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Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People



MARCH 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Let me begin by thanking everyone who was involved with the funeral for our Pastor Emeritus, the Reverend Herbert H. Michel, D.D. Pastor Michel faithfully served at Augustus for 25 years, dramatically increasing the size of the congregation. Since we bestowed upon him the title of Pastor Emeritus, it was our responsibility to host his funeral and the fellowship afterwards. I am proud of the generosity and hospitality that many of our members and friends displayed. Well done!

In the month of March we are in the season of Lent. The Christian celebration of Lent has taken various shapes over the course of 2000 years, the focus has always been on Jesus. I invite you to consider what you may do to draw yourself closer to Jesus, becoming more and more the person God created you to be.

Information about the Collegeville Trappe Ministerium Mid-Week Lenten Services is found *below*. The combined Collegeville Trappe Ministerium Choir will again take an active role in worship each Wednesday. Augustus will host the last of these services on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Our own Laurie Mueller has taken an active role in planning the music for these services. Please plan to be good hosts and be present on April 1 to welcome our neighbors to Augustus.

May Almighty God bless you and strengthen you throughout Lent.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck

COLLEGEVILLE-TRAPPE MINISTERIUM

LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT, 7:30 PM

FEATURING:
THE CTM CHOIR

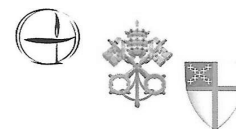
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2020 CT Ministerium Mid-Week Lenten Service Schedule			
Date	Host Parish	Preacher	Scripture Reference
March 4 2020	St. James Episcopal Church	The Reverend John Hogue	Isaiah 53: 7-12
March 11 2020	Lower Providence Baptist Church	The Reverend Suzanne Schwarz-Green	John 12: 31-36a
March 18 2020	Trinity Reformed Church UCC	The Reverend Catherine Bowers	Mark 11: 1-10
March 25 2020	Evansburg United Methodist Church	The Reverend Dr. Mike Sowards	John 18: 33- 19:11
April 1 2020	Augustus Lutheran Church	Service of Scripture and Music	

A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED TO BENEFIT THE OUTREACH EFFORTS OF THE MINISTERIUM



The
Collegeville-Trappe
Ministerium
the churches of the historical mile



From the Bench

MARCH 2020

This month, we celebrate the season of Lent. Our clocks “spring forward,” on Sunday March 8 at 2:00 am, and hopefully spring will begin, as the days begin to lengthen. Our CTM (Collegeville Trappe Ministerium) choir has begun preparing for our Lenten Wednesday services. I am directing this choir, along with Lauren Exley from St. James. If you are a tuneful singer and looking for an opportunity to sing beyond Sunday morning, you are most welcome to join us! The choir is composed of singers from throughout Collegeville and Trappe. We are rehearsing on two Saturday afternoons in March (7 and 21) from 1-3 pm. Last year, we presented a cantata, but this year, we will have a service of scriptures and songs titled: Agnus Dei: Scripture and Songs of the Lamb of God. One anthem will be presented each night of the Lenten Series, concluding with the performance of the entire work on April 1 at Augustus. All services begin at 7:30pm.

March 4 – St. James Episcopal
March 11 - Lower Providence Baptist
March 18 - Trinity Reformed UCC
March 25 – Evansburg United Methodist
April 1 - Augustus Lutheran Church

We had an outstanding response last year, and I hope to see even more of you at the Wednesday evening services. All offerings will benefit the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium, to help neighbors in need.

Please know how much we need and appreciate your financial support for our music program. Our section leaders assure that we have a solid musical base for the choir. We can learn music more quickly, and we sound better because of our section leaders. If you’ve been to other churches, you know that we have one of the best choirs in the area. As a bonus incentive, if you are able to support us with a gift of \$340 or more, you may choose one of the Sunday hymns. Gifts for the music program should be directed to Bob Rodenberger’s attention to be deposited to the correct fund. Thank you!

~Laurie Mueller

presented by:
augustus lutheran church confirmation students

featuring:
senior choir and bell choir of
augustus lutheran church

all are welcome

Stations
of the
Cross

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 10, 7:00 PM

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Christian Education

We are looking forward to meeting our prayer pals in Sunday school on March 1st! Prayer pals are adults and youth who are not otherwise associated with Sunday school but who pray for our children during Lent. It's a great way for our children to be strengthened through prayer and also get to know church members they might not otherwise have the chance to meet.



During Lent we'll learn some of the parables of Jesus. Jesus often answered a question by telling a story and the result are parables, including The Good Samaritan and The Prodigal Son, that have resonated in people's lives for two thousand years.

Our confirmands will be preparing for the annual Stations of the Cross presentation throughout Lent and will present it to the congregation on Good Friday, April 10th. Please pray that their hard work will bring them and the congregation closer to God and ready to celebrate a glorious Easter Sunday.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards

Coordinator of Faith Development

EASTER LEGG HUNT

APRIL 12, 2020, 9:00 AM

**BRING A CUT FLOWER TO ATTACH TO THE CROSS
MOVIE & REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

ALL CHILDREN AGES 3-6TH GRADE ARE WELCOME



Need a Prayer?

The Augustus Prayer chain welcomes your calls with prayer requests. If you need a prayer or know someone in need of a prayer, please contact Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109.

If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and Carol will call you back.

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 05
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 09
Stripping of the Altar
7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 10
Stations of the Cross
Led by Augustus Youth
7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12
He Is Risen!!!
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
9:00 AM
Festive Worship with Special Music
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Please join us to celebrate
Holy Week

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

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

Our Best Intentions

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do," (Romans 7:15), so spoke the Apostle Paul. Somehow he could not translate his best intentions into the actions he wished to do. This is the dilemma that has afflicted Christians who sincerely want to do God's will.

Peter experienced it too. *"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death"* (Luke 22:33), he declared, and he meant it. His best intentions were to stick with his Lord, no matter what.

Thomas, too, expressed his intentions. When Jesus said he was going back to Judea where the Jews had tried to stone him, the disciples tried to dissuade him. Realizing that nothing could stop Jesus from going to his friend Lazarus, Thomas said to the disciples, *"Let us also go, that we may die with him"* (John 11:16). He meant it too.

Yet, Peter denied knowing his Lord, and all the disciples fled in fear the night of his betrayal (Mark 14:50). What they wanted to do, they failed to do. What they wanted not to do, that is what they did. We understand the dilemma well. Like Peter, we weep when faced with our failures. But we do not despair, for we have learned that, while on our own we fail, with God we can do great things.

Christ went to his death in order to buy us back from sin, death, and the devil. We are no longer captive to sin and immobilized by it. *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us"* (Romans 8:37). Jesus lived the perfect life for us; he shed his blood in payment for our sins; he suffered in our places; and he gives us grace that forgives our failures and gives us more opportunities to bear the fruit he called us and chose us to bear. Truly, with God we can do great things.



Library Corner

Augustus Lutheran Church now has a library cart to the Muhlenberg Center. The cart contains books that can be borrowed. Please follow the instructions listed on the cart.

Highlighted books for March are books on Women in the Bible and Katharina.

Women in the Bible: examples to live by by Sylvia Charles

All of the women of the Bible by Edith Deen

Bible Women by Muriel Ludwig

Mary Magdalen and many others by Carla Ricci

Katharina & Martin Luther: The Radical Marriage of a Runaway Nun and a Renegade Monk by Michelle DeRusha

Notice from the 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, 2020, the cost of graves spaces will be \$660.00 each for members and \$1,640.00 each for non-members.”



FREE GIFT!
to all the attendees of our
Easter Services

JOHN 11:25-26
Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

EASTER SUNDAY

RESURRECTION

APRIL 12TH, 2020 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

FESTIVE WORSHIP WITH SPECIAL MUSIC

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CHURCH

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

March *Worship Assistants*

Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer
March 1	Lauren Fishell	Piper Bouchard
March 8	Madeline Kring	Lily Hunsberger
March 15	Aaron Crothers	Griffin Crothers
March 22	Braden Tighe	Nathan Long
March 29	Cole Leigl	Dylan Funk
Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am
March 1	Earl Catagnus	Thomas Lyaro and Lyla Hunsberger
March 8	Sandy Trauger	Janice Reiff and Jeannie Funk
March 15	Nicole Dubeck	James Lorah and Chris Dogonniuck
March 22	Karl Stefan	Vicky Gallagher and Abby Gravel
March 28	Jeff Stuffle	Mike Taylor and Alan Shunk
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine	
March 1	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer	
March 8	Pastor Martha Kriebel and Sonya Sowards	
March 15	Janice Reiff and Bob Rodenberger	
March 22	Jeannie Funk and Gary Wessner	
March 29	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer	
Ushers	8:00 am: Usher Team	
March	Chilly Lyaro, Shane Elison, Dennis Ludwig, and Dick Allebach	
Offering Tabulation		
March	Gary Wessner, Lois Robinson, and Frank DePaul	
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	10:30 am: Mike Van Blaricum



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Samantha Bouche David Garton	2 Ali Bauder Brianna Dubeck	3 Bradley Robinson Jeremy Wentworth	4 Robert Price	5 Stephen Hess Betsy Lewis Chris Pearson	6 Elizabeth Massare John Schatz Jr.	7 Kirsten Pearson Nicole Sellman Wendy Weaver
8 Joshua Lucas Thomas Lyaro	9 Warren Weleck	10 Michael McCrea	11 James Bubeck Christopher DeCarlo Chris Dogonniuck Cole Leigl Christine Yocum Frank Yocum	12 Richard Atherholt Shane Elison Joanne Garro	13 Michael Beattie Shayna King Juanita Wagner Lora Wentworth	14 Patrick North
15 Jeffrey Lucas Matthew McCloskey Liam Noonan Griffin Schmitt Karl Stefan	16 Jill Hynes John Moorehead Emma Trauger	17 Robert Rodenberger	18 Brayden McCrea James Watro John Wentworth III	19	20 Alexandra Kuklantz Olivia Kuklantz	21 Ed Funk Jr. Roland Olsen
22 Leo Hunsberger Olivia Shaffer Jackson Wagenseller	23 Jennifer Gabel Stephen Hynes Tessa Tucker	24 Hannah Brown	25 Eric Bowe Kevin Whitman	26 Renata Markert Tyler Schindler Abigail Schwirian	27 Zachary Halteman Ryan Pearson Justin Schlegel	28 Andrea Halteman
29 Tracey Richvalsky Guy Van Alstine Michael Wentworth	30 Deborah Interrante Sally Lorah Diane Mills	31				



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Spring Turkey Dinner

**TWO GREAT EVENTS
ONE LOCATION!**

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

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

**TO RESERVE TICKETS CALL:
610-489-9625**

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR
SILENT AUCTION**



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

crafters and vendors needed:
AugustusCraftShow@gmail.com

**AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRAPPE, PA 19426**

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 2020

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

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

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Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

God Blesses Us for our Giving

By faith, we understand that the best investment we can make with our money is investing or giving it to God. Throughout Scripture, when a command to give is stated, along with that command is a reference to the blessings that the giver will enjoy. These blessings come in many forms. For example in Proverbs 11:25, "*A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.*" In Proverbs 19:17 Solomon tells us: "*He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and [God] will reward him for what he has done.*" God has ordained that, when we give generously, we receive generously.



As Christians, we should give without expectation of receiving anything in return. However, our gracious God, who loves us so much, thrills to bless us. He has put within us the joy of giving and finding reward in another's pleasure.

Through Malachi, the Lord offers a double blessing to those who will be obedient in bringing their tithes to the temple. He promises to reward them materially through plentiful harvests. He promises that, if they will honor him with their tithes, he will prosper them beyond their dreams. Their crops will produce abundantly, and none of their fruit will spoil on the vine. The second part of the blessing is that surrounding nations will see this and realize the special protection that God gives them. "*Test me in this,*" God said. Are you willing to test God with your earnings? Are you willing to bring your tithes to your church before you pay your bills? Are you worried about the mortgage, the clothes, the groceries, and the transportation? Jesus said, "*. . . do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear . . . your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well*" (Matthew 6:25, 32-33). Test him! "*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously*" (2 Corinthians 9:6). Are you willing to sow generously? You are free to sow generously and then to receive God's promise that you will also reap generously. "*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you*" (Luke 6:38). It is inevitable that, when you give, you will receive, for that is the way our giving heavenly Father has planned it. *Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do . . . to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full*" (Matthew 6:1-2). God pours out spiritual blessings on us when we least expect them. When you are giving out of a desire to obey God's command and to help others, you will find blessings heaped up and running over. These are blessings not understood by those outside the faith.



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.

A Time to Be Dirty



People can get very dirty playing ball or running around outside. If that happens to you, someone may tell you to go inside and take a bath. But things are different on Ash Wednesday. During that day you may see people with smudges of dirt on their foreheads. Those people have gone to church and had the dirt put on their foreheads on purpose. The smudge stays on their foreheads all day.

Actually the dirt is not dirt at all, but ashes. Ashes are put on people's foreheads to remind them that their lives follow the natural cycle of all life. People live, and people die. But that's not all that Ash Wednesday has to tell us. That day marks the beginning of Lent, and during Lent we find out that our lives don't end with death. Instead we find out that nothing separates us from God's love. God loves us now, and God always will. Putting ashes on people's foreheads also reminds us to look to God and remember all that God has done for us. We ask God to help us live in ways that are good and which don't hurt other people or damage our world.

During Lent the music changes in church. We don't sing "Alleluia!" again until Easter, to help us remember that Jesus died for us. "Alleluia" means "praise the Lord," and we shout that word to express our joy on Easter. On Ash Wednesday, make a sign with the word "alleluia" on it and put the sign in a box until Easter.

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 reminds us that God gives each of us different gifts and talents. What a boring world this would be if we all looked and acted alike! God made some of us singers, others teachers, and others listeners. Help your children recognize their different talents and how they could best be used to share faith.

Use a game to help them think creatively of ways to serve others. Put several items in a bag and have family members draw them out one at a time, suggesting ways they could be used to serve or help others. Items might include: Bible (share God's word); dust cloth (clean the Sunday school area); can of food (collect food for the hungry); picture book (read to someone younger); page of music (sing in a choir); and dollar (give money to those in need).

Choose a project to work on together to benefit your church or community. Some ideas might be: make a matching game for the church nursery by gluing pairs of pictures to index cards; collect food to be distributed to those in need; plant flowers to beautify a park. To save money for the project, make a "We Share Because We Care" bank. Clean an empty nut can that has a plastic lid. Cut an opening in the lid for coins. Cut a paper cover for the can and label it: "We Share Because We Care." To make decoration stamps, cut several small hearts and crosses from perforated foam rubber shoe inserts or foam meat trays. Glue each shape to a small block of wood to create a stamp. Decorate the paper using the stamps and an ink pad. Wrap the paper around the can and tape the ends together.

Use the decoration stamps described above to create "We Care" cards. Decorate folded pieces of construction paper. Help each person use the stamps to create a different, but beautiful, effect. Write messages of love inside and send or deliver the cards to a care facility, hospital, or prison.

Create a reminder that each person has God-given talents which can be combined with other people's talents to do God's work. Trace around each person's hand on construction paper. Have the person print his or her name and write or draw a talent on the hand. Cut out the hand prints, group them in a circle, and place them in a circle on a large sheet of white paper and glue them there. At the top of the sheet write: "GOD GIVES US TALENTS."

Gather around the circle of hands you made in the previous activity. Join hands and have each person thank God for a talent or ability God has given someone else in the family.

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As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit – we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society, and the world.

Augustus Women of the ELCA Annual Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday April 25, 2020 from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. This benefit fundraiser will be supporting three ministries again this year in Tanzania. For one, this fundraiser will be supporting the Irente Children's Home, a ministry of the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. This home cares for babies and toddlers 0-2 years who have lost their parents or whose families are too destitute to raise them. The second ministry this fundraiser will be supporting is Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, ELCA Missionaries serving at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. Stephen is a board-certified pediatric and infectious disease physician serving in the care of children; is active in educational and research efforts and mentorship; helps to develop pediatric medical curriculum and ongoing training of Tanzanian nursing and medical students, assistant medical officers, interns, and international residents; and serves as an intermediary to the international global health community. Jodi participates in the care and management of acute childhood malnutrition in the hospital and community, as well as being active in nursing and health education and training community health workers. The third ministry this fundraiser will be supporting is the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, our companion diocese. This university focuses particularly on serving people with disabilities and training graduates to work with people who have physical, sensory, intellectual and behavioral barriers.



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

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR – We are currently accepting applications for vendors. Spaces are \$20, \$25 with table, and \$5 off if you buy a dinner ticket. For information on the rental of vendor space/table, please contact Cheryl Camuso at cherylcamuso@comcast.net or call her at 484-802-4828. She will be glad to help you. Cheryl Camuso will be our new chairperson for the Craft & Vendor Fair replacing Nancy Berg. Thank you, Cheryl, for stepping up, and many thanks to Nancy Berg for chairing the craft & vendor fair last year.

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

VOLUNTEERS ARE NOW NEEDED. Over 100 volunteers are needed to run this special event, and your willingness to help will be greatly appreciated. **TWO CHAIRPEOPLE ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED.** **FIRST IS A SILENT AUCTION CHAIRPERSON.** This person is responsible for soliciting items for the silent auction, organizing and presenting the items in a fashionable manor, and promoting the auction the day of the event. **SECOND IS A TICKET SALES CHAIRPERSON.** This person is responsible for selling turkey dinner tickets on Sunday mornings and on the day of the event, or lining up people to do so. Also needed are cooks, bakers, hostesses, servers, waitresses, bus people, dishwashers, ticket sales people, people to set-up, people to clean-up, musicians, etc. We need people to work Wednesday night April 22, Thursday night April 23, Friday April 24, and/or Saturday, April 25. You can work 1 hour or all day. The more people that get involved, the easier it is for everyone, and it is a great way to meet other members of the church. We need everyone to support this important church event if it is to continue. We need volunteers to sing or play Dinner Music during the Turkey Dinner between 4PM & 7PM on Saturday. "LIVE" DINNER MUSIC from previous years has been a very nice accompaniment to the meal. If you can play an instrument or sing a variety of songs for a period of approximately 30 minutes (depending on the number of people who volunteer) and would be willing to do so, your talents would be enjoyed by many. We have many younger generational folks who are extremely talented and this is a fantastic opportunity for you to utilize your talents to support mission work. We need volunteers to help with the craft & vendor portion of this event, and also with the silent auction. Cheryl Camuso has graciously accepted to chair the craft & vendor portion, but she will need help. Cheryl can be reached at 484-802-4828 or cherylcamuso@comcast.net. If you would like to help with the silent auction, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 or oharadvd@aol.com.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR ALL JOBS will soon be available in the breezeway for your convenience, or you may contact Dale O'Hara @ 610-489-0417 or oharadvd@aol.com to express your willingness to serve your church. Sign-up early for that job which suites you best. Don't wait for that personal contact. Your help is very much appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & PLAN TO ATTEND!

NEW THIS YEAR: We are offering a convenient way for you to support this mission in the comfort of your own home! We now have quilting packs available in the Muhlenberg Center. Each pack contains forty-eight individual quilting squares which are in need of attachment. Simply sew the squares together at your own pace and convenience, and return the completed quilt-top to the Muhlenberg center. The Augustus quilters will then sew together your quilt-top with a backing and filler. Complete instructions and a contact email address, if you have any questions, are in each pack.



Augustus' Committee Night will continue to be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. All the committees will first meet in Augustus' Chapel and then break off into our separate meeting rooms. The Women of the ELCA will be participating. The next committee night will be held on March 24. Please come out & share your opinions. All women of Augustus are welcome.



SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study will be held on Tuesday March 3, 2020, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sumneytown, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. From March thru June we will be discussing a four-part series, "We Are Called!" by Kathryn Kleinhans. Reformer Martin Luther used the word "vocation" or "calling" to refer to all aspects of hu-



man life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. This four-part Bible study will explore stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God's call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us. In session one, "Hearing God's Call", the focus is on men and women in the Old Testament. Some of them heard and recognized God's call clearly. Others struggled to realize that it was God who was calling them or exactly what God was calling them to do. Janet Luyben is the presenter. Please bring your Bibles and your January/February edition of the Gather magazine. Please try to attend. All women and girls are invited. Please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 if you have any questions or if you would like to carpool.

The Upper Montgomery Spring Conference Gathering will be held at Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, on Saturday, March 21, 2020, which is National Quilting Day. The theme is "Women Serving" from Matthew 25:40, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." The Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel will do a brief devotional followed by the Women of Augustus Lutheran Church leading a quilting workshop. We will be tying and pinning quilts. No experience is needed. If you can make a square knot, you can do this. Or, just come for the fellowship. Registration begins at 9:00 am; the program begins promptly at 9:30am Please bring canned goods for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry, a Collegetown local food cupboard. Since Augustus will be hosting this event, we will need volunteers to provide breakfast items, to help set-up, to help clean-up, and to be greeters. Let us show our sisters in Christ that we are a welcoming church. Please try to attend. Your support will be most appreciated. For more information, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417. All women and girls are invited to attend. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. You don't have to be a member of the Women/ELCA to attend.

Augustus' Quilting Group of WELCA's Hearts & Hands Committee continues to meet twice a month on the 1st Wednesday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am to 11:30am in Augustus' quilting room #24. Among an array of various projects that the committee embarks on, the ladies concentrate their efforts on making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on March 4 & March 17. 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.

Spring/Summer Events of 2020: Mark your calendars now!

Augustus WELCA Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair – Saturday, April 25, 2020

SEPA WELCA Synod Ingathering – Saturday, May 2, 2020

SEPA WELCA Synod Convention – Saturday, June 6, 2020 - St. Matthew's LC, Springfield
Celebrating 50 Years of Ordination of Women in the Lutheran Church
Bishop Patricia Davenport will be our keynote speaker. More details to follow.

WELCA Eleventh Triennial Convention/Gathering

July 14 to July 19, 2020 – Phoenix, Ariz.

Theme: "Just Love" Registration is now open. More information to follow.

***** A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT WELCA***: Charms for your Pandora-like Charm Bracelet are now available.** WELCA has recently acquired the opportunity to create Pandora-like charms. These sterling silver charms are a fantastic way to add WELCA as a meaningful memorabilia to your bracelet. They make a great Christmas present and all proceeds benefit Augustus WELCA. To place your order, contact Brian O'Hara at brian.ohara24@gmail.com.

Schedule Of Events

- Mar 3: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. John's LC, Sumneytown – 9:30am
Topic: "We Are Called" Session one: "Hearing God's Call" Presenter: Janet Luyben
- 4: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 9: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 17: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 21: Upper Montg Conf. Spring Gathering/Quilt Workshop @ Augustus LC, Trappe - 9:00am
Theme: "Women Serving" - Matthew 25:40 Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Devotional: Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel
Quilt Workshop: Augustus Women/ELCA
- 23: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 24: Augustus' Committee Night – 7:00pm
- Apr 1: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 5: Palm Sunday
- 7: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. James LC, Pottstown – 9:30am
Topic: "We Are Called" Session two: "The Call of Jesus" Presenter: Kitty Pell
- 12: Happy Easter!
- 13: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 21: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 22-24: Augustus' Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair prep
- 25: Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair @ Augustus – 2:00pm to 7:00pm
- 26: Augustus' Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair clean-up
- 27: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 28: Augustus' Committee Night – 7:00pm

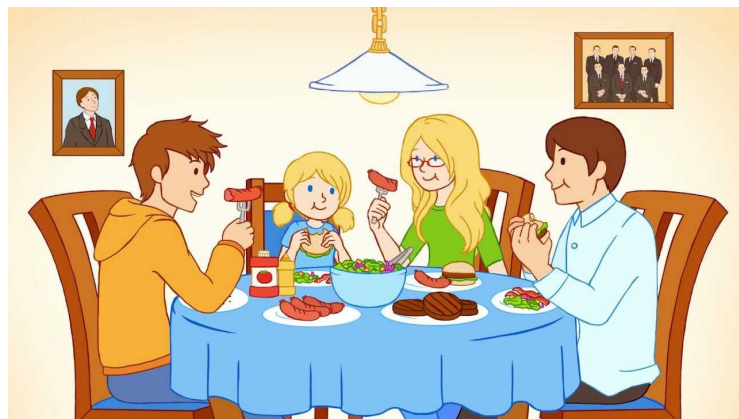
.....Dale O'Hara.....

Christian Parenting Eating Together

In the Bible, we often read about people eating together. Jesus ate with his disciples and the early Christians shared their meals. These stories show the importance God places on eating together. Yet many families almost never eat together. When family members make the effort to eat together, they can share experiences, voice concerns, discuss topics, and laugh. Sharing of faith and values takes place during a family meal. Many families begin their meals with prayer. Some add a devotional time. Many children first learn about prayer at the family meal.

The Christian church is strengthened when its members eat together. Holy Communion is the special meal shared by church families together in worship. Eating together as a family at home provides blessings as well.

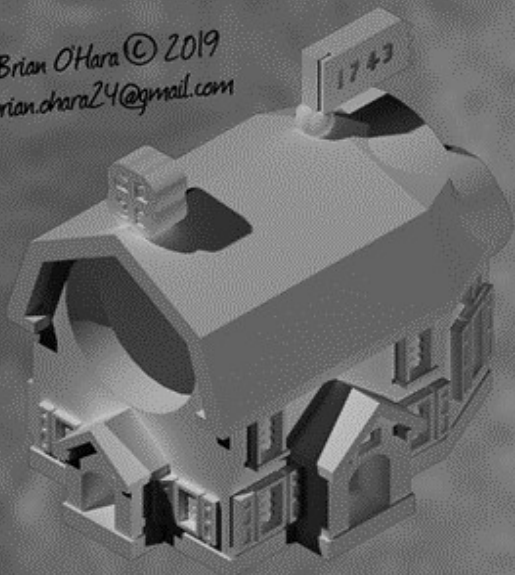
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Spring Gathering

of the
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE

of the

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

of

The Women of The Evangelical
Lutheran Church of America

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020

at

Augustus Lutheran Church
717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA
(610) 489-9625



REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS START AT 9:00 A.M.
PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

PROGRAM THEME: Women Serving

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' - Matthew 25:40.

The Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel, currently on staff at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe serving as an Honorary Assistant, will be doing a brief devotional before a National Quilting Day quilting workshop. We will be tying and pinning quilts, led by the women of Augustus Lutheran Church. No experience is needed. If you can make a square knot, you can do this. Or just come for the fellowship.

Children are welcome to attend; however, anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

WHAT TO BRING:

Each church group is asked to bring a baked good, fruit, or similar refreshment item to share, as well as non-perishable food donations for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville. Coffee, tea & beverages will be served by our host church.

REMINDER TO SAVE THE DATE - June 6, 2020
SOUTHEAST PA SYNOD WOMEN ON THE ELCA 2020 CONVENTION

Keynote speaker: SE PA Synod Bishop Patricia Davenport

Where: St. Matthews Lutheran Church
400 Lynbrooke Road, Springfield, Delaware Co., PA 19064

More details available soon.



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UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE
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FIRST TUESDAY *GATHER* BIBLE STUDIES
WINTER/SPRING 2020

Coffee and treats at 9:30 am

Bible study 10:00 to 11:30 am

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS.



JANUARY – FEBRUARY Mid-winter break; SAVE *GATHER* ISSUES FOR USE IN MARCH AND APRIL.

GATHER magazine Winter/Spring 2020 Bible Study: **WE ARE CALLED!** by Kathryn A. Kleinhans

Reformer Martin Luther used the word “vocation” or “calling” to refer to all aspects of human life. We are called to respond to God not just in our personal relationship with God but in our relationships with family and friends, in our work, and in our communities. This four-part Bible study will explore stories from both the Old and New Testament. As we reflect on how our biblical forebears heard and responded to God’s call, we will gain insight into how God is calling us—and how God may be calling others through us.

Tuesday, March 3 Bible study from the **January** issue of *Gather*
Session 1: Hearing God’s Call Janet Luyben, Presenter

Focus is on men and women in the Old Testament. Some of them heard and recognized God’s call clearly. Others struggled to realize that it was God who was calling them or exactly what God was calling them to do.

Where: St. John’s Lutheran Church, 3104 Main Street, Sumneytown

Tuesday, April 7 Bible Study from the **February** issue of *Gather*
Session 2: The Call of Jesus Kitty Pell, Presenter

This session focuses on Jesus’ calling of the disciples, on Jesus’ call to Saul (Paul) on the road to Damascus, and on Jesus’ call to all Christians to take up the cross and follow.

Where: St. James Lutheran Church, High & Price Streets, Pottstown

Tuesday, May 5 Bible study from the **March** issue of *Gather*
Session 3: Called to Serve Bobbie Hoffman, Presenter

Jesus is clear that one of the central ways we respond to God’s call is by serving others. When we serve others, we are recognizing Christ present in their need. When we serve others, they see Christ visible in our loving service.

Where: St. James Lutheran Church, Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pike, Limerick


Tuesday, June 2 Bible study from the **April** issue of *Gather*
Session 4: Calling Networks Pat Leberman, Presenter

The title of this Bible study, “We Are Called!” reminds us that calling is not something private or individualistic but are always interwoven with our relationships and our communities. This session focuses on how we support others in hearing and responding to God’s call.

Where: Augustus Lutheran Church, 717 W. Main Street, Trappe

Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine; subscriptions are available by calling **1-800-328-4648**.

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:00 am: Holy Communion 9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Holy Communion</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm: Scouts 7:00 pm: Cubs</p>	<p>3 6:45 pm: Cubs 7:00 pm: Vestry Mtg 7:00 pm: Cubs</p>	<p>4 9:30 am: Quilters 6:00 pm: Stations Rehearsal 6:00 pm: Sr. Youth Group 7:30 pm: Community Lenten Service @ St. James</p>	<p>5 6:00 pm: Bell Choir 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Scouts</p>	<p>6 7:00 pm: Cubs Committee Meeting</p>	<p>7 1:00 pm: CTM Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>8 8:00 am: Holy Communion 9:00 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Holy Communion 3:00 pm: Scout Court of Honor</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm: Knitters 7:00 pm: Scouts</p>	<p>10 6:45 pm: Cubs 7:00 pm: Community Club</p>	<p>11 9:30am: Soup Kitchen 6:00 pm: Stations Rehearsal 7:30 pm: Community Lenten Service @ Lower Providence Baptist Church</p>	<p>12 6:00 pm: Bell Choir 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Scouts</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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