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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.



*“Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!”
-From the 3rd stanza of Prepare the Royal Highway #264*

Dear fellow Disciples,

The other day a friend asked me how things were going at my new church. I told him how welcome you have made me and my family feel, how meaningful our worship together is, and how there is a great energy within the life of the congregation as we journey forward together. I think we saw a great example of that energy in our Reformation Sunday worship and the Lutherfest that followed. So many of you told me how great things felt that day, and how we look forward to what God will lead us toward next.

As you can imagine, I too am very excited about what God has in store for us. As a new year in the church approaches with the season of Advent, I found myself singing the words of the hymn I quoted above. I feel that we, as the Disciples at Augsburg, are ready to take those quoted lyrics to heart. We are ready to fling open the gates, we are ready to greet the new opportunities before us, and we are ready to “greet the promised king” as we share the love of Christ with all whom we encounter, here at Augsburg and beyond its walls.

I want to thank all of those who helped to lead this church through its time of transition to the point we are at today. We are ready to move forward because of all that Pastor Trexler, our faithful staff, our Council leaders, and the Call Committee did. Now we are ready to “fling the gates wide open!”

As we begin this new church year, you will be hearing about a few “new” things happening that I wanted to make sure you are aware of. I believe that each of these is important in our efforts to move forward. These new things include...

- ◇ In cooperation with the Worship & Music Team, we will make some small changes to some of the elements of our **Sunday Morning Worship Services**. (More information can be found in a separate article on page 8.)
- ◇ A series of **Cottage Gatherings** that will take place in the early spring of 2018. These gatherings will be an opportunity to gather with me in small groups to get to know each other better and to share in a vision for the future of Augsburg.
- ◇ A new **Monday Morning Bible Study** beginning on November 20 at 10:45am that focuses on the liturgy of our worship and the meaning behind what we say and do. (New participants are always welcome.)
- ◇ Finding ways to get more of our community and neighbors involved another season of our **Overflow Winter Shelter** here at Augsburg.
- ◇ New opportunities for **Fellowship for Younger Adults at Augsburg**. If you are interested in being part of a Vision Team, please contact me.
- ◇ Preparation for **Emily Norris to move into her role as an Intern** in February.

These are only some of the ways that we'll see the work of the Holy Spirit in the new year of the church. I am excited about all of these things, but also remain committed to continuing the ministries and pastor care that are so important to our faith community.

As always, I open to your thoughts and questions and I appreciate all of you who have already shared constructive and supportive feedback.

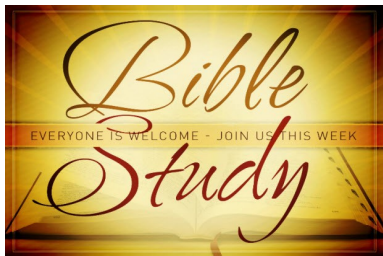
In this new year, let us continue to pray for God's guidance as we "greet our promised King" in all that we do.

Happy New (Church) Year!

Pastor Paul



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.

“The Liturgy of our Faith Explained” Study: Pastor Paul’s Bible Study meets Mondays at 10:45 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.



Augsburg’s Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon will be held on November 19, 2017, immediately following the single 10:30 a.m. service.

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

Women's Ministry WELCOME: Augsburg women of all ages will meet on December 4, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. for Monday evening fellowship at Paul's on Robinhood Road. Bring a friend, visitor or new member.

December 5, 7:00 p.m. S.I.S.: will meet in the Youth Area to wrap Christmas candles. The hostess is Judy Mullane.

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.

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. Deposits are due December 1 with the balance due February 1.

A Christmas to Believe In



Please plan to join us for the annual children's Christmas play on Sunday morning, December 10, at 10:00 a.m., in the Family Life Center. The cast features over thirty of our youth who range in age from three to eighteen. The play by Sharon Kay Chatwell features two narrators (Emma Hanes and Daniel Nolting) who tell the traditional Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke while costumed performers act out the story and sing traditional Christmas carols. Narrator #2 admits at the beginning that he is not sure he believes it all. He had

believed in Santa Claus (and you know what happened there!) He becomes engaged with the story as it continues, wondering what will happen to Mary (Julia Grossnickle) and the baby Jesus. At the end, he is convinced that the story is true. He finds it really is "A Christmas to Believe In!"



*J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)
Christmas Luncheon will be held
on Friday, December 8, at 11:30
a.m.*



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!



Time flies! Our commitment to the refugee family ends November 11. That was our agreement with World Relief, to walk alongside them for six months. But we are not abandoning them. Seven of us plan to stay in contact with the Yusuf family and help as required.

Walking alongside of them has been quite a “ride”. We formed a great team that carried out our mission to help. We cleaned, furnished and supplied their residence before their arrival in one and a half days. WSTA has excellent city coverage but poor connections and not enough buses, so for five months we were trusted chauffeurs. We were there when they found employment and when three of their kids started school. A Hine Fund grant generously provided half the cost of a car, as well as winter coats and other seasonal accessories for the children. Your love offerings helped with countless expenses along the way and because of your generosity, the Yusuf family is well on the way to self sufficiency.

I have bonded with this family. They have shown me how people from an exotic locale such as Somalia or South Africa share our values and concerns. They want to live in peace and freedom without fear, work honest jobs, care for and instill good values in their children and worship God as they choose. I found friendship to be the same in any language.

We tried to help our new neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ by advocating for their needs and interests and helping them access resources for basic human necessities. We made them comfortable with their new country and its people. We’ve tried to teach them the “ropes”. We will be thrilled when they become American citizens, years from now.

I know this family received our help, but I am the one who feels fortunate and thankful. I will always view the last six months as a gift from God.

I hope others in the congregation will consider having a similar experience in the future.

Luis Dominguez

Augsburg Lutheran Church Financial Snapshot as of October 31, 2017

Current Operating Fund	October Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Annual Budget Met	2017 Annual Budget
Income	\$ 62,623	\$ 624,968	80.33%	\$ 777,984
Expenditures	61,151	618,123	76.81%	804,690
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 1,472	\$ 6,845		\$ (26,706)
Special Benevolence Giving:				
Tanzania Well Project		\$ 7,800		
Refugee Love		\$ 5,000		
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		\$ 4,035		
Arts @ Augsburg		\$ 3,397		
ELCA Domestic Disaster		\$ 2,630		
Lutheran World Relief		\$ 2,600		
Charity Reserve/Crisis Control		\$ 2,021		
Souper Bowl of Caring		\$ 1,666		
Overflow Shelter		\$ 1,385		

Comments:

1. October income of \$62,623 and expenses of \$61,151 resulted in a monthly surplus of \$1,472.
2. The October YTD surplus has increased from \$5,373 to \$6,845.
3. Disciples have also given to support the greater community through special benevolent giving.

Reformation 500 Celebration



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WHAT TO EXPECT

What to expect in Worship...

When a new pastor enters the life of a congregation, there is an expectation that some elements of the worship service will change. Some of these are personal preferences while others are matters of theological interpretation. After a time of observation and prayer, Pastor Wollner proposed some minor changes to the structure of our worship services. After consultation with both Cantor Olsen and Worship Chair Don Armitage, these recommendations were shared with, and accepted by, the Worship and Music Ministry Team at their October meeting. These changes will take place the first Sunday of Advent.

+ Moving of the announcements

We are called to begin our worship by giving Glory to God and by acknowledging our need for God's grace through the gift of Confession and Absolution. The announcements would be moved to after the Prayer of the Day in order for our worship to begin with the focus on God.

+ Position of the Liturgist

At the end of each petition in the Kyrie, the liturgist sings to the congregation "let us pray to the Lord." Our response of "Lord have Mercy" is our prayer to God. The liturgist will now stand near the lectern so that they may offer the invitation to prayer most clearly to the congregation.

+ Children's Sermon Placement

The children of Augsburg are bright and long to answer questions during Children's Sermons. Moving the Children's Sermon to after the reading of the Gospel will allow the children to know the Word of God proclaimed that week before they hear the proclamation of the Word in their sermon.

+ Prayers of Intercession

The Prayers of Intercession will begin and end with the familiar prefaces found in the ELW Liturgy. In addition, there will also be a time during the prayers for the congregation to be encouraged to lift up individuals "on our lips and in our hearts."

+Proper Preface and Words of Institution

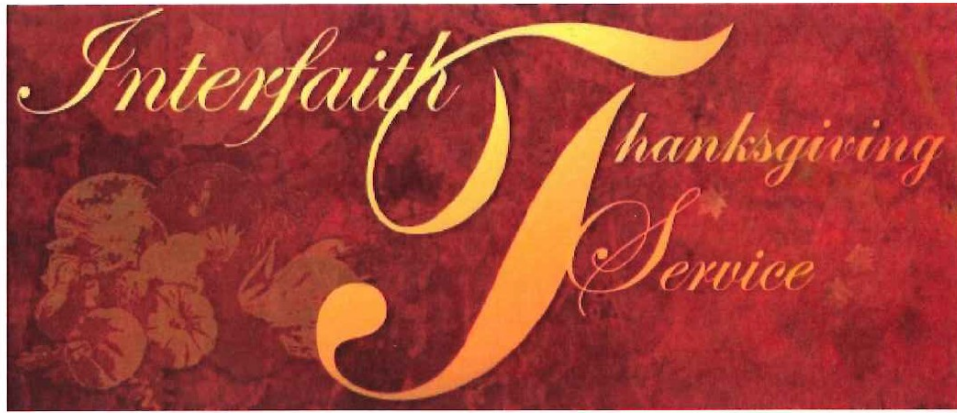
The presiding pastor is called to share the gift of the Eucharist with the congregation. In order to fully engage the congregation in this gift, the pastor will now face the congregation for the entirety of the Proper Preface and Words of Institution. The Assisting Minister will face the pastor and hold these passages in a liturgical book that will allow the presiding pastor to face the congregation.

+Communion for the Presiding Minister

As the host of the holy meal, the pastor and the assisting minister will now commune last after all of the congregation has communed. This is rooted in a theological understanding that the host is the last to receive the gift of God they first share with others.

+Sending text

In an effort to remind the congregation that "Go in peace,....." is truly a call to go out into the world bearing Christ's love, the words of the sending will change throughout the year to reflect God's call in the seasons of the church and in the life of the people of Augsburg.



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.



COMMUNITY MOSQUE OF WINSTON SALEM



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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 -

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.

Lutherock: Crownsnest 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 Crownsnest - 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- Crownsnest - 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 Crownsnest 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 Crownsnest- \$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 Crownsnest- \$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 Crownsnest. 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 Crownsnest 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

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 Juliette Levine	Kate Safrit Mia Safrit	Anna Frucht Kate Frucht
CRUCIFERS	11:00 Harrison Hickman Travis Pipes	Ryan Hicks Robert Taylor		Harrison Hickman Katie Kirkeeng
TORCH BEARERS	8:30 Alex Ballard	TBD	TBD	Caroline Bevis
	11:00 TBD	Jacob Andrews		TBD
	8:30 Anna Frucht			Mary Claire Bevis
	11:00 Walker Paschold			Tate McQuat
BANNER BEARER	Ethan Olsen			Zeke Bradley
	Kennedy Weber			Ethan Olsen
	8:30 Mary Claire Bevis			Zane Johnson
	11:00 Zachary Olsen			Cassidy Cashion
OFFERING BEARER	Luke Wollner	Fred Frazier		Faith Cashion
LAY READERS	8:30 Robin Welch	Dina Almerini	Barbara Caldwell	John Bandle
	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	Colette Griffin	Jane Maxey
	11:00 Bobbie Galchutt	Michele DeBaugh		Debbie Byorick
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP	Susan/Terry Hayworth	Barbara/Terry/Merced	Thanksgiving Luncheon	David Kinley

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Happy Thanksgiving 



Items for the next Beacon must be received by

9:00 A.M.

Friday, December 8