

Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People



OCTOBER 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Recently I began to reflect on how much God has blessed us at Augustus. We have our challenges just like every other Lutheran parish. We face the same wave of secularization that every other congregation in American is facing. Sunday has been completely lost as a day set aside for church and family. People are more anxious, stressed, and tired than at any other point in my lifetime. However, if we focus only on the difficulties and not on God's blessings, which would please the Old Satanic Foe that Luther mentions in the hymn *A Mighty Fortress*, we risk missing the blessings we now possess.



We have Sunday School age children, confirmands, senior high youth, a wonderful senior choir, 13 kids in our new children's choir, an enthusiastic Adult Sunday School class, an active Women of the ELCA group, a congregation that enthusiastically supports our children and youth, a dedicated and highly trained staff – I could go on and on and on. Many Lutheran congregations no longer have any of these things. We are indeed blessed!

And God remains the same – yesterday, today, and always. He continues to love us and care for us. He continues to save and redeem us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He walks with us each day, strengthening and comforting us with the presence of his Holy Spirit. What more do we need?

In other news, our synod has a new Bishop, the Reverend Patricia Davenport. I have known Bishop Davenport for over 30 years. She is a person of deep and genuine Christian faith. I believe she will do her best, as God's gives her the vision, to guide our synod in very challenging times. Please keep her in your prayers.

I have been chosen as the new Secretary of the Collegetown Trappe Ministerium. I thank my colleagues for their confidence in me. I will serve a one year term.

On a completely different note, have you ever noticed in the cover letter enclosed with your quarterly Statement of Contributions there is always a paragraph like this:

This information is enclosed to assist you in formulating your plans for future giving to Augustus. If you need to make a pledge, update a pledge, or have any question regarding this information, please contact Karen McClain in the Parish Office (610) 489-9625.

In order to mail the Statements of Contributions using the much less expensive Bulk Rate instead of First Class Mail, the Pottstown Post office insists we need a paragraph like this in the Cover Letter to meet the regulations for using the Bulk Rate. Even though it may interrupt the flow of the cover letter, we must add it or we cannot mail the Statements using Bulk Rate. I know you will understand why we do this.

May the Lord bless, guard, and keep you in his love.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



BISHOP PATRICIA ANN
CURTIS DAVENPORT



From the Bench

What a great September of music we had! The Senior Choir led off on September 9 in the Old Church singing Marty Haugen's "All Are Welcome," with the congregation joining on the final verse. The wonderful acoustics in that room helped make it very special. The same day, a brand new children's choir began with 10 children (we now have 13). This group practices only 15 minutes each week, and the goal is to have fun with music. They are not yet scheduled to sing in church. On September 16, The Senior Choir sang a spirit-filled rendition of "Witness," which was a great addition to the stories of our youth who went on the mission trip this year. More good news: although I reported last month that Matt Valent was leaving Augustus, his other plans didn't materialize and we are so happy he is back! The bell choir is off to a great start, and we will hear them in church in late October.



Announcing an Exciting Challenge for the Month of October!

*In celebration of Pastor Kochenderfer's 50th Anniversary of Ordination, we are raising funds for the music program. Donations of any size are welcome, but if individual donations of \$99 and less total at least \$1,000, Pastor K. will preach at Augustus on January 6, Epiphany Sunday. **Congratulations, Pastor Kochenderfer!** Thank you for all you do at Augustus, and for supporting the music program in this way.*

Lastly, on Saturday, **December 15 at 3:00 pm**, we will present our annual Christmas Concert. We will begin in the Old Church. Intermission will include a time of cookies and photos with Santa, and the concert will conclude in the warm Brick Church sanctuary – a lovely afternoon to get you in the Christmas spirit!

See you in worship!
Laurie Mueller




Augustus Lutheran Church October 27th, 2018 4 – 6 pm

ENJOY TRICK OR TREATING
IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

717 WEST MAIN STREET, TRAPPE
Rain Date October 28th, 4 pm

**Our youth group and their families
will decorate their cars for your
entertainment.**

**COME ENJOY THE TREATS, HAY RIDE
AND MOON BOUNCE**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Alicia Allebach Scott Detwiler Ronald Oelschlager Megan Schaffer	2 Janet Rhoads	3 Robert Imes	4	5	6 Marianne Schatz
7 Marsha Franz Dawn Halteman Brooke Perkins	8 Dawn Cooney	9 Eric Hart Leo North Deborah Riegner	10 June Lash	11	12 Eugene Bechtel Megan Cunningham	13 Ted Lewis
14 Paul Gallagher Tammi King Cheryl MacMullen Ike Matoney	15 Molly Hynes Stephanie Lash	16 Cormac Miller	17 Eugene Frank	18 Cheryl Imes Richard Weicheld Michael Wells	19 Tami Firth Herbert Michel D. D.	20
21	22 Evan Griggs Brian Price Mildred Stuffle	23 Amy Wells	24 Curt Allen	25	26 Abigail Catagnus	27 Jennifer Beattie Addison Smith
28 Bryan Fishell Jonathan Lumley	29 Kathryn Bubeck Nicholas Lari Robert Slauch	30 Dale O'Hara	31 Alfred Dubeck III Alfred Stuffle Douglas Sweeney	<h2>October Birthdays</h2>		

Christian Parenting

God Loves Me!

When nothing seems to be going right, what one comforting truth can we hold onto? God loves us no matter what. God's love doesn't depend upon whether we've behaved well or badly. It doesn't depend upon whether we've succeeded or failed. God loves us and always will love us. Knowing that God loves us no matter what gives hope and courage.

Our children first learn about God's love through the love that we give them. None of us is a perfect reflection of God's love, but if we try our best, and are willing to admit our mistakes, our children will know that we can be trusted and that we do love them. As they grow, their trust in our love will transfer to a trust of God's love.

Tell your child that God loves him or her. Assure him or her that God's love is forever. Your child's self esteem will grow as he or she realizes how valuable he or she is to God. What better gift can you give your child than the knowledge that he or she is loved by God?



Book Club in October



The Augustus Book Club is meeting on October 28 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We will discuss [A Secret History of Witches](#) by Louisa Morgan. All are welcome! Contact Karen McClain at 610-489-9625 or office@augustrappe.org with questions.

Field Trip!

We'll also get together on Saturday, October 20, 2018 to drive down to Baldwin's Book Barn in West Chester. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Karen. Check it out at www.bookbarn.com!

Coordinator of Faith Development

*Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray. Proverbs 22:6*

Sunday school has begun! This year we welcomed three new teachers and have seen lots of new faces. We are also looking forward to a new opportunity to meet with groups of parents throughout the year to get to know one another, share some parenting wisdom and to talk about how we can better serve one another, our children, and the surrounding community. Our first group, for parents of children under five, will meet on Sunday, September 30th at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served. If you have a child under five, please join us!

Confirmation classes have begun! We have a large, lively group of 7th and 8th graders meeting together for food and fellowship and then breaking into classes to learn the precepts that Luther considered most important for them to understand before affirming the promises their parents and godparents made for them at their baptism: The Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Sacraments. They will be joined once a month by our 6th graders preparing to take their first Holy Communion.

Youth Sundays and Senior High Youth Group meetings have begun! On September 16th our youth shared their mission trip experience with the congregation. They were excited and humbled about what they had accomplished in God's name. Every teen I spoke with who had gone on the mission trip for the first time was looking forward to next year's trip. It's a very concrete way to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world.

I'm very thankful for Augustus' deep commitment to our children and youth!

WANTED

STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

COME JOIN THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP FOR A YEAR OF SERVICE,
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

WE MEET THE 1ST WEDNESDAY AND 3RD SUNDAY EACH MONTH, AS WELL AS OTHER
DATES FOR FUNDRAISERS/ACTIVITIES

PHILLIES
SOUP SALES
MINI GOLF
CARE PACKAGES
ESCAPE ROOM
TRUNK OR TREAT
BOWLING
PIE MAKING
MOVIES

EGG/MINT COOKIES/EASTER BASKETS

ICE CREAM
BOX CITY
MISSION TRIP
AND MUCH MORE



CONTACT GARY WESSNER FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Long-term Care Insurance

As we or our parents grow older, more and more people face the probability of some day needing nursing care assistance. Therefore, many people are asking the question, “Should I consider purchasing long-term care insurance?” The purpose of long-term care insurance is to pay for the nursing care facility or other institution or a variety of home health care situations. This insurance can be important because, in most circumstances, Medicare and Medicaid do not pay for prolonged stays or needs of the elderly and disabled.



Suze Orman, the New York Times number-one best-selling author, gives an example of the potential benefit with long-term care insurance:

Let's say you are 55 and will need to be in a nursing home at age 84: The projected yearly cost of a nursing home 30 years from now, if you live in middle America (assuming an annual rate of inflation of 5 percent), would be \$148,176. Given that the average stay is 2.75 years, that would mean a total cost to you of about \$407,484. The total cost of a long-term care policy if started at age 55 and paid each year until you were 84 would be \$36,395. Look at the numbers: you will pay over 11 times more for the total cost of a long-term care stay than you did for the entire time you paid your premiums.

When you buy insurance, you buy it in the hope that you will never need it. The truth is that you are actually more likely to use your long-term care insurance policy than you are to use your fire or car insurance. One in 1,200 people will use his fire insurance, one in 248 people will use his car insurance, but one in four people will use his long-term care insurance.

The premiums you pay for long-term care insurance will depend on your age, health, and the choices you make, but the annual premiums can be in the thousands. If you choose to buy long-term care insurance, your policies should contain the following:

- 1. A prior stay in the hospital should not be required.*
- 2. The policy should be adjusted for inflation.*
- 3. The policy should be guaranteed renewable for life.*
- 4. Home care should be included.*
- 5. The policy should allow for a waiver of premium if its owner is institutionalized.*

Insurance premiums will be much cheaper if you begin paying the premium in your 40's or 50's. Remember, it's buyer beware. It is to your advantage to compare several policies before you make your final choice.

As a Christian, “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed” (Proverbs 16:3). Insurance is a vehicle that helps us plan for the future. Through insurance we prevent the possibility of being a burden to others (2 Corinthians 11:9).

October *Worship Assistants*



Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	
October 7	Casey Demark	Elizabeth Wentworth	
October 14	Thomas Lyaro	Ben Richvalsky	
October 21	Dylan Funk	Kevin Dubeck	
October 28	Sam Dogonniuck	Ethan DePaul	
Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector/9:30 am	10:30 am Prayers/ 9:30 am
October 7	Earl Catagnus	Sam Dogonniuck	Ethan DePaul
October 14	Mike Van Blaricum	Chris Dogonniuck	Alan Shunk
October 21	Jeff Stuffle	Jeannie Funk	Jennifer Wentworth
October 28	Laurie Mueller/Nicole Dubeck	Jennifer Wentworth	James Lorah
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine		
October 7	John Kochel and David Schweitzer		
October 14	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards		
October 21	Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger		
October 28	Jeannie Funk and Gary Wessner		
Ushers	8:00 am: Early Usher Team		10:30 am: Contact Dick Allebach
Offering Tabulation	Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Gary Wessner		
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney 10:30 am/9:30 am:		
October	Joe and Donna Cooney		

One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time.

Contact the church office to help with our weekly worship.

610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org



2018 Vestry Members

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Bonded in Baptism

In 1 Corinthians 12:13 and Titus 3:4-5, Paul explains that baptism brings us into God's family. Baptism is the sacrament by which new members, young and old, are welcomed into the family of God. By exploring this sacrament, each member in your family can begin to realize how valued they are as members of the body of Christ.

Gather together with your family calendar. Draw a shell, (a symbol of baptism), on the dates each family member was baptized. If you are unsure of these dates, or if some have not yet received baptism, draw the shell on the person's birthdate. (You may wish to check through your family records to find baptismal certificates, or check at your church office for baptismal date information.) Talk about how baptism is a special way of saying, "You are a child of God." Offer reassurance that God loves each of us.

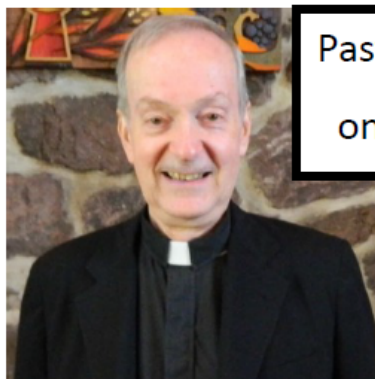
Make candles to burn on each family member's baptism birthday. Make an extra one to use during your family prayer time. Melt paraffin and old crayons (for color) in a coffee can set inside a large saucepan partly filled with water. Wrap a string wick around the center of a pencil and place the pencil across the top of a juice can mold. Pour the paraffin into the mold. When the wax hardens, peel away the mold.

Make thumb prints to symbolize the God-given individuality of each person. Have each family member press his or her finger on an ink pad and make a fingerprint on a piece of heavy paper. Make picture frames for the prints by gluing four craft sticks together. Decorate them with texture paints or markers. Compare family members' fingerprints to see how they differ. Talk about how God makes each of us special and unique. Glue the print to the back of the frame. Have older family members help younger ones print "GOD'S CHILD" on top of the frame and the person's name on the bottom. These are fun to make year after year to see how the family members grow.

Celebrate everyone's baptism with a birthday cake. Using frosting, draw a shell on the top of the cake. Write the name of each family member inside the shell shape.

Light baptismal candles and dim the lights. (If you made candles, use those, or purchase candles for this purpose.) Join hands and invite each family member to pray silently, thanking God for welcoming them into God's family.

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Pastor Kochenderfer to preach on January 6 - IF YOU HELP!

In honor of his 50th Anniversary of Ordination, Pastor K would like to help Augustus' Music program. So, when YOU donate **\$99 or less** to

the Pastor K music challenge, if the gifts total at least \$1,000.00, he will preach at Augustus on January 6 (Epiphany Sunday, known by some as "Little Christmas.") Won't you help? Make checks to Augustus Lutheran Church, marked "Pastor K challenge" and maybe we will see him here on January 6. Thanks, Pastor Kochenderfer, for helping our music program - and thanks to all of YOU who will donate!

Sharing God's Bounty

Living for Jesus

German Theologian Martin Luther said, "If someone would knock on my heart and ask, 'Who lives here?' I would say, 'Martin Luther once lived here, but he has moved out and Jesus has moved in.'" In Galatians 2:20 the apostle Paul wrote that he, too, lived for Jesus. "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God."

Who or what do you live for? If we live for ourselves and the things of the world, we will focus our attention and energy on amassing more and more things. It is easy for money and possessions to become overly important because our society tells us that more is better and that happiness and success can only be achieved by having the newest and best things. To find happiness and success, we work long and hard.

King Solomon, who was wealthy and wise, tried almost everything and found no satisfaction with things of the world. In Ecclesiastes, he tells us that he tried wine and women; he built houses, gardens, and parks; he bought slaves, herds and flocks, and amassed silver and gold. "I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure . . . Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11). Regarding money, Solomon wrote, "Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless" (vs. 5:10).

In closing the book of Ecclesiastes, Solomon wrote, "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment . . ." (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). The only thing that finally gave Solomon's life purpose was living for God. Likewise, we as Christians understand that Jesus is the only person who can give us lasting peace, comfort, and security. He alone meets our needs. Jesus' tremendous sacrifice showed us his love for us and his love compels us to love him and live for him. Filled with Jesus' presence in our lives, we are empowered to overcome the pull of the world.



Christian Stewards do not dedicate their time, their talent, or their treasure so that they may become God's, but because they are God's.

Fall Gathering



of The
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE of the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of
The Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Saturday, October 20, 2018

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

Theme: Galatians 3:28 about "Equality." There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

PROGRAM BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:30 A.M.

Coffee, tea & beverages will served by our host church, and refreshments and treats supplied by each church group will be shared.
Many thanks to host church and to all bringing treats.

REGISTRATION WILL START AT 9:00 A.M.

PROGRAM SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Kriebel is a summa cum laude graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, a cum laude graduate of Ursinus College with a B.S. degree (pre-med), an honor graduate of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, with a B.D., and an S.T.M. (Masters in Sacred Theology) from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Ursinus College conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1984. The Rev. Dr. Kriebel is now retired from Trinity United Church of Christ in Collegeville. She was a Pastor at Trinity for over 30 years. She is married and has one son.

IN-KIND DONATIONS: Canned goods for "Daily Bread Community Food Pantry," a Collegeville local food cupboard.

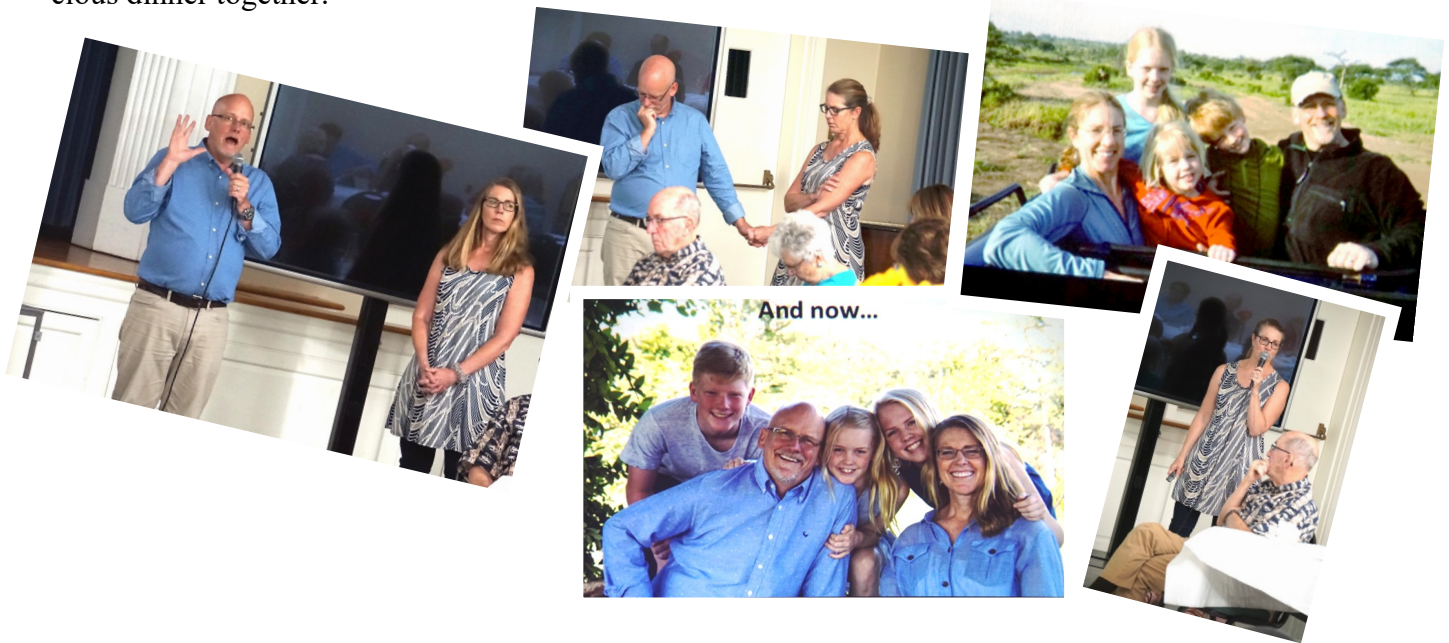
DIRECTIONS to Augustus L. C.: From Pottstown travel East on Ridge Pike past the Target/Giant Shopping Center in Upper Providence on right. You will then pass a blue sign that says "Welcome to Historic Trappe" on left. Continue on Ridge Pike (Main Street) a little further to Augustus LC on the left. If you come to a Dairy Queen on the left or the Trappe Tavern on your right, you went too far.

Pastor Martha Kriebel and her husband, Pastor Howard Kriebel, serve on the Staff of Augustus Lutheran Church as Honorary Assistants.

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.

Looking Back to the Summer of 2018, Augustus Women of the ELCA Enjoyed Many Activities Together.

A warm and heartfelt thanks is extended to everyone who participated in WELCA's Hearts & Hands Christian Service Committee throughout the summer making quilts & afghans for those people less fortunate, to everyone who participated in our new Knitting 'N Crochet Group which has been well attended, to Fran Ivarson for attending SEPA Women/ELCA's Convention as Augustus' delegate on June 2 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downingtown, to Gemma & Richard Patten for delivering 41 quilts to SEPA's Ingathering at Messiah Lutheran Church on June 2 on behalf of Lutheran World Relief, to everyone who participated in Upper Montgomery's Conference Women/ELCA Summer Bible Study & breakfast on August 7 at the Limerick Diner, and to everyone who participated in the wonderful visit from our missionaries Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson who are currently serving in Tanzania. We learned much about their awesome work at both the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and the Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha thru a powerpoint presentation. We welcomed them with a tour of the old church and a tour of our church property, and we enjoyed a delicious dinner together.



Looking Forward to the Fall of 2018, Many Exciting Events & Activities are Planned. Mark your calendars & plan to attend!

The Upper Montgomery Conference began a new Bible Study on Repentance from the Gather Magazine, "Turn, turn, turn – A time for faithful repentance". Session two, "If I could turn back time: Turning to others", of this Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pottstown, PA. When Zacchaeus met Jesus, he was moved to give away half of his wealth to the poor and to make amends with those he had defrauded. Why? In the Gospels, Jesus' call to repentance is a call to turn back to the ways of God's reign on earth: justice, peace and mercy for the neighbor and the community. What does repentance look like in our relationships? Janet Luyben is the presenter. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. Bring your Bible and your October issue of the "Gather" magazine. If you need a ride, please contact Fran Ivarson.

The Upper Montgomery Fall Conference Gathering will be held at Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, on Saturday, October 20. The theme is "Equality" from Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Registration begins at 9:00 am; the program begins promptly at 9:30am. The program speaker is The Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel – former Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Collegeville, and currently serving as Honorary Assistant of Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe. Please bring canned goods for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry, a Collegeville local food cupboard. For more information, please contact Fran Ivarson at 610-489-4969. All women and girls are invited to attend. You don't have to be a member of the Women/ELCA to attend.

Augustus Women/ELCA's 1st Fall Craft Show & Flea Market will be held on Saturday October 27, 2018, from 8:00am until noon in Augustus' Fellowship Hall. Vendors needed. A space with an 8'x3' table included plus 2 chairs is \$20.00. Call Deb Scholl 610-409-1950 or Ann Walker 484-273-8388 to reserve or if you have any questions. Don't want to reserve a table! That's okay!! Come out and see what the vendors have to offer. Baked goods & snacks will be for sale. All profits will go towards WELCA's Missionary Fund.

Girl's Night Out is scheduled for Friday November 2, 2018. We will be going to dinner at a local restaurant and then over to Ursinus College to see the play, "Radium Girls", at the Blackbox Studio Theater in the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center. Inspired by a true story, "Radium Girls" chronicles the efforts of Grace Fryer, a watch dial painter, as she fights the U.S. Radium Corporation responsible for poisoning its employees. The show begins at 7:30pm. Please call Deb Scholl at 610-409-1950 if you are interested in attending. More information will follow.

Augustus' Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday will be held on November 18, 2018, at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church services. The Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel – former Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Collegeville, and currently serving as Honorary Assistant of Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe will be our guest speaker. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this service!! The Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel's biography will appear in November's newsletter. She is a very dynamic and bold woman - someone greatly admired for her many contributions to the community.

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!

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. If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on Oct 3 and Oct 16. 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.

The "New" Knitting 'N Crochet Group continues to meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 7pm to 9pm in room 20 (lower level) of Augustus' Parish House. This group is open to all skill levels and everyone is invited. If you don't know how to knit or crochet but have a desire to learn, we will teach you. You can either work on a service project or bring your own project. Our October meetings will be on the 8th and the 22nd. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

The Women of the ELCA is a dynamic and relevant organization. This Fall Women/ELCA will be showing their gratitude thru Thankofferings and Katie's Fund. There are many opportunities to connect with other women thru Café (an online young adult publication), Bold Connections (a monthly e-newsletter), Daily Grace (a daily message that comes directly into your email), and Gather. There's so much to learn and share. This organization is open to all women. Try it out!!! If you are interested in supporting, sharing, and promoting this organization, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 or join us for Committee Night on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 7:00pm in Augustus' Chapel.

Your 2018 Purchases Can Support Augustus Ministries:

Support WELCA through iGive! Get a free iGive.com account so that Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA can earn money every time you shop online. Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA is registered with iGive. iGive replaces eScrip's Online Mall. It's free and easy! <https://www.iGive.com/LRJOkOriGive.com>



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Schedule Of Events

- Oct 2:** Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Peter's LC, Pottstown – 9:30am Topic: "Turn, turn, turn – A time for faithful repentance" Session two, "If I could turn back time: Turning to others" Presenter: Janet Luyben
- 3: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 8: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 16: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 20: Upper Montg Conference Fall Gathering @ Augustus LC, Trappe - 9:00am
Theme: "Equality" - Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew or Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Program speaker: Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel
- 22: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 23: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 27: WELCA Craft Show & Flea Market - 8am to noon @ Augustus
- Nov 2:** WELCA Girl's Night Out – Dinner & Show @ Ursinus College "Radium Girls" 7:30pm
- 6: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Augustus LC, Trappe – 9:30am
Topic: "Turn, turn, turn – A time for faithful repentance" Session three, "Turning Points: Turning as the church to the world" Presenter: ?
- 7: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 11: Augustus' Congregational Meeting & Luncheon 11:30am
- 12: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 18: Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday – Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel
- 20: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 22: Happy Thanksgiving!
- 26: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 27: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm



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

Craft Show and Flea Market October 27, 2018

Augustus Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 8 am to 12 noon

Bake Sale and snacks for sale

Table spaces-\$20

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SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Upper Montgomery Conference

First Tuesday Bible Studies

10 a.m. [Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.]

Fall: Repentance Winter: Meetings with Jesus: John's Gospel
9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Fall/Winter 2018; Winter/Spring 2019



October 2, 2018	"If I could turn back time: Turning to others"	St. Peter's Lutheran Church
	Session two	Walnut & Glasgow Sts., Pottstown

Presenter, Janet Luyben	
November 6, 2018	"Turning points: Turning as the church to the world" Church?
	Session three

December 4, 2018	"Fear not: an Advent/Christmas devotional"	St. James Lutheran Church
		High & Price Streets, Pottstown

When God's people are afraid, it doesn't mean we are outside of faith. "Fear not" appears frequently in the Bible, in a way that is comforting. Knowing God is with us, we can face our fears. As we enter the season of Advent, this devotional by the Rev. Katie Hines-Shah, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hinsdale, Illinois, will help us begin to see that the Christmas story is also the story of life in faith.

Presenter, Jean John

January - February 2019 Mid-winter break — SAVE *GATHER* Magazines

March 5, 2019	"Come and see: Seeking and finding faith"	St. Mark's Lutheran Church
	Session one	81 Main St., Pennsburg

Presenter, Debra Long Study from **January**/February issue of *GATHER*

April 2, 2019	"By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus"	St. James Lutheran Church
	Session two	Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pk., Limerick

Presenter, Bobbie Hoffman Study from **January**/**February** issue of *GATHER*

May 7, 2019	"Friends for life in Christ"	Augustus Lutheran Church
	Session Three	717 W. Main St., Trappe

Presenter, Pat Leberman Study from **March** issue of *GATHER*

June 4, 2019	"Seeing the risen Christ"	St. John's Lutheran Church
	Session Four	3104 Main St., Sumneytown

Presenter, Fran Iverson Study from **April** issue of *GATHER*

2019 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.

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A Gentle Reminder

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October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Kids' Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion	1	2 7:30 PM Vestry Mtg	3 9:30 AM Quilting Group 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM 3-in-1 6:00 PM Sr. Youth Group Mtg 	4 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	5 7:00 PM Cubs Parent Meeting	6
14 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Kids' Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion 7:00 PM Scout Court of Honor	8 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	9 7:00 PM Community Club	10 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach 6:00 PM 3-in-1	11 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	12	13 Eastern Star Fashion Show 
21 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Kids' Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion	15 7:00 PM Knitting Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	16 7:00 PM Scout Comm. Mtg	17 6:00 PM 3-in-1	18 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	19 7:00 PM Cubs Pack Meeting	20 9:30 AM WELCA Fall Gathering
28 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Kids' Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion Trunk-or-Treat Rain Date 	22 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	23 7:00 PM Committee Night	24 6:00 PM 3-in-1	25 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	26	27 9:00 AM WELCA Craft Show/ Yard Sale 4:00 PM Trunk-or-Treat 

