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Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People

NOVEMBER 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank the Women of the ELCA and the Outreach Committee for a wonderful Pastor Appreciation Sunday. The four (4) of us were moved by the love and thoughtfulness of such recognition. It is much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing Pastor Martha Kriebel preach on All Saints Sunday, November 3rd. Pastor Kriebel is celebrating the 60th anniversary of her ordination as a Pastor. As one of the first women ordained, she was a trail blazer for the generation which followed her.

On Saturday, November 9th, the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium will hold a special service commemorating the fall of the Berlin Wall and the role that the teaching and example of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had in the fall of the seemingly all-powerful totalitarian communist dictatorship. The service will be held at Trinity Reformed Church in Collegeville and begin at 5:00 PM. The Gospel Choir from Ursinus College will participate. All are invited to attend.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019 in Fellowship Hall after the conclusion of the 10:30 AM service. The Women of the ELCA will serve lunch before the meeting begins. The purpose of this meeting is to pass the 2020 expense budget and elect Vestry members. The lunch is good and the meeting tends to be short, but we need your attendance to make the quorum.

WELCA Thankoffering Sunday will be held on November 17th. The quilts which the Women of the ELCA have made for those in need will also be on display before they are sent off. More information about the preacher for the day will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



Augustus Helps to Save the First Muhlenberg Parsonage

As you may have heard, the Speaker's House obtained possession of Father Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's First Parsonage on East Seventh Avenue. The building is in poor condition and needs immediate repairs before winter arrives. These repairs to the roof and windows cost \$10,000.

Pastor Kochenderfer planned to give \$5,000 toward the emergency repairs. He asked Augustus if we also would be interested in contributing toward the emergency repairs. As you know, Augustus is just barely funding our annual expense budget, so any contribution from us looked impossible.

However, a no interest loan was given to Pastor McConomy before his retirement so he could winterize a small house on the New Jersey shore to live in during his retirement. The source of that loan was a trust fund that could be used only to help people in need. Pastor McConomy fully repaid the loan and the principal was reinvested. That happened over 35 years ago. Since the earnings from that fund could not be used to either fund our regular operating budget or pay for property repairs and improvements, the Vestry decided to match Pastor Kochenderfer's gift from the earnings on the repaid principal. Pastor Kochenderfer then said he would give Augustus the \$5,000 with the understanding that the whole gift to pay for emergency repairs to the First Muhlenberg Parsonage would publicly be credited to the generosity of Augustus.

Thank you, Pastor Kochenderfer.

From the Bench

November 2019

Welcome, Larsen Hunsberger, to the tenor section of the choir, and Welcome Back, Howard Kriebel, to the bass section. I'm so thankful to have a men's "section" again!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Pastor Kriebel music challenge last month! As of this writing, we reached the first goal of \$1,000, so we will definitely hear Pastor Martha Kriebel on November 3. Hopefully, we have reached the additional goal and we will see and hear Pastor Kochenderfer preach at Augustus on January 12. Thank you, Pastors Kriebel and Kochenderfer, for supporting Augustus' music ministry in this way!

The first Sunday in November is celebrated as All Saints Sunday in the Lutheran Church. It is a time to remember and give thanks for our faith family, especially those who have passed away since the last All Saints Sunday. This year, there are many special features that day. Pastor Kriebel will be preaching. Our Sunday School children will be singing in church that day. They will also take part in the opening procession, with joyful instruments to praise God. We will also have candles available on the windowsills. You are invited to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one. Through Christ, their light still shines among us. Be sure to be present on this very moving Sunday.

Our annual **Community Christmas Concert** will be held on Saturday, December 14 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 Festival of Lessons and Carols." The public is invited, and a free will offering taken that day will support the emergency fund of the Collegeville Trappe Ministerium. 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 Kriebel 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



THANK YOU!

Thanks to contributions in memory of our brother, Nevin Scholl, eight new robes have been purchased for our Altar Servers. The old robes had become very worn, and the new ones were specially ordered to fit each of our volunteers. In addition, some money from Nevin Scholl's memorial was used to purchase a new Paschal candle. We praise God for his life among us, and we will remember our brother Nevin with these lasting gifts.

Devotional Meditation

Scripture Readings:

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (Ephesians 4:29).

"There is one body and one Spirit -- just as you were called to one hope when you were called -- one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it" (Ephesians 4:4-7).



Mutual Edification

God has provided a support system for us as Christians through his body, the church. Within this body we participate together in Word and Sacrament along with speaking words of exhortation and encouragement to one another. It is necessary at times to speak Law in order to correct and discipline, and it is essential to speak Gospel to bring forgiveness and peace to the repentant. Fulfilling these duties complies with the command we receive through Paul who tells us to *"build each other up."*

Traditionally, we have depended on our pastors and elders to do this task of edifying, or building up. Possibly, we are hesitant to carry out this obligation. We may feel inadequate, or we may shy away from confrontation. However, as believers who are stewards of the Gospel. *"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation . . . And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us"* (2 Corinthians 5:18-20). As his ambassadors, he will equip us for every task that he requires us to complete.

If we truly are inadequate due to lack of knowledge of God's Word, there is a simple remedy for our problem. Start attending your adult Bible class! If there is no class that meets your needs, ask your pastor and take steps necessary to be part of the support system that God intends for us to be for one another within the body of Christ.

Discussion Thoughts:

- ✠ What are some ways you can discover your spiritual gift(s)?
- ✠ Are you willing to do your part to edify fellow believers? What needs to be done to equip you for this task?

Prayer Dear heavenly Father, thank you for establishing the church. Thank you for coming to us through your Word and Sacrament. Give us the desire to encourage one another in the faith and show us how we can build each other up for service in your kingdom. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Need a Prayer?

The Augustus Prayer chain welcomes your calls with prayer requests. If you need a prayer or know someone in need of a prayer, please contact Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109.

If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and Carol will call you back.

Community Christmas Concert

to benefit Collegeville Trappe Ministerium Emergency Fund



*Featuring local choirs and
instrumentalists,
and audience sing-along*

*Sounds
of The
Season*

Saturday, December 14

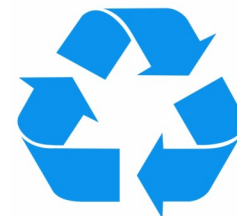
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Augustus Lutheran Church

717 W. Main Street, Trappe

handicapped accessible ~ no tickets required

Recycling at Augustus



We have a significant problem with our recycling efforts at Augustus as a result of recent changes to the recycling collection process implemented by the Borough of Trappe.

Officially, the Borough of Trappe offers refuse and recycling collection to residential dwellings, such as the Parsonage at Augustus. Recently, the collection method was changed to a single large container that can be mechanically emptied into the collection vehicle. Augustus was issued one (1) container for Parsonage refuse.

Subsequently I noticed that St. Luke's UCC, which does not include a residential building, regularly had three (3) of the large refuse containers placed curbside for collection. I contacted the former Borough Manager to inquire about the matter. He contacted the collection firm, and they generously agreed to provide Augustus with three (3) refuse containers as they had already done at St. Luke's. Augustus uses these refuse containers to get rid of food which, if thrown into the dumpster, might attract animals. Most of the other church refuse is placed in the dumpster that Augustus leases, which is emptied only every other week.

Trappe Borough's Refuse and Recycling contractor now collects recycling every other week (instead of weekly, as has been done in the past) by a large container that can be emptied mechanically into the garbage truck. A few weeks ago, I called the Trappe Borough Manager to see if Augustus could receive additional recycling containers to handle our recycling on this less-frequent collection schedule. The current Borough Manager indicated that Augustus could not receive additional containers as it already had received the single container for the Parsonage. I understood. However, shortly after that conversation, I noticed that St. Luke's, which still has no residential dwelling on its property, had received three (3) recycling containers, which I had just been told Augustus could not receive because it was not eligible. I am at a loss to explain the inconsistent application of the "rules" and apparent favoritism demonstrated by the Borough of Trappe.

Until a permanent solution is approved by the Vestry, all recycling from the church will be placed in the dumpster with the other refuse.



Annual Congregational Meeting In November



The Annual Congregational Meeting to approve the budget for 2020 and elect Vestry members will take place on Sunday, November 10, 2020, beginning at 12 noon. Copies of the 2020 budget proposed to the voting members of Augustus by the Vestry will be available after each service on Sunday, November 3, 2020.

What is the purpose of the Annual Congregational Meetings?

The Annual Congregational Meeting is necessary to authorize the expense budget for the coming year and to elect Vestry members, who serve three (3) year terms. The Annual Congregation Meeting is an opportunity for the Augustus Lutheran Church family to gather and seek to discern God's will for Augustus in the coming year. Augustus has another Congregational Meeting in the early part of 2020 to deal with other issues.

Who can vote at the Congregational Meeting?

Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.



All Saints Sunday

"... and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
--Revelation 7:17

Hans Steinhofer
Olga Steinhulber
Ronald Hess
Nevin Scholl
Tacey Sava
Diane Buhl

June Lash
Götz Markert
Thelma Hess
Mary Schlichter
Verda Todd Yablonsky
Margaret Bouche

New Members 2019

We have been blessed with the following 21 new members so far this year.
If you see someone whom you do not know, please exercise your ministry of Christian hospitality and introduce yourself. It will be a great blessing for both of you!

John Robinson (Affirmation of Faith).

Martha Sarpong and Nate Judisch and their baptized children David and Ariana
(Transferred from The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill)

Paul and Cynde Hunsberger and confirmed children Larson, Leah, and Landon, and baptized children Leo, Lillie, and Lyla (Transferred from Trinity Reformed UCC).

Harry Collier (Transferred from Trinity, Fairview Village)

Rosemary McNeal (Affirmation of Faith)

Barbara Krauter and adult daughter Jessica (Transferred from St. Matthew's, Springfield)

David and Krista Mourar (Affirmation of Faith)

Terri Yetter (Transferred from St. John's, Sumneytown)

Elizabeth Rutter (Transferred from St. Michael's, Germantown)

Dorothy Luft (Transferred from St. Peter's, Pottstown)



Sunday School News!



Our Sunday school students are collecting hats, gloves and socks for the children of the Silver Springs Martin Luther School and looking forward to the lesson on the Reformation presented by our 5th and 6th grade class on October 27th. On All Saints Sunday, November 3rd we will have a VERY special visitor. Pastor Henry Melchior Muhlenberg (who bears a striking resemblance to our own Pastor Kochenderfer) will visit with us and tell us a little about all the saints who helped found Augustus! Our Sunday school students will also take part in the procession on All Saints Sunday.

Please note that we will not have Sunday school on Thanksgiving weekend (December 1st). I hope you all have a blessed time of thankfulness and rest with your family and friends. Count your blessing every day!

If you have a Sunday school student (and even if you don't), please join our Facebook group, "Augustus Sunday School" to keep up to date on all our activities.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards
Coordinator of Faith Development



Notice from the Cemetery Committee

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, 2020, the cost of graves spaces will be \$660.00 each for members and \$1,640.00 each for non-members."



Library Corner

Augustus Lutheran Church has added a library cart to the Muhlenberg Center. The cart contains books that can be borrowed. Please follow the instructions listed on the cart.

The highlighted books for the month of November are books written by people connected to our congregation.

The Notebook of a Colonial Clergyman: condensed from the Journals of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg

A Stole is a Towel: Lessons Learned in the Parish Ministry by Martha B. Kriebel

Promise Kept with a Paintbrush: The story of a Holocaust Survivor who lives to illustrate the "Life of Christ" by The Rev. Dr. Martha Bean Kriebel.

Bible Women by Muriel Ludwig.

Joy of Sharing, a Cookbook. The cookbook was compiled in 1995 and all of the recipes were contributed by members of the congregation.



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.

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Reducing 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.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Love. Grow. Serve.

The Senior Youth Group started the month making care packages for the 1st and 2nd year college students. We'd like to thank the parents for all of the items that were donated to the cause. The group also replenished the youth bags that are available during the church services.

Mission Trip Sunday took place on October 20th. The youth and leaders spoke to the congregation on their trip to Camden, New York. The month ended with the annual Trunk or Treat event at the church, which was followed by a haunted hay ride outing.

November brings a movie night, a bowling outing and our annual apple pie fund raiser for Thanksgiving.

The SYG is always looking for new members and leaders. If you have any interest in either, please reach out to any of the current leaders (Cathy, Chris, Joe or Gary). 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. Contact us at youth@augustustrappe.org or gtwess@comcast.net.



Ninth Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on 24-Nov-2019 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 24-Nov-2019 (check one)

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

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

November *Worship Assistants*

| Altar Servers: | Acolyte | Crucifer |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| November 3 | Nate Long | Maddie Kring |
| November 10 | Olivia Smith | Addison Smith |
| November 17 | Lauren Fishell | Nathan Kerr |
| November 24 | Abigail Stalker | Cole Brenner |
| Readers | 8:00 am | 9:30 am /10:30 am |
| November 3 | Contact Laurie Mueller | |
| November 10 | | |
| November 17 | | |
| November 24 | | |
| Communion Assistants | 8:00 am: Debra Augustine | |
| November 3 | John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer | |
| November 10 | Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards | |
| November 17 | Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger | |
| November 24 | Jeannie Funk and Gary Wessner | |
| Ushers | 8:00 am: Usher Team | |
| November | Contact Dick Allebach | |
| Offering Tabulation | | |
| November | Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk | |
| Altar Guild | 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney | 9:30 am/10:30 am: Mike Van Blaricum |



November Birthdays



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 Joe Firth | 2 |
| 3 Maura Cunningham | 4 John Kochel Mary Saylor Abigail Snear | 5 Brandon Snyder | 6 Brandon Barish Lillian Catagnus Jim Herr Nate Long Kiersten Markert Minetta O'Boyle Jeffrey Whitman | 7 Hazel Giera Richard Opperman Jr. | 8 Ruth Frazier | 9 Lorna DePaul Isaiah House Landon Pribbernow |
| 10 Mike 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 Dolores Allebach Jacob Keim Harold Nelson | 21 Martin Sweeney | 22 Joseph Cooney Joshua Martin | 23 Sarah Interrante Sean Whitman |
| 24 Heather Lillienthal | 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 |

Happy birthday!

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Christian Parenting Questions and Faith

Have you ever wished that your child would stop asking so many questions? Every parent has impatient times. But try to remember that questions are essential if a child is to grow, both intellectually and spiritually. According to *Effective Christian Education: A National Study of Protestant Congregations* (1990), Search Institute identified that a church that encourages questioning and challenges thinking promotes the growth of its members' faith.

A parent or caregiver who encourages faith questions provides an environment in which his or her child's faith can mature. How can we encourage our children to ask questions about faith? Never ridicule or criticize their questions. Listen attentively. Give honest answers. When you don't know an answer, help them search for answers. The surprising thing about all those questions is that they'll not only foster the growth of your child's faith, but they'll help you become more articulate in expressing your beliefs.

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Counting the Stars

Have you ever gone outside after dark in the winter? If it's a clear night and there aren't too many other lights on, the stars seem very bright. Even if you tried, you couldn't count them all. Our Lord must certainly know how many there are! Jesus is not just the Lord in our home town. Think about the millions of people in China, Africa, India, and all around the world. Did you know that Christ is their Lord, too? We can be friends with all people because Jesus loves us all.

These are the kinds of things we remember on Christ the King Sunday—the last Sunday of the church year. This time is a sort of New Year's Eve celebration for the church. It is a time to reflect on all that God has done for us in Christ. On Christ the King Sunday, we remember the events of Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection. It's like standing on the top of a very high mountain and looking around—seeing streams, valleys, cities, and distant mountains, and whispering, "Wow!"

On a clear night, look up at all the stars in the sky. Think about all the stars that are even farther away—stars which are invisible to us. Jesus is Lord of all things, even people and things we can't see or hear!

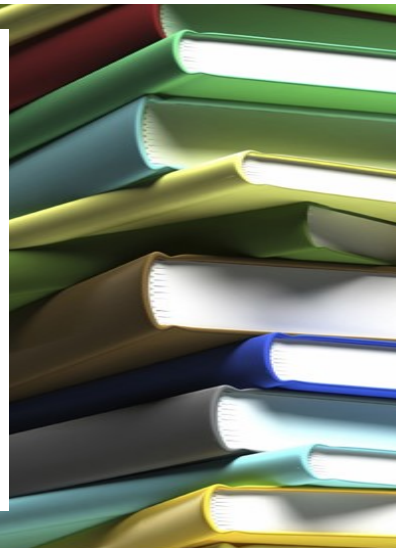
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Augustus Book Club

The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on
Monday, November 18 We'll discuss:
Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

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@augustrappe.org



Silver Spring Martin Luther School Christmas Gift Donation List

WELCA collects and transports these gifts to Silver Spring each year.

WISH GIFTS

- Scented body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, and lotion. Bath and Body Works and Dove for Men are favorites. Plastic bottles only; no spray bottles, please
- Dream Lites
- Large and medium stuffed animals
- Adidas or Nike slide style sandals — youth and adult sizes
- Adjustable baseball hats. Nike and Philly sports teams are favorites
- Fuzzy posters to color with washable markers and children's paint by number sets
- Art and craft sets, Sketch books and drawing paper (non-spiral bound)
- Super hero action figures
- Remote controlled vehicles and robots
- Matchbox or Hot wheels cars and race track sets
- Pokémon and Minecraft toys
- Football gloves and 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 and baby doll clothes and accessories
- Portable Radio/CD players — with detachable cords only please
- Games — Mancala, Connect 4, Jenga, UNO, Bop-it, Simon, Monopoly Jr., Life Jr., Battleship, Trouble, checkers, chess, and Hungry Hungry Hippos
- LEGO & LEGO Friends sets
- Beyblades
- Pajama sets for boys and girls — youth sizes M-XL and adult sizes S-L
- Shopkins toys and Mr. Potato Head toys
- Hardback children's books
- Hooded sweatshirts for girls and boys — youth sizes 12-18 and adult sizes S-L
Nike, Under Armour, and Adidas are favorites



STOCKING STUFFERS

- Journals, crayons, colored pencils, coloring books and washable markers, gel pens •
- Novelty socks for girls/sports socks for boys and girls— adult sizes 6-11
- Sports socks for boys and girls
- Playing cards and card games
- Pretty headbands and hair accessories, hair brushes and combs
- Batteries — AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt
- Football cards & Pokémon cards
- Water bottles – Camelback and Contigo brands are favorites
(dishwasher safe)
- Novelty toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Light-up bouncy balls
- Rubik's cubes
- Fidget toys – spinners, cubes, tangles
- Lip gloss/lip balm

**For more information about
Silver Springs Martin Luther
School, visit
www.silver-springs.org**

Donation boxes of items for these children may be placed in the Muhlenberg Center beginning in November. Donations must be received by November 27 to be delivered in time for Christmas.



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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.

A Very Special Note Of Thanks:

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported Augustus' Women/ELCA 2nd Annual Fall Craft & Flea Market making it a huge success. Particularly, we would like to thank our co-chairs, Ann Walker and Deb Scholl, who took charge of the entire event and did a marvelous job. We would also like to thank our bake table co-chairs, Kathleen Wilkins and Lois Robinson, for a beautiful display of confectionary delicacies and their organizational skills. We would like to thank the many people who contributed bake items, worked the bake table, helped set-up tables and chairs, assisted with clean-up, and to everyone who patronized the vendors and to see what they had to offer. The proceeds from this event will benefit mission work in Tanzania: our Missionaries Dr. Stephen & Jodi Lynn Swanson, the Irete Children's Home, and the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University. Thanks again to all who participated.

Women of the ELCA Upcoming Events - Fall of 2019: **Mark your calendars & plan to attend! All are welcome!**

The Upper Montgomery Conference Bible Study began a new session entitled "Poetry of the Old Testament" from the Gather Magazine. Drawing from the experiences of 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". Session three of this Bible Study, "Stewarding the Gift of Joy", will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg, PA. Elaine Strimple is the Study Leader. In the God who has redeemed us from despair, we find true, inescapable joy. In this session we will learn the fundamental differences between happiness and joy. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. Bring your Bible and your November issue of the "Gather" magazine. If you need a ride, please contact Dale O'Hara.

Thankoffering

“... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings.”
—Women of the ELCA Creations

Augustus' Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday will be held on November 17, 2019. Pastor David Wangaard, Senior Advisor for Church and Congregational Relations from Lutheran World Relief (LWR), will be our guest preacher at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. He will be bringing the work of LWR together with a Thankoffering Service. At 9:15 am over coffee and conversation, the Rev. Wangaard will lead a slide presentation on what they do at Lutheran World Relief, why they do what they do and most importantly, why you have an important role to play in addressing global poverty. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this special day. All of the quilts for LWR and afghans for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children, are made by the Women of the Church will be on display. All are welcome! Bring a friend!!

Rev. David Wangaard was born in Bloomington, Minnesota, attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and in 1983 graduated from Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Rev. Wangaard has served parishes in Teller and Brevig Mission, AK, Baudette, MN, Moorhead, MN, St. Paul, MN. From 2001 to 2011, Rev. Wangaard served as Bishop's Associate for Urban and Multicultural Ministry in the Minneapolis Area Synod of the ELCA. In 2012, Rev. Wangaard moved to Baltimore to serve First Lutheran Church in Ellicott City as interim Senior Pastor. In 2014, Pastor David began his call at Lutheran World Relief. Rev. Wangaard is married to the Rev. Susan Tjornehoj who serves as Senior Pastor of Christ Lutheran in the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. They have one daughter, Ingrid who is a third grade school teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota..

Schedule for the Day:

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM - Church Worship Service with The Rev. David Wangaard preaching

9:15 AM to 10:15 AM - Coffee and Conversation with The Rev. David Wangaard

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM - Church Worship Service with The Rev. David Wangaard preaching

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!

Augustus' Quilting Group of WELCA's 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, November 17, 2019. If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on Nov 6 and Nov 19. 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 Knitting 'N Crochet Group of WELCA's Hearts & Hands Committee 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 works on individual projects along with knitted/crocheted afghans for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children. These afghans will be on display on Thankoffering Sunday, November 17, 2019. 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, they will teach you. November meetings will be on the 11th and 25th. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

Silver Springs – Martin Luther School Christmas Wish List Gift Collection will take place during the month of November. Augustus participates annually in this gift drive for children who will be away from their families this Christmas Holiday and living at the Silver Springs School. Silver Springs is a home for children who are facing emotional and behavior difficulties. These boys and girls have endured tremendous trials early in life and 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. Please place your donated **UNWRAPPED** gifts in the box provided in the Muhlenberg Center and prayerfully keep these children in your hearts this holiday season. A wish list of gifts needed can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Can you help make this Christmas special for these boys and girls of Silver Springs?

Christmas Fruit Baskets will be assembled on Tuesday December 17, 9:30 AM. at Augustus. At Christmas we like to remember our sick and shut-in congregants who are unable to attend church due to illness or hardship. Every year WELCA strives to bring the church family together by assembling and distributing fruit baskets to these people. As a church family, WELCA is requesting help from the congregation to make this a successful event. The first request is for help in assembling the baskets on Tuesday December 17. The second request is for help in delivering the baskets to our shut-ins. And finally, WELCA is requesting that if you are aware of any Augustus family members who are sick and shut-in, please forward those names to Dale O'Hara at oharadvd@aol.com so we do not miss anyone. Feel free to help us out as you are inspired and able. Everyone is welcome to participate. Your help is very much appreciated.



Spring/Summer Events of 2020: **Mark your calendars now!**

SEPA WELCA Synod Convention – Saturday, June 6, 2020 - St. Matthew's LC, Springfield
Celebrating 50 Years of Ordination of Women in the Lutheran Church
Bishop Patricia Davenport will be our keynote speaker. More details to follow.

WELCA Eleventh Triennial Convention/Gathering
July 14 to July 19, 2020 – Phoenix, Ariz.
Theme: "Just Love"
Registration is now open. More information to follow.

***** A NEW WAY TO SUPPORT WELCA***: Charms for your Pandora-like Charm Bracelet are now available.** WELCA has recently acquired the opportunity to create Pandora-like charms. These sterling silver charms are a fantastic way to add WELCA as a meaningful memorabilia to your bracelet. They make a great Christmas present and all proceeds benefit Augustus WELCA. To place your order, contact Brian O'Hara at brian.ohara24@gmail.com.

Schedule Of Events

- Nov 5: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Mark's LC, Pennsburg – 9:30am
Topic: "Poetry of the Old Testament" Session three, "Stewarding the Gift of Joy"
Study Leader: Elaine Strimple
- 6: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
10: Augustus' Congregational Meeting & Luncheon 11:30am
11: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
17: Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday – Pastor David Wangaard, Senior Advisor for Church and Congregational Relations from Lutheran World Relief
19: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
25: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
26: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
28: Happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec 3: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study & Lunch @ Pizza Como/PC Pub, Pennsburg – 10:30am
Topic: "Wait, Watch, Create" – an Advent devotional in Isaiah
Study Leader: To Be Announced
- 4: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
9: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
17: Assemble Christmas Baskets for Sick & Shut-ins 9:30am @ Augustus
25: Merry Christmas!!



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, November 5

Bible study from the *Gather* 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

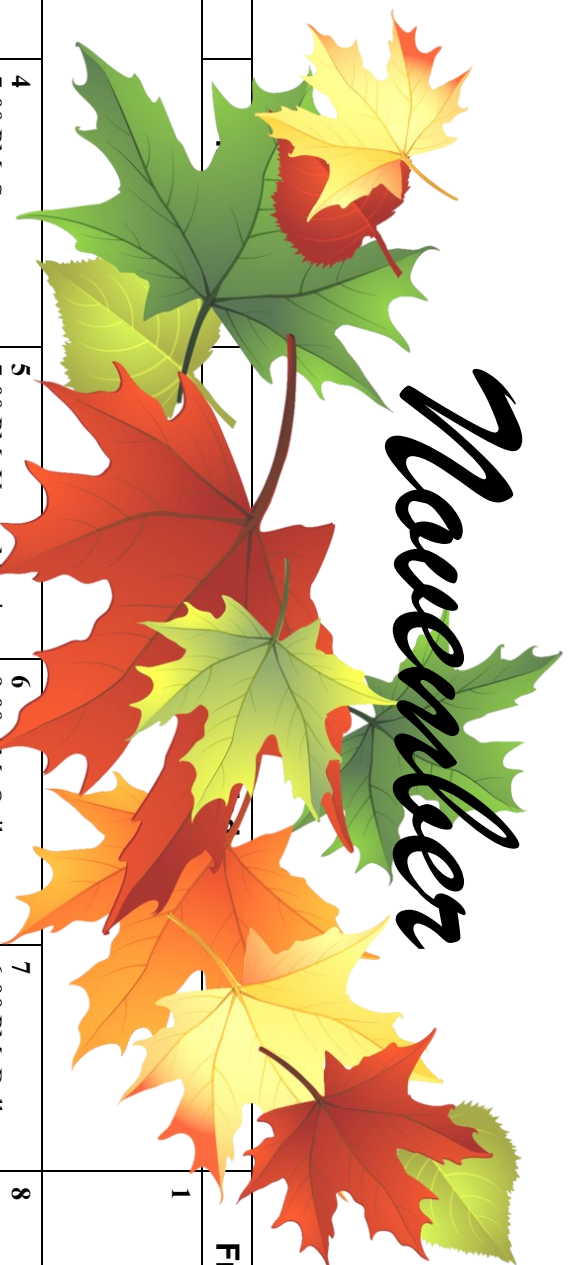
*Walking through the wilderness of Advent:
A creative retreat with Isaiah*

Presenter to be announced

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

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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| 3 All Saints' Sunday 8:00 AM: Holy Communion 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM: Holy Communion 11:30 AM: Scout Wreath Sale | | 4 7:00 PM: Scouts | 5 7:00 PM: Vestry Meeting | 6 9:00 AM: Quilters 6:00 PM: Sr. Youth Group 6:00 PM: 3-in-1 | 7 6:00 PM: Bells 7:00 PM: Choir 7:00 PM: Scouts | 8 | 9 Youth Group Bowling Berlin Wall Service @ Trinity | |
| 10 8:00 AM: Holy Communion 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM: Holy Communion 11:30 AM: Annual Meeting II | | 11 6:45 PM: Cubs AOL 7:00 PM: Scouts 7:00 PM: Knitters | 12 7:00 PM: Community Club Meeting | 13 9:30 AM: Soup Kitchen 6:00 PM: 3-in-1 | 14 6:00 PM: Bells 7:00 PM: Choir 7:00 PM: Scouts | 15 7:00 PM: Cub Pack Meeting | 16 10:00 AM: Scouting for Food | |
| 17 Thankoffering 8:00 AM: Holy Communion 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM: Holy Communion 11:30 AM: Coffee Hour 5:00 PM: Speaker's House Annual Meeting | | 18 6:45 PM: Cubs AOL 7:00 PM: Scouts 7:00 PM: District Scout Meeting 7:30 PM: Book Club | 19 9:30 AM: Quilters 7:00 PM: Scout Committee Meeting | 20 6:00 PM: 3-in-1 | 21 6:00 PM: Bells 7:00 PM: Choir 7:00 PM: Scouts | 22 | 23 8:00 AM: Youth Group Pie Making 4:00 PM: Cubs Spaghetti Dinner | |
| 24 8:00 AM: Holy Communion 9:00 AM: Sunday School 9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM: Holy Communion Youth Group Pie Pick Up | | 25 7:00 PM: Scouts 7:00 PM: Knitters | 26 7:00 PM: Committee Night | 27 NO 3-in-1 | 28 Office Closed | 29 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving! | 30 | |

