

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2026

Official Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church

Summer Sunday Schedule

May 24 - September 7

9:30

Worship in the sanctuary

10:30

Coffee Fellowship in fellowship hall



9:30

Coffee Fellowship

10:30

Worship in the
sanctuary;
Coffee Fellowship
following worship

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 in Christ,

I am aware there are days some of you wonder, “What on earth is she doing now?”

These photos are from a couple weeks ago when we had our Common Mission Sunday at Spies Park in Fergus Falls. Julie Nelson, who is great to take photos at church and sporting events and everything in between, took a bunch of photos that captured the vibrance of the day.

It was a joy-filled morning where our five ELCA churches joined together for worship. We had about 200 people there and we collected more than \$1,000 for Lutheran World Relief. (A complete total will be available at a later date.) Speaking for myself, it was so much fun!

Worshipping with our neighbors. Having the chance to lead worship with Pastors Kate, Salim, Ruth and Eliza along with Pastor Brian from LWR. Musicians from every church participated and it was quite a band. They led us in some old-time favorites and newer music and raised the rafters at the park shelter.

When we gathered for our mission conversations throughout last year our facilitator, Pastor Rebel Hurd, would often say a phrase that was like her tagline: “It’s great to be church together, Amen?” And we’d respond with Amen. Our Common Mission Sunday felt like it was truly great to be church together.

A woman’s Bible study lesson I was working on for the end of August noted that in John 15 where Jesus says, “I am the vine, you are the branches,” the quote uses the plural form of the word YOU – more like “you all.” The author of the study, Sara Olson Smith, notes that, “Christian life is not something we can do alone. We are all branches together...Christian life is not singular, but something that happens by abiding in Jesus and abiding in community.”

Let’s rejoice whenever we abide in community.
Laugh, clap our hands and know
God’s love is worth
rejoicing about.

In the love and laughter of Christ,

Pastor Amy





We will be celebrating the whole month of September birthdays and anniversaries on September 27. Let's celebrate our friends together!



Mary Ann Goese's Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 19 | 1-4 p.m.

Augustana Lutheran Church

Youth Sunday

Sunday, September 13

Augustana youth who participated in the July mission trip will present during worship, and we will hold our Blessing of the Backpacks



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 12, 2026

- The water fountain near the nursery will be replaced by Anytime Plumbing.
- Volunteers for setting up communion and a communion assistant are difficult to find at times. Going forward, there will consistently be communion at the rail on the first Sunday of the month. If volunteers for communion preparation cannot be found for the fourth Sunday of the month, communion will be in the pews.
- The first monthly collaborative worship service with Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake will be at Augustana on October 11th, at 10:30 a.m. A postcard with all the collaborative worship service dates and location will be mailed out to the congregation.
- The schedule for upcoming council meeting dates was slightly revised to eliminate the September meeting and move the October meeting to October 12, 2026.
- The congregational Annual Meeting date was set for February 28th, 2027.

Ice Cream Social



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13
2:30 - 5:30
217 W. LINCOLN AVE.
FERGUS FALLS, MN

JOIN US AT
UNCLE EDDIE'S
FOR GOOD
COMPANY AND
TASTY TREATS!

AUGUSTANA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Support our friends at Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake at the Lake Region Threshing Show in Dalton!

Food Stand
September 11-13
Dalton, MN



Drive for Dollars - Augustana's fall giving campaign will kick-off on Sunday, September 20 after worship and the goal is \$16,000 for the mission and programming of the church. We would like to secure the first half of the goal, prior to kick-off of the Vikings vs. Bears game.

If you would like to contribute toward the first \$8,000 of the campaign goal, please let Pr. Amy or a member of the Stewardship Committee know. Gobble Up turkey will be served, bring a dish to share! And don't forget to wear your favorite team's colors, or an Augustana t-shirt!



- 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 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

SPIES RIVERFRONT PARK

ELCA churches Joint Worship August 16



A very kind "Thank You" from Otter Food Service

"As we gear up for our very last meal handout of the summer, we want to send a massive, heartfelt shoutout to our incredible hosts, Augustana Lutheran Church! 🌟❤️"

During my City Bakery years, I knew well that Augustana Lutheran Church was firmly tied to service in our community. But I recently did a deeper dive into their history, and the kind of work they have done here—and continue to do—is an absolutely amazing read. 📖🌟

While it is impossible to cover the full extent of their action in Fergus Falls, here are four major highlights of their incredible legacy of service from the past into the future:

- **Over 145 Years of Local Dedication:** Established way back in 1877, this congregation has been a steadfast pillar of hope, care, and continuous service to the Fergus Falls community for generations.
- **Roots of Deep Inclusivity:** Founded with strong Swedish pioneer roots, they have spent decades building a ministry explicitly focused on radical hospitality, intentionally welcoming families of all backgrounds, individuals with special needs, and anyone in need of a supportive community.
- **Active Youth & Family Mobilization:** They consistently invest in our town's future by running dedicated youth groups, senior ministries, and vibrant family missions designed to support local families through every stage of life.
- **Collaborative Community Fellowships:** They routinely open their doors and partner with neighboring organizations for regional worship, shared vacation bible schools, and essential outreach projects like for Meals by Wheels to bring our community closer together.

We are beyond grateful for their help with giving us not just a place this summer... but a home. Please take a moment to visit the Augustana Lutheran Church Facebook Page to show them some love, see their upcoming events, and support the amazing work they do for our town!"

Summer OFF-CAMPUS MEAL PROGRAM

WE'RE OPEN This Week!

OTTER FOOD SERVICES
NOURISHING OUR COMMUNITY
Fergus Falls Public Schools

TODAY IS THE LAST TIME!

NUTRITIOUS MEALS, GET SOME!

MADE WITH CARE. MADE FOR YOU.

OTTER FOOD SERVICES

Fergus Falls PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FERGUS FALLS MINNESOTA

ALL KIDS 18 & UNDER WELCOME!

In Sympathy

For this God is our God forever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.

Psalm 48:14

Marjorie Johnson | October 2, 1930 - August 14, 2026

The Ruth and Deborah circles will be joining together this fall. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Augustana. The bible study will be from the book "Bible Women, All Their Words and Why They Matter", pages 299-303.

All women of Augustana are invited to join for lively discussions and socialization. Call Mary Peterson (218-736-5515) or Marilyn Trost (218-998-3108) if interested.



CHURCH ON THE ROAD

Nov. 15, 2026

July 18, 2027

Jan. 17, 2027

Sept. 19, 2027

May 16, 2027

Nov. 21, 2027

**Worship on listed Sundays will be at Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Lutheran Church in Dalton.*

No worship at Augustana on listed Sundays.

SUNDAY

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10:30 A.M.



*Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake Lutheran Church
108 North Central Ave, Dalton, MN 56324*

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12 pm Bible Study	4	5
6 9:30 am Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship	7 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	8	9	10 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall	11	12
13 *Worship Time Change* 10:30 am Rejoice Worship; *No meal following worship	14	15	16	17 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12 pm Bible Study	18	19
20 10:30 am Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship TBD Campaign Kick-Off, meal, football game	21 3:00 pm Men's Pie @ Perkins	22	23 11:30 am Ladies Lunch @ Cally's Café	24 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall	25	26
27 10:30 am Worship; September birthday celebration following worship	28	29	30			

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