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Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People



NOVEMBER 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In October, several lay-representatives from Augustus and I had the opportunity to attend an Upper Montgomery Conference Meeting with our new Bishop, the Reverend Patricia Davenport. We were impressed by her positive, supportive attitude, her friendliness, and her genuineness. We came away with a renewed good will toward the work of the synod.

On November 4th, All Saints Sunday, we will remember the members of our parish who have died in the past year and give thanks for their witness in our lives. It is also a time for each of us to stop and remember and give thanks for all those who have touched our lives and gone before into the heavenly mansions.

The Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium has carefully studied participation at Community Thanksgiving Services over the past several years. Over that time, we have tried offering a Thanksgiving Service on the Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday), on the day before Thanksgiving Eve (Tuesday), and on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Because attendance at these services has been poor, the Ministerium must reluctantly conclude that a Thanksgiving Service no longer meets the needs of our community. Therefore, the Ministerium will no longer offer a Thanksgiving Service.

On a more positive note, the Cemetery Committee desires to continue planting trees to beautify our historic Cemetery and is seeking your help to accomplish this task. In April 2019, the committee would like to plant an additional four (4) trees in the Cemetery along Seventh Avenue. Would you be willing to help? The cost to donate a tree remains at only \$449. If so, please contact Gary Wessner, the Chair of the Cemetery Committee through the Parish Office or email him directly at gtwess@comcast.net.

Soon you will receive in the mail your 2019 Commitment Card, on which you are asked to indicate your financial support of the ministry of Augustus in the coming year. Regular member contributions pay for the ministry program at Augustus. Earnings from several Trust Funds pay for the cemetery, synodical and other benevolence, the Old Church, and many of the property expenses. There are no trust funds to support the regular ministry of the church, such as Sunday School, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, worship, visitation, etc. As you may remember, we lost \$10,000 annually in rental income when Happy Days Preschool closed. While the Vestry seeks another source of rental income, we need to ask the congregation to make up for the loss of money to fund our programs. Can you help us maintain our current level of programming?

May the love of God the Father surround you;
the grace of Christ release you from all that holds you captive;
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,
now and forevermore.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



Congregational Meeting Part II

The Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on **November 11th** in the Brick church following the service.

Lunch will be provided after the meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. On the agenda is the approval of the 2019 Church Budget as well as Vestry Elections for 2019.



From the Bench

Thank you to all who contributed to the Pastor K music challenge last month! As of this writing, the final count is still pending, but hopefully we have reached the goal and we will see and hear Pastor Kochenderfer preach at Augustus on January 6. Thank you, Pastor Kochenderfer, for supporting Augustus' music ministry in this way!

Our annual **Community Christmas Concert** will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 3:00 pm. We will begin in the Old Church and enjoy some Christmas favorites and sing-alongs (and Santa!) for about 30 minutes. We will even remember our German ancestors as we sing "Silent Night" with guitar! Then, we will go to the Fellowship Hall to warm up and have some refreshments. Santa will be available for photos on the stage. At 4:00, we will reconvene in the heated Brick Church and enjoy the cantata, "A Celebration of Carols." The public is invited, and a free will offering taken that day will support Silver Springs Martin Luther School. We can reach out to our neighbors in need thanks to your generosity to the music program throughout the year, and particularly during the Pastor K music challenge.

Maybe you'd like to join us in the loft! I thought I'd take some space this month to encourage you (and a friend?) to join us in Senior Choir for the Christmas Concert and/or Christmas Eve Service. Contact me for more information, or just come to rehearsal Thursday at 7 pm!

Did you know that singing in a church choir...

- ...is a great way to meet new friends and feel a part of a group
- ...is therapeutic, a time to put aside the other pressures and concerns of the day
- ...provides musical memories that can comfort you in difficult situations
- ...gives members a sense of self-worth and pride
- ...teaches healthy posture and breathing techniques
- ...develops habits for better enunciation in everyday speech
- ...conveys that character and attitude make a significant contribution to any group
- ...enhances the church's ministry by adding beauty and aesthetic depth to worship
- ...provides an anchor for regular church participation when it is so easy to get distracted

Last call for anyone who would like to dress up in colonial garb (or Dickensian, your choice!) and sing carols before the 5pm service in the Old Trappe Church – let me know if you're interested!

-Laurie Mueller



Sympathy and Prayers

Sympathy and prayers are offered to the family of Mr. Barry Groves, recently deceased. Barry was Ann Walker's husband. May God grant eternal rest to Mr. Groves, and comfort to his family at this difficult time.

Sympathy and prayers are offered to the family of Mrs. Mary Adams, recently deceased. Mary was Cheryl Holcombe's mother. Pastor Weleck conducted a funeral service for Mrs. Adams on October 25, 2018. May God grant eternal rest to Mrs. Adams, and comfort to her family during this difficult time.



November Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Joseph Firth	2	3 Maura Cunningham
4 Jay Adams John Kochel Mary Saylor Abigail Snear	5 Brandon Snyder	6 Brandon Barish Lillian Catagnus James Herr Nathaniel Long Kiersten Markert Minetta O'Boyle Jeffrey Whitman	7 Hazel Giera Richard, Opperman Jr.	8 Ruth Frazier	9 Lorna DePaul Landon Pribbernow	10 Michael Van Blaricum Summer Watts Tristan Watts
11 Douglas Cornish Curt Reiser Beth Vida	12	13	14 David Hess	15 Kenneth Imes Sr.	16	17 Matthew Meeley Hogan Millheim
18	19 Kevin Dubeck Brook Gabel	20 Jacob Keim Harold Nelson	21 Anthony Garro Martin Sweeney	22 Joseph Cooney Ronald Hess Joshua Martin	23 Sarah Interrante Sean Whitman	24 Heather Lilienthal
25	26 Jack Cooney Brian O'Hara Madeline Reiser	27 Matthew Cooney Ashley Tighe	28 Piper Clark	29 Shirley Heist Lucas McCrea Matthew Quirk	30	

Muhlenberg Center Dedication Plaque

Take a look at the large poster next to the elevator that lists the donors to the Capital Campaign. Did you contribute? Is your name on the list? Is everything spelled correctly? Please contact the church office NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2 with any changes that need to be made to the plaque in the Muhlenberg Center. The committee plans to order the permanent brass plaque in December.

TALKING WITH GOD

“Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed.” Do you say this prayer before meals? There are other prayers, too. Sometimes they’re sung. Maybe you pray the Lord’s Prayer or another prayer at bedtime. At church lots of different prayers are used. Sometimes the leader or pastor prays for everyone, and sometimes all the people pray. We all pray the Lord’s Prayer, and we always pray for people in need. There are prayers in which you tell God you’re sorry for the bad things you do, and prayers in which you say thanks to God for all the good things God has done. There are prayers before the special meal called “Holy Communion.” Some prayers are written down, and some are not. There are loud prayers, silent prayers, and sung prayers. There are prayers done kneeling, standing, and sitting. There are prayers you say with your hands folded, head bowed, and eyes closed; and there are prayers you say with giggles and shouts of joy, with your arms raised. People pray when they’re happy and when they’re sad, and when they’re angry or scared or confused.

Do you see? There are lots of kinds of prayers and lots of places to pray. But in all of them we talk to God just the way we are, and God talks to us. Amazing things happen when we pray. We begin to see how all the people on earth are part of one gigantic family living under the big umbrella of the sky.

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Coordinator of Faith Development

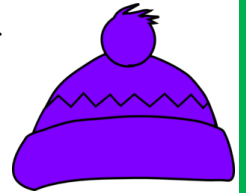
*Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray. Proverbs 22:6*

Augustus Sunday School is in full swing! On October 7th, in honor of St. Francis Sunday, Pastor Weleck blessed our pets and favorite animals (using pictures of them) and we heard all about the good work the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Animals does to take care of animals who don't have a family to love them. Thank you to 1st and 2nd grade teacher Pat North for a great presentation.



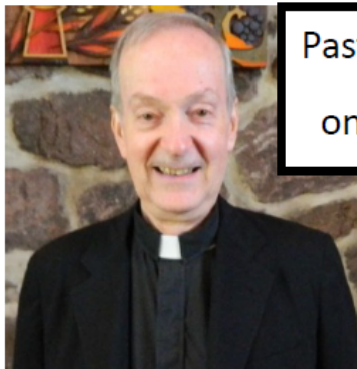
On October 28th and on November 4th our Sunday school classes will be combined for two big events. The first, Reformation Sunday on October 28th, will be led by our 5th and 6th grade class. Every year this class tells the story of the Reformation to our younger students. They have been busily planning a fun and informative Sunday with a skit, games, music and a special treat. On November 4th we will celebrate All Saints Sunday and learn how our faith has been shaped by the faithful Christians who came before us. Thank God for them!

Our Sunday school children learn that we are "blessed to be a blessing," and so we have four opportunities throughout the year to give to others. Our first began on Sunday, October 21st and continues through November 18th. We are collecting donations of new hats and gloves for Silver Springs Martin Luther School, an ELCA-affiliated organization that ministers to children and their families facing emotional and behavioral difficulties. All of our Sunday school offerings during this time will also be used to purchase hats and gloves for the children of SSMLS to use this winter. To learn more about the school, please go to <https://www.silver-springs.org/about/>.



We are also looking forward to new opportunities to meet with groups of parents throughout the year to get to know one another, share some parenting wisdom and to talk about how we can better serve one another, our children, and the surrounding community. Our next group, for parents of school-aged children, will meet on Sunday, November 18th at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served. If you have a child in kindergarten through 5th grade, please join us!

Please join our new Facebook group "Augustus Sunday School" so you can keep up to date with all our activities!



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

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

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

Cemetery Clean Up for Winter

Please remove all fall flowers and fixtures in the Cemetery by the end of November. The Cemetery Committee will be having their last work day of the year on December 1st to clean the cemetery for the Holiday season.

If you would like to be a member of the Cemetery Committee, please contact Gary Wessner (gtwess@comcast.net).





Eighth Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on 18-Nov-2018 after both the early and late Services.

Pies will be frozen.

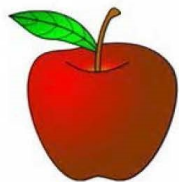
Baking instructions will be provided.

Cost: \$10.00 per pie.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Pies: _____



Pick up on 18-Nov-2018 (check one)

After the early Service (8:00 am): _____

After the late Service (10:30 am): _____

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS



The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who decorated their cars for this year's Trunk or Treat. We'd also like to thank all of those who stopped by. It was a great time for all.

Our eighth annual Apple Pie sale takes place this month. Please place your orders at our table in the Muhlenberg Center. Orders can be picked up after each service on the 18th.

The Senior Youth Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month and the 3rd 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. Our rules are simple, if you purchase the materials, we'll do the work to the best of our abilities. Contact us at youth@augustustrappe.org or gtwess@comcast.net.

November *Worship Assistants*



Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	
November 4	Connor Elison	Griffin Crothers	
November 11	Matt Meeley	Aaron Crothers	
November 18	Connor Elison	Ethan DePaul	
November 25		Piper Bouchard	
Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector/9:30 am	10:30 am Prayers/ 9:30 am
November 4	Jeff Stuffle	Cole Leigl	Thomas Lyaro
November 11	Sandy Trauger	Alan Shunk	John Kochel
November 18	Mildred Stuffle	James Lorah	Chris Dogonniuck
November 25	Laurie Mueller/Nicole Dubeck	Alan Shunk	Alan Shunk
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine		
November 4	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer		
November 11	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards		
November 18	Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger		
November 25	Jeannie Funk and Gary Wessner		
Ushers	8:00 am: Early Usher Team		10:30 am: Contact Dick Allebach
Offering Tabulation	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk		
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	10:30 am/9:30 am:	
November	Jeannie Funk		

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

Contact the church office to help with our weekly worship.
610-489-9625 or office@augustrappe.org



Peace It All Together

Micah 6:8 reminds us that God wants us to do justice and be fair and loving with others. Working for peace in the world—that's a tough order! Help children feel they are taking an active part in peacemaking by starting at home.

A key to a peaceful world is understanding that despite our differences, we all have much in common. Look at pictures of other cultures, such as those in a geographic magazines or the five-volume "Visiting in the Global Village" series (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, codes 15-9678, 15-9679, 15-9680, 15-9681, 15-9682). What might the people shown in those resources worry about, and what might make them happy? Share stories from other cultures. Explore the "Friends Around the World" series (Augsburg Fortress Publishers—including "Pam Mann's Friends in Africa," code 15-8118), which contain a variety of mission activities.

Write post cards with prayers thanking God for all living things; asking for God's care; and for peace and freedom everywhere. Add decorative designs with markers if you like. Send them to friends and family who live elsewhere.

Make an "Earth Flag" to display. Obtain a picture of the world and copy it onto a square of fabric. Have family members color the continents and oceans with fabric pens or markers. Cut out the picture and glue it or stitch it onto a 2' x 3' piece of felt or nylon. On felt squares, trace gingerbread boys and girls, making one figure per family member. Glue the figures in circle around the picture of the world to represent your family's efforts to join in peace-making.

The paper crane has become a symbol of peace worldwide. Obtain a book on Japanese origami to learn how to fold a paper crane. Hang several from a hanger to make a peace mobile.

Pray a prayer asking for peace. Then ask the family to think of ways they wish to work for peace in their daily lives. Invite them to pray for God's help in doing this.

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Sharing God's Bounty

Showing our Gratitude

God gives us his love, goodness, and mercy daily. He has given us victory over sin and death through his Son. Christ has given us the blessings of forgiveness, justification, a new life, and an eternal hope. Because of his bountiful blessings, we should be compelled to show our gratitude. Do we? Could we, at times, be taking all that we receive for granted?

If Christ were to come into our homes in physical form, certainly we would express our thanks in tangible ways. We would make him comfortable, run errands for him, offer our best food, and give him our time and attention. However, we don't have that opportunity, so we show our gratitude in different ways.

One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day in our prayers and thoughts. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is expressed when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to his Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ's love in us. We extend our thanks to our heavenly Father when we give him praise and glory in weekly worship and privately throughout each day.

As stewards, we find that our gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God's love, which enables us to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasures. In response to God's love and grace, we give ourselves and our resources. When we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all, we will serve the Lord faithfully out of gratitude for all his gifts to us. Our gratefulness to God will enable us to give thanks even during bad times because God promises to comfort and sustain us in all things.

Blessings during this Thanksgiving season!



Regardless of whether you tithe or use some other method of measure, the return you make to God should come from the "first fruits" of your labor. This means that your return to God comes first, before paying all your other bills.

If we give simply from what we have left over after all our needs are met, it is not really sacrificial. If there is no pain in our giving, then we can be sure that we are not giving enough.

Senior High Youth Group
Is having their 7th Annual Cookie Sale



What: Homemade Christmas Cookies

When: December 9th

Where: Cookies will be available for pick up after each service on the 9th.

How much:

\$4.00 1 Dozen

\$8.00 2 Dozen

\$12.00 for 3 Dozen

Senior High Youth Group is selling Christmas Cookies again this year.
The cookies will be assorted and arranged in a container. Please preorder to ensure you get a tray of these freshly baked homemade cookies.

Name: _____

Phone # or E-mail Address: _____

I would like:

1 dozen (\$4) _____

2 dozen (\$8) _____

3 dozen (\$12) _____

I will pick up after the 8:00 service _____

I will pick up after the 10:30 service _____



If you have any questions, please contact:
Cathy Meeley at tcmeeley@verizon.net

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Reducing and Eliminating Credit Card Debt

Because desires often exceed the ability to pay, many of us have a lot of debt. Our dependence on debt is possibly the most widely abused principle in God's Word regarding money. Scripture does not forbid us from borrowing money, but it does point out its disadvantages. *"The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender"* (Proverbs 22:7). Despite God's warnings, our dependence on debt continues to grow.

Some debt is unavoidable. In the case of a job loss or health problems, it may not be possible to avoid debt. In addition, some debt is acceptable, such as debt for educational purposes or home mortgages. Debt that is acquired for the purpose of spending money to make money makes economic sense.

The most troublesome debt in our society is credit card debt. Credit is a means of renting money when we need it, for as long as we need it. Credit allows us to enjoy something now and pay for it later. Unfortunately, for many of us, credit cards are easily accessible, and, in today's society, we are encouraged to take advantage of them. With so much available credit, it is no surprise that the number of bankruptcies and divorces related to financial tension is high. We may enjoy the spending that gets us into debt, but it is not much fun getting out of it. In spite of all the warnings about debt, we are still willing to buy now and pay later. Credit cards should contain the clause, "This credit card can be hazardous to your financial well-being."

It has been said that there are three types of people. Those who "have," those who "have not," and those who "have not paid for what they have." Many people are paying five to 20 percent or more of their budgets toward credit card debt, which places a great burden on family expenses. The financial burden is caused by having to pay for things you bought in the past at the same time you are paying for current expenses, as well as the high interest rates that credit card companies charge. For example, if you have a credit card balance of \$2,000 at a 15 percent annual interest rate and you remit only the minimum payment, it will take 17.5 years to repay the \$2,000 balance. The total cost, including interest charges, increases to \$4,517.62. In the time it may take to pay off your credit cards, most things that were purchased will have been lost, stolen, or worn out. We live in a society in which enough is never enough. One of the biggest reasons we get into debt is greed. *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions"* (Luke 12:15). Jesus was criticizing the notion that the value of life is determined by the number of possessions we have. In order to avoid going deeper and deeper into unnecessary debt, a change in attitude is required. Curbing wants and desires leads to greater success in staying out of debt.



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.

The Upper Montgomery Fall Conference Gathering was held at Augustus Lutheran Church, on Saturday, October 20. The theme was “Equality” from Galatians 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Many thanks to the Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel – former Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Collegeville, and currently serving as Honorary Assistant at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe – for presenting a wonderful power-point slide show. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Canned goods were collected for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry, a Collegeville local food cupboard. Refreshments and fellowship were shared by all.



Girl’s Night Out is scheduled for Friday November 2, 2018. We will be going to dinner at a local restaurant (if there is interest) and then to Ursinus College to see the play, “Radium Girls”, at the Blackbox Studio Theater in the Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center. Inspired by a true story, “Radium Girls” chronicles the efforts of Grace Fryer, a watch dial painter, as she fights the U.S. Radium Corporation responsible for poisoning its employees. The show begins at 7:30pm. Please RSVP to Deb Scholl (610-409-1950 or schollde@aol.com) by October 24 if you are interested in attending.

The Upper Montgomery Conference continues its Bible Study on Repentance from the Gather Magazine, “Turn, turn, turn – A time for faithful repentance”. Session three of this Bible Study, “Turning Points: Turning as the Church to the World”, will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, PA. When we repent as one body in Christ, we open the way to healing and reconciliation. Barbara Thornton is the study leader. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. Bring your Bible and your November issue of “Gather” magazine. If you need a ride, please contact Fran Ivarson.



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

Also on this day, quilts and afghans made by the Hearts and Hands Committee of Augustus' Women of the ELCA under the direction of Mildred Stuffle will adorn the church sanctuary. The quilts will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to countries all over the world to help those people less fortunate. The afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown.

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!

Thankofferings date back to the 1800's when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund mission. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out projects, the women believed otherwise. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. They would then gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise. Together, we can do more than we could ever do alone.

The Hearts & Hands Committee continues to meet twice a month on the 1st Wednesday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room. Among an array of various projects that the committee embarks on, the ladies concentrate their efforts on making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be on display for Thankoffering Sunday along with knitted/crocheted afghans for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children. If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on Nov 7 and Nov 20. You can also work from home at your leisure. New members are always welcome and no experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

The "New" Knitting 'N Crochet Group continues to meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 7pm to 9pm in room 20 (lower level) of Augustus' Parish House. This group is open to all skill levels and everyone is invited. If you don't know how to knit or crochet but have a desire to learn, we will teach you. You can either work on a service project or bring your own project. Our November meetings will be on the 12th and the 26th. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

Augustus Women/ELCA will once again be collecting "Wish List" Items for the Children of Silver Springs - Martin Luther School for Christmas. Silver Springs – Martin Luther School is a school for boys and girls who have endured tremendous trials early in life. They have come to the school knowing only fear, anger, and a lack of hope. Your gifts will put big smiles and exclamations of joy on their faces. All gifts must be new, unwrapped, & put in the collection box located on the lower level of the Muhlenberg Center by the end of November to be delivered in time for Christmas. Your gifts will be very much appreciated. A special "thank you" goes to Fran Ivarson & Ann Walker for taking charge of this event. Please refer to the children's "wish list" items included in this newsletter.

Augustus' Committee Night will continue to be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. All the committees will first meet in Augustus' Chapel and then we will break off into our separate meeting rooms. The Women of the ELCA will be participating. The next committee night will be held on November 27. Please come out & share your opinions. All women of Augustus are welcome.

Your 2018 Purchases Can Support Augustus Ministries:

Support WELCA through iGive! Get a free iGive.com account so that Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA can earn money every time you shop online. Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA is registered with iGive. iGive replaces eScrip's Online Mall. It's free and easy! <https://www.iGive.com/LRJOkOr> [iGive.com](https://www.iGive.com). You Shop. Your Charity Gets Money For Free.™ iGive is a free service where shopping at any of 1914 stores like Walmart, Travelocity, Overstock, and many more, means a donation to your favorite cause.

3 Easy Steps to sign up:

1. Select your cause: Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA
2. Download the app or Button to shop at over 1900 stores
3. Shop online and your cause earns money at no cost to you



Support WELCA through AmazonSmile!

Now you can support Augustus Women of the ELCA with an even sweeter smile – an AmazonSmile, that is. AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for you to support Augustus Women of the ELCA every time you shop at Amazon.com, at no cost to you. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5 percent of what you spend at Amazon to the Augustus' Women's Organization. Your privacy is protected – Augustus Women of the ELCA is never informed of your purchases, the amount you spend, or even that it's you who's supporting Women of the ELCA through AmazonSmile. It couldn't be easier.

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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 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". Currently, Smartphone Recycling is offering an additional 20% cash bonus throughout 2018.



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.

Schedule Of Events

- Nov 2: WELCA Girl's Night Out – Dinner & Show @ Ursinus College “Radium Girls” 7:30pm
6: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Augustus LC, Trappe – 9:30am
Topic: “Turn, turn, turn – A time for faithful repentance”
Session three, “Turning Points: Turning as the church to the world”
Presenter: Barbara Thornton
7: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
11: Augustus' Congregational Meeting & Luncheon 11:30am
12: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
18: Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday – Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel
20: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
22: Happy Thanksgiving!
26: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
27: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- Dec 4: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. James LC, Pottstown – 9:30am
Topic: “Fear Not – An Advent/Christmas Devotional”
Presenter: Jean John
5: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
10: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
15: Assemble Christmas Baskets for Sick'N Shut-ins @ Augustus 9:30am
18: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
25: Merry Christmas!!



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

The Luther Rose

The beautiful stained glass window on the front of the elevator tower contains a cross with the Luther Rose at its center. The Luther Rose, designed by Martin Luther himself, has served as the main emblem of Lutheranism from the very beginning of the Lutheran Reformation.

The BLACK CROSS in the center reminds us that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins.

The RED HEART reminds us of the love God has for us in sending Jesus to be our Savior. The red of the heart is the color of the blood of Christ, shed for us and for our salvation.

The WHITE ROSE helps us remember the work of the Holy Spirit who makes us pure and holy in God's sight by bringing us to faith in Jesus and by helping us to live our lives for him.

The SKY BLUE BACKGROUND pictures the joy of the new life God gives to all who believe and trust in him.

Finally, the GOLDEN RING outlining the seal reminds us of our eternal inheritance – a home in heaven where we will enjoy complete joy and happiness in our Savior's Presence.

-Pastor Weleck



Biography of:
REV. DR. MARTHA B. KRIEBEL
Pastor Emerita of Trinity UCC of Collegeville
Honorary Assistant of Augustus Lutheran Church

Dr. Kriebel is a summa cum laude graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls, a cum laude graduate of Ursinus College with a B.S. degree (pre-med), an honor graduate of the Lancaster Theological Seminary, with a B.D., and an S.T.M. (Masters in Sacred Theology) from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Ursinus College conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1984.

Following ordination to the Christian Ministry, Pastor Kriebel served from 1959 to 1972 the Palm Schwenkfelder Church, which voted to affiliate with the United Church of Christ in 1959. During the 13-year pastorate the 635 member congregation dedicated a new Christian Education building, opened a weekday nursery school, Palm Country Day School, and joined in creating an inter-faith fellowship of area churches. She also initiated pre-marital counseling and family life seminars.



From 1972-1979, Rev. Kriebel served as Assistant to the Conference Minister, Pa. SE Conference, United Church of Christ with responsibilities in Evangelism, Social Action, Church Extension, Health and Welfare, all groups under the Division of the Church in Society.

Two research projects of Dr. Kriebel have been published: "Schwenkfelders and the Sacraments" and "Retracing Our Roots," plus numerous research books for study and action, especially in the field of Evangelism, a multi-media pageant, "The Years Between, 1725-1975" presented at Ursinus College as a part of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference celebration of the first German Reformed Communion, a 1988 Pilgrim Press Award publication, "A Stole is a Towel," and recent PowerPoint presentations including "When Collegeville was Freeland," and "The Grass is Greener."

Rev. Kriebel served on the Executive Board of the Mercersburg Society, Lancaster Theological Seminary's Field Education Pastoral Supervisor Program, PaSE Conference, UCC, Ecumenical Relations Committee, and the Ursinus Association's Periodic Review Committee, as chair for pastor's every three-year evaluation. Community activities included being a member of the Advisory Council of the Montgomery County Office on Aging and Adult Services, Perkiomen Valley Healthy Community Partnership, Trappe Historical Society, Collegeville Fire Company, and chair of the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium.

Some highlights of pastoring Trinity's congregation were the 150th anniversary of the church's founding in 1854 and the 150th anniversary of the Church School. The congregation is home to many community groups, and is involved in mission work in Haiti and Japan, the Appalachia Service Project, Grace Bean's Soup kitchen and the Patrician Society in Norristown, and a Service and Project Group that provides caps and mittens, blankets, place mats, wheelchair bags for area institutions and Head Start. each year for the past ten years. In 2005 the congregation became a partner parish with St. Peter's Church in the former East zone of Törten, Dessau, Germany.

The term "Pastor Emerita" (female) is used by the church to honor a person whose lengthy ministry in that church as been one of distinguished service. On May 25, 2018, Trinity Reformed Church honored Pastor Kriebel by bestowing upon her the title of Pastor Emerita, to honor her long and successful service to the church.

You can read more about Rev. Kriebel on the 150th Anniversary Website of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (LTSP). Rev. Dr. Kriebel was the first woman to earn a degree from LTSP in 1965.



SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery Conference
First Tuesday Bible Studies
10 a.m. [Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.]
Fall: Repentance Winter: Meetings with Jesus: John's Gospel
9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Fall/Winter 2018; Winter/Spring 2019



Presenter, Janet Luyben

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

Presenter?

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

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

Presenter, Jean John

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2019 Summer Bible Study to be announced in the Spring

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2018 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

WISH GIFTS

- Basketballs, footballs, and playground balls
- Scented body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and lotion. Bath and Body Works and Dove for Men are favorites*
- Dream Lites
- Large and medium stuffed animals
- Fuzzy posters to color with washable markers
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals — adult sizes 6-11
- Adjustable baseball hats. Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Art and craft sets
- Sketch books and drawing paper
- Super hero action figures
- Remote controlled vehicles and robots
- Matchbox or Hotwheels cars and race track sets
- Pokémon toys
- Football gloves — youth and adult sizes
- Basketball shooting sleeves — youth and adult sizes
- K'Nex building sets
- Baby dolls of all ethnicities (African American, Latino, and Caucasian). Baby Alive or American Girl-type dolls are popular
- Baby doll clothes and accessories
- Portable Radio/CD players — with detachable cords only please
- Games — Mancala, Connect 4, Jenga, UNO, Bop-it, Skip-it, Simon, Monopoly Jr., Life Jr., Battleship, Guess Who, Trouble, and Hungry Hungry Hippos
- LEGO & LEGO Friends sets
- Pajama sets for boys and girls — youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-XL
- Shopkins toys
- Hardback children's books
- Mr. Potato Head toys
- Children's paint by number sets
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys — youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-XL Nike, Under Armour, and Adidas are favorites

* Plastic bottles only; no spray bottles, please

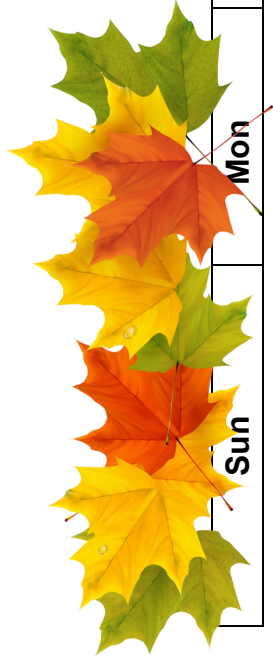
STOCKING STUFFERS

- Children's DVDs rated G or PG
- Novelty socks for girls — adult sizes 6-11
- Sports socks for boys and girls — adult sizes 6-11
- Playing cards and card games
- Pretty headbands and hair accessories
- Batteries — AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt
- Crayons, colored pencils, and washable markers
- Football cards
- Pokémon cards
- Water bottles
- Novelty toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Journals
- Rubik's cubes
- Hair brushes and combs
- Lip balm
- Gel pens
- Coloring books

Donation boxes of items for these children may be placed in the Muhlenberg Center beginning in November.

Donations must be received by November 22 to be delivered.





NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion Sunday School Sings	5 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	6 8:30 AM WELCA Bible Study 7:30 PM Vestry Meeting	7 9:30 AM Quilting Group 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM 3-in-1 6:00 PM Sr. Youth Group	1 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	2 7:00 PM Cubs Parent Meeting	3 4:30 PM Cub Scout Pasta Dinner
11 VETERANS DAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion 11:30 AM Annual Meeting and Luncheon	12 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Knitting Group	13 7:00 PM Community Club 7:00 PM Scout Committee Mtg	14 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach 6:00 PM 3-in-1	15 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	16 7:00 PM Cubs Pack Meeting	17 8:00 AM Sr. Youth Pie Making 10:00 AM Scouting for Food Drop Off
18 THANKOFFERING 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion 4:00 PM Speaker's House Annual Meeting	19 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM District Scout Meeting	20 9:30 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Scout Committee Meeting	21 NO 3-in-1 2:00 PM Staff Meeting	22 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING 9:00 AM Private Event	OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Holy Communion	26 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Knitting Group	27 7:00 PM Committee Night	28 6:00 PM 3-in-1	29 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir		