

Augustana Lutheran 2017 Social Ministry Report

In 2017, Augustanans devoted both time and financial resources to social ministry efforts. The Augustana Council voted to distribute the \$1500 social ministry budget in ways that both advance the cause of an integrated society and support the ongoing social ministry work of Augustana. Importantly, the Council continued our commitment to support organizations that combat racism through financial support on an annual basis.

Respectfully submitted by D. Walker

Luke 6:31

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Direct Action

Augustana Food Pantry

- Supported Augustana and Santa Maria families
- Supported homeless neighbors

Martha's Table, McKenna's Wagon

- **12 trips** to deliver meals to the DC homeless
- Over 20 members volunteering

SOME Trot for Hunger 5k

- Augustana was the #3 team fundraiser in the 2017 event!
- This was our 4th year to bring a team to the event
 - In 2014 we raised: \$ 2,750.00
 - In 2015 we raised: \$ 2,385.00
 - In 2016 we raised: \$ 3,786.59
 - In 2017 we raised: \$ 2,620.20
- Total raised by the Augies: **\$ 11,541.79**

Letter Writing Campaign for Bread for the World

- Wrote **50 letters** to members of Congress about hunger for Bread for the World Sunday

God's Work, Our Hands Pie Contest Fundraiser for the Lutheran Church in El Salvador

- Raised **\$2,419** to support Pastor Blanca Irma Rodriguez's work in El Salvador providing funding for micro-business/ training/ entrepreneurial endeavors; trauma care; education etc...
- Laura Herrera won with her yummy Banana Pie!





Supported Detained Immigrants with the DC Immigration Detention Visitation Network

- Hosted letter writing and social event for DC Immigration Visitation Network volunteers

Letter writing campaign for Amnesty International

- Sent **77 letters** for "Write for Rights"



March On!

- Participated in the historic Women's March
- Participated in March to Support Immigrants



Education

Hosted Immigration Detention Visitation Training and Discussion on August 19th.

- About **20 folks** from the community, Augustana, and other congregations attended.

Hosted "Learning about Islam" event.

- **28 members** attended a great class lead by Daniel and Barbara Stoll and Aqeel Muslim to foster better understanding of the Islam faith.



Financial Support

- Gifts of Hope (\$2610)
- Equal Justice Initiative (\$200)
- NAACP Legal Defense Fund (\$200)
- Southern Poverty Law Center (\$200)
- Martha's Table (\$150)
- N Street Village (\$150)
- SOME (Turkey Trot sponsorship) (\$150 pledge)
- National Religious Campaign Against Torture (\$100)
- Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (\$100)
- Write for Rights Campaign (\$100 for postage and supplies)
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (\$100)
- DC Books to Prisoners postage donation (\$50)



Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25: 34-40

THANK YOU, AUGUSTANA!