

AUGUSTANA
LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2026

Official Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran Church



Sunday Schedule

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

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

We are in a season of change at Augustana. We have launched a new partnership with Our Savior's Ten Mile Lake in Dalton and I am learning a whole bunch of new names and faces. We have changed worship times, we have agreed to leave our own worship space six times per year and worship at Our Savior's Ten Mile Lake. Someone pointed out to me the pattern: Augustana travels the third Sunday in the ODD months and Our Savior's Ten Mile Lake travels the second Sunday in the EVEN months – or just look at the schedule in the newsletter!

Change can be life-giving and exciting. It can also leave us uneasy and a little apprehensive. If you are excited and invigorated by being church together in this way – Hooray! Gathering God's people together is often a joy-filled experience, and I am with you and I hear you. If you are apprehensive about changing what has been comfortable and familiar, you are also heard. Fear is a natural way to react when you don't know how something is going to work. When the big picture feels a little too big.

We will hit some bumps along the way as we navigate this new opportunity. However, here is the reason I am feeling confident just a couple weeks into this holy experiment. God is here. God walks with us. We are never alone. And God has a good support crew – the faithful people of Augustana and Our Saviors Ten Mile Lake. People who want to worship God, spread the message of Jesus Christ and grow in their faith.

While it has only been a couple of Sundays, I am learning that our friends just down the road operate much like Augustana - supporting each other, diving in and getting things done, rolling with things when the new Pastor doesn't know how everything works yet, and keeping God at the center of it all.

Thank you for being open to where the Holy Spirit is leading. Thank you for being curious and asking what God is up to here. Keep on praying for our churches and their missions. To everything there is a season – let's make this season a beautiful blessing!

In Christ,

Pastor Amy



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



DRIVE FOR
DOLLARS

Campaign Update

We have secured the first \$11,050 for the campaign! Our goal is \$16,000 by **October 18**.

The donations received will support the general budget for the mission of Augustanta through programming, community outreach and involvement, and staff and building expenses. This campaign will assist in continuing to infuse revenue into our annual budget.

Donations can be given via cash or check. Please indicate with your donation it is for the fall campaign. You can put the donation in the offering plate, drop it off at the church during office hours, or send it in the mail.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us.

With gratitude!

Stewardship Committee: Cornel Walker, Jon Nygaard, Sr., Mike Winge, Janet Swenson, Dacia Johnson, and Pr. Amy

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
—
10:30 A.M.

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

CHURCH FINANCES

GIVING STATEMENTS WERE RECENTLY
MAILED. SUMMER GIVING DIPPED A LITTLE
BIT, WHILE SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
CATCHING UP THIS FALL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE
MISSION OF AUGUSTANA. THE MONTHLY
FINANCIAL UPDATE WILL BE POSTED IN THE
BULLETIN

POLKA WORSHIP

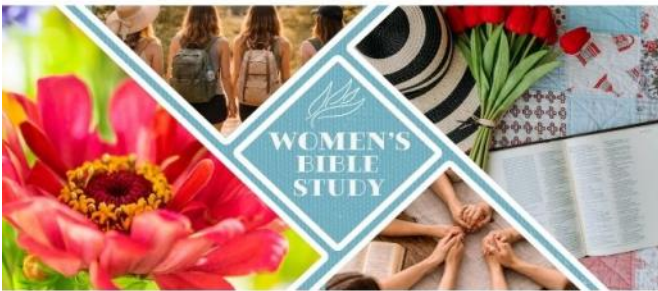
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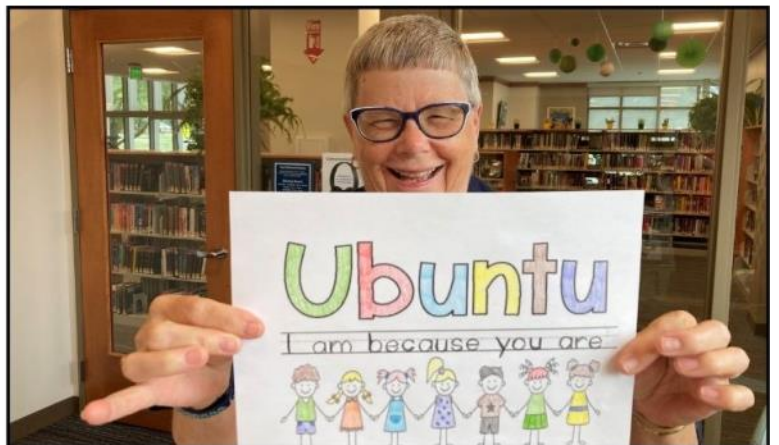
- Augustana Church has an online giving option through Tithely
- You can access the online giving a few different ways. Here's how:
 - Visit Augustana's Facebook page and click on the link
 - Visit augustanalutheran.org and click on the Give button
 - Download the Tithely app to your smartphone and find 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



Augustana friends gathered at Uncle Eddie's on September 13 for a tasty ice cream social!



We took our study on the road and met at the library, had worship in the park and lunch at Cool Beans. Such a fun day in August!





COUNTRY BLOSSOM FARM

JOIN US FOR A FUN FALL OUTING!

OCTOBER 4
12 P.M. - 5 P.M.

CORN PIT, TIRE MOUNTAIN, CORN MAZE,
SLIDES AND SWINGS, BAKERY, AND MORE!

*PLEASE BRING THIS POSTCARD WITH YOU FOR
FREE ENTRY.*

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Time
for a
Joke!



What time
of day was
Adam
created?

A little
before Eve.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Meal at Bethlehem in September. Peggy Underwood coordinated the meal and Esther Youngberg secured funds through Thrivent to pay for it. The cooking crew (pictured) made the hotdishes at church and Esther and Dennis Youngberg, Peggy and Ben Underwood, Char Helgesen and Pastor Amy helped serve. What a great way to meet our neighbors.



October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12 pm Bible Study	2	3
4 10:30 am Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship 12 pm—5pm Country Blossom (near Alexandria)	5	6	7 3:45-5:15 pm Confirmation	8 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall	9	10
11 10:30 am Rejoice Worship; Meal following worship	12 5:30 pm Council Meeting	13 11 am Circle of Joy	14	15 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12 pm Bible Study	16	17
18 10:30 am Worship; Coffee fellowship following worship	19 3:00 pm Men's Pie @ Perkins	20	21 3:45-5:15 pm Confirmation	22 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12 pm Special Bible Study	23	24
25 10:30 am Worship; October birthday celebration following worship	26	27	28 11:30 am Ladies Lunch @ Cally's Café	29 9 am Piecemakers Quilting in Fellowship Hall 12 pm Bible Study	30	31

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