

APRIL 2023 MESSENGER

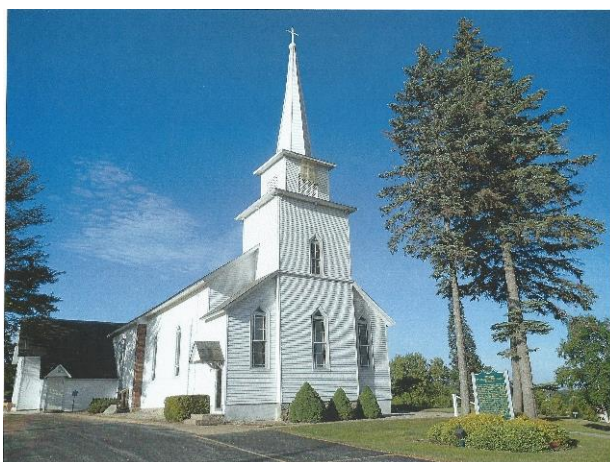
Augustana Lutheran Church

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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



From the Pastor

For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven (Eccl 3:1)

Patience has never been one of my strengths. Especially during uncertain times, I long to know what's next; to know how to prepare for the unexpected. However, worrying about the future has never really been very helpful for me. After a long hard winter, I find myself longing for Spring. I wonder if the snow has finally left, or if its absence is just a tiny taste of the

Spring that will finally arrive in its own good time. Wondering what's going to happen next seems to be a common human behavior, but life itself is full of all kinds of surprises. Some are welcomed, happy events; others less welcomed. On Palm Sunday almost a year ago, I first entered the of Augustana Lutheran Church. It was one of those unexpected surprises that bring joy to our lives and I'm so thankful to still be here with you, the people of this loving congregation. Because we are a small congregation, located in a small town, it can be easy to become discouraged because of the many challenges we are facing. However, I find a great deal of comfort knowing that we are all answering God's call to ministry. God wants us to gather for worship on Sunday mornings, to reach out to the community in various and meaningful ways, to sing, and laugh and sometimes even cry together as disciples of Jesus. Just like his original followers. we don't always get things right. Thankfully God doesn't expect us to always get it right, but to be faithful enough to keep doing our best. Just like I don't know when Spring will finally come to Michigan, I have no idea what the future holds for Augustana. But I can to promise to serve as your pastor as long as I am able and, hopefully, as long as you need me. I also know that whatever the future holds, God promises to be with us always.

Peace and Blessings,

Pastor Sharon

Happy Birthday!

Arvid Otberg – April 6
Ann Swanson – April 13
James Seavey – April 14
Carolyn Sadler – April 19

Happy Anniversary

Ted and Mary Raven – April 13
Tom and Ann Swanso – April 27

Upcoming Dates to Remember

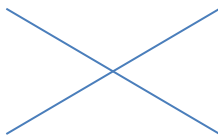
- Sun., April 2nd – Palm Sunday
- Mon., April 3rd – WELCA Flowers to Green Acres
- Fri., April 7th at 7:00 PM – Good Friday worship service
- Sun., April 9th – Easter Sunday – HE IS RISEN!
- Mon., April 17th at 6:30 PM – Council Meeting
- Tues., April 18th at 10:30 AM – WELCA Meeting
- Wed., April 26th - Deadline for May MESSENGER

PRAYER CONCERNS*: Peggy Burns; Sandie Leach; Tom H; Carlton Plyler; Andrea Foster; Julie Bierema; Pamela McCalla; Janice Peterson; Tom R.; Skip Cornett; Family of Davee Pullen; Leta Hoaglund; Layne Davis, Kyler Ruppert and family; Sandra Bottorff; Katie Bigelow; Scott Thompson. 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.

Have you noticed anything around the church that needs cleaning up/fixing? Please list it on the Spring Work Day sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **The Spring Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2023.**

April, 2023 Assisting Ministers

Date	Projector Operator	Communion Assistant	Communion Preparer	Greeters/ Open/Close Church	Lector/ Prayer Leader	Tellers	Coffee Hour Host
April 2	Julie Seguin	Mary Raven	Mary Raven	Ted and Mary Raven	Mary Raven	George Klingler	Jan Marckwardt
April 7 GOOD FRIDAY				Ted and Mary Raven			
April 9 EASTER SUNDAY		George Klingler	George and Sue Klingler	Ken Forsberg and Connie Burgess	Ken Forsberg	George Klingler	
April 16	Mike Barnes	Sue Carmody		Ted and Mary Raven	Jim Carmody	Ted Raven and Mike Barnes	Sue Carmody
April 23	Doreen Barnes	Mike Barnes	Arvid and Jeanette Otberg	Arvid and Jeanette Otberg	Joan Swanson	Doreen Barnes and George Klingler	Jeanette Otberg
April 30 Food Pantry Sunday	Julie Seguin				Harvey Miller		

WELCA News

All women of Augustana are part of WELCA. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 and we would love to have you join us. We will be delivering Easter flowers/plants to our congregation members who are now residing at Green Acres in Cadillac probably around **Monday, April 3**. We also are planning to hold our May meeting at Green Acres to include the two ladies from Augustana who now reside there. Details for the fun meeting will be in the May Messenger. All are welcome to join us for this special meeting.



WELCA Meeting

Approved Minutes

January 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 by Mary Raven.

Those present: Barb Hazlett, Sue Carmody, Mary Raven, Sue Klingler, Mary Annette Gorden, Joan Chave`, Joan Swanson and Jan Marckwardt.

The Minutes from the November 15, 2022 meeting prepared by Jan Marckwardt were presented with a motion to accept by Barb Hazlett and second by Sue Carmody. The Minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report for November 2022 prepared by Jan Marckwardt was approved by a motion from Sue Carmody with a second by Sue Klingler. The balance in the account as of December 31, 2022 is \$627.09.

A **Devotional prayer** was presented by Joan Swanson regarding the Headstart project funded by Thrivent.

Joan Swanson read the **WELCA purpose statement**.

Correspondence: A thank you note from New Hope Center for the funds sent to them by WELCA was read to the group.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS: Sue Carmody informed the WELCA group that the collection of cans of chicken and/or funds for Uplift was going very well. Closing date for this drive will be February 19.

Barb Hazlett let us know that the Spring Gathering date has been changed to April 22, 2023. This gathering will be held at Trinity Lutheran in Kalamazoo.

Joan Swanson reminded all of us that we needed to sign the Thrivent sheet indicating that we will be packing the Headstart bags after today's meeting. Mary Annette Gorden explained the project and that we would be packing for 35 students.

Sue Carmody relayed that Augustana Council has asked us to check the storage room in the basement and save anything that might be needed by WELCA. The storage area will be cleaned out of old and no longer needed items sometime in February.

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 10:30 and the Headstart bags will be assembled after this meeting.

The meeting closed at 10:56 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Jan Marckwardt



Augustana Council

Approved minutes
February 20, 2023

Members present: Ted Raven George Klingler, Becky Miller, Heather Hammar and Julie Seguin.
Guests Terry and Jan Marckwardt, and Sandra Bortoff.

Becky called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
Julie offered the devotional.

Agenda: Welca was added under communications. A motion to accept the agenda as amended was made by Ted, with support from George, motion carried.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from 2/20/23 was made by George, with support from Ted, motion carried.

Treasurers report: A motion was made to accept the treasurers report was made by Heather, with support from Julie, motion carried.

Communications: Sandra communicated that she will resign as church secretary. Julie has been trained to help assist with the media shout as a backup. Sandra will help train and as needed Jan will assist with training anew secretary. The search for a new secretary will begin as soon as possible.

Jan discussed that the boy scouts and cub scouts have disbanded as of 2/13/23. They would like to give back \$458.24 to the church to donate to uplift. George motioned that the church use the returned money and donate it to uplift. Becky supported and the motion was carried.

Committee reports: George reported that old papers and records were shredded.

Old business:

- A. Renucci House- March date
- B. We will call brotherhood mutual to meet about insurance coverage.
- C. Employee contracts will be revisited at a future time.
- D. Storage room clean-up will continue.
- E. Ash Wednesday Service will be 7 pm, February 22.
- F. Media shout training is still being continued by Julie.

New Business:

- A. Annual meeting date set for August 13, 2023.
- B. Mary Raven and Mara Spence requested use of the parish hall only on 4/29/23 from 10 am to 2:30pm.
- C. Script fund money distribution of \$200 was requested from Welca to buy school supplies for Headstart and was granted by the council.
- D. Discussion on AED battery check and review use.

With no further discussion the meeting was adjourned with The Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Heather Hammar