

Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People

AUGUST 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In our country, we are allowed to own private property. We become owners through deeds, certificates, and other legal instruments. Ownership is part of the American dream. Most people would rather own than rent.

As the legal owners of so many things, it is sometimes difficult for us to acknowledge that God is the real and ultimate owner of everything. He is the owner; we are the managers or caretakers of God's property. King David wrote, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1). God is the landlord. We are the tenants. We possess, we occupy, we use, we manage—but we don't own.

Scripture tells us, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Genesis 1:1). Out of nothing, God created life. The world and all who live in it are gifts from God. To sustain our lives, he gives us the ability to produce wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). He gives us strength, wisdom, knowledge to use in this life and then eternal life with him in Heaven.

In Genesis 1:26, God puts us in charge of his kingdom.

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"

God has made us his stewards responsible for all the gifts he has entrusted to us. As wise managers, we understand that we will be held accountable for how we manage God's possessions. If we manage what we been given wisely and responsibly, we will one day hear God say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* (Matthew 25:23).

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



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OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN
AGES 3 - 6th GRADE

Sunday School

STARTS SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

REFRESHMENTS

SINGING

BIBLE STORIES

CRAFTS



From the Bench

August 2019

I hope everyone is keeping cool in this oppressive heat wave we're having. I was able to escape some of it during my vacation in the mountains. Many thanks to Barbara Hartenbauer for playing the organ during my vacation, and thank you to all our summer soloists. We are truly blessed at Augustus.

By the time you read this, our choir workshop will have concluded. We met at Augustus on August 3rd to look at the music for fall and Christmas, and we had a guest vocal coach to provide semi-private lessons to our singers. It was a great morning of learning and fellowship.

Look for some updates in September about our annual Christmas Concert – it's going to be bigger and better than ever. The whole Collegeville-Trappe community will be invited to attend.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a flyer for a summer music camp for middle school instrumentalists. My colleague, Vince Ryan, is providing this experience FREE at Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville. I hope some of our students will be able to take advantage of this excellent program.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I'll see you in church!

Music Camp

**August 12-14, 2019,
9am-2pm**

*Students entering grades 6-9: Don't let your instrument get dusty this summer!
Special Guest teacher: Trevor Sands*

Registration deadline: August 1
(music @ AdventHarleysville.org)
or See Mr. Ryan

Camp is for students entering grades 6-9 this fall, with at least two years' experience on your instrument. Opportunities for new music, games, science, explore instruments, conducting, and much more!



Augustus Book Club

The next "official" meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held in September. We'll Discuss

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

Summer Fellowship activities in the works! Stay tuned!

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



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Coordinator of Faith Development

Vacation Bible School 2019 is in the books! Many thanks to our wonderful staff: Pastor Weleck for leadership and the opening skit; Laurie Mueller for LOTS of music; Jen Wentworth for leading the science center; Jeannie Halteman for leading the crafts center; Thomas Wessner who led the games center and his staff, Kevin and Jen Beattie; Thomas Lyaro, Rachel Shaffer and Lizzy Meeley who lovingly shepherded the children through all the centers; Karen McClain, our shopper and, with Karen Lachenmayer, our snack leaders; Gemma Patten, our nurse; and Scott Halteman and his crew who have faithfully transported our sets every year. We had a great week and learned a lot about Jesus. We also learned about and collected items for Daily Bread, St. John's—Norristown, The St. James Outreach House, and the Pottstown Cluster to help our neighbors in need. Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School 2020 (*To Mars and Beyond!*) June 22nd-25th. You won't want to miss it!

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards

Coordinator of Faith Development



Vacation Bible School Summer 2019



EARLY WITH EARL SUNDAY MORNINGS

A MULTI-MEDIA VIEW OF RELIGION FROM A
SCHOLARLY AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

WITH EARL CATAGNUS

9:00 AM SUNDAY

STARTS SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WITH LIGHT CONVERSATION

Not Just A Class... ITS A COMMUNITY !!!

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

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RALLY DAY CHURCH PICNIC

Sept. 8, 2019

After the 10:30 Service

ALL ARE WELCOME

PREPARED BY SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

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Knitting n' Crocheting

A Social Group of
Augustus Women of the ELCA
Hearts & Hands Committee

SECOND & FOURTH MONDAY
OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 PM

*** ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ***
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AUGUSTUS QUILTERS

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Sharing God's Bounty

Money and the Great Commission

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

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

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



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

August *Worship Assistants*

Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
August 4	Connor Elison		
August 11	Cole Brenner		
August 18	Kevin Dubeck		
August 25	Carson Leigl		
Readers	8:00 am	9:30 am	
August 4	Piper Bouchard	Alanna Jessee	
August 11	Sandy Trauger	Mike Taylor	
August 18	Contact Laurie Mueller		
August 25	Contact Laurie Mueller		
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine		
August 4	Dave Schweitzer		
August 11	Sonya Sowards		
August 18	Bob Rodenberger		
August 25	Gary Wessner		
Ushers	Dick Allebach, Chili Lyaro and Pat O'Hara		
Offering Tabulation			
August 4	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk		
August 11	John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul		
August 18	Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Chris Dogonniuck		
August 25	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk		
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	9:30 am/10:30 am: Mike Van Blaricum	Deb Scholl and Sherry Jessee

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Ronald Young Jr.		Linda Linsenbigler

August Birthdays

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Amanda Scholl	Kathryn Robinson	Michaela DeCarlo Ashley Interrante Cathie Van Alstine	Jim Cunningham Emerson Smith		Kimberlee Davis	Dennis Oscapinski

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Gary Long	Stan Lilienthal Timothy Stalker	David Ivarson	Christopher DeCarlo Jr.	Alex Dogonniuck	Richard Allebach Landon Watts	Skylar Althouse

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Penelope Balzereit Gail Bischoff	Amy Sellman Kathleen Wilkins		Connor Elison Debbie Hoffman Bruce Jennings Nathan Kerr	Ralph Kibblehouse Madison Kuklantz David Schweitzer	Andrew Meeley Marjorie Price	

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Eric Linsenbigler Kimberly Lumley Krista Oscapinski Rachel Oscapinski	Susan Millheim		Stephanie Frazier	Karen McCrea	Andrea Jaggers/ Brown Cayla Schulz Corrine Schulz R. Scott Young	Katie Kerr Cynthia Rauch

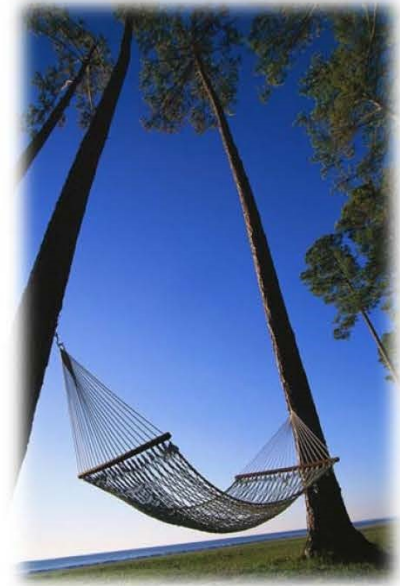
Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Are You Saving Enough for Retirement?

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

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



Desired Annual Retirement Income:

\$50,000
75,000

Annual Social Security Benefits

\$12,500
15,000

Annual Income Gap

\$37,500
60,000

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



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

As a general rule of thumb, if we start saving for retirement in our early 20's, we can set aside close to 10 percent of our incomes and have sufficient funds for retirement. As Solomon wrote, ". . . *he who gathers money little by little makes it grow*" (Proverbs 13:11). However, if we wait till we are in our 40's, our saving rate will have to increase to 30 percent or more.



A Gentle Reminder

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

OCTOBER 6, 2019 \$30

Dinner & Show

IMPERIAL MUSIC HALL

40 EAST 1ST AVENUE

COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426

PROUDLY PRESENTS:

BOB E HAMEL
'ELVIS'

RICH DeSIMONE
'FRANK SINATRA'



\$30.00 PP INCLUDES SHOW & DINNER (BYOB)

DOORS OPEN 4:00PM - DINNER 4:30PM

(ITALIAN STYLE) - SHOW TIME 5PM-7PM

**For questions about this event or to place your reservations,
contact: brian.ohara24@gmail.com**

AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT:



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Tour of Italy



OBERAMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020



JOIN PASTOR KEVIN O'HARA AS HE CONTINUES HIS
EUROPEAN ADVENTURES OF DISCOVERING YOUR
LUTHERAN HERITAGE

July 22 - AUGUST 1, 2020

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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.

Biennial Gathering

On June 1, 2019 our Annual Southeastern Pa Synodical Women's Organization Biennial Gathering was held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale. The theme for the day was "Water of Life" with a focus on helping the people of Flint, MI, suffering from a contaminated water condition since 2014. We raised \$1,582.54 for the churches in Flint, Michigan, and wrote notecards of encouragement to be sent to Salem Lutheran Church to be distributed to these people in need. 30 people attended representing 6 conferences and 12 churches.



Phyllis Boyer, our president began the Gathering with a welcome to all attendees.

Cindy Ryan presented the devotions using the topic *"I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink"*

Cindy's message included the following thoughts: She talked about "another kind of thirst. One that does not include water, one that we take for granted every day. One that some of us may not even realize exists." "Each of us is thirsty and each of us are able to provide a drink. We need to open our eyes to see where God is leading us. There are days when you may be the one looking to quench your thirst and there are days when you will be quenching someone else's thirst. Life gives us so many opportunities" "Another way to share is to let someone help. You may not think they will do it as good as you, but that does not mean they could not try. And if they do it differently, then so be it." "Our goal is to love one another as Jesus loves us. Doing that enjoy your water today and every day and never take it for granted for there are those who do not have this blessing – it is up to us to pass it on. Remember when you sip it is a gift from God and serving it to another is your gift to Him."



Pastor Chris Glod from Trinity Lutheran Lansdale also shared a short devotion.

Our main order of business was to elect voting members to represent us at the 2020 Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA to be held in Phoenix, AZ in July 2020. The following ladies were elected as voting member delegates: Joyce Adams, Patricia Leberman, Cindy Ryan, and Helen Dungan. The fifth voting member delegate will be the SE PA Synod Women of the ELCA President as of June 6, 2020.

Our featured speaker, Trudy Phillips, spoke about how our water ways run and what affects them. She began with a dramatic demonstration; she had 5-gallon bottles of water; from this she measured out 1 ¼ cups – this represented fresh as opposed to salt water. She then used an eye dropper to show the amount of that water

which was drinkable. She explained and demonstrated how water moves downward either above or underground, picking up debris as it travels. This eventually ends in our streams and rivers, then flows into the oceans. She demonstrated this with a blue cloth "stream" which we filled with trash; it overflowed as seen in the picture.



Helen Dungan shared information regarding the water needs in Flint, Michigan. She obtained this information from Pastor Monica Villarreal, of Salem Lutheran Church in Flint Michigan. Salem and Shiloh Baptist Church are delivering water to 170 vulnerable homes – people with immunity impairments which make them extremely susceptible to infection. The cost of this mission runs about \$5,000 per month and is being paid for by donations. Pastor said the church leaders and members are serving people especially when death occurs - praying for them and responding to their spiritual needs, not just their physical needs.

Our third speaker was Hope Grosse who with Joanne Stanton recently formed the Buxmont Coalition for Safe Water. Both women are originally from the Warminster area and they and their families have suffered serious health issues as a result of the release of chemicals, PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), into the ground from Willow Grove Naval Base. The chemical is part of firefighting foam which seeped through the ground into the water. She cautioned us that this chemical is not included in normal water tests; and strongly suggested everyone install a reverse osmosis water filter.

Hearts & Hands

The Quilting Group under Augustus' Women/ELCA welcomed a special guest, Heide Boldt Diefenderfer, who attended the workshop on Wednesday July 3, 2019. Heidi displayed her hand-made cloth dolls and showed the detail work that went into each and every doll. What an awesome presentation!!! Thank you so very much, Heide. We were honored to have her attend and in addition, two ladies attended the group for the first time. We are growing!! Fun, fellowship, and refreshments were shared by all.





July 1, 2019

Dear friend:

As a valued supporter of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School, we know you care deeply about our mission and our ability to offer critical services to children and families in our region.

With that in mind, we are pleased to announce that on June 25, 2019, the Boards of Directors of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and theVillage, an organization based in Rosemont that provides many of the same services we do, voted in favor of uniting to operate as one single organization serving children, families and communities in the Philadelphia region.

The decision to merge was made with careful consideration and great respect for the long histories and shared values of both organizations, as well as our common mission and vision: to inspire hope and promote healing through specialized support and education for children, families, and communities facing emotional and behavioral difficulties as well as the effects of trauma.

This merger will enable us to continue our vital work well into the future and will expand our mission and continuum of care. We will continue to offer all programs and services at all existing sites, and the hundreds of employees on whose dedication we rely will become a united team. Most importantly, the new organization, inspired by the long legacies and faith-based histories of Silver Springs and theVillage, will continue to promote hope and healing – thanks, in large part, to supporters like you.

This process will be complete once a request to merge is filed with and accepted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition, a new name and brand identity will be announced soon. Until then, we will continue to operate under our existing name and we will continue to accept contributions in the same ways we have in the past.

We look forward to keeping you updated on this exciting transition as more information becomes available. Should you have any questions or want to learn more about our plans for the future, please contact Lynn Unipan at lunipan@silver-springs.org.

With thanks for your loyalty and generosity,

Kristen E.M. Gay, Ph.D.
President/CEO
Silver Springs – Martin Luther School

PS: We hope to see you at our highly anticipated annual *Chefs for Silver Springs* event on November 8, 2019!

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SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery Conference
Bible Study



Women
of the
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2019



Breakfast

The Collegeville Diner
290 E. Main Street
Collegeville, PA



August 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Program theme:

Gather Magazine's "For just such a time as this"

A study of Esther the Queen

Be prepared - Read the Bible study pages in the
June, July/August issues of
"**Gather**" magazine.

At 9:00 a.m. Individual breakfast orders will be taken and
paid individually as you leave.



August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 PM Scouts	2	3
4 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	5 7:00 PM Scouts	6 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg	7 9:30 AM Quilting Group	8 7:00 PM Scouts	9	10
11 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	12 7:00 PM Scout District Mtg 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Knitting Group	13	14 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach	15 7:00 PM Scouts	16	17
18 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	19 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Book Club	20 9:30 AM Quilting Group	21 2:00 pm Staff Meeting	22 7:00 PM Scouts	23	24 11:00 AM Dr. Hess Memorial Svc 12:00 noon Cub Picnic
25 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	26 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Knitting Group	27 7:00 pm Committee Night	28	29	30	

