

CHURCH FINANCES

GENERAL OFFERING REVENUE THROUGH JANUARY 2024:
\$12,275.05

GENERAL FUND EXPENSE THROUGH JANUARY 2024:
\$13,916.08



- Augustana Church has an online giving option through Tithely
- 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
 - Scan the QR Code to the right
- You can also mail your offering to the church. 308 E. Douglas Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN 56537
- If you are interested in using Simply Giving, contact the office and we will get you an authorization form to fill out and we will get you set up

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





PUZZLES AND PIE

Join us for an afternoon
of puzzling!

1:30 - 4:30, March 17

Pie will be served.

All ages welcome!



Easter Flowers



If you would like to order plants to decorate the church for Easter Sunday, please fill out this form and mail to Augustana, 308 E. Douglas, Fergus Falls. You can also call the office at 218-736-5308 or email your request to office@augustanalutheran.org. Deadline for orders is March 17th.

You will be able to take your plant(s) with you following the service on Easter Sunday. If you are unable to attend worship, you can pick them up in the office on Wednesday, April 3rd. Checks can be made out to Augustana Lutheran Church. All orders must be in by March 17th.

____ Easter Lily \$10.00 ____ Potted Tulip \$10.00 ____ Potted Hyacinth \$10.00

PLEASE CIRCLE CHOICE OF:
In honor of —or— In memory of

GIVEN BY:

Total number of plants ordered _____

Total cost \$ _____

AUGUSTANA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cinnamon Roll Sunday

Augustana Lutheran Church Youth Fundraiser



Sunday, March 24 | 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Augustana Youth will be selling freshly baked cinnamon rolls with homemade frosting! Rolls can be picked up from the comfort of your car, in the south parking lot of the church.

Funds raised will support youth programming and activities.

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. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding by directing Choice Dollars® to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit 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!



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®.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

March 24

The congregational annual meeting will be held in accordance with the Constitution of Augustana Lutheran on March 24, 2024. There will be a meal following worship with the meeting immediately after in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter

SUNDAY

March 31

breakfast 9AM worship 10AM

Augustana youth and their families will be serving Easter breakfast in fellowship hall before worship on Easter morning. There will be a scrambled egg bar, muffins, fruit, orange juice, and milk. Free will donation will go toward the National Youth Gathering.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday
MARCH 24
10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday
MARCH 28
6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
MARCH 31
9 a.m. Breakfast
10 a.m. Worship

Worship Online

It's fun to hear you are
worshiping while you are away!
Sunday service is livestreamed
on Augustana's YouTube channel.
Watch the service live, or the
recording later.
www.augustanalutheran.org



Men's Pie at Perkins

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

MARCH 18
1:30 P.M.

*Augustana ladies
will meet at
Cally's Café on
March 27th at
11:30 a.m.*

All are welcome!



REJOICE SUNDAY!

God is always doing new things and we are going to try a new thing with worship.
Starting March 10 and every Second Sunday of the month we will be celebrating Rejoice Sunday.

What does that mean? We are planning a more relaxed, modern worship service. A simple meal to create time and space for fellowship. And hopefully an atmosphere that feels more welcoming to those who usually don't attend worship or haven't for a very long time.

This is a Sunday for hospitality and to remind us of the hope and love we have in Christ.
This isn't revolutionary, but we hope it will feel fresh and energizing.
So come see how the Spirit is moving here at Augustana.



From Our Pastor

Sometimes things need a bit of freshening up.

It's been fun to see our newsletter take on a different look this month. The content is all still there, just in different places so that you might have to search a little bit. When you do, you might just find something you've missed before.

We are also giving a fresh feel to worship on our Second Sunday of the month. We are going to call that day Rejoice Sunday and we plan to have a more relaxed worship, a little different style music, perhaps a different way of expressing confessions and creeds. It will still be very recognizable as worship – but enough change to make our brains work a little bit. We will also be having a meal that day. Something simple to give us time to visit with one another and welcome new people.

And now for something (hopefully) new and fun. With Easter around the corner, I'd like to include an "easter egg," or a special kind of surprise in this newsletter article. I have heard from a few different people that newsletter readership is low. However, if I ask folks whether or not they read it, they are going to say they do even if it's rarely because no one wants to hurt my feelings. If you are reading this article, count the number of easter lilies at the bottom of the page and just say the number to me the next time you see me. If you are homebound, just e-mail the number to office@augustanalutheran.org, or call and tell our front desk how many you counted. Every person who tells us or sends us the number will be given a small surprise – and it will give us a better understanding of who is reading this communication.

The Easter season brings a fresh beginning and possibilities each year as we are reminded of the love of Jesus. Many blessings to you as we journey these 40 days through lent, to the cross, the tomb and resurrection.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Amy





AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2024

Official Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church

Sunday Schedule 9:15

Coffee Hour - Coffee and treats in fellowship hall

10:00

Worship in the sanctuary

11:00

Coffee fellowship continues



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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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY & WEDNESDAY, 10 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.