

Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People

MARCH 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*I would like to begin by reminding you that **we will dedicate the Muhlenberg Center on Sunday April 15, 2018** after the 10:30 AM service. Please write this important event on your calendar so you are sure to be with us on this great day in the history of Augustus.*

Our sermon series, *Standing at the Cross*, continues through Easter Sunday. This series, focusing on themes from Martin Luther, is part of our ongoing celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.



Date	Festival	Sermon Theme
March 4	3 Lent	Standing in Suffering
March 11	4 Lent	Standing through Persecution
March 18	5 Lent	Standing in Truth
March 25	Palm Sunday	Standing in Humility (8:00 AM only; 10:30 AM Choir Cantata)
March 29	Maundy Thursday	Standing in Faith (7:30 PM)
March 30	Good Friday	Standing in Forgiveness (12:00 Noon)
April 1	Easter Sunday	Standing in Victory

The Cemetery Committee is a group of volunteers who work to maintain and improve our cemetery in spite of the limited funds available to accomplish this goal. The committee would like to beautify the cemetery by planting 15 flowering trees along the field side of the driveway as you enter the cemetery in time for the Dedication of the Muhlenberg Center on April 15, 2018. The Cemetery Committee needs your help to accomplish this project. The Cemetery Committee is asking our members and friends to donate the cost of planting one or more of the trees. The cost per tree is \$449. Donors' names and dedications will be listed in the Augustinian. If you are able to donate this amount, over and above your regular member giving, please fill out and submit the information below along with your payment before March 31, 2018.

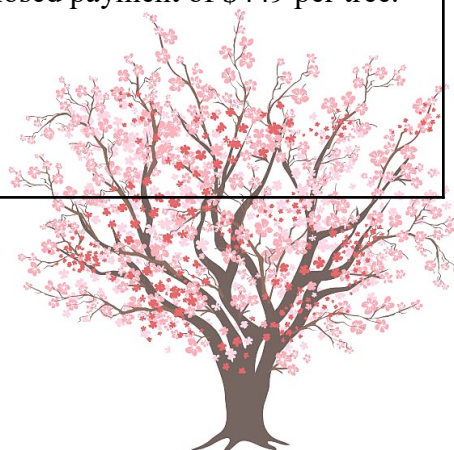
I would like to donate _____ tree(s) to beautify the cemetery. I have enclosed payment of \$449 per tree.

Name _____

I would like the dedication in the Augustinian to read:

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth,
and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Weleck



From the Bench

March 2018

Do you know how the date for Easter Sunday is determined? It is always the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. This year, Easter falls on April 1. From Easter, we count backward 40 days (not including Sundays) to determine the date of Ash Wednesday – February 14 this year. So from Valentine’s Day through March, we observe the season of Lent. The word “Lent” (from the Old English word “lencten”) refers to the lengthening of daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere as spring approaches. During Lent’s 40 days, we can remember Jesus’ 40 days being tempted in the wilderness, or the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years, or Noah and his family waiting out the 40 day flood in the ark. It is a good time for reflection, turning from sin, and reaching out in love to others. One of my favorite daily devotional books to read during Lent is Walter Wangerin’s “Reliving the Passion.” Wangerin is a Lutheran pastor and writer. You can read some of this devotional for free here: <https://tinyurl.com/lentendevotion>.

The last Sunday in Lent is Palm Sunday. This year, Palm Sunday is March 25, and there will be a special choir cantata at the 10:30 service that day. “The Song of the Shadows” by Joseph Martin will bring us from waving palm branches, to Jesus’ last night with his disciples, to his death on the cross. Be sure to be in church that morning, and bring a friend to experience the Passion of Christ in a moving way.

Be sure to attend one or all of the Holy Week services as well. On March 29, we will observe Maundy Thursday at 7:30 PM. We remember Jesus’ last supper with his disciples, and how he served and ate with them, even the one who betrayed him. On March 30, we will observe Good Friday in the Brick Church Sanctuary at noon. The choir will lead the congregation in the Solemn Reproaches as we reflect Jesus’ death for us, even while we are yet sinners. At 7:00 pm, the 3-in-1 students will present the Stations of the Cross in the Fellowship Hall. The bell choir will play the prelude to this moving service as our young people enact Jesus’ final days.

And of course you’ll want to be here on Easter Sunday as brass, timpani, organ, choir, and bells musically proclaim the Risen Christ at 8:00 and 10:30 in the Brick Church sanctuary. We’ll say that word we don’t say during Lent (!) and eleven of our young people will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 service.

The peace of God be with you this Lenten season!

~Laurie Mueller



Lenten Service Series 2018

“God’s Will for Me”

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm



Date	Place	Theme
March 7	Trinity Reformed UCC	God’s Will and My Identity
March 14	St. James Episcopal	God’s Will and My Worldview
March 21	Lower Providence Baptist	God’s Will and My Response

Sharing God's Bounty

The Name that Is Above Every Name

Obedience has become an almost ignored concept. Some parents believe that requiring obedience from their children stifles their creative and emotional development. Many couples remove the word “obey” from the vows that brides give to their grooms. To expect employees to obey their employers is certainly not acceptable.

To God, however, obedience is not only acceptable, it is required. Disobedience to God is what is known as sin. And sin separates. Sin separates us from God and from each other. Sin prevents us from living the abundant life that Christ came to give us (John 10:10). On the other hand, obedience is proof of love: “If you love me, you will obey what I command,” Jesus says (John 14:15).



Unfortunately, as sinful beings, we are unable to obey our Lord's commands fully. Even the great apostle Paul struggled with this reality. He confessed, “I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out” (Romans 7:18). As he relates his dilemma – the dilemma all Christians face – he asks, “Who will rescue me from this body of death?” (For as surely as day follows night, death follows disobedience) He answers exultantly, “Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (Romans 7:24-25)

Jesus has lived the perfect life in our place. Jesus willingly emptied himself, made himself nothing, “and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name” (Philippians 2:7-9).

Jesus did what we cannot do. Jesus triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. Jesus, dead and buried, would not stay there! Jesus has risen! He is exalted to the highest place! He has given us his Spirit, the Counselor, who lives with us and in us (John 14:16-17), to sanctify us for obedience to our Father and service to others. This Spirit equips and enables us to be faithful stewards of the Gospel and all his gifts. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



Christian Stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God, to be used in God's service for the benefit of all mankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love.

Coordinator of Faith Development

Lent is here! Our days are lengthening and the month of March transitions us from dark, cold winter toward the beginning of light, rebirth, fittingly, our Easter celebration.

The Sunday school will begin March with a singing Sunday, performing one of the songs from our upcoming Vacation Bible School program (June 25-28—mark your calendars now J). Our theme for Bible school will be “Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God” and we’ll learn that we are God’s “superheroes,” called to carry on Jesus’ work in the world. In Sunday school we’ll continue learning about Jesus’ work of healing, teaching, embracing the least and the lost, and finally, sacrificial love in his passion and death on the cross.

Our 3-in-1 classes will present the story of that passion and death on Good Friday, March 30th, concluding another fruitful year together of learning and fun. On Pentecost Sunday the eighth graders will confirm the promises made for them by their parents at their baptism and will then become fully vested members of Augustus in their own right!

I would like to thank the Augustinians who prayed for our children throughout Lent: Deb Augustine, Sally Sweeny, Bob and Alice Rosenberger, Dale and Pat O’Hara, Thomas Wessner, Brian O’Hara, Ann Walker, Janice Reiff and Dick and Delores Allebach. Our children face so much in today’s world and this prayer ministry is vitally important. Please join me in regularly praying for our young folks at Augustus.

Lord God of our ancestors, we thank you for what you have done and will continue to do with our daughters and sons. Walk with them in life, and keep the evil one from obstructing their path. You see all; you know where the water is deep. Keep them from danger. Order their steps and guide their feet while they run the race of faith. May the good work that you have begun in them be brought to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen. *LBW*, p. 83.



Notice from your Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee will be having a Spring Cleanup in the next few weeks in preparation for Easter. Please collect any Christmas Holiday items that you wish to keep.

In order to keep pace with inflation, anticipate increased maintenance costs, and provide for the future care of our cemetery, please know that effective January 1, 2018, the cost of graves spaces is \$620 each for members and \$1,550 each for non-members.



2018 Vestry Members

Vestry Members	Special Area	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Gary Wessner	<i>President/Property</i>	610-454-0106	gtwess@comcast.net
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Karl Stefan	<i>Cemetery/Mutual Ministry</i>	610-454-0373	kssurf@verizon.net



Augustus Lutheran Church
Vacation Bible School

June 25-28, 2018, 9:00 a.m.--noon
(open to kids ages 3-11)

Registration Form

(Please complete a form for each child attending)

All children must be potty-trained in order to attend without a parent

Name: _____ Gender _____ Parents/Guardians _____

Address _____

Best email: _____ Birth date _____

Grade this fall _____ *(if 7th grade or above, please see the "VBS Youth Helper" choices below)*

Best Phone #: _____ Second Phone #: _____

We are: ☐ members of Augustus ☐ interested in joining Augustus ☐ just visiting

Does your child attend Sunday school or CCD? ____ If so where? _____

VBS Youth Helpers

I would like to help out as: (name your choice(s)—see below) _____

Snack Leader: Organize snack donations and oversee a crew of youth volunteers as they set-up, distribute and clean-up the daily snack.

Snack crew: Set out daily snack for VBS participants and clean up snack area and kitchen when snack time is done.

Games Leader: Plan daily games and supervise the crews and games staff as they participate at the games station.

Games Crew: Help set up the daily games area, assist the VBS participants as they perform the various challenges and clean up the area when the games are completed for the day.

Crew Guide: Lead five or so children to and from activity sites assisting them as needed at the various activities.

Craft Crew: Help set up the daily craft, assist VBS participants in completing their craft and clean up craft area each day.

Please return completed form to Sonya Sowards, Coordinator of Faith Development, by any of the below methods:

- Hand deliver to Sonya's mailbox in the church office
- Mail to 717 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA 19426
- Email to education@augustustrappe.org

Please complete reverse →

MEDICAL RELEASE AND GENERAL PERMISSION FORM

Please complete fully. Write "none" if a particular section does not apply to the participant. You must also include a copy of the participant's insurance card (front and back) with this form.

Participant's Physician's Name _____

Hospital/Clinic and Address _____

1. Participant is allergic to (including food): _____
2. Please list any restrictions on diet or exercise: _____
3. Does the participant have any special needs or medical history? If so, please list: _____

4. Are there any over the counter medications the participant cannot receive? _____

5. Is the participant on regular medication? If so, please list the drugs, dosages, frequency and any instructions: _____

Please note that no drugs are to be brought to VBS other than those listed above

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS

In consideration of being accepted for participation in Vacation Bible School,

I (we) do for myself (ourselves) and on behalf of my child/participant do hereby release, forever discharge, and agree to forever hold harmless Augustus Lutheran Church and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, the employees, and agents thereof, from any and all liability, claims and demands for personal injury, sickness and death, as well as property damage and expenses of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by me or my child/participant resulting from said child's participation in the synod sponsored youth events, including travel, recreation and all associated activities.

Further, I (we) (and on behalf of our child/participant under 18 years of age) hereby assume all risk of said personal injury, sickness, death, damage and expenses as a result of participation as above set forth. I also understand that staff and volunteers are not responsible for the administration of prescribed medication and I (we) have made private arrangements for any medication taken on a daily schedule by my child/participant.

I (we) am (are) the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of this participant, and hereby grant my (our) permission for him/her to participate fully in said youth events, and give my (our) permission to take said participant to a doctor or hospital, share the above medical information and authorize medical treatment, including, but not limited to emergency surgery or medical treatment, and assume responsibility of all medical bills incurred by my child.

I (we) give permission for the participant to receive over the counter medication such as Tylenol, ibuprofen, anti-diarrheal medication, antibacterial ointment, throat lozenges, eye wash solution, and the like.

I (we) also release the participant's name as part of an information database for the church, synod and ELCA related entities.

I (we) also grant Augustus, the synod and ELCA unrestricted rights to use, alter, and reproduce any images (still and video) from the event, in any medium without compensation.

Parent's/Guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____



For questions about this event or to place your reservations,
contact: schollde@aol.com or 610-409-1950

Ladies Night Out



CLYBOURNE P A R K

Clybourne Park is a satire about race in two Acts set fifty years apart which serve as bookends to Lorraine Hansberry's groundbreaking *A Raisin in the Sun*.

DINNER AND SHOW

Dinner: DaVinci's
5:00 PM,
Pay your own way

Show: Clybourne Park
7:30 PM,

Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center
(at Ursinus College)

\$8 General Admission
\$5 Seniors

*Bring a
Friend !!!*

RSVP BY MARCH 16

Friday March 23, 2018

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AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA AT:



717 W. MAIN STREET
AUGUSTUS

WWW.AUGUSTUSTRAPPE.ORG
LUTHERAN

610-489-9625
CHURCH

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

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who purchased soups from us in February and to those who donated socks for the homeless. We'd also like to thank all those who made soups for us this year. Our last soup sale will take place on March 18th.

Our annual Easter Egg and Mint sale will take place in March. Orders can be placed throughout the month for a March 25th pick up. The monies raised from our fund raising efforts are used for senior youth group activities and the year-end mission trip.

The senior Youth Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month and the 3rd Sunday of each month. Along with our meetings, we have an activity for the youth. Our youth activity for the month was a pizza/movie night.

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@augustrappe.org or gtwess@comcast.net.

This year's Mission Trip will take place from July 21st thru July 28th.

Thank You



A Church without Youth is a
Church without a future.
Moreover, Youth without a
Church is Youth without a future.

Pope Shenouda III of Alexandria

Get Your Sweet Treats Here!!!

Name: _____

I would like:

Thin Mints: arranged and sold by the dozen.

1 dz. \$4.00 _____ 2 dz. \$8.00 _____

Chocolate PB Eggs: sold by the half-pound and full-pound.

½ lb. \$5.00 _____ Pound \$10.00 _____

Coconut Cream Eggs: sold by the half-pound and full-pound.

½ lb. \$5.00 _____ Pound \$10.00 _____



I will pick up after the 8 o'clock service _____

I will pick up after the 10:30 service _____

Thank you for supporting SHYG



**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP
EASTER SWEET TREAT FUNDRAISER**



Homemade

Peanut Butter Eggs

Coconut Cream Eggs

Thin Mint Cookies

Delicious!

Order forms in the bulletin, or pick one up in the Atrium. Orders accepted through March 18.

DELIVERY is Sunday, March 25th

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

God Blesses Us for our Giving

By faith, we understand that the best investment we can make with our money is investing or giving it to God. Throughout Scripture, when a command to give is stated, along with that command is a reference to the blessings that the giver will enjoy. These blessings come in many forms. For example in Proverbs 11:25, *"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."* In Proverbs 19:17 Solomon tells us: *"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and [God] will reward him for what he has done."* God has ordained that, when we give generously, we receive generously.



Through Malachi, the Lord offers a double blessing to those who will be obedient in bringing their tithes to the temple. God promises to reward them materially through plentiful harvests, and if they will honor him with their tithes, God will prosper them beyond their dreams. Their crops will produce abundantly and none of their fruit will spoil on the vine.

The second part of the blessing is that surrounding nations will see this and realize the special protection that God gives them. *"Test me in this,"* God said. Are you willing to test God with your earnings? Are you willing to bring your tithes to your church before you pay your bills?

Are you worried about the mortgage, the clothes, the groceries, and the transportation? Jesus said, *"... do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well"* (Matthew 6:25, 32-33). Test him!

Remember this: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (2 Corinthians 9:6). Are you willing to sow generously? You are free to sow generously and then to receive God's promise that you will also reap generously. *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"* (Luke 6:38). It is inevitable that, when you give, you will receive, for that is the way our giving heavenly Father has planned it. *Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do... to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full"* (Matthew 6:1-2).

God pours out spiritual blessings on us when we least expect them. When you are giving out of a desire to obey God's command and to help others, you will find blessings heaped up and running over. These are blessings not understood by those outside the faith.

Social Ministry Committee

This year's Hats and Gloves collection resulted in the donation of 115 hats and 114 pairs of gloves to Silver Springs Martin Luther School (along with 60 pairs of kids' socks). Thank you to the Congregation and especially the Sunday School for your support of this project.



March *Worship Assistants*



Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
March 4	Elizabeth Wentworth	Jenn Beattie	
March 11	Piper Bouchard	Riley Smith	
March 18	Dylan Funk	Gavin Shafer	
March 25	Shayna King	Ashley Tighe	

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Prayers
March 4	Laurie Mueller	Cole Leigl	Thomas Lyaro
March 11	Mildred Stuffle	Jeannie Funk	Jennifer Wentworth
March 18	Nicole Dubeck	Chris Dogonniuck	Alan Shunk
March 25	Jeff Stuffle	No Readers Needed	
March 29	Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm	Jonathan Mueller	
March 30	Good Friday Noon	Jennifer Wentworth	

Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine
March 4	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer
March 11	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards
March 18	Jeannie Funk and Bob Rodenberger
March 25	The Reverend Thomas T. Kochenderfer
March 29 7:30 pm	Gary Wessner
March 30 12:00 noon	Jennifer Wentworth

Ushers	8:00 am: Early Usher Team
March	Gary Halteman, David Halteman, Scott Halteman and Dick Allebach

Offering Tabulation	John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul
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Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	10:30 am: Joe and Donna Cooney
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May your neighbors respect you, Troubles neglect you,
The Angels protect you, and Heaven accept you.

- Irish Blessing

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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March Birthdays

1	2	3
Samantha Bouche David Garton	Ali Bauder Brianna Dubeck	Bradley Robinson Jeremy Wentworth
4	5	6
Robert Price	Stephen Hess Betsy Lewis Chris Pearson	Elizabeth Massare John, Schatz Jr.
7	8	9
Kirsten Pearson Nicole Sellman Wendy Weaver	Joshua Lucas Thomas Lyaro	Warren Weleck
10	11	12
Michael McCrea	James Bubeck Chris Dogonniuck Cole Leigl Christine Yocum Frank Yocum	Richard Atherholt Shane Elison
13	14	15
Michael Beattie Shayna King Juanita Wagner Lora Wentworth	Patrick North	Jeffrey Lucas Matthew McCloskey Liam Noonan Griffin Schmitt Karl Stefan
16	17	18
Jill Hynes John Moorehead Emma Trauger	Robert Rodenberger	James Watro John Wentworth III
19	20	21
	Alexandra Kuklentz Olivia Kuklentz	Ed Funk Jr. Roland Olsen
22	23	24
Olivia Shaffer Jackson Wagenseller	Jennifer Gabel Stephen Hynes Tessa Tucker	
25	26	27
Eric Bowe Kevin Whitman	Renata Markert Steven Matzke Tyler Schindler Abigail Schwirian	Zachary Halteman Ryan Pearson Justin Schlegel
28	29	30
Andrea Halteman	Tracey Richvalsky Guy Van Alstine Michael Wentworth	Deborah Interrante Sally Lorah Diane Mills





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.

The Real Presence

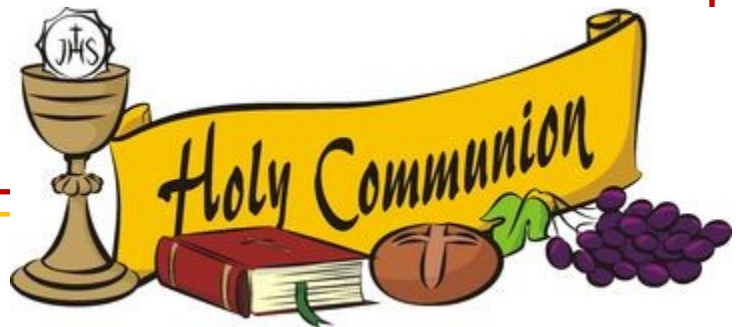
What do Lutherans mean by the words “Real Presence?”

The Words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer clearly state that in eating and drinking the Sacramental bread and wine of the Holy Communion we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. These words are explained for us in 1 Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-26.

At the time of the Reformation, the Roman Catholic Church affirmed the Real Presence solely in terms of the doctrine of “transubstantiation”, which states that in the Eucharistic rite the substance or basic reality of the bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ, while the outward appearances are not affected. Thus, the bread is no longer bread, and the wine no longer wine. There is no Biblical basis for this explanation of *how* Christ is present in Holy Communion.

Christians in the Reformed tradition deny that the Words of Institution should be taken in a literal sense and teach, instead, the real absence of Christ’s actual Body and Blood in the sacramental species of Bread and Wine. This is done by making “is” mean “represents,” or “body” mean “the sign of my body.” “Presence” is affected then, not by Christ himself, but by the faith of the communicant.

The doctrines mentioned above are philosophical arguments which attempt to explain exactly *how* Christ’s Body and Blood are present (or absent) in the Eucharist. **Lutherans have always resisted philosophical arguments and merely assert the mystery of faith “that the true Body and Blood of Christ are really present in the Supper of our Lord under the form of bread and wine and are there distributed and received” (Augsburg Confession, Art. 10).** Believing and trusting the words of Christ we affirm that He is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Communion without attempting to explain exactly how this happens.



Love on the Loose

Think of someone you love a lot. How do you let that person know about your love? Do you draw pictures or use words? Are you extra helpful or kind? During Holy Week, the week before Easter, Jesus shows us how to love each other and how he has loved us. One day especially made for this is Maundy Thursday. That’s the Thursday right before Easter. The word “Maundy” comes from a Latin word which means “command.” So, Maundy Thursday is the day we remember Jesus’ command: “Love one another as I have loved you.”

In worship on that day, people often do two things to show that love. One is a special ceremony for washing feet. That action doesn’t mean the same thing to us that it did for people in Jesus’ time, because we usually wear socks and shoes. But in Jesus’ time, people wore sandals and they walked everywhere. Their feet got very dusty and dirty. It was a servant’s job to wash guests’ feet when they visited someone’s home. On Maundy Thursday, people’s feet are washed to remind us that we show our love by serving each other.

Another way Jesus shows his love is through a special meal called Holy Communion or the Lord’s Supper. It may not seem like much to eat or drink, but it’s a very important meal. At this meal Jesus is present—just as he has promised. At home on this day do an act of loving kindness for someone in your family. Call or write a letter to a grandparent or to someone in the hospital or in prison.

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ALL QUILTS GO TO LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

STITCHED & NOTED

Quilter's Social Group
of the Women of the ELCA

FIRST WEDNESDAY & THIRD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 9:30 AM

*** ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ***

FOR MORE INFO: jandmstuffle@verizon.net or 610-489-7461



SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery Conference
First Tuesday Bible Studies
Summer/Fall 2017 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Winter/Spring 2018



January - February 2018 Mid-winter break — SAVE *GATHER* Magazines

March 6, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> January issue	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
<u>Janet Luyben, presenter</u>		
April 3, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> Jan/Feb. issue	St. James Lutheran Church Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pk., Limerick
<u>Barbara Lisi, presenter</u>		
May 1, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> March issue	Augustus Lutheran Church 717W. Main St., Trappe
<u>Pat Leberman, presenter</u>		
June 5, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> April issue	St. John's Lutheran Church 3104 Main St., Sumneytown
<u>Fran Ivarson, presenter</u>		

2018 Summer Bible Study to be announced in the Spring

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS. Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine.

Subscriptions available at \$19.95 per year. Please call (844) 409-0576. THANK YOU.

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.

Augustus Women of the ELCA Annual Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday April 28, 2018 from 2:00pm to 7:00pm. This benefit fundraiser will be supporting three ministries again this year in Tanzania. For one, this fundraiser will be supporting the Irete Children's Home, a ministry of the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. This home cares for babies and toddlers 0-2 years who have lost their parents or whose families are too destitute to raise them. The second ministry this fundraiser will be supporting is Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, ELCA Missionaries serving at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. Stephen is a board-certified pediatric and infectious disease physician serving in the care of children; is active in educational and research efforts and mentorship; helps to develop pediatric medical curriculum and ongoing training of Tanzanian nursing and medical students, assistant medical officers, interns, and international residents; and serves as an intermediary to the international global health community. Jodi participates in the care and management of acute childhood malnutrition in the hospital and community, as well as being active in nursing and health education and training community health workers. The third ministry this fundraiser will be supporting is the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, our companion diocese. This university focuses particularly on serving people with disabilities and training graduates to work with people who have physical, sensory, intellectual and behavioral barriers.



TURKEY DINNER - The cost for the dinner is \$14.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 3 to 10 years of age, and "free" for children under 3 years of age. Ticket sales for the Spring Turkey Dinner will begin early April. Please look for that designated person before or after Sunday church services, or you may call the Church Office to reserve your tickets. **REMEMBER! THIS DINNER HAS SOLD OUT IN PRIOR YEARS**, so don't wait until the last minute. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Tickets that are reserved and not paid for, will only be held until 6:00P.M. on the day of the Turkey Dinner. The best seating (with no waiting) is at 4:00P.M. So please, **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!!**

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR – We are currently accepting applications for vendors. Spaces are \$20, \$25 with table, and \$5 off if you buy a dinner ticket. For information on the rental of vendor space/table, please contact Deb Scholl at schollde@aol.com or call her at 610-409-1950. She will be glad to help you. Deb Scholl is our new chairperson for the Craft & Vendor Fair replacing Trish Reiser. Thank you, Trish, for your past service, and thank you, Deb, for stepping up!

SILENT AUCTION - Augustus' Women/ELCA is asking the families of the congregation (or each committee of the congregation) to donate a "theme" basket (or items for a basket) to be auctioned at our Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Show. Some of the themes to consider would be a children's basket, a boy's beach basket, a girl's beach basket, a snack basket, a handyman basket, an auto supply basket, a baker's delight basket, etc. The actual baskets can be innovative as well. Perhaps the tools are in a five gallon work bucket, gardening supplies in a terra-cotta pot, or dog supplies in a dog dish. Get creative; the possibilities are endless! If you do not have enough goodies to fill an entire basket, we will accept donated items that can be supplemented. Can you imagine how much support we could reciprocate to Tanzanian mission work if each family (or committee) donated a basket? Please consider it, and contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 or oharadvd@aol.com if interested in participating.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NOW NEEDED. Over 100 volunteers are needed to run this special event, and your willingness to help will be greatly appreciated. **DESPERATELY NEEDED IS A SILENT AUCTION CHAIRPERSON.** This person is responsible for soliciting items for the silent auction, organizing and presenting the items in a fashionable manor, and promoting the auction the day of the event.

Also needed are cooks, bakers, hostesses, servers, waitresses, bus people, dishwashers, ticket sales people, people to set-up, people to clean-up, musicians, etc. We need people to work Wednesday night April 25, Thursday night April 26, Friday April 27, and/or Saturday, April 28. You can work 1 hour or all day. The more people that get involved, the easier it is for everyone, and it is a great way to meet other members of the church. We need everyone to support this important church event if it is to continue.

We need volunteers to sing or play Dinner Music during the Turkey Dinner between 4PM & 7PM on Saturday. "LIVE" DINNER MUSIC from previous years has been a very nice accompaniment to the meal. If you can play an instrument or sing a variety of songs for a period of approximately 30 minutes (depending on the number of people who volunteer) and would be willing to do so, your talents would be enjoyed by many. We have many younger generational folks who are extremely talented and this is a fantastic opportunity for you to utilize your talents to support mission work.

We need volunteers to help with the craft & vendor portion of this event, and also with the silent auction. Deb Scholl has graciously accepted to chair the craft & vendor portion, but she will need help. Deb can be reached 610-409-1950 or schollde@aol.com. If you would like to help with the silent auction, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 or oharadvd@aol.com.

SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR ALL JOBS will soon be available in the breezeway for your convenience, or you may contact Dale O'Hara @ 610-489-0417 or oharadvd@aol.com to express your willingness to serve your church. Sign-up early for that job which suites you best. Don't wait for that personal contact. Your help is very much appreciated.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & PLAN TO ATTEND!



SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study will be held on Tuesday March 6, 2018, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. From March thru June we will discussing a four-part series, "Multiple



meanings: Learning from other interpretations." This series explores how God speaks to us in unique and different ways through Scripture. The study was written by Mark Allan Powell, a professor of the New Testament at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. He has taught at seminaries in Estonia, Russia and Tanzania. He edited the HarperCollins Bible Dictionary and has written more than 100 articles and 25 books on the Bible and religion. Session one is "Washing Hands with Distant Hearts" taken from Mark 7:1-12. When we read or listen to Scripture, we identify with different characters in the Biblical story to discern what the story means to us. We will explore this phenomenon by looking at interpretations from the perspective of the disciples, the Pharisees, and Jesus. Janet Luyben is the presenter. Please bring your Bibles and your January/February edition of the Gather magazine. Please try to attend. All women and girls are invited. Please contact Fran Ivarson if you have any questions or if you would like to carpool.

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. Also, afghans are knitted/crocheted for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children. Currently, the committee is in need of people who can knit or crochet, and who are willing to help make afghans. If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on Mar 7 and Mar 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.

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 break off into our separate meeting rooms. The Women of the ELCA will be participating. The next committee night will be held on March 27. Please come out & share your opinions. All women of Augustus are welcome.

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Schedule Of Events

Mar 6: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Mark's LC, Pennsburg – 9:30am
Topic: Multiple Meanings: Learning from other interpretations
"Washing Hands with Distant Hearts" (Mark 7:1-12) Presenter: Janet Luyben
7: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
20: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
23: Ladies Night Out – Dinner & Show
Dinner @ DaVinci's 5:00pm
Show @ Ursinus College 7:30pm – Clybourne Park
25: Palm Sunday
27: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm

Apr 1: Happy Easter!
3: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. James LC, Limerick – 9:30am
Topic: Multiple Meanings: Learning from other interpretations
"Prepare the Way of the Lord" (Luke 3:3-17) Presenter: Barbara Lisi
4: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
17: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
24: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
25-27: Augustus' Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair prep
28: Augustus' Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair 2:00pm – 7:00pm
29: Augustus' Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair clean-up

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

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<p>4 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion Sunday School Singing</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Vestry Mtg</p>	<p>7 9:30 AM Quilting Group 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM 3-in-1 7:30 PM Lenten Ser-vice</p>	<p>1 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>2 7:00 PM Cubs Committee Mtg.</p>	<p>3 1:00 pm Old Church Tour</p>
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<p>25 PALM/PASSION SUN-DAY 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School – Prayer Pals 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 AM Moms Board Mtg 7:00 PM Committee Night 7:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>28 6:00 PM 3-in-1 Stations Dress Rehearsal 7:00 PM Lenten Ser-vice</p>			