

The Call

THE NEWSLETTER OF AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH



Welcome Back Sunday September 13, 2026

WORSHIP TIME

Starting on September 13 we will move back to our **10:30 am worship time.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on September 13 at **10:15 am** as we begin the 2026-2027 Sunday School program.

POT LUCK LUNCH

We hope you will join us after worship on Sunday, September 13, as we reconnect over a

Pot Luck Lunch.

Bring your favourite dish to share with others.

As we gather to eat, we will also hear about how you can volunteer to help out around the church.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you.

FROM THE PASTOR

I ran this article a few years ago. It's about getting in touch with me. I thought that since we don't have church secretary right now, it would be a good thing to share again.

Over the years, occasionally there are times when people need to get in touch with the pastor during an emergency or other immediate need. I thought I'd take this month's article to tell you how to connect with me.

The phone number that is in our directory and on the worship bulletin is my cell phone number. If you need to talk with me, please feel free to call me or text me at that number.

I do put my cell phone on 'do not disturb' after 11 pm so text messages do not come through when I'm trying to sleep, but phone calls will. So, in an emergency, please call. I also turn my phone off when I'm in a theatre, in a meeting, when I am visiting with someone else or any other time a ringing phone would be inappropriate. Please leave a message on my voice mail and I will get back to you as soon as I am able.

My days off (my weekend) are Fridays and Saturdays. If you need to talk to me, but it can wait until Sunday, that would be appreciated. However, if you need pastoral care immediately, please do not hesitate to call me anytime.

Some of the reasons you might call the pastor:

You or a loved one are being hospitalized.

You have a life-threatening illness. If it is your wish, I would walk with you through this difficult time to bring God's strength and hope along the way.

A death in the family. When there is a death, I would like to know immediately. I am never "too busy" to bring the comfort of God's love. (I would appreciate it if you consult with me before the funeral date is set.)

You can also connect with me if good things are happening – a baby is born or a wedding is happening in your family. And, please, if you'd like to meet with me, give me a call and we can arrange a time.

Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

Peace be with you,
Pastor Nadine

P.S. **A note about Sunday prayers:** *If you would like anyone to be included by name in our prayers during worship, tell me that specifically. Sometimes people want things kept confidential, so I will not mention anyone by name unless we have their permission to do so.*

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Have you ever wanted to host coffee fellowship, or set up communion, or read a scripture lesson in church, but didn't know what or how much is involved? Now is your time to find out!

On Sunday, September 13, at our Pot Luck Lunch, representatives from the congregational council and our church committees, will be giving a short talk about how you can help out around the church. We will take the mystery out of the tasks that happen on Sunday mornings and explain the roles that our committees play. Maybe you will be just person to offer a hand.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, September 13.



SUNDAY MORNING HELPERS

It is time to prepare the next installment of the schedule for Sunday Morning Volunteers. The months covered will be the end of **September, October and November**.

Please sign up on the sheets that are in the narthex. Many hands make light work.



CONFIRMATION & AFFIRMATION! PARENT MEETING

On **Sunday, September 20**, the pastor will be having an information meeting with parents of confirmation aged children (grades 7 & 8) and Affirmation! aged children (grades 3 – 6).

We will meet in the sanctuary immediately following worship. All the information you will need for these programs in the year ahead will be discussed. Please plan on attending.

CHOIR

Augsburg is delighted to invite you to join our all ages choir. No experience is needed, just a joy for singing. The choir rehearses at **9:15 am** most Sunday mornings starting on **Sunday, October 18**, and is led by **Andrea Miersma & Tasha Serlic**.

The choir has lots of fun practising and they sing in worship about once a month from October through May.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year, Sunday School will continue to meet two consecutive Sundays a month during the school year. Here are the meeting dates from now until December: **September 13 & 20; October 18 & 25; November 15 & 22; December 6 & 13**. Please mark these dates on your calendar and we hope to see you for Sunday School!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

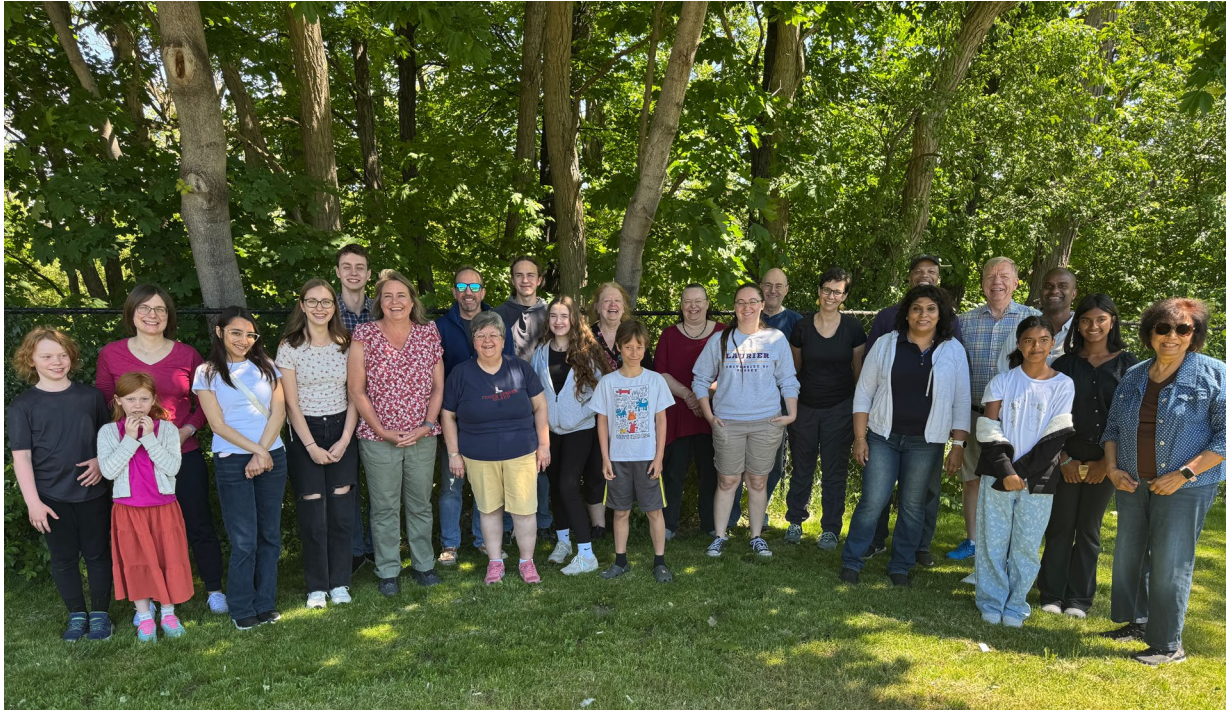
Do you have a Christmas tradition; past or present, that connects you in a meaningful way to Jesus' birth? Would you like share the details and explain how it brings you closer to the Christmas Story? If so, Andrea Miersma would love to get the details from you (orally or in writing) so that they can be shared with the congregation in this year's pageant, ***The Joy of Christmas Traditions***.

Contributions from all are welcome and should be submitted by the end of October, so that Andrea has time to compile everything. Send an email to: miersmaa@hotmail.com

- Describe the tradition.
- Explain how it enhances the meaning of Christmas,
- And if possible, explain why it is important to you

ELCIC DAY OF ACTION - "PARK CLEAN UP" AND "CHURCH CLEAN UP."

On May 31, a number of Augsburg members showed up to help clean Joyce Archdekin Park and some of the rooms in the church. We had a wonderful time together. Thank you to all who came to help.



SACRAMENTS AND SEASONS

Goodbyes: On Sunday, August 16 we bid farewell and Godspeed to Greg, Jennifer, Noah and Madeline Frey. They have started a new chapter in their lives and have moved to Wellington County. We will definitely miss them at Augsburg, but wish them all God's blessings in their life ahead.

*Eternal God, we thank you for the Frey family and for our life together in this congregation and community.
As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others.*

Celebrations: We would like to express our great, good wishes to Don and Heidi Wilker on their upcoming 50th Wedding Anniversary.

In honour of this occasion, Don and Heidi Wilker are hosting a special coffee Fellowship on **Sunday, September 6** after the 10 am worship. They hope you will join them in celebration of their special day.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ... This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (John 15:9, 12)

AUGSUBRG'S ANNUAL YARD SALE

We are delighted to inform everyone that this year's Annual Yard Sale raised...

\$1,454.55.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day a success.



Job Opening

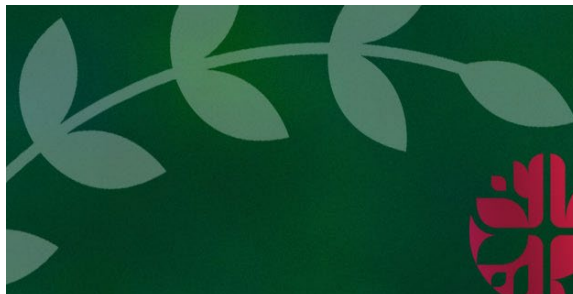
- As we say a fond farewell to Jennifer in the office, we now turn our attention to trying to find someone to take over the office management.

A hiring team has been struck and as this newsletter goes to print, plans are being made to create a job posting.

- While all the details are not settled yet, if you or someone you know might be interested in a 10 hour a week job as a church office administrator, please speak to the pastor or anyone on the hiring team: Kathleen Anderson, Alana Lildhar, or Andrea Nesbitt.



**Church
Staff
Openings**



Conversations Across the Church

Sunday, September 13, 2026
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST

Please join **National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer** and guests for an hour of devotion, reflection and conversation.



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Join us for our next Conversations Across the Church **on Sunday, September 13!**

Our focus for the third Conversations Across the Church of the year will be on Season of Creation — a time to come together in prayer and action. ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer will be joined by three speakers on why this is a priority for our church.

Join with ELCIC members across the church for Conversations Across the Church by registering here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/-PPJGV3gQ2SLvj9Mr1Rwyg> (Please note, you must register to receive the Zoom link.)

WORSHIP SERVICES

September 6		10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship
September 13	Welcome Back Pot Luck Lunch & Volunteer Information	10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Pot Luck Lunch
September 20		10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship* Parent meeting re: Confirmation & Affirmation!
September 27	<i>Orange Shirt Day</i>	10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 4		10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 11	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 18		9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 25	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 1	<i>All Saints Day</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*

**Please note: Coffee Fellowship will happen only on those days we have volunteers.*