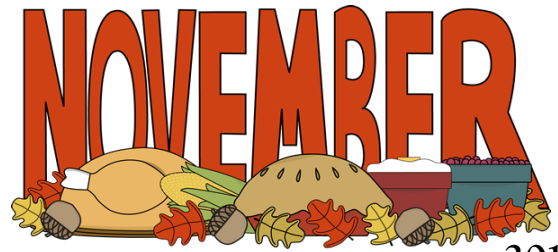


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From the Pastor's Desk



2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As this amazing fall draws to an end and winter approaches, it is time to give thanks for the many blessings that God has given to us. Just how do we begin to thank God for all that he has done and continues to do for us?

During this season of thanksgiving, we will thank God for our families, as well as our health and material blessings. God provides for all that we need to sustain our lives, and, through faith he will give us life forever with him.

Perhaps the most important item on our list of things to thank God for is our lives in Christ. God demonstrated his awesome love for us by sending his only Son to the cross on our behalf! I want to suggest another wonderful blessing that we should always give thanks for and that is God's faithfulness to us. God's faithfulness to us never wavers, even though we may vacillate in our faithfulness to him. We are reminded of that in this prayer:

We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus your Son who came to our earth and lived in a simple home. We have a greater appreciation of the value and dignity of the human family because he loved and was loved within its shelter. Bless us this day; may we grow in love for each other in our family and so give thanks to you who is the maker of all, and for our abiding peace.

As you thank God this thanksgiving season, we would like to encourage you to put God's love within you into action by continuing to bring in non-perishable food for the Food Pantry. Through our giving, we demonstrate our gratitude and faithfulness to him who is always faithful to us. How wonderful it is that God promises to bless those who are generous in his name.

Blessings to you and your family on Thanksgiving Day as you spend time together, enjoy some turkey, and possibly watch some football.

Yours in Christ,

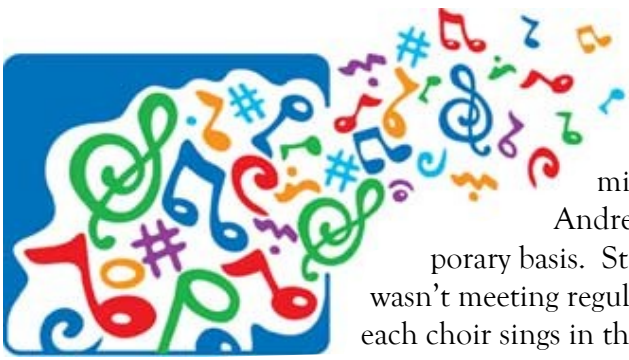
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FROM THE BENCH

We have had a busy fall! In addition to our regular programming, our Senior Choir has graciously welcomed the choir of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church to rehearse with us on Thursdays on a temporary basis. St. Andrew's is between music directors right now and their choir wasn't meeting regularly. With this arrangement, they rehearse with Augustus, but each choir sings in their own church on Sunday mornings.

Reformation Sunday was very special, as we heard our Bell Choir for the first time this year, our Sunday School Singers, and Senior Choir. Bell Choir will play again in church on November 15.

There will not be a Thanksgiving Ministerium Service this year. This decision was made by the ministerium pastors who attended the September meeting. We are planning for a Ministerium Unity Day Service at Evansburg United Methodist on the third Sunday of January.

Saturday, December 12 at 3:00 pm will be our Christmas Concert. This year's program will feature musicians from both Augustus and St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. St. Andrew's Brass Quintet will help put us in the Christmas Spirit! Our bell choir will play, there may be a children's choir (still working out details!), and the featured work will be Joseph Clokey and Hazel Jean Kirk's "Childe Jesus," which includes congregational singing on four familiar Christmas carols. Invite your friends - the program is open to the public (no tickets or reserved seating), and a free will offering will be received to support Augustus' music program. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to sponsor the Concert financially by being a patron, please contact me or Diane Mills; if you'd like to purchase advertising space in the program, contact me (1/2 page \$50; full page \$100; back cover (color) \$150). Thank you to Brian O'Hara for our flyers and program design, and to Charity Jennings and Tracy Wessner for coordinating the reception that will follow.

-Laurie Mueller

Sympathy and Prayers

Sympathy and Prayers are offered to the family of Mrs. Marilyn (Molly) James recently deceased. Pastor Weleck performed a graveside service for Mrs. James on Saturday, October 24. May God grant eternal rest to Molly, and comfort to her family during this difficult time.

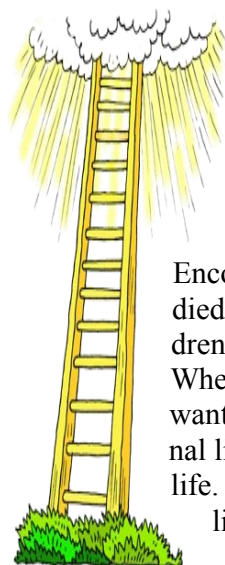


Christian Parenting

God's Own for Eternity

There are only two sure things in life: death and taxes. We talk about taxes, but many of us avoid talking, or even thinking, about death. Yet, death is inevitable. We need to talk about death with our children. The most natural time to do this is when a death occurs.

Encourage your child to talk about it and to remember the times he or she spent with the one who died. Invite him or her to draw a picture or create a song that expresses his or her feelings. Older children might want to write a story or compose a prayer. Children have lots of questions about death. When you don't have an answer, admit it, but take time to explore the question with them. You might want to bring your unanswered question to your pastor. Assure your child that Jesus promises us eternal life when our earthly life has ended. Underline Bible verses such as John 3:16 that promise eternal life. In faith we can believe God's promise of eternal life. And trusting in God's promise of eternal life helps our faith to grow.



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Sharing God's Bounty

Showing our Gratitude

God gives us his love, goodness, and mercy daily. He has given us victory over sin and death through his Son. Christ has given us the blessings of forgiveness, justification, a new life, and an eternal hope. Because of his bountiful blessings, we should be compelled to show our gratitude. Do we? Could we, at times, be taking all that we receive for granted?

If Christ were to come into our homes in physical form, certainly we would express our thanks in tangible ways. We would make him comfortable, run errands for him, offer our best food, and give him our time and attention. However, we don't have that opportunity, so we show our gratitude in different ways.

One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day in our prayers and thoughts. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is expressed when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to his Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love in us. We extend our thanks to our heavenly Father when we give him praise and glory in weekly worship and privately throughout each day.

As stewards, we find that our gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God's love, which enables us to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasures. In response to God's love and grace, we give ourselves and our resources. When we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all, we will serve the Lord faithfully out of gratitude for all his gifts to us. Our gratefulness to God will enable us to give thanks even during bad times because God promises to comfort and sustain us in all things.

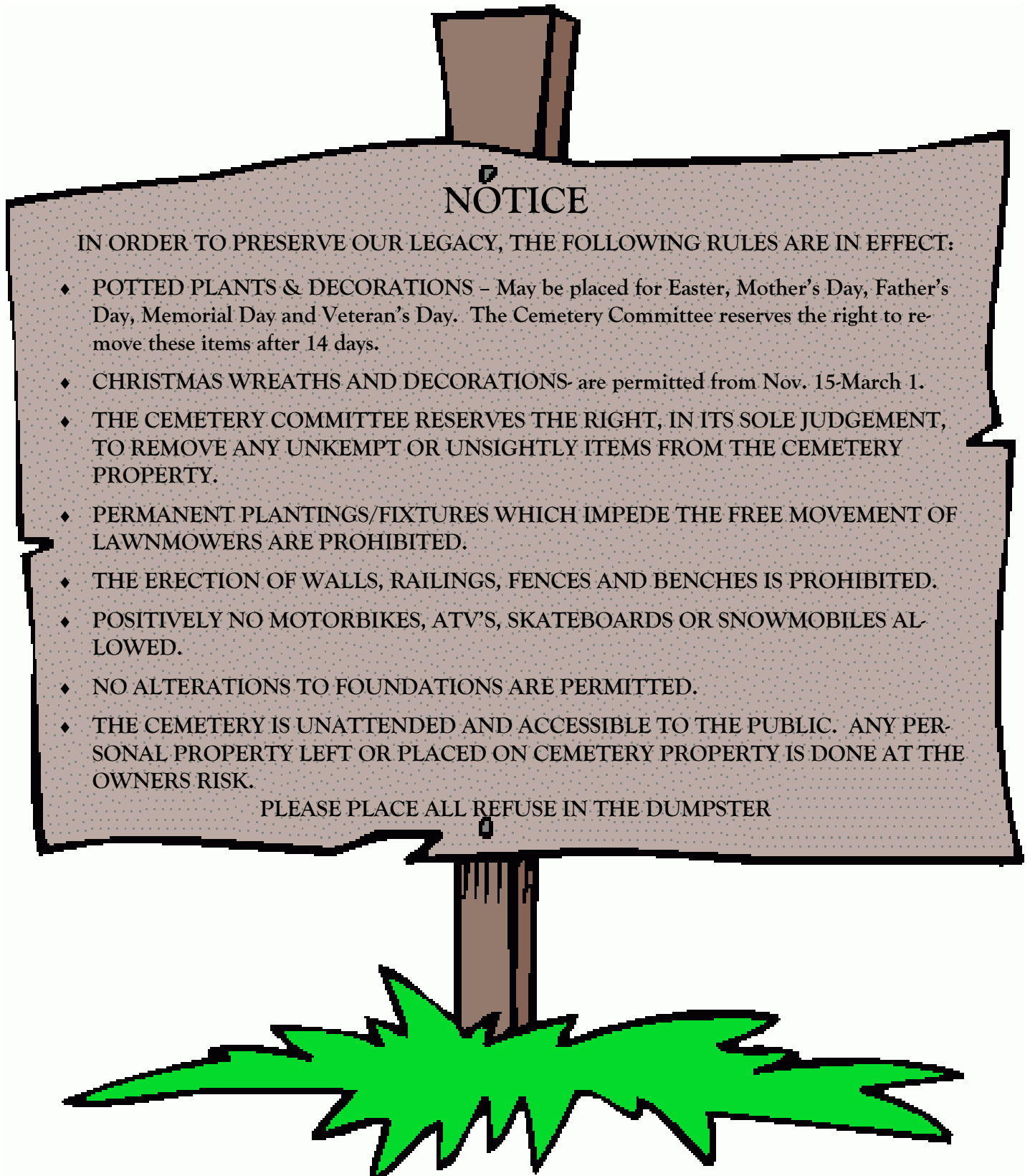
Blessings during this Thanksgiving season!



Regardless of whether you tithe or use some other method of measure, the return you make to God should come from the "first fruits" of your labor. This means that your return to God comes first, before paying all your other bills.

If we give simply from what we have left over after all our needs are met, it is not really sacrificial. If there is no pain in our giving, then we can be sure that we are not giving enough.

The Cemetery committee has ordered signs for the entrances to the cemetery. Your cooperation in obeying the rules that are in effect would be appreciated.



Annual Congregational Meeting



The Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the budget for 2016 and elect Vestry members will take place on Sunday, November 15, 2015, beginning at 12 noon. Copies of the 2016 budget proposed to the voting members of Augustus by the Vestry will be available after each service on Sunday, November 8, 2015.

The Annual Congregational Meeting is necessary to authorize the expense budget for the coming year and to elect Vestry members, who serve three (3) year terms. The Annual Congregation Meeting is an opportunity for the Augustus Lutheran Church family to gather and seek to discern God's will for Augustus in the coming year. Augustus has another Congregational Meeting in the early part of 2016 to deal with other issues.

Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.



Is there a special date or person you'd like to commemorate?

Why not dedicate a Sunday bulletin (or the Sanctuary Lamp? or the flowers?)

The Worship and Music Committee would like you to know that each week, there are several opportunities for you to honor, remember, or celebrate loved ones or special events—and support Augustus at the same time! All of the following items are printed in the bulletin each week.

- ⇒ **Bulletin Dedications:** Each Sunday, Augustus prints bulletins for each worshiper. Bulletins are also often sent to shut-in or sick members or friends. For \$40, which helps offset paper and printing costs, you can dedicate a particular Sunday's bulletin for any purpose you specify. Your dedication will be printed in that week's bulletin. If you'd like to dedicate a particular week's bulletin, you can **call the office or go to <http://bit.ly/PnjJrN>**, find the week you want, and sign up! You will be sent a reminder when it's time to pay; you do not submit any financial information online or over the phone.
- ⇒ **Sanctuary Lamp:** In the Brick Church, the red-globed candle that hangs from the ceiling in the front is the Sanctuary Lamp. This candle burns all the time, and is sometimes referred to as the "Eternal Candle." For \$6, which offsets the price of replacement candles, you can dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp on any available week for any purpose you choose. At only \$6, this is a great way that even younger children or teens can participate in the church's life—perhaps a youth could dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp in honor of a parent's birthday or anniversary. If you'd like to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, **call Anita Halteman (610) 489-1595, or go to <http://bit.ly/PnjJrN>**, find the week you want, and sign up! You will be sent a reminder when it's time to pay; you do not submit any financial information online or over the phone.
- ⇒ **Altar Flowers:** Flowers are placed on the altar each week, and they also may be dedicated. For the two altar pieces, the cost is \$40 plus tax, for a total of \$42.40. The center vase costs \$20 plus tax, for a total of \$21.20. To donate flowers on a particular week, **contact Sally Lorah (610) 489-2872, or send her an email, lorahsal@aol.com**.
- ⇒ **You can also use the new neon green sheet that is in the bulletin each week at church, and someone will get back to you.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Reducing and Eliminating Credit Card Debt

Because desires often exceed the ability to pay, many of us have a lot of debt. Our dependence on debt is possibly the most widely abused principle in God's Word regarding money. Scripture does not forbid us from borrowing money, but it does point out its disadvantages. *"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender"* (Proverbs 22:7). Despite God's warnings, our dependence on debt continues to grow.

Some debt is unavoidable. In the case of a job loss or health problems, it may not be possible to avoid debt. In addition, some debt is acceptable, such as debt for educational purposes or home mortgages. Debt that is acquired for the purpose of spending money to make money makes economic sense.

The most troublesome debt in our society is credit card debt. Credit is a means of renting money when we need it, for as long as we need it. Credit allows us to enjoy something now and pay for it later. Unfortunately, for many of us, credit cards are easily accessible, and, in today's society, we are encouraged to take advantage of them. With so much available credit, it is no surprise that the number of bankruptcies and divorces related to financial tension is high. We may enjoy the spending that gets us into debt, but it is not much fun getting out of it. In spite of all the warnings about debt, we are still willing to buy now and pay later. Credit cards should contain the clause, "This credit card can be hazardous to your financial well-being."

It has been said that there are three types of people. Those who "have," those who "have not," and those who "have not paid for what they have." Many people are paying five to 20 percent or more of their budgets toward credit card debt, which places a great burden on family expenses. The financial burden is caused by having to pay for things you bought in the past at the same time you are paying for current expenses, as well as the high interest rates that credit card companies charge. For example, if you have a credit card balance of \$2,000 at a 15 percent annual interest rate and you remit only the minimum payment, it will take 17.5 years to repay the \$2,000 balance. The total cost, including interest charges, increases to \$4,517.62. In the time it may take to pay off your credit cards, most things that were purchased will have been lost, stolen, or worn out. We live in a society in which enough is never enough. One of the biggest reasons we get into debt is greed. *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"* (Luke 12:15). Jesus was criticizing the notion that the value of life is determined by the number of possessions we have. In order to avoid going deeper and deeper into unnecessary debt, a change in attitude is required. Curbing wants and desires leads to greater success in staying out of debt.





Thank You!

A special thanks to our church family and to Pastor Weleck for your thoughts, prayers, and words of encouragement during the recent passing from death to life of Albert W. Diener, our father, grandfather, and great grandfather. It's because all of you and our faith in God that we receive strength when we need it most. God bless all of you!

The O'Hara Family

November *Worship Assistants*

Worship Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
November 1	Suzanna Hiergesell	Samantha Hiergesell	Lucy Olsen and Jonathan Brull
November 8	Brianna Dubeck	Evan Griggs	Dylan Crothers and Alex Schmidt
November 15	Martina Moffo	Jeremy Wentworth	Dylan Crothers and Rachel Schaffer
November 22	Kayla Minkon	Alexa King	Ally Napier and Kayleigh Funk
November 29	Dylan Firth	Tyler Funk	Billy Stender and Alex Schmidt
Lectors	8:00 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
November 1	Mike Van Blaricum	Jonathan Mueller	James Lorah
November 8	Kim Lumley	Gary Hodgson	Cynthia Snyder
November 15	Jeff Stuffle	Emma Moulder	Jolie Wenger
November 22	Mildred Stuffle	Sean McClain	Jean Funk
November 29	Justyne Neborak	Alan Shunk	Gary Hodgson
Greeters			
<i>Greeters always needed! Go to http://bit.ly/PnjlrN to sign up!</i>			
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	10:30 am	
November 1	Debra Augustine	John Kochel	Dave Schweitzer
November 8	Debra Augustine	Bill Penny	Janice Reiff
November 15	Debra Augustine	Bob Rodenberger	Mary Schlichter
November 22	Debra Augustine	Mary Schlichter	Jeanne Funk
November 29	Debra Augustine	Janice Reiff	Bill Penny
Offering Tabulation			
November	Judi Lien	Jack Schatz	Ron Hess
Ushers	8:00 am	10:30 am	
November	Rotation	Dick Allebach, Pat O'Hara	John Moorehead, and Jack Schatz
Altar Guild	8:00 am	10:30 am	
November	Sally Sweeney & Sandy Trauger	Linda Romano, Jim Lien, and	Bill Seland

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

By now we would typically have launched our annual Stewardship Campaign for next years budget planning. This year we have also been in the midst of our "Preserving our Legacy...Elevating our Future" Capital Campaign, and it was important to us to make a distinction between these two campaigns. Unlike the capital campaign, your annual Stewardship Estimate of Giving helps keep our doors open, our hearts beating and our mission work meaningful. The annual Stewardship Campaign will kick off in November, and a dedication Sunday will be planned for later in the month. Please prayerfully reflect how you can respond this year and more information will be forthcoming.



OUR GIGANTIC FAMILY TREE

Many people try to learn about their family's history by going back through many generations to discover who their ancestors are. People do this because they're curious about their family tree and they're looking for their roots. That's what All Saints' Sunday—the first Sunday after November 1—is all about. All Saints' Sunday is like a family tree for the whole Christian family. We are reminded of all the saints who have lived and died, and those who are living now. It's not a sad time; it's a time that gives us great strength.

Life isn't always happy. It's not fun to be sick or to feel lonely. Can you imagine living somewhere where there are no other people? Some things make us feel lonely and sad even when there are many people around us. When someone we love dies, it can be very hard to understand why this has happened. But that's one of the reasons we celebrate All Saints' Day. It reminds us that we are never really alone. We know that the people whom we love who have died are resting in God's arms. It reminds us that billions of people have sung, danced, cried, laughed, eaten, and drank in God's house throughout the centuries, just like we do now.

Think of all the people alive now who love you and whom you love. If someone really special has died, look at pictures of that person and share stories of him or her.

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Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group



Pies can be picked up on 22-Nov-2015
after both the early and late services. Pies will be frozen.
Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost \$10.00 per pie

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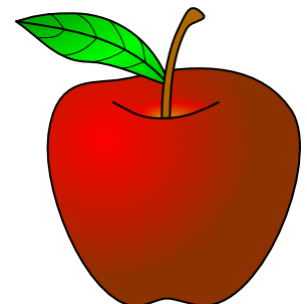
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Number of Pies: _____

Pick Up on November 22 (check one):

After the early service (8:00 am) _____

After the late service (10:30 am) _____



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School



Our Sunday school is quite settled in by now. We are looking forward to having the fifth and sixth graders “perform” for Reformation Sunday, October 25 at 9a. I thank these students...and **their teachers** for their time and imaginations to come up with new and innovative ways to celebrate Martin Luther and his celebrated changes to form the Protestant church!

Looking forward, our kids will present **“THE CRIPPLED LAMB”** by Max Lucado on **DECEMBER 20** during the 10:30a worship service. Please mark your calendars and come and join us for this touching story!

First Communion & Confirmation Students

Augustus 3 in 1ministry began its Wednesday night activities on October 7. Each week we do three things on Wednesdays. First we eat together and talk together...much to be said for the “family” meal! Our church community is a type of ‘family’ that these middle schoolers have embraced. After dinner, we have youth group. This hour might be games, discussion or service projects. Finally at 7:30p we have classes. Pick up time is 8:30p. The last Wednesday of October we will enjoy a Halloween party after dinner! You are always welcome to come out...and this night...wear a costume and play some games! BOO!

GIANT THANK YOU!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Sue Stender** for her creative and time intensive Breezeway Fall decorating! She was supposed to have a helper...ME! Instead, Sue did all of it herself! Her so called ‘helper’ was in Phoenixville! Oh My! I have apologized to Sue...and now I ask all of you to **PLEASE STOP SUE AND THANK HER FOR A JOB BEAUTIFULLY DONE!!**

We are a blessed church! Thank God all the time!!!

Now...please help fill the baskets with your donations of non-perishable food! You are helping your neighbors...LITERALLY!!! I thank you! Most of all GOD THANKS YOU!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

The **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** would like to thank all those who attended our 3rd annual Trunk or Treat event on October 25th, as well as to all those who had decorated cars for the event. A good time was had by all.

Don't forget to place your orders for the November Pie sale as well as the December Christmas Cookie sale. Pie orders can be picked up on November 22 after each service.

November/December Schedule:

- 11/1: First Sunday
- 11/14: Pie Making 9-12
- 11/15: 3rd Sunday
- 11/22: Pie Pick Ups
- 12/6: Cookie Tray Prep, 7am/Cookie pick ups
- 12/13: Christmas Party



SILVER SPRINGS – MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL

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September 2015



Dear Friends:

With your help, **Christmas is a special time of year for the boys and girls of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School.** “I know a lot of people here love me,” stated one child at the Christmas celebration last year as she received a stack of gifts donated by caring friends. Another child exclaimed in glee as she twirled in a new dress: “I feel like a princess!”

Thanks to **your** generosity, at Christmastime our boys and girls delight in dressing in their finest attire, which makes them feel proud and wonderful, and in the excitement of receiving gifts selected just for them – a first for many.

Please join us again to help the Silver Springs children experience love and joy this Christmas and throughout the year. Here's how you can help:

- **Give the gift of a fine outfit for a child.** A gift of \$50 will help us purchase a nice outfit (clothing and shoes) for a child in the Residential Treatment Program at Silver Springs to wear to the Christmas celebration, church or other religious services, and additional nice occasions throughout the year.
- **Make a generous financial gift** to Silver Springs – Martin Luther School in the spirit of Christmas.
- **Suggest friends or family members make a gift** to Silver Springs – Martin Luther School in your honor.
- **Donate gift cards** which will be used to ensure children and families in our school and community based programs have a bright Christmas. Walmart, Target, Acme, ShopRite, Pathmark, Giant, CVS, and Walgreens gift cards are all great options.
- **Provide a gift for a Silver Springs child.** A list of wish gifts can be found on the back of this letter. Unwrapped gifts can be delivered to the lower level of the Barn between 10 AM and 4 PM from **Monday, November 30 to Friday, December 4.** If you need more information, please contact Amanda at (610) 825-4440 ext. 307 or abryant@silver-springs.org.

Thank you for your generosity and for bringing the spirit of Christmas joy, peace, and love to the boys and girls of Silver Springs this holiday season!

Sincerely,

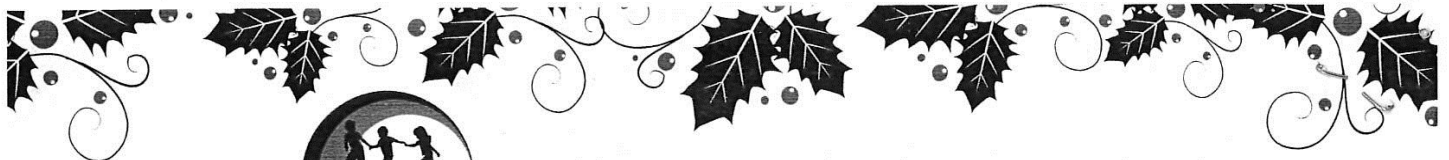
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Development Associate

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Development Director

WELCA will collect your donations for Silver Spring in the Breezeway in November. See following page for a list of recommended items!



2015 GIFT LIST

Wish Gifts

- Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, and kickballs/ playground balls
 - Scented body wash, soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and lotion for girls/ women and boys/men (Bath and Body Works and Dove are favorites. Ethnic hair care products are wonderful!) *
 - Pillow Pets
 - Wireless headphones
 - Dream Lites or Twilight Turtles
 - Cute purses with no or very short handles
 - T-shirts and sweatshirts with zippers and hoods (Favorite brands are American Eagle, Nike, and Aeropostale; Sizes needed: girl's and boy's 12-16 and women's and men's S, M, L, XL, XXL)
 - Pajama sets (Sizes needed: boy's and girl's M-XL and men's and women's S-XXL)
 - Adidas or Nike "slide" style sandals (Sizes: adult 3-11)
 - Adjustable baseball hats – Nike, Phillies, Steelers, Eagles, and Flyers
 - Fuzzy posters to color with washable markers
 - Art sets and Sculpey clay sets
 - Super hero figures (Favorites are Superman, Batman, Ironman, the Hulk, and Captain America; No weapons, please)
 - Radio-controlled vehicles and robots – favorite brand is Air Hog (radio remote please; no wires)
 - Matchbox/Hotwheels car sets
 - Race track sets for Matchbox and Hotwheels cars
 - Football gloves and basketball shooting sleeves
 - Baby dolls and accessories (African American, Latino, and Caucasian; Baby Alive or American Girl-type dolls are popular)
 - Portable Radio/CD players ("Boom boxes" with detachable cords only please)
 - Games: Checkers, Chess, Connect 4, UNO, Bop-It, Simon, Sorry!, Trouble, Guess Who
 - LEGO sets
 - Scooters and skateboards with helmets and protective pads
 - Beyblades & accessories
 - Large stuffed animals
 - Minions movie toys
 - Puzzles (150 pieces or less)
- * Plastic bottles only; no spray bottles, please

Stocking Stuffers

- Children's DVDs (rated G or PG)
- Novelty socks for girls (sizes: adult 3-11)
- Sports socks for boys and girls (sizes: adult 4-13)
- Playing cards and card games
- Sports watches
- Pretty hair accessories
- Batteries- AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt
- Crayons, colored pencils, and washable markers
- Football cards
- Fun lip gloss
- Novelty toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Bracelets (no elastic please)
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Gloves (not mittens)
- Journals (non-spiral bound)

For more information about Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and the children and families we serve, or to make a gift online, please visit www.silver-springs.org.





NOVEMBER 2015

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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.

Augustus' Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service/ Quilt & Afghan Sunday

will be held on Sunday, November 22. Save the date and plan to attend! The Reverend Jennifer Ollikainen, Executive Director of Lutheran Congregational Services will be our guest preacher at both the 8:00am & 10:30am services. Refreshments will be served after each service so that you can greet Pastor Jennifer. She previously served as Director of Ministries. She earned a Master of Divinity, a Sacred Theology Masters in New Testament, and a Doctor of Ministry from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.



Reverend Ollikainen works with the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. She edits worship and music publications and works with congregations to make their ministries stronger.

Prior to serving with Lutheran Congregational Services, Reverend Ollikainen was the Associate for Worship Resources for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and an Associate Pastor at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Springfield, PA.

Also on this day, quilts and afghans made by the Hearts and Hands Committee of Augustus' Women of the ELCA under the direction of Mildred Stuffle will adorn the church sanctuary. The quilts will then be sent to the Southeastern PA ELCA Ingathering on Dec 6th for Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to countries all over the world to help those people less fortunate. The afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown.

In honor of Thankoffering, envelopes will be distributed for your donation in support of the Women of the ELCA programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. All the money collected will be sent directly to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA. Please be generous! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and hope for all that is to come. They give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude and hope. When significant or ordinary moments happen, it is our way of saying "thank you" to God!

Thankofferings date back to the 1800's when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund mission. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out projects, the women believed otherwise. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. They would then gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise. Together, we can do more than we could ever do alone.



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!

SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study

will be held on Tuesday November 3, 2015, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. The theme is "God Loves A Cheerful Giver" taken from 2 Corinthians 9:7 ("Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.") Barbara Lisi is the presenter. Please contact Fran Ivarson at 610-489-4969 if you have any questions or if you need a ride. All women and girls are invited to attend. It's a wonderful way to meet your Sisters in Christ.

WELCA's Fall Family Fun Event

will be held on Saturday November 14 at 10:30am in Oaks, PA. Women and their families will be attending a one and a half hour tour by tram at The American Treasure Tour, an indoor massive collection of Americana from antiques to kitsch to pop culture. The cost is \$19.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children under 18. Lunch afterward at a local restaurant is optional for an additional cost. The deadline for reservations & money is October 30. Many thanks to Deb Scholl for taking charge of this event. What a wonderful time of fellowship & relaxation with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Augustus Women/ELCA will once again be collecting "Wish List" Items for the Children of Silver Springs- Martin Luther School for Christmas.

Silver Springs – Martin Luther School is a school for boys and girls who have endured tremendous trials early in life. They have come to the school knowing only fear, anger, and a lack of hope. Your gifts will put big smiles and exclamations of joy on their faces. All gifts must be new, unwrapped, & put in the Lower Narthex by November 29. A special thank you to Fran Ivarson & Ann Walker for taking charge of this event. More details to follow.

The Hearts & Hands Workshop

will resume its meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on November 17 at 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room. Until further notice there will be no evening session. New members are welcome. Have you ever had the desire to quilt? Now's the time to learn! No experience is necessary. Bring a lunch or snack if you so desire. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or email Jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

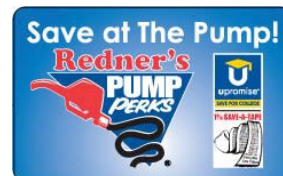
Augustus' Committee Night will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Chapel. The Women of the ELCA will be participating. The next committee night will be held on November 24. Please plan to attend. All women of Augustus are welcome to join us for this very informative planning meeting.

Please continue to Save the Following Items and place them in the appropriate box in the breezeway: Redner's Tapes, Campbell soup labels, eyeglasses, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and your old cell phones.

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- All receipts must be dated within three years prior to the date of submission.
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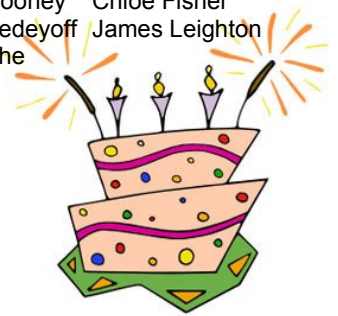
Savings Are In Bloom!! Shop, save and earn for WELCA Augustus Lutheran Church. You can now shop online. Participating in the eScrip rebate are Amazon, Macy's, L.L. Bean, Old Navy, Boscov's, Best Buy....Just to mention a few. Go online to view the complete list of participating merchants.

Schedule Of Events

- Nov 1: All Saints Sunday
3: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Emmanuel LC, Pottstown "God Loves A Cheerful Giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7) Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Presenter, Barbara Lisi - 10:00am
14: WELCA's Fall Family Fun Event – American Treasure Tour @ Oaks, PA 10:30am
15: Congregational Luncheon & Meeting
17: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room
22: Thankoffering Service/Quilt & Afghan Sunday The Reverend Jennifer Ollikanien – Guest Preacher @ 8:00am & 10:30am
24: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
26: Happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec 1: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Pennsburg Diner, Pennsburg "Special Advent Gathering" Devotional leader, Sheila Specht - 10:00am
6: SEPA ELCA Christmas Ingathering - 1:00pm to 2:30pm
15: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room
22: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
25: Merry Christmas!

.....Dale O'Hara.....

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Joe Firth	2 Daniel Birch Diane Krasley Megan Kulp	3 Maura Cunningham Connor Evans Briana Minkon Justin Minkon	4 Jay Adams Brett DellAngelo Nicole Hamilton John Kochel Michael Marren Jr. Mary Saylor Abigail Snear	5 Bradley Riegner Clifford Sifton Brandon Snyder George Stokes	6 Gabrielle Bar Brandon Barish Craig Coburn Edward Cushine Jim Herr Nathaniel Long Kiersten Markert Minetta O'Boyle Jeffrey Whitman	7 Hazel Giera Michael Lundin Richard Opperman Jr.
8 Ruth Frazier Matt Kennedy	9 Sandra Booth Lorna DePaul Shaun Fritts	10 Mike Van Blaricum	11 Douglas Cornish Curt Reiser Beth Vida	12	13 Dottie Little Cheryl Ludwig	14 David Hess
15 Kenneth Imes Sr.	16 Sandra Dotterer Zachary Olecki	17 Matthew Meeley Hogan Millheim	18 Jerry Gerhard Steve Lundy Kiera Ottinger Kimberly Young	19 Kevin Dubeck Kiley Shafer	20 Jacob Keim Harold Nelson Jeremy Wenger	21 Anthony Garro Amy Lauther Martin Sweeney
22 Joseph Cooney Ronald Hess Joshua Martin	23 Jerry Gerhard Sarah Interrante Allison Kulp Sean Whitman	24 Julia Avans	25 Bradford Houchins	26 Jack Cooney Steven Minkon Brian O'Hara Madeline Reiser	27 Matthew Cooney Leonard Redeyoff Ashley Tighe	28 Chloe Fisher James Leighton
29 Shirley Heist Lucas McCrea Matthew Quirk Derek Stufflet	30					



November Birthdays

Saints

What is a Saint?

Derived from the Latin *sanctus*, the word *saint* means *holy*. As such, saints are holy ones, those who have been chosen by God and set apart for a divine purpose. In a broad sense, all Christians are saints because all Christians have been chosen by God, marked with the Cross of Christ in Baptism, and set apart to bear witness in the world to God's grace. In a narrow sense, the saints are Christians whom the Church has designated as exemplary models of the Christian life, notably the Apostles.

The *Augsburg Confession* states, "It is also taught among us that the saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith." We Lutherans do not consider saints as sinless nor do we invoke them to mediate with God on our behalf. We thank God for the saints' examples, let their examples strengthen us, and seek to imitate those examples as best we can.

One way that we remember the saints is by observing saints' days and commemorations. A saint's day is usually the day on which the saint died, often by being martyred, and entered eternal life. Modern Lutheran liturgical calendars contain an extensive list of commemorations of significant persons in Church history, from Martin Luther to Martin Luther King, Jr., Augustine to John XXIII.



**SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE
First Tuesday BIBLE STUDIES 2015-2016
10 a.m. (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.)**



'ALWAYS BEING MADE NEW'

Please note: - Save all summer issues of GATHER for use in the Fall

'NO CATCHY SLOGANS'

WRITTEN BY Emma Crossen

Tuesday, November 3 Barbara Lisi, presenter Study from August issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"God Loves A Cheerful Giver"	Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hanover & Walnut Sts., Pottstown
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Tuesday, December 1 Sheila Specht, Devotional leader Study from December issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Special Advent Gathering"	The Pennsburg Diner 321 Pottstown Ave., Pennsburg
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THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDIES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2016. **LET IT SNOW!**

- **SAVE JAN/ FEB ISSUE OF 'GATHER' FOR MAR & APR 2016**

Christian Citizenship 101 A Study of Philippians

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Elaine Strimpel, presenter Study from Jan/ Feb issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Confidence in God's Beginnings & Endings"	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
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Tuesday, April 5 Janet Luyben, presenter Study from Jan/ Feb issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Servant-Shaped Soldiers"	St. James Lutheran Church Kugler Rd., & Swamp Pk, Limerick
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Tuesday, May 3 Jean John, presenter Study from March issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Being of One Mind"	Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main St., Trappe
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Tuesday, June 7 Barbara Thornton, presenter Study from April issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Keep On Keeping On"	Grace Lutheran Church 660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown
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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.

**Please remember our Active Duty
Service Men in your Prayers**

Jason Bockelmann
Eric Schwirian
Matthew Yosua
Michael Yosua



A Gentle Reminder

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

