AUGUSTINIAN From the Pastor's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The world around us seems to be in turmoil. Terror attacks in France, Germany, and elsewhere have made us feel unsafe. Our economy provides stability for some people but anxiety for others. To whom can we turn?

God promises that nothing can separate us from his love. He demonstrated that devotion to our well-being most clearly through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. In Baptism, we have become God's beloved children. He is our loving Father. He is our refuge and strength. We gather each Sunday around God's Word and Sacrament to be nourished and sustained to withstand the assaults of sin, death, and the devil. At worship, we step off the treadmill of modern life and stop to have a conversation with our loving Father in heaven who will not withhold his comfort, love and help from us. Worship is the single most important thing we do as Christians and is the center of our life at Augustus.



Our new Coordinator of Faith Development, Sonya Sowards, begins her ministry with us on August 1st. She will be here during Vacation Bible School from August 8-11 so she can begin to get to know our students and staff. Registration forms can be downloaded at our website, www.augustustrappe.org. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

Our annual Augustus Community Carnival will be held on August 10-13. If you haven't already volunteered, your help is still needed to make this hospitality event a success. Contact Gary Wessner and tell him when and how you can serve.



As I write this article in mid-July, the revised architectural drawings for the elevator and breeze-way replacement project have been submitted to Trappe Borough. We are eagerly anticipating that Trappe will soon issue the necessary building permits so we can begin construction on a project to improve accessibility and increase hospitality for our members and friends.

I hope your vacation time is a period of rest and recreation. As we mention each year, please send in your regular offerings before you go away. Your cooperation helps us be good financial stewards by not having to borrow money over the summer to pay our bills.

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel: surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



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FROM THE BENCH - August 2016

Rehearsals began in July for our children's musical, "Table for Five...Thousand!" by Allen Pote. Twenty-six children from Augustus and St. Andrew's are participating this year and we're off to a great start! Don't miss the presentation at Augustus on Rally Day, September 18 at the 10:30 am service.

On Saturday, August 13 from 10am-2pm, we will have our annual senior choir workshop at Augustus. ALL SINGERS (9th grade and up) are welcome to come sing, check out the music we're planning for this fall and Christmas, and have some lunch (there will be a cost for lunch).

Thursday, September 1 at 7pm is our first Adult Choir rehearsal, and we will continue on Thursday nights thereafter. Even if you couldn't make the August retreat, join us Thursday night in the chapel. Singers 9th grade and up are welcome to join us!

Thursday, September 29, 6pm, will be a handbell polishing party and the first fall meeting of our Handbell Choir. If you'd like to ring in the bell choir and haven't rung with us before, please talk to me in church or send me an email so we can discuss your participation.

Looking further ahead, our Christmas Concert is planned for Saturday, December 10 at 3pm. Save the date!

Email is often the best way to reach me, music@augustustrappe.org, or you can leave a message in the church office. The music office/choir room also has its own phone, so you can leave a message there: 610.454.0153. I'm looking forward to another great year with all of you at Augustus!

-Laurie Mueller

Table for Five...Thousand!

a youth musical by Allen Pote and Tom Long to be presented at Augustus **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18,** 10:30 am service



If you'd like to participate, contact Laurie Mueller laurie.s.mueller@gmail.com

AUGUSTUS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Wednesday August 10-Friday August 12, 5:30-close Saturday August 13, 4-close



FOOD BY AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN AND LOCAL VENDORS
CHICKEN AND RIBS BY THE TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY ON SATURDAY THE 13TH
GAMES

CHILDREN'S AREA RIDES

(Wednesday night wrist band special)
SILENT AUCTION, BASKET RAFFLES, 50/50 RAFFLES
ENTERTAINMENT
OLD CHURCH TOURS

Come join us for a night of fun for the entire family!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net) if you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time to the carnival. Volunteers are needed to work the food and parking areas, raffles and ticket sales.

The carnival advertising includes strategic placement of yard signs that display the dates for our event. If you have property along a busy road and which can offer good visibility for our carnival yard-sign, please contact John Kochel at (484) 945-0100. Signs will be in place from July 22 through August 13.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

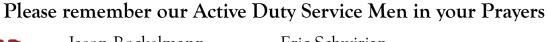
TIME TO SIGN UP!!

August 8 through the 11th 9:00 am until 12:00 noon!

Ages 3–6th grade.

Registration form in this document.

Join the fun this summer!



FOR OUR MILITARY

Jason Bockelmann Matthew Yosua Eric Schwirian Michael Yosua

Worship Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
August 7	Dylan Crothers		
August 14	Brianna Dubeck		
August 21	Daniel Reiser		
August 28	Dylan Firth		
Lectors	8:00 am	9:30 am	9:30 am
August 7	Jeff Stuffle	Diane Mills	Diane Mills
August 14	Mildred Stuffle	Sean McClain	Alan Shunk
August 21	Ron Hess	Cynthia Snyder	Jennifer Wentworth
August 28	Sandy Trauger	Christ Dogonniuck	Barbara Burch
Greeters			

Greeters always needed! Go to http://bit.ly/PnjJrN to sign up!

Communion Assistants	8:00 am	9:30 am	
August 7	Debra Augustine	John Kochel	Dave Schweitzer
August 14	Debra Augustine	Janice Reiff	Bob Rodenberger
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August 21	Debra Augustine	Barbara Burch	Janice Reiff
August 28	Debra Augustine	Jeanne Funk	Brian Funk
Offering Tabulation			
August 7	Janet Stokes	Jack Schatz	Ron Hess
August 14	Debra Augustine	Karl Stefan	Jeanne Funk
August 21	John Kochel	Brian O'Hara	Janice Reiff
August 28	Janet Stokes	Jack Schatz	Ron Hess
Ushers			
August	8:00 Usher Team Members	Dick Allebach	John Moorehead

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Are You Saving Enough for Retirement?

From the wisdom of Solomon, God shows us the wisdom of ants that save their provisions (Proverbs 6:6). With our anemic personal savings rate in this country of approximately 1.5 percent, we may be showing less wisdom than the ants. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that, in twenty years, there will be a \$45 billion retirement income shortfall. Four out of five Americans do not have enough retirement savings.

One of our top financial goals should be a comfortable retirement. To live comfortably during retirement, we can project that we will need about 80-90 of our pre-retirement income. This income will come from Social Security, pensions, and private savings. For most people Social Security benefits will provide approximately one-third of their retirement needs. If you subtract your expected social security benefits from our desired annual retirement income, the result will be the annual income gap that will have to be covered by your pension income or savings.

Desired Annual
Retirement Income:
\$50,000
75,000

Annual Social Security Benefits \$12,500 15,000



Annual Income Gap\$37,500
60.000

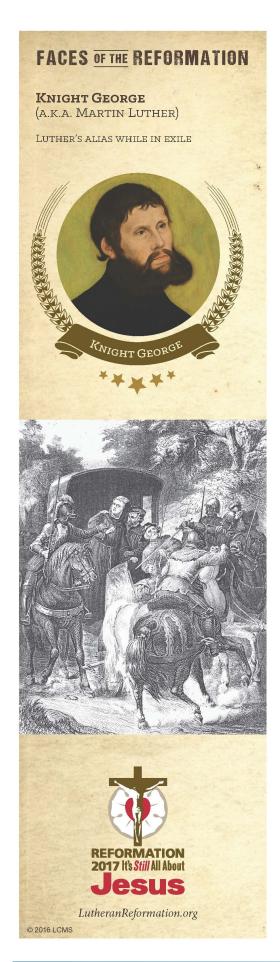
One of the greatest obstacles to a savings program for retirement is procrastination!



We fall into the trap of telling ourselves that retirement is a long way off, so we will start saving next month. The problem is that next month never comes. Procrastination is detrimental, because it eats up the time that money can be put to work for us.

As a general rule of thumb, if we start saving for retirement in our early 20's, we can set aside close to 10 percent of our incomes and have sufficient funds for retirement. As Solomon wrote, "... he who gathers money little by little makes it grow" (Proverbs 13:11). However, if we

wait till we are in our 40's, our saving rate will have to increase to 30 percent or more.



The alias Luther used after his prince hid him away to protect his life

LUTHER HAD BEEN CALLED BY THE HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR, Charles V, and the German princes to the diet (meeting) of the German nation, which was to be held at the city of Worms (pronounced "Vorms"). Luther's own prince, Frederick the Wise, was among the nobility in attendance. Luther arrived under the Emperor's guarantee of safe passage April 16, 1521. He was called not to debate, but simply to recant his writings.

"Unless I am convicted by Scripture and plain reason, I do not accept the authority of popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other. My conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen." With these words, Luther risked being named a heretic and thus an outlaw with a price on his head.

Charles V wasted little time in condemning Luther. True to his word, however, Charles granted Luther safe passage to return to Wittenberg. He had 21 days to return home. As he and two of his companions traveled, they were suddenly accosted by several armed horsemen. They pulled Luther from the wagon and whisked him away as his friends watched in horror, certain they would never see Luther alive again.

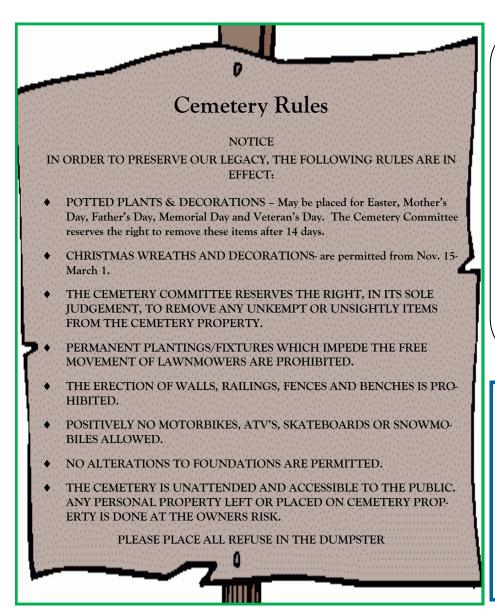
The elaborate plot, with the blessing of Frederick the Wise, was to "kidnap" Luther and see that he was held safely away from those who might be plotting his death. Frederick knew nothing of the details, only that Luther was taken to safety. This gave him plausible deniability should the Emperor ask Frederick if he knew Luther's whereabouts. Luther was taken to the Wartburg castle in the dark of night. He grew out his hair and beard, traded in his monk's robe for the attire of a knight and lived under the pseudonym Knight George. He saw no one, save the few trusted souls that attended his needs.

He complained of depression, loneliness and boredom. He was not used to the rich food served there, and it did not sit well with him. Work was his deliverance. During his 10-month exile, he produced what to some would be a lifetime of work. He translated the entire New Testament from Greek into German. This work alone helped to codify the German language, and it put the Scriptures directly into the hands of the laymen. He worked at a feverish pace and accomplished this feat in 11 weeks. Among his many books written during this time were a commentary on Psalm 68 in German as a devotional for the laity, and a commentary on the Magnificat.

In Luther's absence, several men — including Andreas Carlstadt, a professor at Wittenberg — threw all order to the wind, and the church was left in relative chaos. Altars were destroyed, and images of saints were smashed. Nothing even hinting at Catholicism was left untouched, including how the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Luther shed his knight's clothing, and on March 9, he returned to the pulpit in Wittenberg. Peace quickly returned to the tumultuous city following a week of sermons on the importance of teaching before any changes could be made, Law and Gospel, and the strengthening of the weaker member of the body of Christ. For all the uproar his 95 Theses caused, no one could deny that his words could be equally calming and healing.

Luther's exile was over. For the rest of his life, the Edict of Worms that declared Luther a heretic hung over him, but Germany was not about to let an outside emperor dictate the fate of the father of the Reformation.

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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.

Happy Summer to all Augustus members and friends!

We are preparing for our upcoming Silent Auction & Raffle Fundraiser at the Carnival and we are looking for a couple of items.

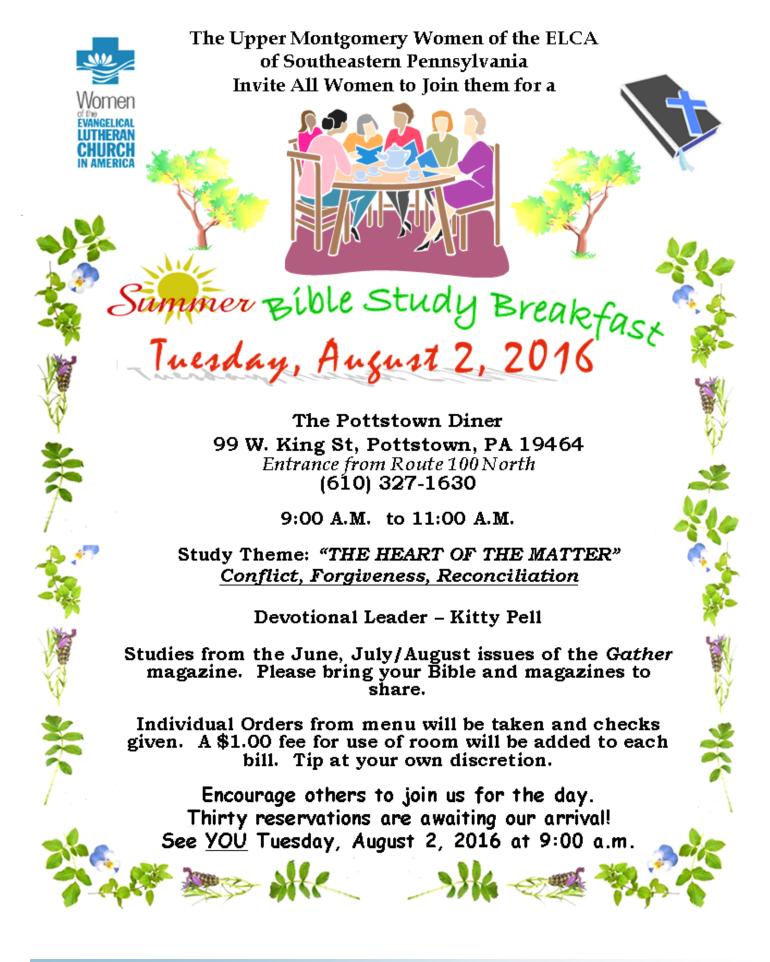
- 1. Certificates for rounds of golf at any golf course.
- 2. Basket raffle items. (Wine basket, movie night basket etc.)
- 3. Gift cards to restaurants/stores
- 4. Gift certificates for travel

If you are able to secure any of these items, we would be happy to use them as raffle items/auction items at the Carnival.

Please email me (Judi Lien) at <u>judilien@comcast.net</u> if you have any items so that we can arrange pick up or shipping.

All proceeds raised are used to replenish the Augustus property fund.





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Sharing God's Bounty

Money and the Great Commission

resus' parting command was: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus was very direct and explicit with his mandate. There is no question as to where or with whom we are to share the Gospel. The love that God gives to us is to be shared by us with all people everywhere. He has given us our marching orders, and, in his strength, we can give ourselves fully to his work.

Because God has chosen to use us as his tools to bring salvation to all people, we must use our lives

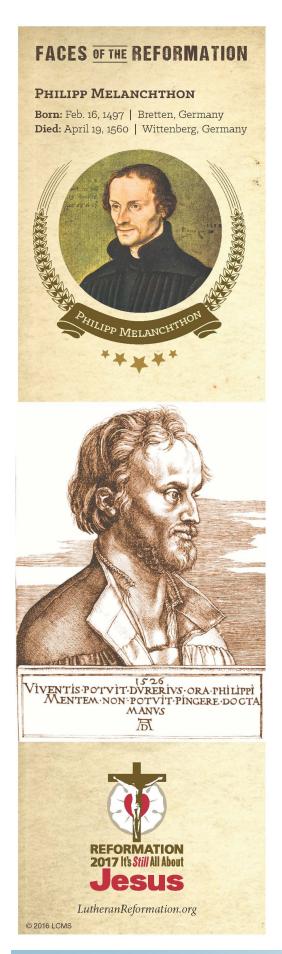


and gifts to spread the Good News. Paul wrote, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). One of the tools that God gives us to use in our mission of reaching out to others with the Gospel is our money. According to an old stewardship phrase, "Stewardship without mission is unnecessary and mission without stewardship is impossible." Stewardship and mission are inseparable. The funding of the Great Commission needs to come from believers. The money which God entrusts to us has many purposes, and the funding of mission work is of first importance. Through the giving of our money, we demonstrate our obedience to Jesus' command to reach out to all people. Paul wrote that, through our giving, we "test the sincerity of [our] love by comparing it with the earnestness of others" (2 Corinthians 8:8).

For nonbelievers and those who lack spiritual maturity, the giving of money is done begrudgingly out of a sense of obligation. By the grace of God, our attitude toward giving is a "want to" rather than a "got to" give. We view giving as a privilege and an opportunity to spread the Gospel through our money. Our giving expresses our gratitude for who God is and all that he has done for through his Son. Through faith, we hold onto our money loosely and then are privileged to experience the joy of giving as we give God our first and best. As Christians we understand that God has a claim on all that we have, so we willingly and cheerfully give our money to help all people hear of God's love. Money is an important tool for God's mission. Through our faithful giving, we are able to leverage our witnessing to all people.



"There is a wide choice of things which you can do for God and neighbor, in and through your church community ... if you have the good will. With good will you also find the necessary time for such projects, even though you may have to cut and pare in other directions."



Luther's right-hand man and author of the Augsburg Confession

WHO WAS PHILIPP MELANCHTHON? Some argue that he was a staunch defender of the Lutheran faith. Others say he was a weak professor whose battle cry was, "Why can't we all just get along?" The answer may be that he was both. All agree he was a brilliant scholar and systematical theologian.

Melanchthon attended the University of Heidelberg, earning a bachelor's degree in 1511. At age 17, he received a master's degree from the University of Tübingen. His great-uncle Johann Reuchlin recommended him to Fredrick the Wise, who was seeking a professor of Greek for his newly formed university at Wittenberg. Melanchthon arrived Aug. 25, 1518, ten months after Luther posted his 95 Theses. Melanchthon was young, only 21, and small and thin in stature. An imposing figure he was not, but the world would know him one day as a giant of the Reformation.

Luther saw and admired the new professor's gifts immediately. Melanchthon's lectures were well attended. Not only students but townspeople and nobles crowded to hear the exceptional orator. He resisted Luther's frequent requests to pursue a doctor of theology degree but acquiesced to at least a bachelor's degree in theology. He finished that degree in his first year at Wittenberg.

Although Melanchthon remained a layman, he and Luther were the closest of friends for the rest of their lives. They did not agree on everything, but were loyal to each other and admired and depended on the gifts the other had been given. Melanchthon was the systematician of Luther's theology. Luther once said of Melanchthon, "I was born to go to war and give battle to sects and devils. That is why my books are stormy and warlike. ... But Master Philip comes softly and neatly, tills and plants, sows and waters with pleasure, as God has abundantly given him the talents."

He is known as *Praeceptor Germaniae* for his role in forming the educational system of Germany and also for his *Loci Communes*, a book of Lutheran theology organized by subject matter. Most significantly, he is the author of the *Augsburg Confession*, the primary explanation of the Lutheran faith and one of the chief documents of the Reformation.

In the spring of 1530, the Emperor called a diet to be held in Augsburg. Luther, Melanchthon and fellow reformer Johann Bugenhagen set out for Augsburg. Luther could not attend in person because the Edict of Worms made him an outlaw in that part of the country. He was instead left at Coburg to sit and stew while the others journeyed on. On June 25, chancellor Beyer read out loud the Augsburg Confession to Emperor Charles V at the Diet of Augsburg. Here the protesting princes of Germany swore their allegiance to the Confessions.

Historians often speak of Melanchthon's desire for unity with both the Catholics and Calvinists. He is sometimes described as weak-willed in his defense of Luther's teachings, hoping to find common ground with differing views. As time went by, he modified his earlier works, including the Augsburg Confession. This drew the ire of those that disagreed with Melanchthon's alterations. To this day, congregations in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod subscribe to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession or UAC. These letters may be found in the cornerstone of your church.

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You're the Teacher

Think of all the things your children have learned from you! Among other things, you taught them to talk and eat. They observed what you did and imitated your actions. Your children learn faith attitudes and practices from you, as well. These become the foundation on which their faith grows throughout their lives. You are your child's primary teacher.

Planned times for praying, reading the Bible, and sharing the faith are important. They encourage family members to share their beliefs, ask questions, and search for answers. Family projects show the importance of putting faith into action. And sometimes, the most important faith lessons are learned when spiritual truths are spontaneously connected with daily experiences. Children learn far more by watching you live your faith on a day to day basis than they do any other way.

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Questions and Faith

Have you ever wished that your child would stop asking so many questions? Every parent has impatient times. But try to remember that questions are essential if a child is to grow, both intellectually and spiritually. According to Effective Christian Education: A National Study of Protestant Congregations (1990), Search Institute identified that a church that encourages questioning and challenges thinking promotes the growth of its members' faith.

A parent or caregiver who encourages faith questions provides an environment in which his or her child's faith can mature. How can we encourage our children to ask questions about faith? Never ridicule or criticize their

questions. Listen attentively. Give honest answers. When you don't know an answer, help them search for answers. The surprising thing about all those questions is that they'll not only foster the growth of your child's faith, but they'll help you become more articulate in expressing your beliefs.

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 per-

son'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 Holy 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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Graduation Announcement

Sarah Riegel graduated in the top 5% of her class at Daniel Boone High School in June, 2016. In the fall she will attend Moravian College in the fall where she will major in German/Secondary Education.



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Vestry Members 2016



Augustus Lutheran Church

717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA 19426

2016 Vacation Bible School Registration Form



August 8th - August 11th 9:00 am 'til noon

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT INFORMATION and FILL OUT ONE FORM PER CHILD

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