



# President's WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Good morning.** I welcome you back from Thanksgiving break and hope you were able to enjoy time spent with families and friends in gratitude for the blessings we share.

This week marks the entrance into Advent and the December season of holiday celebrations. **On Friday we welcome our alumni, friends, and families to share in Velkommen Jul**, a uniquely Augsburg tradition honoring and enjoying the Scandinavian heritage of our founding. **Friday evening and Saturday we take part in the 31st annual Advent Vespers** services of music and liturgy, another great Augsburg tradition that has become a regular part of the holiday celebration for many people in our community. At this point, the Saturday services at 2 and 5 p.m. are both full. I hope to see many of you this weekend at both Velkommen Jul and Advent Vespers.

Once again, Abigail and I invite you to join us at the annual Holiday Party for faculty and staff on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Christensen Center Coffee Shop and Student Art Gallery. We look forward to this social hour as a time to express our appreciation for all that you do at Augsburg and to celebrate holiday cheer together in anticipation of this festive, joyous season.

**The last day of fall semester day classes is on Friday, Dec. 10**, and final exams take place from Monday, Dec. 13 through Thursday, Dec. 16. For weekend undergraduate and graduate classes, **the last weekend of fall trimester classes and exams is December 10–12**, although some programs finish before that. **Rochester classes end on December 6.**

## CAMPUS PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

### Fit Choices for Life cooking demo

A'viands' executive chef will offer a cooking demonstration with seasonal ideas for healthy cooking in the Christensen Center Commons on Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Watch as he prepares some holiday ideas with healthy options.

### Training for transition to biweekly payroll

Training sessions have been scheduled to teach monthly staff employees how to use the website to enter time worked. You may attend any of the sessions; note that two are marked for supervisors.

Also, go to "Monthly to Biweekly Payroll Transition" information on the Human Resources Moodle site. To find this, go to AugNet and select AugNet Services, My Courses (Moodle), Community Sites (top left), Your Community Sites—and then select Human Resources Department. For more information, contact Theresa Gade at x1052.

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Training sessions for monthly staff employees:

- Tuesday, Nov. 30, noon–1 p.m., Foss 22A
- Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Sverdrup 201
- Wednesday, Dec. 1, 3–4 p.m., Sverdrup 201
- Thursday, Dec. 2, noon–1 p.m., Foss 22A—**this is an in-depth session for supervisors**
- Friday, Dec. 3, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Sverdrup 201
- Monday, Dec. 6, 8:30–9:30 a.m., Sverdrup 201
- Tuesday, Dec. 7, 3–4 p.m., Sverdrup 201
- Wednesday, Dec. 8, 3–4 p.m., Sverdrup 201
- Thursday, Dec. 9, 3–4 p.m., Sverdrup 201—**this is an in-depth session for supervisors**
- Friday, Dec. 10, 3–4 p.m., Sverdrup 201

## **Augsburg Gives more than \$14,000**

Thank you to everyone who contributed generously to Augsburg Gives, the annual contributions for United Way and Community Shares. This year's total is \$14,471.

## **KUDOS**

Kudos to the **men's soccer team**, who earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Team Academic Award for the fifth straight year, with a team grade-point average of 3.23 this season.

Kudos to **Andrea Dvorak**, Office of International Programs, who will present at the NAFSA—International Education Conference next spring. Her presentation, with a colleague from Yale University, is "Connecting Campus Sustainability and Education Abroad."

Kudos to **Athalie DeBoer** and **Samantha Johns**, who have received study abroad scholarships for spring study in Spain and the United Kingdom, respectively.

**NOTABLE EVENTS for the week**—for a complete listing of Augsburg events, go to the Calendar on Inside Augsburg at <http://inside.augsburg.edu>.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30**

**Community Time**

3:45 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

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## **Wednesday, Dec. 1**

**First Wednesday Gathering**, lunch for faculty and staff

11 a.m.–1:30 p.m., East Commons, Christensen Center

**First Wednesday Supper**

8 p.m., Augsburg Room, Christensen Center

## **Wednesday, Dec. 1**

**Fit Choices for Life cooking demonstration**

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Christensen Center Commons

## **Friday, Dec. 3**

**Velkommen Jul**

10:15 a.m., Velkommen Jul chapel service, Hoversten Chapel

11 a.m., Velkommen Jul Scandinavian Treats and Crafts, Christensen Center

## **Friday–Saturday, Dec. 3–4**

**31st Annual Advent Vespers**

Friday, Dec. 3—5 and 8 p.m., Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th St., Minneapolis

Saturday, Dec. 4—2, 5 and 8 p.m., Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th St., Minneapolis

## **Friday–Sunday, Dec. 3–5**

**WEC and some graduate classes meet**

## **DAILY CHAPEL**

M,W,F–10:20–10:40 a.m., Community Time following; T–Th–11:20–11:40 a.m.;

Wed–9:09 p.m., Communion; Sat. (when weekend classes meet)—First

Word Community Gathering, 7:30–7:55 a.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30**—Mary Lowe, Religion Dept.

**Wednesday, Dec. 1**—Pastor Sonja Hagander

**Wednesday evening, 9:09 p.m.**—Songs and communion

**Thursday, Dec. 2**—Jessica King, senior speaker

**Friday, Dec. 3**—Velkommen Jul Chapel

**Saturday, Dec. 4**—First Word Gathering, Pastor Patricia Lull, affiliated pastor, “Faith, as inspired by Frederick Buechner”

**Monday, Dec. 6**--

Sports results and schedule— [www.augsburg.edu/athletics](http://www.augsburg.edu/athletics)

Have a great week!