

# Augustinian

## From the Pastor's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We rejoice that on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, nine (9) of our young people received their First Holy Communion:

Jennifer Beattie  
 Brianna Dubeck  
 Suzanna Hiergesell  
 Martina Moffo  
 Cooper Demark  
 Dylan Firth  
 Kayla Minkon  
 Daniel Reiser  
 Kate Vossen



In the Fall, they will continue their journey of faith by participating in the First Year Confirmation Class.

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Youth Sunday at both the 8:00 and 10:30 AM services. Our high school students will lead much of the service and preach the sermon. Show your support of our young folks by worshipping with them on Youth Sunday.

We continue our celebration of the great Fifty Days of Easter throughout the month of April. The church has given us a gift of a long Easter Season so we can begin to express our joy and gratitude to God that Christ has conquered death so that we too might live with God in eternity.

Thank you to all the people who took on leadership roles in Holy Week and Easter. Your ministry is much appreciated. Your willingness to help makes Augustus the faithful parish that it has always been.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck

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## FROM THE BENCH – APRIL 2016

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Many thanks to our Senior and Bell Choirs for all the extra hours they put in during this season, to the brass quartet, to Jim and Jennie Lien on timpani and cymbals, to our Sunday School children who sang, to all who helped hang banners, move tables, or read extra parts, and to Caesar and Sue Gorski who sponsor our special music. Our worship this Lent and especially Easter Sunday was moving and special. I'm looking forward to our Youth leading worship on April 3. A special treat – Skylar Althouse, playing the marimba, will give our Senior Choir a short, well-deserved rest!

Save the date! **Sunday, April 24 at 4 pm** will be our Spring Concert: From Sea to Shining Sea – A Musical Journey Across America. Look for (and share) the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Our choir and friends will sing songs that will bring us all across the country – “from California to the New York Island.” This concert will be held in our Fellowship Hall. The public is invited and a free will offering will help support the music program at Augustus. Bring a friend, and take them out to a nice dinner afterward!

As we continue the church's celebration of Easter, let us rejoice in the promise that as Christ was raised from the dead, we too can live a new life!

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## Spring Cleaning?

Please save clothes in good condition for the next Clothing Drive to be held at Augustus on May 15 through May 29.

Thank you,  
Social Ministry Committee

PS We are seeking new members. Please email [schollde@aol.com](mailto:schollde@aol.com) for more information.



## THANK YOU!

I thank everyone from our Augustus family for their cards, prayers and get-well wishes during my recent, emergency surgery and recovery.

I also appreciate the volunteers who were able to make our annual pasta dinner fundraiser a success this past March 5. They learned of my absence just hours before the dinner was to be served. The following Wednesday, many of those same volunteers organized and served our monthly dinner at the Soup Kitchen in Norristown.

It is a Blessing to be a member of Augustus Lutheran and to have so many wonderful, fellow parishioners.

*John Kochel*



## Augustus Book Club

Love to read? Wish you had some friends to talk about reading with? Well, join us at book club! The next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We take turns picking books to discuss, and we've had an *amazing variety!* The selection for April is Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz Weber. In May, we'll discuss Shanghai Girls by Lisa See. Come meet some new people and share your love of the written word! Refreshments always served! Questions? Contact Karen at [office@augustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustrappe.org).

# The Lutheran Confessions

## *Do Lutherans follow the teachings of Martin Luther?*

Sorry, but the answer is both “yes” and “no.” Lutheran clergy and congregations do not consider everything that Luther ever wrote or said to be authoritative. They are obligated to subscribe only to those of his writings which appear in the Confessional Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

To call the Lutheran Church a “confessional Church” does not mean (as many undoubtedly suppose) that we are a Church in which congregations use the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness every Sunday morning. Rather, the term “confessional Church” means that we are a Church which has a number of writings which set forth and describe with authority certain beliefs and some standard practices for the life of the church. A “confession” is a statement of faith or belief.

The Confessional documents of the Lutheran Church are contained in a single volume called *The Book of Concord* (June 25, 1580). These documents were, and are, intended to be used as a summary of our doctrine, a basis for unity, as safeguards against heresy or errors, and the basis for teaching and instruction.

The Confessional documents of the Evangelical Lutheran Church are

The Three Chief Symbols (Apostles’, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds)

The Augsburg Confession (written by Philip Melanchthon, 1530)

The Apology to the Augsburg Confession (Melanchthon, 1531)

The Smalcald Articles (Martin Luther, 1537)

The Treatise on the Power and Power and Primacy of the Pope (Luther, 1537)

The Small Catechism (Luther, 1529)

The Large Catechism (Luther, 1529)

The Formula of Concord (1577)

Although Martin Luther wrote a great deal, Lutherans accept only his Large and Small Catechism and his Smalcald Articles as authoritative interpretations of the Scriptures. Our Faith and our Confessions are not based on Luther but on Christ!

To be a “confessional Church” means that we do not follow the teachings or interpretations of a single person, even if that person is Martin Luther or Philip Melanchthon. To be a “confessional Church” means that our faith is grounded on Christ alone and that we seek to live out and explain our faith within the doctrines and traditions of the catholic Church, of which we are a part.



Please remember our Active Duty Service Men in your Prayers

Jason Bockelmann

Eric Schwirian

Matthew Yosua

Michael Yosua





# April Birthdays

					<b>1</b> Christi Redeyoff Eric Schwirian	<b>2</b> Steven Gara Pat O'Hara Joseph Schaffer Jr. John Schwirian Kelly Stalker Kate Vossen
<b>3</b> Susan Adams Randolph Riegner	<b>4</b> Tracy Wessner	<b>5</b> Richard Buckmaster Joseph Kirsche	<b>6</b> Taylor Halteman Michelle Kemmerer Dieter Markert Sam Vossen	<b>7</b> Kevin Beattie Elizabeth Below Kenneth Gold Marsha Llewellyn Mike McDaniel	<b>8</b> Emily Allebach Tessa Clark Gregory Kane Lindsey Keyser	<b>9</b> Thomas Wessner
<b>10</b> Margaret Bouche	<b>11</b> Emma Bar Austin Gregory Thelma Hess Jennifer Reid	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Kent Wenger	<b>14</b> Heidi Kunasz Gatrina Nolan Jeff Scholl	<b>15</b> Richard Holcombe Olaf Markert Brian Moffo Karen Shafer	<b>16</b> Jeanne Funk Heather Moffo Teresa Niemann Stephen Riegner
<b>17</b> Caroline Antrim Anna Jacobs Joey McCormack Andrew Tartar	<b>18</b> Stephen Holcombe	<b>19</b> Nicole Long Anthony Massare Gary Wessner	<b>20</b> Kevin Brunswick Kara Camuso Alice Franks Nicholas Marren Janet Stokes Mary Zollers	<b>21</b> Victoria Brunswick Jason Mulle Evan Napier Samantha Swan Elizabeth Wentworth Carter Wickersham	<b>22</b> Frances Ivanson Ashley Smith Steven Van Alstine	<b>23</b> Ginger Oscapinski
<b>24</b> Paul Minella	<b>25</b> David Halteman Jon Lewis Brooke Newhard Isabella Rapp Bernard Wagenseller Sherry Wagenseller	<b>26</b> Deena Ottinger Linda Schweitzer	<b>27</b> Paula Garton Maria Kochel Alice Rodenberger	<b>28</b> Eric Lyaro John O'Donnell	<b>29</b> Deb Scholl Christian Wenger Leo Wenger	<b>30</b> Michael DeNucci Francis DePaul Jack Garro Kevin Hynes

**2016 MISSION TEAM**  
**GOLF OUTING**

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

**Butter Valley Golf Port**  
**Barto, PA**

*One Dream*  
**MISSION TEAM**

**FIRST UCC Quakertown**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN Quakertown**  
**AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN Trappe**  
**PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2016 MISSION TRIP**

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 for more info!



## *Remember Augustus Lutheran Church in your Will!*

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

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



Christian Parenting

## Promises at Baptism

Baptism is a covenant relationship between you and God, wherein your child is claimed as one of God's children and given the gift of the Holy Spirit. In response to the promises God makes, parents make several promises. Many parents leave the keeping of those promises to the Christian education, confirmation, and youth programs of their congregation. Unfortunately, if these programs work in isolation and without the support of a faith nurturing environment in the home, they lose a great deal of their potential effectiveness. How many hours a week is your family in church? At home? A child's faith grows as he or she experiences the faith attitudes and practices of his or her parents and caregivers.

If you can't remember what it is you promised to do for and with your child, talk to your pastor or look up the baptismal service in your worship book. Write a list of the promises you made and put it where you'll see it often. When your child begins elementary school, share the list with him or her. Ask him or her to help you keep the promises you made.

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## **Germany in 2017**

2017 is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing 95 Theses to the church doors in Wittenberg, thus catapulting the Lutheran reformation!

We will be visiting not only Wittenberg, but also great reformation sites like Leipzig (where Luther preached), Wartburg Castle (where Luther translated the New Testament into German), and Worms (which I believe Augustus has a stained-glass window dedicated to this memorable event). We will also be cruising on the Rhine River, traveling through the legendary Black Forest, visiting French Strasbourg, walking the famous Neuschwanstein Castle (the castle that inspired Disney's movies), sing in Austrian Salzburg, and visit both cities Munich and Berlin.

**The trip will be July 10-22, 2017** and will leave from and return to Philadelphia's international airport for those from this area (you will meet up with the rest of the group in Germany).

The cost for this event is \$4092.00 per person and includes breakfast and dinner every day, all tours, all hotels, air flight, and some gratuities.

If you have any questions or you are interested in more information or to sign up, contact Rev. Kevin O'Hara at [pastorkevinohara@gmail.com](mailto:pastorkevinohara@gmail.com) or call [631-475-5725](tel:631-475-5725). Hope to see you in Germany!



## The Spring Turkey Dinner and Craft and Vendor Fair is Coming!

Crafters and vendors have always added a unique touch to our spring turkey dinner, making the afternoon an event rather than a mere dinner. The proceeds help support our missionaries in Tanzania, Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Swanson and the Irete Children's Home in Tanzania. The Craft and Vendor Fair will take place on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, outdoors along the sidewalks of our beautiful campus from 3:00pm until 7:00pm. If the weather does not cooperate, we will arrange to have tables and spaces inside the Parish House. We are interested in crafters and vendors who make or sell items such as jewelry, soap, candles, cakes, specialty candies and desserts, floral designs, furniture, quilts, or other unique objects. 8 foot spaces (\$20) and 8 foot tables (\$25) are still available—contact Trish Reiser at [trishreiser@verizon.net](mailto:trishreiser@verizon.net) to reserve your spot!



Forget Plato's Closet! We've got the next best thing

*Augustus and Saint James's Youth present...*

# Revelations!

*Resale with a Higher Purpose*

### What is it?

It's a way to sell your unwanted and gently worn clothing, shoes, hand bags, electronics, sporting equipment, CDs and more! We are offering to create a unique sale event for area youth to come and shop. So items are from grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Who can sell?

All Augustus youth group members from 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade and Saint James youth and families

### What can you do?

Donate your gentle used clothing, shoes, jewelry, sports equipment...Bring items to the church on Wednesday 3/30 and 4/6 between 5 - 8:00 pm so we can price and tag items. We also need youth and parents to donate time on sale days which are April 15-16<sup>th</sup> at Saint James Church Limerick.

### What is in it for you?

You'll help earn money for your Youth Ministry

### When is it?

Friday evening April 15<sup>th</sup> set up and Saturday morning April 16<sup>th</sup> event. Please tell friends and come and shop also. Augustus will earn 90% profit from the items sold.

**Questions contact Jeanne Halteman**

[jhalteman@dejazzed.com](mailto:jhalteman@dejazzed.com)

## April *Worship Assistants*

Worship Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
April 3	Evan Griggs	Denny Flynn	Daniel Reiser and Dylan Crothers
April 10	Kevin Beattie	Samantha Hiergesell	Suzanna Hiergesell and Jenn Beattie
April 17	Dylan Crothers	Jenn Beattie	Denny Flynn and Noelle Reid
April 24	Evan Griggs	Andrew Meeley	Rachel Schaffer and Kate Vossen
Lectors	8:00 am	10:30 am	10:30 am
April 3	Sherry Wagenseller	Sean McClain	Sean McClain
April 10	Amy Sellman	Cynthia Snyder	Kent Wenger
April 17	<b>Laurie Mueller</b>	Jennifer Wentworth	Jolie Wenger
April 24	Jeff Stuffle	Chris Dogonniuck	Barbara Burch
Greeters			
<i>Greeters always needed! Go to <a href="http://bit.ly/PnijrN">http://bit.ly/PnijrN</a> to sign up!</i>			
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	10:30 am	
April 3	Debra Augustine	John Kochel	David Schweitzer
April 10	Debra Augustine	Janice Reiff	Bob Rodenberger
April 17	Debra Augustine	Barbara Burch	Janice Reiff
April 24	Debra Augustine	Jeanne Funk	Brian Funk
Offering Tabulation			
	John Kochel	Brian O'Hara	Janice Reiff
Ushers			
April	Ed Funk, Karl Stefan,	Chris Dogonniuck,	and Dick Allebach
Altar Guild	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Contact Donna Beishl			

## Flag Collection

Do you have an American flag that is worn or tattered? Place it in the flag collection box located at the church entry-way of Augustus Lutheran and Boy Scouts Troop 87 will retire it properly. This is part of Jacob Z. Huller's Eagle Scout Project



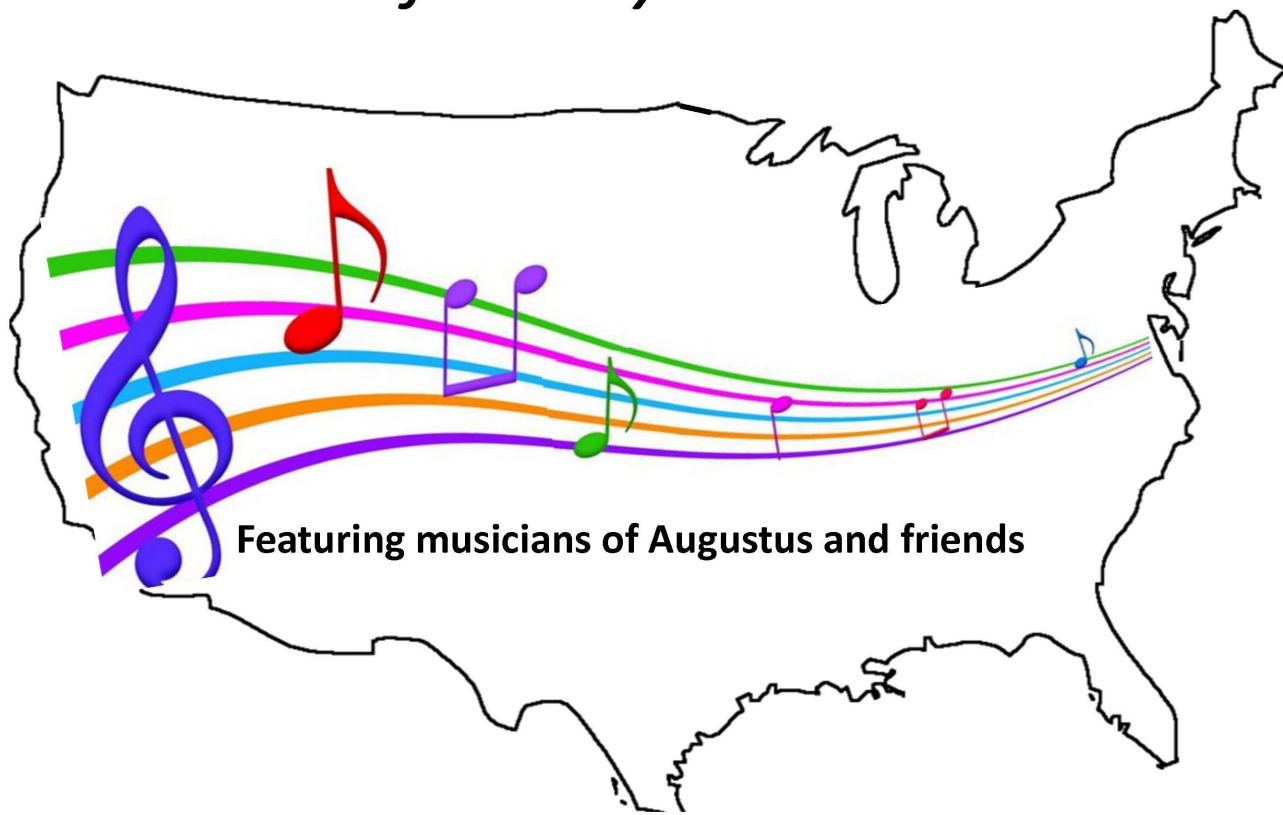
## **THE ALTAR GUILD** *is seeking members!*

This important group prepares the altar for each service at Augustus. Volunteers are desperately needed at this time. This is a great job for individuals or couples. Most duties can be completed in a short time before Sunday services. All new volunteers will be paired with an experienced guild member for training. Anyone interested in participating in this most integral part of worship at Augustus should contact Donna Beishl at 610-650-0238.



# **From Sea to Shining Sea**

*a musical journey across America*



**Featuring musicians of Augustus and friends**

**Sunday, April 24, 2016**

**4:00 PM**

**Augustus Lutheran Church**

717 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA

*free will offering supports music at Augustus*

# Money Matters

## *Personal Financial Stewardship*

### The Perils of Loving Money

*“People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” 1 Timothy 6:9-10.*



How much we love money is not dependent upon the amount of money that we may have. We can love money and have very little love of it, or we can have lots of it and not love it at all. Loving money is very subtle, and it can manifest itself in different ways. For example for those who have accumulated some money, it could be seen in an unhealthy obsession with the investment markets.

It could be seen in our desire to hoard our money and not give. Power and success for those who focus on money is relative to how much money they have.

Because we live in a very materialistic society, there is a great deal of interest in money. Webster’s Dictionary defines materialism as “the tendency to be more concerned with material things than with spiritual goals or values.” Materialism leads us to spend money we don’t have in order to buy things we don’t need so that we can impress people we don’t even like. A materialistic person loves his possessions, is greedy, and lacks contentment.

The following are three negative consequences of both loving money and becoming part of our materialistic society:

- ✠ Distorts our thinking: Our hearts become darkened. *“For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking become futile and their foolish hearts were darkened”* (Romans 1:22-23).
- ✠ Stimulates our pride: We become self-sufficient rather than relying on God. *“You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me’ ”* (Deuteronomy 8:17).
- ✠ Preoccupies our thoughts: We have no time or concern for the needy or for God. *“Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things”* (Philippians 3:19).

When we call upon God’s strength, God will empower us to serve him rather than our money. As we spend time hearing and reading God’s Word, he will strengthen our faith so we can break the power that money and possessions can have over us.



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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.*

**Augustus Women of the ELCA Annual Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair will be held on Saturday April 30, 2016 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.** This benefit fundraiser will be supporting two ministries this year in Tanzania. For one, this fundraiser will be supporting the Irente 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 that this fundraiser will be supporting is for Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, ELCA Missionaries serving at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha. Stephen is a board certified pediatric and infectious disease physician, and Jodi participates in the care and management of acute childhood malnutrition.



The cost of the dinner or the rental of vendor spaces/tables have not increased over last year's prices. The cost for the dinner remains at \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 3 to 10 years of age and is "free" for children under 3 years of age. Turkey dinner tickets are currently on sale. To avoid disappointment, please purchase your tickets early. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Tickets that are reserved and not paid for will only be held until 6:00pm on the day of the turkey dinner. Even if you do not want to eat at the turkey dinner, you are still welcome to come and see the craft & vendor fair "free of charge".

Vendors for the Craft & Vendor Fair are still needed. You, too, can be a vendor! Are you in the process of downsizing or removing excess clutter?? Now is the time to sell some of your treasures. For information on the rental of vendor spaces/tables, please contact Trish Reiser at [trishreiser@verizon.net](mailto:trishreiser@verizon.net) or call her at 610-587-9123. She will be glad to help you.

"New" this year will be a silent auction. Augustus' Women/ELCA is requesting families or committees within the congregation to donate a "theme" basket (or items for a basket) to be auctioned. 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



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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. As with the other funds raised at the Turkey Dinner, the proceeds will benefit the Irente Children's Home in Tanzania and Dr. Stephen & Jodi Lynn Swanson, Augustus' Missionaries in Tanzania. If you would like to participate through donating to the silent auction or through volunteering to assist in the organization of the silent auction, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 or [oharadvd@aol.com](mailto:oharadvd@aol.com).

Again this year will be a display on "Life in Tanzania" with artifacts & pictures. A short video will be available for your viewing on the Irente Children's Home. Monetary donations will be accepted. Come out & enjoy the day!! Shop for Mother's Day gifts and Spring decorations!! Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be supplementing the net funds raised. Many volunteers are needed to run this event starting on Wednesday night thru Saturday night. If you are willing to help, please sign your name on the posters in the breezeway. Your help is very much appreciated. The Spring Turkey Dinner/ Craft & Vendor Fair would not be a continuous success without the entire loving support of our congregation, and we would like to thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of your help again this year. If you have any questions, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417.

**SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study** will be held on Tuesday April 5, 2016, at St. James Lutheran Church in Limerick, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. The theme is "Servant-Shaped Soldiers" taken from Philippians 1:27-2:18. We will explore what St. Paul says about living as Christ-like servants. Janet Luyben is the presenter. Please bring your Bibles and your Jan/Feb edition of the Gather magazine. Contact Fran Ivarson at 610-489-4969 if you have any questions or if you would like to carpool. All women and girls are invited to attend. Let's have a good participation from Augustus. It's a wonderful way to meet your Sisters in Christ.

**Upper Montgomery Spring Conference Gathering** will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown on Saturday, April 9. The theme is "Everything by Prayer". Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6). Registration begins at 9:00 am. The program speaker is The Rev. Kay Bender Braun. Please bring canned goods for the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, a local food cupboard. For more information or if you would like to carpool, please contact Fran Ivarson at 610-489-4969. All women and girls are invited to attend. You don't have to be a member of the Women/ELCA to attend.

**The Hearts & Hands Workshop** now meets twice a month due to popular demand. The workshop will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room. In April the workshop will be on April 6 and April 19. New members are welcome. Would you like to learn to quilt? Now's the time! No experience necessary. Bring a lunch or snack if you wish to stay into the afternoon. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461.

**Augustus' Committee Night** will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Chapel. The Women of the ELCA may not be participating on April 26 due to the involvement with the Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Show. Please check with Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 or [oharadvd@aol.com](mailto:oharadvd@aol.com) before attending.

**Please continue to Save the Following Items** and place them in the appropriate box in the breezeway: Redner's Tapes, Campbell soup labels, eyeglasses, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and your old cell phones.

**Savings Are in Bloom!** Shop, save, and earn for WELCA Augustus Lutheran Church. You can now shop online. When shopping online, go to eScrip.com, find your merchant, and then use your registered card when you check out. There is nothing else you need to do. You must, however, go through the eScrip website in order for Augustus/Women/ELCA to receive credit. Participating in the rebate are Amazon, Macy's, L.L. Bean, Old Navy, Boscov's Best Buy...just to name a few. Go online to view the complete list of participating merchants.





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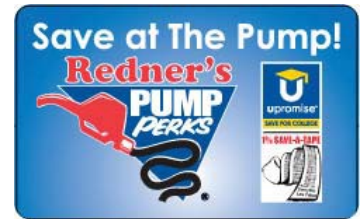
## Redner's Tapes

Thanks to everyone who saves their Redner's Tapes and places them in the designated box in the breezeway. Your support is appreciated.

Please take a moment to review the rules for the Save-a-Tape program. For more information see

<http://www.ccea4u.com/donations/Redner%20Guidelines.pdf>

- Customer must use their Pump Perks/1% Save-A-Tape card for purchase. This will be noted on the bottom of the receipt.
- Please submit the whole receipt. Partial receipts will not be considered.
- Please do not use a highlighter marker on your receipts, it can erase the totals.
- All receipts must be dated within three years prior to the date of submission.
- Receipts from fuel purchases at Redner's Quick Shoppes are not considered.



If you shop at Redner's and do not have a Save-A-Tape/Pump Perks card, please stop by Customer Service and get one. Thank you!

Sign-up your Credit/Debit Cards on eScrip.com and Augustus Women/Elca will receive the eScrip Rebate every time you use your cards when you shop or dine. The rebate could be as high as 10%. Please go to eScrip.com to sign-up or renew your cards today and see the many rebates that are available. Use ID #148993154 to credit Augustus Women/ELCA. There is nothing else that you need to do. This fundraiser is easy, simple, & has the potential of making a lot of money. If you have any questions, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417.

## Schedule Of Events

- April 5: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. James LC, Limerick, "Servant-Shaped Soldiers" (Philippians 1:27-2:18) Presenter, Janet Luyben
- 6: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 9: Upper Montg Conference Spring Gathering @ Emmanuel LC, Pottstown  
Theme: "Everything by Prayer" (Philippians 4:6) ave no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.  
Presenter, The Rev. Kay Bender Braun – 9:30am
- 19: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 26: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 30: Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair 3pm-7pm
- May 3: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Augustus LC, Trappe, "Being of One Mind" Presenter, Jean John
- 4: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 8: Happy Mother's Day!
- 17: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am
- 24: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 30: Memorial Day
- June 4: SEPA WELCA Biennial Convention @ Silver Springs – Martin Luther School 8:30am

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

# Spring Turkey Dinner

TWO GREAT EVENTS  
ONE LOCATION!

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR  
SILENT AUCTION**

**4 TO 7 PM SIT-DOWN DINNER**

**4-6 PM TAKE-OUTS**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT & MUSIC**

adults: \$ 12.00 children 3-10 yrs: \$ 6.00  
children under 3: free

**TO RESERVE TICKETS CALL:  
610-489-9625**

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR :**

**3 TO 7 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

crafters and vendors needed: [TrishReiser@verizon.net](mailto:TrishReiser@verizon.net)  
610.587.9123



**AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**717 W. MAIN STREET  
TRAPPE, PA 19426**

**SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2016**

Proceeds benefit: Irete Children's Home in Tanzania

Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, Missionaries in Tanzania  
Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial

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





SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA  
UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE  
First Tuesday BIBLE STUDIES 2015-2016  
10 a.m. (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.)



**'ALWAYS BEING MADE NEW'**

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

**"NO CATCHY SLOGANS"**

**WRITTEN BY Emma Crossen**

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

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

Tuesday, March 1, 2016  
Elaine Strimpel, presenter

"Confidence in God's Beginnings & Endings"

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

Study from Jan/Feb issue of *GATHER*

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Tuesday, April 5  
Janet Luyben, presenter

"Servant-Shaped Soldiers"

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

Study from Jan/Feb issue of *GATHER*

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Tuesday, May 3  
Jean John, presenter

"Being of One Mind"

Augustus Lutheran Church  
717 W. Main St., Trappe

Study from March issue of *GATHER*

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Tuesday, June 7  
Barbara Thornton, presenter

"Keep On Keeping On"


Grace Lutheran Church  
660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown

Study from April issue of *GATHER*

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**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS.**  
Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine. Subscriptions available at \$15.00 per year.  
**Please call (800) 328-4648. THANK YOU.**

The March 1, 2016 First Tuesday of the Month SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA, Upper Montgomery Conference Bible Study will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 81 North Main St., Pennsburg. Coffee and treats start at 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study is at 10:00. The study is in the *Gather* magazine's **January/February** issue about Christian Citizenship. "*Confidence in God's Beginnings & Endings.*" The Presenter will be Elaine Strimpel. Please bring your Bibles and your *Gather* magazine. Thank you for your faithful attendance. If you need a ride or have any questions, please call Fran Ivarson.



Spring

Gathering

THE UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE  
of  
The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of  
The Women of The Evangelical  
Lutheran Church of America

SATURDAY, April 9, 2016 - 9:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
150 N. Hanover & Walnut Streets  
Pottstown, PA  
(610) 323-4312

REGISTRATION WILL START AT 9:00 A.M.

**PROGRAM THEME:** *Philippians 4:6 "Everything by Prayer"*  
*Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

**PROGRAM SPEAKER:** The Rev. Kay Bender Braun

Rev. Kay Bender Braun is the current Pastor at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1101 E. High St. in Pottstown. Pastor Braun was born and raised in the Carolinas in the Reformed Presbyterian tradition. She became Lutheran by choice when she married John Braun in 1984, and the choice was affirmed when she made an A in Lutheran Confessions in seminary.

A 1983 graduate of the University of South Carolina's journalism school, Pastor Braun was a newspaper reporter and also worked in medical public relations before seminary. She graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in May 2000 with honors and has been ordained as a minister since October 2000. St. James Lutheran in Pottstown is her third call.

Pastor Braun and her husband, John, have two grown boys: Mike is a Philadelphia Police Officer, and Tom is a student at Temple's Boyer School of Music, as well as two dogs in the family.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Each church is asked to bring one refreshment to share. Thanks to Emmanuel, our host, for providing us with coffee and tea. ☺

**IN-KIND DONATIONS:** Canned goods will be donated to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities, the local food cupboard.

**DIRECTIONS:**

From the East: Take Rt. 422 West to Hanover St. Exit. Turn Right and continue to King St. Turn Right onto King St. Go one short block to Penn St. - an alley. Turn Left and go 1-1/2 block. Parking is on Left.

From the North: Take Rt. 100 South. Go to King St. Turn Right. Go to Penn St. Turn Left and go 1-1/2 block. Parking is on Left.

Or: Take Rt. 663 (Charlotte St.) Continue to King St. Turn Right one block to Penn St. Turn Right onto Penn St. Turn Left and go 1-1/2 block. Parking is on Left.



**Saturday June 4, 2016**



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**Worship**  
**Business Meeting**  
**Elections**  
**Speakers**  
**Facility Tours**  
**Workshops**  
**Displays**

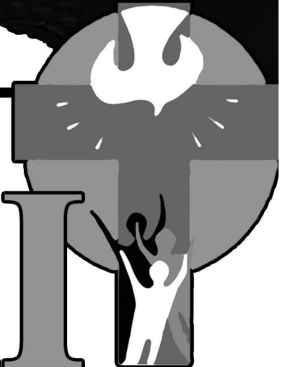
**8:30 AM**  
**Registration**  
**(includes lunch)**  
**\$25.00**  
**Students: \$10.00**

**Silver Springs**  
**Martin Luther School**

**512 West Township Line Road,**  
**Plymouth Meeting, Pa, 19462**  
**(610-825-4440)**

**TITUS 3:4-5**

**RENEWAL THROUGH THE**  
**HOLY SPIRIT**





# 2016 Biennial Convention Registration Form - Women of the ELCA,

## Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

# “Renewal Through the Holy Spirit”



**Titus 3:4-5** ~ “But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.”

**Saturday, June 4, 2016**

**8:30a.m. Registration**

**Silver Springs/Martin Luther School • 512 West Township Line Road • Plymouth Meeting, PA • 19462**

**Phone: (610) 825-4440**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Congregational Unit & Address \_\_\_\_\_

I am a Voting Member (please complete the Voting Member/Alternate Voting Member form by May 6)

I am an Alternate Voting Member (please complete the Voting Member/Alternate Voting Member form by May 6)

I am a SWO Officer  I am a SWO Board Member

I am a Non-Voting Member with Voice  I am attending for the first time

I am a guest  I am a STUDENT~ (ONLY \$10!!!!)

**Registration, including a buffet lunch, is \$25.00 (Students \$10).**

**Please enclose a check made payable to Women of the ELCA – SEPA. Thank you.**

**Churchwide Representative:** Anissa Canova was elected to the Churchwide Board of WELCA in 2015, currently serving as a member of the anti-racism educator's network of Women/ELCA. She has previously served on the NEPA Synod Women/ELCA Board. She is an active member of Grace ELC in Gouldsboro, PA, and serves as an income maintenance caseworker for the commonwealth of PA. She dreams one day of starting a junior WELCA.

**Keynote Speaker:** A representative from Silver Springs/Martin Luther School will be the keynote speaker. Tours of the facility will be offered.

**Schedule for the Day:** Worship, Business Meeting, Election of SEPA Board Members & Officers, Election of Triennial Voting Members, Speakers, Facility Tours, Workshops, Displays, and Buffet Lunch.

**Silent Auction:** Contributions of baskets or single items is much appreciated.

**In-kind Gifts:** This year's In-Kind Gifts are going in support of the children at Silver Springs. We are requesting the following items for hygiene kits: Soap (with travel soap dish) or body wash, shampoo & conditioner or 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush with toothbrush cover, toothpaste, washcloth, comb or hairbrush, deodorant, and clear plastic shoe boxes with lids.

**Please return this completed form along with your \$25 (\$10 for students) registration/lunch fee before May 6, 2016 to:**

Dale O'Hara  
5049 Cold Springs Drive  
Collegeville, PA 19426  
610-489-0417  
oharadvd@aol.com



# The Never-Ending Celebration

Have you ever had so much fun doing something that you wished the day would never end? Maybe you had a wonderful birthday celebration, or you had fun singing songs around a toasty campfire. Wouldn't it be great if times like these could last longer? Celebrations can last a long time, and that's exactly what happens at Easter. Easter is so important that it lasts longer than one day. In fact, it lasts fifty days! There are seven Sundays in those fifty days. If you look around your church during the seven Sundays of Easter you will see and hear things that tell you the celebration is still happening.

Easter music is different from Lenten music. We sing loud, joyful songs about Jesus' resurrection. You may see lots of flowers. If your church has a big candle near the baptismal font—the place where people are baptized—that candle is lighted. In fact, candles are always lighted at special times. The big candle by the font is called the paschal candle, and it's different from all the candles in church. It's lighted during the Easter season and for baptisms and funerals. When this candle is lighted it is a reminder that nothing can stop Jesus' love for us—not even death! In church the Easter celebration lasts all the way until Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit visited Jesus' friends. But a little bit of Easter is always with us, every day of our lives. That's how important Easter is!

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## Sympathy and Prayers

Sympathy and Prayers are offered to the Debbie Hoffman and family at the passing of her husband Gary. Pastor Weleck conducted a funeral service for Mr. Hoffman on March 11, 2016. May God grant eternal rest to Gary and comfort to his family during this difficult time.

## Thank You for Your Expression of Sympathy

To My Augustus Family,  
Thank you all so much for your loving and faithful support at the passing of my mother. Your kind words, thoughtful acts, and loving concern continue to help me heal and it is very much appreciated.

With Love,  
Jeannie Funk and Family



## 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.