simple paper bags in it saying, "Food Pantry". For this ministry to work all we need to do is pick up one of these simple paper bags, take it to the grocery store the next time you go and buy whatever is written on the bag and bring it to the church. By placing the bag in the Food Pantry container, we are placing these simple, weak, bags of small food items into God's hands for ministry. To us it doesn't seem like much. How could we possibly think that this small amount could make a difference in anyone's life here in America? How could anyone ever think that timid, weak, music loving David could ever slay Goliath?

As an avalanche usually starts out as a snowball, our little "Food Pantry and Blessing Box" ministries has snowballed into an avalanche of support for those who depend on them. Our simple, seemingly insignificant ministry has provided a mountain of love and support for the families who suffer from food insecurity in 21st century America. Fighting food insecurity is only one of the things we do in the name of Jesus here at Augustana.

As we will have a 5th Sunday in the month of March, Chris and I have decided to highlight the ministries that happen at Augustana and to celebrate them at worship. We will have 4 of these worship opportunities throughout the year. March 30th will be our first such celebration and we will have 1 service that day at 10 am. We pray that all of you will join us on that day to hear about a ministry at Augustana that you may not know happens here.

Come and See, and then spread the word that LOVE of neighbor happens at Augustana Lutheran Church.

Peace,
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

None in February

Baptisms

None in February

First Communion or Confirmation

None in February

Weddings

None in February

Hospitalized

None in February

New Members

None in February

Visitor Deadline

Deadline to get articles into the April Visitor is March 23rd

Committees & Gatherings

Confirmation

Classes for Confirmation in March, requiring the Confirmands to attend Lenten services.

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 March

Carol Kannowski & Betty Soderstrom

Offering Stewards

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

Birthday Offerings

Fred Larson, Amber List, Michelle Allan, Donna Drasich, Jeanne Hart, Sheryl Bennett, Karen Rieck

Worship & Music

Worship & Music will be meeting March 11th from 5:30-6:30pm. New members are always 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 **March 12th, from 12 noon until 2:00 pm.** bring your lunch with and a drink.

Augustana Food Baskets

Next food pantry is **March 18th**, we helped 11 families in the Month of January & 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!
Thank You for all you do!

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

2025 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 a lot of open spots!

Sunday School

Sunday School meets every Sunday from 9:00-9:45am, in the Social Hall. Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome.

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 for Evangelism and to promote Augustana's ministry to our community.

Donut Angel

We are looking for **2 or 3 people** to be the Donut Angel in **March.** Karen Brenner took donuts to Would you like to be a donut Angel? See Jackie in the church office. It's a lot of fun!!

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.

Grief Share

Weekly Grief Share classes are on Thursday, from 7-8:30pm at Augustana Lutheran Church.

Please contact Chaplain Christopher Williams at Chrstphrw800@aol.com or call 219-798-9483.

You also can register at griefshare.org/findagroup

Property

The property committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 4pm in the social hall. Everyone is welcome!! Come see what our new projects are for the spring.

Terry Ellis,
Property Manager

Youth, the Church and the Future

When thinking about the youth, we should pray always for the eyes to see a new world. Never should we condemn them for challenging the way things are or for not blindly following the illusion of a dying old world that failed where they must succeed if there is to be a future to enjoy. We are called now to sacrifice our personal preferences, our fears and our doubts just as our predecessors were called to do before us. When they passed us the baton to begin our phase of the race. Tensions between the old and the new have once again allowed us an opportunity to provide our youth with the space, time and the foundation to dream the tomorrow we will all share. Old ideas keep us closed off from being available and attentive to what is happening in the here and now. The way things always have been is not the only way. That being said, we also can never minimize the importance of our firm foundation in the gospel and its spiritual principles.

What does the youth represent for us? The part of ourselves that maybe we have disconnected from and now appears before us as a sign of the future that we refuse to listen to. If the kids do not find a place in the church how can we expect them to buy into it. Reinventing the wheel is an important phase of a generation's integration into the cause for which the Church stands.

So this brings us to our responsibility in this matter. How can we give grace to the youth we claim we long to see in our church again? I think first and foremost we must never shrink from owning the mistakes we have made in the past and seeking new ways to connect and allow new ideas to be discussed. Out there in the world the church has a reputation of being full of people that exult a certain leader and his teachings but only seem to follow the aspects of the teachings that are convenient. The youth see a church with a history of not-so-spiritual treatment of certain groups of people.

Even our own dear Martin Luther has a checkered past when it comes to his preaching regarding people of the Jewish faith. It's not discussed very often on Sunday mornings, but Luther actually wrote calling for violence against Jews in Germany at the time. Which some followers actually listened to and carried out. Humility is in owning the mistakes of who we name our church after, rebuking the teachings and learning from it. Not whitewashing it or pretending it never happened. We are all saints AND sinners, even Luther. But repentance is about turning away from sin not pretending we are perfect. The youth sees through this kind of denial and falsehood in the same way they see some in the United States attempting to alter the history we teach in our schools and avoid accepting responsibility for some awful things we have done. Kids see this kind of hypocrisy within the church and don't see any reason to have anything to do with it.

It's easy for us to say that the youth just don't care, they are too busy with social media..or blame their parents or society for not keeping religion and a spiritual life as priorities in family life. But at some point we are going to have to look at ourselves in the mirror: Are we creating an environment where the youth can ask tough questions and not get shot down for asking them? Are we addressing social issues that matter to young people today and providing gospel aligned responses to needs they have that the world isn't equipped to adequately meet? The youth right now see a world where power is worshipped, greed is rewarded and cruelty is celebrated. The youth needs the Church, more than ever, to be a safe place where a way of life is offered as an alternative to the anger, hate and callousness they see in the world and a place where LOVE is the motivation for all we do.

Yours in loving service,

Chaplain Chris

February 2025 Youth and Family Report

Church Council Youth and Family Report February 2025

On March 9th we will be celebrating with some young people receiving first communion. On March 2nd there will be a first communion class for anyone interested.

Sunday School is still hit or miss when it comes to attendance, but our teachers remain committed and it is important for us to have this program running and available for any new families that may visit us looking for a new church home.

Confirmation is focusing on the apostles creed and lords prayer at this time as well as other important components of the Lutheran faith tradition. Had an inquiry regarding a possible new student who is to come check out our class next week.

We are in desperate need for volunteers to help with the Easter egg hunt this year for planning, organizing, collection of candy etc. if we are to have an Easter egg hunt this year.

I completed my TEEM courses last week for this session. Now it's on to writing my essay for endorsement which I will be meeting with the candidacy committee regarding hopefully in the springtime. If approved I will be advancing forward to the next phase of my ordainment preparation. Hope springs eternal.

Yours in Christ,
Chaplain Chris

Venture to VU by Colette Williams



There is not really that much happening in March on campus, but if you would like to attend the Bach Institute Concert happening in April, you might want to plan ahead and get your tickets. This concert should be amazing!

Looking ahead...

Bach Institute presents the Leipzig Baroque Orchestra of Germany
Konstanze Beyer, Conductor
Saturday, April 12th at 5pm
Chapel of the Resurrection
\$25 General Admission
Tickets at valpo.edu/bach

FROM THE FOUNDATION MAILBOX – your Foundation in action

Dear Augustana Lutheran Church Foundation,

On behalf of everyone at THE NIGHT MINISTRY, and especially the individuals and families whom we serve, I would like to thank you and Augustana Lutheran Church for your generous contribution. Together we are working to end Chicago's homelessness crisis by offering lifesaving resources and life-changing relationships to our unhoused neighbors. Last year, programs like Health Outreach Bus and The Crib overnight shelter helped more than 5,100 vulnerable young people and adults stay alive and empowered them to transform their lives. We understand you have many options for your charitable dollars. Thank you for choosing The Night Ministry. Your support is truly making a difference in our community.

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Dear Augustana Parishioners,

You're a life-saver! Thank you for joining us in our mission to build and strengthen pet families. You truly are essential to the life-saving work at HUMANE SOCIETY OF HOBART. We received your generous gift on December 15, 2024. Your kindness inspires us to continue the work at HSH that your support makes possible. We look forward to keeping in touch to keep you updated on the life-saving work we do together. Be sure to visit our website at [www.hshobart.org](http://www.hshobart.org) to see what events are upcoming and view the adorable animals looking for their second chance.

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Dear Augustana Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your gift to LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts the Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild the lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

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Dear Augustana Lutheran Church Foundation,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to THE CARING PLACE. With the increasing costs of the crucial services we provide, your monetary support is more important than ever. Your donation supplements the partial funding we receive from grants, ensuring that we can continue offering safe emergency shelter and support to those experiencing domestic violence.

We know you have many great nonprofits to choose from, and we are humbled that you chose us. As a small grassroots nonprofit serving those in crisis situations, we couldn't do this vital work without your dedication and commitment to our mission, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support! On behalf of The Caring Place and all of our clients, thank you.



**Ash Wednesday – March 5th @  
11 AM & 7 PM**

**Wednesday Lenten Services are March  
12th, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9th  
at 7:00 pm  
With Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm**

**Lent Soup Suppers**

On Wednesday's during Lent, there is a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm, before the service at 7:00 pm. Lenten Soup Suppers are scheduled for the following dates at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for this time of fellowship! Your help is welcomed. If you are not on one of the listed committees and would like to individually provide a menu item, please check the menu sign-up sheets in the hallway or contact the chairperson of the scheduled committee(s). Thank You!

March 12th  
Food Pantry / Altar Guild

March 19th  
Worship & Music / Bell Choir / Chancel Choir

March 26th  
Foundation / Property

April 2nd  
Council / Caring

April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Congregation

**All church members are more than welcome to help out with all of the Soup Suppers.**

**The Way of the Cross**

The devotion known as the Way of the Cross is an adaptation of a custom widely observed by pilgrims to Jerusalem: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city traditionally associated with our Lord's passion and death. The Stations of the Cross recreates Christ's walk to Calvary within the walls of the church, allowing the faithful to make a "pilgrimage to Jerusalem" and be drawn closer to the Christ who walked there.

Through grace and our union with His suffering, we can learn to offer up our struggles out of love for others. Praying through the Stations of the Cross is a powerful experience that helps you understand Jesus' love and sacrifice for you. Meditating on the Stations of the Cross exposes Christ's suffering heart and teaches us to have more compassion for those who suffer. It helps us to examine our conscience and learn to be patient in situations of unavoidable suffering.

Come join me Thursday evenings at 6pm during Lent in the Sanctuary as we enter deeper into the Passion of our Lord.

Yours in loving service,  
Chaplain Chris

**Self Denial Giving Boxes**

Self Denial giving boxes will be passed out on Ash Wednesday or you can also get them from the Ushers anytime during Lent. *Take time today to think about your Lenten journey and how you are preparing yourself for Christ's coming in your heart at Easter. Think about prayer, fasting and almsgiving and find ways to fulfill each area of preparation during this season.*





Dear Beloved Ones of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA,

I truly hope this letter finds you in great spirits and embracing the beautiful revelation of Christ's radiant light during this Epiphany season! Reflecting on the incredible contributions from throughout our amazing Synod, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your generous support and unwavering commitment to our shared mission of empowering, equipping, and encouraging the people of God to make Christ known.

Whenever I visit a congregation or ministry, I love reminding everyone that, as bishop, I am not the Synod, nor is 911 E. 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis; instead, WE are indeed the Synod together! The word "Synod" literally means "WAY TOGETHER!" Your mission support profoundly impacts our WAY TOGETHER, helping us achieve our goals of serving and revitalizing our ministries for God's love in the world.

One of my personal mantras is, "My very life (as an ex-problem drinker) depends on my constant thought of others and how I may help meet their needs." (Alcoholics Anonymous, pg. 20) Because of you, we can assist our congregations and both rostered and lay leaders in addressing the needs of others, shining a light of hope and compassion in a divided world where many seek recognition, acceptance, safety, and a sense of belonging. Every contribution you make is like a seed planted in faith, blossoming into love and healing for countless lives by empowering, equipping, and encouraging the people of God.

I asked a few of our staff members to share their brief reflections on 2024 and their hopeful insights for 2025. Please consider the following:

**Rev. Dan Forehand, Assistant to the Bishop** – In 2024, we welcomed new candidates for ordained ministry and individuals who said, "Here am I," to serve their congregations as Synod Authorized Ministers. Thanks to the generous support of congregations and individuals in the Synod, we were able to help offset the costs and provide resources to those whom God has called. In 2025, we look to continue to expand these programs, offer new education methods for clergy and laity, and overcome obstacles to saying "yes" to where God might be calling.

**Jayne Beneker, Director for IK Synod Disaster Relief:** We launched the Endowment for Disaster Response in 2024, forming partnerships within our synod and creating emergency preparedness materials. We are initiating educational programs for congregations to connect them with local emergency management and discuss serving communities during disasters. We link volunteers with organizations excelling in disaster response and support Long-Term Recovery by funding construction projects for disaster-affected areas. An endowment campaign will launch in September during National Preparedness Month.

**John Dahl, Ecumenical-Connect Program Director** – 1) *Inspire. Ignite. Invite:* Approximately 30 Lutherans and some Episcopalians gather monthly on Zoom to explore spiritual practices and the work of the Holy Spirit. Participants shared reflections on Advent through Synod media. The focus for 2025 is to witness our faith in Jesus. 2) *Ecumenical-Connect:* Churches discovered more about themselves and their communities. Zion Lutheran in Franklin, KY, built a community labyrinth, while Faith Lutheran in Goshen, IN, collaborates with a preschool to strengthen parent-child relationships. Several congregations will join Ecumenical-Connect in 2025, seeking God's guidance.

**Magen Pillar, Interim Storyteller** - As we progressed through 2024, we explored the most effective ways to share our Synod's story—whether through video, an expanded and more dynamic E-News, or by supporting our congregations in sharing their narratives. In 2025, we aim to simplify and enhance how we tell the Synod's story, making it more accessible with an improved, streamlined web experience.

As we look forward to the work ahead, I encourage you to continue this beautiful WAY TOGETHER. We can make a real impact on our communities, inside and outside our walls, demonstrating the love of Christ in meaningful ways. Our combined efforts can bring light to those in darkness, support those who need it most, and create connections rooted in care and service.

Let's unite, filled with excitement and purpose, as we embrace all the opportunities. I'm extremely inspired by the generosity and spirit that flourishes in our Synod. Your willingness to share your time, talents, and resources embodies our love in Christ. Together, we can face challenges and respond to the needs of those seeking hope and healing.

Thank you for being such an essential part of God's mission in the world. May God's grace surround you and guide you on this journey of faith and service. Let's move forward with joy and confidence, knowing our efforts make a lasting difference in many lives.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Timothy Mark Graham  
Bishop, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA

**Empower, equip, and encourage the people of God to make Christ known**



## The 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

## **HELP, We Need Someone!**

**We are in desperate need for volunteers to help with the Easter egg hunt this year for planning, organizing, collection of candy etc. if we are to have an Easter egg hunt this year. Please reach out to Chaplain Chris or the Church Office!!**

### **Last Year's Easter Egg Hunt**



## March Birthday's

- 4 - Remington Eckrich  
7 - Mrs. Claire Sudroff,  
Mrs. Sherry Mauch  
8 – Ms. Hannah Wilson  
10- Mr. Eric Wietbrock,  
Mr. Paul Palichuk Jr.  
11- Maddie Whiteman,  
Ms. Paige Cooper,  
Ms. Rebecca Nelson  
13- Mr.Kynan Krause  
14- Mr. Payton Disney  
18 - Mrs. Kathleen Eaton,  
Mr. Paul Strietelmeier,  
Mr. Will Dopiriak  
19 – Mr. Joseph Zaradich  
21 - Michael Caldwell  
23 – Mrs. Penny Allen  
24 – Ms. Mary Ann Morales  
27 - Mrs. Karen Freckelton,  
Mrs. Tamara Johnson,  
Mr. Corey Dennis,  
Ms. Marissa Doepping  
28 - Mr. Walter Yovanovich  
Mr. Herb Johnson  
30 – Mrs. Joyce Crizer

## ATTENTION

We are looking for someone to help out with Tech Ministry on Sunday morning at the 10am service.

It consist of recording the service on Sunday's. Please let Anne McDonald or Jackie know if you're interested.

## Council Notes

### Church Council Notes February 2025

**Pastor-** Pastor Scott shared that the in-person attendance had decreased and online attendance increased last month. Chris will continue to be mentored by Pastor Scott. He would like to continue to make Augustana a welcoming place. He also is still welcoming ideas about what to do with the third floor.

**Chaplain/SAM-** Chris has completed his TEEM courses for the Winter session. Now he's writing an essay for the endorsement phase of the ordination process.

**Office Manager** – Jackie said that the fire extinguishers were checked by the fire department last week. The elevator was also checked. The Security Company is coming to put stickers on windows. An intercom is going to be installed by Pastor Scott for the preschool.

**Worship-** Lenten services will be “Services of Jesus” series. The mid-week Lenten services will be “Liturgy of Lament.” These services are to help relieve sorrow. First Communion classes will begin on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and celebrated on March 9<sup>th</sup>. There are four months throughout the year that have five Sundays. On the fifth Sunday of each of these months, worship services will celebrate one of the sponsored services with donuts and coffee. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the NA program will be highlighted.

**Next Church Council Meeting:  
March 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm**

## Thank You

Dear Augustana Friends & Family,

Thank you so much for all of the get well cards, calls and messages, as well as the offers to bring groceries and meals while we were so ill. Covid hit us hard, even though we had our vaccines and flu shots. Then sinus infection. Your prayers, love and concern were very much appreciated! We love our church family!

God Bless you,  
Allen & Linda Wozniak



### **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](https://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

## Stuffed Green Pepper Soup

### Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. – Ground Beef
- 1 can (28 oz) – Tomato Sauce
- 1 can (28 oz) – Diced Tomatoes undrained
- 2-3 cups – cooked long grain rice (your choice on amount depending on how thick you like it)
- 1 – green pepper
- 1 – orange pepper or yellow pepper (can use any combination of colors or all of one kind if you like)
- 1 – red pepper
- 2 – beef bullion cube or equivalent of any other style bullion
- ¼ cup – packed brown sugar
- 2 tsp – salt
- 1 tsp – pepper

### Directions:

Brown ground beef, drain. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and cover.

Simmer 30-40 minutes stirring occasionally until peppers are tender.

Makes 10 servings.

Hint: Add tomato juice if you think it is too thick!

Walt

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