



AUGUSTANA DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

November 2018

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**“Iron sharpens iron,
and one person sharpens another.” ~ Proverbs 27:17**

by Pastor Randy Freund

I am often asked, “Why should we join the Augustana District?” The answer to that varies, but my standard answer is that there are practical, relational and theological reasons for joining the Augustana District. The practical and relational reasons would need to be covered in a different way. For this newsletter, we focus on the theological reasons.

“Iron sharpens iron” is the verse that comes to mind as I think about the Theology part of the Augustana motto: Theology. Church. Mission. Since theology shapes and drives how we think of the church and the mission of the church, we have dedicated ourselves to the theological task. We need to challenge one another in order to grapple with the challenges of our time. There are many ways Augustana focuses on this, but our annual theological conference is a primary way we do this. We

come together around a specific theme in order to sharpen each other theologically. The Board for Theology and Ministry comes up with the theme and the speakers. This coming year we will focus in on preaching. It is arguably the most important task and privilege we have. We hope you will plan to attend the 2019 annual theological conference and invite a colleague. No one can do good theology in a vacuum. We need one another.

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In Christ,

Pastor Randy Freund

From The Board of Theology & Ministry

This year, the Board of Theology and Ministry is inviting all clergy and interested lay people to read and review Gerhard Forde's book, ***Theology is for Proclamation***. A reading guide will be forthcoming. We hope that clergy groups or other small groups will take some time to examine this treasure. Then, join us for the Theological Conference in Bloomington, MN on February 4-5, as we explore the topic further. Dr. Steven Paulson and Pastor Julie Smith will be our keynote speakers. Also, a pastoral panel will discuss how pastoral acts bring Christ present and give him away.

Watch for the reading guide mid-December via e-mail, the website, and the AD Facebook page.

The Agenda for the Conference is looking like this:

SUNDAY

There will be a Superbowl gathering as folks arrive on Sunday. Details will follow as the event gets closer.

- ~ Pr. Paul Koch on Worship & Hymnody
- ~ Pr. Culynn Curtis on Holy Baptism
- ~ Pr. Brian Crocker on Holy Communion
- ~ Pr. Tim Balfanz on Pastoral Care
- ~ Discussion

MONDAY

- 9:00 a.m. - Opening Worship
- 9:30 a.m. - Dr. Steven Paulson, *Theology is for Proclamation* - Part I
- 10:45 a.m. - Break
- 11:15 a.m. - Dr. Steven Paulson, *Theology is for Proclamation* - Part II
- 12:15 p.m. - Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - Pastor Julie Smith, *The Craft of Preaching*
- 2:30 p.m. - Panel Discussion: Pastoral Ministry as Proclamation

- 3:45 p.m. - Break
- 4:15 p.m. - AD Update
- 4:45 p.m. - Closing
- (Free evening for fun and fellowship)

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. - The Greatest Hits: Reflections on Preaching
 - ~ Pr. Randy Freund: Juel
 - ~ Pr. Brad Jensen: Harrisville
 - ~ Pr. Steven Paulson: Forde
 - ~ Pr. Julie Smith: Nestingen
- 10:30 a.m. - Closing Worship



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Streaming options are available.

\$25/Church or \$20/individual

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Before Jan 1	Jan 1 - 22	Jan 23-Feb 3	Walk-in	Selection
\$100	\$110	\$125	\$150	Sun - Tue
\$80	\$90	\$105	\$130	Mon - Tue
\$50	\$60	\$75	\$100	Mon Only
\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	Seminary Student
\$20	\$20	\$20	NA	Individual Live Streaming
\$25	\$25	\$25	NA	Church/Group Live Streaming

Welcome
to the Newest
Augustana District Churches

Trinity Lutheran Church in Niagara Falls, NY , Conrad Lutheran Parish and Pondera Valley Lutheran of Conrad, MT.



When the Augustana District was formed in 2010, Diane was there to serve as our Financial Coordinator. She has faithfully managed the financial affairs for the district ever since.

Diane has decided to take on a new job challenge and will be leaving her role at Faith Lutheran Church and the Augustana District. We wish her well and pray that God continue to bless her in this new venture.



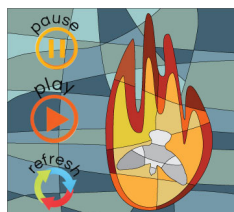
With gratitude to God for the gifts given to you, Diane, we all say THANK YOU!!

2019 Save The Dates

2019 Augustana District Annual Theological Conference “Theology Is For Proclamation”

Monday, February 4 - Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Bloomington, MN (Best Western Plus • 1901 KILLEBREW DR. • PH. 952-854-2800)



2019 Augustana District Annual Confirmation Retreat

PAUSE • PLAY • REFRESH
CHRISTIAN IDENTITY

March 8 -10, 2019

Luther Crest in Alexandria, MN

Augustana District Annual Convention 2019

Saturday, May 11, 2019

Living Word Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN.





INSURANCE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

We are seeking to discern the need and the possibilities for a group health insurance plan for Augustana District pastors, full-time staff and their families. In order to get an accurate quote, we need to gather information from all those that would be *eligible to participate.

**Please complete the form by Nov 5th, 2018.
A 100% participation level is critical to this process!**

VISIT: www.AugustanaDistrict.org/insurance-assessment/



Would you like to be on the e-mail prayer chain to pray for submitted requests?

Please contact us through the Prayer Request page on the website at
www.augustanadistrict.org/church/prayer-warriors/
to submit requests or to join the prayer warrior team!



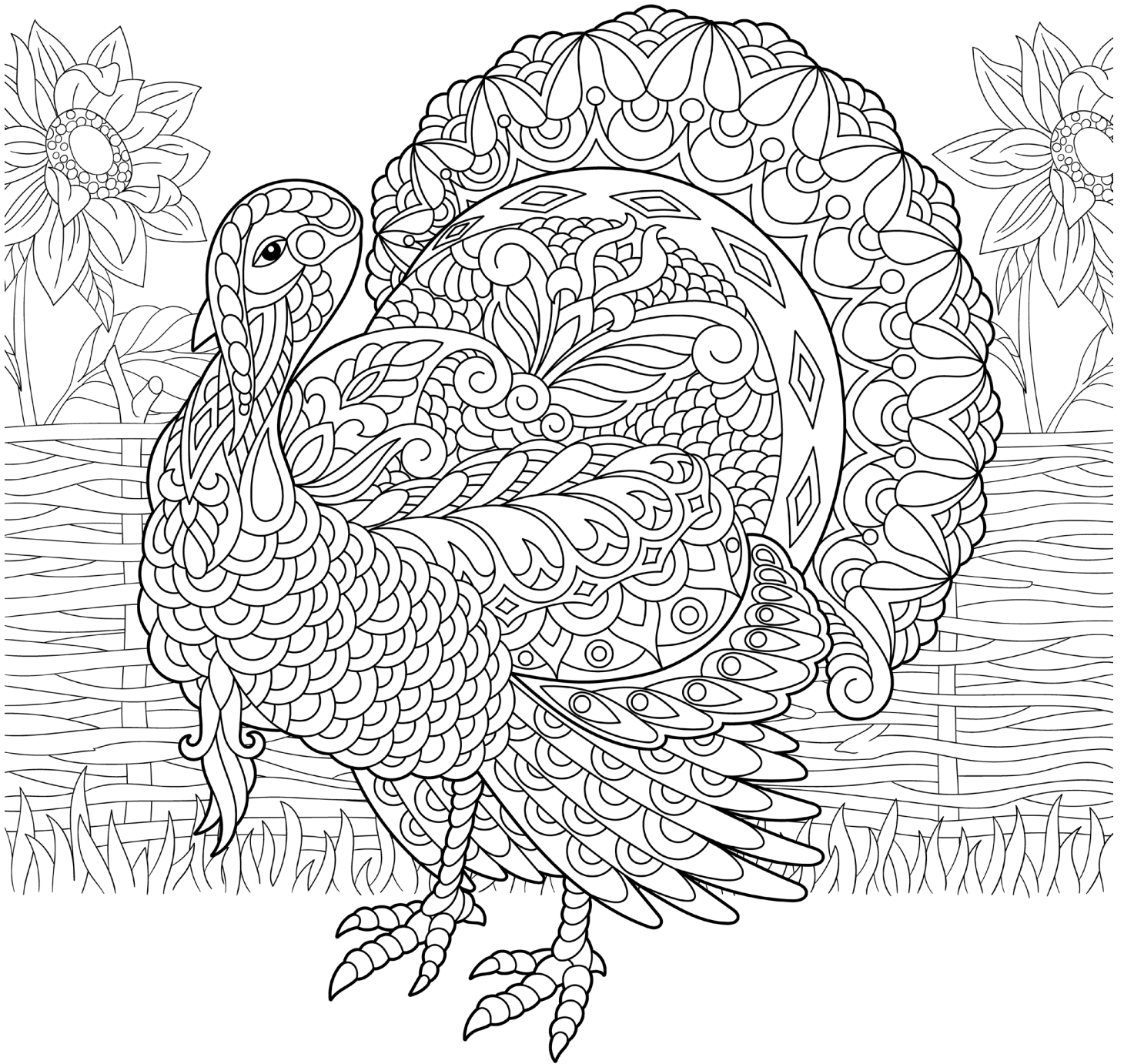
Word Find

Thanksgiving Words



corns, america, apple pie, autumn, bake, baste, blessings, bread, carve, casserole, celebrate, centerpiece, cider, cook, corn, cornbread, cornucopia, cranberries, dessert, dinner, drumstick, eat, family, feast, giblets, gobble, gratitude, gravy, harvest, holiday, maize, Massachusetts, natives, oven, pans, parade, pecan pie, pie, Pilgrims, planting, platter, Plymouth, prayer, pumpkin, pie, Puritans, recipe, religion, roast, rolls, sauce, serve, settlers, snow, squash, stuffing, thanks, tradition, travel, tray, turkey, vegetables, voyage, winter, wishbone, yams

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 Happy Thanksgiving 



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