

The Call

THE NEWSLETTER OF AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes on Sundays,

December 7 & 14

and

January 11 & 18

We start at **10:15 am.**

We hope you can join us.

Please bring a friend!

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

Our all ages Christmas presentation called "**Brave Hearts**" will be presented at worship on **Sunday, December 14.**

There will be just one rehearsal for this pageant on **Saturday, December 13 at 9:30 am.**

Please mark the dates in your calendar and plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRIM AND CAROLLING

Join us on **Sunday, December 21** starting at 11:45 am to help decorate the church for Christmas and to sing some Christmas carols to get us ready for the season. Church members, family, friends and neighbours are welcome to gather in our sanctuary to sing together and enjoy some Christmas cheer. Please mark this event on your calendars and try to attend.



Christmas Eve Worship Times

We will worship at 4 pm and 7 pm on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24. We will have candlelight and carols at both services. We hope you can join us to celebrate Jesus' birth into our world.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed between December 23 and January 5.

SACRAMENTS AND SEASONS

We mourn the death of Ruth Waters on November 22, 2025. We will gather at Augsburg for a memorial service on Saturday December 13, at 1pm. Our prayers are with Ruth's family at this sad time. *"Blessed are they who mourn."*

LAST DAY FOR 2025 DONATIONS

The last day to get your 2025 donation to the church for tax receipt purposes is **Sunday, December 28**. There are three ways you can donate:

1. **Drop off:** you can drop your donation on the offering plate during worship or pop it through the mail slot (it's in the frame of the door, at eye level).
2. **eTransfer:** you can send an etransfer to office@aug Bram.ca. We have set it up so that a password is not required.
3. **PAR:** For a more consistent donation throughout the year, you can set up a regular automatic withdrawal through the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program. Contact the office to do so. office@aug Bram.ca

CHILI COOK OFF

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 8** for our Chili Cook off. In the new year a sign up sheet will go up for you to put your name down to bring in your special chili for all to taste. All the chilis will be voted on and the winner will leave with the "Golden Ladle." Stay tuned for more information.

Supporting Our Partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

The ELCIC National Office and Eastern Synod continue to appeal for support of our global mission and companion synod partners — the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Please help us reach our goal of \$50,000 to assist in supporting this vital work of the ELCJHL that embodies faith, resilience and hope in a just peace.

In a recent October 10, 2025 statement from the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, the leaders "rejoiced at the recent enactment of the ceasefire in Gaza, and the release of those held captive."

At the same time, they also acknowledged their shared concern regarding, "increasing violence against local communities in the West Bank in connection with settlement expansions." The leaders urged the international community as a whole, "to widen the scope of the current negotiations to include an end of the occupation of both the West Bank and Gaza, leading to the establishment of a Palestinian state living side-by-side in peace with the present State of Israel."

The war between Israel and Hamas has greatly affected our partners in the ELCJHL. Most of them have relatives in Gaza. Restricted movement in the region has continued to impact people's ability to work and move freely, resulting in huge financial implications for the church.

Our church's long-standing relationship with the ELCJHL is a vital expression of our shared faith and commitment to justice and peace. You are invited to: pray for peace, learn more about the work of the ELCJHL and give generously to the ELCJHL Appeal.

DONATE NOW

PHOTOS FROM THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET





WORSHIP SERVICES

December 7	<i>Advent 2</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship *
December 14	<i>Advent 3 & Christmas Pageant</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
December 21	<i>Advent 4</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	4:00 pm Candlelight Worship 7:00 pm Candlelight Worship 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Fellowship
December 28	<i>Christmas 1</i>	10:30 am Worship
January 4	<i>Epiphany</i>	10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship *
January 11	<i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
January 18		9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
January 25		9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*

***Please note:** coffee fellowship will only happen on these dates if we get someone to volunteer to host it.