

AUGUSTINIAN

OCTOBER

Augustus
Lutheran Church

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The Reformation was a religious reform movement in the Western Church. It sought to correct certain abuses related to fund raising efforts to build the current St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Lutheran Reformation was above all else concerned with the proper Christian pastoral care of parishioners. The Western Church was selling forgiveness of sins to raise money rather than giving it freely to those who repented of their sins. Luther and the other Lutheran reformers were horrified at this abuse. Luther sought to begin a discussion to reform these abusive practices. The leadership of the Western Church reacted to this threat to their financial well-being with the utmost vigor. As a result, instead of addressing a particular abuse, the Western Church ripped itself apart; the resulting divisions remain to this day.

The services for the five Sundays of October 2017 celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation in the weeks leading up to October 31. Each service in the series highlights a distinctive aspect of the Reformation theology of Martin Luther. Weekly themes are:

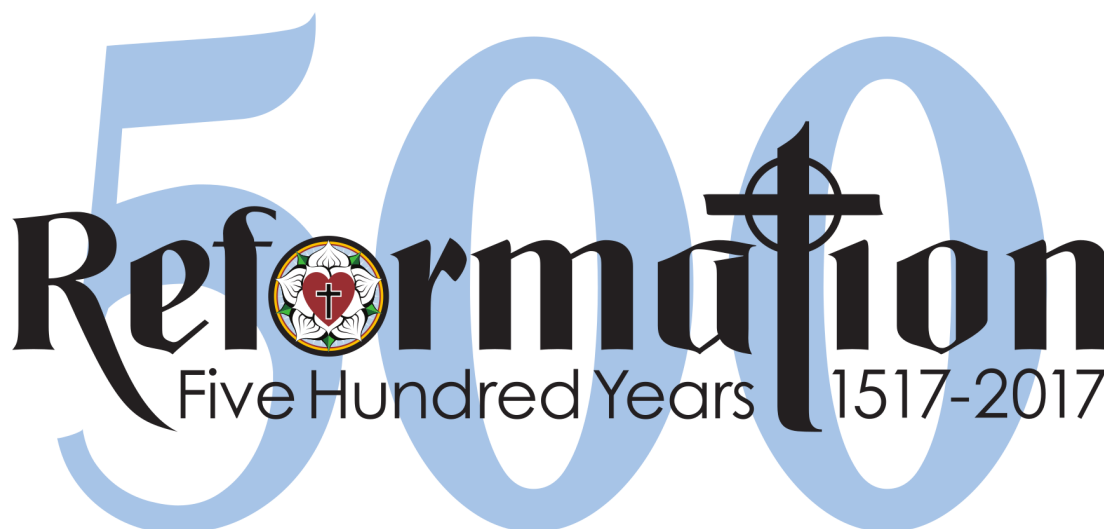
October 1 – The Word
October 7 – Baptism
October 15 – The Two Kingdoms
October 22 – Vocation
October 29 – Justification

I hope you will be at all five (5) services to celebrate what makes us Lutherans!

I hope you will spend the month of October giving thanks to God for the great gift to his people that the Reformation was and is.

May the God the Father, the creator of all things,
Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, and
the Holy Spirit, who calls and enlightens the church
bless you and keep you in the truth of the Gospel.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Weleck





New Members

You probably have seen some new faces at Augustus. We rejoice that the following persons have become members of our parish this year. If you see someone you don't know, please introduce yourself to them as a sign of our hospitality.

Tami Barndt and child Emily

Andrea Jaggers Brown

Brooke and Jennifer Gable and children Sam and Nathan

Paul and Vicky Gallagher

William Kelly and child Nola

Christopher and Jennifer Kuklantz and confirmed children Madison, Olivia, and Alexandra

Stan and Heather Lilienthal

Bill and Stephanie Matoney and their children Sarah, Issac, and Adeline

Mike and Meredith Miller and children Tripp and Cormac

Renee Parker and grandchild Devyn

Justin and Laura Schlegel and children Grace and Andrew

Jason and Shonna Schultz and their children Brett, Cayla, and Corinne

Gary and Nicole Watts and children Tristan, Summer, and Landon

Welcome to Augustus!



Holy Baptism

was administered to

Piper Ray Clark

on August 20, 2017

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

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the groups, families, and individuals who hosted "Tea on the Lawn" this summer! This Augustus tradition is a great way to socialize after church in the summer, and our hosts/hostesses always provide great refreshments.



Women of WELCA

Augustus Book Club

Rich and Dot Opperman

Chris and Melissa Dogonniuck

Jeff and Mildred Stuffle

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Bob and Alice Rodenberger

Nevin and Deb Scholl

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Gary and Tracy Wessner

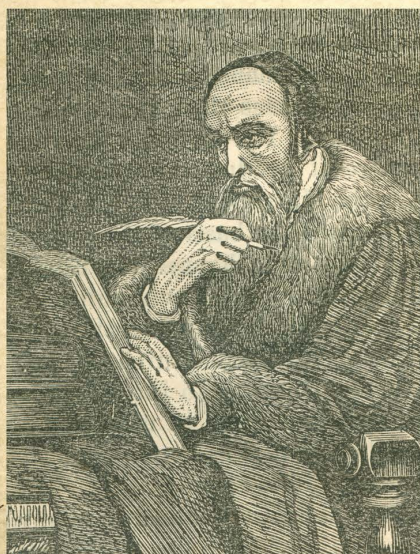
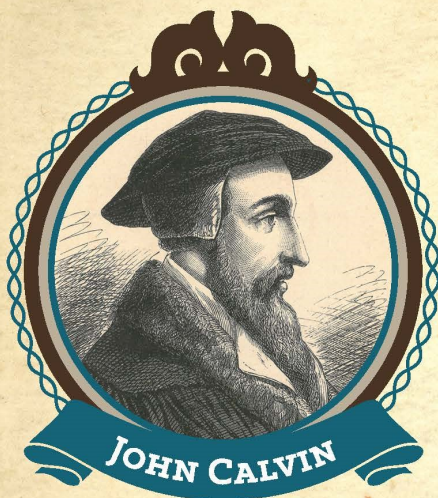
Laurel and Mike Beattie

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

JOHN CALVIN

Born: July 10, 1509 | Noyon, northern France

Died: May 27, 1564 | Geneva, Switzerland



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The French Reformer Who Limited Christ's Atonement to Only a Chosen Few

Born in 1509, John Calvin was a second-generation reformer. He was 8 years old when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses in 1517. By the time Calvin studied theology, Luther's writings were available in his native language of French. Unlike the earlier reformers, Calvin spent little time differentiating his theology from Roman Catholicism. Instead, he focused his theology on finding common ground between Luther and Ulrich Zwingli.

Calvin encountered Luther's works in 1534 and identified himself on the side of the Reformation. He read and valued Luther's writings. His first edition of the "Institutes of Christian Religion" mimicked the format of the Large Catechism. Calvin also had a positive relationship with Melancthon. He translated Melancthon's "Loci Communes" into French and signed the Variata of the Augsburg Confession after Melancthon edited Article X on the Eucharist.

In addition to reading Luther, Calvin was also aware of Zwingli's theology. Calvin's theology mediated between the two. Agreeing with Luther and reacting against Zwingli, Calvin argued that we are so saved by grace alone that it is not possible for any individual to "choose" salvation. Rather, through grace God has chosen us. Luther used this theology to emphasize that it is by grace that we have been saved. Calvin, however, used this same idea to focus on the absolute providence of God. He created the doctrine of double predestination: God has chosen some for salvation and, therefore, God must have also chosen others for damnation.

Calvin also disagreed with Luther in the use of the Law. Calvin argued that the third use of the Law (the guide for our behavior) was the Law's primary use, thus agreeing with Zwingli's call for radical piety. He argued that the Law was presented as a measure of grace and, therefore, the third use of it should be primary. Luther, while acknowledging a third use of the Law, emphasized the second use of the Law (the mirror to show us our own sinfulness) and recognized a distinction between Law and Gospel, whereas Calvin attempted to blend the two.

Finally, Calvin created a middle ground between Luther and Zwingli on the Eucharist. While he respected Luther's view of the real presence, he also incorporated some of Zwingli's arguments that the risen Christ's body is in heaven and, thus, cannot be bodily present in the Sacrament. Calvin created a compromise — that Christ's human nature is on the right hand of God and, therefore, cannot be in the Sacrament. He argued, however, that Christ's spiritual nature was able to be present both in heaven and in the Sacrament at the same time. Thus, Christ's presence was present spiritually but not bodily in the Sacrament. Calvin's teaching on the Sacrament proved to be the most divisive of all and the one that Lutherans could not find ways to accept.

Calvin's attempt to mediate the theology of Luther and Zwingli created a third theology that emphasized the points of contention to which Lutherans would later have to respond in the Formula of Concord.

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300th Anniversary Celebration

Visit HistoricTrappe.org for more details

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 14 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Speaker's House & Muhlenberg House

Celebrate the area's German heritage at a family-friendly Oktoberfest held on the grounds of The Speaker's House. Enjoy tours of the house and its authentic Pennsylvania German kitchen garden, live music, apple schnitz and sauerkraut making, beekeeping, 18th century craft and trade demonstrations, colonial kids' games, and much more. The Henry Muhlenberg House and its newly-restored herb garden will also be open for tours. Food and drink will be available for purchase. *ADMISSION \$12/adults, \$5 ages 12-17, \$3 ages 6-11, free under 6*

MUHLENBERG PLAY

October 27-28 (Fri. @ 7 p.m. and Sat. at 3 & 7 p.m.) Augustus Church

2017 is also the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther initiating the Protestant Reformation. To mark this occasion, the Landesbühnen Sachsen theater company in Germany has developed a special play "In God's Own Country" about Lutheran pastor Henry Muhlenberg. Learn about the struggles of German immigrants as they adapted to life in a new country. The German actors and singers—together with local actors and the Augustus Lutheran Church choir—will offer several performances of the play in the historic Augustus Lutheran Church, built in 1743. *TICKETS \$20/person, advance purchase strongly recommended at HistoricTrappe.org*

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Saturday, November 4, time TBD

Augustus Lutheran Church, 717 W. Main Street

Hosted by Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium. *FREE*

COMMUNITY CLUB FASHION SHOW

Saturday, November 11, 11:30 a.m.

Augustus Church

Hosted by the Community Club of Collegeville, the annual luncheon and fashion show will include models wearing 18th century attire as well as current fashions by Chico's. *TICKETS*

FARM-CITY DINNER

Friday, November 17, 6 p.m. Location TBD

Hosted by Keystone Grange No. 2. *TICKETS*

CANDLELIGHT TOURS

Saturday, December 2 from 1 to 8 p.m. and

Sunday, December 3 from noon to 4 p.m.

Henry Muhlenberg House, 201 W. Main Street

Step back in time as you explore the Henry Muhlenberg House and learn about early Pennsylvania German Christmas traditions. Hosted by the Historical Society of Trappe, Collegeville, Perkiomen Valley. *ADMISSION \$5/adults, \$3 ages 12-17, \$2 ages 6-11, free under 6*

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Sunday, December 3 from noon to 4 p.m. with

Reception to follow Trappe/Collegeville area

Co-hosted with the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation, the 2017 holiday house tour will include the Henry Muhlenberg House, Speaker's House, Dewees Tavern, and Augustus Lutheran Church in addition to private houses. A reception will follow from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Community Music School featuring light seasonal fare, silent auction baskets, and Trappe-themed pottery, books, and greeting cards available for purchase. *TICKETS \$30 at collegevillevilledevelopment.org*

TRAPPE TREE LIGHTING

Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m.

(rain date December 7)

The Speaker's House

Enjoy a festive, family-friendly evening with caroling, a visit from Santa, and a spectacular tree lighting. Hosted by The Speaker's House. *FREE*



From the Bench

October 2017

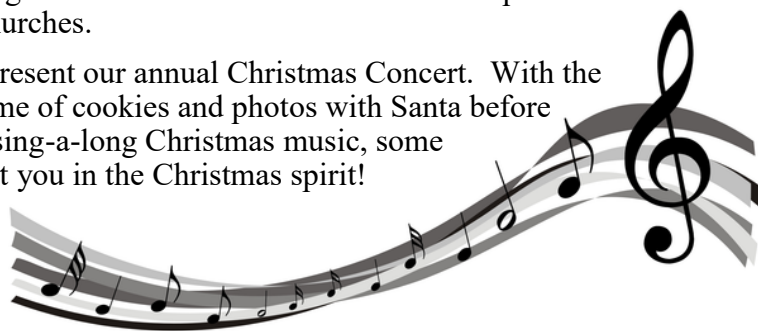
What a great September of music we had! The Senior Choir led off on September 10 in the Old Church with a spirit-filled performance of Jester Hairston's "In Dat Great Gittin' Up Mornin'" featuring our new tenor section leader, Matt. Our children and youth picked up the ball on September 17 in the Brick Church: the children led worship on xylophones and other instruments, handled all the readings and prayers that day, and our high school youth provided a review of their mission trip this summer. The bell choir got to use our newly refurbished bells for the first time on September 28, and we welcomed new Senior Choir member, **Vicky Gallagher**. I also want to thank **Mildred Stuffle**, who has repaired some of the Velcro on our handbell table pads so that the table skirts will stick.

Some exciting things are in our future, too. At the end of October, twenty-three actors from Germany are coming for a week to help celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Trappe with an original play about Heinrich Muhlenberg's arrival in America. Many of our choir members and a good number of "friends of the choir" will participate in singing for this play, "In God's Country," with four performances: Friday October 27 at 7:00 pm; Saturday October 28 at 3:00 pm and again at 7:00 pm; and Sunday, October 29 at 7:00 pm. I hear the tickets for this event are selling rapidly – and since it is being performed in the Old Church, seating is limited to about 160 per performance. You can get tickets at <https://goo.gl/vR81ro>.

On **November 4**, the Trappe 300th Anniversary is being celebrated in the Old Church at 1:00 pm with a brief service and combined choirs from our ministerium churches.

And on Saturday, **December 16 at 3:00 pm**, we will present our annual Christmas Concert. With the new breezeway/fellowship area, we hope to have a time of cookies and photos with Santa before the concert at 3:00. The concert will feature familiar sing-a-long Christmas music, some new pieces, a string quartet – a lovely afternoon to get you in the Christmas spirit!

See you in worship!
Laurie Mueller



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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Coordinator of Faith Development

Sunday school has begun and we are delighting in all the children who are excited to be there! We are also delighting in the opportunity to share our blessings with the world. All of the offerings that our children bring to Sunday school go to various outreach and aid organizations throughout the year. We recently sent \$200 to help hurricane victims. I was glad to have a teachable moment to reinforce the lesson that we are blessed to be a blessing, but of course the victims of the hurricane—and earthquakes!—are in my prayers.

We may not be able to control world events, but we can control our response to them. A faith foundation is so important. I hope all our children are successful in life—that they find fulfilling careers, loving partners, and freedom from want, but more than anything else I hope they learn that they can trust God in all things. When life is confusing, tragic, unfulfilling or painful—and we adults know that it's not a matter of "if" but "when"—I pray that the faith foundation they received at Augustus will sustain them and strengthen them to face whatever comes. See you in Sunday school!

P.S. if you're past Sunday school age please consider joining our adult education class currently studying Lutheran history—I've heard great things about it!



Adult Bible Study

meets each Sunday at 9:15 am in the Church Library. We'll continue our study of Martin Luther with Part 3 of the course.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

This informative program is a great way to learn about our church and to meet new people. Refreshments will be served! Questions? Contact Janice Reiff at janicetreiff@gmail.com.

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.

Book Club in October!



The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will take place at 7:30 pm on Monday, October 16, 2017. We'll be discussing

The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman

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

Refreshments always served! Contact Karen McClain at office@augustrappe.org with questions.



Experience life in colonial Pennsylvania
as you sit on the church's ancient wooden pews.

Enjoy an unforgettable performance

by actors and singers from

Landesbühnen Sachsen

Augustus Lutheran Church choir

Breakaway Student Productions at Ursinus College

Performed inside
Old Augustus Church

717 W. Main Street
Trappe, PA 19426

Tickets \$20

Advanced purchase strongly
recommended due to limited
seating in this historic venue.

October 27 - 29, 2017

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In God's Own Country - translated from German, the play explores immigrants' struggles to adapt to life in a new country through the eyes of Henry Muhlenberg, a Lutheran pastor who settled in Trappe in 1742. Performed in the historic Augustus Lutheran Church (built 1743), the play will transport viewers back in time for an unforgettable experience!



Trappe 300
Steering Committee



Traveling Repertory Theater
Radebeul, Germany



Augustus
Lutheran Church

October 27–29, 2017
Augustus Lutheran Church, 717 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA 19426

The Trappe 300 Steering Committee, in partnership with Augustus Lutheran Church, is thrilled to announce that it will host the Landesbühnen Sachsen theater company from Germany for a limited run of English-language performances on Reformation Weekend in late October. In addition to being the 300th anniversary of Trappe, 2017 is also the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther initiating the Protestant Reformation. To mark this occasion, the Landesbühnen Sachsen theater company has developed a special play—*In God's Own Country*—focused on the life of Lutheran pastor Henry Muhlenberg, who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1742 and settled in Trappe. Accompanied by four musical numbers, the play explores timeless issues faced by immigrants adapting to life in a new country. It will appeal to history buffs, German-Americans, Lutherans, music lovers, theater goers, and local community members alike. After touring throughout Germany in the summer of 2017, the play will travel to North Carolina and then Trappe, Pennsylvania, where it will be performed in the historic Augustus Lutheran Church, a National Historic Landmark building erected in 1743. Sit in the church's ancient wooden pews and be transported back in time for an unforgettable experience!

Admission is \$20/person and may be reserved and paid in advance online at HistoricTrappe.org or by mail (see instructions below). Tickets may also be bought at the door, but **due to anticipated demand, advance purchases are strongly recommended**. All proceeds benefit special projects of the Trappe 300 Steering Committee. *No refunds after October 1.*

Note: Tickets will not be mailed. Simply check-in at the registration table on arrival. Please arrive about 30 minutes before show time to allow time for check-in and seating.

For more information, visit HistoricTrappe.org or email info@historictrappe.org.

MAIL ORDER RESERVATION FORM

Friday, October 27, 7 p.m. _____ tickets at \$20 each = \$ _____

Saturday, October 28, 3 p.m. _____ tickets at \$20 each = \$ _____

Saturday, October 28, 7 p.m. _____ tickets at \$20 each = \$ _____

Sunday, October 29, 2 p.m. _____ tickets at \$20 each = \$ _____ Total = \$ _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

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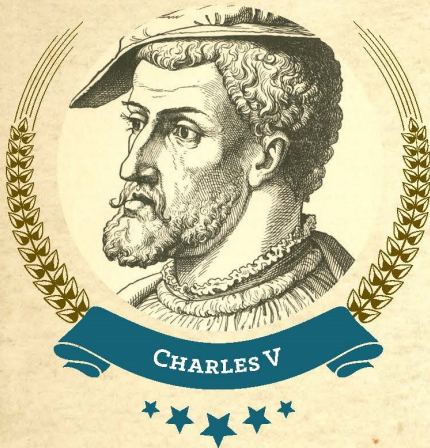
Please make checks payable to The Speaker's House and mail to
The Speaker's House, P.O. Box 26686, Trappe, PA 19426.

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CHARLES V

Born: Feb. 24, 1500 | Ghent, Belgium

Died: Sept. 21, 1558 | Yuste, Spain



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The Emperor who risked all to suppress the Turks and Lutheran Princes

SOME PEOPLE INHERIT SILVERWARE; CHARLES V INHERITED MOST OF WESTERN EUROPE. UNFORTUNATELY, MOST OF WESTERN EUROPE WAS AT WAR WITHIN AND WITHOUT WHEN HE TOOK THE CROWN AT AGE 20.

When Charles was six, his father died. Charles' mother, known as Joan the Mad, was mentally unstable. Thus, Charles was raised by his aunt in France. When King Ferdinand of Spain, Charles' grandfather, died in 1516, Charles was named King of Spain at age 16, giving him charge over Spain as well as the newly-discovered land in the New World. When Emperor Maximilian, Charles' other grandfather, died in 1519, the two main contenders for the title of Holy Roman Emperor were Charles and Francis I of France. Since Charles had deeper pockets with which to gain the electors' favor, in 1520 he was elected over Francis, who never ceased to give Charles political trouble during his reign. Because war with both France and the Turks took most of his attention, the growing Protestant movement was pushed to the back burner.

Charles had been emperor only a few months when the Diet of Worms was held in 1521, where Luther famously said that he would not and could not recant. Charles issued the imperial Edict of Worms labeling Luther an outlaw with a price on his head. Even though Charles, a devout Catholic, thought he was carrying out the wishes of the pope, the pope was offended by Charles' action, since the pope had already excommunicated Luther. The Emperor was continually caught between the Catholics and the Protestants, and spent the rest of his reign trying to reconcile the two within his lands. Although the Diet of Speyer in 1526 had tolerated the Reformation, Ferdinand, acting as the regent of his brother, Charles, pursued less conciliatory measures at the Second Diet of Speyer in 1529, declaring Catholicism to be the religion of all imperial lands. The Lutheran contingent at the Diet protested this arrangement, leading to the use of the name "Protestant".

Charles called for another Diet in 1530, this time in Augsburg. Due to the Edict of Worms, Luther was not able to attend, but rather traveled with Melancthon and others as far as Coburg. On June 25, the *Augsburg Confession*, a statement of Lutheran doctrine signed by the assembled princes, was read before Charles V. The Reformation now had teeth; the princes were willing to use the sword to defend the uninhibited proclamation of the Gospel in their lands. Charles was facing down a conflict that would result in more than a century of devastating wars that would eventually erode and lead to the dissolution of the Empire.

Charles attempted to resolve the religious differences in his territories, but it was not until the 1555 Peace of Augsburg that this goal became a temporary reality. It was decided that the individual territories could determine their religion. This was negotiated by Charles' brother, Ferdinand. Charles abdicated his throne in 1556 and Ferdinand became the next emperor. Charles spent the last two years of his life near a monastery in Yuste, Spain.

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Sharing God's Bounty

Humble Stewards

As stewards, we are the recipients and caretakers of God's goodness, love, mercy, and grace. Stewards are managers of God's creation. We acknowledge God as the owner; therefore, we are to act not as owners, but as managers because our lives and resources are simply on loan from him.

The book of Daniel gives an account of a man who failed to recognize God as Creator and provider and exalted himself. King Nebuchadnezzar, walking on the roof of "his" royal palace, surveying "his" kingdom, was overcome by pride as he announced, *"Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty"* (Daniel 4:30)? He thought he was asking a rhetorical question, but God condemned him to live like an animal as a consequence of his pride.

Pride is destructive. It destroys gratitude to God for all his kindness to us. It destroys our desire and ability to serve others. It destroys contentment for it feeds our competitive nature so that we are not satisfied with just being wealthy or intelligent, but we want to be wealthier and more intelligent than anyone else.

Pride has no place in the life of a servant. First Peter 5:6 reads, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand that he may lift you up in due time." It is God alone who can exalt us (Psalm 75:7). If Christ himself, God's only begotten Son, humbled himself, should we not follow his example and humble ourselves? Because Christ humbled himself, God exalted him (Philippians 2:9)

David, the shepherd-king, put our situation in proper perspective: *"When I consider Your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him"* (Psalm 8:3-4)? The inference is that we are insignificant, yet David goes on to remind us of what we can be proud: *"You made [us] ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under [our] feet."*


Humility allows us to accept our smallness and God's goodness. Humility is the decision to let God be God. We are stewards through humility. We are to honor God with what we have, what we are, and what God will make of us.



Whatever standard we, choose, be it tithing or some other, it must never be confused with the reason for giving. We give because God has blessed us and because we want with all our hearts and minds to return to God that which God has given. This is the motive.

October *Worship Assistants*



Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
October 1	Bryce Atherholt	Sarah Interrante	
October 8	Elizabeth Wentworth	Daniel Reiser	
October 15	Bryce Atherholt	Carson Leigl	
October 22	Ashley Tighe	Shayna King	
October 29	Cooper Demark	Daniel Reiser	
Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Prayers
October 1	Laurie Mueller	John Kochel	Sam Dogonniuck
October 8	Mike Taylor	Jennifer Wentworth	Anita Luft
October 15	Earl Catagnus	Chris Dogonniuck	Mike Taylor
October 22	Jeff Stuffle	Jeannie Funk	Jonathan Mueller
October 29	Mike Van Blaricum	Anita Luft	Jim Lien
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine		
October 1	John Kochel and David Schweitzer		
October 8	Janice Reiff and Jeannie Funk		
October 15	Bob Rodenberger and Gary Wessner		
October 22	Janice Reiff and Bob Rodenberger		
October 29	Jeannie Funk and Bob Rodenberger		
Ushers	8:00 am: Early Usher Team		
October	Karl Stefan, Ed Funk, Pat O'Hara, and Dick Allebach		
Offering Tabulation			
October	John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul		
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney		
October	Deb Scholl and Sherry Jesse		

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!***

2017 Vestry Members

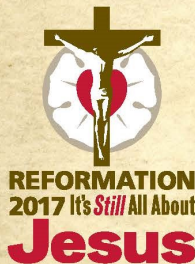
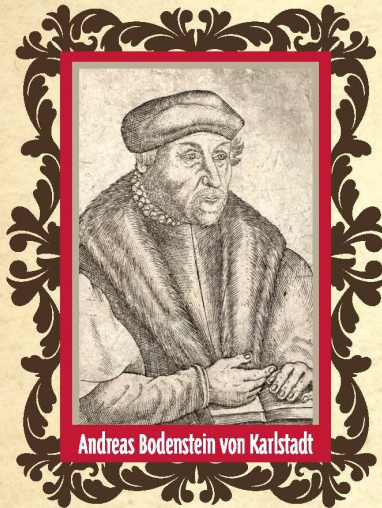
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FACES OF THE REFORMATION

ANDREAS BODENSTEIN VON KARLSTADT (CARLSTADT)

Born: ca. 1486 | Karlstadt, Franconia (Germany)

Died: Dec. 24, 1541 | Basel, Switzerland



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A Theologically Inept Reformer Who Forced Sweeping Changes upon the Christians in Wittenberg

ANDREAS BODENSTEIN VON KARLSTADT WAS THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF THE ARTS AND HELD DOCTORATES IN THEOLOGY AND CIVIL AND CANON LAW when he encountered Luther in Wittenberg. Shortly after he began defending Luther, Karlstadt decided Luther was too moderate in the way that he applied his ideas. Karlstadt pushed Luther's reforms through churches rather than allowing the people to accept them at their own pace. He eventually focused so intently upon the social dynamics of the priesthood of all believers that he separated from Luther's theology.

Karlstadt began contributing to the theological arguments of the Reformation. He then attempted to debate Johann Eck at the Leipzig Debate in 1519, but he found he was not competent and Luther had to take his place. After this, Karlstadt ceased contributing to the theological discussion and instead focused upon applying the doctrines. While Luther was in hiding at the Wartburg, Karlstadt pushed through Luther's reforms in the city of Wittenberg. He instituted the evangelical mass that provided Communion in both kinds and removed all the altar furnishings — without the agreement of the congregation or the prince.

He agreed with Luther that the believer has a direct relationship with Christ and that adoration of relics was inappropriate. Karlstadt argued that Luther had not gone far enough, however, and claimed that all images of any kind should be abolished because they would distract from the faith that is within us. He included in these images priestly vestments, altar furnishings and crucifixes. He emphasized the theological idea of "detachment" (*Gelassenheit*). This entails that one "leave everything behind" and fully follow Christ. Karlstadt interpreted this to mean that all other items — including altar furnishings and images — were distractions and should be avoided.

Karlstadt's theology of "detachment" criticized the role of the clergy. If every believer has a direct relationship with Christ, then clergy were a distracting intermediary. He therefore created the "new laymen." He thought that since all Christians were equal before God, they should also be equal in society. This equality should be expressed politically in an abandonment of all ranks and titles among the believers. He further felt it should be expressed economically in a redistribution of wealth in the community. Because of these social reforms, some of his teachings were used as motivation in the Peasants' Revolt. Karlstadt himself, however, condemned the violent action of the rebellion.

His emphasis on "detachment" led him to challenge the real presence of Christ in Communion. He felt that the focus of the Sacrament should be upon the believer, rather than on Christ. He therefore interpreted the Sacrament to be only a representation of Christ. He even went so far as to suggest that the bread and wine simply reminded communicants of their own forgiveness in their flesh, thereby making the Sacrament as much a symbol of the communicant's body as of Christ's body and blood.

Karlstadt illustrates the danger of being so interested in the application of doctrines that the application becomes more important than the doctrine itself.

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Personal Financial Stewardship

Long-term Care Insurance

As our society grows 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 of importance 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).

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.

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Thirty Years Ago Women of the ELCA Was Created in Milwaukee.

In the spirit of this anniversary, below are some of the reasons why women love this organization:

Service - We work together to get good works accomplished.

WELCA helped me to recognize my call to ministry.

We are not afraid to dream big or tackle huge projects.

Mentoring a community of faithful disciples.

Recognizing gifts that God has given me, friendship, leadership skills, support for my personal calling.

Serving others, esp. the underserved, with wonderful friends. Making new friends and enjoying life.

God is good.

Sisterhood through Christ!!!!

Being with new, and renewed friendships of Lutheran women.

Being in community with other women!

Fellowship and service to others.

Being with new friends.

Sisterhood.

Synergy in Christ!

Inviting! All inclusive!! Love!!!!!!

The ELCA was the first place I saw the actualization that woman can be anything.

Doing God's work, the Bible study from our Gather Magazine and fellowship with women of faith.

Getting to learn and grow with other women! There's something about a room full of women sharing their faith and helping each other grow that is pretty amazing.

Everything! Renewing friendships.

Doing Gods work, Bible Study and fellowship with women of faith!

Working together-study together-doing God's work.

Christian fellowship/loving God in all that we do.

Women of all ages serve side-by-side.

We have led the church in our focus on poverty, racial justice, & human trafficking.

Focus on "Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls."

Creation of an endowment for Katharina von Bora Luther.

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 will be 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. Are you ready to explore all that the Women of the ELCA has to offer? Are you ready for a renewed sense of self to define the best you? 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 24, 2017, at 7:00pm in Augustus' Chapel.





As We Look Back to the Summer of 2017, a warm and heartfelt thanks is extended to everyone who helped with “Ice Tea on the Lawn” on June 18, to everyone who participated in WELCA’s Hearts & Hands Christian Service Committee throughout the summer, and to everyone who participated in Upper Montgomery’s Conference Women/ELCA Summer Bible Study & breakfast on August 1. A special “thank-out” to Allison Smith who was Upper Montgomery’s bible study presenter in August. Also, we would like to thank Barbara Burch for everything she contributed to Augustus’ Women/ELCA and wish her well in her move to North Carolina. Barbara was an asset to the organization in adjusting to any situation. She was a wonderful supporter, promoter, friend, and quilter. We will miss her!!

**As We Look Forward to the Fall of 2017, Are You Ready For a New Beginning Full of Possibility?
It’s Now the Time to Prepare for the New Season.**

The Upper Montgomery Conference began a new Bible Study on “The Apostle’s Creed” from the Gather Magazine. Session two of this Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Pottstown, PA. The Rev. Karen Sease is the presenter. We believe in Jesus Christ... Suffered. Crucified. Died, Rose again. What can we learn about Jesus from the words of the Apostle’s Creed? 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 Grace Lutheran Church, Pottstown on Saturday, October 21. The theme is “Renewal” from 2nd Corinthians 4:16. “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.” The topic will be “Meet Katie Luther”. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The program speaker is The Rev. Dr. Susan K. Folks – former pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Pottstown and currently serving as interim pastor at Advent Lutheran Church of Goshenhoppen. Please bring canned goods for the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, the local food cupboard. For more information or if you would like to carpool, 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’ Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday will be held on November 19, 2017, at the 10:30am church service only. The Reverend Violet Little of The Welcome Church of Philadelphia <http://www.thewelcomechurch.org>, a church without walls serving Philadelphia’s homeless community, will be our guest speaker. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won’t want to miss this service!! The Reverend Violet Little’s biography will appear in November’s newsletter. She is a very dynamic and bold woman - someone greatly admired for her ministry.

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. Currently, the committee is in need of people who can knit or crochet, and who are willing to help make afghans. If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on Oct 4 and Oct 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.

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Please continue to Save the Following Items and place them in the appropriate box outside the church office: Redner's Tapes, eyeglasses, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and your old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods. We are no longer collecting Campbell soup labels.

Regarding the collection of old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods, please do not include chargers or other accessories. If you are recycling an iPhone, please turn off "Find My iPhone". Go to settings > iCloud, turn off "Find My iPhone". Currently, Smartphone Recycling is offering an additional 20% cash bonus throughout 2017.

Schedule Of Events

- Oct** 3: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Peter's LC, Pottstown – 9:30am
Topic: "The Apostles Creed" Session 2 Presenter: Rev. Karen Sease
- 4: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 17: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 21: Upper Montgomery Conference Fall Gathering @ Grace LC, Pottstown - 9:00am
Theme: "Renewal" - 2nd Corinthians 4:16. "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."
Topic: "Meet Katie Luther" Program speaker: Rev. Dr. Susan K. Folks
- 24: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- Nov** 1: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 7: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Mark's LC, Pennsburg – 9:30am
Topic: "The Apostles Creed" Session 3 Presenter: Debra Long
- 19: Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday – Rev. Violet Little, The Welcome Church
- 21: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 23: Happy Thanksgiving!
- 28: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm

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Fall Gathering

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

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Grace Lutheran Church
660 N. Charlotte Street, Pottstown, PA
(610) 323-9320



REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

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

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

PROGRAM SPEAKER: The Rev. Dr. Susan K. Folks

Pastor Folks' topic will be "Meet Katie Luther". The former pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Pottstown, Pastor Folks is now serving as interim pastor at Advent Lutheran Church of Goshenhoppen.

WHAT TO BRING:

Each church group is asked to bring a baked good, fruit, or similar refreshment item to share, as well as canned goods donations. Your gracious donations of canned goods will go to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, the local food cupboard.

DIRECTIONS:

E. Ridge Pike becomes E. High St. as you enter Pottstown. Turn right at Pottstown Pharmacy onto Beech St. Two blocks past the Stop sign, bear to the right onto Jackson St. Jackson Street becomes Wilson St. at the YMCA traffic light. Continue on Wilson St. to the traffic light at N. Charlotte St. (Turkey Hill is on left) where you will make a left turn onto N. Charlotte St. Go past Manor Care and the church building on the left; the parking lot is on your left across from the dentist offices.



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



Rev. Kay Bender-Braun, pastor - St. James

October 3, 2017	"The Apostles Creed" Session 2	St. Peter's Lutheran Church Glasgow & Walnut Sts., Pottstown
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Rev. Karen Sease, Pastor - Grace Lutheran

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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