

The BEACON



Bi-weekly news of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

November 1, 2017

The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

As we come off a rather spectacular Reformation celebration commemorating 500 years since Luther posted his 95 Theses on All Hallows' Eve 1517, we immediately come to one of the most poignant, and for some, difficult, feast days of the church year: All Saints Day, November 1 (moved to the following Sunday if it falls on a weekday). On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate a festival Eucharist at our normal two services of 8:30 and 11:00 in the morning. We will sing hymns celebrating all the saints – both those among us, and those who have gone before us.

That evening, at 7:00, we will focus primarily on those loved ones who have entered the holy city in *lux perpetua*, perpetual light. We will read the names of those loved ones, remembering their impacts on our lives. We will hear words of comfort from Revelation, "... and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes," and from 1 John 3, "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." We will hear reassuring anthems, such as "The Souls of the Righteous" ("The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and the pain of death shall not touch them.").

I encourage you to join us in the dimly lit sanctuary on All Saints Sunday, this coming Sunday, November 5 at 7 PM, to be in the presence of the saints and God. Whether you are mourning the loss of a loved one, comforting someone who is, or are there as a member of the body of Christ and disciple of Augsburg, we will worship God and give thanks "For all the saints who from their labors rest," and where "we feebly struggle, they in glory shine!"

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine. May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Cantor Olsen



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Reformers Reading Romans is a Sunday morning Bible Study, 10:00-10:30 A.M., Family Life Center, led by Pr. Paul. No experience or previous attendance necessary.

G.I.F.T.: meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M. We are studying the Reformation.

Reformation Biblical/Historical Study: Pastor Paul's Bible Study meets Mondays at 10:30 A.M. in the Sid Sowers Classroom.

Continue in My Word: Welcome to the Monday Adult Weekly Bible Study, in the Youth Area from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M. We are studying Jeremiah. Bring your Bible.

Online Contributions Now Being Accepted!

Augsburg is now able to accept your contributions through an online tool with bank-level security and convenience. Following a six-month test of this service, Augsburg's Stewardship and Finance Teams are pleased to announce that all members are welcome to make their regular contributions to the **General Fund** and the **Building Fund** through the online service provided by VANCO Payment Solutions.



Go to <http://www.augsburglutheran-ws.org/online-giving/> or look for Online Giving in the footer menu on Augsburg's website. You'll find more information and a direct link to VANCO's site where you can with just a few simple steps set up your profile and begin making digital contributions to fulfill your commitment and support Augsburg's ministries.

Not to worry, contribution envelopes or a direct draft from your bank account still work just fine! Your consistent financial gifts to support the ministries of Augsburg are crucial, and always appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Kyle Voigt or Beth Hickman.



Men of Augsburg: Looking for a relaxed night out filled with fellowship? Do you crave chicken wings, pizza and a cold beverage? Join the Wingz Guyz on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm at Ronni's Restaurant in Clemmons for a fun-filled evening of conversation and finger food at its finest! It is a great way to meet other Augsburg members in an informal setting, The Wingz Guyz meet the second Tuesday of each month at Ronni's. Don't be late – the pizzas and wings are delivered promptly to our tables at 7:00 sharp! Bring yourselves, your appetite, a few bucks to cover the meal and a friend if you wish. Humor is always welcome.

READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Nov. 5	Rev. 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 3:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov. 12	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thess. 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 19	Zeph. 1:7, 12-16	Psalm 90:1-8, 12	1 Thess. 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Nov. 26	Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:11-19

WOMEN'S NEWS

November 7 at 7:00 p.m. —S.I.S. will meet at the residence of Mary Newman.

November 14 at 10:30 a.m.—**Mary's Ministries**—will meet in the Lounge. Kathie Eppert will be the hostess. Nell Rose will offer the devotion and Jean Deaton will present the program.

April 13-15 Women of Augsburg Spring Retreat, Lutherock Retreat Center. Registration forms are outside gathering room and on the desk outside office. Space available on first come basis. Place registrations in office workroom box workroom or mail to the Church with Attn: Women's Retreat. Registration forms can also be found on Page 7 of this Beacon. **Retreat theme: Wonder Woman** The world tells us we need to have it all and do it all, usually on our own strength, but scripture calls us into community and into a vision of the kingdom that is so different from this. So how do we find balance? How do we support one another (especially as ideas of what women should be and do continue to change over time) and lift one another up as sisters in Christ? Pastor Lauren Carlson will lead our exploration in balancing worldly expectations, our call as children of God, and our need for faith-filled community.



Many thanks for the altar flowers dedicated on October 22, 2017, by Elizabeth and Paul-Edward Chéron in memory of Mary Gassman. They were beautiful and made more special by the visit from Bruce and Collette Griffin, another Augsburg plus! Ruth Helton.



Congratulations to Roger Hill and Terry Jones who were married before the altar at Augsburg on Saturday, October 28. We pray God's blessing upon them as they begin their life together.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

President: Art DeBaugh

Vice President: Neil Linnell; chair of Personnel Committee

Treasurer: Kris Andrews

Secretary: Jeanne Brickhouse

Christian Education Ministry Team: Anna Rubino-Schneider, Chair; Darin Nolting, Vice Chair

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Stewardship Ministry Team: Kyle Voigt, Chair; Beth Hickman, Vice Chair

Worship & Music Ministry Team: Don Armitage, Chair; Eric Kirkeeng, Vice Chair

Youth Ministry Team: David Grossnickle, Chair; Robin Welch, Vice Chair

Council Highlights

Congregation Council met on October 12, 2017. Following are highlights from the meeting:

- Recognized Emily Norris for her leadership role in the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. (Emily was attending a planning meeting in Houston at the time of the Council meeting.)
- Celebrated Emily Norris as recipient of a full tuition scholarship from the ELCA Fund for Leaders for her studies in the Master of Divinity Collaborative Program at Wartburg Seminary. She was chosen based on academics and service. She is the only recipient from NC and one of only 20 in the United States.
- Property reported that new defibrillators have been purchased for the church property. Repair on the front steps will begin near the end of October.
- Discussed the Safe Church workshop for everyone in the congregation who works with children. The workshop will be held on Sunday, November 5 at 4:00 PM and Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 PM. Everyone should plan to attend one.
- Approved the following motions:
 - ◇ From Worship and Music: Hold one service on Sunday morning, December 24 at 10:30 AM (Evening Services will be at 5:00 PM Children, 7:30 and 11:00PM Candlelight-Communion)
 - ◇ From Personnel: Extend the term for the position of Director of Children's Ministries to the end of 2018, rather than July 31, 2018
 - ◇ From Personnel: Create a part-time position, Pastoral Associate for Congregational Care, for 2018 which can terminate at the installation of a called associate pastor or at the discretion of Congregation Council. Approved a job description to be posted with the NC ELCA, Wake Forest Divinity School and other appropriate sites.
 - ◇ From Finance: Approve the request for distribution of \$8,107 from the Hackbarth General Fund to be distributed as specified in the fund documents.
 - ◇ From Property: Alter 23 doors on the church property with a glass inset as required by the insurance company.
- Discussed congregational life and shared prayer concerns.



Would you like to be part of a ministry that gives people care and support when they need it most – while making a difference in your own life? Consider joining the Stephen Ministry team!

If your gifts include faith, encouragement and compassionate listening, and you want to make a positive impact in the life of another, you could be a great Stephen Minister. If your gifts are instead more aligned with vision, leadership and organization, the Stephen Leader role may be the right fit for you.

The Stephen Ministry team will hold two informal information sessions and recruiting events during the Fellowship Breakfast in the Family Life Center on November 5 and November 12 from 9:30 to 10:00. Please drop by either Sunday to learn more about these powerful and rewarding opportunities.



“Safe Church” Training Workshops

All Augsburg disciples who volunteer their time to work with our children and youth – Sunday School teachers, nursery helpers, youth leaders and chaperones – should attend a “Safe Church” workshop. This training is not yet mandatory, but for the protection of our church, our youth and Augsburg disciples, it is strongly recommended that you attend.

This training is a way to safeguard our children. Youth and volunteers by providing a knowledge base for the adults who work with them. This program was recommended by personnel and approved by the Congregation Council.

Two one-hour sessions are offered: Sunday, November 5, at 4 PM, and Tuesday, November 7, at 7 PM. Childcare will be provided.



It's time to organize for Augsburg BASKETBALL! We are putting together a Basketball Team for this Fall. Contact Stephen Andrews at s.andrews589@gmail.com for information or to sign up for the team!

Volunteers Needed: Overflow Shelter Opens December 1
Sign-Up is open now!

"We love because he first loved us." - 1 John 4:19

Just as we have received God's love in beautiful and transformative ways, we are then entrusted with the holy responsibility of sharing that love with others. The Overflow Shelter provides an incredible opportunity to know and love our neighbors in an easy, accessible, and tangible way. Would you please join us?

Come as we open Augsburg's Overflow Shelter site for another season beginning December 1st.

We have many spots to fill: Dinner, Partial Overnight (Sunday-Thursday), Overnight (Friday & Saturday), Check-In, and Goodie Bags.

Not sure if this ministry is for you? Just come. God is surely up to something and we're thrilled to walk alongside you as you discern your place in the life in Christ we share together through the Overflow ministry.

To sign-up, visit: <https://citywithdwellings.org/shelters/augsburg>



AUGSBURG OVERFLOW

DECEMBER 1- MARCH 31

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS



Inviting all women of Augsburg to join in a retreat
for fellowship and spiritual nourishment



Retreat theme: Wonder Woman -

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Lutherock: Crowsnest Lodge – 2hrs 15min from Winston Salem, located near Newland, NC just east of Boone. We plan to car pool from Augsburg leaving at 3pm or arrangements may be made for a later carpool as needed.

April 13-15th 3pm April 13th- first event dinner at 6pm and check out by 12 noon on Sunday April 15th

Registration Includes program, 2 nights lodging and 5 meals - lunch Sun. not included
\$160 Crowsnest - double occupancy rooms with 2 double beds, bathroom in each room and linens. There are 8 double rooms on the same level as the kitchen, living room, dining room and meeting room. There are 3 more double rooms and 4 single rooms on the lower level, downstairs.
\$205- Crowsnest - 4 single rooms with one double bed and bathroom downstairs
Should there be a good response we have the option to have some women stay in the more rustic Moretz Hall for a lesser charge. Available if at least 10 women stay there.
\$110 Moretz - rustic lodge with 4 BR each with 5 sets of bunks. Linens are not included. Shared rooms and bathroom/shower with ability to make coffee. Meals and program will be at Crowsnest which is a short drive or good hike.

Lodging requests will be honored on a first received basis with a \$50 deposit and registration form due by **Dec.1**. The **balance is due by Feb. 1** with later registration considered if space is available. Checks should be made to Augsburg WELCA and placed in the labeled box in the office work room or mailed to the church with attn. Women's Retreat

Name _____ hone _____ Email _____

Please select lodging choice:

_____ **\$160 Double Room Crowsnest- \$50 deposit due with registration by Dec1 and balance of \$110 due by Feb. 1.**
Preferred roommate _____ agreed upon and registered or
_____ I am happy to room with whomever you assign. _____ I have limited mobility and need a main floor room.

_____ **\$205 Single room Crowsnest- \$50 deposit due with registration by Dec. 1st and \$155 due by Feb. 1st.** I understand that these rooms are limited and I may be assigned a double room. I also understand that these rooms require navigating stairs.

We hope to have everyone at Crowsnest. If we have the delightful problem of more than 26 registrants, then we will need to use Moretz Lodge. So please register above then check below if you would be willing to stay at Moretz if we fill up. They will hold Moretz if we have 10 women there and if not it will be open for other groups to use.

_____ **\$110 Moretz Lodge Overflow Bunkbeds- I am willing to stay here if the Crowsnest is filled. \$50 deposit with registration due by Dec. 1st and balance of \$60 due By Feb 1st.**
I understand that I would need to bring my own linens and drive between the two lodges

Dietary needs: _____gluten free _____vegetarian _____vegan Other _____
I would like to car pool _____Y/N I am able to drive _____Y/N # of riders I can take _____

_____ I would like to request assistance with deposit and registration fee.

For questions, contact Jill Fowler 336-816-0220 or emaner5@aol.com



2017 Christmas Poinsettias

Anyone wishing to sponsor a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve Services should include \$12.00 *per dedication* along with this completed form. Simply drop the form and payment in the offering plate by **Monday, November 13** in order to have your dedication published in the Christmas bulletin. Checks should be made payable to **Augsburg Lutheran Church** and note on the memo line how many Poinsettias you are ordering.

PLEASE PRINT

Poinsettia donated in ☐ Honor of or ☐ Memory of _____

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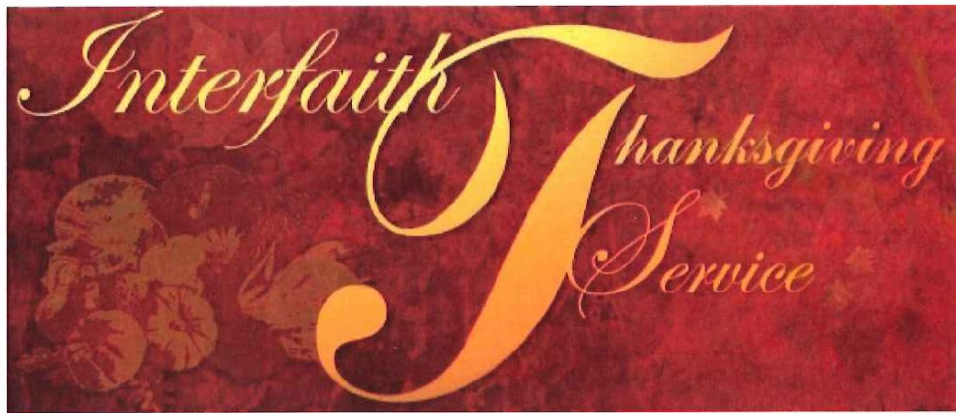
You may make a monetary donation to one of the ministries supported by Augsburg in **honor** or in **memory** of a loved one by completing the section below. These dedications, but not the dollar amount, will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin as well.

Monetary gift of \$ _____ for the ministry of _____
in ☐ Honor of or ☐ Memory of _____

Given by: _____

Telephone or e-mail: _____





Sunday, November 19, 2017

5:30 PM

Highland Presbyterian Church

2380 Cloverdale Avenue

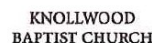
All are Welcome!!

Join clergy and members of 10 area congregations as we participate in this beautiful service of gratitude with a 50-year history.

We will gather for a celebratory reception following the service.

Please bring non-perishable
food donations for Crisis
Control Ministry.

Monetary donations benefit
Samaritan Ministries.




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NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
Steve Griffin	5	6 Elena Schneider Joseph Taylor	7 Steven Andrews Jim Batts Gillian Gastrau Maggie New	8 Joyce Holton	9 Susan Little Rita Planitzer William Sanders Alex Valliere Gregory Voigt Pamela Wiles	10 Ray Bostian Meg Naughton
Susan Doran Judy Martin	12 Beverly Rockett Gretchen Troutman	13 Walter Barger Samuel Stephens Tom Sturgis Courtney Wieters	14 Kim Wieters	15 Lara Carter Mary Lou Leonard	16 Luis Dominguez Sharon Kahill Shaun Key Daniel Nolting	17 Robert Baynes
Aris Ohanessian Dennis Stewart	19 Waverly Lynch	20 Martha Claire Henzler Jenny Koontz Dan Kuebler	21 Ben Britt J. K. Curry	22 Angela Moore	23 Zachary Zeller	24 J. P. Epting Jackson Martin Muriel Riggs
Katie Batts Rick Brant Bobbie Cashion Paul Meyers Tom Taylor	26 Richard Maxey	27 Lisa Martin Darin Nolting	28 Ben Britt J. K. Curry	29	30	

NOVEMBER MEMBERS PROVIDING SERVICE

	November 5	November 12	November 19 (10:30)	November 26
COVER ARTIST	Joe Nicastro	Katherine Wollner	Nanette Shutt	Luke Wollner
ACOLYTES	8:30 Meghan Ballard Kate Frucht	Julia Grossnickle Mia Safrit	Jacque Weber Caroline Bevis	TBD TBD
	11:00 Harrison Hickman Travis Pipes	Ryan Hicks Caroline Morrison		TBD TBD
CRUCIFERS	8:30 Alex Ballard	Kate Safrit	Sophia Levine	TBD
	11:00 TBD	Colin Witt		TBD
TORCH BEARERS	8:30 Anna Frucht		TBD	
	Walker Paschold		TBD	
	11:00 Ethan Olsen			
	Kennedy Weber			
BANNER BEARER	8:30 Mary Claire Bevis		Mary Claire Bevis	
	11:00 Zachary Olsen			
OFFERING BEARER	TBD	Emma Hanes	Kennedy Weber	TBD
LAY READERS	8:30 Robin Welch	TBD	TBD	TBD
	11:00 Daniele Olsen	TBD		TBD
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30 Shari Dominguez Angela Levine	Chris Almerini Kris Andrews	Dick DiBlasio Joel Myers	John Bandle Kent Reichert
	11:00 Beth Hickman Alana McQuat	Art Foreman Kathie Eppert		Marge Brown Kathie Eppert
OBLATION BEARERS	8:30 Doug Welch Robin Welch	Zachary Olsen Claire Wynnemer	Ethan and Jakob Olsen	Charles Stephens Linda Stephens
	11:00 Aris Ohanessian Claire Ohanessian	Don Armitage Colleen Crozier		TBD TBD
ASSISTING MINISTERS	8:30 John Collins	Jami Cuka	Alex Ballard	Emily Norris
	11:00 Barbara Gerhard	Doug Nelson		Anna Rubino-Schneider
NURSERY	8:30 Natalie Brown	Pattie Bissell	Dana Mulhearn	Kevin Kooken
	SS Scott Walkush			
USHERS	11:00 Susan Peatross	Colette Griffin		Leigh Anna Voigt
	8:30 Rick Brandt Bill Chandler John Collins Alex Paschold	Rick Brandt Bill Chandler John Collins Alex Paschold		Rick Brandt Bill Chandler John Collins Alex Paschold
	11:00 Don Eppert Rusty Frazier Bruce Griffin Frank Martin	Don Eppert Rusty Frazier Bruce Griffin Frank Martin	Don Eppert Rusty Frazier Bruce Griffin Frank Martin	Don Eppert Rusty Frazier Bruce Griffin Frank Martin
VISITORS WELCOME TABLE & GREETERS	8:30 Bobbi Baker	Effie Sue Utt	Mary Newman	Sheila Oppel
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP	11:00 Bobbie Galchutt	Michele DeBaugh	Colette Griffin	Debbie Byorick
	Susan / Terry Hayworth	Barbara / Terry Merced	Thanksgiving Luncheon	David Kinley

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DEADLINE!

Items for the next Beacon must be received by

9:00 A.M.

Friday, November 10