

The BEACON



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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.

TANZANIA WELL PROJECT

Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an eternal spring within, gushing fountains of endless life.
John 4:15



Every day I'm learning just how faithful God is. It is surprising and humbling and reminds me that God is always at work for good and that we are fortunate to live in the midst of God's incredible and creative story.

Over the years we have fostered a beautiful relationship with Lutheran Junior Seminary (LJS) in Morogoro, Tanzania. We have been blessed to partner with the school in a variety of ways: friendship, prayer, and project. Most recently, we raised funds to help provide a new water supply for the students and teachers at LJS. Our original goal was \$16,500 which we were able to raise a significant portion towards. This past June, when I traveled to Tanzania I was able to bring this gracious gift to our friends. Though it was not the entire amount we had originally hoped for, we were certain that it would be extremely

helpful and contribute toward their goal for a new well.

Wouldn't you know though- because God is always up to something- the amount we shared ended up being exactly enough!

During a meeting with Pastor Ndosi, Director of Lutheran Junior Seminary, he shared that when the water surveyor, a ministry in partnership with ELCA Global Mission, came to assess the land, it was determined that instead of spending the money to dig a new well that may or may not produce, they would instead expand, fix, and improve the current well and pump.

The initial improvements include:

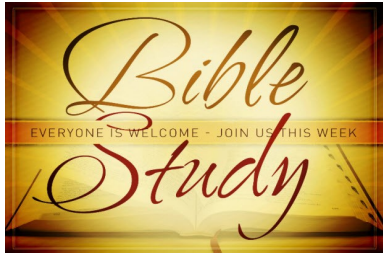
1. Non-return valves to make the water flow in only one direction. This will help when they join the new (deeper) source of water with the present source.
2. Purchase water pipes to bring water from the farm water tank to the other two tanks.
3. Treat the present water table and then once stable, dig deeper to establish and expand a new water table.
4. Purchase a new pump and holding tank.

While I am not an expert in this area, I am beyond thankful for those who have answered their call through this life-giving and life-sustaining ministry. Currently the work has begun at the seminary with hopes to be complete come mid-summer.

Thank you to all who so faithfully supported this project and for all who hold our Tanzanian sisters and brothers in their hearts and prayers. The gift of water is powerful for not only the body but also the soul.

How good it is to be the Body of Christ!
Asante Sana!
Vicar Emily

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

“O. M. Genesis” 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 Hebrews. Bring your Bible.

7:18 Youth Bible Study: meets on Wednesdays at various locations.



Mary’s Ministries will meet Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 10:30 in the Lounge. Hostess will be Sue Holland. Devotions will be offered by Martha Clark and the Program will be presented by Martha Claire Henzler.

Women of Augsburg Spring Retreat at Lutherock Retreat Center April 13—15. 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 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.

Thank you



We would like to thank Augsburg for all the love & support given to us after the death of my mother, Patsy Williams. This has been and continues to be a sad time for us but the prayers, visits, cards, altar flowers, and food mean the world to all of us. I truly don’t know what we would do without the fellowship of all of you thoughtful, loving people. We especially want to thank Pastor Paul and Don and Mary Armitage for providing their special talents for Mom’s beautiful service, it was a comfort to us. We are truly blessed. Robi, Peter, Katy and Will Brath and Bob Williams

READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Mar. 4 Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Cor. 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Mar. 11 Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Mar. 18 Jer. 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Mar. 25 Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Phil. 2:5-11	Mark 14:1—15:47



Cottage Gatherings to begin soon!

Beginning in March and extending through May, Pastor Paul will be conducting numerous Cottage Gatherings for all Augsburg disciples. These Cottage Gatherings are designed to deepen relationships between Pastor Paul and the congregation and to hear the vision of what God has in store for the next few years at Augsburg.

Each of these gatherings should last about ninety minutes and will be held either in member's homes or at the church. Some of them will be during the day, some in the evenings, and some on a weekend. Child care will be available at a few of the locations. There are about twenty families that will be

hosting these gatherings spread throughout Augsburg's footprint. We are hopeful that each of you will be able to attend one that will suit your schedule and location.

Beginning March 4, Cottage Gathering sign-ups will take place on Sundays outside the Gathering Room. Please make every effort to sign up for one of the gatherings. If you have any questions please contact the church office (336-722-8144), Kathy Carr (336-407-8224) or Kathy Nelson (336-682-0857).

Signup Today Online on the church's website.

Lutheridge/Lutherock Summer Camp:

If you're sending your child to Lutheridge or Lutherock this summer, please remember that there is financial assistance from the Hine Fund (up to half of the tuition) available to those that request it. All requests for this summer camp assistance should be submitted to the Hine Fund committee no later than May 1. Please specify the program and week your child will be attending camp, which location, the amount of the tuition, and how much you have already paid to Lutheridge or Lutherock.



The Efid L. and Maria F. Hine Fund committee will meet for its Spring Quarter meeting on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm. The general purpose and intent of the Hine Fund is to "put into effect a ministry of Christian mercy and concern in meeting human needs as the Church thinks Jesus Christ Himself would have them met." All requests for financial grants should be directed to The Hine Fund and should be in the church office no later than 12 noon on Friday, April 13. Agendas will be ready for members to pick up in the Work Room on Sunday, April 15th. Please call or email the Hine Fund secretary if you are unable to attend the meeting.



Property Mission Team will have a work day at the church on Saturday, March 17, 2017.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council President Neil Linnell called the meeting of the Congregation Council of Augsburg Lutheran Church to order on Thursday, February 11, 2018.

Pastor Wollner thanked everyone for the successful Council Retreat held in Chapel Hill February 2-3 and acknowledged that multiple ministry teams were focusing on similar initiatives in support of our goals.

Our staff and Ministry Teams would like to highlight the following efforts and activities:

- Pastor Wollner asks you to sign up for Cottage Gatherings, to pray for Emily as she begins Internship, and to encourage our Ministry teams to create initiatives to live out our goals
- Cantor Olsen would like your help in recruiting new choir members for both services. He reminds us of Wednesday evening worship through Lent featuring Faith journeys followed by the Office of Compline sung by the congregation and choir.
- Evangelism encourages you to warmly greet our newest members who were received on February 11 as well as visitors and reminds you to hold April 21 for a tour of the church and lunch.
- Property is working on snow removal procedures, review of building, maintenance and repair needs, and FLC lighting concerns.
- Social Ministry is working on “Rise Against Hunger”, a project of packaging meals for the hungry. They are seeking volunteers for that project as well as for the Overflow Homeless Shelter.

Council approved the following motions:

- Goals for 2018 and Goals for 2018-23 These will be shared with disciples beginning with Pastor’s Cottage Meetings in March.
- Hine Fund rewards totaling \$31,868 for the winter quarter
- A recommendation from the Personnel Ministry Team that we hire Robin Welch for the part-time position of Youth Ministry Coordinator in accordance with the job description previously approved by Council. The start date is March 1. The position will be re-evaluated in summer, 2019.
- A recommendation that we establish a flat rate of reimbursement of cell phone use up to \$80/month for pastoral staff of the church due to reliance on mobile phones as part of their jobs and to be available for emergencies

Wednesdays in Lent

**No reservations are required. Meals will be served at 6:00 P.M.
Love offerings will be collected. Services begin at 7:00 P.M.**

Wednesday, March 7

6:00 P.M. Dinner – Chili (Wingz Men's Group)

7:00 P.M. Service of Compline

Wednesday, March 14

6:00 P.M. Dinner – Chicken Pie (Sid Sowers Class)

7:00 P.M. Service of Compline

Wednesday, March 21

6:00 P.M. Dinner – Lasagna (Covenant Class)

7:00 P.M. Service of Compline

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament with Festive Procession
(Service begins on front steps—weather alternative, Gathering Room)

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament with Festive Procession
(Service begins on front steps—weather alternative, Gathering Room)

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Noon Service of Word and Sacrament

7:00 p.m. Service of Word and Sacrament, Table Communion, Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 30

Noon Good Friday Liturgy with Bidding Prayer

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae of Good Friday

Vigil of Easter, March 31

7:00 p.m. Service of Word and Sacrament, beginning in the Columbarium with the striking of the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle
(Combined worship service with Christ's Beloved Community)

Easter Day—The Resurrection of Our Lord, April 1

8:30 a.m. Festival Service of Word and Sacrament

10:00 a.m. Children's Easter Celebration, beginning in the children's Sunday School area

11:00 a.m. Festival Service of Word and Sacrament

Welcome Augsburg Lutheran Church's Newest Disciples



Pastor Lori H. Carter



Matt Cournoyer



Adam, Jenny and Adelaide Fernbach



Wayne and Cathie Cartwright



Marcus and Anne Hester



Terry Jones



Diane Podraczky



Kendall Bauer



Don Wolford



Katherine Wollner



GATSBY GALA NIGHT



A Night of Murder and Mystery.

Join the Youth Traveling to Houston for the National Youth Gathering for a Night of "Who Done It," Complete with Live Program and Dessert Reception

APRIL

21

7:00 PM

Augsburg Family Life Center
Roaring 20s Costume Encouraged

RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE
LOVE OFFERING ENCOURAGED



for students rising pre-k – rising 6th grade
LED BY LUTHERIDGE BIBLE CAMP COUNSELORS


Registration Fee: \$50 per student

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am–4:00pm

Friday: 9:00am – 12:00pm

PROGRAM & ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7:00 THURSDAY NIGHT

REGISTRATIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE, ONLINE AT AUGSBURGLUTHERAN-WS.ORG,
OR BY CONTACTING LEIGH ANNA VOIGT

MARCH 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4 Don Eppert Sarah Fitzgerald Keith Sugg Rebecca White	5 Katrina Taylor	6 Martha Clark Julia Grossnickle Ron Hefner	7 Pat Holland Zac O'Brien Boots Ogburn Rebecca Rankin Jason Yellick	8 Jarrod Dunlap Dan Hefner Roger Hill Kristian Martin John McPherson Timothy Olsen Elizabeth Sugg	9 Elisa Barger Peggy King Milrie Lentz	10 Sandy Beard Sophia Levine Michael Waters
11 Karen Fitzgerald	12 Dick Schneider	13 Ralph Henzler	14 Philip Epting Neil Linnell	15 Elizabeth Chéron Ronnie Comer Sue Gillespie	16 Speight Carr Phil Martin Margaret Mills Ethan Olsen	17 Barbarra Wise
18 Peggy Sturgis	19 Piper Guck Brent Rockett Tim Wahl	20 Eddy Hickman Jamie Wollner	21 Helen Matthews	22 Bobbie Reichert	23 David Craven Sandi Tobaben	24 Joel Milholland Charles New Sandy Nicastro Anna Zeller
25 Ruth Kookan	26 Ruth Kookan	27 William Lefler Suzy Perkins	29 Darlla Tolley	29 Alex Pento Charlie Schoderbek	30 Katie Clendenen	31

MARCH MEMBERS PROVIDING SERVICE

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
COVER ARTIST		Joanna Britt	Emma Blanks	Gretchen Troutman
ACOLYTES	8:30	Abby Blanks	Anna Frucht	Kate Safrit
		Julia Grossnickle	David Johnson	Mia Safrit
CRUCIFERS	11:00	Emma Auch	Stuart Martin	Emma Auch
		Ethan Olsen	Jacque Weber	Ryan Hicks
OFFERING BEARER	8:30	Emma Blanks	Kate Frucht	Caroline Bevis
	11:00	Harrison Hickman	Travis Pipes	Jacob Andrews
LAY READERS		Faith Cashion	Luke Wollner	Fred Frazier
	8:30	Rob McOuat	Elizabeth Chéron	Steve Bissell
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	11:00	Dick Schneider	Keith Kooken	TBD
	8:30	Joanna Britt	Kris Andrews	Angela Levine
OBLATION BEARERS		Marty Tanyi	Shari Dominguez	Kent Reichert
	11:00	Art DeBaugh	Jeanne Brickhouse	Kevin Kooken
ASSISTING MINISTERS		Nanette Shutt	Vera Robinson	Kathy Nelson
	8:30	Damian Richardson	Jan Barbee	Julia Grossnickle
NURSERY		Kara Richardson	TBD	TBD
	11:00	TBD	Chip Baker	Marge Wagstaff
USHERS		TBD	Debbie Baker	TBD
	8:30	Jami Cuka	Peter Brath	Emily Norris
USERS	11:00	Barbara Gerhard	Don Armitage	Emily Norris
	8:30	Jen Seeba	Scott Walkush	Natalie Brown
USERS		SS Mary Lou Leonard	Kyle Voigt	Mary Lou Loenard
	11:00	Susan Peatross	Leigh Anna Voigt	Elizabeth Chéron
VISITORS WELCOME TABLE & GREETERS	8:30	John Collins	John Collins	John Collins
		Susan Doran	Susan Doran	Susan Doran
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP		Steve Lineberger	Steve Lineberger	Steve Lineberger
		Roger Riggs	Roger Riggs	Roger Riggs
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP	11:00	Don Eppert	Don Eppert	Don Eppert
		Carrol Epting	Carrol Epting	Carrol Epting
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP		Pat Holland	Pat Holland	Pat Holland
		Jack Strandhoy	Jack Strandhoy	Jack Strandhoy
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP	8:30	Paul Myer/Sheila Oppel	Bobbi Anderson/Jane Maxey	Bobbi Baker
	11:00	Claire Ohanessian	Michele DeBaugh	Keith Kooken
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP		Kinleys	Roedigers	Troutman/Hartman

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Items for the next Beacon must be received by
9:00 A.M.

Friday, March 16, 2018