

The Call

THE NEWSLETTER OF AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

Join us for Sunday School classes on Sundays,

January 11 & 18

and

February 1 & 8

We start at 10:15 am.

We hope you can join us.

Please bring a friend!

SOCKS ARE GOOD FOR THE SOUL(S) FEBRUARY 2026

Throughout the month of February, we are going to be **collecting socks** for the clients of Regeneration. We all know how good socks are good for the soul, so you can imagine how those who are unhoused or precariously housed would appreciate warm, dry socks.

From February 1 - 22 there will be bins in the narthex to collect **new socks**. They will be delivered before the end of the month.

Please help our neighbours out.

AFFIRMATION

Sunday, March 1 has been scheduled for the grade 3 - 6 affirmation class.

This is a pre-confirmation session that is a combination of fun and learning. Watch for a reminder email coming soon.

If anyone with children in this age group have any questions, please speak with the pastor.

Chili Cook Off and Pot Luck Lunch

∴ Join Us for an Afternoon of Food & Fun! ∴

On Sunday, February 8 we are going to have a pot luck lunch. But not just any pot-luck; a chili cook-off! Does your favourite chili recipe have what it takes to win bragging rights and the coveted Golden Ladle? If you have a secret family chili recipe, we want to taste it. Anyone can enter- the more the merrier! Please sign up on the poster in the narthex. For all others, please bring some food share, and indicate that on the sign up. Mark your calendars now to plan to attend a wonderful community gathering.



AUGSBURG'S WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Every winter season it is good to review our weather policy in case we need to cancel church:

In the occurrence of a snow event, the pastor will contact the president and/or the vice president and together they will make a decision whether to cancel church.

The decision to cancel church will be made by 7:30 am on Sunday morning.

A message will be left on the church phone if worship is cancelled.

If worship is still on, you can make your own decision to travel, but please, do not take any risks and **do not** feel obligated to come if you are scheduled for a duty. **Safety First!** If you feel at all insecure or afraid to travel to the church, that is OK. We will worship together again the next Sunday.





TREASURERS TOGETHER INFORMATION SESSIONS

FEB 4TH & 5TH, 2026

Barb and Shelley from GSI will be hosting two "Treasurers Together" Info sessions February 4 and 5, 2026. These two-hour sessions will be held over Zoom. Topics will be the same for both sessions.

The sessions will be of particular interest to Treasurers, but members of church councils, clergy, and others who are connected to the ELCIC will also be welcome to join. Topics will cover a range of Treasurer responsibilities, such as:

- enrollments of new employees
- terminations
- life events such as disability and marriage
- T4 completion
- the role of GSI and how it can be helpful for Treasurers and congregations

More information and the registration form is now available on the GSI website: [REGISTRATION](#). The registration deadline is January 30



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ELCIC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES - ECUMENICAL JUSTICE COMMITTEES

The ELCIC is seeking representatives for two ecumenical committees:

- [Project Ploughshares](#) management board
- The [Commission on Justice and Peace](#)

Both groups are affiliated with The Canadian Council of Churches. For more information and if you're interested in applying, please contact Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations at pgehrs@elcic.ca

FROM REGENERATION OUTREACH

Dear Friends,

Throughout December, leading up to Christmas Day, Augsburg Lutheran Church's generosity helped make our Advent Calendar a meaningful blessing for the guests we serve. Because of you, each day held a reminder of care, dignity, and hope during the winter season.

Your donation of chocolate bars and lip balms was sincerely appreciated and brought both comfort and care to our guests. The simple, sweet treat of chocolate offered a moment of joy, while the lip balm met a practical need during the cold winter months. Together, these small but thoughtful items helped provide relief, warmth, and a reminder that each person is seen, valued, and cared for.

The Christmas season is not an easy time for everyone. Emotions can be heightened, and many carry heavy burdens. Your kindness helped us extend grace and look for ways to brighten days that may otherwise have felt long or lonely.

Thank you for walking alongside us and for being a source of light during this Advent season. We are truly grateful for you.

With sincere appreciation,
Eleanor Copping, Donor Care, Regeneration Outreach.

FROM ST. ANDREW'S FOOD BANK

St. Andrew's Food Bank wants to thank Don Wilker from Augsburg Lutheran Church for presenting this extremely generous monetary donation to our Chairman, Gord Warren on December 22, 2025. Your generosity will go a long way to help us feed the less fortunate families in Brampton. Merry Christmas to all our brothers + sisters at Augsburg Lutheran!



PHOTOS FROM OUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION



LOOKING FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

The congregational council is looking for new members for a two year term starting in March 2026. Please prayerfully consider whether you can contribute to the life of Augsburg in this way. If this is something you would be interested in, or if you have any questions, please speak to any of the current council members: Larry Baziw, Terence Dundee, Alana Lildhar, Rebecca Lildhar, Andrea Nesbitt, David Rawlingson, Craig Rideout, Lolita Semos or Heidi Wilker.

SHROVE TUESDAY

This year, Shrove Tuesday falls on Tuesday, February 17. Please watch for more information to come.



Worship Services

January 18	2 Epiphany	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am "Brew Sunday" Coffee Fellowship *
January 25	3 Epiphany	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship *
February 1	4 Epiphany	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship *
February 8	5 Epiphany	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Chili Cook Off & Pot Luck Lunch
February 15	Transfiguration	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
February 22	Lent 1	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
March 1	Lent 2	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship * 11:30 am – 1 pm Gd. 3-6 Affirmation Class

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