

Augustana Lutheran Church Newsletter August 2020

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Pastor's Message for August:

"Peace is not when everyone agrees. It is when we can respect our disagreements and still play in the sandbox together." Author unknown.

"Peace I leave with you, My **peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

Peace is used hundreds of times in the new testament. **Peace** is a concept that proves difficult to accomplish in our lives, relationships, and not to mention in the world. It is the responsibility of humanity, Christians to pursue it.

Jesus called his followers, and the people he preached to and taught, little children. He shared his thoughts at a basic level and encouraged the following of basic principles. **Peace** is one of these concepts, when it is followed, reflects love, the love that Jesus proclaimed from the cross and taught as the greatest commandments. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:37,39 **Peace** is reflected in the understanding that we all matter to God. as Paul puts it "there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, nor male and female" Galatians 3:28. This **peace** begins with respect, humility, and kindness. I pray for **peace** in our lives and the world.

Pastor Fred

Re-Opening Survey: A church re-opening survey will be sent to you in the next few days. You will receive the survey either by email or US mail, as you receive the bulletin and newsletter. Please fill out the survey by August 15 so the committee can move forward with the re-opening plans.

Refugee & Immigrant Driving Ministry: On Oct 4 we are raffling off 4 items to benefit the Refugee and Immigrant Driving program. If you did not receive tickets or if you want to buy more, contact the church office: (716) 832-5720 or augustchurch@yahoo.com. Make checks payable to Augustana Lutheran Church. If you do not want to buy tickets for yourself, you can send in a donation and we will give one prepaid ticket to each driving program participant. Thanks in advance for your continuous support of this ministry.



Gardening help needed at Augustana: Paul Hoffman has been doing a fantastic job of landscaping at Augustana for many, many years and we are grateful for all the time and care he continues to devote to keeping our landscaping beautiful. He would like some help, especially with weeding. The goal is that people would help Paul maintain a certain garden or area of the church throughout the growing season. If you can help, talk to Donna Bartkowski (Cell: 425-7870 / dmbton@gmail.com).

Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service: In August we are focusing our outreach on supporting Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service (LIRS). This organization began more than 80 years ago, and has helped over 500,000 migrants and refugees from around the world rebuild their lives in the United States. In collaboration with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (LELCA), LIRS advocates for refugees and immigrants, matches them with services, and provides long term assistance in their 'Long Welcome' program. **You can register for their 8/4 Virtual Town Hall on 'Helping Immigrants through COVID-19 and Beyond' at <https://www.lirs.org/virtual-townhall-covid-beyond> .**

From their website: (<https://www.lirs.org>) "By giving to LIRS, you will help refugees, children, and migrants, all in desperate need of assistance. Rooted in our faith and the values upon which this country was built, LIRS works with communities across the nation to welcome people seeking refuge in America. Our network works with individuals, children, and families of all backgrounds — many of whom have escaped unimaginable violence to find safety in the U.S. Your donation will help LIRS to provide intensive support to newly arrived refugees, to place vulnerable children in safe, loving homes, and to empower new Americans to become successful, contributing members of their communities." **How to Give:** You can donate through Tithe.ly or by making out a check to Augustana. Just note it on the memo portion of your check. Thank you!

Augustana Bench project: Since we will be re-opening soon, we want the bench that is next to our front door to be welcoming for those attending our worship services. But as you can see in the photo, the bench needs some TLC. It needs all new boards for the seat, and a new coat of paint. Contact Donna Bartkowski if you can help with any part of this project. Augustana will supply the paint and reimburse you for your costs. Thank you!



Worship on Cable TV: If you are unable to join us for Zoom worship, Lutheran worship is available on Cable TV channel 5, MeTV, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Pastors Beigner and Smith lead this worship. You can find previous sermons at <https://stpaulseggertsville.org/past-sermon-videos/> .

Offering: Thank you for your offerings and donations. You can send an offering to Augustana in two ways:

- 1) Through the US mail to Augustana (checks only, made out to Augustana Lutheran Church)
- 2) Tithe.ly. Online giving. You can get to Tithe.ly on Augustana's website homepage (www.augustanaonline.com). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website's homepage.

Lutheran Charities Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ: See flyer next page!

CHIAVETTA'S

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Join us for our Drive-Thru Chicken BBQ!

Wednesday, September 2nd
3 to 7pm or until sold out



Join us for this amazing fundraiser!

Drive-Thru Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Dinner with Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter. Pre-sale tickets STRONGLY encouraged!
\$11.00 per dinner pre-order, \$12.00 day of on site

St. John Lutheran Church 6540 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221

Admission: \$11 presale, \$12 day of

Order Online

Head to our website
<http://www.wnylutherancharities.org>
to order presale tickets online.



Order by Mail

Mail to: Lutheran Charities 6540 Main St, Williamsville, NY 14221

Please make checks payable to Lutheran Charities, Memo: Chicken BBQ

Name _____

Address _____

of meals _____ x \$11.00

Phone _____

Total: \$ _____

Email _____