



Thank you, Augustana!

The generosity of this congregation has once again shined through! Our Give to the Max Day total was \$14,600...we far exceeded the \$10,000 goal. This giving is appreciated so much to support the mission of Augustana.

Stewardship Committee

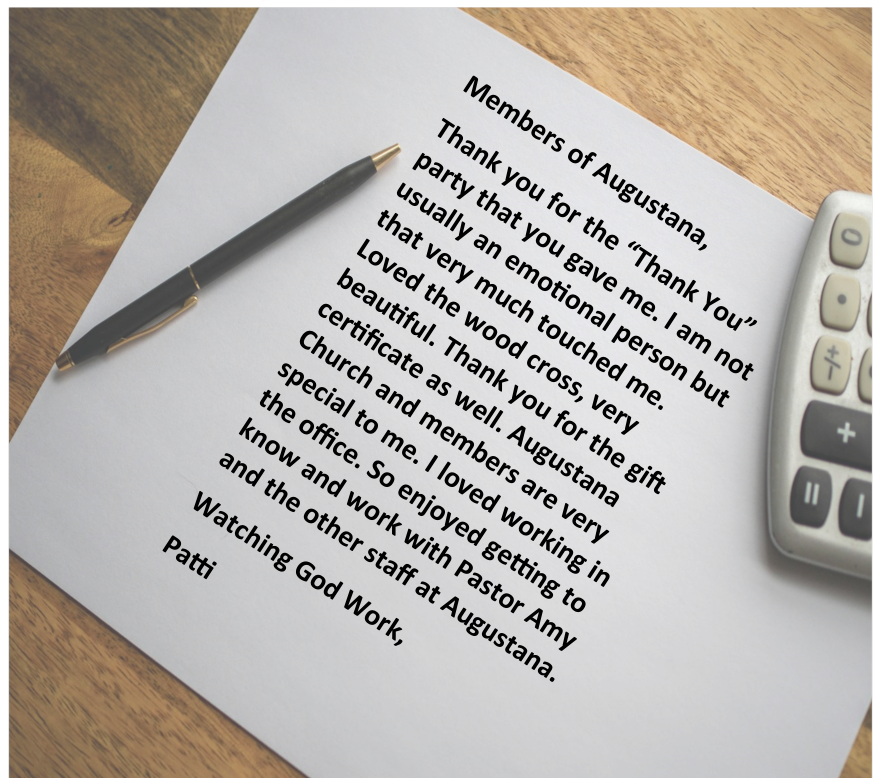
Thank You!

Merry Christmas Augustana Church.

"Wishing you the simple beauty of the season and a New Year of peace and promise."

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia plant. It adds more color to my apartment here at Pioneer Point.

Meurriel Willie



Ash Wednesday Service
will be at 6:30 p.m.
on February 14th in the
Sanctuary.
Meal at 5:30

Pop-Up Christmas





Scan the code to learn more about Thrivent Choice and how you can financially support our organization. Anyone can donate using Thrivent's online giving platform,* and eligible Thrivent clients can direct Choice Dollars®.

Looking for an easy way to support and strengthen Augustana Lutheran Church? Participate in Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent's charitable outreach program.

Through Thrivent Choice, you can contribute to organizations and causes you care about and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funding.

Thrivent Choice provides an online giving platform where you can make personal donations. And Thrivent pays the processing fees, so 100% of your donation goes to help make an impact.*

Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can also recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding by directing Choice Dollars® to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and non-profit organizations, including Augustana.

If you are donating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Augustana, please remember the deadline is March 31st. Contact your Thrivent Advisor to help you direct your funds as you choose. Augustana appreciates your willingness to donate. Thank you for helping the mission of Augustana Lutheran Church!



If your child would like to sign up to attend camp this summer there are still spots available! Significant financial help is available to allow all youth interested in attending Luther Crest Camp the ability to do so. There are camp sessions available for those in 1st grade-senior high school.

Please contact Laurel at 218-205-6687 for more information! Early bird registration goes through February 14!



The Fergus Falls ELCA Churches are excited to host Luther Crest Bible Camp this summer for another awesome week of Day Camp! Grab your calendars and save the date: July 22-25. Registration will start in March. Registration Fee per child: \$30 (Family maximum cost is \$75). This great week can't happen without you! Take some time to consider how you might want to share of your time and resources to help share the love of Jesus with Fergus Fall's kiddos. Hope to see you and your family there!

CALLING ALL COOKS!



Ash Wednesday | February 14

5:30 p.m.

Please drop chili off by 5:15 p.m., or anytime during office hours on February 14.

There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to the Augustana youth attending the National Youth Gathering.

Altered By the Spirit

Collaborative Lent Schedule

Wednesday Worship Services:

- 12:10 p.m. with Lunch to follow

- 5:30 p.m. Meal with 6:30 p.m. worship to follow

Ash Wednesday (February 14) - Each congregation hosts own

February 21 – Augustana

February 28 – Hope

March 6 – First

March 13 – Zion

March 20 – Bethlehem

The Christmas Season at Augustana



It was a beautiful season
at Augustana!

St. Lucia Celebration Sunday, December 3





Augustana Church now has an online giving option through Tithely per ELCA recommendations.

You can access the online giving a few different ways. Here's how!

- Visit Augustana's Facebook page and click on the link
- Visit augustanalutheran.org and click on the Give button.
- Download the Tithely app to your smartphone and find Augustana Lutheran Church.
- Mail your offering to the church. 308 E. Douglas Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- Scan the QR Code to the right.

If you are interested in using Simply Giving, contact the office and we will get you an authorization form to fill out and she will get you set up.

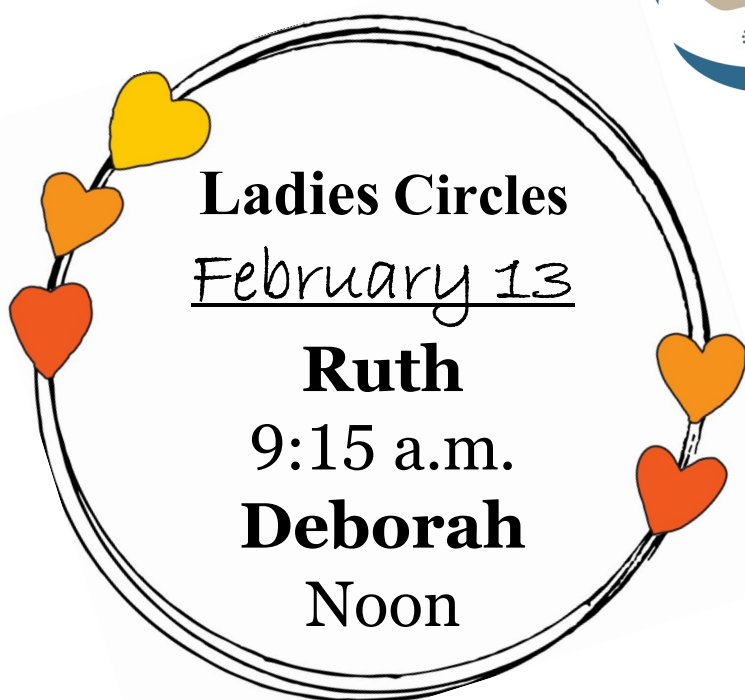


Actual General Offering Revenue through 12/31/23:
\$140,244.89

Budgeted General Offering Revenue through 12/31/23:
\$160,800.00

Actual General Fund Expense through 12/31/23:
\$183,775.82

Budgeted General Fund Expense through 12/31/23:
\$199,900.00



Ladies Circles

February 13

Ruth

9:15 a.m.

Deborah

Noon

BRING A FRIEND AND
JOIN US AT

AUGUSTANA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

for Ladies Ceramics
with
Christine Lawson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25
5:30 DINNER | 6:00 POTTERY
LADIES AGES 5TH GRADE
AND UP!

\$30 PER
PERSON

RSVP TO THE OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 22

AUGUSTANA LADIES WILL MEET
AT
CALLY'S CAFÉ ON
FEBRUARY 28TH
@ 11:30 A.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

We will be celebrating the whole month of birthdays and anniversaries on the last Sunday of each month after worship. Let's celebrate our friends together on February 25!





Come and Worship!

Planning worship is one of my tasks and one of my joys. I've been spending more time lately figuring out how our pieces of worship fit together and what speaks to those who are in our worship space.

What people long for as they worship God is as varied as the people themselves. On any given Sunday, what speaks to each soul is impossible to predict. Hopefully for each of you, there is a high point—something that connects you with God and makes your soul sing so you share that feeling with another. I was scanning through the book of 1 Corinthians this past week and stumbled on a heading that said,

“Orderly Worship.” I was intrigued. What did Paul, the writer of this letter in the New Testament, have to say about worship?!

1 Corinthians 14:26 says: “What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.” Now I don't agree with everything Paul writes—but wow did that last sentence resonate with me. As we are planning worship, or anything else associated with the church, what if we passed it through the “building up” filter? Is this going to build people up? That doesn't mean everything is going to be sunshine and roses. There are tough topics and difficult concepts we do need to tackle. They can build us up toward action.

This month and perhaps for months to come, these words from 1 Corinthians seem like a good place to start as we worship and share the love of Christ. Does this build up? Is this strengthening the love of God and helping people know they are loved by God?

We pray, “Build us up, Lord, build us up.” So that we can build for others.

Peace to you, beloved of God!

Pastor Amy

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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IT'S LEAP YEAR!

Sunday

9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour –

Coffee and treats in the fellowship hall.

10:00 a.m. - Worship in the sanctuary

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Fellowship continues

Worship Online

It's fun to hear you are worshipping while you are away! Sunday service is livestreamed on the church's YouTube channel. Watch the service live, or the recording later.

<https://augustanalutheran.org/>

**BULLETIN
ANNOUNCEMENTS
DUE
Wednesday at noon**

**NEWSLETTER
ANNOUNCEMENTS
DUE
the 15th of each month**

**Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday
10:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.**

MISSION STATEMENT:

"We are called and blessed by God's grace, His Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit into fellowship through Word and Sacrament to worship, minister, evangelize and teach the world around us."

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