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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A young boy walks into a small drug store and asks the druggist, "Could I use the telephone?" The druggist replies, "You certainly can," and shows him where the telephone is. The boy calls a grocery store and asks the man who answers the telephone, "Is your grocery store looking for someone to stock the shelves?" The man says, "No, we already have a stock boy." The boy inquires, "If he isn't doing a good job, maybe you need to get someone who will do a better job." The man replies, "No, we are pleased with the work the boy is doing," so the boy hung up the telephone.

The druggist hears the conversation and says to the boy, "I'm sorry you didn't get the job." The boy says, "I don't need a job, because I am the stock boy. I was checking to see what they thought of my work."

What if we could call God to ask about the job we are doing as his stewards? If it were possible to call, what kind of response would you expect to hear? Would God see you as a person who acknowledges all that you have as having been given to you by him and yourself as a manager, not an owner? Would God tell you that you are using your time, talents, and treasures in ways that please him? Would God commend you for feeding the hungry, for sheltering the homeless, for giving generously to those in need? Would God be pleased with what you are giving to his church? Would God tell you, "Well done, good and faithful steward?"



thanks

Unfortunately, we all fall well short of God's standards, but, because of what Christ did for us on the cross, we are forgiven for all the times that we have failed to be faithful stewards. With God's grace given to us through his Son, we can be molded and transformed into God-pleasing stewards. In Christ, we can be stewards who do God's work well.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Weleck

THANK YOU!

There are so many people who help out in so many ways here at Augustus. Here are a few of them!

Jim Lien-Video on the Muhlenberg Center Screen and General Audio/Visual Assistance

Scott Detwiler—Newsletter Assembly and Mailing/Statement Mailing

Sally Lorah—Altar Flower Coordinator

Anita Halteman—Sanctuary Candle Coordinator

Dot Opperman—Bulletin Sponsor Coordinator

Deb Scholl—Altar Guild Coordinator

Alan Shunk—Altar Server Assistant/Reminder

Kathy Meeley—Altar Server Scheduler

Karen Lachenmayer-Communion Assistant Scheduler and Special Flower Coordinator

Dick Allebach—Usher Captain

Alice Rodenberger—Tea On the Lawn and Greeter Scheduler

Thank you for making things run smoothly at Augustus!

From the Bench

July 2019

Welcome to summer! I hope you will be able to worship at Augustus when you are home. We are in the Old Church at 8:00 am, and the air conditioned Brick Church at 9:30. A variety of soloists are providing special music this year, and Barbara Hartenbauer will be my substitute while I am away.

Vincent Ryan, a colleague in Harleysville is offering a summer music camp for middle schooler instrumentalists in August. The camp is FREE, and further information is elsewhere in this newsletter. Please contact Vince if your young person would like to attend!

Several of our Collegeville-Trappe choirs participated in the rescheduled Unity Service in June. We are thinking about a combined Christmas event this coming December. Stay tuned for details! Maybe you'd like to sing with us (even if you don't sing with the choir on a regular basis). Or maybe you'd just like to come to the event. The whole community will be invited, and there's nothing like singing carols with a full church! The free will offering will support our nearby neighbors in need.

Take some time to rejuvenate this summer, and attend church on Sunday, wherever you are.

~Laurie Mueller



July 14 5 to 8 p.m Celebrate Historic Trappe at

5 to 8 p.m. Celebrate Historic Trappe at a unique community dinner in the middle of Main Street!

Enjoy an unforgettable meal featuring seasonal garden-to-table fare in the company of friends and neighbors. Tickets are \$50/person and include appetizers, dinner, dessert, and beverages (including wine and beer). All proceeds benefit the Historic Trappe special projects fund.

The dinner will be held between The Speaker's House and Henry Muhlenberg House; park in the Trappe Shopping Center or St. Luke's UCC via Rt. 113 entrance. In the event of rain, the dinner will be held indoors at Imperial's Catering.

For more information, contact info@historictrappe.org or 610-489-2105.

Note: Tickets will not be mailed. Please check-in at the registration table on arrival to the dinner.

Music Camp

August 12-14, 2019, 9am-2pm

Students entering grades 6-9: Don't let your instrument get dusty this summer! Special Guest teacher: Trevor Sands

Registration deadline: August 1 (music @ AdventHarleysville.org) or See Mr. Ryan

Camp is for students entering grades 6-9 this fall, with at least two years' experience on your instrument. Opportunities for new music, games, science, explore instruments, conducting, and much more!

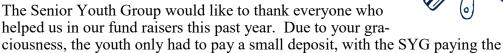


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SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS SYG

The Senior Youth Group will take its annual journey to Camden, New York from July 20th until the 27th for this year's Mission Trip. The SYG members going on the trip are Gabrielle Johns, Liz Meeley, Rachel Schaffer, Jeremy and Liz Wentworth. College students Olivia Brull, Brian Funk and Thomas Wessner will also be joining the group, along with leaders Nancy Berg, Chris Dogonniuck, Joe Schaffer, Joey Schaffer and Gary Wessner.



rest. If you are available, the Mission Trip Commission will take place during the second service on July 14th. The SYG will also be hosting Tea on the Lawn after each service that day. Also, if you're interested in being a prayer pal, please contact Gary Wessner, <u>gtwess@comcast.net</u>.

This year we will have 5 teams made up of leaders and youth from Augustus Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and the First UCC of Quakertown (The One Dream Mission Team). The total number of participants will be 35. The work will include

roofing, ramps/steps, skirting, dry wall, painting and much more. The organization, Cluster 13, takes requests from families in the area and determines which requests can be accomplished each year. They also provide our housing and a few meals during the week.

The Senior Youth Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month and the 3rd Sunday of each month. Along with our monthly meetings, we also have a monthly activity for the youth.

Lastly, while we travel to Camden, New York to do mission work each year, we understand that there is work to be done in our own community. If you have a project that you need help with, please do not hesitate to ask the SYG to help. Our rules are simple, if you purchase the materials, we'll do the work to the best of our abilities. Contact us at youth@augustustrappe.org or gtwess@comcast.net.



Augustus Book Club The next "official" meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held in September. We'll Discuss Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Summer Fellowship activities in the works! Stay tuned!

New members are always welcome. Come to discuss the book and get to know some new folks! Refreshments are always served.

Questions? Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org







Coordinator of Faith Development

As I write I'm looking forward to Vacation Bible School which begins on June 24th! Our theme is "Time Lab" and we'll travel through time to discover Jesus in the past, present and future.

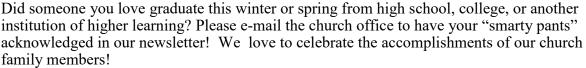
After Vacation Bible School things slow down a bit while we all take some time to refresh and recharge. But I hope you're not planning to skip church! Here's the top ten reasons why that would be a bad idea:

- 1. Tea on the Lawn groups within Augustus take turns providing refreshments for everyone on Sunday morning. Let me tell you there are some really good bakers around Augustus!
- 2. Pastor Kochenderfer Pastor Weleck usually takes vacation in July, which provides us with the opportunity to hear some of Pastor Kochenderfer's delightful sermons, informed by 50 years of ministry in southeastern Pennsylvania.
- 3. Pastor Weleck Pastor Weleck comes back from his vacation in August with lots of new insights from his Sabbath time.
- 4. The Youth Group the youth group leaves for their mission trip in July and they need you to pray for them before they go and during their time away.
- 5. Summer musicians our wonderful choir takes a well-deserved break in the summer, but in the interim our talented musicians are individually showcased each Sunday. You won't want to miss them!
- 6. We need new ideas from other churches if you're "down the shore" or "up the mountains," you should visit churches there and bring us back any great ideas they have—imitation is the sincerest form of flattery!
- 7. We miss you! If you're not here, we wonder where you are and if you're OK.
- 8. We need you. One of the best reasons to go to church is to be available to your sisters and brothers who need a kind word and a smile. You never know what others are going through.
- 9. You are teaching your children. What you do speaks louder than what you say.
- 10. And the most important reason: God is worthy to be praised. We have been so blessed by our gracious God! Taking the time to be thankful enriches and re-charges our souls.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards Coordinator of Faith Development

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Sharing God's Bounty

Finishing Well

The author of Hebrews exhorts us to "throw off everything that hinders and...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (Hebrews 12:1b). The race we run in life more resembles a marathon than a sprint. Our race is a lifelong effort, and we are called to run with perseverance. God wants us to finish well in this marathon of life. In order to finish strong, we need to nurture our faith continually as we spend time in his word and in prayer. Many people will start well but, unfortunately, finish poorly. Solomon started well, King Saul started well, and Lot started well; however, they allowed themselves to be entangled by things of the world, lost their focus, and finished poorly.



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Regardless of our physical limitations or any other obstacles we encounter in our races, we need to stay strong in our faith and spirit. We have been called to follow our Lord, and he has not promised us a walk in the park. He has told us that we must be willing to sacrifice security, material things, vocations, and our own will. These things the Apostle Paul considered "rubbish" so that he could be found in Christ (Philippians 3:8). As children of the King, we have a relationship that has been forged by the atoning blood of Christ ... and we're "*heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory*" (Romans 8:17).

The Apostle Paul is a wonderful encouragement and example for us of a person who finished well. As a witness for Christ, he suffered many hardships, but he put his beatings, imprisonments, shipwrecks, and sicknesses into perspective. "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:17). By God's grace, he overcame his challenges and obstacles to run his race with perseverance to finish well.

In order to finish our races in life well, we need to call upon the Lord in prayer, meditate daily on his word, attend church regularly, partake in the Lord's Supper, and be faithful stewards. May God bless our efforts to run our races well, so we can finish well and spend eternity with Jesus.



The important thing is how much we need to give in order to respond to the things that God has given us. Our thought should be: I need to give ... so I will give regardless of my budgets, endowments, or anything else. I cannot fulfill myself as a Christian unless I do give ... and I'm willing to let nothing stand in the way of my fulfillment.

July Worship Assistants

Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers		
July 7	Casey Demark				
July 14	Thomas Lyaro				
July 21	Nathan Kerr				
July 28	Piper Bouchard				
Readers	8:00 am	9:30 am			
July 7	Jennifer Wentworth	Alanna Jessee			
July 14	Sandy Trauger	Jeannie Funk and Dylan Funk			
July 21	Piper Bouchard	John Kochel			
July 28	Jeff Stuffle	Christopher Dogonniuck and Sam Dogonniuck	<		
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augusti	ne			
July 7	John Kochel				
July 14	Janice Reiff				
July 21	Jennifer Wentworth				
July 28	Jeannie Funk				
Ushers	Scott Halteman and Dick	Allebach			
Offering Tabulation					
July 7	Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Chris Dogonniuck				
July 14	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk				
July 21	John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul				
July 28	Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Chris Dogonniuck				
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	9:30 am/10:30 am: Jim Lien &Linda Romano)		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Money Matters Personal Financial Stewardship

Affording a House

Your house will probably be the biggest single investment you'll make in your entire lifetime. Therefore, your mortgage is likely be the biggest single debt of your life! Scripture clearly points out the danger of getting into debt: "The borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7), and "Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from you" under (Proverbs 22:26-27). Therefore, whenever you borrow money,



you should never enter into an agreement lightly or without careful thought, research, and planning.

The monthly payments you assume on a mortgage are likely to be the biggest single item in your budget. Because of its importance, you'll want to shop for the best rate and terms among all types of lenders. Whatever the source of the mortgage, you'll want to ask about variable or fixed interest rates, term of loan, fees, closing costs, points, and prepayment or late payment penalties.

Although most mortgage lenders in any given city are likely to charge about the same rates at any given time, you still may find a variation of $\frac{1}{2}$ percent or slightly more at any given time. A small amount of difference in rates can mean a significant dollar amount of interest paid. For example if you borrowed \$100,000 at 7.5 percent for 30 years you would pay \$127,500 in interest over the life of the loan, whereas, if you paid 8.5 percent interest your total interest paid would be \$151,700!

Before you start shopping for a mortgage, you must decide how much mortgage or, in essence, how much house can you afford. A rule of thumb is that you can buy a house costing roughly two and one-half to three times your gross yearly income. For example, if your gross annual income is \$40,000, you can afford a house between \$100,000 to \$120,000. However, this average should be lower if you already have significant credit card or auto debt, if you have additional expenses of a large family, if you are buying an older house in need of repairs, if you have education costs, if your income is irregular, or if property and living costs are high in the area.

Another long standing rule of thumb is that you should not be spending more than 40 percent of your take-home pay for each month's total housing expenses including all the costs of owning and operating your home. This includes mortgage principal and interest, insurance, taxes, and utilities. For example, if your monthly take-home pay is \$2,500, you should be spending only \$1,000 a month on housing.



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.



SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference Bible Study



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The Collegeville Diner 290 E. Main Street Collegeville, PA

August 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Program theme: Gather Magazine's "For just such a time as this" A study of Esther the Queen

> Be prepared - Read the Bible study pages in the June, July/August issues of "*Gather*" magazine.

At 9:00 a.m. Individual breakfast orders will be taken and paid individually as you leave.

Dear Augustus Lutheran Church,



We are aware that it has been too long since you have heard from us. We hope that this newsletter will catch you up with the work of God here in Tanzania with which we are involved.

Every day we both meet wonderful families that are doing their best to care for their children in difficult situations and we work alongside loving, compassionate Tanzanians. We have a lot for which to give thanks. We also have met incredibly challenging social situations and people struggling to survive, to find work, to secure food. This year the long rains came too late and most farmers did not have a chance to plant their maize or crops. That means the potential for increased hunger is real this year, especially among the most vulnerable-- women and children.

Steve remains heavily involved with training doctors and nurses, both in Arusha and across Tanzania. The NICU has recently doubled in size. He sees hospitalized children, and his infectious disease and pediatric clinic are always busy. I (Jodi) continue to expand training and preventive education around nutrition to school children and families in the larger community. Our work with children suffering severe malnutrition is ongoing.

As always, thank you for standing with us in our work. We would not be here, if not for your support.

Asante. Nashukuru. We are thankful.

Once again, we thank you for your partnership. We wouldn't be here without you, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to serve the children and families that are placed before us each day.

With grateful hearts, Jodi and Steve Swanson

112 days

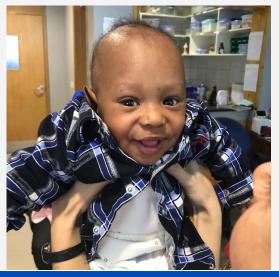
In February, we graduated baby Frank from our NICU -- a premature baby born 3 months early, at 28 weeks gestation. Frank weighed only 950 grams (2 pounds- 1 oz) when born at a hospital 2 hours away. He lost 20% of his body weight before he was ultimately transferred to our NICU, critically ill and near death. One week after he arrived to us, his mother died suddenly of a postpartum complication... leaving us with a very small, incredibly sick orphan in our NICU.



He was our first NICU baby ever to receive donor breastmilk. He was the first baby in Tanzania to be ever fed via nasojejunal tube. His survival was uncertain, and his grandmother ("Bibi" in Swahili) came and lived in the hospital for 3 months... so that she could hold him every day, in hopes it would help him recover. Every day he grew stronger, and we continued to hope... and Bibi loved .

After 112 days, he was finally discharged home to live with Bibi. Our longest NICU admission ever. The entire hospital course paid for through donations, like yours.

Frank recently returned for a visit... and reminds us that the 112 days of struggle were worth every moment.





Party with a Purpose

In February, we held our second-ever NICU fundraiser ("Party with a Purpose") to help with our NICU expansion expenses and hospitalization fees for babies.

Over 300 people attended the Arusha event, with numerous sponsors donating items for auction. The fundraiser was an incredible success, and an evening to remember!



Reason to Rejoice

Though we have shared with you so many stories of malnourished children, it is still good to remember and rejoice each time a child recovers. In the past months we have had dozens of children who have been admitted to the hospital for severe acute malnutrition. Some are as young as 11 days, wasted after difficulty breastfeeding, and others are as old as 5 yr., lacking the protein and vitamins necessary for good growth. The recovery of the little boy above gave us great reason to rejoice. The picture on the right is after proper nutrition and resolution of his malnutrition-associated ede-





ma. And all it took in his case was the proper balance and sufficient amount of food.



Training of Nurses and Doctors in the Care of Neonates

This year, we have received numerous requests from hospitals across Tanzania to come and train doctors and nurses in neonatology. In most of Africa, prematurity is the leading cause of death among children less than 5 years old. Birth asphyxia and sepsis also contribute to untold deaths each year.

Community Health Education

We finally launched our nutritional education training in one of the rural areas we serve!! After gathering and producing materials, we collaborated with government nutritional and health officers, and conducted a day of training with local community health workers. It went well, and now we wait and hope and pray that they are using the tools and information we gave them to spread the news. We will have our 2nd seminar in a few weeks to reconvene and hear from them about the challenges they faced as we continue our training.



NICU Expansion!





Kid's Corner



Indya, 13 going on 20!! This May our youngest child became a teenager and boy, have we felt the changes coming in our household! We are now a household of 3 great teenagers. (Can you hear the prayer request of the parents in that sentence?!) She is doing great in school, excelling in her subjects from art to science. Her drawings of a long crested eagle and the painted lilac breasted roller are stunning! She loves a lot of sports and continues to "fly" like her brother. She has recently added volleyball and rugby to her after school activities! Happily, she still loves to climb up into her tree to think.

Something new this year for Caedmon is Arduino, a electronic computer programing platform that has captured his imagination (and his time). At this moment, he has electronic devices hanging out his window capturing thousands of points of data as he records the humidity and temperature outside! He continues to be curious and industrious and for that, we are very grateful. He is awaiting some new "puncture proof" tires so that he can more freely explore the bush by bike.



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And here we are, on the edge of something new as Hannah heads into her final term of her Sr. year! She has embarked on a series of "lasts": last banquet, last soccer game, last interim trip, and so it will continue until her graduation July 17 from Rift Valley Academy. She had an opportunity to explore the historical churches of Ethiopia in her interim trip with class members and loved every minute. Hannah plans to take a GAP year before going to University so we have lots of ideas humming around the table.

Please Pray:

1. We thank God for successful NICU training sessions at Muhimbili National Referral Hospital (Dar es Salaam), Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre (Moshi),

Haydom Lutheran Hospital, and pray for upcoming training sessions in large government hospitals in other regions of Tanzania.

2. Nutritional education outreaches in rural areas.

3. Healing for each child that enters Selian Hospital and Arusha Lutheran Medical Center; wisdom and compassion for doctors and nurses.

4. Protection for our family, relationships, health, friendships.

5. Balance with work and family.

Church Clothes

Many people wear uniforms. Some students wear them at school, and athletes may wear uniforms in their school's colors. Uniforms often tell us something about a person's job. Doctors and nurses wear uniforms. Fire fighters wear uniforms that help protect them from fires. Police wear uniforms so that people can find them easily when they need their help. Pastors and other people who lead worship at church wear a sort of uniform, too. It helps people know who they are and what they do. Pastors often wear a shirt with a special white collar. During worship they may wear a long white robe called an alb. On top of the alb they wear a piece of cloth called a stole. Stoles come in colors that match the color of the church season. Sometimes pastors put on a special robe called a chasuble, which looks like a poncho. They wear this when they serve Ho-

ly Communion. Special meals call for special clothes!

Pastors aren't the only people who wear robes when they help lead the congregation. People in choirs wear robes to let others know that they help lead the congregation's singing. Acolytes wear robes. They light candles and take care of the altar. People who help serve communion may also wear robes.

After worship some Sunday, ask your pastor to show you the clothes that pastors and others wear for worship. Have you or anyone in your family ever worn a robe at church?

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Needed! Packing Boxes!

Do you order on-line? Have you wondered what to do with the boxes? The Augustus Quilting group needs clean, undamaged boxes for quilt storage and shipping. The boxes can be flattened.

The boxes should be between 20" X 15" X 12" and 36" X 25" X 18" inches. Please leave the boxes in Room 24 in the Parish House.

Sample sizes (with Amazon box codes):

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