

# AUGUSTINIAN

NOVEMBER

Augustus  
Lutheran Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

**Augustus will host the Trappe 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Civic Service** on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 1:00 PM in the Historic Old Trappe Church. The Reverend Dr. Karl Krueger will be our guest preacher. The entire Trappe community is invited to this service.



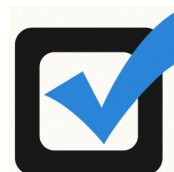
**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 after the 10:30 AM service. The Women of the ELCA will serve lunch in Fellowship Hall and we will then proceed to the meeting. At this meeting, the voting members of the congregation approve the 2018 budget and elect Vestry members. Copies of the 2018 budget proposed to the voting members of Augustus by the Vestry will be available after each service on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

What is the purpose of the Annual Congregational Meetings?

The Annual Congregational Meeting is necessary to authorize the expense budget for the coming year and to elect Vestry members, who serve three (3) year terms. The Annual Congregation Meeting is an opportunity for the Augustus Lutheran Church family to gather and seek to discern God's will for Augustus in the coming year. Augustus has another Congregational Meeting in the early part of 2018 to deal with other topics.

Who can vote at the Congregational Meeting?

**Voting members** are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.



**The Women of the ELCA will have a Thankoffering Service** on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the 10:30 AM service. The Reverend Violet Little will preach on the work done by the Welcome Place, a ministry to the homeless in Center City Philadelphia.

On Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:30 PM St Luke's UCC will host a **Community Thanksgiving Service** with Pastor Martha Kriebel preaching.

May the love of the Father surround you, the grace of Christ free you from your sins, and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Weleck

## Trappe 300 Service

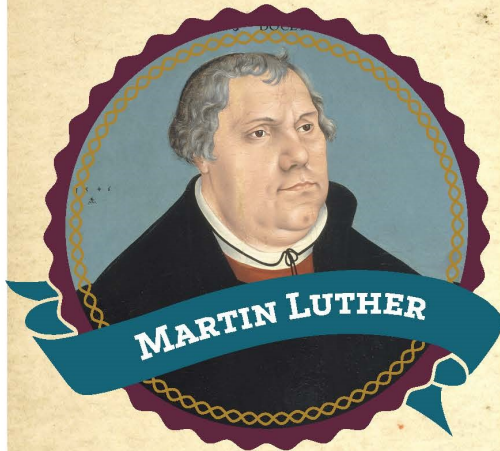
On Saturday, November 4 at 1:00 pm, the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium will present a service in honor of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trappe. Held in the Old Church, it will feature choir members from many of our Ministerium churches. Dress for the weather and join us!

## FACES OF THE REFORMATION

### MARTIN LUTHER (LAST DAYS)

**Born:** Nov. 10, 1483 | Eisleben, Germany

**Died:** Feb. 18, 1546 | Eisleben, Germany



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## An Outlaw and International Hero Who Commended Himself and the Church of the Reformation to Christ's Mercy

### IN LATER LIFE, MARTIN LUTHER HAD BECOME

**INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN.** Despite his return to Wittenberg from hiding at the Wartburg, Luther remained an outlaw due to his condemnation at Worms. However, Saxony was isolated enough that he was safe from the emperor so long as he remained there. Thus, his role became one of providing guidance to others.

Luther adopted a new role as leader of a new church body. He discovered that many of the laity were ignorant of his reforms. After translating the Bible into German, he wanted the laity to be able to engage with it. Therefore, he wrote his Small and Large Catechisms in order to provide good theology that the laity could understand, an entry point into the Scriptures, and right order and behavior.

In this period, Luther also had to address theological problems. In addition to his continued challenges with Rome's response to the Reformation, he also faced other reformers who transformed his ideas to their own ends.

First, Luther clarified the relationship of the church and the state. Due to the Peasants' Revolt, he was faced with a theological question of how "social" his Gospel needed to be. Luther responded by developing his two kingdoms theology. This theology holds that we must distinguish clearly between God's Kingdom of Power and His Kingdom of Grace. Christians should act in society according to their consciences — which are informed by their faith — but Luther did not believe that the church should dictate government policy.

Second, Luther had to address competing views of the Lord's Supper. Luther had successfully refuted the "transubstantiation" view of the Roman church, but the issue was confused by the view that the soul fed on Christ only spiritually, as Calvin later popularized. Others argued that the Sacrament only "represented" Jesus' body. This caused Luther to insist on the real presence, emphasizing that while transubstantiation was in error, it did not mean the solution to that error was to separate the Sacrament from Jesus altogether. Instead, he remained bound to the clear words of Christ, "This is my body."

Third, Luther addressed the problem of good works. Some reformers twisted Luther's doctrine of being justified by grace without works to mean that good works were, in fact, a hindrance to salvation. This caused Luther to argue continually that good works are the proper result of faith. We are justified by faith alone, nevertheless, Christians should lead a sanctified life.

Luther became an internationally important figure. Wittenberg was a destination for young thinkers, and Luther was a hero to many. Students began taking note of everything he said; his publications were spread widely, and princes asked him for advice. Luther was least comfortable with this last political role. He was not a skilled politician and would sometimes be too aggressive in his responses.

Luther's role later in life was to encourage and to instruct. He remained resolved and consistent in his thought, despite feeling pressure from all sides. He was simultaneously heroic in his faith and human in his failings.

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## From the Bench

November 2017

If you receive this newsletter before **November 4**, please join us for the special service to commemorate the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trappe. It will be held in the Old Church on November 4 at 1:00 pm, with clergy and choirs from many of our ministerium churches participating.

I thought I'd take some space this month to encourage you (and a friend?) to join us in Senior Choir for the Christmas Concert and/or Christmas Eve Service. Contact me for more information, or just come to rehearsal Thursday at 7 pm!

Did you know that singing in a church choir...

- ...is a great way to meet new friends and feel a part of a group
- ...is therapeutic, a time to put aside the other pressures and concerns of the day
- ...provides musical memories that can comfort you in difficult situations
- ...gives members a sense of self-worth and pride
- ...teaches healthy posture and breathing techniques
- ...develops habits for better enunciation in everyday speech
- ...conveys that character and attitude make a significant contribution to any group
- ...enhances the church's ministry by adding beauty and aesthetic depth to worship
- ...provides an anchor for regular church participation when it is so easy to get distracted

Speaking of Christmas, our Community Concert will be held on **Saturday, December 16 at 3:00 pm**. This year's program features our choir and bell choir in sacred and secular favorites of the Christmas Season. Invite your friends – the program is open to the public (no tickets or reserved seating), and a free will offering will be received to support Augustus' music program.



## Holy Baptism

was administered on October 8, 2017 to

**Sloane Bauder**

*May God bless Sloane and her family as she begins her journey of faith.*

# Money Matters

## *Personal Financial Stewardship*

### Reducing and Eliminating Credit Card Debt

Because desires often exceed the ability to pay, many of us have a lot of debt. Certainly, we are in debt when we can't pay off our credit cards at the end of each month, or can't provide for our needs. Our dependence on debt is possibly the most widely abused principle in God's Word regarding money. Scripture does not forbid us from borrowing money, but it does point out its disadvantages. *"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender"* (Proverbs 22:7). Despite God's warnings, our dependence on debt continues to grow.

Some debt is unavoidable. In the case of a job loss or health problems, it may not be possible to avoid debt. In addition, some debt is acceptable, such as debt for educational purposes or home mortgages. Debt that is acquired for the purpose of spending money to make money makes economic sense. The most troublesome debt in our society is credit card debt. Credit is a means of renting money when we need it for as long as we need it. Credit allows us to enjoy something now and pay for it later. Unfortunately, for many of us, credit cards are easily accessible, and, in today's society, we are encouraged to take advantage of them. With so much available credit, it is no surprise that bankruptcies and divorces related to financial tension are on the increase. We may enjoy getting into debt, but it is not much fun getting out of it. In spite of all the warnings about debt, we are still willing to buy now and pay later. Credit cards should contain the clause, "This credit card can be hazardous to your financial well-being."



It has been said that there are three types of people. Those who "have," those who "have not," and those who "have not paid for what they have." Many people are paying five to 20 percent or more of their budgets toward credit card debt, which places a great burden on family expenses. The financial burden is caused by the high interest rates that credit card companies charge. For example, if you have a credit card balance of \$2,000 at a 15 percent annual interest rate and you remit only the minimum payment, it will take 17.5 years to repay the \$2,000 balance. The total cost, including interest charges, increases to \$4,517.62. In the time it may take to pay off your credit cards, most things that were purchased will have been lost, stolen, or worn out. We live in a society in which enough is never enough. One of the biggest reasons we get into debt is greed. *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"* (Luke 12:15). Jesus was criticizing the notion that the value of life is determined by the number of possessions we have. In order to avoid going deeper and deeper into unnecessary debt, a change in attitude is required. Curbing wants and desires leads to greater success in staying out of debt.

### Old Church Models

Thank you to the many people who have ordered Old Church Models in support of our Old Trappe Church! Unfortunately, due to production problems with the manufacturer, we are experiencing a delay in delivery. You will be notified when the newest production batch is completed. ***Thank you for your patience!***



## Coordinator of Faith Development

By the time you read this, the Sunday school children will have joined in a wonderful celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation with learning, music, games, treats and selfies with Martin Luther himself!

November is a time for thankfulness. We are thankful for the saints who have gone before us, for our parents, our church, our country, and for the wonderful Sunday school teachers who teach us about God.

Martin Luther said, “God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.” Our thankfulness for the grace and blessings that God has given us leads us to do good for our neighbor. In November the Sunday school children collect money to buy warm hats and gloves for the children of Silver Springs—Martin Luther School. The website describes their mission:

**Silver Springs – Martin Luther School** was founded in 1859 in Philadelphia as an orphanage. Located today in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, Silver Springs promotes trauma recovery and family reunification in a nurturing and healing environment with a quality educational program.

Through trauma-informed approaches children are helped to heal and manage the overwhelming feelings and memories of the bad, sad and scary things that have happened to them. The children’s program offers comprehensive services including residential treatment for children ages 6-14, special education for grades K through 8, and community based services.

Silver Springs provides a continuum of care that begins when a child enters care and continues well after a child leaves our programs. Family involvement is essential and encouraged whenever possible. Silver Springs – Martin Luther School fosters hope and faith in each child for a brighter future.

In the words of one staff member, “My biggest reward is watching our children leave us with positive feelings and open hearts.”

I thank God for Augustus and for each of you!



## Book Club in October!



The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will take place at 7:30 pm on Monday, November 20, 2017. We’ll be discussing

**Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress** by Dai Sijie

All are welcome! Come meet some new people and join in the discussion!

Refreshments always served! Contact Karen McClain at [office@augustustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustustrappe.org) with questions.

# Sharing God's Bounty

## Part of God's Plan

In those days . . . So begins a well-known passage of Scripture. Do you know what comes next? *"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree . . ."* (Luke 2:1). Some of us can quote the whole story by heart. Even though we've heard it year after year, some of us for many years, the story is still precious to hear, still warms our souls, still excites our minds, still calms our fears.

Two seemingly inconsequential people of little means obeyed that decree and traveled to the town of Bethlehem to register for the census. The woman, Mary, was about to have a child. She knew that her child was the Son of God, a child to be named Jesus. Joseph, her husband, knew he was not the father of the child, although that was how the world saw him. These were two of God's faithful. They knew the prophecies regarding the Messiah. They had been visited by the angel and learned that they were to be part of the fulfillment of those prophecies. They didn't know how things would turn out. They didn't know all that God had in store for them. They just *"obey[ed] their rulers and submitted to their authority"* (Hebrews 13:17) as they trusted God to guide and protect them and his Son each step they took on his path.

Of course, God did just that. God provided a place for the Child to be born (Luke 2:7). God sent angels to announce the birth of the King and moved the shepherds to respond to the joyful news and go to worship the new Baby (Luke 2:8-20). He sent *"Magi from the East"* who brought *"gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh"* and then believed the warning God gave them in a dream and avoided the evil King Herod on their return trip (Matthew 2:1-12).

How many of these people involved in this most wondrous story realized the important and memorable parts they played? We cannot say for sure but surmise none could really comprehend the eternal significance of the events as they unfolded.

We, too, are involved in God's plans. Certainly none can equal in importance the birth of Christ, but nothing God does is without purpose. Are we listening for the voice of the Spirit as God speaks to us through God's Word? Are we, as we go about our daily routines, obeying our rulers, cognizant of being God's feet and hands and voice to carry out his plan? Do we bring our gifts, aware that God may use them according to a purpose we can't even imagine? How exciting it is to think and know that we are God's instruments! What a loss of blessing to us if we refuse to let God use us and another gets the opportunity instead (Esther 4:14)!

As we live out our daily lives as stewards, *"let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . . so that we will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:2-3), but instead look forward with eagerness and anticipation toward the unfolding of God's plan in our lives.





## 2017 Vestry Members

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<b>Karl Stefan</b>	<i>Cemetery/Mutual Ministry</i>	610-454-0373	kssurf@verizon.net

### The Luther Rose

The beautiful stained glass window on the front of the elevator tower contains a cross with the Luther Rose at its center. The Luther Rose, designed by Martin Luther himself, has served as the main emblem of Lutheranism from the very beginning of the Lutheran Reformation.

The BLACK CROSS in the center reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins.

The RED HEART reminds us of the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior. The red of the heart is the color of the blood of Christ, shed for us and for our salvation.

The WHITE ROSE helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit who makes us pure and holy in God's sight by bringing us to faith in Jesus and by helping us to live our lives for him.

The SKY BLUE BACKGROUND pictures the joy of the new life God gives to all who believe and trust in him.

Finally, the GOLDEN RING outlining the seal reminds us of our eternal inheritance – a home in heaven where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness in our Savior's Presence.

-Pastor Weleck

(From our Facebook Group—Check us out!)



### Notice from your Cemetery Committee

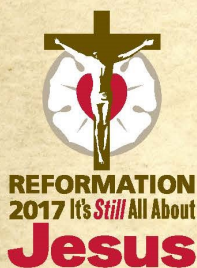
In order to keep pace with inflation, anticipate increased maintenance costs, and provide for the future care of our cemetery, please know that effective January 1, 2018, the cost of graves spaces will be \$620 each for members and \$1,550 each for non-members.

## FACES OF THE REFORMATION

### GEORG SPALATIN

**Born:** Jan. 17, 1484 | Spalt (near Nürnberg), Germany

**Died:** Jan. 16, 1545 | Altenburg, Germany



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## Luther's Friend and Political Adviser to Elector Frederick the Wise

**THE ILLEGITIMATE SON OF A TANNER, GEORG SPALATIN WAS BORN GEORG BURCKHARDT IN THE SMALL TOWN OF SPALT, SOUTHEAST OF NÜRNBERG.** The young Burckhardt attended Latin school in Nürnberg, where he became the disciple of humanist Heinrich Grüninger. In 1498, he advanced to the University of Erfurt and studied under the humanist Nikolaus Marschalk.

In 1502, he followed Marschalk to Wittenberg and earned the “Magister artium” degree in 1503 — the same year he took the name “Spalatinus,” the Latinized name of his hometown. Spalatin began to study the Bible in the manner of Erasmus, studying both law and theology. He became a notary public in 1507 and was ordained in 1508, the same year he was called by Elector Frederick the Wise to tutor his nephew, Duke John Frederick. Later, Spalatin was given the responsibility of continuing the Saxon Chronicle, and he moved back to Wittenberg in 1511.

The following year, he was put in charge of the newly founded castle library in Wittenberg. It was at this time that he became friends with Martin Luther; their working relationship is preserved in many letters.

Beginning in 1516, Spalatin was both the elector's secretary and ecclesiastical counselor, and he became the court preacher in 1522.

Spalatin acted as an intermediary between Elector Frederick and the Augustinian monk during the critical early years of the Reformation. On more than one occasion, he played a vital role in protecting Luther from the demands from Rome.

In 1527, Spalatin was instrumental at the Diet of Speyer, at which the princes declared that they had the right to their own sovereignty and, therefore, could ignore the orders from the emperor in regard to matters of religion (most specifically with handing Luther over to Rome). It was this idea of Spalatin's that proved most effective in allowing the princes to govern their own regions and set a precedent that was borrowed many times over throughout the Reformation with the general principle “whose realm, his religion” (e.g., the Peace of Augsburg of 1555).

Spalatin is unique among the major figures in the Reformation. He neither led a major popular movement of people (only instituting local reforms), nor did he leave behind many theological writings. Spalatin instead is important as an intermediary who advised and helped shape the actions of others: Frederick, Luther and the princes. His correspondence with Luther sheds much light on the day-to-day workings of the Saxon court in relation to the Reformation. His role as mediator was of utmost importance and allowed Luther and the Reformation to not only survive but flourish.

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# SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

## SYG

The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who attended our Trunk or Treat event that was held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The cars were wonderful and the youth had a great time. Some friendly in house competitiveness made this a special event.

September and October brought us registration, a Phillies game and the distribution of care boxes to last year's seniors at college.

November brings our first fundraiser of the year which is the Apple Pie sale. If you've never had one, now is your chance. We promise you won't be disappointed. All monies raised from our fund raisers are used towards youth activities and our year end mission trip.

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 that materials, we'll do the work to the best of our abilities. Contact us at [youth@augustustrappe.org](mailto:youth@augustustrappe.org).



### Seventh Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on 12-Nov-2017 after both the early and late Services.

Pies will be frozen. Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$10.00 per pie.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pies: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up on 12-Nov-2017 (check one)

After the early Service (8:00 am): \_\_\_\_\_

After the late Service (10:30 am): \_\_\_\_\_



# November *Worship Assistants*



Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
November 5	Griffin Crothers	Jennifer Beattie	
November 12	Aaron Crothers	Owen Slack	
November 19	Piper Bouchard	Ashley Tighe	
November 26	Casey Demark	Cooper Demark	

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Prayers
November 5	Sandy Trauger	Mike Taylor	Sean McClain
November 12	Earl Catagnus	John Kochel	James Lorah
November 19	Laurie Mueller	Jonathan Mueller	Casey Demark
November 26	Mildred Stuffle	Alan Shunk	Chris Dogonniuck

Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine
November 5	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer
November 12	Janice Reiff and Jennifer Wentworth
November 19	Bob Rodenberger and Gary Wessner
November 26	Jeannie Funk and Sonya Sowards

Ushers	8:00 am: Early Usher Team
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November	Janet Stokes, Jack Schatz, and Gary Wessner
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Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney
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November	Mike Van Blaricum & Joe and Donna Cooney
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Joseph Firth		Maura Cunningham	Jay Adams John Kochel Mary Saylor Abigail Snear
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Brandon Snyder George Stokes	Brandon Barish James Herr Nathaniel Long Kiersten Markert Minetta O'Boyle Jeffrey Whitman	Hazel Giera Richard Opperman Jr.	Ruth Frazier	Lorna DePaul Shaun Fritts	Michael Van Blaricum Summer Watts Tristan Watts	Douglas Cornish Curt Reiser Beth Vida
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		David Hess	Kenneth Imes Sr.		Matthew Meeley Hogan Millheim	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Kevin Dubeck Brook Gabel	Jacob Keim Harold Nelson	Anthony Garro Martin Sweeney	Joseph Cooney Ronald Hess Joshua Martin	Sarah Interrante Sean Whitman	Heather Lilienthal	
26	27	28	29	30		
Jack Cooney Brian O'Hara Madeline Reiser	Matthew Cooney Ashley Tighe	Piper Clark	Shirley Heist Lucas McCrea Matthew Quirk			

# Birthdays



# Senior High Youth Group

## Is having their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cookie Sale



**What: Homemade Christmas Cookies**

**When: December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Cookies will be available for pick up after each service on the 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**How much: \$8.00 2 Dozen**

**\$12.00 for 3 Dozen**

**is selling Christmas Cookies again this year. The cookies will be assorted and arranged in a container. Please preorder to insure you get a tray of these freshly baked homemade cookies.**

**If you have any questions please contact: [jhalteman@dejazzd.com](mailto:jhalteman@dejazzd.com)**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_**

**I would like: 1 dozen (\$4) \_\_\_\_\_**

**2 dozen (\$8) \_\_\_\_\_**

**3 dozen (\$12) \_\_\_\_\_**

**I will pick up after the 8:00 service \_\_\_\_\_**

**I will pick up after the 10:30 service \_\_\_\_\_**



*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 Thankoffering Service/Quilt & Afghan Sunday** will be held on November 19, 2017, at the 10:30am church service only. The Reverend Violet Little of The Welcome Church of Philadelphia <http://www.thewelcomechurch.org>, a church without walls serving Philadelphia's homeless community, will be our guest speaker. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this service!! The Reverend Violet Little is a very dynamic and bold woman - someone greatly admired for her ministry.

The Rev. Violet Cucciniello Little of The Welcome Church best describes who (and whose) she is as a Child of God. She was born September 7, 1952 to my Italian Catholic family on New York's Lower East Side. Baptized in St. Patrick's Old Cathedral two weeks after her birth, and confirmed eight years later, she was educated in the Catholic School system through college where she earned her B.A. in English from St. Joseph's University in 1974, the first graduating class of women for that school. In that same year she married Willie D. Little, who, after forty plus years continues to be a source of strength and support for her on her life and faith journey. Willie and her have been blessed with two sons, Jason and Matthew. Jason, Jen, and their grandsons, Gabriel and Nicholas, live in Glenside; Matt lives in Pasadena, California.



Growing up in a poor but loving family made her especially sensitive to the unfair distribution of resources in our society. That, along with the mandate of our God to show hospitality to the stranger, have shaped the various types of work she has done prior to her ordination in 1992, as well as following her ordination. This work has included working with families at risk, coordinating programs for parents, serving as an ecumenical campus pastor at Philadelphia University, and leading Formation Groups as well as teaching at the Lutheran Seminary of Philadelphia. Her fifteen year pastorate at St. Michael's Lutheran Church increased her love for urban ministry and led her to find The Welcome Center, a place of hospitality and healing for people experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia. After three years of serving as founder of The Welcome Center, the community began to define itself as "church" and in 2010 she was called to be Mission Developer and pastor of The Welcome Church, a church without walls serving Philadelphia's homeless community.

Her experience in urban ministry also pushed her in the direction of a ten year training in the area of psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic psychotherapy. Trained in both child and adult psychotherapy, she opened a two day a week low fee private practice in 1999. Her practice continues today with an office based at the seminary. In addition to the work she does with The Welcome Church and in her private practice, she is an active anti-racist and serves on the anti-racism training team for the Chicago-based Women of the ELCA. She writes extensively, and has published a number of faith based articles and studies. She has served on the FDA as a consumer advocate, has worked with Women in Church and Society for the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, and most recently has helped to form a national network in the ELCA for those of us working with people in poverty. In 2013 she received The Purpose Prize, a national award allowing The Welcome Church to gain national recognition. For all these opportunities she has had to give witness to God's amazing grace, she is most truly grateful.





Also on this day, quilts and afghans made by the Hearts and Hands Committee of Augustus' Women of the ELCA under the direction of Mildred Stuffle will adorn the church sanctuary. The quilts will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to countries all over the world to help those people less fortunate. The afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown.



In honor of Thankoffering, envelopes will be distributed for your donation in support of the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. All the money collected will be sent directly to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA. Make checks payable to "Augustus Women of the ELCA". Please be generous! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and hope for all that is to come. They give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude and hope. When significant or ordinary moments happen, it is our way of saying "thank you" to God!

Thankofferings date back to the 1800's when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund mission. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out projects, the women believed otherwise. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. They would then gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise. Together, we can do more than we could ever do alone.

**A Note of Thanks:** A warm and heartfelt "thank you" is extended to everyone who helped to clean & organize fellowship hall kitchen after the replacement of new floors. Especially, we would like to thank Fran Ivarson, Brian O'Hara, Dale O'Hara, Pat O'Hara, Gemma Patten, Janice Reiff, Deb Scholl, Jeff Stuffle, Mildred Stuffle, and Ann Walker for helping with this project so that it could be completed in a timely manner. Fellowship hall kitchen is now back in full operation. It looks awesome!!!



**The Upper Montgomery Conference began a Bible Study on "The Apostle's Creed"** from the Gather Magazine. Session 3 of this Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg, PA. Debra Long is the study leader. "We believe in the Holy Spirit... The Holy Spirit breathes chaos into order, bringing the whole of creation into line with God's plan." (Bible text: John 20:24-31) Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. Bring your Bible and your November issue of the "Gather" magazine. If you need a ride, please contact Fran Ivarson.

WELCA's Next Girl's Night Out will actually be a daytime event held on Saturday, November 4, 2017, @ 11:30am. We will be attending the Fall Luncheon and Fashion Show at Augustus in Fellowship Hall presented by the Community Club of Collegetown with fashions by Chico's. Tickets are \$15. Please contact Deb Scholl to reserve your ticket ([schollde@aol.com](mailto:schollde@aol.com) or 610-409-1950. All women & girls are invited to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship & relaxation. Thank you, Deb!

**The Hearts & Hands Committee** continues to meet twice a month on the 1st Wednesday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room. Among an array of various projects that the committee embarks on, the ladies concentrate their efforts on making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be on display for Thankoffering Sunday along with knitted/crocheted afghans for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children. Currently, the committee is in need of people who can knit or crochet, and who are willing to help make afghans. If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on Nov 1 and Nov 21. You can also work from home at your leisure. New members are always welcome and no experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or [jandmstuffle@verizon.net](mailto:jandmstuffle@verizon.net).

**Augustus Women/ELCA will once again be collecting "Wish List" Items for the Children of Silver Springs - Martin Luther School for Christmas.** Silver Springs - Martin Luther School is a school for boys and girls who have endured tremendous trials early in life. They have come to the school knowing only fear, anger, and a lack of hope. Your gifts will put big smiles and exclamations of joy on their faces. All gifts must be new, unwrapped, & put in the collection box located on the lower level of the new atrium by November 28 to be delivered in time for Christmas. Your gifts will be very much appreciated. A special "thank you" to Fran Ivarson & Ann Walker for taking charge of this event. Please refer to the children's "wish list" items included in this newsletter.

## **Your Holiday Purchases Can Support Augustus Ministries:**

### **Support WELCA through AmazonSmile!**



Now you can support Augustus Women of the ELCA with an even sweeter smile – an AmazonSmile, that is. AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for you to support Augustus Women of the ELCA every time you shop at Amazon.com, at no cost to you. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5 percent of what you spend at Amazon to the Augustus' Women's Organization. Your privacy is protected – Augustus Women of the ELCA is never informed of your purchases, the amount you spend, or even that it's you who's supporting Women of the ELCA through AmazonSmile. It couldn't be easier.

**How to shop AmazonSmile:** To shop with AmazonSmile, go to **smile.amazon.com** from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You might also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start shopping with AmazonSmile. You can also download and install an extension on your browser so that you can go to our smile.amazon.com portal automatically. If you use Internet Explorer, you should start each shopping session at the URL after making **Augustus Lutheran Church** your default charity.

**Sign-up your Credit/Debit Cards on eScrip.com** and Augustus Women/ELCA will receive the eScrip Rebate every time you use your cards when you shop, dine, or travel. The rebate could be as high as 10%. Please go to eScrip.com to sign-up or renew your cards today and see the many rebates that are available. Use ID #148993154. There is nothing else that you need to do. This fundraiser is easy, simple, & has the potential of making a lot of money. If you have any questions, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417.



**Savings Are In Bloom!!** Shop, save and earn for WELCA Augustus Lutheran Church. You can now shop online. Participating in the eScrip rebate are Amazon, Macy's, L.L. Bean, Old Navy, Boscov's, Best Buy....Just to mention a few. Go online to view the complete list of participating merchants.

**Please continue to Save the Following Items** and place them in the appropriate box outside the church office: 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 offering an additional 20% cash bonus throughout 2017.



### **Schedule Of Events**

- Nov 1: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe  
4: Girl's Night Out – Fall Luncheon & Fashion Show 11:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe  
5: All Saints Sunday  
7: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Mark's LC, Pennsburg – 9:30am  
Topic: "The Apostles Creed" Session 3 Study Leader: Debra Long  
12: Congregational Mtg & Luncheon immediately following the 10:30am church service  
19: Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday – Rev. Violet Little, The Welcome Church  
21: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe  
23: Happy Thanksgiving!  
28: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- Dec 5: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Grace LC, Pottstown – 9:30am  
Topic: An Advent Devotion Study Leader: Rosalie Zukauskas  
6: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe

.....Dale O'Hara.....





**Silver Springs Martin Luther School**  
**512 West Township Line Road**  
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**(610) 825-4440**  
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## **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST**

### **WISH GIFTS**

- Basketballs and playground balls
- Masculine or feminine scented body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and lotion\* Bath and Body Works and Dove are favorites
- Dream Lites or Twilight Turtles
- Large and medium stuffed animals
- Girls' and boys' sweatshirts with zipper and hood or t-shirts- Favorite brands are Under Armour and Nike. Sizes needed: children's 12-16 and men's and women's S, M, L, and XL
- Fuzzy posters to color with washable markers
- Adidas or Nike "slide" style sandals (sizes: adult 3-11)
- Adjustable baseball hats
- Art and craft sets
- Sketch books & drawing paper
- Super hero action figures
- Radio controlled vehicles and robots — favorite brand is Air Hog (radio remote please; no wires)
- Matchbox/Hotwheels cars and race track sets
- Football gloves
- Basketball shooting sleeves
- Baby dolls of all ethnicities (African American, Latino, and Caucasian) and accessories. Baby Alive and Our Generation dolls are popular
- Portable Radio/CD players- with detachable cords only please
- Games: Mancala, Connect 4, Jenga, UNO, Bop-It, Skip-it, Simon, Monopoly Jr., Life Jr., Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, Battleship, Guess Who, Trouble
- LEGO & LEGO Friends sets
- Pajama sets- sizes needed: children's M-XL and men's & women's S-XL
- Adult coloring books
- Shopkins toys
- Barbie dolls and accessories
- Nintendo DS, Wii U, and PlayStation 4 games (rated G or E)
- Pretty bracelets
- Play-Doh playsets

\* Plastic bottles only; no spray bottles, please

### **STOCKING STUFFERS**

- Children's DVDs rated G or PG
- Novelty socks for girls- sizes: adult 3-1 1
- Sports socks for boys and girls- sizes: adult 3-1 1
- Playing cards and card games
- Pretty headbands and hair accessories
- Batteries- AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt
- Crayons, colored pencils, and washable markers
- Football cards
- Pokémon cards
- Lip balm and lip gloss
- Water bottles
- Novelty toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Journals
- Small bottles of body wash, lotion, deodorant, shampoo, & conditioner
- Small stuffed animals
- Rubik's cubes

**Donation boxes of items for these children can be placed in the lower level of the new atrium beginning in November.**

**Donations must be received by November 28 to be delivered in time for Christmas.**







**SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA**  
**Upper Montgomery Conference**  
**First Tuesday Bible Studies**  
**Summer/Fall 2017 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Winter/Spring 2018**



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Rev. Karen Sease, Pastor - Grace Lutheran

November 7, 2017	“The Apostles Creed” Session 3	St. Mark’s Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
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Debra Long – presenter - St. Mark’s

December 5, 2017	An Advent Devotion	Grace Lutheran Church 660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown
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Rosalic Zukauskas – presenter- Grace Lutheran

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**January - February 2018 Mid-winter break — SAVE *GATHER* Magazines**

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March 6, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> January issue	St. Mark’s Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
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Janet Luyben, presenter

April 3, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> Jan/Feb. issue	St. James Lutheran Church Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pk., Limerick
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Barbara Lisi, presenter

May 1, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> March issue	Augustus Lutheran Church 717W. Main St., Trappe
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Pat Leberman, presenter

June 5, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> April issue	St. John’s Lutheran Church 3104 Main St., Sumneytown
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Fran Ivarson, presenter

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**2018 Summer Bible Study to be announced in the Spring**

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ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS. Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine.

Subscriptions available at \$19.95 per year. Please call (844) 409-0576. THANK YOU.






## Family Christmas Event with Your Augustus Family!

Be engulfed in holiday cheer and join us for a dinner at the Cock ‘N Bull Restaurant in Peddler’s Village on Saturday December 2, 2017. This event coincides with the Peddler’s Village Christmas Festival. Come early to enjoy meandering through a magical shopping experience of small shops in a decorated village. Bring your kids to see the Santa Parade at 1:30 PM or check out the elaborate display of gingerbread houses in the gazebo. Musicians will also be roaming the village to serenade your shopping experience. Then be enchanted as the sun sets and one million lights which adorn the quaint village are illuminated.

If you have never had the opportunity to experience Peddler’s Village at Christmas, this is your chance. We will meet up as a group around 4:00 PM to have dinner as a church family. This is a “Pay your own way” event” but I do need to know if you are coming so that we can confirm our reservation. Come as early as you would like and stay as late as you want and, as always,...Bring a Friend!!!

Contact Brian O’Hara at [brian.ohara24@gmail.com](mailto:brian.ohara24@gmail.com)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November</h1>						
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Holy Communion Sunday School Singing 	6 7:00 PM Cubs AOL Meeting	7 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Vestry Mtg	8 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach 6:00 PM 3-in-1	9 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	10 9:00 AM Cubs Pasta Dinner Set Up	11 5:00 PM Cubs Pasta Dinner 
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19 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 1030 AM Holy Communion Thankoffering 3:00 PM Speakers House Annual Meeting	20 7:00 PM Cubs AOL Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scout District Mtg 7:30 PM Book Club	21 9:30 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Scout Committee Mtg 7:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service @ St. Luke's	22	23 OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving! 9:00 AM Private Event	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
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