

Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People

JULY 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In July, we will begin the process of waterproofing the lower level of the Parish House. This improvement will involve digging around the entire Parish House foundation, coating the building surface, and running French drains to lead the water away from the Parish House. We expect this process to be completed before September 1st. Generous offerings to the Capital Campaign from our members and friends provide the financial resources to accomplish this project. Thank you to all who have made our Capital Campaign the great success it is.

On July 4th at 10:00 AM the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium will again sponsor a 4th of July service along with VFW Post 7155. The program this year will be held at St. Luke's UCC, Trappe. Everyone is invited to attend this brief and moving event.

I will be on vacation and unavailable from July 5th through August 1st, inclusive. During that time, Pastor Kochenderfer will preach and preside at worship and will be available for emergencies. I look forward to seeing you again in August.

A reminder that though you may be on vacation, God is not. Please worship every Sunday wherever you may find yourself. Even the gift of recreational time is a gift of God. Take time to gather with your fellow Christians and thank him for his gifts.

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



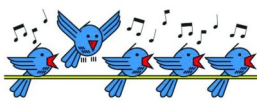
Congratulations Pastor Fluck!

The Reverend William A. Fluck received the "Distinguished Service in the Parish" award by the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia on April 24th.

During his 60 years as a parish pastor, Pr. Fluck served Christ Lutheran in Allentown, St John's in Center Square, and St. Marks in Pennsburg. In his retirement, he served for 15 years as the Visitation Pastor at Augustus. Many in our church family have been cheered and comforted by a visit from Pr. Fluck. He continues to be a part of our church family on special occasions such as our recent Muhlenberg Center Dedication, and through relationships with our current pastors.

The award was given to Pastor Fluck during a ceremony celebrating those who have provided notable local, wide, and world-wide service through their work with the Lutheran Church. The award was presented by the President of the Seminary Alumni Association.





JOIN THE CHOIR

From the Bench

Welcome to summer! I hope you will be able to worship at Augustus when you are home. We are in the Old Church at 8:00 am, and the air conditioned Brick Church at 9:30. A variety of soloists are providing special music this year, and Matt Valent will be my substitute while I am away.

If you've ever thought about joining the choir, there's an opportunity for a "test drive" in August. The choir is having a workshop day at Cunningham Piano Company, 198 Allendale Rd, King of Prussia on **Saturday, August 11**, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Come, try us out! We will have some fellowship time, and look at our music for the fall (and Christmas!) Cunningham's new music school is providing two vocal coaches for extra instruction for everyone. We're planning lunch across the street at The Cheesecake Factory (pay your own way). Please RSVP so we can make reservations music@augustrappe.org. Hope you see you there, and in church!

~Laurie Mueller

Coordinator of Faith Development

As I write this, we're gearing up for Vacation Bible School! Our theme is "Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God," and looking forward to learning that we are called to be God's "superheroes," carrying on Jesus' work in the world as the Body of Christ.



After Vacation Bible School we're in summertime mode. Summer is a wonderful time to take a breath and reflect on all of God's blessings, especially if you're able to spend time with cherished family and in the middle of God's creation. Summer is also a time when many churches expect attendance to be lower than usual, but let's be sure to "hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:23-25)

We come together on the first day of every week to worship God (who is worthy to be worshiped at all times) and to encourage one another (unfortunately, we always have a brother or sister who needs encouragement). If you're in town, please join us. If you are away, please visit the local church and bring back ideas to Augustus!

I hope you all have a restful and restorative summer.

Grace & peace,
Sonya Sowards

Christian Parenting

An Every Day Book

By reading and studying the Bible, we grow closer to God. How can we encourage our children to become Bible readers? Children learn from our example. We can let them see us reading the Bible regularly. Place a Bible where children can reach it and handle it. As soon as they will sit and listen to stories, buy an appropriate children's Bible. Encourage them to hold it while you read. Read it every day. Tell them that God talks to us through the Bible. Once your children have begun reading, invite them to read to you from their Bible. After reading a story, invite them to figure out what God is trying to teach us. Give independent readers their own Bible and encourage them to read it on their own. Ask your children about what they've read, and share what you read with them.

Bible reading is an essential part of the Christian life. If we help our children develop a daily Bible-reading habit when they're young, they're more likely to grow up to be adult Bible readers.

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Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Affording a House

Your house will probably be the biggest single investment you'll make in your entire lifetime. Therefore, your mortgage is likely to be the biggest single debt of your life! Scripture clearly points out the danger of getting into debt: "*The borrower is servant to the lender*" (Proverbs 22:7), and "*Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you*" (Proverbs 22:26-27). Therefore, whenever you borrow money, you should never enter into an agreement lightly or without careful thought, research, and planning.



The monthly payments you assume on a mortgage are likely to be the biggest single item in your budget. Because of its importance, you'll want to shop for the best rate and terms among all types of lenders. Whatever the source of the mortgage, you'll want to ask about variable or fixed interest rates, term of loan, fees, closing costs, points, and prepayment or late payment penalties.

Although most mortgage lenders in any given city are likely to charge about the same rates at any given time, you still may find a variation of $\frac{1}{2}$ percent or slightly more at any given time. A small amount of difference in rates can mean a significant dollar amount of interest paid. For example if you borrowed \$100,000 at 7.5 percent for 30 years you would pay \$127,500 in interest over the life of the loan, whereas, if you paid 8.5 percent interest your total interest paid would be \$151,700!

Before you start shopping for a mortgage, you must decide how much mortgage or, in essence, how much house can you afford. A rule of thumb is that you can buy a house costing roughly two and one-half to three times your gross yearly income. For example, if your gross annual income is \$40,000, you can afford a house between \$100,000 to \$120,000. However, this average should be lower if you already have significant credit card or auto debt, if you have additional expenses of a large family, if you are buying an older house in need of repairs, if you have education costs, if your income is irregular, or if property and living costs are high in the area.

Another long standing rule of thumb is that you should not be spending more than 40 percent of your take-home pay for each month's total housing expenses including all the costs of owning and operating your home. This includes mortgage principal and interest, insurance, taxes, and utilities. For example, if your monthly take-home pay is \$2,500, you should be spending only \$1,000 a month on housing.

JULY *Worship Assistants*



Altar Servers:	Acolyte
July 1	Dylan Funk
July 8	Piper Bouchard
July 15	Elizabeth Wentworth
July 22	Ashley Tighe
July 29	

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector/9:30 am	10:30 am Prayers/ 9:30 am
July 1	Karl Stefan	John Kochel	Nicole Dubeck
July 8	Sandy Trauger	Alan Shunk	Alan Shunk
July 15	Earl Catagnus	Jeannie Funk	Brian Funk
July 22	Jennifer Wentworth	Nicole Dubeck	John Kochel
July 29	Mildred Stuffle	Chris Dogonniuck	Jim Lorah

Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine
July 1	John Kochel
July 8	Janice Reiff
July 15	Jennifer Wethworth
July 22	Jeannie Funk
July 29	Janice Reiff

Ushers	8:00 am: Early Usher Team	9:30 am: Contact Dick Allebach
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Offering Tabulation	
July 1	Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Gary Wessner
July 8	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk
July 15	John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul
July 22	Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Gary Wessner
July 29	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk

Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	10:30 am/9:30 am: Cooneys, Jeannie Funk, and Mike V.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jessica Kunasz	2 Cameron Tartar	3 Tamara Griggs Rose Swan Sandra Trauger	4	5 Pia Lari	6 Brittany Snyder	7 Terry Benner David MacPhee Paul Niemann Amy Noonan
8 William Garton Gail Martin	9	10 Braden Tighe	11 Barbara Burch Nancee Clelland Bruce Tempone	12 Amanda Jacobs Morgan Nelson	13 Laura Saylor	14 Karen Lachenmayer
15 Lewis Christy	16	17	18 Laurel Beattie Benjamin O'Hara Kiley Veleber-Schmitt	19 Brian Funk	20 Amanda Halteman LaVonne Johnson	21 Alison Fishell Courtenay Kerr
22 Jack Bowe	23 Jennifer Cunningham Rebecca Quirk	24 Tripp Miller Hannah Pearson Andrew Schlegel	25 Russ Henze	26 Erich Franz	27 Mason Lucas Anna Schweitzer Allison Wessner	28 Bryce Atherholt Nancy Moyer Cynthia Snyder
29 Colleen Demark Nicholas Lucas	30 Stacie Missimer Sherry Stuffle	31 Jonathan Brull Sean McClain Aubrey Nicholson				

SCHOOL SUPPLY APPEAL

DAILY BREAD COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Daily Bread Community Food Pantry has asked for your help in providing school supplies for the children of their clients. Last year they collected school supplies for 268 children. The parents were overjoyed not having to scrape up the money to provide the bare minimum of supplies for their children and the children were so proud to take their new backpack filled with school supplies to school. One child wrote to tell us he was the only child in his class who had every item the teacher said the children needed to start the school year. He was so proud!

Based on the number of children who received backpacks last year, the Pantry will need approximately:

- ◆ 130 small backpacks
- ◆ 100 medium backpacks
- ◆ 125 large backpacks
- ◆ 120 one-subject spiral notebooks
- ◆ 50 plastic pencil boxes
- ◆ 120 pencil cases to be used in 3-ring binders
- ◆ 80 packs of 24 colored pencils
- ◆ 300 packs of dividers for 3-ring binders
- ◆ 120 1" binders
- ◆ 100 packs of loose leaf filler paper
- ◆ 105 highlighters (other than yellow)
- ◆ 60 black sharpie markers.



If you are able to contribute any of these items, they can be dropped off at the food pantry or in the food pantry collection basket in the Muhlenberg Center here at Augustus.

The Food Pantry sincerely appreciates your support and hope to make an impact in our children's lives this coming school year!

If you have any questions or would like to help pack or distribute the backpacks and school supplies, please contact Anne Ryan, 215-256-4448.

Volunteers will begin packing the school supplies in mid-July for distribution each time the food pantry is open in August.

THANK YOU!

WANTED!

PRAYER PALS

FOR THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

The Senior Youth Group will be traveling to Camden, New York from July 21st thru July 28th for their annual Mission trip. Prayer Pals are needed for the group. A prayer each day for the youth and their leaders is appreciated. It lets them know that there is someone looking out for them. If you're interested, please contact Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net).

The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who has supported them throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer!



Knitting 'N Crochet Group

By popular request, the Augustus Lutheran Church Knitting 'n Crochet group will now meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Our July meetings will be the 9th and 23rd from 7 pm to 9:00 pm. The group is open to all skill levels. All are welcome.

- Don't know how to knit or crochet? We can teach you.
- You can knit but can't figure out how to add that crocheted border? We can show you.
- You love to knit/crochet but how many afghans do you need? We have service projects you can work on using donated yarns.
- You are currently working on a project? Please attend and bring it with you.

Enter through the Muhlenberg Center and take the steps or elevator down to basement. Turn right and then turn left at the first hall. The meeting room is at the end of the hall on the left (Room 20).



Quilting Group

Augustus Lutheran Church has a quilting group that meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of the Month 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We will continue to meet throughout the summer with the exception of Wednesday July 4th. The July meeting will be held Tuesday July 17th.

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.



SEND IN YOUR GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Did someone you love graduate this winter or spring from high school, college, or another institution of higher learning? Please e-mail the church office to have your "smarty pants" acknowledged in our newsletter! We love to celebrate the accomplishments of our church family members! When contacting the office, please include Name of Student, graduation month, and graduate's future plans.



Scholarship Loan Applications Due in July!

Did you know that Augustus has a Scholarship Loan program for students in college or professional training? The loans are usually \$1,000 per year and can be paid back in installments when students are finished their undergraduate or professional study. See the bulletin board in the lower narthex for applications. Return completed applications to the church office by July 31st.

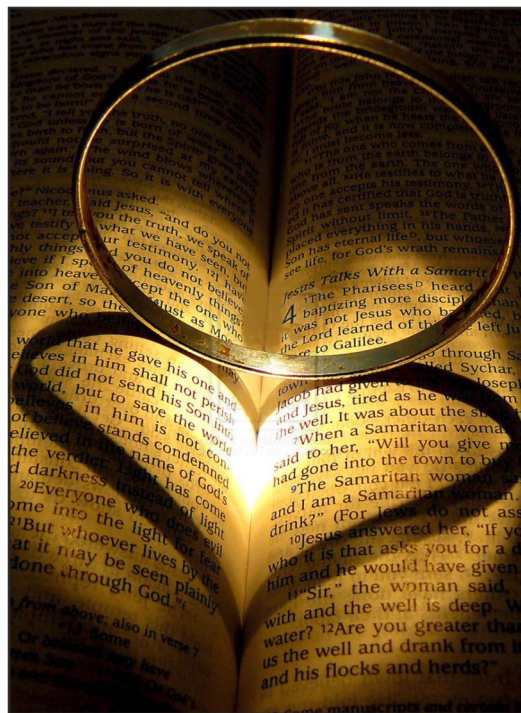
Sharing God's Bounty

Living a Stewardship Lifestyle

When we discuss stewardship, we may immediately start to think of giving our time and money. Stewardship certainly involves giving and serving, but, even more, our stewardship is incorporated into a way of life. It does not consist of just isolated events. When God's word and love fill our hearts and minds, our stewardship becomes a lifestyle. As a lifestyle, it defines who we are and what we do. It is our vocation. With transformed hearts, we express our faith in the way we live our lives. Through faith, God provides motivation and power to live the Christian life in a growing awareness of redeeming grace.

In defining stewardship, W. H. Greever wrote, "Christian stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions." Our faithful stewardship, as it reflects God's love, becomes our approach to life. It is more being than doing. Our deeds of stewardship such as using time wisely or helping the needy arise out of being stewards. Stewards are who we are. Stewardship is a whole life response to God out of gratitude and thanksgiving for all of his love, goodness, and mercy. T. A. Kantonen wrote, "The life of stewardship is nothing less than 'total devotion' to the Christ who is known as a real, living personal presence in the hearts of believers, a genuine loyalty that is expressed not in mere opinion or sentiment but in character and conduct."

It does not take talented people to be faithful stewards, but it takes all there is of us. It takes our total commitment. Stewardship is our response to God's abundant grace in all aspects of life. This faithful stewardship is only possible when we acknowledge our sinfulness and our forgiveness through faith in Christ. God gives us faith so he can use us to carry out his plan, which is to save all people. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge God in all things and in all places. As faithful stewards, we know that all we have belongs to him so we can give generously of our time, talents, and money.



"I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich..."

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength."

St. Paul

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery Conference
Bible Study



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Breakfast

The Limerick Diner
411 W. Ridge Pike
Limerick, PA

August 7, 2018



9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Be prepared - Read July/August issue of "Gather" magazine.

Program theme: *Gather Magazine's "The Practices & Products of Prayer"*

July/August: **Session two** – *The practices of prayer (Psalm 19:14)*

In this session, we'll look at different ways to pray, what each might offer and how knowing an array of prayer styles can enrich our devotional life.

July/August: **Session three** – *The products of prayer (Romans 8:26-28)*

It is true that prayer can demonstrably change the brain, reduce stress levels and, some studies say, appear to correlate to otherwise inexplicable healing in those for whom people have prayed.

Pat Leberman, presenter

At 9:00 a.m. Individual breakfast orders will be taken – Individual billing. Paid as you leave.





JULY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Holy Communion	2	3 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Vestry Meeting	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7
8 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	9 7:00 PM Knitting Group	10 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach	12	13	14
15 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion Mission Trip Commissioning	16 7:00 PM Boy Scout District Mtg	17 9:30 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Scout Comm. Mtg	18	19	20	21 12:00 noon Eagle COH
22 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion Mission Trip	23 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Knitting Group Mission Trip	24 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Mission Trip	25 OFFICE CLOSED Mission Trip	26 OFFICE CLOSED Mission Trip	27 OFFICE CLOSED Missionary Visit Mission Trip	28 Mission Trip
29 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	30	31 7:00 PM Boy Scouts				