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Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People

APRIL 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

April is a month filled with opportunities to hear God's Word at Augustus.

On Palm Sunday, April 14, our services remain at the customary times (8:00 & 10:30 AM) and in the customary locations.

On Maundy Thursday, April 18, the service will begin at 7:30 PM in the Brick Church Chapel.

On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross begins at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Please note that we will **not** have a 12:00 Noon service on Good Friday, allowing the choir to participate in the Stations of the Cross.

On Easter Sunday, April 21, both services will be held in the Brick Church Nave at the customary times (8:00 & 10:30 AM).

Easter Sunday is an great opportunity to invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join you for worship at Augustus. Your invitation will be a blessing to them. And you will perform your ministry as an evangelist by inviting them.

The blessing of Almighty God,
The Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Weleck

P.S. See you on Sunday.



Scripture Readings for Lent

March 31 – April 6: *Judge Not* (Matthew 7:1-5)

[Jesus said:] Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

April 7 – 13: *Build on Rock* (Matthew 7:24-27)

[Jesus said:] Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

Sharing God's Bounty

The End of the Story?

The six-week season of Lent draws to a close. We have heard our Savior's prayer for himself, his disciples, and all of us (John 17). We have been distressed by the disciples' betrayal (Mark 14:50). We have been horrified by the treatment Jesus, an innocent man, received at the hands of his own people and the Roman governor and his soldiers. Our minds have heard the cries, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" (Luke 23:21). Up the hill to Calvary we have trudged with the King of Kings where he was placed on a cross like any criminal, where he spoke words of compassion for others and asked for forgiveness for his enemies, where he died for our sins. We have sat, dejected, like his followers of old – but not quite, for we have an advantage. We know how the story ends!

It ends with Easter! Yet it is not an ending but a beginning! We race to the tomb with Peter and John (John 20:3-9) and rejoice that "He is not here; He has risen!" (Luke 24:6). Like the women who were the first to learn of this most miraculous, most marvelous, most salutary event, we run to tell others. We want to share this Good News. We know it's hard to believe. Like Paul says, "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8). And lives for us! "Do you believe this?" Jesus asked Martha, and with her we confidently answer, "I believe that [he] is the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world" (John 11:24-27).

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57-58).

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I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

John 17:9



The attitude of Christian stewardship recognizes that one's own special talents were given by God. These skills could have been given to someone also. But they were given to you to use for God's purpose. The same attitude of stewardship recognizes time as a loan made by God to his children. Manage time well.

Coordinator of Faith Development

Spring is here and our confirmation students have begun rehearsals for Stations of the Cross, which will be presented in the Fellowship Hall on Good Friday (April 19th). You won't want to miss this wonderful tradition at Augustus!

Our Sunday school children are learning how to be more like Jesus during Lent while being supported in prayer by our prayer pals. Thank you to Debra Augustine, Sally Sweeney, Rachel Shaffer, Bob & Alice Rodenberger, Dale & Pat O'Hara, Brian O'Hara, Ann Walker, Jeremy Wentworth, Janice Reiff and Sandy Trauger for your ministry to Augustus' children. Our prayer pals will join us for brunch on Palm Sunday.

We're looking forward to our egg hunt and flowering of the cross on Easter Sunday. Our sixth graders will also receive 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!

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL SMILES!



April is a strange month. Warmer weather will be more frequent, but there will probably still be some cold days. This year, April includes both Lent and Easter. April will begin with us reflecting on our sin...but it won't end before we triumph in Jesus' resurrection! We will begin the month reaching out to others in love and service during Lent, and end it reaching out to others with the good news that death is dead in Easter!

April's music will include some very somber reflections, culminating in a special cantata on **Palm Sunday, April 14**. At the 10:30 service that day. "The Song of the Shadows" by Joseph Martin will be sung by our choir. Many of you were present last year for this moving cantata. If you weren't, be sure to be there this year, and bring a friend. This cantata will bring us from waving palm branches, to Jesus' last night with his disciples, to his death on the cross.

Then follows Holy Week. On April 18, we will observe Maundy Thursday at 7:30 PM in the chapel. We remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples, and how he served and ate with them, even the one who betrayed him. On April 19, we will observe Good Friday in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm, as our 3-in-1 students present the Stations of the Cross. Our choir will also be there to sing the Solemn Reproaches, and the bell choir will set the mood with "What Wondrous Love." This service is for the whole congregation, not only our youth and their families. Join us, and remember!

And of course you'll want to be here on Easter Sunday as we musically proclaim the Risen Christ at 8:00 and 10:30 in the Brick Church sanctuary. We'll say the word we don't say during Lent (!) and six of our young people will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 service.

Lastly, **SAVE THE DATE** for a family organ concert on **Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 PM**. This concert will demonstrate the sounds of the organ using the composition "A Child's Book of Beasts." We will see a short film about the organ, some children will play the organ, and then we will have a presentation with narrator and two guest organists (I'll play, too!) as the organ's sounds evoke the nature of several "beasts." Come, and bring all your young and young-at-heart friends. There is a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

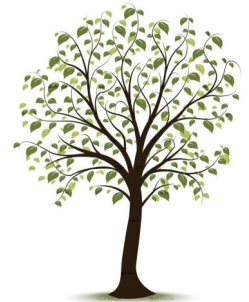
Peace be with you in this strange month of April!

~Laurie Mueller



Cemetery News:

The Cemetery Committee will be planting trees again this year along 7th Avenue and College Avenue. The cost will once again be \$449.00 each. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing one. Metal placards are included with the purchase of each tree. They will also be available for those who purchased trees last year at no cost.



"Song of the Shadows" A Lenten Series

PRESENTED BY



**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS IN LENT,
BEGINNING AT 7:30PM**

MARCH 13 @ TRINITY REFORMED UCC

MARCH 20 @ ST. LUKE'S UCC

MARCH 27 @ LOWER PROVIDENCE BAPTIST

APRIL 3 @ AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN

APRIL 10 @ ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL

FEATURING

The CTM Choir

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the outreach efforts of the Ministerium.



Augustus Lutheran Church

717 W. Main Street, Trappe

presents a

Family Concert and Organ Demonstration:

Meet the Organ

Sunday, May 5, 2019 ♪ 4:00 PM

Featuring "A Child's Book of Beasts"

selected young people will be able to play the organ

All Welcome ~ Free Will Offering



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
EASTER SWEET TREAT FUNDRAISER

Homemade peanut butter and coconut creme eggs.
We also have thin mints cookies.

Get Your Sweet Treats Here!!!
Sunday, April 14th is the delivery date.

Name: _____

I would like:

Thin Mints:

_____ 1 dz. Thin Mints \$4.00

_____ 2 dz. Thin Mints \$8.00

Chocolate PB Eggs:

_____ ½ pound \$5.00

_____ Pound \$10.00

Coconut Creme Eggs:

_____ ½ pound \$5.00

_____ Pound \$10.00

I will pick up after the 8 o'clock service _____

I will pick up after the 10 o'clock service _____



Thank you for supporting SHYG



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.



Name: _____

(Please Print)

QTY

Lily _____ @ \$12.00 = _____

Daffodil _____ @ \$9.50 = _____

Tulip _____ @ \$5.50 = _____

Order Total _____

Check One:

I will take my flowers AFTER the Easter Service _____

Please distribute my flowers to others _____

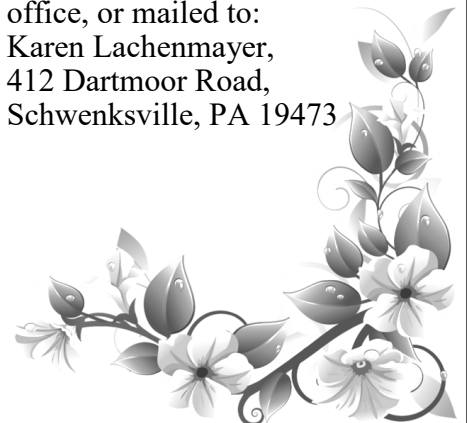
Phone: 610-715-4850 E-Mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

ORDER DEADLINE: April 7, 2019

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read: (PLEASE PRINT)

2019 Easter
Flowers

Please include payment with your order. Make checks payable to: Augustus Flower Fund
Orders can be left in the church office, or mailed to:
Karen Lachenmayer,
412 Dartmoor Road,
Schwenksville, PA 19473



Party for Preservation

The Speaker's House will hold a gala event in support of the preservation of the Frederick Muhlenberg House in April. The event, which includes live music, silent auction, cocktails, dinner and dessert, will take place on April 28th beginning at 5:00 pm. The location is the Barn on Bridge on Bridge Street in Collegeville. For more information or to reserve your spot, call 610-489-2105 or e-mail info@speakershouse.org.



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.



Augustus Book Club

The April meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on April 15, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We will be discussing:

The Rent Collector by Camron Wright

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

SPEAKERS WANTED

The Senior Youth Group leaders are looking for guest speakers for our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Do you have past experiences that you think would be valuable for our youth? Would you like to share them with them? If you're interested, please contact

Gary Wessner

(gtwess@comcast.net).

April *Worship Assistants*

Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
April 7	Lilly Hunsburger	Leo Hunsburger	
April 14	Ashley Tighe	Braden Tighe	
April 21	Dylan Funk	Riley Smith	Thomas Lyaro and Ben Richvalsky
April 28	Elizabeth Wentworth	Piper Bouchard	Shayna King and Casey Demark
Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Prayers
April 7	Mike Van Blaricum	Jennifer Wentworth	Ben Richvalsky
April 14	Earl Catagnus	Chris Dogonniuck	Jeannie Funk
April 18 7:30 pm	Alan Shunk		
April 21	Sandy Trauger	John Kochel	Alan Shunk
April 28	Mildred Stuffle	James Lorah	Sam Dogonniuck
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine		
April 7	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer		
April 14	Pastor Weleck and Pastor Kochenderfer		
April 18	Pastor Weleck		
April 21	Pastor Weleck and Pastor Kochenderfer		
April 28	Janice Reiff and Bob Rodenberter		
Ushers	Dick Allebach, Gary Halteman, Scott Haltem, and David Halteman		
Offering Tabulation	Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Chris Dogonniuck		
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	10:30 am: Deb Scholl and	Sherry Jessee



April Birthdays



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Christi Redeyoff Eric Schwirian	2 Joseph Schaffer Jr. John Schwirian Kelly Stalker	3 Susan Adams Randy Riegner	4 Tracy Wessner	5	6 Taylor Halteman Dieter Markert
7 Kevin Beattie Kenneth Gold Marsha Llewellyn	8 Emily Allebach Tessa Clark	9 Thomas Wessner	10 Margaret Bouche	11 Thelma Hess	12	13
14 Jeff Scholl	15 Richard Holcombe Olaf Markert	16 Jeanne Funk Teresa Niemann	17 Caroline Antrim Anna Jacobs Andrew Tartar	18 Stephen Holcombe	19 Nicole Long Anthony Massare Gary Wessner	20 Kara Camuso Alice Franks Brielle Pribbernow Janet Stokes
21 Evan Napier Olivia Perkins Samantha Swan Liz Wentworth Carter Wickersham	22 Frances Iverson Ashley Smith	23 Ginger Oscapinski	24	25 David Halteman Jon Lewis Bern Wagenseller Sherry Wagenseller	26 Linda Schweitzer	27 Paula Garton Maria Kochel Alice Rodenberger Grace Schlegel
28 Erick Lyaro	29 Deb Scholl	30 Michael DeNucci Francis DePaul Kevin Hynes				

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

The Perils of Loving Money

“People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” 1 Timothy 6:9-10.



How much we love money is not dependent upon the amount of money that we may have. We can love money and have very little love of it, or we can have lots of it and not love it at all. Loving money is very subtle, and it can manifest itself in different ways. For example for those who have accumulated some money, it could be seen in an unhealthy obsession with the investment markets.

It could be seen in our desire to hoard our money and not give. Power and success for those who focus on money is relative to how much money they have.

Because we live in a very materialistic society, there is a great deal of interest in money. Webster’s Dictionary defines materialism as “the tendency to be more concerned with material things than with spiritual goals or values.” Materialism leads us to spend money we don’t have in order to buy things we don’t need so that we can impress people we don’t even like. A materialistic person loves his possessions, is greedy, and lacks contentment.

The following are three negative consequences of both loving money and becoming part of our materialistic society:

- ✚ Distorts our thinking: Our hearts become darkened. *“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking become futile and their foolish hearts were darkened”* (Romans 1:22-23).
- ✚ Stimulates our pride: We become self-sufficient rather than relying on God. *“You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me’ ”* (Deuteronomy 8:17).
- ✚ Preoccupies our thoughts: We have no time or concern for the needy or for God. *“Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things”* (Philippians 3:19).

When we call upon God’s strength, God will empower us to serve him rather than our money. As we spend time hearing and reading God’s Word, he will strengthen our faith so we can break the power that money and possessions can have over us.

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

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Spring Turkey Dinner

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR
SILENT AUCTION**

TWO GREAT EVENTS
ONE LOCATION!

**4 TO 7 PM SIT-DOWN DINNER
4-6 PM TAKE-OUTS
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT & MUSIC**

adults: \$ 14.00 children 3-10 yrs: \$ 5.00
children under 3: free

TO RESERVE TICKETS CALL:
610-489-9625

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR:
2 TO 7 PM
FREE ADMISSION**

crafters and vendors needed:
nballebach@aol.com or 610-804-2535

AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH
717 W. MAIN STREET
TRAPPE, PA 19426
SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2019

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Proceeds benefit: Irente Children's Home in Tanzania
Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, Missionaries in Tanzania
Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University in Tanzania

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

**CHURCH COMMUNITY
WORK DAY**
(A FAMILY EVENT!)
SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

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CEMETERY



OLD
CHURCH



PROPERTY

HELP WANTED!

Spring is approaching and the cemetery, old church, and property committees are looking for volunteers to help beautify the campus for the Easter Season. Come and help as you can. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone in your family can participate!

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who purchased soups from us over the last few months. We'd also like to thank all those who made them. Who knew we had so many wonderful chefs in our congregation. We would also like to thank all those who came to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner, as well as those who volunteered their time in making it a great success. Your generosity is much appreciated. Our last fund raiser will be the annual Easter candy sale in April.

Our March service projects included making care packages for those who attend the soup kitchen in Norristown, as well as Easter baskets to be handed out by the food pantry in Collegeville. The SYG also attended Box City at St. James church. This is a fund raiser to help the homeless of Pottstown. Our month ended with Youth Sunday at the church.

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.

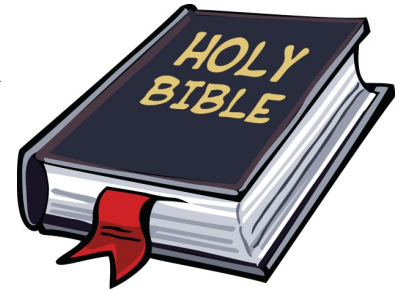
Lastly, while we travel to Camden, New York to do mission work each year, we understand that there is work to be done in our own community. If you have a project that you need help with, please do not hesitate to ask the SYG to help. Our rules are simple, if you purchase the materials, we'll do the work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

An Every Day Book

By reading and studying the Bible, we grow closer to God. How can we encourage our children to become Bible readers? Children learn from our example. We can let them see us reading the Bible regularly. Place a Bible where children can reach it and handle it. As soon as they will sit and listen to stories, buy an appropriate children's Bible. Encourage them to hold it while you read. Read it every day. Tell them that God talks to us through the Bible. Once your children have begun reading, invite them to read to you from their Bible. After reading a story, invite them to figure out what God is trying to teach us. Give independent readers their own Bible and encourage them to read it on their own. Ask your children about what they've read, and share what you read with them.

Bible reading is an essential part of the Christian life. If we help our children develop a daily Bible-reading habit when they're young, they're more likely to grow up to be adult Bible readers.

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Don't Pass Over Seder!

Luke 22:7-20 describes Jesus' new covenant made at the time of Passover before his crucifixion. At this last supper, Jesus asked his disciples to remember him this way. We do the same today in our celebration of Holy Communion.

Passover, or Pesach, is a Jewish celebration which takes place in the spring and lasts eight days. It honors the escape of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt. The word "passover" refers to the Angel of the Lord who passed over the homes of those who believed in God. God sent ten plagues to force Pharaoh to let the Hebrews go. For the tenth plague, God promised to kill the first born animal or person from every household that was not marked with the blood of a lamb. God warned the Hebrews to mark their homes and be ready to leave. When Pharaoh's only son died from the plague, he finally let the Hebrews go. (See Exodus 12—13.)

Passover begins with the Seder dinner, which is a wonderful family event. Seder means "order." By exploring Passover and sharing the foods that are part of a Seder meal, your family can come to understand the roots of our Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Serve and talk about the following foods, which are available at Jewish delicatessens or the specialty sections of large grocery stores.

MATZAH: unleavened bread as a reminder that the Hebrews did not have time to let their bread rise before they fled Egypt.

KARPAS: a green vegetable such as parsley dipped in salt water to represent the tears of the Hebrew slaves when they were being held in Egypt.

MAROR: a bitter vegetable such as romaine lettuce or horseradish which symbolizes the bitter days of slavery for the Hebrew people.

HARD-BOILED EGG: a symbol of life.

SHANKBONE OF A LAMB: a symbol of the lamb's blood put on the door posts.

HAROSET: a mixture of apples, nuts, cinnamon, and wine to represent the mortar used to make the bricks for Pharaoh's monuments.

Give thanks for the freedom to worship as we please; for God's covenant to send a Savior to die for our sins; and for the privilege of sharing the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14

"Song of the Shadows"
Cantata sung by Augustus Choir
10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18

Stripping of the Altar
7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 19

Liturgy
12:00 PM

Stations of the Cross
Led by Augustus Youth
7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 21

He Is Risen!!!
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
9:00 AM

Festive Worship with special Music
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Please join us to celebrate
Holy Week

He is not here!
He has Risen
Just as he said
Matthew 28:6

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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 Annual Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday April 27, 2019 from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. Preparations are in their final stage. This benefit fundraiser will be supporting three ministries this year in Tanzania. For one, this fundraiser will be supporting the Irete Children’s Home, a ministry of the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. This home cares for babies and toddlers 0-2 years who have lost their parents or whose families are too destitute to raise them. The second ministry this fundraiser will be supporting is Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, ELCA Missionaries serving at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. Stephen is a board-certified pediatric and infectious disease physician serving in the care of children; is active in educational and research efforts and mentorship; helps to develop pediatric medical curriculum and ongoing training of Tanzanian nursing and medical students, assistant medical officers, interns, and international residents; and serves as an intermediary to the international global health community. Jodi participates in the care and management of acute childhood malnutrition in the hospital and community, as well as being active in nursing and health education and training community health workers. The third ministry this fundraiser will be supporting is the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, our companion diocese. This university focuses particularly on serving people with disabilities and training graduates to work with people who have physical, sensory, intellectual and behavioral barriers.



TURKEY DINNER - The cost for the dinner is \$14.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 3 to 10 years of age, and “free” for children under 3 years of age. Ticket sales for the Spring Turkey Dinner will begin early April. Please look for that designated person before or after Sunday church services, or you may call the Church Office to reserve your tickets. **REMEMBER! THIS DINNER HAS SOLD OUT IN PRIOR YEARS, so don’t wait until the last minute.** A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Tickets that are reserved and not paid for, will only be held until 6:00P.M. on the day of the Turkey Dinner. The best seating (with no waiting) is at 4:00P.M. So please, **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!**

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR – We are still accepting applications for vendors. Spaces are \$20, \$25 with table, and \$5 off if you buy a dinner ticket. For information on the rental of vendor space/table, please contact Nancy Berg at nballebach@aol.com or call her at 610-804-2535. She will be glad to help you.

Even if you do not want to eat at the turkey dinner, you are still welcome to come and visit the craft & vendor fair “free of charge”. Last year we had over 30 vendors participating. Come out and enjoy the day! Shop for Mother’s Day gifts, graduation gifts, and Spring decorations.

April *continued...*

SILENT AUCTION – We are still in need of baskets/items for the silent auction. Augustus’ Women/ELCA is asking the families of the congregation (or each committee of the congregation) to donate a “theme” basket (or items for a basket) to be auctioned at our Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Show. Some of the themes to consider would be a children’s basket, a boy’s beach basket, a girl’s beach basket, a snack basket, a handyman basket, an auto supply basket, a baker’s delight basket, etc. The actual baskets can be innovative as well. Perhaps the tools are in a five gallon work bucket, gardening supplies in a terra-cotta pot, or dog supplies in a dog dish. Get creative; the possibilities are endless! If you do not have enough goodies to fill an entire basket, we will accept donated items that can be supplemented. Can you imagine how much support we could reciprocate to Tanzanian mission work if each family (or committee) donated a basket? Please consider it, and contact Dale O’Hara at 610-489-0417 or oharadvd@aol.com if interested in participating.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED. Please check the sign-up sheets located in the lower narthex of the church to see where help is still needed. Many volunteers are needed to run this event and your help is very important if this event is to continue. The more people that get involved, the easier it is for everyone, and it is a great way to meet other members of the church. We are a great congregation that is working together to achieve a common goal of supporting those people less fortunate.

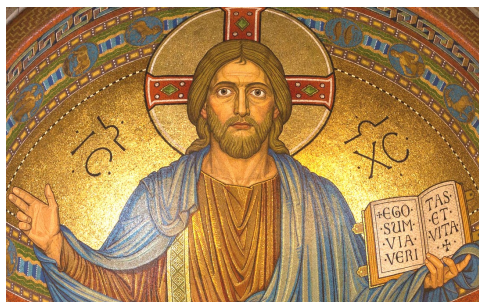
MANY THANKS TO THE LOCAL BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE SUPPORTING THIS EVENT: Imperial Catering, Thrivent Financial, Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust, Risher Van Horn Florist, Boy Scout Troop 87, Brandywine Assisted Living, and Giant Food Stores. Please support these local businesses and organizations. The Turkey Dinner Committee would like to extend a special thank you to the Collegeville Development Economic Corporation for their advertising help!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & PLAN TO ATTEND!

**Pictures from Turkey
Dinner/Craft &
Vendor Fair 2018**



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SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study

will be held on Tuesday April 2, 2019, at St. James Lutheran Church in Limerick, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. From March thru June we will discuss a four-part series, "The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus". Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus engages people in honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. Over the course of this four-session study by Julie A.

Kanarr, we will meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the gospel. Their conversations beckon us to explore and grow in faith. The Rev. Julie A. Kanarr serves as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington. Session two is "By Night and Day: Coming to Faith in Jesus". In this month's session, we meet Nicodemus, who comes to Jesus at night with questions of faith. We meet the Samaritan woman who talks with Jesus in the middle of the day about religious practice. We meet a royal official who seeks healing for his dying son and a paralyzed man who has waited 38 years for healing. We sit with the crowd that is fed by Jesus and struggles to understand his teaching, chewing on Jesus' words, "I am the bread of life." Bobbie Hoffman is the presenter. Please bring your Bibles and your January/February edition of the Gather magazine. Please try to attend. All women and girls are invited. Please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 if you have any questions or if you would like to carpool.



Within the Hearts & Hands Committee the **Quilting Group** continues to meet twice a month on the 1st Wednesday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room. The ladies concentrate their efforts on making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. This month the quilting group will meet on April 3 and April 16. The **Knitting'N Crocheting Group** also continues to meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 7pm to 9pm in room 20 (lower level) of Augustus' Parish House. If you don't know how to knit or crochet but have a desire to learn, they will teach you. You can either work on a service project or bring your own project. The April meetings will be held on the 8th & the 22nd. During this time, afghans are knitted/crocheted for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children, and also for the Daily Food Pantry in Collegeville. You can also work from home at your leisure. Both groups are open to all skill levels and everyone is invited. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

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Sign-up your Credit/Debit Cards on eScrip.com for dining out and Augustus Women/Elca will receive the eScrip Rebate every time you use your cards when you dine at participating restaurants that give back. Please go to eScrip.com to sign-up or change your cards today. Use ID #148993154. There is nothing else that you need to do. This fundraiser is easy & simple. If you have any questions, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417. *Dine out with eScrip dining restaurants that give back!*



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Please continue to Save the Following Items and place them in the appropriate box located in the Muhlenberg Center: Redner's Tapes, eyeglasses, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and your old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods. We are no longer collecting Campbell soup labels. Regarding the collection of old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods, please do not include chargers or other accessories. If you are recycling an iPhone, please turn off "Find My iPhone". Go to settings > iCloud, turn off "Find My iPhone". Currently, Smartphone Recycling is now offering an additional 20% cash bonus on all smartphone, cell phone & tablet recycling in recognition of serving the community for 17 years. In Jan 2019 one iphone brought to our organization \$66. Thank you to everyone who is supporting this easy fundraiser!



Egg Appeal (Benefits Artman Home): Following a tradition for many years, Augustus Women of the ELCA will once again support Artman Home thru their Egg Appeal. A special offering will be collected on Palm Sunday April 14. All proceeds will go towards Artman's Benevolent Fund or a Special Spring Project which will benefit the residents of Artman Home.



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Schedule Of Events

- April 2: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. James LC, Limerick – 9:30am
Topic: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus
Session two: “By Night and Day: Coming to Faith in Jesus”
Presenter: Bobbie Hoffman
- 3: Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 8: Knitting’N Crocheting 7:00pm - Rm 20 Parish House @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 14: Palm Sunday / Egg Appeal (benefits Artman Home)
- 16: Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 21: Happy Easter!
- 22: Knitting’N Crocheting 7:00pm - Rm 20 Parish House @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 23: Augustus’ Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 24-26: Augustus’ Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair prep
- 27: Augustus’ Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair 2:00pm – 7:00pm
- 28: Augustus’ Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair clean-up
- May 1: Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 4: Lutheran World Relief Ingathering
- 7: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Augustus LC, Trappe – 9:30am
Topic: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus
Session three: “Friends for Life in Christ”
Presenter: Pat Leberman
- 11: Upper Montg Conference Spring Gathering @ Grace, Pottstown
- 13: Knitting’N Crocheting 7:00pm - Rm 20 Parish House @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 21: Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe



**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.)**



Winter / Spring 2019: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus

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

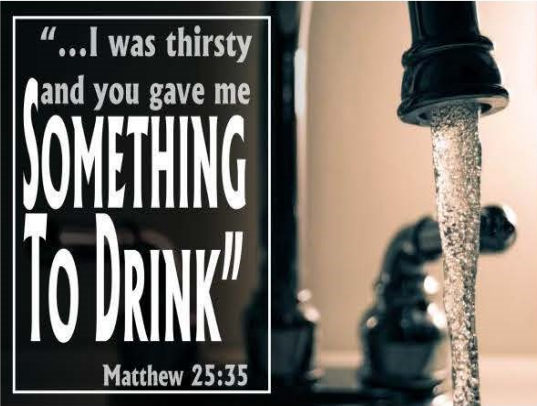
Presenter, Bobbie Hoffman Study from January/ **February** issue of *GATHER*

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, Fran Iverson Study from **April** issue of *GATHER*



2019 Spring Gathering

**Southeastern Pennsylvania
Women of the ELCA**

Date: Saturday June 1, 2019

Place: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lansdale

Registration starts at 8:45am

Theme: Water of Life. We want to give thanks to God's for the gift of water and look at how we can care for it. We found out that our synod is a sister synod to Southeastern Michigan – the home of Flint; so we want to learn more about their problems. We are also aware of the problems in our neighborhoods, the Willow Grove Naval Station for example, so we want to look at what is happening here and around the world. We cannot live without water; so it is important to not take it for granted, but to care for it in whatever way is possible.

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 water out. Obviously, shipping physical bottles of water to the churches there does not make sense. What we would like to do is collect money in each of our congregations during Lent to give to the churches in Flint to buy water. We envision making an empty gallon water bottle available and asking folks to donate the cost of a bottle of water (or a six pack) each Sunday in Lent. Bring your bottle to the gathering; or 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.

More information to follow.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouts	2 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM Vestry Mtg	3 9:30 AM Quilting 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM 3-in-1 6:00 PM Sr. Youth Group Easter Baskets 7:30 PM Community Lenten Service at Augustus	4 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Scouts	5 7:00 PM Cubs Parents Mtg.	6 BOX CITY!
7 Sixth Sunday in Lent 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion Sunday School Singing 6:45 PM Scout Court of Honor	8 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Knitting Group	9 7:00 PM Community Club	10 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach 6:00 PM 3-in-1 7:30 PM Community Lenten Service at Evansburg UMC	11 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Scouts	12	13 9:00 AM Sr. Youth Candy Making
14 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School— Prayer Pal Breakfast 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion	15 6:45 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM District Scout Meeting 7:30 PM Book Club	16 9:30 AM Quilting 7:00 PM Cubs 7:00 PM Scout Com- mittee Meeting	17 6:00 PM 3-in-1 Stations Dress Rehearsal	18 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service	19 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross Service	20
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28 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School— Bear Creek Sunday 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion	29 6:45 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouts	30				

