



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** Greetings in this very wintry first week of December. In the 28 years of Advent Vespers, I am told that this is the first year that attendance was impacted by inclement weather. Even with the snow swirling on Saturday, many hardy friends and families filled the central sections of the church at both services!

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Supervisors complete training series

Augsburg staff who are supervisors will complete the **Supervisor's Training Series** that began in August. "Real Power—Leading from Your Soul," will be presented Tuesday, Dec. 4 from noon to 4 p.m., and repeated next week on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the same time.

Robin Getman, from InterAct Group, will facilitate the session that deals with developing effective leadership as an integration of external power, derived from confidence, success, stature, etc., with internal power, emerging from the deepest values of the soul.

### Public Safety Task Force present report

A report from the Public Safety Task Force was presented last Tuesday by public safety director John Pack. As the result of a campuswide survey and listening sessions over the past year, the task force addressed concerns about safety, especially at night and in the parking areas, and requests for additional, professional security staff. **Pack emphasized how important it is for the entire community to be engaged in promoting a safe campus and that the best security results from the collaborative efforts of people, systems, and procedures.**

In response to the concerns, two officers and a full-time dispatcher were added in June, and a second security vehicle is being added. Cameras have been added in several buildings and parking facilities; and Christensen Center, the Link, and Sverdrup and Memorial Halls are being fitted for card access.

### Community giving up 30 percent

Sally Daniels reported that the **2007 community giving campaign is up 30 percent over last year's giving.** This year, faculty and staff gave a total of \$14,752—\$8,409 to United Way and \$6,343 to Community Shares. The coins haven't all been counted yet in the Penny Wars, but the staff jar has been declared the winner. Many thanks to Sally Daniels for her leadership in this year's community giving campaign.

## KUDOS

**My deep thanks and congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's 28th annual Advent Vespers,** especially to Pastor Dave Wold, Peter Hendrickson, and Cathy Anderson for their leadership and work. Once again, our four "sold-out" services show the community's great appreciation for this Augsburg tradition linking the music and liturgy

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of the Advent season. Many thanks also to Event Services, Sodexho, and the **Institutional Advancement staff** for helping us host a memorable dinner Friday evening on campus for our most generous alumni and donors.

Many thanks also to the **Augsburg Associates and to all who took part in Velkommen Jul**, the longstanding Augsburg tradition that celebrates our Norwegian heritage.

Kudos to **Jennifer Simon**, American Indian Student Services Program, who attended the University of Minnesota-Morris American Indian advisory meeting on November 27. She has been a member of the advisory group for five years.

Congratulations to the **newly-elected officers of Phi Alpha**, the new honor society for social workers: Mary Murzyn, president; Emily Tischer, vice president; Lindsay Ellison, treasurer; and Karen Thorp, secretary. Thanks to faculty advisor Christina Erickson.

Thanks to **Mike Perry**, Mortensen Hall director, and Mortensen Hall student staff on the celebration of Gerda Mortensen's birthday, celebrating Augsburg's rich history.

## NOTABLE EVENTS

**December 7-9**

**Final exams for weekend undergraduate, MAE, MAL, MAN, and MSW programs**

## DAILY CHAPEL SPEAKERS

M,W,F-10:20 a.m.; T-Th-11:20 a.m.; Wed-9:09 p.m., Communion; Sat (when weekend classes meet)-8 a.m.

**Tues., Dec. 4**—Paul Lutter, Religion Dept.

**Wed., Dec. 5**—Vocatio Chapel, Katy Jensen, first female manager at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station

**Thurs., Dec. 6**—St. Nicholas Day

**Fri., Dec. 7**—Pastor Sonja Hagander

**Mon., Dec. 10**—Advent hymn sing

**Sports schedule**— <http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics/schedules/winter0708.html>

Have a great week!