

AUGUSTANA  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# DECEMBER 2025 + JANUARY 2026

Official Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church



**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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# From Our Pastor



Dear Friends –

Some of you heard my sermon about the Northern Lights a couple weeks ago. To say I'm a little fixated on this shared experience of something beautiful might be an understatement.

However, stick with this idea a little longer if you can, because we as Christians are coming toward one of our biggest shared experiences of something beautiful.

Advent is upon us. The birth of Christ is around the corner. The merchants have had the commercial side of Christmas on display for weeks. While decorations and gifts can be fun and exciting – a good question to ask ourselves might be how are we focusing on the real Christmas? The Christ part of Christmas. How will we prepare our hearts this Advent as we wait for the birth of the Messiah?

Christmas is always a good time to find the best way to serve our neighbor. Plugging in to what Jesus Biblically commanded in Matthew – to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe those without clothes and welcome the stranger. When we walk the walk of Jesus, while talking the talk of our faith – we learn it better ourselves. God is showing up in others to teach us the way of discipleship.

This Advent and Christmas season it might be good for our hearts and souls to find that shared experience of something beautiful in the name of Christ. Come worship...break bread together and then go out and be the light for someone who is weary in this world.

Christ is calling to us this Christmas. It is our task to prepare the way of the Lord.

A fellow servant in Christ,  
*Pastor Amy*

*A note of thanks – to the beloved founders of Immanuel Lutheran Church near Barrett for constructing this lovely church on the prairie (pictured above). And to a gentleman named Gilberto for seeing the beauty and taking this photo.*



We are thankful for you!

To the Augustana community,  
thank you for your generosity for  
the "Drive for Dollars" fall  
fundraising campaign.

Total contributions for the  
campaign were **\$17,500** - a 9%  
increase over the \$16,000 goal.

These donations will support the  
general budget for the mission of  
Augustana Lutheran Church.

Stewardship Committee:

*Jon Nygaard, Sr., Cornel Walker, Mike  
Winge, Dacia Johnson, and Pr. Amy*



## ST. LUCIA & POP-UP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

***December 14 is going  
to be a BIG DAY.***

We will be celebrating St.  
Lucia with a themed  
congregational potluck. There  
is a sign up for some special  
Swedish St. Lucia dishes or  
bring any dish to share and  
enjoy the meal. We will have  
Swedish Rice, traditional  
breads with cheese and ham,  
tea rings and festive cookies.

We will also have our Pop-Up  
Christmas event during  
worship. Let's enjoy this  
exciting and festive day  
together.

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**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

4 P.M.

**DECEMBER 24**

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
308 E. DOUGLAS AVE. | FERGUS FALLS, MN

**Would you like to  
share your  
musical gifts  
with the  
congregation on  
Christmas Eve?**

Anyone who would like to  
present a musical piece  
before the worship service on  
Christmas Eve is welcome to  
do so. Just contact Pastor  
Amy indicating what you will  
sing or play. Let us know if  
you need an accompanist and  
we will work on that  
schedule. Thank you for  
considering sharing the  
talents you have been given!





We will be celebrating the whole month of December birthdays and anniversaries on December 21 and January birthdays and anniversaries on January 25. Let's celebrate our friends together!



## End of Year Giving

Most organizations count on end of year giving to finish the fiscal year strong and that is also true for Augustana. Thank you for your support throughout this past year. If you have not been able to contribute or have fallen behind, we are grateful for your December contributions. If you are able to give an extra end of year gift, your generosity is appreciated.

Gifts can be made through our website, on Sunday morning, mailed or dropped off in our secure drop box on the north side of the church. Thank you for helping carry on the mission of this church to spread the gospel in the world.



- Augustana Church has an online giving option through Tithe.ly
- 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](http://augustanalutheran.org) and click on the Give button
  - Download the Tithe.ly app to your smartphone and find Augustana Lutheran Church
  - Scan the QR Code
- 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





# Puzzles & Pie

January 11, 11:30 to 2 p.m.

Do you enjoy jigsaw puzzles? How about pie?  
We are putting the two together and having an  
afternoon of puzzling on Jan. 11.

We'll start right after our monthly meal at 11:30 and  
go to about 2 p.m. Have a favorite smaller puzzle?  
Bring it along and we'll have a few different puzzles  
going around the room. Hope to see you there.

## *Advent at Augustana*

*Nov. 30 - Hope*

*Dec. 7 - Peace*

*Dec. 14 - Joy (and Pop-Up Christmas)*

*Dec. 21 - Love*



*We begin the season of Advent on Nov. 30 as we wait for the Messiah.  
Please join us each Sunday in Advent as we wait and ponder the Christ Child.*

Poinsettia orders are due  
by December 17.

They will be used for the  
Christmas Eve service.  
You are welcome to take  
your plant(s) home  
following the  
Christmas Eve service.



# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 3:45 pm Confirmation	4 9:00 am Picemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12:00 pm Bible Study	5	6
7 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship 10 am Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship	8	9 9:30 am Ruth Circle Noon Deborah Circle	10	11 9:00 am Picemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall	12	13
14 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship 10 am Pop-Up Christmas Worship 11 am St. Lucia Event	15 3:00 pm Men's Pie @ Perkins	16	17 *Poinsettia Orders Due 3:45 pm Confirmation	18 9:00 am Picemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12:00 pm Bible Study	19	20
21 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship 10 am Worship; Dec. birthday celebration following worship. TBD Senior Lock-in @ Bethlehem	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 4 pm Christmas Eve Worship	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27
28 9:15 am Coffee Fellowship 10 am Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Office Closed		



# January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>New Year's Day Office Closed</i>	2	3
4 <b>9:15 am</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10 am</b> Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship	5	6	7 <b>3:45 pm</b> Confirmation	8 <b>9:00 am</b> Picemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall <b>12:00 pm</b> Bible Study	9	10
11 <b>9:15 am</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10 am</b> Rejoice Worship; Meal following worship <b>11:30—2 pm</b> Puzzles and Pie	12	13 <b>9:30 am</b> Ruth Circle <b>Noon</b> Deborah Circle	14 <b>5:15 pm</b> Worship Board	15 <b>9:00 am</b> Picemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall	16	17
18 <b>9:15 am</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10 am</b> Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship <b>11:15 am</b> Outreach Board & Stewardship Board	19 <b>3:00 pm</b> Men's Pie @ Perkins	20	21 <b>3:45 pm</b> Confirmation	22 <b>9:00 am</b> Picemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall <b>12:00 pm</b> Bible Study	23	24
25 <b>9:15 am</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10 am</b> Worship; January birthday celebration following worship	26	27	28 <b>11:30 am</b> Ladies Lunch @ Cally's Café	29 <b>9:00 am</b> Picemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall	30	31