



Augustana Chaplaincy News

Fall 2014

How we make a difference!

Submitted by Carmen Person, Counselor

To you, the reader, let me say "hello", with a kindly, warm, receptive, attentive, and intentional manner. And may I note that I am delighted you are here. As the writer, a member of the Augustana Chaplaincy Council, a Personal Counsellor on campus, an alumna, I am here to offer you an experience. The reading of this article is also my way of demonstrating my experience of the Chaplaincy program on this lovely, picturesque, and engaging campus.

The primary way to describe my experience is exactly that - a being with, a meeting, a joining, a collaboration, co-creating an experience. And in each moment exists our spiritual heritage, our Abiding Presence, our Creator, our unity. Through our diversity we come together and live these moments together. How we live these

moments will influence us as we live more moments. And what difference does this awareness make? Perhaps knowing that each of us is important, the kind of importance that honours our purpose is part of a grander purpose.

Augustana Chaplaincy is about intentionally living these moments with others as we serve, as we are present, and as we remain interested in the spiritual health and development of our community. How we do this is outlined in this newsletter, on our webpage, embedded within the UofA Augustana webpages, as experienced by the various ideas and programs presented by and with the Student Chaplains, Pastor Craig, and Robyn, and even by you. Since you are reading this, you too contribute by receiving and engaging, pondering.

May blessings of the magnificence in the moments make their way into your awareness.



Toasting with Luther's Lattes at a Friday afternoon coffee house. Chaplaincy hosts these gatherings about once a month serving free Luther's Lattes and Chai Lattes. Students provide the talent.

You are invited...

What's Cookin' Soup Supper
March 1, 2015, 5 pm
Augustana Chapel

Gifts to Chaplaincy

If you would like to make a gift to Chaplaincy, please make your cheque payable to the University of Alberta, noting Augustana Chaplaincy in the memo line. If you would like to donate online, please go to the Augustana home page www.augustana.ualberta.ca/giving/ and click on "online giving page." Choose either Augustana Chaplaincy Annual Fund or Augustana Chaplaincy Endowment Fund from the menu in the "Fund" drop down box.



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Faith 2.0

Chaplaincy Theme for 2014/2015

By Chaplain Craig Wentland

I personally am not a technologically cutting edge kind of guy but I have observed over the years some fundamental changes in the way the internet works. In the early days the internet consisted of some fairly static pages of information. It was like reading a newspaper or an encyclopedia, except on your computer, quite accessible but not that exciting. Sometime in the late 90s things began to change and the web become more and more interactive. Initially this occurred through formats such as chat rooms and then blogs and comments and Wikipedia and YouTube and the list continues. The average user is no longer just a passive receiver but a creator of content. Other folks have noted this change as well and the term Web 2.0 was coined. We now live with a brand new internet.

David Lose, President of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, has noted that we live in a time of Faith 2.0. There was a time when faith was more passively received from family and culture. That is clearly no longer the case. Today's young adults are being challenged about their faith and how they live out their faith in the world. There is an ever increasing array of world views being offered to them as they discern what it means to be fully alive.

In some public universities and other institutions, there is a culture that the topics of faith, religion and spirituality are almost taboo. One of the gifts of Augustana within a public institution, a legacy in part of Augustana's faith-based heritage, is that students are welcome to bring all aspects of their life to Augustana, including the faith/spiritual dimension of who they are. Chaplaincy, in particular, provides for students the opportunity to explore and claim their faith. Students are encouraged to take leadership in worship, learning, service, and small group programming events.

This winter term, I am looking forward to a student preaching series around our theme, Faith 2.0. Many of our senior students have been asking to share what they have observed about the interaction of faith, life and learning in their time at Augustana. Their experiences and insights tend to truly resonate with their fellow students. I hope this newsletter provides you with a glimpse into our students and the day to day activities of Augustana Chaplaincy.



Student Chaplains

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My name is **Kaitlyn Baier**. I am a senior student at Augustana in the Science program. I love experiencing God in nature and in my relationships. As a Student Chaplain, I

serve as the sacristan, preparing the space and the people for the week's worship services. I am part of the worship planning committee. I am also playing in a worship band. I am especially excited to help facilitate the development of a Catholic community on campus.



Hello! I am **Elysia Marchand**. I am a 3rd year Drama Major hailing from Cold Lake. As a Student Chaplain I am leading "Fun-raising" which means planning a ton of outrageously awesome events for the Augustana Campus! I look forward to sharing the joy of Christ!

How are y'all doing? I'm **Chris Audet**, a fourth year History and Physical Education student from Tofield, AB. I am one of the student reps. on Chaplaincy Council. As well, I take part in worship planning and coordinate the rehearsals for the praise and worship bands who play for Chapel on Mondays. I'm glad to be a part of this year's Chaplaincy group and I am looking forward to another great year at Augustana!



*Elysia Marchand, Chris Audet, Kaitlynn Baier, Geordie Nelson, Taylor Bulger, Allyson Wrubleski
Back: Craig Wentland, Robyn Simpson Mohr*

My name is **Taylor Bulger** and I am in my 5th and final year at Augustana. I have lived in Camrose most of my life. This is my 3rd year as a Student Chaplain. I am helping with soup supper set up on Tuesdays. I am also providing questions for our chalkboard. We try to choose questions that are relevant for our Augustana community. I also oversee service opportunities like leading worship and singing in the seniors' residences as well as trying to serve the best I can. I want to strengthen my own faith and spread Christ's love to others through my words and actions.



Hello. My name is **Geordie Nelson** and I am from Wainwright, originally from Ottawa, and I am in my last year in Environmental Sciences. I am a student representative on Augustana Chaplaincy Council; take photos at Chaplaincy events; assist with fundraising, especially with SCORE! (a free-cycling event held on campus in the late fall); and come up with questions for the chalkboard. I have previously been a Resident Assistant and I have served on Augustana Student Association. Serving as a Student Chaplain means I will now complete the leadership trifecta at Augustana. I look forward to sharing my faith with others.



My name is **Allyson Wrubleski** and I am taking a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Physical Education – Kinesiology and Sport Studies – and a minor in Biology. As a Student Chaplain this year you'll see me out and about taking photos and updating the bulletin board as well as assisting with soup supper. I have also



started a baking group. We bake (and taste) Friday's Chapel snack. My goal is to reach out to first year students and encourage them to try new things! I love baking, playing the piano, playing soccer, and doing triathlons. P.S. I hate long walks on the beach.

