

Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People

MAY 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our worship in Lent, Holy Week, and Easter so beautiful and moving. It takes many people joining together to provide the meaningful Lutheran worship that we offer at Augustus. Your work is appreciated throughout the parish.



On Easter Sunday, six (6) of our young people received Holy Communion for the first time. On the Day of Pentecost, June 9th, six (6) of our young folks will affirm their faith in the Rite of Confirmation. Please plan to be with us that day to stand with them and show them your support.

Thank you to everyone who strove to make the annual Turkey Dinner a success. Under the sponsorship of WELCA, the O'Hara family and their many, many helpers always go above and beyond to bring diverse parts of the parish together to help raise money to support our fellow Lutherans in Tanzania. Because of support from people like us, the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center has been able to reduce the mortality rate in their pediatric ICU by half. The Swanson family that we help support as medical missionaries were instrumental in this improvement. Our work here at Augustus has a very practical effect in the lives of people in need.

The Easter Season continues for a full 50 days of rejoicing. Please join us for worship, learning, and service in May. You will be blessed by your time with the Lord.

The blessing of the living God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



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From the Bench

May 2019



Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Many thanks to our Senior Choir and Bell Choir for all the extra hours they put in during this season (some sang with the CTM Choir as well), to Ben Richvalsky on trumpet, to Jim Lien on timpani, to Ali Backlund on flute, to the Bell Choir and Senior Choir for music at Stations of the Cross, to Jen Wentworth for hanging banners, to Tyler and Jeannie Funk for equipment and technical help. Our worship this Lent and especially Easter Sunday was moving and special.

A few updates: we welcomed a new choir member for about 10 weeks. Dottie Luft was able to sing with us during Lent and Easter. She is the mother of Leesa Shunk and Anita Luft, and we were very happy to have her. But, she is now taking a break for awhile. And speaking of breaks, Judy Bubeck broke a bone, and we have missed her the last several weeks. We wish her well as she continues in rehab and look forward to her return, probably next season. Abby Gravel has also had vocal problems over the last months and has not been able to sing with us. We miss our singers and are keeping them in prayer so they can return healthy and soon!



Save the date! On **Sunday, May 5 at 4 pm**, I will give an Organ Demonstration and Concert in our Brick Church Sanctuary. Kids ages 6 and up (and their parents) are invited to **come early at 3 pm**, to help put together a miniature working pipe organ! This is an opportunity not to be missed! The concert will be kid-friendly, and will feature a piece titled "The Child's Book of Beasts," with some guest organists and narrator helping us envision various beasts with the colors of the organ. Afterward, join us in the Fellowship Hall for bake sale refreshments!

As we continue the church's celebration of Easter, let us rejoice in the promise that as Christ was raised from the dead, we too can live a new life!



First Holy Communion

May God bless these young people who received their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019



Cole Brenner
Nathan Kerr
Addison Smith

Connor Elison
Matthew Meeley
Braden Tighe

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Living Within Your Means

Since it is unlikely that you have an unlimited income, your spending must be planned so you can give generously, save aggressively, but still live comfortably. If you typically spend all of your income on your wants and desires, you will find it difficult to live within your means. Spending is easy, whereas giving and saving require self-discipline. Your ability to give and save is made possible by your willingness to control your spending. Improper spending habits are the biggest hindrances to living successfully within your income.

When you intentionally buy fewer things than you can afford, you are choosing to limit your lifestyle. "Self-limitation" decisions are based not on the premise of what you can afford, but rather on what you need. You must ask, "Do I need this certain thing or does God have need of my money to help others and the church?"

What lifestyle does the Bible suggest? Living comfortably is not a sin. God does not condemn being rich, but speaks against the self-centered attitude wealth can cause. Living in opulence without any regard for others does not please the Lord. However, if you love the Lord and serve him and others with your money and time, you are free to live in comfort. Jesus said "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). Certainly, there is a tremendous amount of diversity among Christians and what they own, but your lifestyle should reflect your relationship with Jesus.

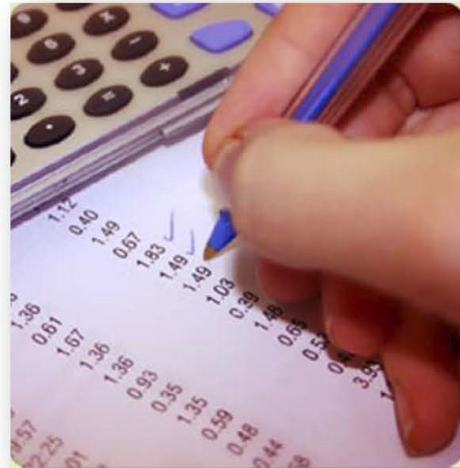
According to Russ Crosson in his book *A Life Well Spent*, we have increased our standard of living at the expense of our lifestyles. He points out:

"We have increased our lifestyles, but in the process haven't we also lost our ability to really live?

- ✦ We have amassed wealth, not wisdom.
- ✦ We have given our children toys, not time.
- ✦ We have children who have been taught to consume rather than work.
- ✦ We have fathers who don't know their children, and marriages that do not work or last.
- ✦ We have been in a rush to run a race without understanding the finish line.

Could it be that we are being robbed of our very lives because we are not thinking correctly about why we have money and what we are to do with it?"

Our culture promotes monetary wealth. We need to spend wisely, save and give proportionally to our income and be careful not to become a victim of the foolish desires money can create.



As you do your spring cleaning, please set aside any useable, clean clothing for our clothing drive. Bring the clothing to Augustus and place it by the closet outside Fellowship Hall between May 12 and May 28. Thank you.

Clothing Drive



Coordinator of Faith Development

As we go to press for this newsletter, we're looking forward to our egg hunt and flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday. Our sixth graders will also receive their first communion on Easter. A glorious day!

Bear Creek Sunday is April 28th and representatives from Bear Creek Camp will be with us to sing camp songs and lead us through some fun activities. ***Parents are invited to join in the excitement!***

We will finish our Sunday school year with two days of celebration:

- We will honor our faithful parents on **May 12th**. Thank you for bringing your children to Sunday school! Doing so helps you fulfill the promises you made at your children's baptism "to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God . . . , to place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer." (ELW 228)
- On **May 19th** we will finish the Sunday school year with a celebration for all the children who have participated this year. We cherish our children at Augustus.

Please join our Facebook group "Augustus Sunday School" so you can keep up to date with all our activities.

Sunday school is winding down in May but the fun is not yet over for our kids--Vacation Bible School begins June 24th! Registration forms can be found in this newsletter, on the church web-site, or just email me and I'll send you one. We're looking for lots of adult and youth volunteers for Vacation Bible School—the more adults and youth we have, the more children we can invite! It's always a fun week so please let me know if you can help.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any of our programs and events, please send me an email at education@augustustrappe.org or call/text me at (904) 476-4409.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards
Coordinator of Faith Development



Moving Day

Has a friend of yours ever moved away? Sometimes friends move just a few blocks away. Then they can still see each other, even though they live farther away. But sometimes friends move to a different city or state. When that happens, you can talk to them on the telephone or write them letters, but it's different. You can't see them and play with them as often. It can be a sad time when friends move, because you will miss your friends, and they will miss you.

Jesus moved away from his friends, the disciples, too. After his resurrection, Jesus visited the disciples many times and talked to them about God's kingdom. But the time came when he had to go away. That's what we remember on Ascension Day—a special Thursday that's forty days after Easter. But the disciples weren't sad. They were filled with joy, because they knew Jesus wouldn't leave them alone. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with them. The Holy Spirit would help them carry out Jesus' work. Jesus also gave them a special gift before he left to help his disciples remember him. It was the gift of peace.

Origami is the Oriental art of folding paper. Make origami birds or peace cranes. Find books about origami at the library if you need directions. String them together. Hang them at church or at home, as reminders of Jesus' gifts to us of peace through the Holy Spirit. Read Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53, and John 14:25-28.



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Augustus Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Thursday, last week in June, 9:00 a.m.--noon

Registration Form

(Please complete a form for each child attending)

All children must be potty-trained in order to attend without a parent

Name: _____ Gender _____ Parents/Guardians _____

Parents: we need you! If possible, please sign up to help out at VBS for one or more days:
We/I can help on ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday

Address _____

Best email: _____ Birth date _____

Grade this fall _____ *(if 7th grade or above, please see the "VBS Youth Helper" choices below)*

Best Phone #: _____ Second Phone #: _____

We are: ☐ members of Augustus ☐ interested in joining Augustus ☐ just visiting

Does your child attend Sunday school or CCD? _____ If so where? _____

VBS Youth Helpers

(youth in 7th-12th grade can sign up to be helpers—circle where you would like to help below)

Snack crew: Set out daily snack for VBS participants and clean up snack area and kitchen when snack time is done.

Games crew: Help set up the daily games area, assist the VBS participants as they perform the various challenges and clean up the area when the games are completed for the day.

Crew guide: Lead children to and from activity sites assisting them as needed at the various activities.

Craft crew: Help set up the daily craft, assist VBS participants in completing their craft and clean up craft area each day.

Please return completed form to Sonya Sowards, Coordinator of Faith Development, by any of the below methods:

- Hand deliver to Sonya's mailbox in the church office
- Mail to 717 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA 19426
- Email to education@augustustrappe.org

Please complete reverse →

MEDICAL RELEASE AND GENERAL PERMISSION FORM

Please complete fully. Write "none" if a particular section does not apply to the participant. You must also include a copy of the participant's insurance card (front and back) with this form.

Participant's Physician's Name _____

Hospital/Clinic and Address _____

1. Participant is allergic to (including food): _____
2. Please list any restrictions on diet or exercise: _____
3. Does the participant have any special needs or medical history? If so, please list: _____

4. Are there any over the counter medications the participant cannot receive? _____

5. Is the participant on regular medication? If so, please list the drugs, dosages, frequency and any instructions: _____

Please note that no drugs are to be brought to VBS other than those listed above

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

In consideration of being accepted for participation in Vacation Bible School,

I (we) do for myself (ourselves) and on behalf of my child/participant do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to forever hold harmless Augustus Lutheran Church and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, the employees, and agents thereof, from any and all liability, claims and demands for personal injury, sickness and death, as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by me or my child/participant resulting from said child's participation in the synod sponsored youth events, including travel, recreation and all associated activities.

Further, I (we) (and on behalf of our child/participant under 18 years of age) hereby assume all risk of said personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expenses as a result of participation as above set forth. I also understand that staff and volunteers are not responsible for the administration of prescribed medication and I (we) have made private arrangements for any medication taken on a daily schedule by my child/participant.

I (we) am (are) the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant my (our) permission for him/her to participate fully in said youth events, and give my (our) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital, share the above medical information and authorize medical treatment, including, but not limited to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume responsibility of all medical bills incurred by my child.

I (we) give permission for the participant to receive over the counter medication such as Tylenol, ibuprofen, anti-diarrheal medication, antibacterial ointment, throat lozenges, eye wash solution, and the like.

I (we) also release the participant's name as part of an information database for the church, synod and ELCA related entities.

I (we) also grant Augustus, the synod and ELCA unrestricted rights to use, alter, and reproduce any images (still and video) from the event, in any medium without compensation.

Parent's/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____



Old Church Sunday

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SPECIAL SERVICE TIME: 9:30 AM
JUNE 02, 2019

Special Sermon Delivered by
REV. KARL KRUEGER

Reception to follow with Lecture by
CHURCH HISTORIAN PAT O'HARA

Free Tours Available Upon Request!

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Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Old Church Service ~ 10:30 AM Air Conditioned Brick Church

Augustus Book Club

The May meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on Monday, May 20th at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge.

We will be discussing:

A Journey of 1,000 Miles
 by David Ritz and Lang Lang

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



Need a Prayer?

The Augustus Prayer chain welcomes your calls with prayer requests.

If you need a prayer or know someone in need of a prayer, please contact

Carol Oelschlager at
 610-489-3109.

If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and Carol will call you back.

Let There Be Acolytes! 10 Hidden Benefits for Young People

Acolytes = Leaders

Quick! When you think of leadership in the church, what roles do you think of? Priests and deacons? Church staff? Choir directors? Ministry leaders?

Do you ever think about acolytes?

You should, because these young people, whose often un-noticed presence facilitates almost every service, embody true servant leadership. For a sense of why acolyting is an important and formational ministry, I interviewed members of the acolyte corps at my church. Ranging from 4th grade to college senior, here are ten conclusions they shared about their ministry.



10 Hidden Benefits of Acolyting

1. Acolyting is essential

Think of services where no acolytes are present. Much of the beauty and the glorious pageantry is missing. Processions without torches and crosses, and a Gospel reading without anyone to hold the book? Not as impactful. Furthermore, services without acolytes means clergy have less support when preparing Communion, and facilitating worship.

2. Acolyting allows young people to be active participants in worship

Everyone I spoke with echoed the same refrain. They felt much more engaged in the worship service by playing an active role rather than sitting in the pews. Even young people who reported that their parents had at first “forced” them to acolyte, expressed a newfound connection to worship and an enthusiasm for being at church.

3. Acolyting is intergenerational

A young person who acolytes is more likely to feel a connection to adults serving in other worship-related ministries: clergy, altar guild members, greeters, ushers, lectors, lay eucharistic ministers, and choir members.

This is truly important! Young people who connect to generations of adults in the congregation – rather than only forming relationships with youth peers – are more likely to feel a deep connection to their church community. Faith formation is strengthened by these intergenerational relationships.

4. Acolyting is relational

Acolyting helps young people form bonds with their peers, and with older and younger teens at church. Faith is meant to be practiced in community, and when a young person finds community for themselves, they are more likely to grow in faith. Young acolytes spoke proudly of having older teen friends who they knew through acolyting; older teens spoke proudly of acting as role models to the younger teens on their acolyte teams.

5. Acolyting is a family affair

Many young people recalled that they began to acolyte as a way of emulating older siblings. Families are more likely to attend and be connected to a church community when their children serve at the altar.

6. Acolyting allows kids to play with fire

Admit it, everybody likes to play with fire. But more importantly, when we trust young people with significant and potentially dangerous tasks, we show them that we see them as capable and competent. Inevitably they then live up to our expectations.

7. Acolyting makes a young person the center of attention

This surprised me. Many young people commented on how they enjoyed the feeling of having all eyes on them as they walked down the aisle with the cross. But isn't it supposed to be about God? Yes. So are we raising a generation of egomaniacs? I don't think so. Everyone's deepest desire is to be known, accepted, and loved. We want to have value in the eyes of others. Consider scripture and the many instances where Jesus paused to truly see and engage people who were otherwise invisible in society.

Often our young people feel unseen and unimportant in our faith communities. Acolyting allows them to be seen, to be important, and to make a difference in our communal worship.

8. Acolyting makes young people nervous

When asked what they wished other people knew about being an acolyte, many young people said they wished others knew how seriously they take their role. They try very hard not to make mistakes, and when they do, it weighs heavily on them. Yet in talking about lessons learned as an acolyte, one young person told me the following: "Whatever I do, even if I'm not sure of what I'm doing, as long as I do it with confidence, it will be ok." Or as Julian of Norwich wrote, "All shall be well."

9. Acolyting is formational, and teaches liturgy

In conversations replete with teenage slang, I also heard vocabulary that reflected a deep knowledge of liturgy and church tradition. In fact, one of the many reasons youth enjoyed being acolytes is that they learned more about the shape, structure, and flow of liturgy and worship traditions. Young people even mentioned some of their favorite services: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – services often under-attended, especially by young people.

10. Acolyting is leadership

A component of good church leadership is being able to grow more fully into a ministerial role. The young people I spoke with reflected on their evolving acolyte responsibilities, and how moving from torch to Eucharistic server was "...a big leap." One young person explained how managing her acolyte team was an opportunity for her to demonstrate maturity and responsibility. Some young people spoke proudly of how acolyting encouraged them to seek out other roles in the church – as vergers, altar guild members, lay eucharistic ministers, and as members of the church's worship commission.

So Let There Be Acolytes!

Acolyting is an essential ministry, and one that imbues our worship with beauty, solemnity, and pageantry. Acolytes support both clergy and laity, ensuring that the behind-the-scenes tasks and logistics of worship flow smoothly.

Most importantly, our acolytes, whether they are 9 or 19 years old, are leaders in our communities, worthy of appreciation and respect. Next time you see a young person who is an acolyte, make sure to compliment them and thank them for their ministry!

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Sharing God's Bounty

Whom Are You Looking At?

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since his resurrection, he had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when he talked about “wait[ing] for the gift [his] Father promised” (Acts 1:4), and, then, “He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight” (Acts 1:9).

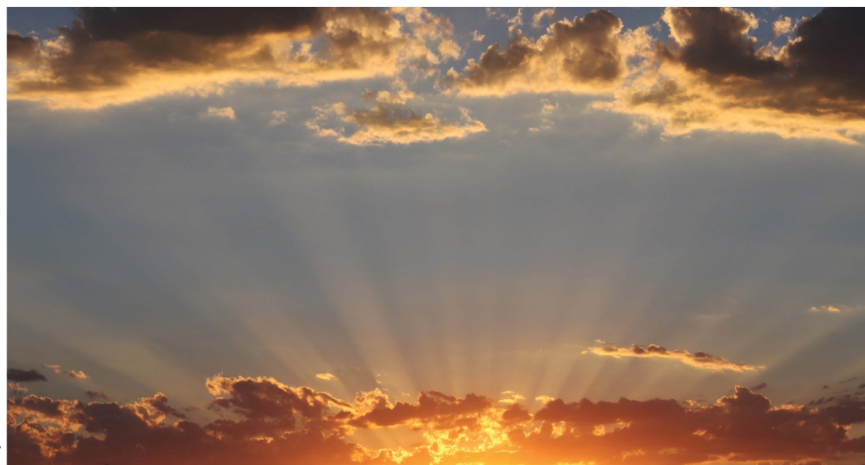
You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them and taught them again, and now he is taken up into the clouds. No wonder they stood ... probably with mouths agape ... looking into the sky where they had last seen him.

It took “two men dressed in white” (Acts 1:10) to bring them back to their senses. “Men of

Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into Heaven” (Acts 1:11).

Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more ... all the while looking at Jesus.

Whom are you looking at? Yes, Jesus had ascended. We can only imagine his joyful triumphant return as all the hosts of Heaven welcomed back the risen victorious Savior. Because he is that Savior, because he is the “author and perfecter of our faith,” “let us fix our eyes on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2). Though his Word and Sacraments, he will lead us in his ways; he will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; he will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face!



God comes first, not last. Otherwise, we give him only the leftovers after we have made sure that we have provided for our own comforts.

The principle of sacrificial giving is that our giving to God comes off the top of all that he has given us. Otherwise, some would say it is not a true offering, just a tip left at the table. Pray to be enabled to give generously.

May Worship Assistants

Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
May 5	Shayna King	Griffin Crothers	Aaron Crothers and Matt Meeley
May 12	Casey Demark	Cole Brenner	Ethan DePaul and Nathan Kerr
May 19	Kevin Dubeck	Thomas Lyaro	Carson Leigl and Cole Leigl
May 26	Elizabeth Wentworth	Piper Bouchard	Riley Smith and Sam Dogonniuck
Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Prayers
May 5	Jeff Stuffle	Jim Lien	Piper Bouchard
May 12	Mike Van Blaricum	Alan Shunk	James Lorah
May 19	Nicole Dubeck	John Kochel	Jennifer Wentworth
May 26	Earl Catagnus	Jeannie Funk	Chris Dogonniuck
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine		
May 5	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer		
May 12	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards		
May 19	Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger		
May 26	Jeanne Funk and Gary Wessner		
Ushers	Contact Dick Allebach		
Offering Tabulation	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk		
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	10:30 am: Mike Van Blaricum	Jeanne Funk—Pascal Candle



WANTED: People with Property Management Expertise

With the closing of Happy Days and subsequent loss of revenue, a facilities rental committee has been established to develop a plan for renting space at Augustus on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis. If you have experience with rental contracts and/or property management, we need your help.

Please contact John Kochel (John.Kochel@Thrivent.com), Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net), Janet Stokes (sjastokes@aol.com) or the church office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Janet Lauman	2	3 Brittany Cornish John Niskala Ethelyn Perkins	4
5 Amanda Christy Barbara Cornish Jonathan Price	6 Kevin Millheim	7 Michael Stokes	8	9 Alexa King Linda Romano	10 Pamela Kunasz	11 Ben Dogonniuck Nancy Ehret Gary Halteman Devyn Parker
12	13 Dawn Schmitt	14 Emma Raupp	15 Dylan Funk Walter Mills	16 Daniel Garton Garrett Halteman	17 William O'Boyle	18 Eilene Althouse Sam Gabel Faye Jenkins
19 Lindsey Allebach Jeffrey Althouse Tyler Schwirian	20 Colby Davis	21 Denise Althouse	22 Peyton Shaffer Walter Schlauch	23 Dennis DeWane III Scott Halteman	24 Cooper Demark	25 Jaime Nelson Mya Schiller Riley Smith
26 Dylan Crothers Lucy Olsen Charlie Richvalsky Ryan Sellman	27	28 Jennifer Kuklantz Riley Schmidt	29	30 Anita Halteman Dustin Keim	31 James DeNucci	

May Birthdays



Geranium Sunday

Flowers can now be ordered for Pentecost!

All members of the Congregation are invited to order Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church Sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost, June 9, 2019. The Women of ELCA will take responsibility for their planting on church grounds. The Geranium project has always been a huge success. Please include payment with your order.

Make Checks payable to: AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND

Last day to order is May 26, 2019

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer
412 Dartmoor Road
Schwenksville, PA 19473

Phone: 610-287-2827
E-Mail: kal412@comcast.net

Name: _____

	Red Geraniums Only	
Quantity	\$5.00 each	Total:
_____	_____	_____

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

SYG



The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who purchased Easter Eggs and Mints this year. Our fund raisers for the 2018/19 year are now complete. We appreciate the support that you've given us this year and in years past. The fund raising and donations received are used for the various SYG activities, helping others in need and the annual Mission trip. We are very fortunate to have the support of our congregation.

Our April service projects included making 100 Easter baskets for the food pantry, filling Easter eggs for the Sunday school, working at the Turkey dinner and helping a member of the congregation.

May brings an end of year activity chosen by our senior in the group and we will begin preparing for the this year's Mission trip.

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.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER—GOLF OUTING INFO/REGISTRATION!

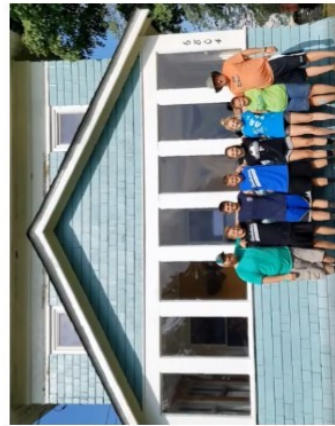


The goal of our Mission Group is to help families improve their everyday lives by making needed improvements and modifications to their homes. At the same time, teaching the teenagers in the group, valuable skills that they can use throughout their lives. The Mission Group includes teenagers, as young as 9th grade, and adults from three churches. We have come together as one group to share this dream with families in need.

Before



After



Before



After



2018 Mission Group

First United Church of Christ and
Trinity Lutheran Church—Quakertown, PA
Augustus Lutheran Church—Trappe, PA



2019 Mission Group 6th Annual Golf Outing

Friday
June 7, 2019
1:00 P.M.
Shot Gun Start

Butter Valley Golf Port
3243 Gehman Road, Barto PA

One Dream Mission Team

First UCC &
Trinity Lutheran
(Quakertown, PA)
Augustus Lutheran
(Trappe, PA)

Tournament Information

Friday, June 7, 2019

12:00 registration
1:00 Shot Gun Start
4-Person Scramble Format

Butter Valley Golf Port
Barto, PA

\$90 per golfer
Greens fees, cart, food at turn,
beverages & soda, water,
steak dinner and gift bags

Dinner Only

\$40 (6:30 PM)

Can't join us for golf?
Then please join us for the
dinner and festivities.

Contests

Closest to the Pin
Longest Drive (Men)
Longest Drive (Women)
Straightest Drive
50/50 Pot of Gold
Putting Contest

Raffles and Auction

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listed on a cart.

Silver Sponsor \$390

1 foursome and two Hole Sponsor-
ships

Hole Sponsor \$75

Sign at Tee Box
Name/Company Name
Company Information

Cart sponsor \$75

Name/Company Name
Company Information in every cart

Hole and Cart Sponsor Combo \$125

Monetary Donation

We are happy to accept any amount
that you can contribute.

Raffle/Auction Donation

All items donated will be used for our
Raffle/Auctions

*** All Sponsors will have the
opportunity to provide promotional
materials to be placed in each golfer's
gift bag.

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail this form and check to:
First UCC—Mission Group
151 S. 4th Street,
Quakertown, PA 18951

\$90 per golfer — Register by May 24, 2019

*Checks must be sent with your entry form to hold your
spot and be made payable to: *First UCC—Mission Group.*

Contact: Linda Friday at
missiontrips@firstucc.net or call 215-536-4447

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Golfers:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Additional Dinner Guests:

(Dinner Only - \$40 each)

Number of Dinner Guest _____

Sponsorship Level \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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.

A Very Special Note Of Thanks:

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for everyone's support and dedicated hard work for Augustus' Women/ELCA sponsored 15th annual combined Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft and Vendor Fair. The support of the entire congregation is essential, not only for the success of this event, but also for the unity of the congregation as a whole. To those people who gave of their time and talents to help (especially our chairpeople who kept the operations running smoothly and efficiently), to those people who came out to enjoy the dinner/craft & vendor fair, to those people who supplied baked goods, to those people who supported the silent auction, and to those people who gave monetary gifts, we would like to extend a special heartfelt thank you. No gift went unnoticed and all gifts contributed to the whole cause of supporting our mission work in Tanzania.

We also would like to extend an unprecedented note of thanks to the local community businesses who have supplied us with the resources necessary to make this fundraiser possible. A special thank you to Imperial's Catering for their continual support and use of their equipment, to Risher Van Horn for supplying the beautiful flowers, to Thrivent Financial for seed money, to Brandywine Assisted Living for their delicious baked goods and supplying musical talent, to Boy Scout Troop 87 for their help busing tables, to Augustus' Senior High Youth Group for their help waiting and waitressing, to the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation for their help in advertising, and to Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust and to Giant Foods for their generous monetary donations.

We would also like to thank the local businesses who contributed items to our silent auction (Arnold's Family Fun Center Oaks, Limerick Bowling, Limerick Diner, Waltz Golf Farm, Captain Chucky's, Philadelphia Rock Gym, Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Arnold's Family Fun Center, DaVinci's Pub, Dairy Queen, Texas Road House, Kids First Swim School, Tom's Pet Outlet, Jungle Wonder Family Fun Center, Trappe Tavern, Copperfield Inn at Lakeside, Creative Hair Designs, Goldfish Swim School, My Friend's Tavern, Eden Day Spa and Salon, Landis Supermarket, American Treasures Tour, Colors of Glass, and Dave and Buster's. Lastly, we would like to thank the Augustus Book Club for their contribution to the Silent Auction

Please show your appreciation by supporting these local establishments.

Fun, fellowship, and hard work were shared by all. The proceeds from this event will benefit mission work in Tanzania: our Missionaries Dr. Stephen & Jodi Lynn Swanson, the Irete Children's Home, and the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University. Thanks again to all who participated.





SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery Conference
First Tuesday Bible Studies
10a.m. – 11:30am (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.)
Spring 2019: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus



March 5, 2019 The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Session one: "Come and See: Seeking and Finding Faith" 81 Main St., Pennsburg

Presenter, Debra Long Study from **January**/ February issue of *GATHER*

April 2, 2019 The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus St. James Lutheran Church
Session two: "By Night and Day: Coming to Faith in Jesus" Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pk., Limerick

Presenter, Bobbie Hoffman Study from January/ **February** issue of *GATHER*

May 7, 2019 The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus Augustus Lutheran Church
Session Three: "Friends for life in Christ" 717 W. Main St., Trappe

Presenter, Pat Leberman Study from **March** issue of *GATHER*

June 4, 2019 The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus St. John's Lutheran Church
Session Four: "Seeing the Risen Christ" 3104 Main St., Sumneytown

Presenter, TBD Study from **April** issue of *GATHER*

2019 Summer Bible Study to be announced in the Spring

All women are invited to attend and to bring friends. Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine.
Subscriptions available at \$19.95 per year. Please call (844) 409-0576. Thank you.

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD

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Spring Gathering

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



SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019
at
Grace Lutheran Church
660 N. Charlotte Street, Pottstown, PA
(610) 323-9320



REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

PROGRAM: Human Trafficking in Montgomery County
Chrissy Lenk, presenter

Chrissy Lenk is a stay-at-home, homeschooling mother of 3 and a trained volunteer with Montgomery County Anti-human Trafficking (MCAT) Coalition as their Education & Demand Team Leader. MCAT is a non-profit organization comprised of all volunteers. Their mission is to educate people in our county on human trafficking, both forced labor and sex trafficking, to increase awareness and foster prevention.

Chrissy has a background in the mental health field and was a licensed massage therapist before having children. She has taught students in different countries and capacities and now enjoys educating people on ways to reduce human suffering. She is especially passionate about educating on the links between pornography and sex trafficking.

WHAT TO BRING:

Each church is asked to bring a baked good, fruit, or similar refreshment item to share, as well as canned goods donations. Coffee, tea & beverages will be served by our hosts at Grace. Your gracious donations of canned goods will go to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities food pantry in Pottstown.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM THE EAST: E. Ridge Pike becomes E. High St. as you enter Pottstown. Turn right 1 block past Pottstown Hospital at Pottstown Pharmacy onto Beech St. Two blocks past the Stop sign, bear to the right onto Jackson St. Jackson Street becomes Wilson St. at the YMCA traffic light. Continue on Wilson St., then turn left at the traffic light at N. Charlotte St. (Turkey Hill is on left). Go past Manor Care and the church building on the left; continue to the parking lot on your left, across from the dentist offices.

FROM THE NORTH: Rt. 663 south to Pottstown. Rt. 663 becomes N. Charlotte Street as you enter town. Shortly after going through the 3rd traffic light, you will pass Manor Care and our church building on the left; continue to the parking lot on your left, across from the dentist offices.

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):

34" x 22" x 13.5" (Q2)

25.75" x 20.75" x 16.5" (P5)

23" x 15" x 12" (PB)

20.75" x 17.75" x 15.5" (P2)

22.25 x 18.25 x 12.25 (S5)

Since Lutheran World Relief wants the boxes to weigh less than 40 pounds, the boxes get too heavy if they are bigger.



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ALL QUILTS GO TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

STITCHED & NOTCHED

Quilter's Social Group
of the Women of the ELCA

FIRST WEDNESDAY & THIRD TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:30 AM

*** ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ***

FOR MORE INFO: jandmstufle@verizon.net or 610-489-7461

717 W. MAIN STREET WWW.AUGUSTUSTRAPPE.ORG 610-489-9625

AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion * 9:00 AM Sunday School * 10:30 AM Worship

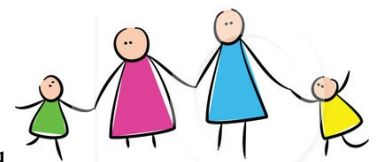
Christian Parenting

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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Water of Life

Saturday June 1, 2019

Worship
Triennial Delegate Elections
Speakers
Workshops
Displays
In-Kind Gifts
Lunch

TRININTY **Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1000 West Main Street, Lansdale, Pa, 19446
(215-368-1710)

Registration (includes lunch):

8:45AM - \$25.00 | Students: \$10.00

**" . . . I was thirsty
and you gave me
SOMETHING To DRINK"**

Matthew 25:35

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**2019 Spring Gathering Registration Form - Women of the ELCA,
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod**



“WATER OF LIFE”

Matthew 25:35 & 40 ~ I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Then the king replied to them, “I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.”

**Saturday, June 1, 2019
8:45a.m. Registration**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church • 1000 West Main Street • Lansdale, PA • 19446
Phone: (215) 368-1710

Name: _____ Conference _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Congregational Unit & Address _____

☐ I am a Voting Member (please complete the Voting Member/Alternate Voting Member form by May 6)
☐ I am an Alternate Voting Member (please complete the Voting Member/Alternate Voting Member form by May 6)
☐ I am a SWO Officer ☐ I am a SWO Board Member
☐ I am a Non-Voting Member with Voice ☐ I am attending for the first time
☐ I am a guest ☐ I am a STUDENT~ (ONLY \$10!!!!)

**Registration, including a buffet lunch, is \$25.00 (Students \$10).
Please enclose a check made payable to Women of the ELCA – SEPA. Thank you.**

Keynote Speaker: Trudy Phillips from the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy

Schedule for the Day: Worship, Election of Triennial Voting Members, Speakers, Workshops, Displays, In-kind Gifts, and Lunch.

In-kind Gifts: We are going to do something different for our In-Kind gifts. We would like to collect 'bottles of water' for the people in Flint. We have been told that the churches there are giving bottles of water to those who attend church. Obviously, shipping physical bottles of water to the Flint, MI churches does not make sense. What we suggest is to collect money in each of our congregations during Lent to give to the churches in Flint to buy water. We envision putting an empty gallon water bottle out and asking everyone to donate the cost of a bottle of water (or a six pack) each Sunday in Lent. Bring your collection bottle, June 1, to the gathering. If you cannot make it to the gathering, mail a check for the amount collected to our treasurer, Cindy Ryan, (1045 Nash Ave Lansdale Pa. 19446.). Our offering at the gathering will also support this endeavor.

Please return this completed form along with your \$25 (\$10 for students) registration/lunch fee before May 6, 2019 to:
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