

## A GROWING FAMILY OF FAITH

### AUGUSTANA STAFF:

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Youth Director: Jenna Gilbertson  
Secretary: Ann Reed  
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Organist: Robert Gibbons  
Choir Director: Dave Swenson  
Accompanist: Debra Nelson  
Bell Choir Director: Lois Downs

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Worship: Dewey Brown  
Youth: Monica Wilkening

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship services are held Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Thursday evening services are at 7:00 p.m. Education hour and Fellowship are at 9:45 a.m. Sunday.**

- May 1 Worship/Communion  
"It's About the Kids" Sunday  
Augie's Diner, Dinner Show
- May 4 WELCA Spring Fellowship
- May 6 CWU May Breakfast  
Augustana Lutheran Church
- May 8 Mother's Day  
"Opening Your Spiritual Gifts"  
Evening Service of Healing
- May 9 "Opening Your Spiritual Gifts"
- May 15 Education Staff Appreciation  
New Members Received  
All Branch Meeting
- May 22 Church Music Sunday  
JOY Group Scavenger Hunt
- May 29 Summer Worship Schedule  
begins: Worship at 8:30 a.m.  
and 10:00 a.m. Thursday  
evening at 7:00 p.m.  
Graduation Recognition
- May 30 Memorial Day (observed)  
Church office closed

# Augustana News

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH, BOONE IOWA

MAY 2005

## FROM THE PASTOR

“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same functions, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given us...”  
Romans 12:4-6a

St. Paul reminds us in this passage that we are each given the gift of one or more special abilities, which are to be used for the building up of the body of Christ, the church, and for the sake of the world. These “spiritual gifts” are received through our baptism. Like other presents, it is difficult to fully appreciate and utilize our spiritual gifts until they have been opened. Thus, I invite you to join me for a workshop entitled “Opening Your Spiritual Gifts.” In this 90 minute session we will, 1) review scripture references on spiritual gifts, 2) lead participants through a self-assessment to help you identify your gifts, and 3) begin to explore types of ministry where you might make effective use of your gifts.

Identical sessions will be offered at two different times: Sunday, May 8, at 4:00 p.m. and Monday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will be able to join me for one of these “Opening Your Spiritual Gifts” workshops.

Your partner in ministry,

Pastor Dan Solomon

P.S. If you are unable to attend a workshop, you can find a self-scoring interactive web-based version of the “Opening Your Spiritual Gifts” assessment at:  
[www.elca.org/evangelism/assessments/spiritgifts.html](http://www.elca.org/evangelism/assessments/spiritgifts.html)

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

WORSHIP BRANCH: Summer worship schedule will begin May 29 with worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. The fall schedule will resume August 28. New members will be received May 15. Church Music Sunday will be May 22.

CHRISTIAN LEARNING BRANCH: Sunday School Staff Appreciation Sunday is May 15. Vacation Bible School will be held June 20-24. Preschool will be limited to 40 students. Registration cut off date is June 5. Vacation Bible School needs volunteers.

FELLOWSHIP BRANCH: The next two events will be a Scavenger Hunt directed by Everett Johnson on May 22 and Cubs Baseball game in June led by Kim Swanson.

PROPERTY BRANCH continues to work on maintenance items including lawn care, stair treads, carillon, downspout splashguards, window and pew repairs.

FACILITY PLANNING TASK FORCE: Three interviews with architectural firms have been conducted with one more to be held.

HORIZONTAL CONNECTIONS TEAM has been established. Members are Jill Lutz, MaryAnn Moglestad, Jeff Claman, Kendall Clark, Esther Rossman, Dennis Kollbaum and Erich Kretzinger.

Synod Assembly will be held at Grand View College in Des Moines, June 10 - 11. Pete Nelson, Russ and Donna Knutson were named as delegates.

Communication Survey Results were given to council members. A copy is available in the office for review. Summary will be included in the Newsletter.

LIBRARY MINUTE

A Look in the Library

April showers bring...good reads for May!

Adults: The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

Teens: Crystal Lies by Melody Carlson  
Devo 'Zine, "Faith Questions," March/April 2005  
Surviving Middle School-How to Manage the Maze by Sandy Silverthorne

Pre-Teens: My Life as Reindeer Road Kill by Bill Myers

Children: What is God Like? by Marie-Agnes Gaudrat

EDUCATION AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT FORUM:

May 1 Kaye Englin, Vice-president of Advancement and Church Relations for Lutheran Services in Iowa will be our guest. Kaye will be sharing about Beloit Children's Home "It's About the Kids" campaign.

May 8, 15, 22  
"Worship Matters" Join the pastors as we examine and discuss the important principles of worship. Our special focus will be on the sacraments: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING to bring our life realities before God. This is a quieter service – some might even say "contemplative" with times of silence for prayer and reflection. It will not be a "pep rally" in the traditional sense, but one which helps us recognize our longings and allows for God's healing.

A part of the ritual tradition of this service may include candles for prayer and illumination, water for the remembrance of baptism, and scented olive oil for healing.

This service will be held on May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and be about a half hour in length with Mother's Day overtones.

## CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 22, the Senior Choir, Bell Choir, Hallelujah Singers, Angel Singers and others will present a service of music at both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Our church is blessed with many talented people who serve willingly in these groups, and the congregation is invited to come and share in this end-of-the-year music worship celebration!



## NEWS AND NOTES

The plastic coffee cup liners used on Sunday mornings now cost about five cents each compared to the Styrofoam cups at about 1.5 cents each. Research shows that neither cup has an "environment impact" advantage, therefore we will now be using Styrofoam cups.

### *Dates to remember:*

- May 1 Augie's Diner Dinner Show*
- May 8 "Opening Your Spiritual Gifts" Workshop*  
*Evening Service of Healing*
- May 9 "Opening Your Spiritual Gifts" Workshop*
- May 14 VBS Staff Training*
- May 15 New Members Received*  
*All Branch Meeting*
- May 22 Church Music Sunday*  
*Joy Group Scavenger Hunt*
- May 29 Summer Worship Schedule Begins*  
*High School Graduation*
- June 10-11 Synod Assembly*
- June 12 Pastor Forest Chaffee, guest pastor*  
*Confirmation Camp Begins*  
*Cub's Ballgame*
- June 20 Vacation Bible School Begins*

**REMINDER: ALL-BRANCH MEETING  
SUNDAY, MAY 15 AT 7:00 P.M.**

## AMBASSADORS FOR - MAY 2005 - JUNE 2005

May 1	Kurt and Peg Soderstrum
May 8	Herman and Norma Ninneman
May 15	Paul and Carol Ouverson
May 22	Dennis and Patsy Kollbaum
May 29	Russ and Donna Knutson
June 5	Ed and Ruth Tiller
June 12	Merlin and Audre Paulson
June 19	Warren Lundell and Bob Phillips
June 26	Kurt and Peg Soderstrum

## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO PREACH?

We will have a special guest pastor with us on June 12. Pastor Forrest Chaffee will be here for both services. He has written a book entitled, "More Alive Than Ever". He acknowledges the noon Bible study group of Augustana as part of the inspiration for his book. Make plans now to worship with us. Books will be available for purchase and he will be available to sign them. Enclosed is an order form for anyone who is interested in purchasing the book ahead of time. It would be helpful if you would please fill the form out and return to the church office by June 1 so books can be inscribed prior to Sunday. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 432-5910.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank those who contributed to our Easter Sunday activities. Thank you to the parents and youth for preparing the Easter breakfast, the congregation for supporting the breakfast, and those who contributed to, and those who created the Easter Garden. We will divide \$132 between the church discretionary fund and the local food pantry.

Thank you to everyone who has donated fabric, thread, pins, needles and supplies for the quilters.

*Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, visits, flowers and concern during my hospitalization and since my return home. Special thanks to Pastor Solomon and Pastor Dick for their visits and prayers. God bless everyone of you.*

*Delores Russell*

AT THE FONT:

...April 17, 2005, Olivia Jane Smalley, daughter of Ryan and Susan Smalley.

...April 17, 2005, Kenley Steven Crouthamel, son of Michael and Amy Crouthamel.

AT THE ALTAR:

...Richard Eden and Sharon Ferris were married at Augustana on April 2.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

...Family and friends of Florence Browning who died on April 6. Burial at Boone Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

...Brad and Trudy Appenzeller, Mark and Barb Appenzeller, and family and friends of Larry Appenzeller who died on April 9.

...Leigh and Julie Foster and family on the death of Julie's father, Devere Steffensen, of Lake Mills, IA.

...Dr. Jack and Elaine Anderson and family on the death of their son Kip Anderson on April 18 in Kansas City. Services were held at Augustana on April 25.

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ comfort those who mourn.

THE PAUL & PHOEBE HELLWEGE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Hellwege Memorial Scholarship is presented each year to a student who is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at an ELCA college in Iowa or adjoining states. It is based on need. The recipient is to be a member of an ELCA congregation in Boone County. Applications are available in the Church Office. Application deadline is May 15.

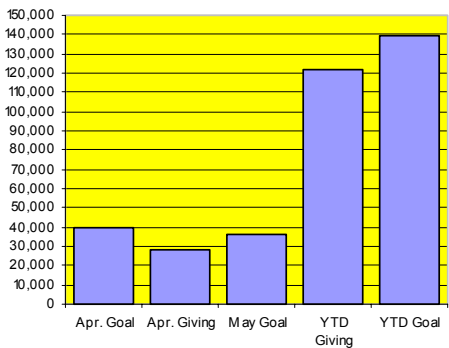
Graduates: Augustana recognizes those from our church family who are graduating from high school in Boone and the surrounding area, and also those graduating from colleges or other institutes of learning. Please inform the church office of any of these graduates. We will recognize them in the next newsletter.

WELCA

Augustana WELCA Spring Fellowship
Wednesday, May 4, 2005
1:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room
Thank Offerings will be received.
Election of Officers

STEWARDSHIP 2005

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include Year to Date giving goal (\$139,451), Year to Date giving (\$121,867), April giving goal (\$39,400), April giving to date (\$27,951), and May giving goal (\$35,859).



We fell short of our April giving goal by more than \$11,000. This means that our April expenses will exceed our giving by several thousand dollars. Thank you for your faithful response in the past and in the future!

The speaker will be from ACCESS, the Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support. ACCESS provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Come hear about the important work they do in Boone County. All women and their guests are invited to attend. Ruth Circle will have devotions. The WELCA board will be serving refreshments following the meeting.

MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- Martha Circle Mon. May 16, 7:00 p.m.
Esther Circle Wed. May 18, 9:00 a.m. (kitchen cleaning after meeting)
Ruth Circle Wed. May 18, 1:30 p.m.
Hannah Circle Sat. May 21, 9:00 a.m. (childcare provided for Hannah Circle)

Church Women United
May Friendship Breakfast

Friday, May 6, 2005  
9:30 a.m.  
Augustana Lutheran Church

Church Women United May Friendship Breakfast will be hosted by Augustana Women. The Least Coin offering will be gathered. Come and join Christian women from the community in celebration and prayer. Let's have a good attendance to welcome women from other churches in Boone. Tickets are only \$1.00 and will be available at the door. Bring a friend!

### QUILTS, QUILTS, QUILTS

After the verb "To Love"....."To Help" is the most beautiful verb in the world.

Since 1945 U.S. Lutherans have provided material resources by the ton for people in need around the world. The quilts, kits, soap and clothing travel through a well-coordinated, intercontinental pipeline to get from Augustana to the women, children and men who so deeply appreciate these gifts of comfort.

Bushels of thanks to all of you who helped our spring shipment...those who donated materials and money, who packed the boxes, hauled them to the semi, those who came on Wednesday mornings, who made tops and backs at home...or all of the above. Special thanks go to the Boy Scouts who carried all of the quilts upstairs and to Fareway for that great pile of boxes. We needed each one of you.

A LWR quilt is special: It brings warmth on a cold night and shelter from the sun on a hot day. It becomes a bed, a room divider, a backpack to carry belongings, and at times even a home. Each quilt is one of a kind with a beauty all its own. We shipped 481 quilts.

In refugee camps, hospitals, and villages around the world gifts of LWR layettes convey a warm welcome to newborns and their mothers. We sent 21 layettes.

We also sent 27 pounds of soap, as well as six boxes of men and children's clothing and sweaters...over a ton of material.

Like a quilt square, material aid is a piece of a greater whole. Working in cooperation with programs that promote long-term recovery, these

gifts extend the caring hand of Christ in a hurting world.

Somehow, not only for Christmas  
But all the long year through  
The joy that you give to others  
Is the joy that comes back to you.  
John Greenleaf Whittier

In His Love  
Delilah

### GROUP ACTIVITIES

#### THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP:

- May 5 Kathy Jipson, coordinator for Boone and Dallas County Foster Grandparents program, will tell us about this program.
- May 12 Shantel Smith, physical therapist from Ogden will speak to us about the possibilities of therapy.
- May 19 Brent Trout, city manager, will share his experience in Iraq.
- May 26 Dixie Johnson, accordionist and humorist will entertain us.
- June 2 This will be our last meeting until Fall. We will have Holy Communion and hymn sing.

Thank you to all of you who have supported our programs by faithful attendance. The committee who makes arrangements for the programs find it much easier to ask speakers and musicians when we can depend on a good audience. Suggestions for programs are always welcome.

Anyone 60 years of age or older or retired is encouraged to attend Thursday Fellowship. We meet at noon on Thursdays for a meal prepared and served to us for \$3.00. A program follows. (Meals are cooked at the high school and served by volunteers.) Make dinner reservations by Tuesday evening by calling Dorothy Halling at 432-2015 or the church office at 432-5910.

## JOY GROUP TO GO ON "TREASURE HUNT!"

Come on all ye land-lubbers,  
Let's have some fun!  
We're having a treasure hunt  
'fore the school year is done.

6:30 is the time,  
May 22 the day  
So pack up your sleuthing skills  
Let's get under way

You'll be given a clue  
so you'll know where to go  
only to find 'nother clue –  
not too easy, you know!!

The treasure's a gift  
for the keenest of mind,  
the remainder have nothing  
but a wonderful time.

We'll start at the church  
and end up there too!  
For snacks and good laughs  
when our "hunt" is through.



PIANO RECITAL: The piano students of Pauline Brittain will be presenting "In Anticipation of Summertime," a piano recital, on Sunday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.. You are cordially invited to attend this evening of fun music. The students have worked hard this year and are ready to show off their skills. Please join us in the Augustana Church Fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served after the recital.

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME....Family Fun

Summer is right around the corner! It's not too soon to begin putting some important events on your calendar. How about joining your Augustana friends for fun at the ballpark?! We will make our annual journey to Des Moines to watch the Iowa Cubs play on Sunday, June 12. The action will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Sec Taylor Stadium.

Don't be left out of the fun of this always-enjoyable family event! As usual, Denny Erb and Company will be serving up fine cuisine for the pre-game tailgate (Ballpark frank BBQ). (That in itself is worth going for!) We will plan to leave Augustana's parking lot right after second service to caravan to Des Moines. Make plans to join us, won't you?! Contact Kim Swanson (432-7827) by June 5.



HOSPICE OF CENTRAL IOWA'S BOONE TEAM will be holding a Memorial Service, May 10 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Augustana. The service will be held in the Fireside Room. This is a time--not only for Hospice of Central Iowa's survivors but anyone who has suffered a loss-- to come together in remembrance of loved ones. All are welcome.

## COMMUNICATION SURVEY RESULTS

In February 2004, the Congregational Council of Augustana Lutheran Church chartered a Communication Team to:

- evaluate the effectiveness of our current communication mechanisms,
- recommend actions to address any identified gaps in our communication systems, and
- determine the resources, both in staff time and volunteer ministry, to carry out these actions.

The team formed in June 2004. Greg Booton, Curt Clifton, Jean Herrstrom, Ron Hudson, Laura Mehlhaus, Becky Olson, Carol Ouverson, and Ann Reed comprised the initial team. We began by studying our current communication mechanisms and quickly realized that we needed more congregational input to perform a proper evaluation. To this end, we developed a communication survey that was sent to the members of the congregation in February 2005.

We sent the survey to every Augustana member household asking about communications within our family of faith. We mailed approximately 600 surveys and received 102 completed surveys, for about a 17% response rate. (This is considered a high response rate for a mailed survey.)

We designed the survey to help us understand:

- Augustana's current communication mechanisms,
- the perceived value of possible new communication mechanisms,
- what types of information the members are interested in, and
- the strengths and weaknesses of Augustana's communication efforts.

In general, the congregation seems to think that our communications are in quite good shape, with general praise outweighing general complaints. However, it is also clear that we communicate most effectively with those who are most involved and attend church services regularly. One explanation for this is that bulletins and announcements allow us more regular opportunities to communicate with these people. Another explanation is that those who are more involved are likely to be more receptive to the message. This last point was raised by several respondents. We should also recognize that those who are more involved are probably more likely to have returned the survey. Thus, if our communication gap is with less involved members, then the survey results would paint a rosier picture of the situation.

It was clear that the bulletin and newsletter provide our most effective communication channels. Also, a significant minority is interested in some electronic transmission of the newsletter. We may be able to reduce some expenses by moving some members from a paper newsletter to electronic transmission. However, the results indicate that a paper newsletter will still be called for in the foreseeable future. We will need to study whether any potential cost savings are negated by the time and expense of maintaining a separate electronic distribution channel, especially given that email addresses tend to change much more frequently than regular mailing address.

The most often cited complaint is that the web site is not updated on a regular basis. People have an expectation that web sites will have up-to-date information. This is especially true when the web site includes time-sensitive information, such as newsletters or calendars.

The survey results show that the members of Augustana have a high or medium-level interest in all the events in the life of their congregation. Furthermore, a majority of respondents expressed a high level of interest in our worship schedule, calendar of events, news from pastors and staff, personal announcements (births, baptisms, weddings, illness, funerals), fellowship opportunities, and music programs.

A complete report on the survey results, detailing responses to every question, is available in the church office, or by emailing Ann Reed at [augustana@augustanaboone.org](mailto:augustana@augustanaboone.org). The next steps for the Communications Team are to develop recommendations for addressing the identified gaps in our communications systems. We plan to present a final report on our work to the council by early this summer.

CONGREGATIONS TOGETHER IN MISSION

Held at First Lutheran Church  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
March 12, 2005

Report from Ryan and Shannon Bowman

As we traveled to Cedar Rapids for the Synod conference on *Sexuality, Spirituality, and Communities of Faith*, keynote speaker Barbara K. Lundblad arrived from Boston. Who knew what would be more intense- her address or our response? Lundblad referenced the divisions in Christian churches that are arising over views on homosexuality and the future of the ELCA. She spoke on the tradition of the church, and how we have changed to see women as equals and interracial marriage as true marriage. She also tackled the toughest points in Scripture. Compared to the number of verses that address poverty in the Bible, we have far fewer to guide us in our decisions on same-sex marriages. Lundblad reminded us that in these verses, the same-sex interactions were denounced because of the inequality of power between the people. It seems that God negatively judges affairs, rape, violence, and prostitution that occur in both heterosexual and homosexual relationships. We left with many questions to discuss: Should all relationships be judged on mutuality and fidelity? Are same-sex commitments the best moral option available? Should the church strengthen all commitments made in love? After many nodding heads, Barbara left the podium with a standing ovation. Conversation continued throughout the day, and other workshops were offered. Shannon attended “Building Peace in Columbia” and “The Mentally Ill in Our Church”, and Ryan discussed “Moral Values” and “Congregational Worship”. We would love to talk more about the gathering or answer any questions (432-8434).

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LSI Advocates:

Who will speak for me? Who will plead my cause? Such questions are asked by thousands of Iowans, among them the 40,000 persons served by Lutheran Services in Iowa. Your help is needed being an advocate.

Advocacy means “to plead the cause of another together with and on their behalf, to care for, stand with, and serve people who are living in poverty and who are suffering.” Advocacy is rooted in the gospel where Jesus said, “If you have done it to one of the least of these, you have done it to me.” The ELCA, Lutheran Services in America, and Lutheran Services in Iowa “call persons to advocate for justice with and for those without power and voice in places where important and economic decisions are being made that affect the lives of those who are marginalized in society.” Lutheran Services in Iowa shares a partnership with congregations advocating for people with special needs.

Churches provide ambassadors who serve as communicators for LSI’s mission. Ambassadors help distribute materials to the church council, the congregation, and community or arrange an LSI Awareness Sunday or other event. Ambassadors may also be involved in direct service by being a mentor and developing a relationship with a Bremwood or Beloit child, providing transportation, distributing food baskets, being involved with Lutheran Disaster Response, or other acts of service. Ambassadors are also encouraged to be involved in the legislative process working for public and corporate policies that advance justice, peace, human dignity, and address the needs of those living on the margins. Advocacy is an important part of the mission of LSI and the church.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering as an ambassador from your congregation. You can help make a difference in the lives of those who need hope.

Training events are available for ambassadors. If you want more information about this program, please contact Rev. Jim Knudson, Director of Church Relations, Lutheran Services in Iowa. You may e-mail [jim.knudson@lsiowa.org](mailto:jim.knudson@lsiowa.org) or phone 319-859-3531, or mail Rev. Jim Knudson, 106 16<sup>th</sup> St. SW, PO Box 848, Waverly, Iowa 50677.

To all the Faithful at Augustana Lutheran Church,

Which people in our communities and churches are facing the greatest challenges in their lives?

Many folks would say that the answer is our young people. Their lives are filled with difficult choices and many different influences. Those of us who are older can draw on our lifetime of experiences. Other folks may respond that families face the greatest challenges. The Beloit Lutheran Children's Home serves both children and entire families. It serves children with the most severe emotional problems in Iowa, and it helps draw these hurting families together by counseling not only for the kids, but also for the parents.

Once the "It's About the Kids" Appeal is successfully completed, the much-needed new facility will provide a stronger ministry to our children. It will be a safer place to provide the treatment our kids need so they can grow up to have more productive and fulfilling lives.

The need is critical to complete this effort and open the doors to more children. That is why Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has set a goal of \$5,500,000 for the campaign. If this goal is achieved, LSI will be able to pay off the debt for the new building being constructed at Ames so the KIDS can have a safe and loving home for their therapy.

Thrivent Financial will contribute 50 cents for every dollar that a member (all family members 16 and older) donates to LSI's "It's About the Kids" Appeal. Gifts \$50-\$600 will be matched. (Gifts over \$600 will all be matched at the \$300 upper limit.) Families with more than one member can receive more matches. If a couple are both members of Thrivent and offer \$1,200 or more per year, Thrivent will match \$600 per year.

On Sunday, May 1, we will have an opportunity to join in this effort by making our commitments to the "It's About the Kids" Appeal. We will be seeking your response by asking you to fill out a "Statement of Intent" at the worship service you attend on that date. Please prayerfully consider your response for the Kids Sake!

As of March 15, 2005, \$3.45 million has been raised statewide, out of the \$5.5 million needs for the project. The Southeastern Synod of the ELCA has raised over \$1,000,000 from the church members alone. Please join us in considering a generous three-year commitment for the "It's About the Kids" campaign at Augustana Lutheran Church. Our name and action will help give HOPE to our KIDS at BELOIT.

Thank you, and we serve you in Christ's name,



## News from the Coffee Shop

**New, New, New this month!!**

**Organic Café Peru - French Roast**

This coffee boasts a deep body and velvety smoothness with a hint of Caramel.

It comes in 2-five pound packages of whole beans and we will divide it any way you like! So if you just want a sample bag or a whole pound of beans, stop by the coffee shop soon. (We can even grind it for you!)

Your purchase of Organic Café Peru funds seminars on composting, intercropping, and other earth-friendly growing techniques conducted by the cooperatives in Peru.

**Coffee, coffee, coffee.....** What about people who don't like coffee? Equal Exchange, Lutheran World Relief's partner in the coffee project, also has fairly traded tea. All of the tea is grown in India, and comes in the following blends:

**Green Tea**  
**English Breakfast**  
**Earl Grey**

You may have noticed the new tea packaging on the outside, but the real difference is on the inside with each tea bag individually wrapped. Equal Exchange works with Tea Promoters of India, a Darjeeling based family operation that manages four tea gardens – all of which are certified organic and run in accordance with fair trade standards. TPI has been a pioneer in bringing environmental and social reforms to the tea industry.



**Hot weather tip:** If you like green tea, it tastes great iced!!  
That's right...iced green tea. Try it, you'll like it!

## Habitat for Humanity

Groundbreaking for House #10 was held on Sunday, April 24, at the corner of Division St. and 5<sup>th</sup> St. in Ogden.

Melissa Hiles and her daughter are the tenth partner family and will work with Habitat volunteers to build their new home.

## Stand With Africa

Thank you to everyone who contributed to **Stand With Africa**. Donations from Augustana totaled \$ 292.20.

All of this important news was brought to you by your Social Ministry Branch.

# Christian Learning News

May, 2005

Shari VerHelst, Sunday School

Superintendent, 432-7647

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## Staff Recognition - May 15

On Sunday, May 15, the Staff of our 2004 - 2005 Sunday School will be recognized. Thank you to these dedicated people for their time and talents. Be sure to stop in and say thanks. Members of this year's staff include:

Preschool, Georgia Robertson, Maureen Howard (1st Term), Lori Freund & Nicole Overton.  
Pre-Kindergarten, Heidi Dodd, Crystal Leaf & Jennifer Wilson.

Kindergarten, Sheila Anderson  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Kim Behrendt & Michelle McDonald  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Nicole Reynoldson & Ashley Hickie  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Janet Walker & Matt Swanson  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Vicki Heiller  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jennifer Roberts (1<sup>st</sup> Term) & Maureen Howard (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Jane Martin  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Kurt Soderstrum  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Tim Heiller  
High School, Jenna Gilbertson  
Music, Kim Swanson, Pauline Brittain, Shari VerHelst, Dave Swenson & Kyrsten Swenson  
Secretaries, Marcie Roach & Becky Casey  
Superintendent, Shari VerHelst  
Confirmation Guides, Beth Solomon, Danette Clark, Peter Nelson, Teresa Miller, Rod Nedved, Jill Faust & Ruth House

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Last Day of Sunday  
School  
May 22

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## Vacation Bible School

June 20 - 24

**9 AM - Noon**

**3 years by September 15, 2004 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**\*\*\*\*There will be a limit of 40 students for children ages 3 - 5. Be sure to get your registration in early.\*\*\*\***

Registrations will be accepted through June 5.

*You will need to complete a registration form for each child. There is a copy of the necessary form in the newsletter. If you have completed the Annual Registration for your child at the beginning of the Sunday School year, it is only necessary for you to complete the top portion pertaining to Vacation Bible School. Please complete both pages if you haven't already done so.*

*Volunteers are still needed. If you can help, please contact Shari or Jenna.*

**VBS Staff Training  
May 14, 9 - 12 AM**

## Sponsor A Child For VBS

The average cost for one child to attend Vacation Bible School is \$5. There is no 'charge' for a child to attend VBS, but to cover the expenses, we are asking for VBS Sponsors throughout the congregation. We welcome any amount you would like to give.

Some years we have requested donations of items but find it works better to be able to go out and purchase exactly what we need. Please consider making a donation. Mark your check for VBS or include the tab below. Thanks for helping to give our children a great Vacation Bible School.

Thank you for your support of the children in our church.

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VBS Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter 1                      Food Pantry/World Hunger Offering                      Blood Pressure Checks                      "It's About the Kid's" Sunday                      8:30 Worship/Communion                      9:45 Sunday School/Fellowship                      9:45 Adult Forum                      11:00 Worship/Communion                      6:30 Augie's Diner</p>	<p>2                      4:00 H.S. Guys Bible Study                      6:00 Foster Grandparents Banquet                      7:00 Facility Planning Task Force                      7:00 Scouts 132</p>	<p>3                      4:00 H.S. Girls Bible Study                      7:00 Communication Team                      7:00 Horizontal Connection Team</p>	<p>4                      6:30 Bible Study                      8:30 WIC                      9:00 Sewing                      1:30 WELCA Spring Fellowship                      6:00 Bell Choir                      7:00 Sr. Choir                      8:00 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Meeting</p>	<p>5                      12:00 Thursday Fellowship                      Kathy Jipson, Foster Grandparents Program                      7:00 Worship/Communion                      7:00 Child Safety Task Force</p>	<p>6                      9:30 CWU                      May Fellowship                      Breakfast                      Augustana Lutheran Church</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Seventh Sunday of Easter 8                      Mother's Day                      8:30 Worship/Sr. Choir                      9:45 Sunday School/Fellowship                      9:45 Adult Forum                      11:00 Worship                      4:00 "Opening Your Spiritual Gifts"                      7:00 Service of Healing</p>	<p>9                      4:00 H.S. Guys Bible Study                      6:00 Foster Parents Potluck                      7:00 "Opening Your Spiritual Gifts"                      7:00 Scouts 132</p>	<p>10                      8:30 WIC                      4:00 H.S. Girls Bible Study                      7:00 Hospice of Central IA Grief Support</p>	<p>11                      6:30 Bible Study                      9:00 Sewing                      10:00 WIC                      6:00 Bell Choir                      7:00 Sr. Choir</p>	<p>12                      12:00 Thursday Fellowship                      Shantel Smith, Physical Therapy                      4:15 Ev. Free Church Home                      7:00 Worship</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14                      9:00 VBS Staff Training                      9:00 Foster Grandparents Training</p>
<p>Pentecost 15                      New members Received                      Sunday School Staff Appreciation                      8:30 Worship                      9:45 Sunday School/Fellowship                      9:45 Adult Forum                      9:45 H.S. Senior Breakfast                      11:00 Worship/Sr. Choir                      1:00 H.S./Jr.H. Youth Group                      7:00 All Branch Meeting</p>	<p>16                      4:00 H.S. Guys Bible Study                      7:00 Martha Circle                      7:00 Scouts 132</p>	<p>17                      Newsletter Deadline                      8:00 OES                      4:00 H.S. Girls Bible Study                      7:00 Council</p>	<p>18                      6:30 Bible Study                      9:00 Esther Circle                      1:30 Ruth Circle                      2:00 OES H.C.                      6:00 Bell Choir                      7:00 Sr. Choir</p>	<p>19                      12:00 Thursday Fellowship                      Brent Trout, City Manager, Experience in Iraq                      7:00 Worship</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21                      9:00 Foster Grandparents Training                      9:30 Hannah Circle</p>
<p>Trinity Sunday 22                      Church Music Sunday                      8:30 Worship/Sr. Choir                      9:45 Sunday School/Fellowship                      9:45 Adult Forum                      11:00 Worship/Sr. Choir                      1:00 National Youth Gathering Meeting                      6:30 JOY Group Scavenger Hunt                      7:00 Piano Recital</p>	<p>23                      4:00 H.S. Guys Bible Study                      7:00 Scouts 132</p>	<p>24                      4:00 H.S. Girls Bible Study                      4:00 Prayer Group                      7:00 Mutual Ministry</p>	<p>25                      6:30 Bible Study                      9:00 Sewing                      2:30 Happy Tymes</p>	<p>26                      12:00 Thursday Fellowship                      Dixie Johnson, Accordionist                      7:00 Worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Second Sunday after Pentecost 29                      8:30 Worship/Sr. Choir                      Graduation Recognition                      9:30 Fellowship                      10:00 Worship</p>	<p>30                      Memorial Day                      Office Closed</p>	<p>31                      7:00 LADOS</p>	<p>Remember: Mother's Day, May 8                      Remember: High School Graduates - May 29                      Remember: Those who gave their lives - Memorial Day, May 30</p>			