

Augustinian

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As the summer vacation season draws to a close and our members and friends return to their homes, the pace of ministry continues to increase. For those Augustinians who have been away, many improvements have been made to the campus to make it a more welcoming and attractive place.

September is a busy month for us. I would like to highlight a few events for you to mark on your calendars. On Sunday, September 13, we return to our normal schedule of worship at 8:00 & 10:30 AM and Sunday School at 9:00 AM. On this day however, both services will be held in the Old Church. Sunday School will meet as usual in the Parish House.

On Sunday, September 20, Rally Day, the 10:30 AM service in the Brick Church will include a cantata, *The Old Testament – Fast Forward*, presented by our young people. The annual Sunday School picnic will be held immediately after the service. After everyone has gone through the food line, the Capital Campaign Committee will announce the results of the first 50 households we were able to contact in the spring before the summer campaign recess. You will definitely want to be the first to know the wonderful response to the campaign to date. We will also have a special announcement about the Capital Campaign you will not want to miss. So mark your calendars and be ready to celebrate Augustus at its best.

See you on Sunday.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



**Joyfully, we invite you
and your family to our
Annual Rally Day
and
Capital Campaign
Kickoff**

**Sunday, Sept. 20,
2015**

**following the
10:30 Service**

Join Augustus for a Special Celebration!





FROM THE BENCH

Come and be part of the music program this fall!

We have an excellent music program at Augustus and some new opportunities coming this fall—take a look below and join us as you can!

Saturday, August 15 from 10am-2pm is our annual senior choir workshop at Augustus. ALL (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 3 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. Singers 9th grade and up are welcome to join us!

Sunday, September 20, Rally Day, children and youth from Augustus, St. Andrew's Audubon, and Jerusalem Lutheran Schwenksville will present "The Old Testament Fast Forward during the 10:30am service. Can they get through the entire Old Testament in 10 minutes??"

Thursday, September 24, 6pm, will be a handbell polishing party and the first fall meeting of our **Handbell Choir**. Adults who haven't rung with us before should talk to me in church or send me an email so we can discuss their participation.

While our volunteer singers are the life blood of our choir, our **Section Leaders** are its backbone. We welcome back Claire Yarrison, Anita Luft, Bob Reichner, and Alan Shunk. They are my right arm in many ways, and we are always grateful for your sponsorship of them. Gifts of any size are appreciated; direct them to Bob Rodenberger. If you are able to donate \$300, we will be happy to list your name in the bulletin as a sponsor for any week you designate, and you get to pick one hymn that day!

I'm also interested in locating **Sunday School age children who play an instrument**. Parents can speak to me or send me an email - it would be great to have the kids bring their instruments to Sunday School and help play some of our Sunday School songs.

Our **Christmas Cantata** is planned for Saturday, December 12 at 3:00 pm – 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



Church Book Club!

The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will take place on September 28 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge.

We'll be discussing The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

Come and meet some new people and discuss this great book! Refreshments always served! Questions? Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org

Let's Pray



Many children first learn to pray at mealtimes and bedtimes. Use these times of structured praying to teach your children about prayer. Invite them to think of something for which they're thankful, and to tell God thank you. Encourage them to add their own needs and concerns, and pray for others too. Later, teach them to confess their sins and ask for God's forgiveness. Children may ask questions about their faith during these structured prayer times.

Spontaneous praying throughout a day can show children that God is available at any time to hear our prayers and cares about everything in our lives. They'll learn that one can pray in many places and in many ways. One day your children may decide to discard the structured prayers of their childhood. But if those prayers have taught them how to pray, it won't matter. They'll know how to communicate with God without them.

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THANK YOU!



The Carnival Committee would like to say thank you to all of our attendees, volunteers and donors. Without your help, the Carnival would not have been a success.

We've increased our profits for the 4th consecutive year. This is much appreciated by the Property Committee.

The profits from this year's carnival are already being used. The exterior windows of the Parish House have been painted, as well as the kitchen.

Once again, thanks to all! We look forward to seeing you again next year.



Sympathy and Prayers

Sympathy and Prayers are offered to the family of Mrs. Bertha Long, who passed away on August 17, 2015. Pastor Kochenderfer performed a funeral service for Bert on Saturday, August 22nd. May God grant eternal rest to Bert, and comfort to her family during this difficult time.

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Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Investing Wisely

When you consider investing, you should start by asking, “Why am I investing?” If you are investing to enhance your personal kingdom rather than God’s, you need to rethink your motives. Certainly, you should be investing so you can properly provide for your family and yourself. However, to amass money for your own security while neglecting the needs of the needy and the work of spreading the Gospel would go against God’s plan for your money.

As God’s steward, you acknowledge that it is God’s money that you are entrusted to manage. Because you are a steward, you have the responsibility to honor God with all that you do with your money, which includes investing. With the awareness that it is God’s money and that you will be held accountable for what you do with it, you should question even more:

“How much risk is appropriate?”

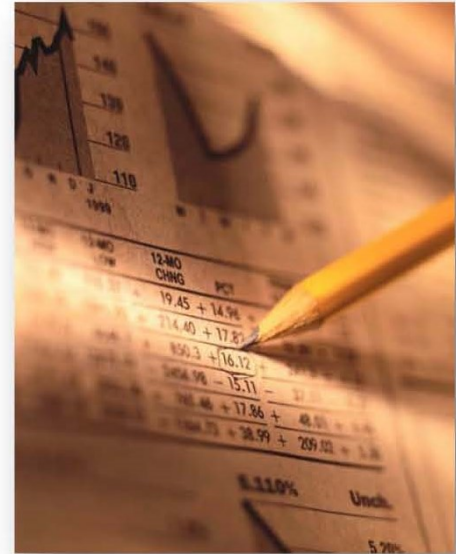
“What level of risk is appropriate when investing God’s money?”

Before you are able to invest any money, you must establish an emergency fund that will be accessible immediately in the event of job loss, health problems, or another emergency. This fund should be large enough to sustain you and your family for at least three to six months. After this fund is in place, you are free to invest.

Simply put, there are three categories or types of investments:

- ✦ Cash. You can choose to keep cash under your mattress (sort of like the third servant in the Parable of the Talents) or to put your money in bank savings or money market funds. This is a no-risk investment option that provides only a small return.
- ✦ Fixed income investments. A fixed income investment occurs when you lend your money to a person or institution. In return for your money, you get the promise of being paid a certain interest rate and the future return of your principal. Examples of this type of investment are bank certificate of deposits (CD’s), corporate bonds, municipal bonds, government bonds, etc. All of these investment vehicles pay interest, and, on specified dates, the principal is returned.
- ✦ Equities (growth). Equity refers to an ownership position. If you own stock, you own part of the company. The same pertains to real estate, collectibles, antiques, etc. As an owner, you want the value of what you own to increase. Because mutual funds offer professional management and diversification into stocks of several companies, mutual funds are a good and smart way to invest in a growth investment.

Wise investors make allocations among these three investment choices. As your investments grow, you should place some money in all three categories. The allocation mix among these three will be determined by several factors, such as your current and future needs, goals, age, and dollar amount of investments.





The PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know we have a group of ladies who pray for our church family? These ladies make it their business to pray for those who could use some extra voices. If you, a family member, or a dear friend would like these ladies to pray for you, please contact Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109. She will set the chain in motion.



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

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

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

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



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Real Presence

What do Lutherans mean by the words “Real Presence?”

The Words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer clearly state that in eating and drinking the Sacramental bread and wine of the Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. These words are explained for us in 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-26.



At the time of the Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church affirmed the Real Presence solely in terms of the doctrine of “transubstantiation”, which states that in the eucharistic rite the substance or basic reality of the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, while the outward appearance are not affected. Thus, the bread is no longer bread, and the wine no longer wine. There is no Biblical basis for this explanation of *how* Christ is present in Holy Communion.

Christians in the Reformed tradition deny that the Words of Institution should be taken in a literal sense and teach, instead, the real absence of Christ’s actual Body and Blood in the sacramental species of Bread and Wine. This is done by making “is” mean, “represents” or “body” mean, “the sign of my body.” “Presence” is effected then, not by Christ himself, but by the faith of the communicant.

The doctrines mentioned above are philosophical arguments which attempt to explain exactly *how* Christ’s Body and Blood are present (or absent) in the Eucharist. **Lutherans have always resisted philosophical arguments and merely assert the mystery of faith “that the true Body and Blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine and are there distributed and received” (Augsburg Confession, Art. 10).** Believing and trusting the words of Christ we affirm that He is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Communion without attempting to explain exactly how this happens.

Tea on the Lawn THANK YOU!



Many thanks to the folks and organizations who sponsored and served
“Tea on the Lawn” this summer!

Michael Van Blaricum

Janice Reiff

Women of the ELCA

The Wessner Family

Jeff & Mildred Stuffie

The Senior Youth Group

The Augustus Book Club

The Old Church Committee

Walter & Diane Mills and Bob & Alice Rodenberger

Debra Augustine, Sally Sweeney & Sandy Trauger

Please remember our Active Duty Service Men in your Prayers

Eric Schwirian

Matthew Yosua

Michael Yosua



A Gentle Reminder

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

Sharing God's Bounty

Sharing God's Love

As God's people, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus' command to "*Love [our] neighbor as [ourselves]*" (Matthew 22:39). We can share God's love because he has first loved us (1 John 4:19). God is the source of love that we give to others. When we love others, God's love is made complete (1 John 4:17). Love is the distinguishing mark of God's followers.



It is both a privilege and a responsibility to share the love that God has given to us with others. In Romans 12:13 Paul wrote, "*Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*" To the Galatians Paul wrote, "*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers*" (Galatians 6:10).

The following two contrasting stories in Scripture help us see how love can make such a huge difference in our relationship with and our attitude toward people:

In the story of Cain and Abel, we see Cain's total disregard for his brother Abel. After Cain had killed Abel, the Lord said to Cain, "*Where is your brother Abel?*" Cain said, "*Am I my brother's keeper?*" (Genesis 4:9). Cain was a man without faith and love. God's love did not dwell in Cain, and it showed in his actions. Cain also showed his lack of love for God by giving an inferior gift.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), God's Word gives us an example of how we are to share our love with others. Traveling on the road to Jericho, the Good Samaritan found a man who had been beaten and robbed. The Good Samaritan stopped and attended to the injured person. After he had bandaged his wounds, he took him to an inn where he paid for his room and care. The Samaritan sacrificed money, time, and possessions and risked his own health and safety for this wounded stranger. By putting no limits on how far he was willing to go to help this man, the Samaritan demonstrated the love we should have for others.

As God's people filled with his love, we will be compelled to do acts of love for others. "*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again*" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). Motivated by Christ's love and empowered by his Spirit, we will be eager to share God's love with others as we perform acts of service.



God has given us many gifts and calls us to use those gifts to build up his kingdom. Our faith identifies us as stewards and gives us a relationship with God. Many of these gifts are given for our needs; others are given for the needs of others. Stewardship is a ministry by which we nurture and share our gifts.

The Old Testament *Fast Forward*

a musical by Allen Pote and Tom Long



...is coming this fall!

- ♦ Two performances:
 - ♦ St. Andrew's Lutheran on Saturday, September 19 at the 5pm service.
 - ♦ Augustus Lutheran during 10:30 am service on Sunday, SEPTEMBER 20

More information at lauriemueller.com



How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
~Anne Frank

HEARTS AND HANDS

Hearts and Hands--Quilters meet on the third Tuesday of the month. There is a morning session that starts at 9:30 AM and an evening session that meets at 6:30 PM. Not interested in quilting? We have other projects that we work on.

One of our projects is making afghans for Laurel House in Norristown. Knit or crochet 7 X 9 inch blocks any stitch or pattern you prefer. If you want, you can then add a crocheted border. Single crochet around the block once. The blocks can be any color and if you add the border, it should be black or white. Once we collect enough blocks for an afghan (56 blocks -- 7 blocks long by 8 blocks wide.), a border is added to the blocks (if needed), the blocks are sewn together and a crocheted border added to the outer perimeter. What is really nice about this project is that many people can work on the blocks. As long as the blocks are the same size (7 x 9 Inches) they can be included in an afghan.

Another of our projects is making prayer shawls. The shawls are given out by the ministers to sick and shut-in members. The Prayer Shawl Ministry web site (<http://www.shawlministry.com/>) has instructions, tips, patterns etc. The shawls can be knitted or crocheted. On the tips page there are other ideas as well. (Fleece shawls, woven shawls, Macramé shawls, cookies recipes, etc.).



Don't know how to knit or crochet? We can teach you. Need yarn? We have plenty. Just let me know and I can show you where we keep the yarn.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Augustus Church School will begin on September 13 at 9:00a! We will all meet in the Fellowship Hall where the parents will register their child(ren) and the students will begin the year with an opening filled with music, conversation, and prayer! Following the opening, the children will meet their new teachers and see their new rooms! Let me give you the dates to remember for September!

SEPTEMBER 13

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:00a-10:15a

MEET IN FELLOWSHIP HALL (see above)...

SEPTEMBER 20 – RALLY DAY!

SCHOOL BEGINNING AT 9a – 10:15a

10:30a CHILDREN'S CANTATA DURING THE 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

...A MUST SEE FOR EVERYONE!...

RALLY DAY PICNIC...FOLLOWING THE CANTATA!

Join us on the lawn for a picnic!

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, chips, pasta salad, baked beans, and drinks!

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE – ENOUGH TO FEED EIGHT FOLKS!

After lunch, there will a piñata for the children...

Bubbles...and a water balloon toss!

***MARK YOUR CALENDARS TODAY!
JOIN OUR AUGUSTUS FAMILY FOR
SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS!***



Talking with God

“Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed.” Do you say this prayer before meals? There are other prayers, too. Sometimes they’re sung. Maybe you pray the Lord’s Prayer or another prayer at bedtime. At church lots of different prayers are used. Sometimes the leader or pastor prays for everyone, and sometimes all the people pray. We all pray the Lord’s Prayer, and we always pray for people in need. There are prayers in which you tell God you’re sorry for the bad things you do, and prayers in which you say thanks to God for all the good things God has done. There are prayers before the special meal called “Holy Communion.” Some prayers are written down, and some are not. There are loud prayers, silent prayers, and sung prayers. There are prayers done kneeling, standing, and sitting. There are prayers you say with your hands folded, head bowed, and eyes closed; and there are prayers you say with giggles and shouts of joy, with your arms raised. People pray when they’re happy and when they’re sad, and when they’re angry or scared or confused.

Do you see? There are lots of kinds of prayers and lots of places to pray. But in all of them we talk to God just the way we are, and God talks to us. Amazing things happen when we pray. We begin to see how all the people on earth are part of one gigantic family living under the big umbrella of the sky.

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Swanson Family Newsletter

March 2015

We have now been living in Arusha for 18 months! There have been many ups and downs in life and work, yet we keep walking forward. The challenge before us seems as steep and rocky as the final ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro. And just like the climb, we have to navigate the path immediately before us, trusting that our Guide will lead us. We have been busy at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center (ALMC) and Selian Lutheran Hospital, as well as at home with three children, three dogs, and a rescued African hedgehog, Ollie.

In the past year, I (Steve) have witnessed the further development of our region's only neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Our inpatient census of critically ill, premature newborns has doubled every year since 2011. We have expanded the NICU, trained numerous physician and nursing staff, written NICU protocols, and acquired necessary equipment. These victories have dramatically improved our ability to care for the smallest, and sickest patients in the hospital--- but the successes are balanced by the great sadness of having lost 53 babies last year to death.

Three young, very motivated Tanzanian doctors approached me to see if I would train them to work in pediatrics. This represents a substantial increase in our capacity to care for children at two hospitals, and helps me avoid inevitable burn-out. It is the beginning of Arusha's only training program in pediatrics. However, given the lack of healthcare funding in Tanzania, funding for their modest salary requires outside support. I have had wonderful opportunities to conduct teaching rounds, lecture on relevant topics, and provide primary care in both hospitals.

Jodi has enjoyed working with the pediatric staff at Selian Lutheran Hospital and improving a re-feeding program for hospitalized children with severe malnutrition. Together we have been able to build relationships with the staff and work alongside them. We are learning as we face daily challenges of severe shortages of medicines and supplies, lack of trained staff, systematic inefficiencies, and poverty. We are grateful that we are not alone in this journey. God is with us.

Malnutrition affects so many kids



By my estimates, 25% of the hospitalized children at Selian Hospital are moderately-to-severely malnourished and 60+% are growth stunted. They are among the most vulnerable, medically fragile children in the hospital, and typically the youngest patients. Pneumonia, diarrhea and sepsis are commonplace because of compromised immunity. Severe electrolyte and mineral deficiencies, hypoglycemia and improper feeding regimens place them at greater risk of hospital death.

Faraja (pictured L, R), age 3, had severe acute malnutrition with edema (kwashiorkor) and weighed <22 lbs (10 kg) on admission (pictured L).

Following careful refeeding, she was discharged home (pictured R) after surviving sepsis. Her food was provided through donated funds due to poverty. Her story is repeated every day at Selian Hospital.



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contributions for 2015
can be sent to:**

Global Health Ministries
7831 Hickory Street NE
Minneapolis, MN 55432
Office: 763-586-9590

**Please designate on any
contributions:
79AL-P3020 Tanzania:
ALMC/Selian Pediatric
Projects.**

*Please indicate this account
number/name on any contribution,
so that it is directed into the
Tanzania Pediatrics account.*

GHM will send you a tax-
deductible receipt.



**As we continue working in pediatrics in 2015, here are
additional ways that individuals and churches can help:**

1. Help support the salary of one of our new Tanzanian doctors who is training in pediatrics.

We now have 4 bright, motivated doctors who have recently completed medical school. They have requested to work in pediatrics and be formally trained by us. They are:

Drs. Christina Hongella, Nafisa Darod, Linda Simon (pictured L) and Joseph Sameji (pictured L).

Their help has lifted a great burden off of my shoulders, and enabled me to expand our clinical services whilst not having to directly respond to every pediatric emergency. To my knowledge, we are offering the only pediatric training in the Arusha Region, with a catchment area of several million persons.

The annual salary for a new Tanzanian doctor is USD\$14,000 (~\$1100/month).

We will be raising the funds to support the salary of two of our Tanzanian doctors that are training/working in pediatrics.

2. Provide re-feeding foods and therapeutic minerals, vitamins, medications

We are developing training materials and protocols for nurses and doctors to treat hospitalized children with severe acute malnutrition and/or rickets (Vitamin D/calcium deficiency). Deleterious and outdated practices are being slowly replaced by newer protocols and the introduction of better formulas (F75/F100) for the feeding malnourished infants and small children. Jodi has simultaneously developed a model garden on the hospital grounds as a tool for teaching mothers and caregivers about high-impact, nutrient-rich foods that can be locally grown within their community to prevent malnutrition.

Estimated number of hospitalized children with severe malnutrition treated annually: 400+

3. Invest in the care of neonates in our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

As NICU medical director at Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre, I have witnessed our census of hospitalized newborns skyrocket. We are the only facility in our geographic region that offers the ability to care for severely ill or premature neonates. Our cost estimates for the NICU is \$100,000 per year, which is under \$500 per baby admitted. This includes all the baby's care plus room and board for their mothers in the hospital.

Imagine that the average two-week stay in an NICU could cost so little.

Currently half of our NICU babies are coming from the community and have no ability to pay. We desperately want to continue to serve these children.



- **Please pray that God will supply these needs.**
- **Pray also for rest, our children, and daily wisdom to navigate life in Tanzania.**

We are grateful that you are with us in this work!

~ Steve & Jodi Swanson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>September Birthdays</i>						1 David Betz Ronald Young Jr.
2 Sean Wagenseller	3 Linda Linsenbigler David Redeyoff	4 Ethan Heck Pamela Leighton Amanda Scholl James Stewart	5 Marlette Lundin Julie Niskala Kathryn Robinson	6 Luke Chellew Michaela DeCarlo Ashley Interrante James McCormack Cathie Van Alstine	7 Jim Cunningham Charity Jennings Anna Klavina Emerson Smith Debbie Steiner	8 Steven Fritts
9 Kimberlee Davis	10 Dennis Oscapinski Nicole Sypherd	11 Gary Long Karen Wilson	12 Shane Nelson Timothy Stalker	13 Wendy Balducci David Ivarson	14 Christopher DeCarlo Jr. John Dotterer Madeline Kring	15 Alex Dogonniuck
16 Richard Allebach Gail Gregory	17 Skylar Althouse Kaitlin Fritts	18 Penelope Balzereit Gail Bischoff Ammon Espenship	19 Amy Sellman Louise Takach	20 Joel Detwiler Kayla Minkon	21 Connor Elison Debbie Hoffman Bruce Jennings Nathan Kerr	22 Brenda Kahn Ralph Kibblehouse David Schweitzer Abigail Wiglusz
23 Greg Allen Andrew Meeley Matt Olecki Marjorie Price	24 Tammie Nelson Patricia Olecki	25 Eric Linsenbigler Kimberly Lumley Beth Matzke Krista Oscapinski Rachel Oscapinski	26 Christine Gerhard Susan Millheim	27 Jordan Francis Damian Ricco Star Sitron	28 Stephanie Frazier Christopher Patten	29 Karen McCrea
30 Brandi Lemon R. Scott Young	31 Kaleigh Funk Pamela Hernandez Kathryn Kerr Cindy Rauch					



September *Worship Assistants*

Worship Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
September 6	Jonathan Brull		
September 13	Andrew Meeley		
September 20	Jonathan Brull	Rachel Schaffer	Dylan Crothers and Jeremy Wenger
September 27	Dennis Flynn	Alex Schmidt	Kevin Beattie and Jeremy Wentworth
Lectors	8:00 am	9:30 am/10:30 am	9:30 am/10:30 am
September 6	Jennifer Wentworth	9:30 am James Lien	9:30 Sean McClain
September 13	Jeff Stuffle	10:30 am James Lorah	10:30 am Kent Wenger
September 20	Mildred Stuffle	10:30 am Cynthia Snyder	10:30 am Cheryl Camuso
September 27	Kim Lumley	10:30 am Jolie Wenger	10:30 am Chris Dogonniuck
Greeters	<i>Greeters always needed! Go to http://bit.ly/PnjlrN to sign up!</i>		
September			
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	9:30 am/10:30 am	
September 6	Debra Augustine	John Kochel	Dave Schweitzer
September 13	Debra Augustine	Bill Penny	Janice Reiff
September 20	Debra Augustine	Bob Rodenberger	Mary Schlichter
September 27	Debra Augustine	Walter Mills	Jeanne Funk
Offering Tabulation			
September	Bob Rodenberger	Karl Stefan	Jeanne Funk
Altar Guild	8:00 am	9:30 am/10:30 am	
September	Sally Sweeney	TBD	



CARNIVAL



Senior Youth Group Happenings:

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close which means it is time to kick off our 2015-16 Senior Youth Group year!!

We had a great year last year culminating in two amazing trips in July. The Senior Youth Group hosted Iced Tea on the Lawn on Commissioning Sunday July 12th giving the congregation the opportunity to meet the youth and adults going on the trips.

Two days later, two youth and one adult joined the group from St. Andrews Lutheran in Audubon to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit - the first time anyone from Augustus has attended this event! We participated in numerous learning, serving and worship activities over four days, along with 30,000 Lutheran youth and adults from all over the US... it truly was the experience of a lifetime!

This was the third year of joining the 'One Dream Mission Team' trip to Camden NY, made up of over 60 people from Augustus plus First UCC and Trinity Lutheran in Quakertown. Augustus had 15 youth and six adults attending this year, our largest contingent ever! The group worked on numerous projects helping disadvantaged people in Camden. You will want to be at church on October 4th for our annual Mission Trip Sunday at both services when the youth will share their experiences and photos with the congregation, followed by a coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.

Congratulations to our four graduates: Alex Dogonniuk, Jenna Griggs, Jennie Lien and Nicole Selman and best of luck as you head off to the next phase of life And welcome to the four newly confirmed members: Bradley Hart, Liz Meeley, Olivia Olson and Jake Smith we are looking forward to having you join us!

Our first meeting will be during Sunday School, September 20th (Rally Day) 9:00am in the Youth Group Room - All confirmed youth, grades 9-12 are welcome to join us!! Remember - Youth Group is not a 'all or nothing' commitment, you are welcome to come any time!

AUGUSTUS RECYCLES!! This new Senior Youth Group program is in full swing - Paper, plastic, glass, aluminum...All go in the blue bins throughout the buildings.



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



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Tuesday, September 8, 2015 Pat Leberman, presenter Study from June issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"To Give in Secret"	St. James Lutheran Church High & Price Sts., Pottstown
Tuesday, October 6 Fran Ivarsen, presenter Study from July issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Be Like the Widow"	St. Peter's Lutheran Church Glasgow & Walnut Sts., Stowe
Tuesday, November 3 Barbara Lisi, presenter Study from August issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"God Loves A Cheerful Giver"	Emmanuel Lutheran Church Hanover & Walnut Sts., Pottstown
Tuesday, December 1 Sheila Specht, Devotional leader Study from December issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Special Advent Gathering"	The Pennsburg Diner 321 Pottstown Ave., Pennsburg

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

<i>Christian Citizenship 101 A Study of Philippians</i>		
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Elaine Strimpel, presenter Study from Jan/ Feb issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Confidence in God's Beginnings & Endings"	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
Tuesday, April 5 Janet Luyben, presenter Study from Jan/ Feb issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Servant-Shaped Soldiers"	St. James Lutheran Church Kugler Rd., & Swamp Pk., Limerick
Tuesday, May 3 Jean John, presenter Study from March issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Being of One Mind"	Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main St., Trappe
Tuesday, June 7 Barbara Thornton, presenter Study from April issue of <i>GATHER</i>	"Keep On Keeping On"	Grace Lutheran Church 660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown

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