

Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church

# The Call ~ May 2021

## What's happening at Augsburg



### **A big, big thank you!**

All of Augsburg would like to offer our thanks and gratitude to Jonathan Ragnauth. At the end of April, Jonathan ended his tenure as Augsburg's treasurer. He held this post for many years and we are ever so thankful for the brilliant and capable job he has done for us. We were truly blessed. Thank you, Jonathan!

And... Thank you to Dawn Lewis and Rebecca Lildhar who will be taking up the treasurer role. We are very grateful to you for volunteering.

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## **Financial Update**

As of the end of March, Augsburg has a deficit of \$14,622.84. We are still receiving rent from the Daycare and this offsets our expenses.

We are all very grateful for your continued support of Augsburg through your offerings. As a reminder, you may give to Augsburg in many different ways:

1. **Drop off:** you can drop your donation at the church and pop it through the mail slot (it's in the frame of the door, at eye level).
2. **Mail:** you can mail us your donation (make sure you send it early enough so that it gets here by December 30th.)
3. **eTransfer:** you can send an etransfer to [office@augstram.ca](mailto:office@augstram.ca). We have set it up so that a password is not required.
4. **Canada Helps:** You can donate through Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/33150>
5. **PAR:** For a more consistent donation throughout the year, you can set up a regular automatic withdrawal through the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program. Contact the office to do so. [office@augstram.ca](mailto:office@augstram.ca)

If you are wondering where your 2021 Offering Envelopes are, they are still at the church. If you would like them, please call the church office to make arrangements. Also, watch for an announcement coming about pick up times.

## **Paper Shredding**

The church has a vast amount of paper that needs shredding. On behalf of the church council, Don Wilker is arranging a time for a professional shredding company to come to the church. We will be opening it up to congregation members to take advantage of this service. Please watch for an email announcement from the office with the specifics on date and time.

## **The Outreach Committee**

As you may remember, in the new year we put together an outreach committee to help distribute the monies we put aside in an outreach account (established in 2019-2020). The committee has had several Zoom meetings and has decided that for this year, we are going to focus on those agencies that help children and youth. After doing some research, the committee defined three subgroups: Mental Health; Mentoring; and Homelessness/Justice. The committee has distributed grant applications and we are awaiting their return so they can be vetted and then brought to council for their approval.

## ***Blessed are they who Mourn...***

We remember in our prayers, the friends and families of those congregation members who have died since December:

- ♥ Elizabeth Kuhlmann
- ♥ Jack Gilchrist
- ♥ Elaine Game

***... for they will be Comforted***