

# Augustinian

## Augustus Lutheran Church

### An Historic Church for Today's People



OCTOBER 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Recently I have been thinking about the essential nature of corporate worship for practicing Lutheran Christians. For those of us who employ elements of a more traditional liturgy in our services, it's worth asking the question from time to time, what should our liturgy aim to do? And on the flip side, what should our liturgy NOT aim to do?

On the positive side, a more traditional liturgy **should** aim to do a number of things:

- **Keep us rooted.** Psalm 145:4 says "One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts." By sharing a liturgy that stretches back thousands of years, we allow generations that have gone before us to commend God's work and mighty acts to us now.
- **Keep us telling a story.** It's tempting for pastors and/or worship leaders to get stuck on their own hobby horses, their own favorite topics, and their own musical styles. A more traditional liturgy can keep us in the habit of telling a story when we gather, with a robust diet of Scripture, creeds, and prayers.
- **Keep us responding.** We hear who God is, and we respond in confession. We hear that we are forgiven in Christ, and we respond with praise. We hear his Word, and we respond in proclaiming what we believe. We hear the story of our redemption, and we respond with thanksgiving. The whole service is a pattern of revelation and response, and revelation and response again.
- **Keep us focused on Jesus.** *The best thing liturgy can do is point us away from ourselves and to the glory of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ.* For example, the Church Year itself, from Advent to Pentecost, annually walks us through the story of God's redemptive plan through Jesus' coming, living, dying, rising, ascending, and sending of His Spirit. For a forgetful people who are prone to wander, the insistence of liturgy to point us to Jesus is a great gift.

But on the flip side, there are a number of things liturgies of any kind **shouldn't** aim to do.

- **Impress God.** This should go without saying, but I'm going to say it anyway: our liturgy does not impress God. The beauty of our worship, excellence of our music, or modernity of our technology does not impress God. We do not employ liturgy to impress God, we employ liturgy because it's a gift from God to help us worship God. We worship God, not liturgy. God accepts our praise through Christ, not through a formulation of beautiful words.
- **Impress people.** Liturgy is the plate, but God is the feast. It would be ridiculous for me to ask guests at my home to eat the plate on which I serve them their food. It's similarly ridiculous for us to ask worshippers to be impressed with our liturgy. When our liturgy becomes the feast, we've got it all wrong. God is the feast, and we feast upon him in his Word. Liturgy is just another tool to help people "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" God's living and active Scripture.
- **Impart faith.** Saying the Apostles' or Nicene Creed will not impart faith upon those who recite it. Saying ancient prayers will not cause a person to mean them. Listening to the words explaining the meaning behind communion will not bring a person to put their trust in Jesus. Over time, these liturgical elements may certainly help a person make sense of their faith, learn some helpful patterns of prayer, and understand what communion is all about. But liturgy should never be expected to impart faith upon people simply by being included in a service for years in a row.

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- **Enliven stale services.** The old saying goes “the heart of the matter is the matter of the heart”. That goes for worship services too. Simply tinkering with different factors – like musical styles, service times, set design, and liturgy – will not enliven stale services. Those factors are all very much secondary. The factor of first importance is the heart. The human heart is only ever truly satisfied by the One for whom it was created to glorify and enjoy. We start with the heart: helping people see, savor, sing, and celebrate the immeasurable riches of God's grace in Jesus Christ, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal Jesus to us even more clearly.

Then our liturgy will be seen in its proper place: as a gift from God that we can use, keeping the main thing the main thing, helping to strengthen those people in our pews every Sunday.

May you hear God's Word in all its power through the ministry of Augustus Lutheran Church.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



## Coordinator of Faith Development

Many thanks to our Senior High Youth Group, who provided us with an awesome picnic on Rally Day! Sunday school, confirmation classes and youth group meetings have begun and we are looking forward to another great year.

October is one of our favorite months! In addition to pumpkin spice everything, everywhere, the Sunday school children will sing one of our favorite songs during worship on October 6<sup>th</sup> and the sixth graders will receive their Bibles to begin their confirmation process. We'll also celebrate St. Francis Day in Sunday school on October 6<sup>th</sup>, so bring a picture of your favorite pet or other animal to bless. Our Sunday school offering on that Sunday will benefit the Montgomery County SPCA to help animals who may not have people to love them. On October 13<sup>th</sup> we'll begin collecting hats, gloves and socks for the children of the Silver Springs Martin Luther School so they'll be warm all winter. And we'll finish off the month with one of our favorite events: a lesson on the Reformation presented by our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class on October 27<sup>th</sup>.



St. Francis

The Senior High Youth Group will be busy in October too! They plan to make care packages for their friends who have gone on to college and they are also in charge of our trunk or treat on October 26<sup>th</sup>, which is always so much fun!

If you have a Sunday school student (and even if you don't), please join our Facebook group, “Augustus Sunday School” to keep up to date on all our activities.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards

Coordinator of Faith Development

# Augustus Church

## 2019/2020 Family Church Year Highlights

### September

- 4 Sr. Youth Group starts
- 8 Old Church Sunday/ Rally Day & Picnic/3-in-1 Registration @ 6:00 pm
- 11 3-in-1 Classes Start
- 15 Pastor Weleck visits pre-k & kindergarten Sunday school
- 29 St. Michael & All Angels

### October

- 6 St. Francis Day/Sunday school sings in church/6<sup>th</sup> graders receive Bibles/Children's Music Pgm starts
- 13 Sunday school hats & gloves collection begins
- 26 Trunk or Treat!
- 27 Reformation Sunday! 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade present lesson to Sunday school

### November

- 3 All Saints Sunday/Sunday school sings in church
- 10 Pastor Weleck visits 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Sunday school

### December

- 8 Sunday school students receive Advent chains
- 14 Choir Christmas concert
- 22 Sunday school Christmas program in church
- 24 Christmas Eve Services 5:00 pm (w/3-in-1 Living Nativity presentation) 7:00 and 9:00 pm

### January

- 5 Baby shower for Jesus during Sunday school
- 19 Pastor Weleck visits 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday school

### February

- 1 Soup Kitchen fundraising dinner
- 2 Presentation Sunday/Sunday school sings in church – Super Bowl Sunday
- 16 Annual meeting after church
- 23 Transfiguration Sunday with ice cream social during Sunday school
- 25 Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- 26 Ash Wednesday Service led by 3-in-1 students

### March

- 1 Lent begins – meet prayer pals & receive Lent boxes in Sunday school/Sunday school sings in church
- 4 Wednesday Lenten services begin/Stations of the Cross rehearsals begin for 3-in-1
- 15 Pastor Weleck Visits 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school
- 25 3-in-1 last meeting – Stations of the Cross dress rehearsal

### April

- 5 Palm Sunday - Sunday school brunch with prayer pals/Sunday school sings in church
- 9 Maundy Thursday service – Remembering Jesus's Lessons at the Last Supper
- 10 Good Friday – Stations of the Cross presentation
- 12 Easter – egg hunt & flowering cross in Sunday school/1<sup>st</sup> communion for 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 19 Sunday school bring-a-buddy day/Youth Sunday
- 26 Bear Creek Sunday – Parents Invited to Sunday School

### May

- 3 Sunday school sings in church
- 10 Parent's celebration at Sunday school – Mother's Day
- 17 Ascension – last day of Sunday school – visit next year's class & party!
- 31 Pentecost – Confirmation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders

### June

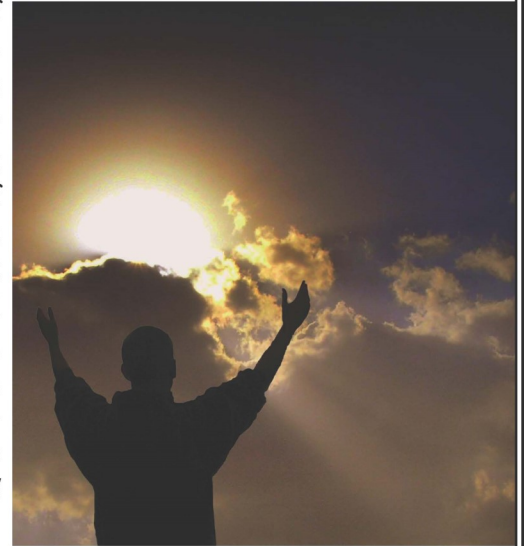
- 7 Teacher appreciation gathering
- 10 Soup Kitchen Outreach – children over 13 encouraged to help with this outreach!
- 22 Vacation Bible School starts



# Sharing God's Bounty

## Fearing God

**A**s stewards, we are managers, caretakers, and trustees of all that God entrusts to us. Through grace, we respond to God's love and care. We live our lives and return our gifts out of gratitude and thanksgiving for who he is and what he does for us. However, if we do not include a fear of the Lord in our thinking as well as an acceptance of his grace and love, our understanding of God is incomplete. The fear of the Lord results from a recognition of our sinfulness and the separation from a just and holy God that sin causes. As our judge, God holds us accountable. He cannot and will not tolerate our sin. Because of original sin, we, by ourselves, are incapable of pleasing God. Out of his love, God sent his Son, who had no sin, to the Cross for our sins. *"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding"* (Ephesians 1:7-8).



In 2 Corinthians 5:9-11, Paul refers to our need to fear the Lord. *"So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men."* This passage does not refer to justification because, through faith in Christ, we are justified forever. What it does refer to is the question, "What have you done with your life through faith?" We are responsible for our actions. We will *"appear before the judgment seat of Christ"* to answer for what we did as his stewards. We can't avoid our accountability.

In Proverbs 9:10, we are told what is meant by "fear of the Lord." *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."* As children of God, we revere him and submit to him. He is the exalted King. *"For I am a great King,"* says the Lord almighty, *"and my name is to be feared among the nations"* (Malachi 1:14b). We are blessed because, not only do we stand in awe of our great King, but we also rejoice in him. *"Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling"* (Psalm 2:11).

Through the fear of God, we see ourselves as we are ... small and sinful. Fear helps us see our need for God's mercy and grace. We submit to God because we understand our state of helplessness. The fear of the Lord is indeed the beginning of wisdom.



*Give your heart to Christ, and let him direct your giving. In order for you to be what you should as a church member, you must first define and confirm your stewardship obligations and commitments between yourself and the Christ who gave his all for you. Stewardship of time, talent and possessions is the very heart of Christian discipleship and our way of expressing our love in response to God's amazing grace.*



## From the Bench

What a great September of music we had! The Senior Choir led off on September 8 in the Old Church singing Roger Lentz's "A Lord-Built House." The wonderful acoustics in that room helped make it even more lively. We have several Spiritual type anthems programmed for this season. And the bell choir will start shortly.

Pending enough interest, there are plans for a new youth bell choir this year. This group will meet on Wednesday nights during three in one. Children and youth grades 3 and up are welcome to participate. More information in next month's Augustinian.

Announcing an exciting challenge for the month of October: In celebration of **Pastor Martha Kriebel's** 60th Anniversary of Ordination, we are raising funds for the music program. Donations of any size are welcome, but if individual donations of \$100 and less total at least \$1,000, Pastor Kriebel will preach at Augustus on November 3, All Saints Sunday. Congratulations, Pastor Kriebel, and thanks for all you do at Augustus! But wait - there's more! If individual donations of \$100 and less total at least \$2000, **Pastor Kochenderfer** will also preach in early January. Please make all checks payable to Augustus Lutheran Church and mark them "Music Challenge." All funds must be donated by October 27 so Pastor Kriebel has time to write the sermon. Donate early and often! Many thanks to all for your support.

Please save the date for our Christmas Concert, **Saturday, December 14 at 3:00 pm**. Many singers from throughout Collegeville-Trappe will be part of the choir that day, and the whole community is invited to this "progressive" concert. It will begin in the Old Trappe Church at 3:00 pm. At approximately 3:30 pm, we will "progress" to the Fellowship Hall to warm up, have some refreshments, and meet Santa Claus; at approximately 4:00 pm, we will "progress" to the warm Brick Church for more music of the season. Come for one or both portions of the concert. There will be plenty of audience sing-along of favorite carols, and all donations will benefit the work of the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium.

On a personal note, thanks to all who have offered sympathy and support on the death of my mother. I wouldn't be an organist without her, and I've found a lot of comfort in doing what I love to do on Sunday morning. When I first became your organist, I invited her to visit. When she saw our beautiful brick church sanctuary and experienced our worship, she said, "We're home, Laur." It reminded her very much of the Lutheran church on Long Island where she spent most of her adult life and I spent all of my childhood. Dear Augustus, you are part of her confidence in letting go - she knew that I was in a good place, living out her legacy of faith and music. Thank you for being the church.

### ***Augustus Book Club***

The next meeting of the  
Augustus Book Club will be held on Monday, October 21  
We'll discuss: Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by  
Gail Honeyman

New members are always welcome.  
Come to discuss the book and get to know some new folks!  
Refreshments are always served.

Questions? Contact Karen McClain  
610-489-9625 or [office@augustustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustustrappe.org)



ENJOY TRICK OR TREATING IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
AT OUR ANNUAL



## **Augustus Lutheran Church**

717 WEST MAIN STREET, TRAPPE

**October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**4:30-6:30pm (rain or shine)**

**Our youth group and their families have decorated their  
cars for your entertainment.**

**COME SEE A NEW ADDITION TO THE EVENT THIS YEAR**



# SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS



It was great to see everyone at our first meeting of the year. We enjoyed an ice cream social and filled everyone in on what was going to take place in 2019/2020. This is a big year for the SYG. We'll have 8 seniors leaving us at the end of the year, but we have a large group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders that will be coming up. Our goal is to get them more involved with our group throughout the year.

We would like to thank the congregation for your Rally Day support. We hardly had any leftovers. October will be a busy month for the group. We will be making care packages for those in our group that are in college in the beginning of the month, while ending the month with our annual Trunk or Treat event, followed by a group outing for a hay ride. Lastly, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, the SYG will give the congregation a recap of this year's Mission trip.

The SYG is always looking for new members and leaders. If you have any interest in either, please reach out to any of the current leaders (Cathy, Chris, Joe or Gary). The Senior Youth Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Along with our monthly meetings, we also have a monthly activity for the youth.

Lastly, while we travel to Camden, New York to do mission work each year, we understand that there is work to be done in our own community. If you have a project that you need help with, please do not hesitate to ask the SYG to help. Contact us at [youth@augustustrappe.org](mailto:youth@augustustrappe.org) or [gtwess@comcast.net](mailto:gtwess@comcast.net).

## Music Challenge: Pastor Martha Kriebel will preach here – *at no charge to Augustus* — simply donate to the music program in October!



In honor of her 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination, Pastor Martha Kriebel is extending this challenge:

If individual donations (up to \$100) to Augustus' music program **received by October 27** total at least **\$1,000**, Pastor Kriebel will preach at Augustus on **November 3**.

Bonus: if individual donations (up to \$100) total at least **\$2,000**, Pastor Kochenderfer will also preach one Sunday in early January. Donate early and often, and definitely by October 27!



## *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.

# *Devotional Meditation*

## **Scripture Reading:**

*“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work”* (Ephesians 4:15-16).



## **Joining Together**

Are you a joiner? Our insurance companies call us “members.” Some publications refer to their readers as being part of their “family of subscribers.” Regardless of what organizations we belong to, most of us have “joined” them in order to extract some kind of benefit for ourselves.

It’s not like this when we join the church, however. Read again our Scripture reference, especially the second half. We’re joined together so that we might grow and be built up in love, as each of us does his own work for the welfare of the Body of Christ.

God gives each of us gifts so that all the needs of his body may be met, but how difficult it is for us to follow his plan! As sinners, we’re often quick to judge how others use their gifts, but slow to use our own. We are tempted to compare our gifts, finding some to be more valuable than others. Yet St. Paul tells us that each is equally important in the functioning of the church.

How are these failings overcome? Peter tells us that we must speak the truth in love. What is that truth but the Word of God! St. Paul writes in Colossians 3:16, *“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom . . .”* Then we will grow up in Christ, the Head. Then we can more ably use our gifts to build each other up for service to God’s people and the spreading of the Gospel to the lost.

## **Discussion Thoughts:**

- ✚ Read and discuss what Paul says about the Body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12:12-26.
- ✚ What are your spiritual gifts?
- ✚ In what specific ways can you encourage others to use their unique gifts?
- ✚ Do you need to offer a spiritual gifts discovery class for your members?

**Prayer** Gracious Father, Giver of every good and perfect gift, thank you for the gifts you’ve given to your church. Help us to examine ourselves in light of your Word so that we might discover how you want to use us and how we can build up your body, the church. Keep us from petty jealousy, from critical spirits, and from laziness. Help us to study your Word so that we might grow up in you. Through Christ we pray. **Amen.**



**OCTOBER 6, 2019 \$30**

# *Dinner & Show*

**IMPERIAL MUSIC HALL**

**40 EAST 1ST AVENUE**

**COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426**

**PROUDLY PRESENTS:**

**BOB E HAMEL**  
**'ELVIS'**

**RICH DeSIMONE**  
**'FRANK SINATRA'**



**\$30.00 PP INCLUDES SHOW & DINNER (BYOB)**

**DOORS OPEN 4:00PM - DINNER 4:30PM**

**(ITALIAN STYLE) - SHOW TIME 5PM-7PM**

**For questions about this event or to place your reservations,  
contact: [brian.ohara24@gmail.com](mailto:brian.ohara24@gmail.com)**

**AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT:**



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**CHURCH**

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

# 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).


*For age is opportunity no less  
Than youth itself, though in another dress,  
And as the evening twilight fades away  
The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.*

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



## October *Worship Assistants*

Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer
October 6	Thomas Lyaro	Cole Brenner
October 13	Ethan DePaul	Dylan Funk
October 20	Kevin Dubeck	Braden Tighe
October 27	Leo Hunsberger	Lilly Hunsberger
Readers	8:00 am	9:30 am /10:30 am
October 6	Kevin Dubeck	Sam Dogonniuck and Cole Brenner
October 13	Sandy Trauger	James Lorah and Gary Wessner
October 20	Jim Lien	Piper Bouchard and Mike Taylor
October 27	Karl Stefan	Alan Shunk and Howard Frazier
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine	
October 6	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer	
October 13	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards	
October 20	Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger	
October 27	Jeannie Funk and Gary Wessner	
Ushers	8:00 am: Usher Team	
October 10:30 am	Contact Richard Allebach	
Offering Tabulation		
October	Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Chris Dogonniuck	
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	9:30 am/10:30 am: Deb Scholl and Sherry Jessee





## October Birthdays

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



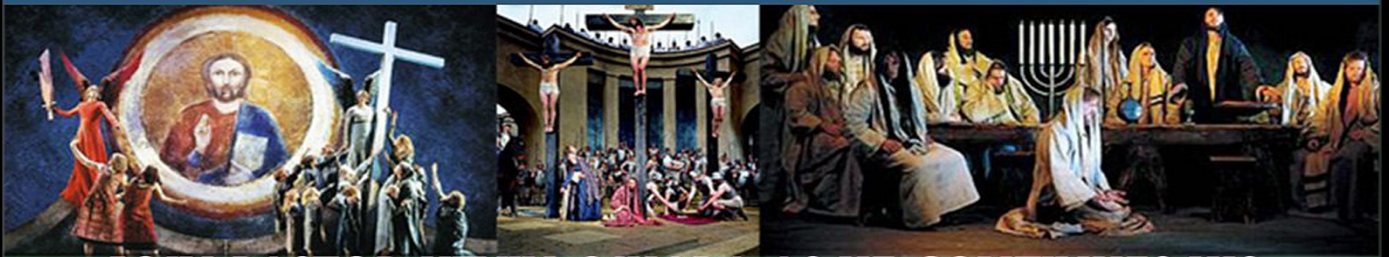


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# Tour of Italy



**OBERAMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020**



**JOIN PASTOR KEVIN O'HARA AS HE CONTINUES HIS  
EUROPEAN ADVENTURES OF DISCOVERING YOUR  
LUTHERAN HERITAGE**

**July 22 - AUGUST 1, 2020**



*see Dale O'Hara  
for more details about  
this exciting opportunity!*



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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 26, 2019

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



**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 THEME: Being Family**

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it."  
-Proverbs 22:6

## **PROGRAM SPEAKER: The Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel**

For over 30 years The Rev. Dr. Kriebel served as Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Collegeville and is now their Pastor Emerita. She and her husband, The Rev. Howard Kriebel, currently serve on the staff of Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, as Honorary Assistants.

## **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 Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville.



## OCTOBER 2019

*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.*

### **Women of the ELCA Upcoming Events - Fall of 2019:**

Mark your calendars & plan to attend! All are welcome!

1. **The Upper Montgomery Conference Bible Study** began a new session entitled “Poetry of the Old Testament” from the Gather Magazine. Drawing from the experiences of ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding, and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way”. Session two of this Bible Study, “The Ache of Grief – Old Testament poetry from Job”, will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Pottstown (Stowe), PA. Pat Leberman is the Study Leader. 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 Dale O’Hara.
2. **The Upper Montgomery Fall Conference Gathering** will be held at Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The theme is “Being Family” from Proverbs 22:6, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.” 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. 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. You don’t have to be a member of the Women/ELCA.
3. **Augustus Women/ELCA’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Craft Show & Flea Market** will be held on Saturday October 19, 2019, from 8:00am to 1:00pm at Augustus. Vendors needed. For only \$20, vendors can obtain a space with an 8’x3’ table and 2 chairs! Spaces are limited and only a few remain. Call Deb Scholl (610-409-1950) to reserve your space today, or call Ann Walker (484-273-8388) if you have any questions. Don’t want to reserve a table?...you can support the event by merely patronizing our vendors on the day of!! Come out and see what the vendors have to offer. Delicious baked goods & sandwiches will also be available for sale. All profits will go towards WELCA’s Missionary Fund. Hope to see you there!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

#### **BAKE SALE**

at the Craft-Vendor Show

#### **3 Ways To Help!!!!**

- **Bake for us**
- **Work at our table**
- **Purchase our creations**

*Look for the sign-up sheet in the foyer*

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

**8:00 AM until 1:00 PM**

**Drop off your sweet donations Friday or early Saturday**

**Questions – call Kathleen Wilkins  
(610) 831-8887**



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5. **Girl's Night Out** is tentatively scheduled for Sunday October 20, 2019. We would like to attend the "Downton Abby" Movie and perhaps dinner at a local restaurant. However, in order for this event to take place, we need someone to take charge of it. Please let Deb Scholl at 610-409-1950 or Dale O'Hara know if you are interested.
6. **Augustus' Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday** will be held on November 17, 2019, at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. Pastor David Wangaard, Senior Advisor for Church and Congregational Relations from Lutheran World Relief, will be our guest preacher. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this service!!

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!

6. **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 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, November 17, 2019. If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on Oct 2 and Oct 15. You can also work from home at your leisure. New members are always welcome and no experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or [jandmstuffle@verizon.net](mailto:jandmstuffle@verizon.net).
7. **The Knitting 'N Crochet Group** of WELCA's Hearts & Hands Committee continues to meet twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month from 7pm to 9pm in room 20 (lower level) of Augustus' Parish House. This group works on individual projects along with knitted/crocheted afghans for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children. These afghans will be on display on Thankoffering Sunday, November 17, 2019. 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, they will teach you. October meetings will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or [jandmstuffle@verizon.net](mailto:jandmstuffle@verizon.net).

The Women of the ELCA is a dynamic and relevant organization. This autumn, 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 22, 2019, at 7:00pm in Augustus' Chapel.

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

**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 and more information will be available soon.





**Your 2019 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. It's free and easy! <https://www.iGive.com/LRJOkOr>

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Shop online and your cause earns money at no cost to you

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**E-Scrip.com**

**Sign-up your Credit/Debit Cards on eScrip.com for dining out and Augustus Women/ELCA will receive the eScrip Rebate** every time you use your cards when you dine at participating restaurants that give back. Please go to [eScrip.com](https://eScrip.com) to sign-up or change your cards today. Use ID #148993154. There is nothing else that you need to do. This fundraiser is easy & simple. If you have any questions, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417.

*Dine out with eScrip dining restaurants that give back!*

*eScrip's Online Mall is no longer available. Please switch to iGive.*

**Please continue to Save the Following Items** and place them in the appropriate box located in the Muhlenberg Center: 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".



### **Schedule Of Events**

- Oct 1: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Peter's LC, Pottstown (Stowe)– 9:30am  
Topic: "Poetry of the Old Testament"  
Session two, "The Ache of Grief: Old Testament Poetry from Job"  
Study Leader: Pat Leberman
- 2: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 14: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 15: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 19: WELCA Craft Show & Flea Market - 8am to 1:00pm @ Augustus
- 20: Girl's Night Out – Dinner & Movie, "Downton Abby" – Chairperson needed
- 22: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 26: Upper Montg Conference Fall Gathering @ Augustus LC, Trappe - 9:00am  
Theme: "Being Family" - Proverbs 22:6  
Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.  
Program speaker: Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel
- 28: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- Nov 5: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Mark's LC, Pennsburg – 9:30am  
Topic: "Poetry of the Old Testament"  
Session three, "The Peace of Joy: Old Testament Poetry from Lamentations"  
Study Leader: Elaine Strimple
- 6: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 10: Augustus' Congregational Meeting & Luncheon 11:30am
- 11: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 17: Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday – Pastor David Wangaard, Senior Advisor for Church and Congregational Relations from Lutheran World Relief
- 19: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 25: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 26: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 28: Happy Thanksgiving!



**Craft-Vendor Show  
and Flea Market**

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

**8:00 am until 1:00 pm**





## SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

### FIRST TUESDAY *GATHER* BIBLE STUDIES

FALL 2019

Coffee and treats at 9:30 am

Bible study 10:00 to 11:30 am



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#### Fall 2019: POETRY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment, finding hope and grace along the way.

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##### Tuesday, September 3

Bible study from the *Gather* September issue

*Session one: The Angst of Anger*

Old Testament poetry from the Psalms

Melinda Mace, Study Leader

St. James Lutheran Church

1101 High Street

Pottstown

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##### Tuesday, October 1

Bible study from the *Gather* October issue

*Session two: The Ache of Grief*

Old Testament poetry from Job

Pat Leberman, Study Leader

St. Peter Lutheran Church

564 Glasgow Street.

Stowe

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##### Tuesday, November 5

Bible study from the *Gather* November issue

*Session three: The Peace of Joy*

Old Testament poetry from Lamentations

Elaine Strimple, Study Leader

St. Mark Lutheran Church

81 Main Street.

Pennsburg

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##### Tuesday, December 3

#### Bible Study and Lunch

**Meet at 10:30 for devotional, then lunch on our own**

Advent/Christmas Devotional from the *Gather* December issue

*Walking through the wilderness of Advent:*

*A creative retreat with Isaiah*

Presenter to be announced

Pizza Como/PC Pub

Weis Shopping Center

500 Pottstown Ave., Rt. 663

Pennsburg

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## FALL GATHERING

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Saturday, October 26

*THEME: Proverbs 22.6 – Being Family*

Presenter: Rev. Martha Kriebel

Augustus Lutheran Church

717 W. Main Street

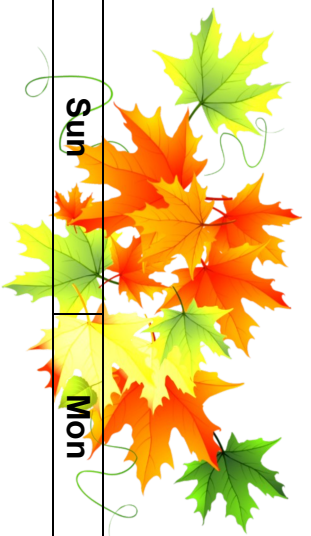
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**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS.**

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

# October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion 6th Graders receive Bibles 6:45 PM Scout Court of Honor</p>	<p>7 7:00 PM Scouts</p>	<p>1 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg</p>	<p>2 9:30 AM Quilting Group 6:00 pm 3-in-1 6:00 PM Sr. Youth Group</p>	<p>3 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Eastern Star Fashion Show</p>
<p>13 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	<p>14 6:45 PM Cubs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Knitting Group 7:30 PM Book Club</p>	<p>15 9:30 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting</p>	<p>16 6:00 PM 3-in-1</p>	<p>17 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 8:00 AM Flea Market/Craft Show</p>
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