

Augustinian

From the Pastor's Desk

June 2016

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

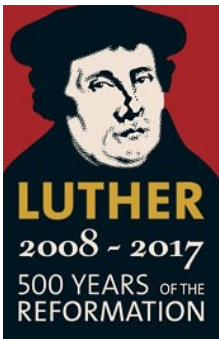
Great things are happening at Augustus. In May eleven of our young folks affirmed their faith through the Rite of Confirmation. The 2015-2016 Sunday School year concludes on June 5th with the traditional Sunday School Carnival. An exciting and faith-filled Vacation Bible School is planned for August 8-11, the week of our Community Carnival, with a theme of Celebration.

Speaking of our Annual Community Carnival, mark your calendars. On August 10-13 we will welcome our community to campus and demonstrate our hospitality in the midst of food and fun. This is a great opportunity to show how friendly and welcoming we are as a congregation. It is also a fine way of getting to know your fellow parishioners by working together on a common hospitality project that also raises money for property improvements.

Speaking of property improvements, the inside of the Old Church will be repainted after repairs to a few areas of bubbling plaster and be ready in time for Old Church Sunday on June 12th, when we will have one combined service at 9:30 AM followed by lunch and a presentation in Fellowship Hall. The Reverend Karl Krueger will again be our guest preacher and presenter. Mark your calendars for this exciting annual celebration of our roots as the place where Lutheranism in the United States got its organizational start. Incidentally, money for repairs and maintenance of the Old Church come from the income of trust funds given to Augustus by prior generations of Augustinians.



Improvements to the Cemetery are also in process. A number of trees lining the road into the Cemetery have been removed because they were at the end of their lifespan and posed a danger to headstones and visitors. Piles of debris collected over the years at the back of the Cemetery have been removed. The pot holes in the road near the entry road to the Cemetery are also being repaired. Money for these costly projects has been accumulated over the past several years by prudent financial management of the Cemetery Trust Fund. All money for maintenance and improvements to our Cemetery must come from the income of a trust fund whose principal consists of money received from the sale of graves. We are also enforcing long established cemetery rules regarding permanent plantings and other objects which increase the high cost of lawn care to ensure that we can continue to maintain our beautiful Cemetery with appropriate beauty and respect for years to come.



2017 is a year of important anniversaries. It is the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and the 300th anniversary of the Borough of Trappe. Starting in the Fall and continuing over the next 2 years, we will celebrate the people, events, and teachings of our beloved Lutheran Church, offer thanks to God for the reformation of his Church, and renew our commitment to be faithful Lutheran witnesses to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Trappe and beyond, following the example of our first pastor, the Patriarch of American Lutheranism, Father Henry Melchior Muhlenberg. Beginning with this edition of the Augustinian, we will include brief descriptions of some of the most important people involved in the Reformation, both pro-Reformation and anti-Reformation.

Starting June 19th, we celebrate two (2) services during the summer. At 8:00 AM we worship in the historic Old Trappe Church. At 9:30 AM we worship in the air conditioned nave of the Brick Church. Please join us for worship if you are in the area on Sunday mornings. If you are away from Trappe on Sunday morning, please worship in a church wherever you may find yourself. And remember to mail in your offerings before you leave for vacation.

May this summer be a time of rest, renewal, and refreshment in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



FROM THE BENCH – JUNE 2016

THANK YOU!!

At the end of a really fun year that included “The Old Testament, Fast Forward” in September, an organ concert at the carnival, Halloween Concert in October, Christmas Concert with St. Andrew’s Choir in December, and Spring Concert “From Sea to Shining Sea” in April, I just want to thank everyone who has been involved in the music program. The musicians are named here, but I also want to acknowledge the many people who have supported us by hosting receptions, donating financially, attending concerts, and praying for us!

Section Leaders: Anita Luft, Bob Reichner, Alan Shunk, Claire Yarrison, and our recent “job share” Section Leader Ali Backlund

Adult Choir: Jeannie Funk, Tracey Richvalsky, Leesa Shunk, Jen Wentworth, Donna Beishl, Judy Bubeck, Barbara Burch, Cindy Henze, Diane Mills, Becky Quirk, Dave Phillips, Steve Matzke, Jonathan Mueller.

Bell Choir: Alan Shunk, Bob Reichner, Elaine Johnston, Karen Lachenmayer, Sean McClain, Laura Saylor, Becky Quirk, Susan Adams, Diane Mills, Jen Wentworth, Mildred Stuffle, Gary Wessner, and sub Jonathan Mueller

Old Testament Fast Forward: Skylar Althouse, Ethan DePaul, Brian Funk, Nola Kelly, Marlayna King, Emma Moulder, Jonathan Mueller, Nadine Reid, Ben Richvalsky, Charlie Richvalsky, Olivia Shaffer, Peyton Shaffer, Catherine Wenger, Jeremy Wenger, Elizabeth Wentworth, Jeremy Wentworth, Thomas Wessner, Mike Taylor for being the voice of God, and Tracey Richvalsky for accompanying on the piano.

Instrumentalists: Jeannie Funk (flute), Jim Lien (timpani), Diane Mills (piano), Tracey Richvalsky (piano), Allison Smith (flute, handbell sub, and occasional conductor)

Guest soloist on special occasions: Gary Hodgson

Trust Fund Treasurer: Bob Rodenberger

Much help in countless ways: Karen McClain, Gary Wessner

Section Leader Sponsorships: Gary Hodgson, Richard and Cheryl Holcombe, John and Marie Kochel, Pastor Thomas Kochenderfer, Steve and Beth Matzke, Bill and Cynthia Snyder, Mike and Ruth Taylor, Pastor Warren Weleck, Gary and Tracy Wessner.

If your name was left off a list, please let me know and I will publish it next newsletter!

COMING UP:

- Summer children’s musical “Table for Five....THOUSAND.”
- June 7 is OLD CHURCH SUNDAY. At our **9:30 am WORSHIP in the OLD CHURCH**, the choir’s anthem will be “I Am Alpha and Omega” by John Stainer. Don’t miss this special service!
- If you’d like to provide special music at a 9:30 service this summer, please let me know!

Grateful for the opportunity to serve among you,

Laurie Mueller



FACES OF THE REFORMATION

POPE LEO X

(A.K.A. GIOVANNI DE' MEDICI)

Born: Dec. 11, 1475 | Florence, Italy

Died: Dec. 1, 1521 | Rome, Italy



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The leader of the Roman Catholic Church who saw Luther as just another heretic to easily dismiss

GIOVANNI DE' MEDICI WAS A MEMBER OF THE FAMOUS MEDICI HOUSEHOLD IN FLORENCE, ITALY.

His father, Lorenzo the Magnificent, was a skilled statesman who raised his sons to be fellow patrons of the arts. As the second son, Giovanni was steered to a life within the church. Due in no small part to his family's connections, he was named a cardinal at age 17 and became pope at 37, taking the name Leo X.

Leo was raised in one of the wealthiest households in Europe, and thus was accustomed to lavish spending. He proceeded to make Rome one of the finest Renaissance cities in Europe. St. Peter's Basilica, started by his predecessor Pope Julius II, was to have the finest works of art in all of Europe. Master architects and artists such as Raphael and Michelangelo were commissioned to work on the design not only of the basilica, but also of the pontifical palace. His personal life was equally lavish, with extravagant hunting parties attended by a large entourage. He collected the finest gems and rare books, and his household expenditures quickly drained the papal accounts. Wars with France during this time only added to the financial need.

Leo saw his chance for a financial rebound when the archbishopric of Mainz came open. Albrecht of Brandenburg was willing to pay for the appointment ... willing, but not able. He needed to borrow substantial funds. An arrangement was made that indulgences would be sold in his territory. Half the money would pay back the bank that loaned Albrecht the money to buy the archbishopric and half would go to Rome for the building of the basilica. In essence, Rome was paid twice, once with the money Albrecht borrowed from the bank and again with half the indulgence money.

Albrecht engaged the Dominican monk Johann Tetzel to sell indulgences. Tetzel would come into a town to announce what was Roman Catholic Church doctrine: that one could pay to have one's time in purgatory reduced. Payment could also be made on behalf of deceased relatives. Who would not want to lessen the time of dear old Mom and Dad?

The idea that forgiveness of sins could be bought with anything other than the blood of Jesus angered Martin Luther. Although Tetzel was not in Wittenberg, Germany, he was just over the border and Luther's parishioners were no less a target of Tetzel's deceptions. Luther's 95 Theses were primarily directed at Tetzel's activities. When Luther's theses challenged the pope's power to shorten one's time in purgatory, the two had a war of words over several years, culminating in Luther's excommunication in 1521.

Leo died later that year of pneumonia, just short of his 46th birthday. In his eight-year reign, his focus was split between the financial straits he helped to create and the political upheaval occurring in Europe. By comparison, a renegade monk should have been easy to deal with. Leo did not and could not foresee the looming divide. The hammering of the nails to secure the 95 Theses would become the hammering of the wedge that split the Western church.

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HELP WANTED:

2 positions open for 2016 Carnival Silent Auction and Raffle personnel. Must be willing to solicit area businesses for prizes and gift certificates. No experience necessary. Interested candidates apply to: judilien@comcast.net

WANTED:

Items suitable for use in raffle and gift baskets:

Gift Certificates	Plants	Health & Beauty Items
Travel vouchers	Pottery	Jewelry
Sports Tickets	Collectables	Small Appliances



Donations are for the Silent Auction and Raffle at the 2016 Augustus Community Carnival and are tax deductible. If you or someone you know is interested in giving to raise funds for our property committee, please contact judilien@comcast.net

Posture at Worship

Why does Lutheran worship have so much “getting-up-and-down” in it?

Compared with many denominations, Lutherans do seem to engage in a great deal of “liturgical calisthenics”. Our liturgies are filled with action and movement because common gestures in our worship are a way to let the *whole person* pray, as well as a way of expressing the unity in prayer of the *whole people of God* - the Church. We use gestures and movements because of a deep respect within the Lutheran Church for the Incarnation (God in human flesh and blood) - theology comes off the page and becomes a matter of the heart and body.

It is not, of course, a matter of just any gestures performed in just any way. Certain actions convey special meanings for Christians. Some of these include:

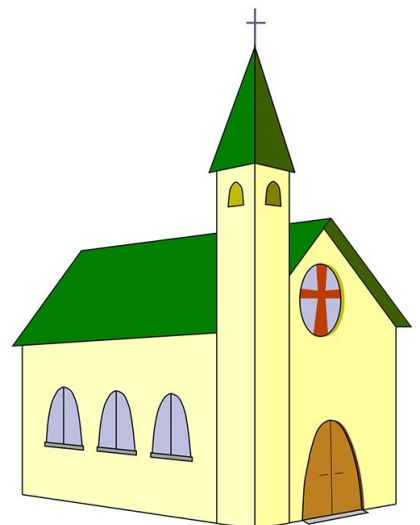
SITTING: Sitting is the easiest posture to explain in worship, perhaps because we do so little of it. We sit to listen (at the first and second readings and the sermon) and to watch and wait (during the distribution of Holy Communion).

STANDING: We rise to greet the clergy as they enter the Church, to express our joy (Song of Praise, Offertory, Prayer after Communion), to honor Christ (Gospel Acclamation and Gospel), to voice our beliefs (Creed), and to welcome the Christ who is in our midst (Great Thanksgiving).

KNEELING: We kneel to express sorrow and humility (Confession) and to show adoration of God (receiving Holy Communion).

BOWING: Bowing is an action of reverence. We bow our heads in prayer to show respect for God and toward the altar and the cross because they represent Christ’s presence among us.

These, along with making the sign of the cross (to remember our baptism), sharing the Peace, processing and recessing, and many other gestures, are ways of expressing our faith, showing deep adoration and heartfelt praise, and being people who can fully pray.



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**2016 MISSION TEAM
GOLF OUTING**

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016
 12:00 PM Registration
 1:00 PM SHOT GUN START

**Butter Valley Golf Port
Barto, PA**

Contact Gayle Neborak
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 or the Church Office
office@augustustrappe.org
 for more info!

**One Dream
MISSION TEAM**

**FIRST UCC Quakertown
 TRINITY LUTHERAN Quakertown
 AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN Trappe**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2016 MISSION TRIP



Please remember our Active Duty Service Men in your Prayers

Jason Bockelmann
 Matthew Yosua

Eric Schwirian
 Michael Yosua

Sharing God's Bounty

Therefore My Brothers

Several weeks ago, the Christian Church began the season of Lent by observing Ash Wednesday. Perhaps you knelt at the altar as your forehead was marked with ashes. You heard the words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." This rite serves to remind us of our beginning: that God created man from the dust of the earth. It also foretells our ending: that our mortal bodies will die and decay. It is a solemn moment; in truth, all of Lent is solemn. Yet, every Christian holds in his heart a secret the world needs to know: *"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 15:56-57). That is the message of Easter: through Christ we have won the victory! We wept through the night of sorrow, but morning has come and with it the joy of the morning of eternal life (Psalm 30:5b).

We remain on earth, waiting for the fullness of that joy that will be ours when we are in Heaven with the Savior. We are not idle while we wait, however. After his glorious pronouncement of this victory over death, the Apostle Paul continues, *"Therefore my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain"* (1 Corinthians 15:58). These are orders for all God's servants, the *"beloved brothers."* First, *"Be steadfast."* Day in and day out, not just on Sunday, but every day, all day, we are steadfast, putting the work of the Lord first, keeping uppermost in our minds that all we do is done in his strength and for his glory. At our work and in our homes, we remember that we *"are serving the Lord"* (Colossians 3:24).

We are *"immovable."* We don't get sidetracked. In his Gospel, Luke takes his readers along on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Like the Israelites traveling through the desert, Jesus' trip was not a straight line and it included many stops (although not for the same reasons), but as faithful as God was to deliver his chosen people, so *"immovable"* was Jesus on his way. We, too, have a goal: to travel to eternal life doing the Lord's work on our way. We are *"immovable"* in our desire to practice faithful stewardship on our journey, and God is faithful to go with us on that journey. By God's grace through which he enables and equips us, we can *"always [abound] in the work of the Lord."* By God's grace, we overflow with good works. We are eager and willing to give of ourselves and our resources that his work might be done. When we get discouraged, we don't quit, because we know *"that in the Lord [our] labor is not in vain."*



Because God has done this, I respond gladly and freely by doing that. Because God has given himself for me, I respond by giving myself to him in every way that I can. It is not that I owe him anything, or that he needs in a particular way anything that I have. It is simply that I, in sheer gratitude for his many gifts, want to return these gifts, in some small way, by giving of myself.



Graduation Announcements

Jonathan Adams will graduate from Perkiomen Valley High School on June 10, 2016. Jonathan was awarded a Navy ROTC Scholarship and will attend either Drexel or Villanova University where he will study Chemical Engineering.

Nicholas Bockelmann, Cindy Henze's grandson, graduated from Florence High School in Penrose, Colorado on May 22, 2016. Nicholas will report to Basic Training on June 21st at Lockland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Maura K. Cunningham will graduate from Perkiomen Valley High School on June 10, 2016. Maura will attend Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) where she will study Chemical Engineering and play on their Women's Soccer team (NCAA Division III).

Emma DePaul will graduate from Spring-Ford Area High School in June. She will attend Roger Williams University in Rhode Island in the fall, where she will study Law and Political Science.

Betsy Lewis will graduate from Perkiomen Valley High School on June 10, 2016. Betsy will attend the University of Pittsburgh where she will study Biology.

Phillip Lien graduated from Indiana University of PA in December 2015 with a BS degree in Business - Marketing concentration.

Maggie McClain graduated from Allegheny College on May 14, 2016. She will attend graduate school at the University of West Florida where she will study population genetics in marine vertebrates.

Joey Schaffer will graduate from Pottsgrove High School in June 2016.

Dr. Robert W. Slauch III graduated from University of Maryland School of Dentistry. Rob will be starting his post-doctoral residency at the University of Connecticut specializing in Prosthodontics.

Is someone in your family graduating? Congratulations! Call the church office or drop an e-mail so your "smarty pants" can be announced in the Augustinian. Include name of graduate, date of graduation, school, and future plans. 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org

STUDENT LOANS AVAILABLE

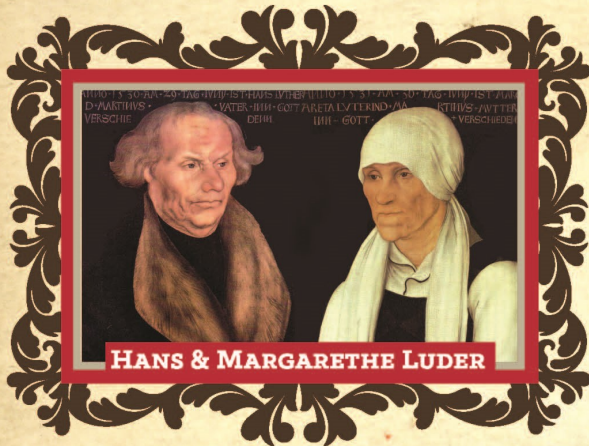
Loans are available to church members who are furthering their education after high school—attending college, trade school, or other institutions of higher learning (for undergraduate study only). The loans are interest free, usually up to \$1,000.00 per year, and repayment must be started 6 months after graduation, or after you are no longer attending school. Application forms are available on the bulletin board in the lower Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Bob Rodenberger. The deadline to apply is June 26, 2016.

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HANS & MARGARETHE (LINDEMANN) LUDER

Hans Luder: 1459–1530

Margarethe (Lindeman) Luder: ?–1531



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Forming a Reformer

THE PARENTS OF MARTIN LUTHER. Hans Luder (Luther) was the son of a peasant farmer. Due to inheritance laws, he was not eligible to come into the land of his father. He left his home village in Möhra to work in Eisleben, where Margarethe gave birth to a son. According to the Catholic tradition, they had the baby baptized the next day, November 11, which also was the Feast Day of St. Martin of Tours. Thus he was christened Martin. While he was still a baby, the family moved to Mansfield. One can assume that Hans was a smart, hard-working man. He advanced from a common laborer in the copper mines to the owner of his own copper mine. Before 25 years had passed, he owned at least six mines and two copper smelters and was a member of Mansfield's city council. A peasant he was born, a businessman he became. Some of this rise may have been due to the fact that Margarethe (also called Hanna) was from a respected family in Eisenach. It is probable that her family loaned the money necessary for Hans to buy his own copper mine. Copper mining was a risky profession. Like today's small business owners, they were not affluent, but hard working and frugal. Because Martin was from a family of both farmers and businessmen, he was acquainted with their struggles and could write on the condition of their lives with some accuracy.

Hans and Margarethe loved their children, but were strict in their parenting. Strictness seemed to be the order of the day. Years later Martin recalled receiving a beating from his mother so severe it drew blood. (His crime was taking a nut without permission.) School in Mansfield was equally strict. Beatings for not knowing the assigned lessons were common. The end of the week brought more beatings for any behavioral infractions recorded during the week. His lesson was learned: all transgressions must be atoned for. It is little wonder Martin advocated for education reform and treated his own children so tenderly.

He finished his last four pre-university years in Eisenach, staying with Heinrich Schalbe, a family friend on his mother's side. Schalbe treated him like a son, causing Martin to recall those years as much more pleasant. Stories of the young Martin as a poor, practically orphaned school boy singing for his supper seem to be more legend than fact. It may stem from a time when school children sang in the streets during holidays and were often rewarded with small treats.

In 1502 Martin finished a baccalaureate degree at the University of Erfurt, and by January 1505 he completed his master's degree. His future looked bright and his parents were optimistic about their sacrificial investment in his education. But God had other plans for Martin's life, and a lightning storm on July 2, 1505, played a hand in the turn of events. Caught in a severe storm and fearing for his life, Martin vowed to become a monk. This was more than a simple "foxhole prayer." For Martin it was a solemn oath to God. By September he had given away his possessions and joined the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt. Hans' plans for his son were crushed. It was many years later when Hans and Martin made peace with the young boy's decision. Before he died, Hans left a sizable donation to the University of Wittenberg, where Martin taught.

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Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

The Problem of Materialism

In our society, we've come to expect a high level of material comfort. Many people want bigger, newer, and more things to enjoy. Our society has long told us that what we have is not enough and that we deserve more. The "more is better" attitude of our culture makes it difficult to know when enough is enough!

Webster's New World Dictionary defines materialism as "the tendency to be more concerned with material than with spiritual or intellectual values." Materialism suggests an inordinate with the acquisition, possession, and consumption of material goods and services. Inherent in a materialistic attitude is an attitude of superficiality, selfishness, individualism, possessiveness, and covetousness.

Russ Crosson wrote about how riches can consume us: "It has been said that 95 percent of those who have been tested with adversity pass the test, but 95 percent of those who have been tested with prosperity fail."

It seems that Christians learn more from adversity than they do success. It is ironic that, as one of the most prosperous countries in the world, our drug abuse, spouse and child beatings, divorce rate, and crime are out of control. Wealth seems to contribute to our problems rather than alleviate them. The love of money and material things has the potential to possess a person's life like no other emotion can. A person can spend a lifetime chasing prosperity that, when found, often destroys him. C. H. Spurgeon said it this way: "It is a very serious thing to grow rich. Of all the temptations to which God's children are exposed, it is the worst, because it is the one they do not dread, therefore, it is the more subtle temptation." Unfortunately, the love of money and possessions is like drinking salt water. The more water we drink the thirstier we become. Likewise, the more money we have the more we want. The problem with materialism is that people try to fill emptiness in their lives with "things."

When our hearts become more concerned and obsessed with the accumulation of things than anything else, we've joined our materialistic society. Do we see ourselves or other members of our churches as materialistic? The number of possessions we have or the size of our homes or bank accounts does not indicate our disposition toward materialism. A materialist may not have a lot of money or possessions or he could own a lot. Materialism may be seen in one's lifestyle, but it is mainly a condition of the heart, which is unseen. Because materialism has become the norm in our society, it is hard not to be part of it. Unfortunately, as Christians, we may be unaware that we have fallen into a materialistic mindset and lifestyle.

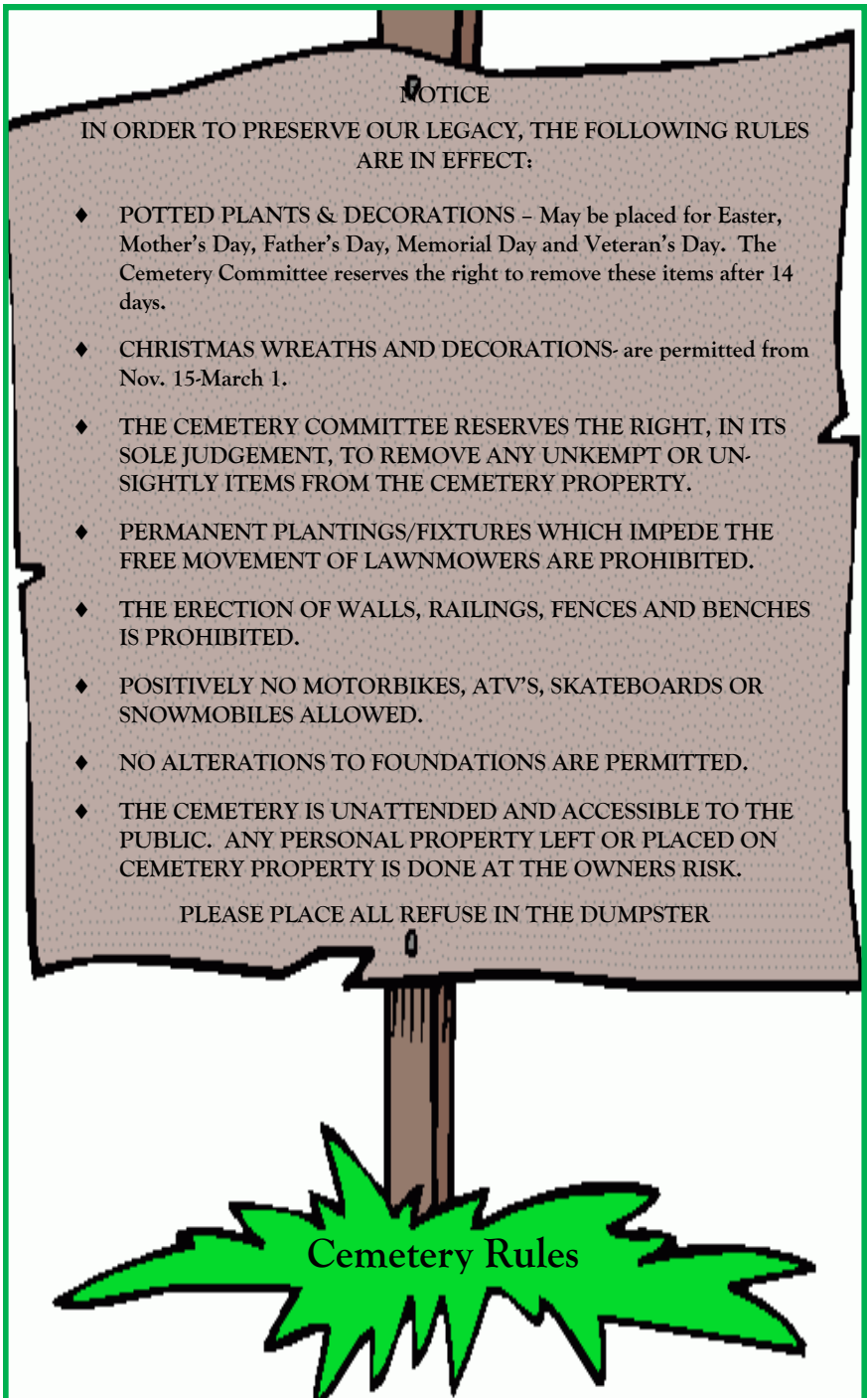
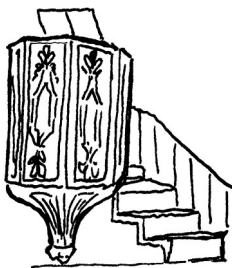


OLD CHURCH SUNDAY

June 12th

There will be only one
service that day—
at 9:30 am.

Join us for The Reverend Karl
Kruger's sermon and for a
luncheon following the service.



NOTICE

IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY, THE FOLLOWING RULES
ARE IN EFFECT:

- ♦ POTTED PLANTS & DECORATIONS – May be placed for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove these items after 14 days.
- ♦ CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND DECORATIONS- are permitted from Nov. 15-March 1.
- ♦ THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT, IN ITS SOLE JUDGEMENT, TO REMOVE ANY UNKEMPT OR UNSIGHTLY ITEMS FROM THE CEMETERY PROPERTY.
- ♦ PERMANENT PLANTINGS/FIXTURES WHICH IMPEDE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF LAWNMOWERS ARE PROHIBITED.
- ♦ THE ERECTION OF WALLS, RAILINGS, FENCES AND BENCHES IS PROHIBITED.
- ♦ POSITIVELY NO MOTORBIKES, ATV'S, SKATEBOARDS OR SNOWMOBILES ALLOWED.
- ♦ NO ALTERATIONS TO FOUNDATIONS ARE PERMITTED.
- ♦ THE CEMETERY IS UNATTENDED AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY LEFT OR PLACED ON CEMETERY PROPERTY IS DONE AT THE OWNERS RISK.

PLEASE PLACE ALL REFUSE IN THE DUMPSTER

THANK YOU

To Rev. Weleck, Dave Ward and All the Augustus women that brought sweet treats and helped to set up and clean after the SEPA-WELCA, Upper Montgomery Conference, First Tuesday BIBLE STUDY at 10: a.m., on May 3rd. 25 women participated. Again, thank you all for your help in welcoming our sisters in faith from other churches. Fran Ivarson

AUGUSTUS COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Wednesday August 10-Friday August 12, 5:30-close

Saturday August 13, 4-close



FOOD BY AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN AND LOCAL VENDORS

CHICKEN AND RIBS BY THE TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY ON SATURDAY THE 13TH

GAMES

CHILDREN'S AREA

RIDES

(Wednesday night wrist band special)

SILENT AUCTION, BASKET RAFFLES, 50/50 RAFFLES

ENTERTAINMENT

OLD CHURCH TOURS

Come join us for a night of fun for the entire family!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net) if you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your time to the carnival. Volunteers are needed to work the food and parking areas, raffles and ticket sales.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

Mark your calendar! This year's VBS will take place
August 8 through the 11th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon!
Details to follow, but make sure to get it on your schedule now!
Join the fun this summer!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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June Birthdays

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				Owen Minella Kenneth Missimer Sarah Pergine	Karen D'Antonio James Sellman Brandie Snyder Courtney Weaver	Susan Hess Steven Ott
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Sara Gerhart Michelle Lemon	Robert Bunting Linda Gerhard	Matthew Birch	Jeanne Halteman Christine Maurer Stephen Newhard	Julia DeNucci Noah Slaybaugh	Caitlyn Hart Emily Hart Kathryn Hausman Ryan Kemmerer	Gavin Elison Kathryn Franc Kelley Olsen Jessica Schiller
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Jessica Balducci Stefan Franz Meghan O'Donnell		Ieva Carucci Trena Lehman Lois Robinson Olivia Smith	Eve Ryan	James Fisher Nathan Gabel James Lien Gemma Patten	Donald Augustine Jennifer Clelland Clay Leftwich	Heather Cooper Alexander Schmidt
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Brian Schad	Lauren Davis	Brittany Bentz Emma Kennedy	Aaron Crothers Griffin Crothers	Nicole Dubeck Dustin Flynn Amanda Olecki	Kelly Balzereit Howard Frazier Jane Whitman John Wiglus	Gayle Hones Christy Smith
26	27	28	29	30		
Kevin Krasley Ryan Krasley John Nolan IV Cora Wells	Arthur Bonnett Mike Hones	Dean Allebach Harrison Lumley Scott MacMullen Kevin Moorehead Michael Rapp	Casey Demark Lila Olsen Kyle Schwirian Henry Stokes	Elizabeth Bar Isabella Bar Joseph Coburn Mikaela Schad		



June Worship Assistants

Worship Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
June 5	Kaleigh Funk	Rachel Schaffer	Jonathan Brull & Lucy Olsen
June 12	Lucy Olsen		
June 19	Kevin Beattie		
June 26	Brianna Dubeck		
Lectors	8:00 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
June 5	Sherry Wagenseller	Jonathan Mueller	Steve Matzke
June 12		(9:30 am) Sean McClain	
June 19	Laurie Mueller	Alan Shunk	Cynthia Snyder
June 26	Ron Hess	Barbara Burch	Jennifer Wentworth
Greeters			
<i>Greeters always needed! Go to http://bit.ly/PnjlrN to sign up!</i>			
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	9:30/10:30 am	
June	Debra Augustine	Contact Karen Lachenmayer	
Offering Tabulation			
June	Debra Augustine	Karl Stefan	Jeanne Funk
Ushers			
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**SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE
First Tuesday BIBLE STUDIES 2015-2016
10 a.m. (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.)**



'ALWAYS BEING MADE NEW'

Please note: - Save all summer issues of GATHER for use in the Fall

"NO CATCHY SLOGANS"

WRITTEN BY Emma Crossen

**THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY IN FEBRUARY.
SAVE JAN/FEB ISSUE OF 'GATHER' FOR MARCH & APRIL 2016 STUDIES.**

***Christian Citizenship 101
A Study of Philipians***

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Elaine Strimpel, presenter**

"Confidence in God's Beginnings & Endings"

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church
81 N. Main St., Pennsburg**

Study from Jan/Feb issue of *GATHER*

**Tuesday, April 5
Janet Luyben, presenter**

"Servant-Shaped Soldiers"

**St. James Lutheran Church
Kugler Rd., & Swamp Pk., Limerick**

Study from Jan/Feb issue of *GATHER*

**Tuesday, May 3
Jean John, presenter**

"Being of One Mind"

**Augustus Lutheran Church
717 W. Main St., Trappe**

Study from March issue of *GATHER*

**Tuesday, June 7
Barbara Thornton, presenter**

"Keep On Keeping On"

**Grace Lutheran Church
660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown**

Study from April issue of *GATHER*

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SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

It is hard to believe but the school year is wrapping up which means another year of Senior Youth Group is coming to a close. One thing that was omitted from last month: Every year the Youth Group likes to do something to help make Augustus a better place. Last year we purchased recycling containers and started the 'Augustus Recycles' campaign. This year we took some of the money raised at the Carnival food stand to purchase shelving for the Parish Life Committee storage area next to the stage. We cleaned out the area and installed two large shelf units which helps with the organization of all paper goods and supplies for the kitchen.



With 11 new confirmands, we are looking forward to seeing our ranks grow again! Each confirmand was given a white rose from the Youth Group with an invitation to join us, we hope to see all of them become active members of this great group!



Our last outing of the year was a trip to Get Air in King of Prussia, a fun facility with: trampoline, rock climbing, high ropes and more! A great time was had by all, but that was just the beginning! After the outing, the group returned to Augustus for a going away party for Gayle, Jack and Justyne Neborak. Over 50 Youth Group members, alumni, leaders, staff and friends gathered to share stories, see photos and give hugs to Gayle for her 15 years of service as Youth Group Leader.

This year we have four members graduating: Emma Moulder, Joey Schaffer, Maura Cunningham and Rachel Oscapinski - Best of luck to you as you begin a new chapter in your life!

As we wind down for the summer, we need you to mark your calendars for our first event of the new season! August 27th, we are planning to go to a Reading Fightin's baseball game.... details to follow!



Remember Augustus Lutheran Church in your Will!

Including Augustus Lutheran Church in your Will is an important way to assure that the church will be here to serve the needs of the congregation and community in the future.

We benefit today because members of Augustus in years past have taken this important step. Have you included your congregation in your estate planning?