

# Augustana Lutheran Church

*Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, December 10, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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**Help us choose the hymns for our Lessons & Carols service Dec. 31!** Each week there will be a link via email, on our YouTube livestream, and as a QR Code in the church to an online form where you can vote. We'll also have paper ballots to cast your vote in the Narthex. Each week's poll will be available from Friday to Tuesday - so get your votes in early! The link for this week is <https://forms.office.com/r/ZvdV1ApeNk>

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**Saskatoon Men's Chorus Christmas Concert "Silence, Frost and Snow" Sunday, Dec. 10th at 2:30 PM at Grace Westminster Church, 505 10th St E, Saskatoon.** As in past years SMC will be collecting donations of food for Saskatoon Food Bank. General Admission is \$25 for adults, with no charge for children under 12 years of age. Tickets are available at the door.

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**Augustana ELW meeting and Bible Study** for December will be held on **Monday, December 11th at 2:00 PM.** in the Fellowship Hall. Ladies are reminded to bring their Prayer Partner gifts and 3 dozen cookies to be donated to Haven Kids' House and the students at the Lutheran Theological Seminary. All women are welcome.

The **ELW has set up the Mitten Tree in the narthex** decorated with mittens, toques, scarves, etc. Yarn has been placed under the tree for anyone wishing to knit/crochet articles to be donated to Haven Kids' House, Interval House and the Salvation House.

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**Augustana & St. Timothy's Choir** will be sharing another very special anthem again, thanks to a gift from Wayne Carlson in memory and celebration of Eileen Carlson. On Dec. 17 (Third Sunday of Advent) the choral selection will be "O Emmanuel," based on the well-known American tune "Star in the East" in an energetic setting by Karen Marrolli, featuring a wonderful violin part played by Cherie Jarock. Thank you to Wayne for making possible this musical treasure for Advent—a fitting tribute to our friend and former choir member and cantor Eileen, who so cherished music.

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**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every 2nd month, (Dec. 17),** baskets with slips of paper with **needed food items for the Food Bank and/or People in Need** will be sent around during the worship service. The large blue bin in the Narthex is available for you to drop off your food items at any time. Thank you!

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**Blue Christmas Service.** You, your family and friends are invited to a **Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing on Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 PM, Zion Lutheran Church.** Christmas without a loved one can be a difficult time for those left behind. Other losses, such as the loss of a relationship, health or job can be the cause of loneliness in the midst of Christmas celebrations. Please join us in a service of prayer, scripture, communion and music knowing that God is present. May we find hope and comfort in knowing that we are not alone at this time. Refreshments to follow hosted by Saskatoon Lutheran Stephen Ministers.

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**Daily Bible Reading Guides for 2024** has just arrived. Ken Peterson (its 'author') has a limited supply available, and if you let him know (preferably by email @ [kenneth.peterson@sasktel.net](mailto:kenneth.peterson@sasktel.net)) if you wish one (autographed) he will put one in your church mailbox. There is also a supply left on the tract rack in the narthex as well.

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The **J.O.Y. Group** cordially invites you to their **Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 15th** at 11:30 a.m. in the Activity Room at **Aspira Village at Stonebridge, 250 Hunter Road.** The menu from their dining room is posted in the narthex along with a sign-up sheet and you can order whatever you wish. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet and give Sandra Cey your order by **Tuesday, December 12th.**

We also ask that each of you bring a **wrapped \$1 to \$2 gift** (gender neutral) for a fun gift exchange. Since there is limited guest parking by the building, carpooling is suggested. If you need a ride or are able to offer a ride, please call Sandra Cey (306) 373-1071.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this fun-filled afternoon!

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At the beginning of November, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada launched an appeal to support our partners in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. The goal was to cover one month of expenses (teachers & pastor salaries included) for the ELCJHL, totalling \$263,000. To date, ELCIC support for this appeal has enabled the goal of \$263,000 to have reached past the half-way point.

**Financial donations may be given through your local congregation by designating your offering to ELCJHL Appeal OR Online through the ELCIC National Office at [secure.elcic.ca](https://secure.elcic.ca).**

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*Ushers are still needed for the 6 PM Christmas Eve Service at Augustana.  
If you are available and interested in helping this way, please let  
the church office know. Thank you!*