

Augustana District Exists to Help Congregations

The Augustana District exists to serve congregations. This fundamental purpose is grounded in both theological and practical commitments.

Augustana believes what the Lutheran Confessions teach. The Church is the assembly of believers gathered around Word and Sacrament. The local congregation is a "full" expression of the Church. But we do not live in isolation. Congregations who band together with other congregations enhance and support the ministry of the Gospel in the local Church and beyond. Each congregation is linked to a broader, universal Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. The presence of the Word creates and unites the Church.

The energy, resources, and efforts of the District focus on congregations and assist them in ministries of Word and Sacrament.



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**The Augustana District is a
non-geographic District in
Lutheran Congregations in
Mission for Christ (LCMC)
centered in the upper Midwest.**

- ✚ **Support to Congregations
and Pastors**
- ✚ **Educational and
Theological Resources**
- ✚ **World Mission &
Evangelism**

"But God, who is rich in mercy ...
made us alive together with Christ -
by grace you have been saved"
Ephesians 2:4, 5

A NEW DAY

Who would have thought we'd be in the situation we're in today? Only the Lord! We have been thrust into circumstances that require all faithful Lutherans to take a position: "Here I stand; I can do no other!"

Entrusted to us - by God Almighty - is the biblical and confessional witness of our Lutheran heritage. Within the choir of the "one, holy Christian and apostolic Church" this is the voice without which the choir cannot be complete.

The Augustana District exists to sing that part, and to sing it joyfully and truly. We are anchored by a Statement of Faith that grounds us in God's Word and in the Lutheran Confessions. The importance of local Word and Sacrament ministries are always front-and-center, so the Augustana District has organized in a way that supports and enhances congregational life and ministry, providing support and oversight for pastors, and finding creative and effective ways to band together in mission and ministry. The Augustana is a fellowship and companionship of like-minded Christians who have deep passion for both the truth and purity of the Gospel, and the joyous command of the Great Commission.



We Believe

- ✚ Sinners are made right with God by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone. This is the article of faith by which the Church stands or falls.
- ✚ The Word of God is Jesus Christ, the proclamation about him, and the Holy Scriptures. This Word functions as both law and gospel, which need to be distinguished, but not separated. The law orders society and convicts us of sin, showing us our need for a Savior. The gospel is the power of God that liberates us from sin, death, and the power of the devil, and brings us, by grace, from death to life.
- ✚ God elects sinners for salvation through the proclamation of the Word by which the Holy Spirit gives faith.
- ✚ The Church is the assembly of saints in which the Gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are administered rightly. It is not necessary that human traditions or rites and ceremonies, instituted by men, should be alike everywhere. (CA VII) Churches band together in fellowship and mission to strengthen their ministries.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- ✚ To serve congregations in every way we can in the matters and concerns they express.
- ✚ To provide Ministry Standards, continuing education opportunities, and collegiality for pastors. Pastors of the Augustana District welcome the opportunity to be held to standards of accountability to one another.
- ✚ To commit to the long range success of Sola Publishing and the Institute of Lutheran Theology.
- ✚ To grow strong hearts for world missions in each of our congregations.
- ✚ To assist new mission start-up congregations, and to provide resources and assistance for all congregations to be engaged in the Great Commission.
- ✚ To be of service to all LCMC and NALC congregations in whatever ways we can, and in whatever ways we are asked.

