

AUGUSTINIAN

SEPTEMBER

Augustus
Lutheran Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

At Augustus in September, we quickly return to our full routine of ministry. Worship is held at 8:00 and 10:30 AM beginning on September 10th. Rally Day and the first day of Sunday School will be held that day, too, at 9:00 AM. That same evening at 6:00 PM, registration for First Communion and Confirmation ministries will occur.

Youth Sunday will be celebrated on September 17th. Our Senior High Youth who volunteered in Camden, NY will relate their experiences during the sermon at 8:00 and 10:30 AM that day. In addition, at the 10:30 AM service that day, our younger students who participated in a summer Music Camp run by Laurie Mueller will lead the music.

Capital Campaign Update: The elevator installation and breezeway replacement project is proceeding and should be at or near completion by early September. The new floors in Fellowship Hall, the Kitchen, and Rec Hall should be completed well before the regular schedule resumes. In the fall we will address the lack of working lighting in the parking lot. Assuming we have the funds, in summer 2018 we will dig around the foundation of the Parish House and water proof it to eliminate the dampness and water infiltration in various locations.

I cannot stress enough the importance of regular weekly attendance at worship in creating and maintaining the Christian faith. It is the way that God's people have maintained the faith for 2,000 years. You will not hear the Good News of Jesus Christ in many places other than the church. We have a place for you this Sunday.

May God continue to bless you with his great and abundant mercy.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



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The (hopefully) cooler weather of fall signals a new season of music-making at Augustus, and there is lots of news from the choir loft!

Over the summer, **Bob Reichner** agreed to step down as Section Leader. I am very grateful for Bob's many years of service in this capacity, and even happier that he will continue to sing in the choir as a volunteer. Thank you, Bob! We welcome **Matt Valent** as our new Tenor Section Leader. Matt comes to us having recently retired from the PV School District as a middle school vocal music teacher. Matt is also the former organist/music director at Grace Lutheran in Royersford. The new face in our soprano section will be Matt's wife, Donna. Welcome, Matt and Donna! Senior Choir is also bidding farewell to **Barbara Burch**, who has moved to North Carolina. Barb is hoping to return to sing on special occasions, but we will miss her every week presence in the choir. Godspeed, Barb!

Speaking of choir, **Senior Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 pm.** All singers with pleasant voices who can carry a tune are welcome to join us! **Bell Choir** will have its first meeting on **Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 pm.** There are a few open spots in the bell choir. If you are interested and can read music (or at least keep a steady beat while ringing) please let me know and we'll try you out!

Children from Augustus have been practicing throughout July and August to lead worship on **September 17 at the 10:30 am service.** Instead of presenting a musical this year, the group will lead all the hymns and the psalms with xylophones and rhythm instruments. Some youth will also offer their musical talents for the prelude, offering, and communion. Don't miss this day of proof that children are not merely the future of the church, but also a very important, integral part of our present.

Thank you to all of our summer musicians: organ substitute Bob Fidler, Ali Backlund, Barbara Burch, Miles Burger, Connor Elison, Anita Luft, Diane Mills, Jonathan Mueller, Bob Reichner, Tracey Richvalsky, Allison Smith, Alan Shunk, and Jen Wentworth.

See you in worship!

Laurie Mueller



Book Club in September!

The Augustus Book Club is meeting on **September 18th!** We took a break over the summer, but we're back in business! The book for the September meeting is Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. Join us on September 18th at **7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge** to discuss this book, have some refreshments, and maybe meet some new people. Have questions? Contact Karen McClain at 610-489-9625 or office@augustrappe.org.

Dear Augustus Friends,

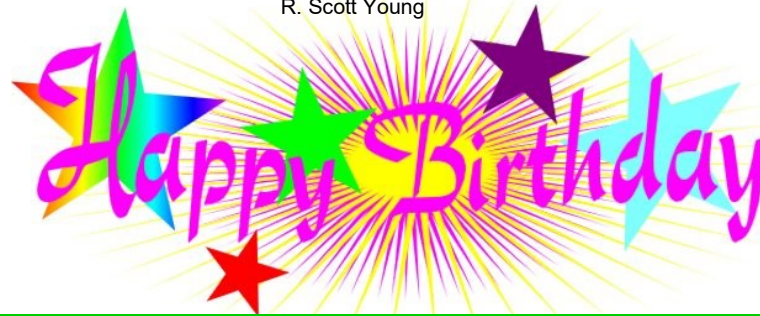
The outpouring of concern over the years for my parents, Tom and Anne Lachenmayer, has been heartwarming. We appreciate the transportation and assistance that enabled them to attend church, where they worshipped for 60 years. It's been a challenging year for mom and dad. Their faith remained strong and dad kept his sense of humor. Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards and sympathies expressed at dad's passing. The family appreciates all who helped to make dad's service a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. Mom continues to receive wonderful care by my sisters in Virginia. She enjoys keeping up on Augustus news. Her contact info is Anne Lachenmayer, 176 Berryhill Lane, Oak Park VA 22730. Phone is 540-948-7109.

With Gratitude,

Karen Lachenmayer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST		1 Ronald Young Jr.	2	3 Linda Linsenbigler	4 Amanda Scholl	5 Kathryn Robinson
6 Michaela DeCarlo Ashley Interrante Cathie Van Alstine	7 Jim Cunningham Emerson Smith	8 Steven Fritts	9 Kimberlee Davis	10 Dennis Oscapinski	11 Gary Long	12 Timothy Stalker
13 David Ivarson	14 Christopher DeCarlo Jr. Madeline Kring	15 Alex Dogonniuck	16 Richard Allebach Landon Watts	17 Skylar Althouse Kaitlin Fritts	18 Penelope Balzereit Gail Bischoff	19 Amy Sellman
20	21 Connor Elison Debbie Hoffman Bruce Jennings Nathan Kerr	22 Ralph Kibblehouse Madison Kuklentz David Schweitzer	23 Andrew Meeley Marjorie Price	24	25 Eric Linsenbigler Kimberly Lumley Beth Matzke Krista Oscapinski Rachel Oscapinski	26 Susan Millheim
27	28 Stephanie Frazier Christopher Patten	29 Karen McCrea	30 Andrea Jaggers-Brown Cayla Schultz Corinne Schultz R. Scott Young	31 Pamela Hernandez Kathryn Kerr Cindy Rauch		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September					1 William Seland	2
3 Cole Brenner Arlene Fowble Gavin Jacobs Jennie Lien	4 Samantha DeCarlo William Snyder Jr.	5 Deborah Frisco Betty Imes	6	7 Jennifer Capetola Luke Matzke William Schindler	8 Wendy Watro	9 Cindy Henze Emily Mullarkey
10 Nancy Berg	11 Tyler Funk Richard Patten	12 Sarah Riegel Pamela Slauch	13 Brian Clark Scott Maurer	14 Terry Benner III Irene Markert	15 Richard Opperman Joan Rubendall	16 Jean Brunswick Charlene Tucker
17 Tyler Hoffman	18 David Trauger	19	20 Cindi DuBree Theresa Schindler Abigail Stalker	21 Kristen Camuso Michael Napier Alayna Wells	22 Martin Davis Andrew DeCarlo Julianne Fishell Peter Hausman	23 Kierstin Tartar
24 Peter Balzereit Donna DeNucci Melissa Elison Charlie Hallman Ben Lewis Thomas Meeley	25 Ethan DePaul Anne Lachenmayer Paul Sweeney	26 William Penny Janice Reiff	27 Cheryl Camuso Abi Leigl Benjamin Richvalsky	28 Harry Antrim Bradley Hart Nola Kelly Catherine Meeley	29 Jonathan Adams Sophie Garro Justyne Neborak James Richvalsky	30 Cody Allen Madison Catagnus Ben Scholl

Sharing God's Bounty

The Exalted State of Servanthood

Martin Luther, as professor of theology in the 1,500's wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Perhaps those two sentences appear at first to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to help us understand is that we, as Christians, are called to freedom from an obligation to serve, but that we are called to the freedom to serve joyfully.

This call to joyful servanthood is understood and often scoffed at, simply because we have confused servanthood with servitude. Servitude conveys the idea of bondage and even slavery. Servanthood, on the other hand, connotes voluntary service, joyful giving of ourselves, a willing choice to help others, and selfless commitment.

One who is involved in servitude serves unwillingly out of a sense of fear and has no hope of entering into a different state, while one involved in servanthood lives in an exalted state, a healthy and uplifting climate of helping others. Even though challenges must be overcome and problems may abound, the joy of servanthood is the overriding experience.

How do we get from a state of servitude to a state of servanthood? This transition is made when we properly understand the Word of God which clearly defines servanthood by explaining Christ's purpose in coming to Earth: "... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus has lived the perfect life of the servant in our places, so we no longer are constrained to try to "measure up" to what God expects. The Law never saves, never enables us, only shows us our shortcomings.

When we look at Christ, though, and how he lived his earthly life and what he has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service to those he has placed around us. The acts of service we render are the same; the motivation and attitude are what make the difference. Through Christ, we are elevated to the exalted state of servanthood.



Time is a gift that is given to man.

We are to use it according to God's own plan.

To each he gives a measured amount; to each a directive to make it count.

Spend this gift wisely. Develop life's plan to the Glory of God and the Service of Man.

***Cheaper
than
Therapy.***

Join the Choir





**SENIOR CHOIR WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

9:30am—1pm at Augustus

This is a GREAT time to
check out the choir and see
if choir is a good fit for you!

Please contact
Laurie Mueller,
music@augustustrappe.org
and let her know you're
coming!

Choir Rehearsals Begin Soon!

 Senior Choir begins Thursday, September 7
7:00—8:30 pm 
 Bell Choir begins Thursday, September 21 
6:00—7:00 pm





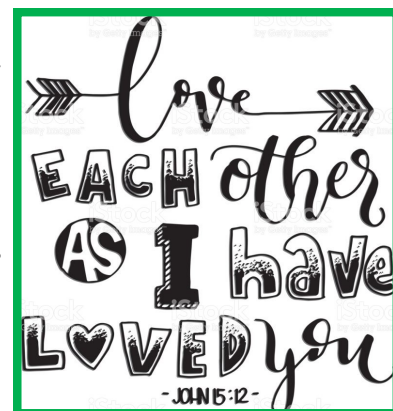
Coordinator of Faith Development

We've been busy getting ready for the beginning of a new program year and I'm excited to announce that Sunday school begins again with Rally Day on September 10th at 9:00 a.m.! On Rally Day we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our opening program and then go to our classrooms to meet our teachers. The festivities continue after the 10:30 a.m. service with a picnic on the grounds for everyone!

In Sunday school we'll begin the year where we left off—just after the Pentecost story—and tell some stories about the early church. In these stories, Jesus' followers learn how to continue his work in the world. Peter finds he has been given the power to heal, just as Jesus did. Philip shares the good news with an Ethiopian,

who goes on to proclaim God's love to his friends back home (and the church in Africa is born). Saul—a man full of murderous plots—literally “sees the light” and then travels the known world to spread the gospel.

Our world can seem like a hate-filled place. Images from Charlottesville and Spain are particularly disturbing to me because the perpetrators of hate in the pictures are so young. I cannot imagine what brought this young people to their warped worldview, but I know that not only do we serve a God of love, we are created in His image and therefore our first impulse is to love one another and to do God's work in our broken world. In Sunday school we have lots of fun, but what we teach is serious stuff: God loves you and therefore you should love yourself. God loves others and therefore you should love others too. Jesus came to heal the world's hurts and therefore we should devote ourselves to doing the same. We sometimes forget these simple precepts—it takes worship and Christian Education to help us remember J - see you on September 10th!



Holy Baptism was administered to six children in August!

We're so happy to welcome these new families to our Augustus Family!

Emily Ann Barndt

Piper Ray Clark

Nola Elizabeth Kelly

Devyn A. Parker

Grace Elizabeth Schlegel

Andrew Joseph Schlegel

May God bless these children and their families as they continue their journeys of faith.

In God's Own Country


An international theatre project celebrating the Reformation's 500th anniversary.

On October 27th, 28th and 29th, a group from Germany, along with our choir, will be performing “In God's Own Country” in the Old Church. Augustus Lutheran will be hosting the performers from Monday, October 23rd through Monday the 30th. Augustus must provide housing, meals and transportation during their stay. The play committee is asking the congregation to sponsor one or two of the performers throughout the week. If you are able to house our guests or if you're able to help in other ways, please contact Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net) for more information. Any help will be appreciated.

September *Worship Assistants*



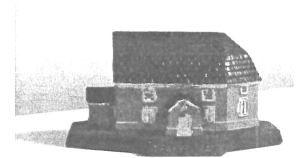
Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
September 3 (9:30 am)	Shayna King		
September 10 (10:30 am)*	Owen Slack	Ben Richvalsky	* In OLD CHURCH
September 17 (10:30 am)	Jennifer Beattie	Brianna Dubeck	
September 24 (10:30 am)	Riley Smith	Dylan Firth	
Readers	8:00 am	9:30/10:30 am Lector	9:30/10:30 am Prayers
September 3	Earl Catagnus	Chris Dogonniuck (9:30 am)	James Lorah (9:30 am)
September 10	Mike Van Blaricum	Jennifer Wentworth (10:30 am)	Diane Mills (10:30 am)
September 17	Nicole Dubeck	No Readers Needed	No Readers Needed
September 24	Sandy Trauger	Jeannie Funk (10:30 am)	Ben Richvalsky
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine		
September 3	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer		
September 10	Janice Reiff and Jeannie Funk		
September 17	Bob Rodenberger and Gary Wessner		
September 24	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards		
Ushers	8:00 am: Early Usher Team		
September 3	John Moorhead and Dick Allebach		
September 10	Scott Halteman, John Moorhead, and Dick Allebach		
September 17	Contact Dick A.		
September 24	Contact Dick A.		
Offering Tabulation			
September	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk		
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney		
September	Jim Lien and Linda Romano		



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!



Senior Youth Group News

We have recovered from our Mission Trip and are looking forward to sharing our experiences with the congregation on Sunday, September 17 as part of the 'Youth Sunday' service. We again thank the congregation and our Prayer Pals for their support for this wonderful trip.

ALL AUGUSTUS SENIOR HIGH YOUTH:

It is time to kick off the 2017-18 Senior Youth Group Year! Watch for an email with meeting information and prepare to come loaded with ideas!



Sunset, Sunrise

The sun has just gone down behind the hill, and you must hurry to get home before dark to say prayers with your family and to eat your supper. If you lived when Jesus lived, that's what you would do in the evening. In ancient times, morning and evening were important times to pray. In the morning people thanked God for keeping them safe during the night and asked God to guide them during the day. In the evening people gave thanks for the day and asked for protection during the night. When they prayed in the evening they also lighted candles and oil lamps. There were no other lights except the stars and the moon!

Prayers offered near sunset are called Vespers, Evensong, or Evening Prayer. We light one big candle because it reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, and he has come to save everyone. Before your evening meal, darken the room and put a big candle on the table. Then light it and read the following sentences, letting everyone take a turn being the leader. (Then light other candles near the big one and eat dinner by candlelight.)

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Group: The light no darkness can overcome.

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening.

Group: And the day is almost over.

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness.

Group: And shine on your people.



(Permission—This prayer has been adapted from Evening Prayer, LBW, page 142.)

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Peace It All Together

Micah 6:8 reminds us that God wants us to do justice and be fair and loving with others. Working for peace in the world—that's a tough order! Help children feel they are taking an active part in peacemaking by starting at home.

A key to a peaceful world is understanding that despite our differences, we all have much in common. Look at pictures of other cultures, such as those in a geographic magazines or the five-volume "Visiting in the Global Village" series (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, codes 15-9678, 15-9679, 15-9680, 15-9681, 15-9682). What might the people shown in those resources worry about, and what might make them happy? Share stories from other cultures. Explore the "Friends Around the World" series (Augsburg Fortress Publishers—including "Pam Mann's Friends in Africa," code 15-8118), which contain a variety of mission activities.

Write post cards with prayers thanking God for all living things; asking for God's care; and for peace and freedom everywhere. Add decorative designs with markers if you like. Send them to friends and family who live elsewhere.

Make an "Earth Flag" to display. Obtain a picture of the world and copy it onto a square of fabric. Have family members color the continents and oceans with fabric pens or markers. Cut out the picture and glue it or stitch it onto a 2' x 3' piece of felt or nylon. On felt squares, trace gingerbread boys and girls, making one figure per family member. Glue the figures in circle around the picture of the world to represent your family's efforts to join in peace-making.

The paper crane has become a symbol of peace worldwide. Obtain a book on Japanese origami to learn how to fold a paper crane. Hang several from a hanger to make a peace mobile.

Pray a prayer asking for peace. Then ask the family to think of ways they wish to work for peace in their daily lives. Invite them to pray for God's help in doing this.



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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 his 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?” or “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.



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



May 2, 2017	"You Are Not Alone"	Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main St., Trappe
<u>Jean John – presenter</u>		
June/July/August 1, 2017	The Pottstown Diner GATHER magazines "ALL ANEW – Ready or Not"	99 W. King St., Pottstown
* 9:00 a.m. - Individual breakfast orders taken - - billing + \$1.00 room fee		
<u>Allison Smith - presenter</u>		10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
September 5, 2017	"The Apostles Creed" Session 1	St. James Lutheran Church High & Price Sts., Pottstown
<u>Rev. Kay Bender-Braun, pastor - St. James</u>		
October 3, 2017	"The Apostles Creed" Session 2	St. Peter's Lutheran Church Glasgow & Walnut Sts., Pottstown
<u>Rev. Karen Sease, Pastor - Grace Lutheran</u>		
November 7, 2017	"The Apostles Creed" Session 3	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
<u>Debra Long – presenter - St. Mark's</u>		
December 5, 2017	An Advent Devotion	Grace Lutheran Church 660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown
<u>Rosalic Zukauskas – presenter- Grace Lutheran</u>		

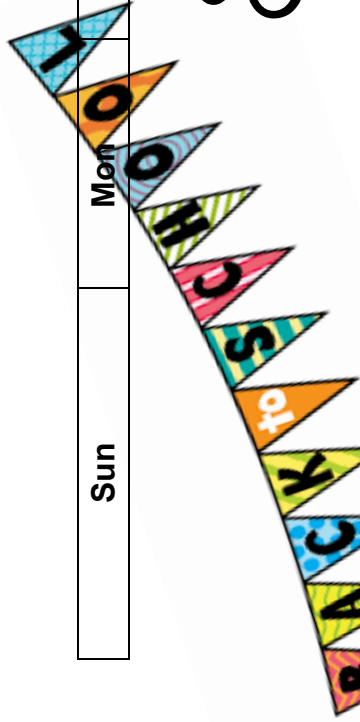
January - February 2018 Mid-winter break — SAVE GATHER Magazines



March 6, 2018	Multiple Meanings - GATHER January issue	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
<u>Janet Luyben, presenter</u>		
April 3, 2018	Multiple Meanings - GATHER Jan/Feb. issue	St. James Lutheran Church Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pk., Limerick
<u>Barbara Lisi, presenter</u>		
May 1, 2018	Multiple Meanings - GATHER March issue	Augustus Lutheran Church 717W. Main St., Trappe
<u>Pat Leberman, presenter</u>		
June 5, 2018	Multiple Meanings - GATHER April issue	St. John's Lutheran Church 3104 Main St., Sumneytown
<u>Fran Ivarson, presenter</u>		

2018 Summer Bible Study to be announced in the Spring

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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September</h1>						
3 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	4 7:00 PM Cubs AOL Meeting	5 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Vestry Mtg	6 9:30 AM Quilting Group	7 6:00 PM Children's Music Program 7:00 PM Adult Choir	1 7:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Mtg	2
10 RALLY DAY! 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:30 AM Rally Day Picnic 6:00 PM 3-in-1 Confirmation Orientation 	11	12 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Community Club	13 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach 6:00 PM 3-in-1	14 6:00 PM Children's Music Program 7:00 PM Adult Choir	15 7:00 PM Cubs Pack Meeting	16
17 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 1030 AM Holy Communion Children & Youth Sunday 	18 7:30 PM Book Club 7:00 PM Cubs AOL Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scout District Mtg	19 9:30 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting 8:00 PM Moms of Trappe Set Up	20 8:30 AM Moms of Trappe 6:00 PM 3-in-1	21 7:00 PM Adult Choir	22	23
24 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	25	26 8:30 AM Moms of Trappe Board Mtg 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Committee Night	27 6:00 PM 3-in-1	28 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	29	30 1:30 AM Eastern Star Fashion Show 