

March

2023 MESSENGER

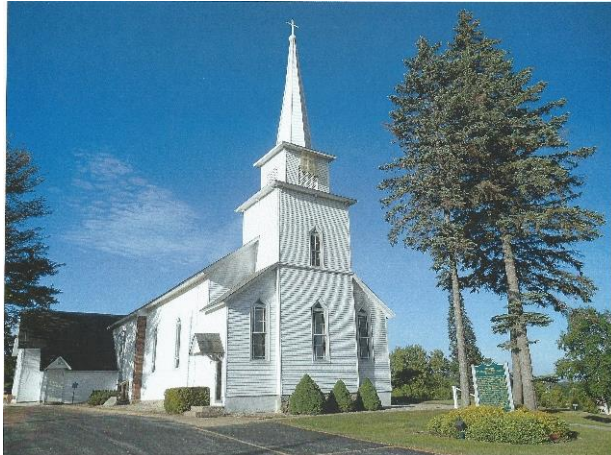
Augustana Lutheran Church

Pastor Sharon Van Dam

Secretary - Sandra Bottorff

Pianist – Patty Surguy

Office Hours: 9am - 1pm Monday – Thursday



Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church

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“We are called through Jesus the Christ to nurture spiritual growth, welcome all into worship and serve the needs of others.”

Church Mission Statement

A note from the Council President



The first thing I would like to write about is when I have to call off any church service. This winter we lost both Christmas Eve and Ash Wednesday. It is not something that I like doing and wonder to myself, “did I do the right thing?” On the other hand, if someone should get hurt, I would be heartbroken.

I’ve been concerned lately about our attendance. I know that the snowbirds are gone, but our attendance last year was better than it has been this year. I was saddened when I read in the paper that a sister church, St, John’s Lutheran in Lake City, will be closing on April 16th. I pray that Augustana won’t be next in line. If anyone has a suggestion on how to increase attendance, please speak to any Council member.

On a happier note to close, we are blessed to have a talented musician in Patty and a great pastor with Pastor Sharon. Please let them know we appreciate them.

Yours in Christ,
Ted



Happy Birthday!

Megan Hammar – March 7
Ruth Hammar – March 19
Terry Marchwardt – March 24
Jan Marckwardt – March 25
Ben Robertson – March 26
Becky Miller – March 28
Kate Miller – March 30
Ken Goddard – March 30
George Klingler – March 30
Jacob Otberg – March 31

Happy Anniversary

Carlton and Shelby Plyler – March 6

Special Days in March

- World Day of Prayer — *March 3, 2023*
- Daylight-Saving Time begins — *March 12, 2023*
- First Day of Spring — *March 20, 2023*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Sun., March 5th – Second Sunday in Lent
- Sun., March 12th – Third Sunday in Lent
- Sun., March 12th – Daylight Saving Time begins – Set clocks ahead one hour
- Fri., March 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- Sun., March 19th – Fourth Sunday in Lent
- Sun., March 20th – First day of Spring
- Mon., March 20th at 6:30 PM – Council Meeting
- Tues., March. 21st at 10:30 AM – WELCA Meeting
- Sun., March 26th – Fifth Sunday in Lent
- Tues., March 28th - Deadline for April MESSENGER

PRAYER CONCERNS*: Peggy Burns; Sandie Leach; Tom H; Carlton Plyler; Andrea Foster; Julie Bierema; Pamela McCalla; Janice Peterson; Tom R.; Skip Cornett; Davee Pullen; Leta Hoaglund; Kyler Ruppert and family; the Mills family. Men and women serving in the military – Ian Little.

Altar Flowers – There will be no altar flowers during Lent. The stark, spent remnants serve to remind us of the mournful time of suffering of our Savior.

Canned Chicken Drive

Oh my goodness Augustana! You donated the funds to purchase canned chicken or the cans for a total of 283 cans. That is at least two times that Uplift will be able to pack the chicken into the weekly bags to help feed hungry children in our area. We are all so blessed to be a part of such a generous congregation.

March, 2023 Assisting Ministers

| Date | Projector Operator | Communion Assistant | Communion Preparer | Greeters/ Open/Close Church | Lector/ Prayer Leader | Tellers | Coffee Hour Host |
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| March. 5 | | Mary Raven | Sue Klingler | Mike and Doreen Barnes | Mary Raven | George Klingler and Arvid Otberg | Jeanette Otberg |
| March 12 | George Klingler | Sue Carmody | Ted and Mary Raven | Ted and Mary Raven | Jim Carmody | Ted Raven | Sue Carmody |
| March 19 | Julie Seguin | Ted Raven | Ted and Mary Raven | Ted and Mary Raven | Harvey Miller | Ted Raven | Sue Carmody |
| March 26 Food Pantry Sunday | Julie Seguin | Mike Barnes | Ted and Mary Raven | George and Sue Klingler | Mike Barnes | Doreen Barnes and George Klingler | Mary Raven |
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Community News

Osceola County recycling in LeRoy resumes March 4th, and is open the first Saturday of the month 9:00 AM-11:00 AM, at the Village Garage, 220 Kent Street in LeRoy. They accept: Cardboard (not waxed), newspaper, glossy magazines, all paper, books with covers removed, most #1 plastic (clear only), most #2 plastic (separate milk jugs, please), aluminum cans, tin cans, styrofoam (not packing peanuts), clear glass (but not window pane glass). Please remove lids/caps. If you have any questions, call Brian Cool at 231-768-4624.

The LeRoy Community Library is partnering with Central Michigan Mental Health to provide information and training about mental health issues. We are excited to offer Adult Mental health First Aid Training, March 16 and 17, from 8:00 AM to Noon, at the library. This excellent training is beneficial to all, and is free, but is limited to 12 participants. To register, please call or text 231-768-4493 or email leroycommunitylibrary@gmail.com

Cub Scout Pack Troop 173
Boy Scout Pack Troop 1173

Our Cub Scout Troop 173 and Boy Scout Troop 1173 have disbanded as of February 13, 2023. The leaders decided due to the cost of fees to Boy Scouts of America and lack of community interest (difficult to get leaders) they could no longer support these troops. Monies left in the scout checking account were returned to Augustana and the account was closed. Troop leaders have asked that these monies then be donated to Uplift Pine River Area Kids.



WELCA Meeting

There was no WELCA meeting in December or February. Approved Minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting will be published in the April MESSENGER.



Augustana Council

Approved minutes
January 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order @6:35p.m. by Ted.
Devotions were offered by Ken.

Members present: Becky Miller, Ted Raven, Ken Forsberg, George Klingler, Sue Carmody, Heather and Hammar and guests Connie Burgess, and Terry Markwardt.
Agenda was amended to move investment endowment fund to the treasurers report and adding media shout to new business. A motion to accept the amended agenda by Heather, with support from Becky, motion carried.

The minutes from November 21 regular meeting, and corrected date of December 3, 2022 special meeting were approved with a motion by Ken and support from Becky, motion carried. The treasurers report was approved with a motion by Becky and support by Ken, motion carried. A motion was also made to invest in 3 CD's, with terms of 11 months, 15 months, and 25 months, with \$50,000 in each certificate. That would leave 20,926.25 in the endowment fund. We will empower Terry Marckwardt as treasurer to purchase the CD's, at LOSB in Tustin, Michigan. This being set for Augustana Lutheran Church only. The motion to accept this was made by Heather with support from Sue, motion carried.

No communication, No committee reports, and nothing to report from building and grounds.

Old business:

A: No covid discussion

B: Renucci House: March date will be selected

C: Insurance: nothing to discuss

D: Employment contracts: contracts will be updated with job descriptions.

New business

A: Easter season: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services will be held.

B: Schedule storage room cleanup: will be scheduled after removal of old files.

C: Media Shout: Discussion was threaded into the employee contract discussion.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Heather Hammar



Your Council Members

