
The BEACON



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

March, 2019

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.

You are invited to join us this Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday, March 6

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
12:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Dinner and Compline Services

(Prayer at the Close of the Day)
Wednesdays

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (Family Life Center)
Compline Service at 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

*Faith Stories shared by Jacob Andrews, Colleen Crozier, Joyce Holton,
Suzy Perkins and Dick Schneider*

Wednesday, March 13

Dinner provided by: Kairos (Chicken Tetrazzini, salad, dessert)

Wednesday, March 20

Dinner provided by: G.I.F.T. (BBQ, baked beans, slaw, chips and dessert)

Wednesday, March 27

Dinner provided by: Wingz Men's Group (Chili, sandwiches, dessert)

Wednesday, April 3

Dinner provided by: Covenant Class (Pasta, salad, dessert)

Wednesday, April 10

Dinner provided by: Sid Sowers Class (Chicken pie, fruit, salad, ice cream sandwiches)



RAK Attacks

(Random Acts of Kindness)

Augsburg Youth serving dinner to our Overflow Shelter Guests.



Youthrans at greenNest

A big thank you to the Augsburg Disciple who helped us obtain supplies for cleaning packs provided through a Thrivent Action Team Grant.



Women's Sunday

January 27, 2019

The Women of Augsburg led in worship, celebrating all women in the church and around the world who proclaim the Gospel and minister to others in God's name.



AUGSBURG'S QUILT MINISTRY

Also on this Sunday, Augsburg Quilt Ministry was recognized and a prayer of blessing was offered for the quilters, the quilts and the receivers.

Augsburg quilters meet on Thursday mornings in the Youth Fellowship area to cut, sew, and tie quilts, as a way to share God's love by warming bodies and souls through their handiwork.

This ministry began in January 2001. Since that time, the quilters have completed almost 1,000 quilts that have been given to individuals, agencies, group homes and for fund raising efforts in Winston Salem, Forsyth County and far beyond.

Babies receive a quilt at the time of their baptism. Since 2009, quilts are presented to each high school graduate. Hospitalized members, as well as friends and family of members are also the beneficiaries of these beautiful pieces of art. If there is a need, there is a quilt available. Contact Martha Claire Henzler: mcquilt@triad.rr.com for more information about becoming a part of this ministry.



COVENANT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Covenant Sunday school class is currently studying the book: *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin. Linda Martin, Keith Vaughan, Jack Strandhoy, Don Eppert, Martha Claire Henzler and Kitty Walker rotate teaching responsibilities. The class enjoys social activities each year like Super Bowl Parties, as pictured below, and a summer fun time activity. This class actively supports the overflow shelter by collecting shirts, socks, hats and gloves.

For more information, contact Linda Martin at 336-624-2258.



Lutheran Ladies Making Valentines

The Lutheran Ladies met on February 10 to make Valentines for Augsburg's Overflow Shelter Guests. They enjoyed food, fellowship, and a fun game of Trivial Pursuit.

This group welcomes all single, widowed and divorced ladies of the congregation. Please consider joining them for a great time!

For more information, contact Barbara Caldwell at (336) 768-8277.



Where in the world has Vicar Emily been?



When I began Seminary in the Fall of 2017, we committed to a journey together. With your support, I entered into a new pilot program called the Collaborative Learning Model. This new program is what has allowed me to continue sharing life with our Disciples here at Augsburg, first as your Youth and Outreach Minister, and now as your Vicar, while working toward earning my Masters of Divinity from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Each day we're navigating new and interesting challenges of my need to be in many places, to be many things to many people, all while balancing an intense class schedule. While this demands a certain amount of creativity and flexibility, it also is exciting and fresh and feels like Holy work for the Church.

Part of this unique program is a hybrid residential model. While the large majority of my learning happens in an online forum, in order to meet accreditation requirements that validate my degree, I am required to spend a certain number of weeks as a residential learner. Residential is defined as in-person contact hours with my classmates and professors. This is accomplished in two ways- a Prolog intensive week at the beginning of each semester on campus in Iowa as well as three Cross-Cultural JTerms (3 week) classes over the course of my four years of study.

All of this leads to the question: Where in the world has Vicar Emily been?

At the beginning of January, I had the learning opportunity to travel to Geneva, Switzerland, as well as Strasbourg and Taize, France for a class that focused on Ecumenism. In short, I spent just under three weeks focusing on the global church and the many and various ways we are working toward reconciliation in the church universal. In Geneva and Strasbourg, I had the privilege of speaking with representatives, Presidents, Directors, Secretaries, from both the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. They shared stories in incredible detail about the work of our ELCA church and our Ecumenical partners all around the world. Some were stories of gladness, others stories that reminded me that we as the church must do better.

They explained how we as the ELCA are a small yet essential cog in the giant wheel of the global church. I learned how our dollars trickle up to impact the lives of those we can barely even imagine. I asked hard questions about the challenges of theological differences in the shared work of the church. We laughed, and cried, and worshiped.

If that weren't enough, our group spent our final week sharing life in the Monastic Community of Taize in France. This worship community was started following WWII by a Protestant Brother who dreamed of creating a space for Young People to come and explore deep faith in community. To this day, during the summer months, nearly 8,000 young people make the pilgrimage to the village of Taize each week to gather for community meals, prayer, and acts of faithful service. For a week, I had the honor of setting aside my busy-ness to retreat to deep prayer with Brothers from every nation, language, denomination, and age. In a religious landscape that is intend on denomination alliances, Taize focuses on the power of reconciliation within the church and the unified Body of Christ.

In all of these experiences, God's abundant love for the world was seen and felt in ways that I could never experience in an online forum. And I'm excited to get to share this story with the congregations I so deeply cherish in the months to come.

Thank you for journeying with me, whether or not you realized you were along for the ride. As I traveled and sat in the beauty of our church and our world, I shared your stories, our stories, of the ways that we have been witnesses to God's goodness in our own community. I shared the story of City With Dwellings and our shelter that was born out of an Ecumenical partnership and desire to house our most vulnerable people. I shared the story of Christ's Beloved Community, our own Lutheran and Episcopalian mission start here in South Side that many of our Augsburg Disciples have invested life and love into. I shared about our work with the Shepherd's Center, with greeNest, with Lutheran World Relief, with Refugee Resettlement, and more. Thank you for helping me to see how God is calling me. Thank you for accompanying me on the journey. Thank you for forming the leader I'm becoming. But most importantly, thank you for baring witness to the incredible love of our God to a world that so desperately needs to be wrapped in it.

Council Highlights

Council President Dave Grossnickle called the meeting of the Congregation Council of Augsburg Lutheran Church to order at 7:30 pm, Thursday, February 21, 2019. We opened with a devotion.

Nancy Carbone, Parish Administrator, shared the highlights of her job, including the current project of replacing Shepherd's Staff software with Realm. Pastor Carter spoke of the recent deeply moving trip to Israel and advised that Augsburg is being honored in March as Church of the Year by the Shepherd's Center.

Each month Council spotlights one ministry team for an update and facilitated discussion. This meeting the Evangelism Ministry Team highlighted their focus on creating a culture of welcome with all teams contributing their thoughts on how we can support this focus.

Council revisited priorities developed at the January retreat, challenging all ministry teams to align their efforts to our goals and these priorities:

Through the work of the Council and the ministry teams, we aim to create a culture of welcome by cultivating disciples to model Jesus through

- *Equipping those gathered to tell the story of God's love and invite people to experience God at work in our community and beyond our walls.*
- *Creating initiatives and experiences that help us engage the downtown community.*
- *Initiating opportunities to engage younger adults and families in worship, outreach, and deeper relationships.*
- *Improving communication through intentional personal efforts and the use of digital platforms.*

Council voted to approve the following motions:

- Minutes of the January 10, 2019 Council meeting
- The use of our facilities by DARAJA, a group of middle schoolers from Uganda and their American college-age sponsors
- Hanna Norem, a graduate student at Wake Forest, who will do 200 hours of unpaid field work at Augsburg during the 2019–20 academic year.
- Winter quarter Hine Fund grants totaling \$86,585
- Dedicating Room 308, an unused room next to the nursery, for the campus renewal team, CReST.
- \$2,000 for CReST for supplies and honorariums, etc.

NOTE: Minutes from Congregational Council meetings as well as supporting documents and ministry team reports are available in the church office.



Update on Young Life House

Important changes are underway as Augsburg takes further steps to prepare for our much-needed campus renewal.

Recently, Congregational Council approved an early termination by June 30 of the lease for the Young Life House (adjacent to the Family Life Center on 5th St.) and plans to have the house torn down soon thereafter. Our Property, Finance and Executive Ministry Teams made this recommendation to Council after a thorough assessment and receipt of appropriate legal advice

regarding building regulations for the West End. They determined that the extensive structural and other repairs needed to bring this aging house up to code were cost prohibitive and not appropriate for the mission of Augsburg. An amicably negotiated settlement with Young Life will give that organization time and financial assistance to move to another location by mid-2019.

As a result, we will have two buildings scheduled for removal later this year. In 2017 Council announced plans to take down the Troutman House by late 2019. There, too, the problems stemmed from necessary structural repairs that exceeded the rental revenue from the commercial tenants. (See Augsburg's *2017 Annual Report* for additional details.)

The Troutman House was acquired in 2004, when it became available, in order to get access to much needed additional parking adjacent to the church. The Young Life House was acquired in 1984 to allow for possible future expansion on that side of the church.

Augsburg remains committed to the Augsburg Community Center, acquired in 1987, because its facilities are part of Augsburg's outreach to the community – a key tenet of our mission statement – by providing affordable space for ministries such as Lutheran Services Carolina and Imprints Cares.

As we move forward, the Campus Renewal Steering Team (CRest) will work to determine how best to use these spaces on our campus to further our mission and make recommendations to Council. Your feedback is certainly welcome as we as a congregation dream how God is calling us to live our vision and mission.

In the meantime, it may be helpful for newer members of Augsburg to know that the Troutman House was named after Pastor Edwin Troutman, our beloved Visitation Pastor who passed away in 2011. Nearly two decades ago, Pastor Troutman shepherded us with energy and joy through the construction phase of our last major property upgrade, "Building With Living Stones," which included construction of the Family Life Center and total renovation of the office, choir and youth areas. Although we will no longer have a house that bears his name, his legacy will continue to inspire us as we dream and plan for our current campus renewal.

Engagement Opportunities



On Sunday, March 31, at 7 PM, there will be a Lenten Choral Vespers Service at Augsburg. Leading the service will be a newly-formed guest *a cappella* choir that focuses on sacred choral music sung in a liturgical context. The choir is so new that it hasn't even established its name (but will by then)!

Vespers, the evening prayer service that consecrates the end of the day, is the most ancient Office known in the church. Due to the penitential nature of the season of Lent, the entire service will be sung unaccompanied - including the congregational hymns. The choir will offer settings of evening or penitential Psalms (Psalm 121 in Anglican Chant, Psalm 42 by Palestrina, Psalm 51 by William Byrd), as well as the haunting plea, "Hear my prayer, O Lord" by Henry Purcell. The Magnificat (Mary's Song), which is sung at all Vespers services, will be a setting by 20th century Estonian composer, Arvo Pärt.

All Augsburg disciples, friends, and family members are welcome to this time of reflection and worship with splendid choral music at the end of the day/beginning of the week.



Augsburg Lutheran Church Family Night. Join us on March 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at the Winston Salem Fairgrounds Annex for a night of hockey. Tickets are \$14.00 and includes a ticket, hot dog, drink, and popcorn. So far, 25 people have signed up for this fun night. Sign-up forms are located in the church office lobby.



Spots are filling up fast! If you would like to send your child, please fill out a registration form which can be found on the Augsburg website. If you have any questions, please contact Leigh Anna at (336) 722-8144 or leighanna@alcws.org.

READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

Mar. 3	Exod. 34:29-35	Psalms 99	2 Cor. 3:12—4:2	Luke 9:28-36
Mar. 10	Duet. 26:1-11	Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16	Rom. 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Mar. 17	Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalms 27	Phil. 3:17—4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Mar. 24	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalms 63:1-8	1 Cor. 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Mar. 31	Josh. 5:9-12	Psalms 32	2 Cor. 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

We are very grateful for the loving support shown to our shelter guests this year and every year!

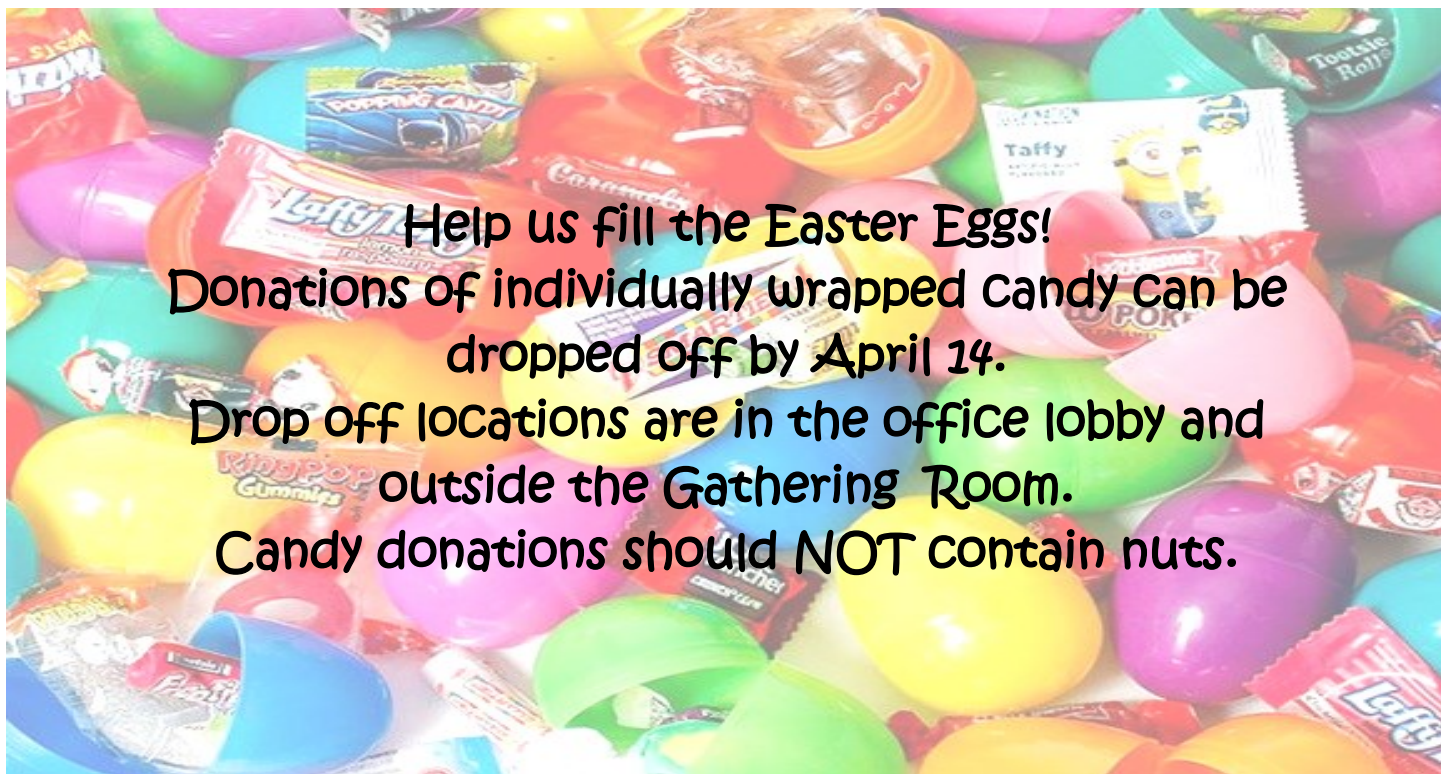
As we begin the last month of our shelter season, there are still opportunities available to serve our guests.

More details are at signup.com or contact one of the following people:

Elizabeth Chéron at 336-971-5472 or eg.cheron@gmail.com

John Collins at 336-408-1519 or jchcollins@gmail.com

Emily Norris at 336-971-4897 or harkinsemily@gmail.com



Help us fill the Easter Eggs!
Donations of individually wrapped candy can be dropped off by April 14.
Drop off locations are in the office lobby and outside the Gathering Room.
Candy donations should NOT contain nuts.



Dear Augsburg family,

Thank you so much for the many cards and letters and, more importantly, thank you for your prayers. I finished chemo and radiation treatments with minimal side effects, which I attribute to your prayers. Praise our Lord and Savior!

Many thanks to the Augsburg Quilt Ministry for the beautiful and warm quilt. What a wonderful surprise!

Luis Dominguez

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Jarrod Dunlap Dan Hefner Roger Hill Kristian Martin John McPherson Timothy Olsen	2 Elisa Barger Peggy King Milrie Lentz
3 Sandy Beard Charlotte del Valle Sophia Levine	4 Don Eppert Sarah Fitzgerald 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 Timothy Olsen	9 Anderson Lippard Jacob Lippard Ross Lippard
10 Gene Hill Joyce Kauffman Laura Tanyi	11 Cathie Cartwright Karen Fitzgerald	12 Dick Schneider	13 Ralph Henzler	14 Phillip Epting Neil Linnell	15 Elizabeth Chéron Ronnie Comer Sue Gillespie	16 Speight Carr Phil Martin Margaret Mills Ethan Olsen
17 Jennifer Fain Barbara Wise	18 Peggy Sturgis	19 Brent Rockett Tim Wahl	20 Eddy Hickman James Wollner	21 Helen Matthews	22 Bobbie Reichert	23 David Craven Sandi Tobaben
24 Charles New Sandy Nicastro Anna Zeller	25	26 Ruth Kooken	27 William Lefler Suzy Perkins	28 Diane Podraczky Darlla Tolley	29 Alex Pento Charlie Schoderbek	30 Katie Clendenen
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MARCH MEMBERS PROVIDING SERVICE

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
COVER ARTIST	L. Key	A. Richardson	C. Stevens	J. Nicastro	J. Andrews
ACOLYTES	8:30 M. Paschold W. Paschold	D. Johnson Ian Wharton	A. Frucht M. Safrin	A. Blanks TBD	K. Weber TBD
	11:00 G. Gastrau E. Olsen	Z. Bradley TBD	L. Bradley TBD	T. McOuat TBD	R. Hicks TBD
CRUCIFERS	8:30 D. Nolting 11:00 H. Hickman	J. Levine TBD	K. Frucht TBD	E. Blanks TBD	J. Weber TBD
TORCH BEARERS	8:30 Z. Johnson M.C. Bevis				
	11:00 C. Cashion E. Hanes				
BANNER BEARERS	8:30 H. Paschold 11:00 F. Cashion				
OFFERING BEARER	N/A	J. Olsen	G. Wollner	S. Stevens	F. Cashion
LAY READERS	8:30 K. Andrews 11:00 K. Carr	TBD TBD	J. Fain TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30 J. Barbee D. DiBlasio	K. Andrews A. Levine	D. Evans E.S. Utt	D. Almerini B. Merced	M.J. Hefner M. Tanyi
	11:00 A. DeBaugh K. Kookan	M. Fortin V. Strandhoy	Lara Carter K. Eppert	C. Dixon J. Dixon	L. Martin P. Martin
OBLATION BEARERS	8:30 J. Olsen/C. Wynnemer 11:00 E. Frye	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
ASSISTING MINISTERS	8:30 P. Brath	J. Cuka	J. Collins	K. Frucht	TBD
	11:00 A. Schneider	B. Gerhard	D. Nelson	D. Armitage	TBD
NURSERY	8:30 S. Walkush SS N/A	J. Fowler M.L. Leonard	S. Peatross M.L. Leonard	K. Kookan K. Wollner	J. Seeba K. Wollner
	11:00 E. Tippette	C. Griffin	E. Tippette	E. Tippette	E. Chéron
USHERS	8:30 J. Collins S. Doran S. Lineberger R. Riggs	J. Collins S. Doran S. Lineberger R. Riggs	J. Collins S. Doran S. Lineberger R. Riggs	J. Collins S. Doran S. Lineberger R. Riggs	J. Collins S. Doran S. Lineberger R. Riggs
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VISITORS WELCOME TABLE & GREETERS	8:30 E. Fernbach 11:00 V. Strandhoy	B. Baker J. Morrison	M. Newman K. Carr	Brown Family C. Griffin	J. Holton/S. Oppel D. Byorick
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP	Hayworths	TBD	J. Britt	J. Fowler	Roedigers
ALTAR GUILD	J. Wiles/M.C. Henzler	J. Wiles/M.C. Henzler	J. Wiles/M.C. Henzler	J. Wiles/M.C. Henzler	J. Wiles/M.C. Henzler

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9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, March 20, 2019