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From the Pastor's Desk



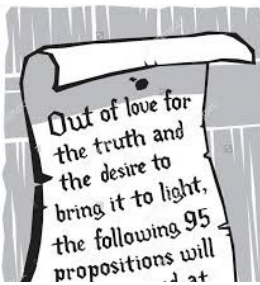
October 2016

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this newsletter article at the end of September, the repainting of the steeple has begun and Groundbreaking for the new elevator will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 12:00 Noon. These first two (2) of our Capital Campaign projects will improve the appearance of our campus and improve accessibility for our members and guests. We hope to undertake the third Capital Campaign project, the replacement of the floor in Fellowship Hall and Kitchen, this summer if sufficient funds are available.



The improvements to our campus will require additional money to properly maintain them as well as to expand our ministries. As our members and friends contemplate the financial support of our ministry for 2017, I ask you to prayerfully consider the great blessings you have received from God and respond generously to those blessings. We will present the commitment cards at the altar on Sunday, October 16th and ask God to bless our efforts to make his name known.



Reformation Sunday, October 30th, begins a year of worldwide celebrations commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. On October 31, 1517 a German monk and priest, Martin Luther, nailed the 95 Theses (debating points) to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, challenging the widespread church practice of selling indulgences (“get out of purgatory free” documents) to fund the building of the current St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. Over time, Luther’s deep pastoral concern for his people caused him and others to argue for changes to other medieval practices which had damaged people’s faith. We are the beneficiaries of those blessed Lutheran reformers. Be present on October 30th to show your gratitude to God for these faithful people.

May God Almighty send you his light and his truth to keep you all the days of your life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck

P.S. See you on Sunday.



Sympathy and Prayers

Sympathy and Prayers are offered to the family of Mr. Dennis Johnson, recently deceased. Mr. Johnson was the husband of Mrs. LaVonne Johnson. A memorial service was held for Mr. Johnson on Saturday, September 17th in the Old Trappe Church. May God grant eternal rest to Dennis, and comfort to his family at this difficult time.



Sympathy and Prayers are offered to the family of Mr. William (Billy) Snyder, recently deceased. Mr. Snyder was the husband of Mrs. Cynthia Snyder. A funeral service was held for Billy on September 10, 2016. May God grant eternal rest to Billy, and comfort to his family at this difficult time.

Sympathy and Prayers are offered to the family of Anna Lynn Herr, recently deceased. Anna was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Herr. May God grant eternal rest to Anna, and comfort to her family at this difficult time.



FROM THE BENCH OCTOBER 2016



Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make “Table for Five... Thousand” such a rousing success (and so much fun!). I especially want to acknowledge Tracey Richvalsky for doing such a great job on the piano, Claire Yarrison for conducting rehearsal during my vacation, Ali Backlund, our flutist, Lora Wentworth for making “fish” for the kids, and Jim Richvalsky who takes our video and makes DVDs for all the families (last year’s DVD included out-takes!) Thanks also to Thrivent Financial, whose Action Team Grant provided t-shirts and allowed us to buy scores, props, and rubber bracelets for the kids. And of course, thanks to all the children and parents who put so much love and hard work into memorizing all their songs and lines.

Our Senior Choir is back in service, and rehearsing each Thursday night at 7:00 pm. We strive to be a very fine church choir – if you enjoy singing and the reward that comes from hard work, and love God or are seeking Him (or you know someone like this!) please join us on Thursday nights. We welcome anyone in grade 9 and up. We are also experiencing some changes in bell choir members this year – stay tuned, as their first rehearsal is coming up in the week after I’m writing this.



Save room in your calendar for our **Christmas Concert, set for Saturday, December 10 at 3:00 pm.** This year, we will have a string quartet, organist, harpist, handbells, flute, and possibly some marimba players! If you’d like to sing with us, or if you are aware of someone who would like to advertise in our program booklet, be a patron of the concert (any amount) or if you’d be willing to seek some business advertisers for us or post flyers – please let me know. This concert is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit and is truly a FUNdraiser for the music department!

Lastly, if you love Christmas Carols and can sing them well, and if you’d like to join a **caroling group for Christmas Eve outside the Old Church** (5pm service), please contact me at music@augustustrappe.org. This was a great success last year and I’d like to do it again! Of course, last year was very warm on Christmas Eve! Carolers will dress in Dickens-like clothing to sing at both of those services as people arrive for church.



Serving with you in joy!

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7).



Remember Augustus Lutheran Church in your Will!

Including Augustus Lutheran Church in your Will is an important way to assure that the church will be here to serve the needs of the congregation and community in the future.

We benefit today because members of Augustus in years past have taken this important step. Have you included your congregation in your estate planning?

A Gentle Reminder

The generations of faithful Lutherans that have gone before us have left us a great legacy at Augustus Lutheran Church. Please do your part to keep our buildings neat, clean, and presentable to the many friends and visitors we welcome throughout each week of the year.

ENJOY TRICK OR TREATING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
AT OUR ANNUAL

TRUNK OR TREAT



Augustus Lutheran Church

717 WEST MAIN STREET, TRAPPE

October 29th, 2016

4:00-5:30pm

Our youth group and their families have decorated their cars for your entertainment.

| Vestry Members | Special Area | Home Phone | E-mail Address |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Gary Wessner, <i>President</i> | Property | 610-454-0106 | gtwess@comcast.net |
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Vestry
Members
2016



Please remember our Active Duty Service Men in your Prayers

Jason Bockelmann Eric Schwirian
Matthew Yosua Michael Yosua

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for October

| Worship Assistants | Acolyte | Crucifer 10:30 | Torch Bearers 10:30 |
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| Check 3-in-1 for Fall Schedule | | | |
| Lectors | 8:00 am | 10:30 | 10:30 |
| October 2 | Jeff Stuffle | Jonathan Mueller | Alan Shunk |
| October 9 | Ron Hess | Alan Shunk | Diane Mills |
| October 16 | Laurie Mueller | Jennifer Wentworth | Sean McClain |
| October 23 | Sandy Trauger | Barbara Burch | Cynthia Snyder |
| October 30 | Amy Sellman | Cheryl Camuso | Chris Dogonniuck |
| Greeters | Contact a member of the Worship & Music Committee | | |
| Communion Assistants | 8:00 am | 10:30 | |
| October 2 | Debra Augustine | John Kochel | Dave Schweitzer |
| October 9 | Debra Augustine | Bob Rodenberger | Janice Reiff |
| October 16 | Debra Augustine | Jeanne Funk | Brian Funk |
| October 23 | Debra Augustine | Barbara Burch | Janice Reiff |
| October 30 | Debra Augustine | Jeanne Funk | Brian Funk |
| Offering Tabulation | | | |
| October | John Kochel | Janice Reiff | Brian O'Hara |
| Ushers | 8:00 am | | |
| October | Usher Team | Frank DePaul, Joe Cooney | Chris Dogonniuck and Dick Allebach |
| Altar Guild | 8:00 am | 10:30 am | |
| October | Sally Sweeney | Donna Beishl | |

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

-Ghandi

The Lutheran Confessions

Do Lutherans follow the teachings of Martin Luther?

Sorry, but the answer is both “yes” and “no.” Lutheran clergy and congregations do not consider everything that Luther ever wrote or said to be authoritative. They are obligated to subscribe only to those of his writings which appear in the Confessional Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

To call the Lutheran Church a “confessional Church” does not mean (as many undoubtedly suppose) that we are a Church in which congregations use the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness every Sunday morning. Rather, the term “confessional Church” means that we are a Church which has a number of writings which set forth and describe with authority certain beliefs and some standard practices for the life of the church. A “confession” is a statement of faith or belief.

The Confessional documents of the Lutheran Church are contained in a single volume called *The Book of Concord* (June 25, 1580). These documents were, and are, intended to be used as a summary of our doctrine, a basis for unity, as safeguards against heresy or errors, and the basis for teaching and instruction.

The Confessional documents of the Evangelical Lutheran Church are

- ◆ The Three Chief Symbols (Apostles’, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds)
- ◆ The Augsburg Confession (written by Philip Melanchthon, 1530)
- ◆ The Apology to the Augsburg Confession (Melanchthon, 1531)
- ◆ The Smalcald Articles (Martin Luther, 1537)
- ◆ The Treatise on the Power and Power and Primacy of the Pope (Luther, 1537)
- ◆ The Small Catechism (Luther, 1529)
- ◆ The Large Catechism (Luther, 1529)
- ◆ The Formula of Concord (1577)

Although Martin Luther wrote a great deal, Lutherans accept only his Large and Small Catechism and his Smalcald Articles as authoritative interpretations of the Scriptures. Our Faith and our Confessions are not based on Luther but on Christ!

To be a “confessional Church” means that we do not follow the teachings or interpretations of a single person, even if that person is Martin Luther or Philip Melanchthon. To be a “confessional Church” means that our faith is grounded on Christ alone and that we seek to live out and explain our faith within the doctrines and traditions of the catholic Church, of which we are a part.



I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen.


—Martin Luther

October Birthdays

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| | | | | 1 William Seland | 2 Hannah Kennedy Victor Ricco III | 3 Amanda Balducci Cole Brenner Arlene Fowble Gavin Jacobs Jennie Lien |
| 4 Samantha DeCarlo Daniel Herb | 5 Deborah Frisco Betty Imes | 6 Lauren Herb | 7 Jennifer Capetola Connor Hainley Luke Matzke William Schindler | 8 Kevin Stufflet Wendy Watro | 9 John Betz Cynthia Henze Emily Mullarkey James Tornetta | 10 Nancy Allebach |
| 11 Tyler Funk Richard Patten | 12 Kenneth Hoffman Sarah Riegel Pamela Slauch | 13 Brian Clark Melanie Donley Scott Maurer Karen Vossen | 14 Terry Benner III Irene Markert | 15 John Houser Emma Linsenbigler Richard Opperman Joan Rubendall | 16 Jean Brunswick Kairi Fagan Lori Innaurato Eleanor Lundy Charlene Tucker | 17 Caryse DeWane Peyton DeWolf Tyler Hoffman Mark McCormack |
| 18 Sandy Mason-Bealer David Trauger | 19 Frank Martin IV Heather Tucker | 20 Cindi DuBree Theresa Schindler Abigail Stalker | 21 Britney Brunswick Kristen Camuso Gillian Evans Michael Napier Alayna Wells | 22 Martin Davis Andrew DeCarlo Julianne Fishell Peter Hausman | 23 Abigail Cooper Cheryl Minella Ralph Nelson Frances Peale Kierstin Tartar | 24 Peter Balzereit Donna DeNucci Melissa Elison Charles Hallman Stanley Hedrick Benjamin Lewis Thomas Meeley |
| 25 Ethan DePaul Gregory Kane Anne Lachenmayer Ronald Steiner Paul Sweeney Megan Wilson | 26 William Penny Janice Reiff | 27 Cheryl Camuso Abigail Leigl Jay Peale Benjamin Richvalsky | 28 Harry Antrim Bradley Hart Barbara Kane Nola Kelly Sarah King Catherine Meeley | 29 Jonathan Adams James Fisher Sophie Garro Justyne Neborak James Richvalsky | 30 Cody Allen Benjamin Scholl | |




Thank You!

 My family and I want to thank Jeanne Haltman, Lorna DePaul and the Ladies of the WLCA for the beautiful prayer Shaw for my mom. It was a wonderful surprise and very appreciated. Mom is home and doing better each day. She still has a long road ahead of her.
God bless
Cathy, Tom, Liz, Andrew and Matt Meeley

To our Augustus Family-
Words cannot express how much I appreciate all of your love, concern, support, letters, cards and donations through this very difficult time. Please know that Billy felt the love from all of you and it is what kept him going right up until the end. You have always been our family and I do not know what we would have done without all of you. Please continue to pray for me and our family, as we figure out how to navigate through life without this truly wonderful man.
Love, Cynthia Snyder



 To My Augustus Family
Many thanks to Pastor Weleck and Pastor Kochenderfer for their visits, for a beautiful prayer shawl and for all the cards, phone calls, and especially prayers during my recent health issues. They were much appreciated. Thanks again!
Anita Haltman

Coordinator of Faith Development

Hello everyone! I am very excited to begin serving as your Coordinator of Faith Development at Augustus this year. We have an amazing team of teachers, a dedicated Christian Education Committee and a wonderful staff here at Augustus.

Last month I visited during Vacation Bible School—I say “visited” because everything was done before I arrived on the scene and was coordinated very smoothly every day so I was free to meet some delightful children and teachers and sing some very peppy songs. Thank you Jeannie Halterman, Lorna DePaul and all of the remarkable team who put VBS together this year. It is a lot of hard work but it is always very rewarding.

We have started Sunday school this year with a great team of teachers. The first Sunday went well and all will go even more smoothly as we go along. If your child has not yet participated in Sunday school they are missing a great experience! Please sign up using the registration form from our website if you haven't already.

As of this writing I am looking forward to participating in two parent forums during the Sunday school hour on September 25th and October 2nd in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served and I and others will be available to answer any questions you may have. Please join us on one of both of the above dates!

Grace & Peace,

Sonya Sowards



Senior Youth Group News

Youth Group had a 'pre-season' event in August when we kicked off our year with a trip to a Reading Fighting' Phil's baseball game. A great time was had by all and we are going to put that on the docket for next year. Our 2016-17 year officially began with our regular monthly 'First Wednesday' meeting. A short 'get to know everyone' session, a round-table discussion of ideas for the year and finished the night with a rousing game of kickball! At our first 'Third Sunday' meeting, September 18th, we put CARE packages together for our Youth Group alumni and nailed down our events for the year, it is going to be fun!

One of our favorite things to do is Mission Trip Sunday which we did on September 25th when the members and leaders who went on the summer Mission Trip share their experiences to the congregation at both services through talks, photos and videos. This special service gives us the opportunity to thank the congregation for their support and relive the amazing time the group had in Camden NY. Thanks to everyone who helped make this happen. We welcomed the other Mission Trip participants from Quakertown First UCC and Trinity Lutheran in Quakertown and sponsored a coffee hour for the whole congregation.

Youth Group meets twice a month, plus occasional extra events. Our schedule this year includes joining the Confirmation classes for their monthly 3-in-1 dinner the first Wednesday of each month, then having our regular meeting. We also will meet the Third Sunday of each month during Sunday School time. These meetings will include performing service projects for the church and the local community. You will be seeing the Youth Group's smiling faces working as Greeters on Third Sunday.

Many favorites will be back!! Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale, Christmas Cookie Sale, Soup Sales, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Box City, Easter Candy Sale and of course, our extra special Youth Sunday Service the week after Easter.

The Youth Group thanks the congregation for their spiritual and financial support - without it, we could not do the many things we do.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Long-term Care Insurance

As we or our parents grow older, more and more people face the probability of some day needing nursing care assistance. Therefore, many people are asking the question, “Should I consider purchasing long-term care insurance?” The purpose of long-term care insurance is to pay for the nursing care facility or other institution or a variety of home health care situations. This insurance can be important because, in most circumstances, Medicare and Medicaid do not pay for prolonged stays or needs of the elderly and disabled.



Suze Orman, the *New York Times* number-one best-selling author, gives an example of the potential benefit with long-term care insurance:

Let's say you are 55 and will need to be in a nursing home at age 84: The projected yearly cost of a nursing home 30 years from now, if you live in middle America (assuming an annual rate of inflation of 5 percent), would be \$148,176. Given that the average stay is 2.75 years, that would mean a total cost to you of about \$407,484. The total cost of a long-term care policy if started at age 55 and paid each year until you were 84 would be \$36,395. Look at the numbers: you will pay over 11 times more for the total cost of a long-term care stay than you did for the entire time you paid your premiums.

When you buy insurance, you buy it in the hope that you will never need it. The truth is that you are actually more likely to use your long-term care insurance policy than you are to use your fire or car insurance. One in 1,200 people will use his fire insurance, one in 248 people will use his car insurance, but one in four people will use his long-term care insurance.

The premiums you pay for long-term care insurance will depend on your age, health, and the choices you make, but the annual premiums can be in the thousands. If you choose to buy long-term care insurance, your policies should contain the following:

- 1. A prior stay in the hospital should not be required.*
- 2. The policy should be adjusted for inflation.*
- 3. The policy should be guaranteed renewable for life.*
- 4. Home care should be included.*
- 5. The policy should allow for a waiver of premium if its owner is institutionalized.*

Insurance premiums will be much cheaper if you begin paying the premium in your 40's or 50's. Remember, it's buyer beware. It is to your advantage to compare several policies before you make your final choice.

As a Christian, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed” (Proverbs 16:3). Insurance is a vehicle that helps us plan for the future. Through insurance we prevent the possibility of being a burden to others (2 Corinthians 11:9).

WHISTLE, CLAP, AND SING

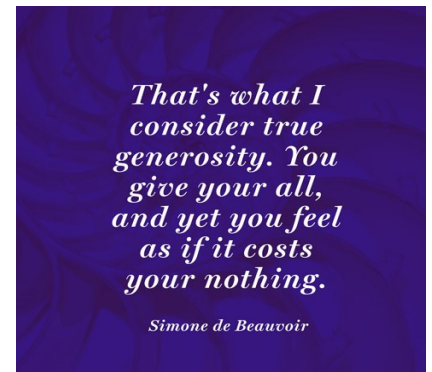
Music is one of God's most amazing gifts. Think about it: what would it be like to live in a world where the birds never sang, the wind never whistled through the trees, and people never sang or clapped their hands? What would life be like without music and rhythm and dance? When he got older the composer Beethoven could no longer hear; but he still heard music deep inside his head. That's how powerful music is! It helps us express things that words alone cannot say.

There is one book in the Bible filled with nothing but songs: the book of Psalms. That book is one of the oldest hymnals there is. People have been singing the psalms for over 3000 years! There are all kinds of psalms. Some are psalms of praise and thanks to God. There are psalms written by people who were sad, afraid, and even angry. Those psalms ask God to fix things immediately!

In church we use many different kinds of music. We also use many different instruments, like the organ, piano, guitar, flute, drums, bells, and the human voice. Sometimes one person sings; sometimes a choir sings; and sometimes the whole congregation sings. What instruments make music at your church? After worship ask the church musician to show you how to make different sounds on an instrument. Maybe you and the musician can sing another hymn together!



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Social Ministry Clothing Drive THIS MONTH!

*Switching your bathing suit for a winter coat?
Packing away those great summer tanks for warm fuzzy sweaters?
'Tis the season! While you're going through your closet, don't forget about our
Annual Clothing Drive!*

Beginning October 16, and continuing through October 30, the Social Ministry Committee will accept gently used, clean, and mended clothing donations for their annual fall clothing drive. Place donations in bags or boxes in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall by the coat racks.

These clothes go to The Seventh Day Adventist Help Center and the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Philadelphia.





Sixth Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on 20-Nov-2016 after both the early and late Services.

Pies will be frozen.

Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$10.00 per pie.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Pies: _____

Pick up on 20-Nov-2016 (check one)

After the early Service (8:00 am): _____

After the late Service (10:30 am): _____





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As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit – we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society, and the world.

Officers and Board Members of SEPA Women/ELCA were elected at the Biennial Convention in June 2016 to serve a 2-year term. From left to right is Arlette Stansbury from Tabernacle in Phila (Board Member), Cindy Ryan from Trinity in Lansdale (Board Member), Beatrice Parker from Mediator in Phila (Vice President), Elaine Keller from St John’s in Sumneytown (Treasurer), Carol Herstine from St. Matthew’s in Perkasio (Secretary), Joy Grace from St. Matthew’s in Springfield (President), Phyllis Boyer from Zion in Zion Hill (Board Member), and Liz Harmon from St. Luke in Devon (Board Member).



SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study will be held on Tuesday October 4, 2016, at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Stowe, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. The Fall theme for 2016 is “When God’s Not Fair: Coming to Terms with a Merciful God.” The topic for October is “Jesus and the Evil Eye: When God Blesses the Undeserving” taken from Matthew 20:1-16. In this parable of workers in the vineyard, Jesus questions our notion of what is *fair* in our eyes and what is *right* in God’s eyes. Janet Luyben is the study leader. Please bring your Bibles and your October edition of the Gather magazine. Please try to attend. All women and girls are invited. Please contact Fran Ivarson at 610-489-4969 if you have any questions or if you would like to carpool.

SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Fall Conference Gathering will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Pottstown on Saturday, October 15, 2016. The theme - From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” is taken from Matthew 4:17. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The program speaker is The Rev. Karen Sease. Please bring canned goods for the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, a local food cupboard. For more information or if you would like to carpool, please contact Fran Ivarson at 610-489-4969. All women and girls are invited to attend. You don’t have to be a member of the Women/ELCA to attend.



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!



Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairpeople of Augustus Women/ELCA are the following people.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call them.

Officers:

- Coordinator - Liaison with Augustus Church "vacant"
- Coordinator - Liaison with Cluster/Synod Fran Ivarson
- Secretary Ann Walker
- Treasurer Dale O'Hara

| Committee Chairpersons - Elected | | Committee Chairpersons - Appointed | |
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| Faith & Life /Programs | "vacant" | Kitchen | WELCA members |
| Christian Service/Hearts & Hands Workshop - coordinates the making of afghans/quilts for rescue and relief activities, and the sending of shut-in cards | Mildred Stuffle | Eyes for Needy | Dot Moorehead |
| Outreach/Fellowship/Membership | Deb Scholl | General Mills Box Tops | Ann Walker |
| | | Supermarket Rebates | Deb Scholl |
| | | Shut-in Cards | Dolores Allebach/Deb Scholl |
| | | Pentecost Geraniums | Karen Lachenmayer |
| | | Smartphone Recycling | Dale O'Hara |
| | | WELCA Support | Karen McClain |

The Hearts & Hands Workshop now meets twice a month due to popular demand. The workshop will be held on the 1st Wednesday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room. In October the workshop will be held on October 5 and October 18. New members are welcome. Would you like to learn to quilt? Now's the time! No experience necessary. Bring a lunch or snack if you wish to stay into the afternoon. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461.

Augustus' Committee Night will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm beginning in the Chapel. The Women of the ELCA will be participating. The next committee night will be held on October 25. At this meeting we will be finalizing the details for the annual congregational luncheon on Sunday Nov 13, and Augustus' Women/ELCA Thankoffering & Quilt Sunday on Sunday Nov 20 . Please come out & offer to help. All women of Augustus are welcome to join our meeting.

Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday will be held on Sunday November 20, 2016 during both the 8:00am & 10:30am church services. Save the date!! Augustus' church member Barbara Burch will be our guest speaker. Look for more information to follow.

Tenth Triennial Gathering of Women/ELCA in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from July 13 – 16, 2017, is now open for registration. The registration book can be downloaded from WELCATG.ORG or see Dale O'Hara for information. The theme for the Gathering is "All Anew".

Please continue to Save the Following Items and place them in the appropriate box in the breezeway: Redner's Tapes, eyeglasses, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and your old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods. We are no longer collecting Campbell soup labels.

Regarding the collection of old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods, please do not include chargers or other accessories. If you are recycling an iPhone, please turn off "Find My iPhone". Go to settings > iCloud, turn off "Find My iPhone". Please place all smartphones, cell phones, ipads, and ipods in the appropriate recycling box in the church's breezeway.



SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery Cluster
GATHER BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017
First Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.]



Fall 2016: "When God's Not Fair: Coming to Terms with a Merciful God"

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| Tuesday, September 6 | <i>Jonah and the terrible, horrible, no good, when God forgives the guilty.</i> | St. John's Lutheran Church 3104 Main Sts. Sumneytown |
| Pat Leberman, Study Leader | | |

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| Tuesday, October 4 | <i>Jesus and the evil eye: when God blesses the undeserving</i> | St. Peter's Lutheran Church Glasgow & Walnut Sts. Stowe |
| Janet Luyben, Study Leader | | |

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| Tuesday, November 8 | <i>Paul and the power of failure (when God chooses the unlikely)</i> | Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hanover & Walnut St. Pottstown |
| Fran Ivanson, Study Leader | | |

An Advent Devotional **"...waiting: what wants to be born in you?"**

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| Tuesday, December 8 | Christian Faith and Christian Freedom <i>No other Gospel (Galatians 1:1-2:21)</i> | St. James Lutheran Church High & Price Sts. Pottstown |
| Barbara Thornton, Study Leader | | |

Winter/Spring 2017 *No other Gospel (Galatians 1:1-2:21)*

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| Tuesdays, January / February | HOME STUDY | |
| | <i>Children of God through faith (Galatians 2:19-3:29) and Galatians 1:1-3:29</i> | |

**INVITE A FRIEND OR GROUP TO STUDY THESE SESSIONS WITH YOU OR STUDY ON YOUR OWN -
NOTE ANY QUESTIONS OR HIGHLIGHTS**

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| March 7 | <i>Heirs of the promise</i> <i>Galatians 3:24-4:31</i> | St. Mark Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St. Pennsburg |
| Kitty Pell, Study Leader | | |

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| April 4 | <i>For freedom Christ has set us free</i> <i>Galatians 5:1-6:18</i> | St. James Lutheran Church Kugler Rd., & Swamp Pike Limerick |
| Barbara Lisi, Study Leader | | |

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| May 2 | | Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main St. Trappe, PA |
| Jean John, Study Leader | | |

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS. Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine. Subscriptions available at \$15.00 per year.

Please call (800) 328-4648. THANK YOU.

Cemetery Rules

NOTICE

IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY, THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE IN EFFECT:

- ◆ POTTED PLANTS & DECORATIONS – May be placed for Easter, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove these items after 14 days.
- ◆ CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND DECORATIONS- are permitted from Nov. 15-March 1.
- ◆ THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT, IN ITS SOLE JUDGEMENT, TO REMOVE ANY UNKEMPT OR UNSIGHTLY ITEMS FROM THE CEMETERY PROPERTY.
- ◆ PERMANENT PLANTINGS/FIXTURES WHICH IMPEDE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF LAWNMOWERS ARE PROHIBITED.
- ◆ THE ERECTION OF WALLS, RAILINGS, FENCES AND BENCHES IS PROHIBITED.
- ◆ POSITIVELY NO MOTORBIKES, ATV’S, SKATEBOARDS OR SNOWMOBILES ALLOWED.
- ◆ NO ALTERATIONS TO FOUNDATIONS ARE PERMITTED.
- ◆ THE CEMETERY IS UNATTENDED AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY LEFT OR PLACED ON CEMETERY PROPERTY IS DONE AT THE OWNERS RISK.

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Schedule Of Events

- Oct 4: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Peter’s LC, Stowe – 9:30am
“Jesus and the Evil Eye: When God Blesses the Undeserving” (Mathew 20:1-16)
Study Leader, Janet Luyben
- 5: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 15: Upper Montg Conference Fall Gathering @ Grace LC, Pottstown – 9:00am
From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” (Matthew 4:17) Program Speaker, Rev. Karen Sease
- 18: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 25: Augustus’ Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- Nov 1: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Emmanuel LC, Pottstown – 9:30am
“Paul and the Power of Failure (When God Chooses the Unlikely)”
Study Leader, Fran Ivarson
- 2: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 13: Congregational Luncheon
- 15: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 20: Thankoffering/Quilt Sunday – Barbara Burch, Speaker
- 22: Augustus’ Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 24: Happy Thanksgiving!!
-Dale O’Hara.....



Fall Gathering



of The
**UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE of the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of
The Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America**

Saturday, October 15, 2016

**Grace Lutheran Church
660 N. Charlotte Street
Pottstown, PA
(610) 323-9320**

Theme: Matthew 4:17 — From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

This is in line with the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Since we're preparing for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, we're centering our Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 Conference events on the themes of Repentance and Salvation. The first two of Martin Luther's 95 theses contained his central idea, that God intended believers to seek repentance and that faith alone, and not deeds, would lead to salvation.

PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION WILL START AT 9:00 A.M.

Coffee, tea & beverages served by our host, Grace Lutheran. Thank You.

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Rev. Karen Sease

Pastor Karen Sease was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina. She attended Furman University, where she earned a B.A. in Psychology in 2009, and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, where she received a Master of Divinity in 2014. Before going to seminary, Pastor Sease served as Faith Relations Coordinator for the Greater Lynchburg affiliate of Habitat for Humanity in Lynchburg, Virginia. She was called as pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in October 2014. Stemming from her southern roots, Pastor Sease enjoys porch sitting with a glass of sweet tea and a good book.

WHAT TO BRING: One treat from each church. Thank you.

IN-KIND DONATIONS: Canned goods will be donated to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, the local food cupboard.

DIRECTIONS:

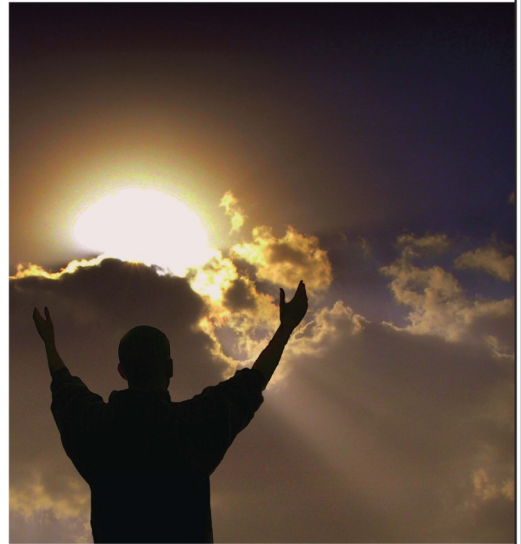
E. Ridge Pike becomes E. High St. Turn Right onto Beech St., Turn slight Right onto Jackson St., Jackson St. becomes Wilson St., and is just past N. Roland St. Turn Left onto N. Charlotte St.

We hope to see you at this fun and important event!

Sharing God's Bounty

Fearing God

As stewards, we are managers, caretakers, and trustees of all that God entrusts to us. Through grace, we respond to God's love and care. We live our lives and return our gifts out of gratitude and thanksgiving for who he is and what he does for us. However, if we do not include a fear of the Lord in our thinking as well as an acceptance of his grace and love, our understanding of God is incomplete. The fear of the Lord results from a recognition of our sinfulness and the separation from a just and holy God that sin causes. As our judge, God holds us accountable. He cannot and will not tolerate our sin. Because of original sin, we, by ourselves, are incapable of pleasing God. Out of his love, God sent his Son, who had no sin, to the Cross for our sins. *"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding"* (Ephesians 1:7-8).



In 2 Corinthians 5:9-11, Paul refers to our need to fear the Lord. *"So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men."* This passage does not refer to justification because, through faith in Christ, we are justified forever. What it does refer to is the question, "What have you done with your life through faith?" We are responsible for our actions. We will *"appear before the judgment seat of Christ"* to answer for what we did as his stewards. We can't avoid our accountability.

In Proverbs 9:10, we are told what is meant by *"fear of the Lord."* *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."* As children of God, we revere him and submit to him. He is the exalted King. *"For I am a great King,"* says the Lord almighty, *"and my name is to be feared among the nations"* (Malachi 1:14b). We are blessed because, not only do we stand in awe of our great King, but we also rejoice in him. *"Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling"* (Psalm 2:11).

Through the fear of God, we see ourselves as we are ... small and sinful. Fear helps us see our need for God's mercy and grace. We submit to God because we understand our state of helplessness. The fear of the Lord is indeed the beginning of wisdom.



Give your heart to Christ, and let him direct your giving. In order for you to be what you should as a church member, you must first define and confirm your stewardship obligations and commitments between yourself and the Christ who gave his all for you. Stewardship of time, talent and possessions is the very heart of Christian discipleship and our way of expressing our love in response to God's amazing grace.