Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church An Historic Church for Today's People

SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I wanted to touch-base about the start of another robust fall season at Augustus Lutheran Church. We have planned many things for the fall and look forward to an exciting liturgy in the Sundays ahead! You will find more information about them by perusing this issue of the Augustinian.

We have continued to be the body of Christ during the summer months.

- Worship was celebrated twice each Sunday.
- Non-perishable food items were collected each Sunday for the Daily Bread Food Pantry.
- Meals were prepared and served to our hungry neighbors visiting the Soup Kitchen at St. John's in Norristown on the second Wednesday of each month.
- Vacation Bible School was offered in June.
- Jonathan Brull's Eagle Scout project involved painting the walls of the Sacristy and hallway by the Chapel and offices.
- Evan Griggs' Eagle Scout project involved cleaning 311 headstones in the Cemetery.
- The Property Committee painted the Vestry Room and the Parish Office.
- Plans for the 3 in 1 (First Holy Communion and Confirmation instruction) and Sunday School programs were finalized.
- WELCA continued to make quilts to provide warmth for the weakest and most vulnerable of our neighbors.

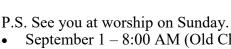
And all of the staff took some time away from Augustus Lutheran Church to rest and recreate.

I am appealing to everyone in our church to do what he or she can, so we can fulfill our budgeted obligations for our programs. Your prayerful consideration and response to the needs of the church community are appreciated.

As you give to help your church meet its financial obligations, you will experience that joy that God gives to those who give. If you are current in your giving, I invite you to help your church through our financial shortfall with a special gift.

The church gives you many thanks and I pray that God's blessings remain with you as you continue your faithful stewardship of the many blessings entrusted to your care.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Weleck



- September 1 8:00 AM (Old Church) & 9:30 AM (Air-Conditioned Brick Church Nave)
- September 8 8:00 AM (Old Church) & 10:30 AM (Old Church); Picnic after the 10:30 AM service
- September 15, 22, 29, etc. 8:00 AM (Chapel) & 10:30 (Brick Church Nave)



sharing the gifts we have been given





September

2019



Hello! Goodbye!

Hello to some a returning choir members: **Dottie Luft** is returning to the alto section. Dottie is the mother of Anita Luft and Leesa Shunk, and mother-in-law of Alan. Welcome back!

Goodbye – to **Jennifer Wentworth** who began a new job this fall. She is the new Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Phoenixville. Congratulations, Jen! You will be greatly missed here (as both a singer and a bell choir member), but St. John's is blessed to have you!

We have a wonderful group of choir members, and we're always happy to welcome a new person with a tuneful voice and a sense of rhythm. If that's you, come join us. Singing choir begins Thursday, September 5 at 7 pm; Bell choir begins Thursday, September 19 at 6 pm.

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

P.S. – If you see someone in one of our choirs, and you don't know them, make a point to introduce yourself, ask their name and thank them for serving in the choir. A great way to make a new friend!

P.P.S. – If you'd like to support the choir but don't have a tuneful voice or a sense of rhythm, consider contributing to the music fund. Checks of any amount are appreciated. A donation of \$340 supports the music program for one week, and you may choose a Sunday morning hymn. All checks should be payable to Augustus Lutheran Church and sent to Bob Rodenberger's attention for the Music Program/Trust Fund. Thank you!

See you in church!

To the Augustus Church Family Dear Pastors, Staff, and Congregants,

I cannot thank you enough for your healing prayers, well-wishes, and the flowers that are a silent reminder of Word and Sacrament and the glorious truth Martin Luther proclaimed when he named all baptized Christians as ministers, "The priesthood of believers."

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" which each of you makes Christ's gift personally received and freely and joyfully given to all. 'Thanks be to God, for YOU."

Yours in and through Christ

Pastor Martha +

20 August, 2019





Coordinator of Faith Development

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for a new year of Sunday school beginning on Rally Day, September 8th. We'll gather at 9:00 a.m. to meet our wonderful teachers and enjoy some fun activities during the Sunday school hour. At the 10:30 a.m. service, our teachers will be blessed and commissioned to continue their ministry of teaching Augustus' children. And immediately following the church service, everyone is invited to an all-church picnic provided by our Senior High Youth Group. Please bring your family!

A Sunday school registration form is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on my cell (904-476-4409) or via email at education@augustustrappe.org.

Don't forget to join our Facebook group, "Augustus Sunday School" to keep up to date on all our events.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards Coordinator of Faith Development



Augustus Lutheran Church Sunday School Registration Form

Classes are held September- May

(please complete one form per family—return to Sonya Sowards)

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Address:							
Best email for family:							
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<u>Children</u> :							
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Tea on the Lawn **THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to our Tea on the Lawn Hosts for treating us this summer after worship!



Mike Van Blaricum John and Marie Kochel Rich and Dot Opperman Augustus Book Club Gary and Tracy Wessner The Augustus Choir Sr. Youth Group The Property Committee The Christian Ed Committee Bob and Alice Rodenberger

Cemetery News

The cemetery committee would like to thank those who donated to the 2019 tree planting.

- Debra Augustine: In memory of Samuel Augustine and grandparents.
- Karen Lachenmayer: In loving memory of Thomas F. Lachenmayer, 1928-2017
- James Richvalsky: In Memory of Loved Ones-From the Richvalsky Family
- John E., Jr. & Susan A. Schatz: In loving memory of parents, Warren & Jacquelyn Dieffenbach, Edgar & Thelma Schatz and nephew, Robert J. Paoletti, Jr.
- ◆ Debra Scholl: In memory of Nevin H. Scholl. Loving Husband and Father. Forever in our hearts.
- Cynthia Snyder: In the memory of William "Billy" Snyder. Always and forever "Amazing Grace".
- Karl Stefan: In Memory of Loved Ones
- Ann Walker: In memory of Barry Graves, Russell and Esther Gottshal.
- Pastor Weleck: Given to the Glory of God by Pastor Weleck in Loving Memory of Departed Family Members.



Augustus Book Club

The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on September 16 at 7:30 pm. We'll Discuss

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

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

Questions? Contact Karen McClain

610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org



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SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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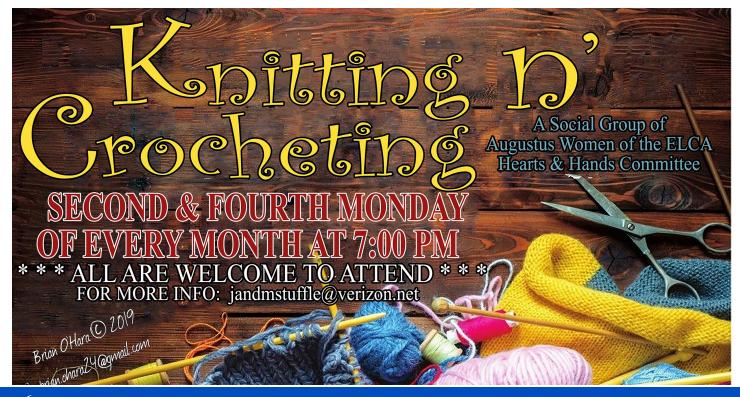
The Senior Youth Group would like to thank the congregation for their support throughout the year and our prayer pals for their prayers while we were on our Mission Trip. We left the area on July 20^{th} and traveled to Camden,

New York. After getting settled in at the Camden Methodist Church, we traveled to Syracuse, New York for a Sunday fun day of axe throwing. During the week, we added a ramp to a home, we put metal roof on a home, we put skirting around a house and we did major renovations to two homes. We also had communion at Sylvan Beach one evening before returning home on the 27th. This year's trip was attended by our youth, Liz Meeley, Rachel Schaffer, Jeremy and Liz Wentworth. College students Olivia Brull, Brian Funk and Thomas Wessner and adult leaders Nancy Berg, Chris Dogonniuck, Joe Schaffer, and Gary Wessner.

The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who helped us in our fund raisers this past year. Due to your graciousness, the youth only had to pay a small deposit, with the SYG paying the rest. If you have any interest in going on future trips or if you're interested in being a youth group leader, let one of the leaders know.

The New Year will be starting in early September. If you have any youth in grades 9-12 that are interested in joining, please contact Gary Wessner, gtwess@comcast.net.
For those who were members last year, as well as the new confirmands, you will receiving information on the new year in the next week. 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.



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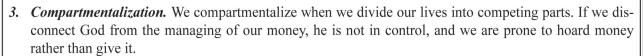
Sharing God's Bounty

Why We Struggle in Giving

Just as Jesus gave, we are enabled by God's grace to be giving people. For Christians, giving is not an option. We are to give our firstfruits generously and joyfully out of gratitude for who God is and what he has done and continues to do for us. So why don't Christians give as they should?

The following are some reasons people don't give more:

- 1. Spiritual problems. People act as owners of their things rather than stewards. They readily acknowledge God as the owner with their lips but not with their hearts and actions. Those lacking an intimate relationship with Jesus do not make giving a priority.
- 2. Financial problems. The average credit card debt per household is approximately \$8,000. Many don't manage their money wisely. Until we spend less money than we make, we will find that money is tight and unavailable for giving generously.



- **4. Limited vision.** We are apt to give less than we are capable if we do not understand all that our church or other Christian organizations are doing. If we understand and relate to the vision and mission of the church or organizations seeking our contributions, we will give generously.
- 5. *Limited relationships*. People give more when they are connected to the church or Christian organization through relationships. If good relationships exist with the pastor or church leaders or even other members, people tend to be more generous.

If we are struggling in our giving, we need to seek God's strength to grow in our faith and trust in him. It is only by God's grace that we can be empowered to grow in the grace of giving.

May God help us all grow in his love and grace so we become the generous givers he wants us to be.



We own nothing. We are simply stewards of our lives, our goods, and our relationships. A basic understanding of Christian stewardship is that we are set in this world as caretakers, as stewards, not as possessors. To be wise, is, in one sense, to be a good steward. The gospel story of the talents constitutes a plea for us to use what has been entrusted to us, but it is grounded in the truth that we own nothing, not even our lives.



Devotional Meditation

Scripture Reading:

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father, but from the world" (1 John 2:15-16).



Combating Temptation

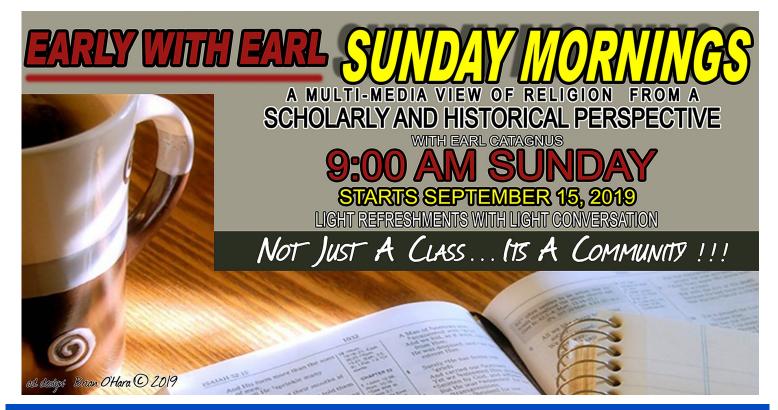
It's a tough situation we're in, isn't it? We're in the world, but we are not to be of the world. Here we are, surrounded by all kinds of goodies we'd like to own and by all kinds of opportunities that look so inviting. Doesn't it remind you of Eve in the Garden of Eden? "When [she] saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom . . ." What could it hurt? So "she took some and ate it" (Genesis 3:6). And her life was never the same again.

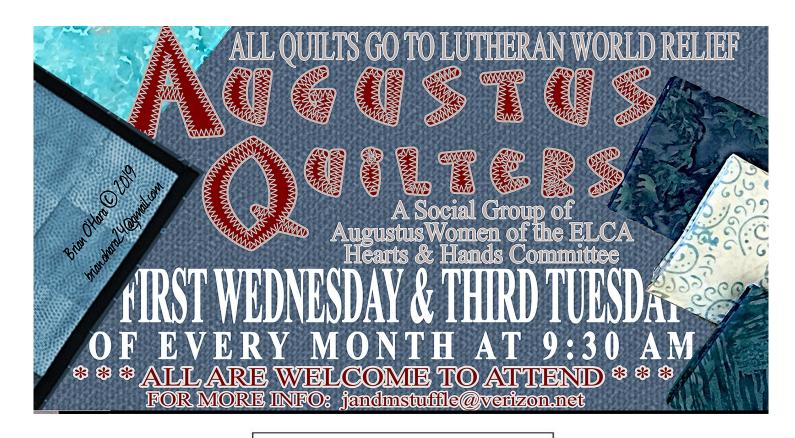
Neither are ours. That Fall of Adam and Eve is our Fall, as well. We have limited vision, just as they had. We look around and see that the fruits look good, will probably taste good, and may be beneficial to us in other ways as well, and we take a bite.

God not only has hindsight, God knows what lies ahead and warns us through John's words, "Don't love the world or the things of the world." When we are tempted to imitate the ways of the world or to give in to its false promises of fun and fulfillment, let us heed these warnings.

Instead of finding satisfaction, we become greedy and envious and disgruntled. Accumulating earthly goods and participating in the pleasures that the world offers bring only fleeting enjoyment and can lead to everlasting pain. Let us instead, take the gifts that God offers – peace and hope and life that is really life (1 Timothy 6:19).

Prayer Our gracious heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we sin against you by putting other things before you. We are too often dazzled by the things of the world and ungrateful for the true riches that you give to us daily. Nourish us through your Word and Sacrament that we may desire only those things that are good for us and bring glory to your name. Through Christ we pray. **Amen.**





Craft-Vendor Show and Flea Market





Saturday, October 19, 2019

8:00 am until 1:00 pm

Crafters/vendors/flea marketers needed.

E-mail schollde@aol.com for registration form.

Table and two chairs provided for \$20

Third Sunday Church Bowling League

Do you like to bowl? Would you like to meet new people? Come bowl with us from September through May on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Limerick Bowl. All ability levels welcome and children ages 12 and up. Youth/college students \$10 per month, Adults \$17 per month. If interested, see Bob Reichner or contact the league secretary Diane Fels at wyvanefels@comcast.net by September 7th.

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Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Investing Wisely

When you consider investing, you should start by asking, "Why am I investing?" If you are investing to enhance your personal kingdom rather than God's, you need to rethink your motives. Certainly, you should be investing so you can properly provide for your family and yourself. However, to amass money for your own security while neglecting the needs of the needy and the work of spreading the Gospel would go against God's plan for your money.

As God's steward, you acknowledge that it is God's money that you are entrusted to manage. Because you are a steward, you have the responsibility to honor God with all that you do with your money, which includes investing. With the awareness that it is God's money and that you will be held accountable for what you do with it, you should question even more:



"How much risk is appropriate?"

"What level of risk is appropriate when investing God's money?"

Before you are able to invest any money, you must establish an emergency fund that will be accessible immediately in the event of job loss, health problems, or another emergency. This fund should be large enough to sustain you and your family for at least three to six months. After this fund is in place, you are free to invest.

Simply put, there are three categories or types of investments:

- **Tash.** You can choose to keep cash under your mattress (sort of like the third servant in the Parable of the Talents) or to put your money in bank savings or money market funds. This is a no-risk investment option that provides only a small return.
- Fixed income investments. A fixed income investment occurs when you lend your money to a person or institution. In return for your money, you get the promise of being paid a certain interest rate and the future return of your principal. Examples of this type of investment are bank certificate of deposits (CD's), corporate bonds, municipal bonds, government bonds, etc. All of these investment vehicles pay interest, and, on specified dates, the principal is returned.
- **Equities (growth).** Equity refers to an ownership position. If you own stock, you own part of the company. The same pertains to real estate, collectibles, antiques, etc. As an owner, you want the value of what you own to increase. Because mutual funds offer professional management and diversification into stocks of several companies, mutual funds are a good and smart way to invest in a growth investment.

Wise investors make allocations among these three investment choices. As your investments grow, you should place some money in all three categories. The allocation mix among these three will be determined by several factors, such as your current and future needs, goals, age, and dollar amount of investments.



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.

September Worship Assistants

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Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer			
September 1	(9:30 am) Cole Leigl				
September 8					
September 15	Contact Laurie Muell	er			
September 22					
September 29					
Readers	8:00 am	9:30 am /10:30 am			
September 1	Karl Stefan	(9:30 am) Gary Wessner			



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September 8	Sandy Trauger	Ben Richvalsky and Piper Bouchard			
September 15	Earl Catagnus	Sherry Jessee and Alanna Jessee			
September 22	Nicole Dubeck	Mike Taylor and Chris Dogonniuck			
September 29	Mike VanBlaricum	John Kochel and Jeannie Funk			
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine				
September 1	(9:30 am) John Kochel	(9:30 am) John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer			

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Ushers	8:00 am: Usher Team
September 29	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards
September 22	Jeannie Funk and Gary Wessner
September 15	Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger
September 8	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards
September 1	(5.50 am) John Rochel and Dave Schweitzer

Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	9:30 am/10:30 am: Deb Scholl and Sherry Jessee	
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September Birthdays

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Wendy Watro	Cindy Henze Emily Mullarkey	Nancy Berg	Tyler Funk Richard Patten	Pamela Slauch	Brian Clark Scott Maurer	Terry Benner III Irene Markert
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Richard Opperman Joan Rubendall	Jean Brunswick Charlene Tucker Edwin Van Alstine	Tyler Hoffman	David Trauger		Cindi DuBree Theresa Schindler Abby Stalker	Kristen Camuso Michael Napier Alayna Wells
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Martin Davis Julianne Fishell Peter Hausman	Kierstin Tartar	Peter Balzereit Donna DeNucci Melissa Elison Charlie Hallman Ben Lewis Thomas Meeley	Ethan DePaul Anne Lachenmayer Paul Sweeney	Madeline Kring William Penny Janice Reiff	Cheryl Camuso Abi Leigl Benjamin Richvalsky	Harry Antrim Bradley Hart Nola Kelly Catherine Meeley
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Justyne Clarke James Richvalsky	Cody Allen Madison Catagnus Ben Scholl					

OCTOBER 6, 2019 \$30

Dinner & Show

IMPERIAL MUSIC HALL
40 EAST 1ST AVENUE
COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426
PROUDLY PRESENTS:

BOB E HAMEL 'ELVIS'

RICH DESIMONE 'FRANK SINATRA'



\$30.00 PP INCLUDES SHOW & DINNER (BYOB)
DOORS OPEN 4:00PM - DINNER 4:30PM
(ITALIAN STYLE) - SHOW TIME 5PM-7PM

For questions about this event or to place your reservations, contact: brian.ohara24@gmail.com

AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE AT:



WWW.AUGUSTUSTRAPPE.ORG



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





SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

FIRST TUESDAY GATHER BIBLE STUDIES **FALL 2019**



Coffee and treats at 9:30 am Bible study 10:00 to 11:30 am

Fall 2019: POETRY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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

Tuesday, September 3

Bible study from the Gather September issue Session one: The Angst of Anger Old Testament poetry from the Psalms

Melinda Mace, Study Leader

St. James Lutheran Church

1101 High Street

Pottstown

Tuesday, October 1

Bible study from the Gather October issue Session two: The Ache of Grief Old Testament poetry from Job

Pat Leberman, Study Leader

St. Peter Lutheran Church 564 Glasgow Street.

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Tuesday, November 5

Bible study from the Gether November issue Session three: The Peace of Joy Old Testament poetry from Lamentations

Elaine Strimple, Study Leader

St. Mark Lutheran Church

81 Main Street. Pennsburg

Tuesday, December 3

Bible Study and Lunch Meet at 10:30 for devotional, then lunch on our own

Advent/Christmas Devotional from the Gather December issue Walking through the wilderness of Advent: A creative retreat with Isaiah

Presenter to be announced

Pizza Como/PC Pub Weis Shopping Center 500 Pottstown Ave., Rt. 663

Pennsburg

FALL GATHERING

Saturday, October 26

THEME: Proverbs 22.6 – Being Family Presenter: Rev. Martha Kriebel

Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main Street

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ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS.

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



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