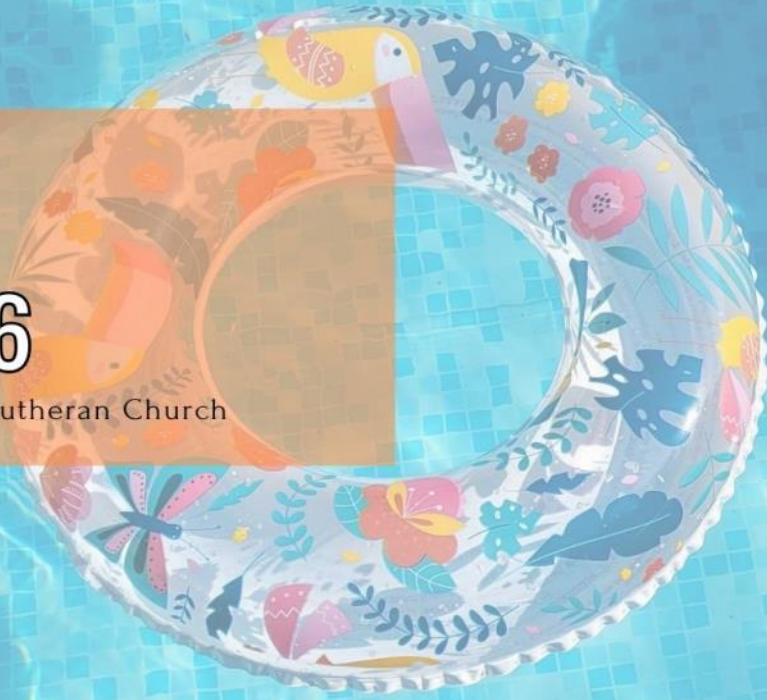


AUGUSTANA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER 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

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

Finally.

Yes, I was a bit impatient for summer weather to get here this year. With its arrival we finally have neighborhood children enjoying our playground once again. We have wildlife wandering through, fresh cut grass and hostas growing like they are in a competition. The geese are back landing on the narthex skylights surprising those of us in the building. The steady thump of basketballs in the parking lot create a rhythm all their own. And coming soon, a stream of cars in our parking lot on Tuesday afternoon/evening as we are the pickup location for the school's summer food program for kids.

Finally. The pulse of summer is beginning to beat in town and on all the area lakes. Winter was long and held its own beauty – but summer is glorious. Sometimes in my musings, I wonder if God is amused by the excitement Midwesterners have when weather arrives we can stay outside in for hours. God made four distinct seasons on this chunk of the earth. In the words of Ecclesiastes: to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

We just finished Pentecost and in about a week we will enter what is called Ordinary Time – the long season of the green paraments and just regular Sundays. No major religious holidays. We did a bit deeper dive talking about the Holy Spirit and elongating Pentecost to its own little season. It's been fun to journey through Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost, but now I think we are all ready for some ordinary time.

Oh the people of God are still continuing their mission, just with a bit less fanfare. Ordinary time instead of extraordinary time. Finally. Time to breathe in that Holy Spirit and exhale part of our busy lives.

In the words of Genesis 22:8
As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.

Whatever the season in our lives, the climatological seasons and the seasons of the church we know God is with us. As you maximize the summer, remember to take a breath and remember the creator. The fish in the lake and the birds of the air are God's handiwork along with the red sunsets and deep blue skies.

Finally. Welcome to SUMMER and thanks be to God.

In Christ,
Pastor Amy

*Let's
Celebrate!*

We will be celebrating the whole month
of June birthdays and anniversaries on
June 28 and July birthdays and
anniversaries on July 26.
Let's celebrate our friends together!

Birthdays

Anniversaries



Heading to the lake or traveling for the summer? Remember your monetary gifts to Augustana! If you spend time at the lake and/or travel during the summer, which means you don't make it to church Sunday mornings, remember your monetary gifts to Augustana.

To make giving easy, consider automatic contributions. Let Tithely do the work! www.tithely.com is a digital giving platform especially designed for churches; it provides for secure donations from anywhere, at any time. Recurring giving can easily be set up which improves giving consistency. Augustana is set up to receive contributions via this giving platform.

Continued, consistent contributions during the summer assist in managing the programming and mission of Augustana.

**CHURCH
FINANCES**

ACTUAL GENERAL OFFERING REVENUE THROUGH 4/30/26:

\$59,749.27

BUDGETED GENERAL OFFERING REVENUE THROUGH 4/30/26:

\$54,836.00

ACTUAL GENERAL OFFERING REVENUE THROUGH 4/30/25:

\$68,034.26

ACTUAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE THROUGH 4/30/26:

\$73,648.15

BUDGETED GENERAL FUND EXPENSE THROUGH 4/30/26:

\$82,605.00

*GENERAL OFFERING REVENUE DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFERING OUTSIDE OF GENERAL GIVING SUCH AS INTEREST INVESTMENT INCOME, MEMORIALS, THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS, AND MISSION SUPPORT GRANTS FROM THE AUGUSTANA FOUNDATION.



- 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
- 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

FERGUS FALLS ELCA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 15-18

5:00-7:30PM

AGES 0-12 YEARS OLD

At First Lutheran Church. Hosted by the Fergus Falls ELCA Churches, open to all kids birth to 6th grade! Supper for each night and a t-shirt are provided.

\$25/CHILD

OR

\$75 /FAMILY

THE CASTLE OF COURAGE

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

REGISTER HERE



Senior Recognition Sunday

May 17, 2026



Brant Scheuerman and Claire Gutzmer



CONFIRMATION | MAY 3, 2026

Congratulations Shepherd



CAMP DAY

AT LUTHER CREST

K-6TH
GRADE

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JULY 13TH 8AM-5PM
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ACTIVITIES:

- Songs
- Swim
- Craft
- Lunch
- Games
- Worship
- Transportation Provided



Register
with the QR
code by
July 6th.



SAVE THE DATE

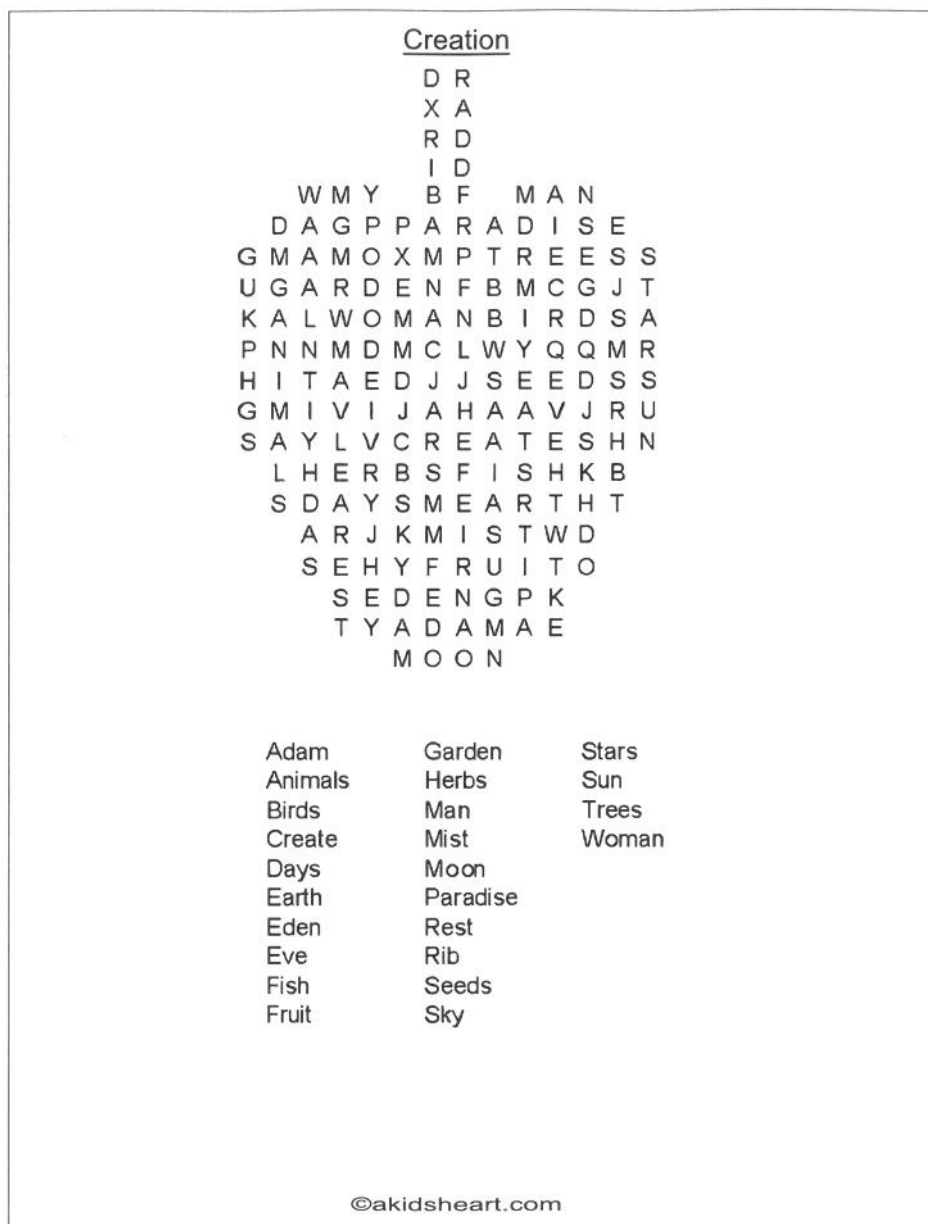
ELCA Churches
Joint Worship

August 16 | 9:30 a.m.
Spies Riverfront Park



Highlights of May Council Meeting

- The cost of replacing the drinking fountain by the nursery will be looked into as access to drinking water in that area of the church is important.
- There will be a joint worship service at Spies Park with the 5 Fergus Falls ELCA churches on August 16th at 9:30AM.
- Augustana's 150th Anniversary is in 2027. Ideas for a celebration will be discussed in the coming months.
- The property board reported a small section of pews have been removed on each side of the sanctuary to provide another seating option for those with mobility devices.



June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12 pm Bible Study	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship	8	9	10	11 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall	12	13
14 9:30 am Rejoice Worship; Meal following worship	15 3:00 pm Men's Pie @ Perkins	16	17	18 9 am 19 Piecemakers Quilting 12 pm Bible Study	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship	22	23	24 11:30 am Ladies Lunch @ Cally's Cafe	25 9:00 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall	26	27
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12 Please note: Worship will be held at another location; details to come.	13 Camp day @ LutherCrest 8 am-5 pm	14	15	16 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12 pm Bible Study	17	18
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