

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Let me begin this newsletter by thanking the many people who made Lent, Holy Week, and Easter at Augustus the Christ-centered seasons that they should be. Their assistance has been invaluable in helping us to worship God properly.

Installation of the elevator and construction of the new two (2) story Breezeway replacement continue this month. Otis Elevator has a backlog in their manufacturing process, so we are waiting for our order to enter the manufacturing stage, but that has not stopped the work on the rest of the building. In July we will replace the multiple layers of flooring in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. In the Fall we will replace the faulty underground wiring to the parking lot lights and install brighter fixtures which are more historically appropriate for our campus.

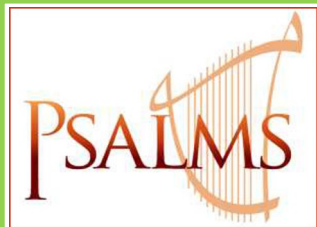
In our Cemetery we have removed the trees on both sides of the entry drive. Those nearly 70 year old cherry trees have a life span of only 50 years. As they have been dying, they have damaged headstones and so had to be removed before further expense was incurred. Next year we will plant flowering trees on the field side of the entry driveway. Members and friends will have the opportunity to sponsor the new flowering trees. More information will be forthcoming.

Over the Spring and Summer, the Vestry will perform its constitutional duty to examine the Membership Roll to identify persons who have not participated in the life and ministry of Augustus Lutheran Church for at least two (2) years. In a church, the Membership Roll should include only those people who can be relied upon to support the ministry of the parish with their time, talent, and treasure. This process has not been undertaken in quite some time (at least a decade?) and will be done with great care.



May God who has brought us from death to life through the resurrection of Christ fill you with great joy.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Weleck



## *Whistle, Clap, and Sing*

Music is one of God's most amazing gifts. Think about it: what would it be like to live in a world where the birds never sang, the wind never whistled through the trees, and people never sang or clapped their hands? What would life be like without music and rhythm and dance? When he got older the composer Beethoven could no longer hear; but he still heard music deep inside his head. That's how powerful music is! It helps us express things that words alone cannot say.

There is one book in the Bible filled with nothing but songs: the book of Psalms. That book is one of the oldest hymnals there is. People have been singing the psalms for over 3000 years! There are all kinds of psalms. Some are psalms of praise and thanks to God. There are psalms written by people who were sad, afraid, and even angry. Those psalms ask God to fix things immediately!

In church we use many different kinds of music. We also use many different instruments, like the organ, piano, guitar, flute, drums, bells, and the human voice. Sometimes one person sings; sometimes a choir sings; and sometimes the whole congregation sings. What instruments make music at your church? After worship ask the church musician to show you how to make different sounds on an instrument. Maybe you and the musician can sing another hymn together!

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## Coordinator of Faith Development

Happy Easter! We have begun 50 days of the greatest season the church year--celebrating the resurrection of our Lord--and it seems that the landscape, at least in our hemisphere, has responded with joy!

In the weeks before Easter our children learned how to be more like Jesus and our confirmands-to-be diligently practiced the Stations of the Cross and presented it to the congregation on Good Friday. In the midst of those weeks, I read with dismay a news article about a young teenaged girl from our area who took her own life as a result of cyberbullying. Here in our very beautiful and blessed part of the world, in a school district rated as one of the very best in the country, this unthinkable tragedy occurred.

Today's world is a very busy one and we—especially parents—often get caught up in an incredibly frantic cycle of extra hours at work, school extra-curricular activities, sports, and other seemingly worthy pursuits. Understandably, church attendance sometimes gets pushed to the bottom of the list. Even at church, we have been known to forget why we're here, which is to worship God, to be sustained by God's presence and to tell our stories of God's grace and redemption. But church attendance and telling those stories is arguably the most important thing any of us has to do. I don't know the background of the student who committed suicide but I know that she had somehow not grasped that no matter what anyone said to her or about her, she was a precious beloved child of God. I don't know those who bullied her, but I know that they had not learned to love their neighbor as they love themselves.

My life has taken many unexpected twists and turns, but God has always been with me and always will be—even when things I worked hard to achieve failed or turned out differently than I thought they would, when those I loved turned their back on me, and as my physical body slows down and I can no longer do some things I used to do. I'm sure the same is true for you. Our children need to know that what has been true for me and you will be true for them as well. Lord, help us communicate your love and hope to these dear children you have placed in our care.

Grace & peace, Sonya Sowards

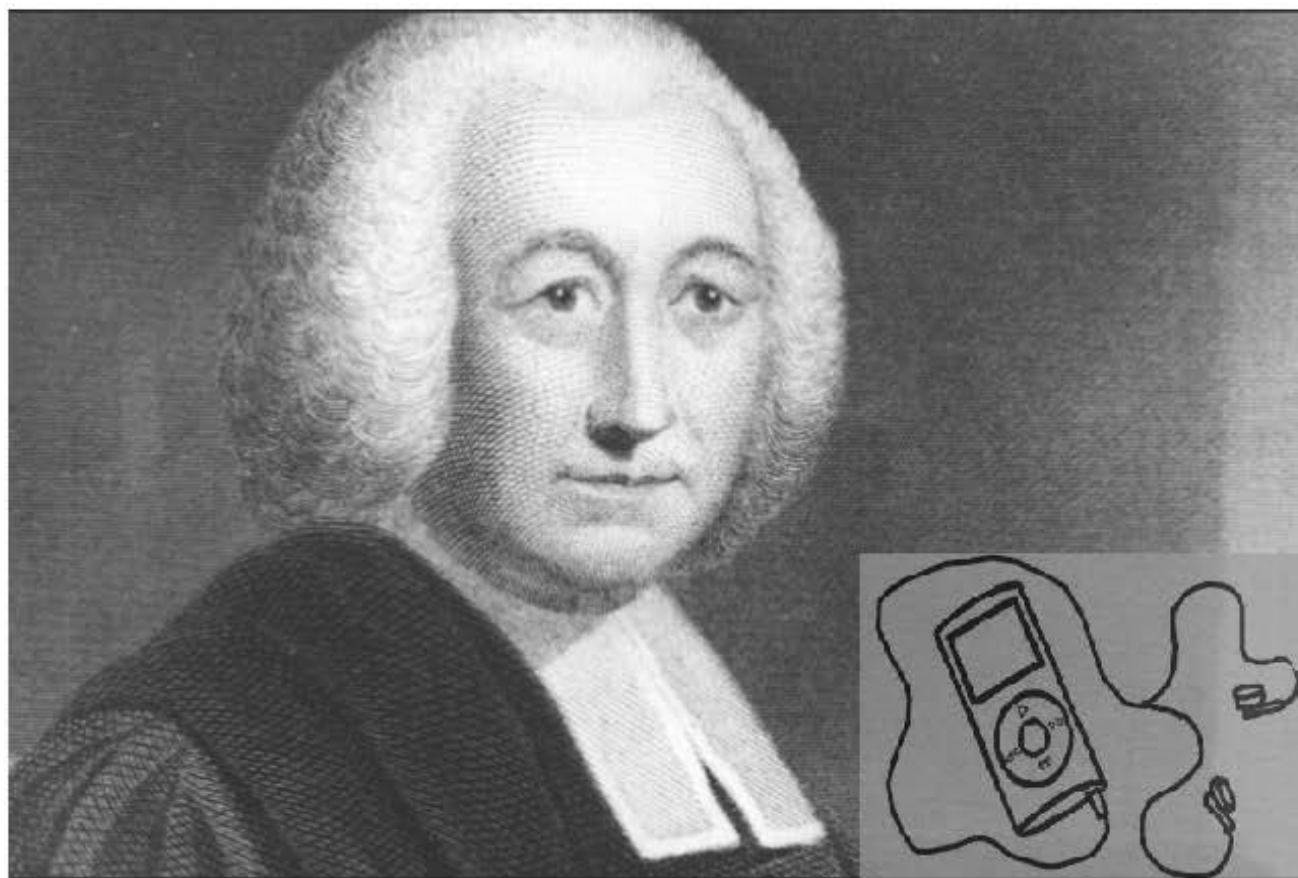
### *The Never Ending Celebration*



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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If Muhlenberg had an ipod, what would be on it?

## **Muhlenberg's Ipod Playlist**

### **Concert and Sing-In**

Augustus Lutheran Church

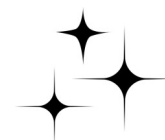
717 W. Main St., Trappe

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:00 PM**

*A free-will offering will be received*

#### ***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.



# From the Loft

## Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Many thanks to our Senior Choir and Bell Choir for all the extra hours they put in during this season, to the brass quartet, to Jim Lien on timpani (and extra-duty Altar Guild!), to the Bell Choir and Jeannie Funk for extra music at Stations of the Cross, to Gary Wessner and Jen Wentworth for hanging banners, and to Caesar and Sue Gorski who so generously sponsor our special musicians. Our worship this Lent and especially Easter Sunday was moving and special.

I'd like to introduce you to a young man who has been studying organ for a little over a year with Gordon Turk and has been practicing a few times a week at Augustus. Jinsok Kraybill is a 14 year old homeschooler from Pottstown. He was here two years ago for a homeschool group tour of the Old Church, and stayed later to have a chance to play the organ, an instrument which has always fascinated him. I suggested to his mom, Grace, that he should study organ, but they weren't ready for the additional commitment at the time (he has also studied piano for years). Later on, she changed her mind, and long story short, Jinsok now studies with Gordon Turk, and has played for church at Augustus twice, most recently on Youth Sunday, April 23. I appreciated this "time off" and the outstanding job he did! If you're ever in the building and hear the organ, and I'm not around - say hello to Grace and Jinsok, and help me encourage a possible future church musician!

Save the date! **Sunday, May 21 at 4 pm** will be our Spring Concert: Muhlenberg's iPad Playlist, which is also part of the Trappe 300th Celebration. Look for (and share) the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. The concert will be held in our Brick Church sanctuary and will feature lots of audience participation in singing hymns. Did you know that Muhlenberg also played the organ and had a vision for a common hymnal for all of America's Lutherans?

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!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Lori Carlucci Michael Kahn Michael Kane Janet Lauman	<b>2</b> Tracie Hackett	<b>3</b> Joseph Brennan Brittany Cornish John Niskala Megan Williams	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Amanda Christy Barbara Cornish Jonathan Price	<b>6</b> Kevin Millheim Rose Sabre
<b>7</b> Lauren Birch Michael Stokes	<b>8</b> Francesco Balducci	<b>9</b> Alexa King Katlyn Pergine Linda Romano	<b>10</b> Pamela Kunasz Maverick Waltz	<b>11</b> Ben Dogonniuck Nancy Ehret Gary Halteman Devyn Parker	<b>12</b> Vickie Babb	<b>13</b> Greg Ottinger Dawn Schmitt
<b>14</b> Emma Raupp	<b>15</b> Walter Mills	<b>16</b> Sarah Allen Daniel Garton Garrett Halteman	<b>17</b> William O'Boyle	<b>18</b> Eilene Althouse Sam Gabel Faye Jenkins Dianne Scelza	<b>19</b> Lindsey Allebach Jeffrey Althouse Tyler Schwirian	<b>20</b> Jason Below Colby Davis
<b>21</b> Denise Althouse Zachary Kemmerer	<b>22</b> Kathy McCormack Peyton Shaffer Walter Slauch	<b>23</b> Dennis DeWane III Scott Halteman Dave Rheiner	<b>24</b> Cooper Demark	<b>25</b> Jaime Nelson Mya Schiller Riley Smith	<b>26</b> Dylan Crothers Lucy Olsen Charlie Richvalsky Ryan Sellman	<b>27</b> Carolyn Herrlinger
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Anita Halteman Dustin Keim Mason Stephan	<b>31</b> James DeNucci Tyler Francis			

Christine Lemon  
Riley Schmidt

# May Birthdays



# MAY *Worship Assistants*



<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Torch Bearers</b>
May 7	Carson Leigl	Bryce Atherholt	Ben Richvalsky & Owen Slack
May 14	Carson Leigl	Sarah Interante	Lucy Olsen and Owen Slack
May 21	Shayna King	Ally Napier	Sarah Interrante & Ashley Tighe
May 28	Lucy Olsen		
<b>Readers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am Lector</b>	<b>10:30 am Prayers</b>
May 7	Mildred Stuffle	Jen Wentworth	Brian Funk
May 14	Jeff Stuffle	Chris Dogonniuck	John Kochel
May 21	Ron Hess	Jean Funk	James Lorah
May 28	Laurie Mueller	James Lien	Jonathan Mueller
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>8:00 am: Debra Augustine</b>		
May 7	John Kochel and David Schweitzer		
May 14	Janice Reiff and Bob Rodenberger		
May 21	Barbara Burch and Janice Reiff		
May 28	Janice Reiff and Brian Reiff		
<b>Ushers</b>			
May	Contact Dick Allebach		
<b>Offering Tabulation</b>			
May	Janet Stokes, Jack Schatz, and Gary Wessner		
<b>Altar Guild</b>			
May	Mike Van Blaricum		

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the members of my Augustus family for all their help and concern following my recent mis-step in church.



Ron Oelschlager

### Augustus Book Club

The January meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on May 15th at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We will be discussing:

Little Princes: One Man's Promise to Bring Home the Lost Children of Nepal

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

Refreshments are always served.

Questions? Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or [office@augustustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustustrappe.org)

### Resolving to become more involved at church?

Worship Assistants are always needed and welcome!

Contact the church office for more information about one of the ways you can help!

Most commitments are short term, and we could use your help!





# Old Church Sunday

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**SPECIAL SERVICE TIME: 9:30 AM**  
**JUNE 11, 2017**

Special Sermon Delivered by  
**REV. THOMAS KOCHENDERFER**

Reception to follow with Lecture by  
**HISTORIAN LISA MINARDI**

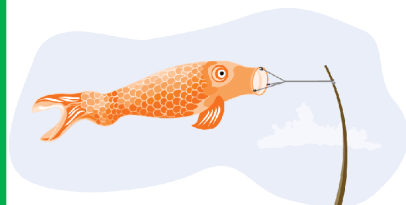
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**AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Summer Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Old Church Service ~ 10:30 AM Air Conditioned Brick Church

## When Is It Children's Day?



In Mark 10:14 Jesus talks about the importance of children in the kingdom of God. In Japan, kids are honored in a special way. May 5 is known as Children's Day. Choose any day you wish to celebrate your own "Children's Day." Try some of these ideas:

On Children's Day, the Japanese display fish kites, because the fish represents bravery and strength. The fish symbol has long been important for Christians, because the Greek letters that spell "fish" are the same as the first letters in the Greek phrase, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." Make fish kites from white paper sacks. Draw and color a fish shape that covers the bag. Cut an opening in the bottom of the bag for the fish's mouth. Tie two strings on either side of the opening to attach the kite to a dowel. On crepe paper streamers, print the words "Jesus loves children" and the Bible reference Mark 10:14. Staple the streamers to the opening of the bag.

Japanese children love to play games such as soccer, badminton, dodge ball, ping pong, and all kinds of card games. Another favorite game is "Jon-Ken-Pon," which is played like "Scissors, Paper, Rock." Two players each make a fist and say "Jon-Ken-Pon!" On "Jon" and "Ken," they make downward gestures with their fists. On "Pon," they make either a rock, scissors, or paper sign with their hands. The winner is decided as follows: rock smashes scissors, scissors cut paper, paper covers rock. Repeat the action if both players show the same sign.

Make a poster to honor this special day. Dip each child's hand in liquid tempera paint and carefully press the hand on a piece of heavy paper. Write the date and the Bible reference Mark 10:14. Frame the artwork if desired, and display in a prominent location. It's fun to do this each year and see how the children have grown.

Invite your children to sit on the floor around a low table and eat a Japanese meal. Serve steamed rice or noodles (available in most grocery stores). For dessert, make pritz (preetz). Melt chocolate over low heat; dip all but the top of each pretzel stick into the chocolate. When cool, serve pritz with green tea.

# Sharing God's Bounty

## Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize

If a runner in a race takes his eyes off his goal for even a fleeting moment, he risks losing his focus and, along with that, the race. So it is with the Christian who must be diligent to keep his focus on his stewardship. If he takes his eyes off his heavenly goal and directs them toward his possessions, his worldly aspirations, or his temporal difficulties, he loses his focus and risks losing the race. The words of Paul provide encouragement for us: *"Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13). Focusing on our Earthly circumstances can lead us in two directions ... both of them deadly! We may either find things of the world to be so attractive, they become the prize toward which we strain, or we find things to be so dismal that we despair.

Our Chief Steward, Jesus, our Savior, focused on the prize. We are exhorted to follow his example: *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"* (Hebrews 12:2). Talk about keeping focus! *"Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart"* (Hebrews 12:3). Talk about running a race! And he did it for us, *"so that [we] will not grow weary and lose heart."*

And look at the prize he won! He ascended into Heaven and now sits *"at the right hand of the throne of God."* Heaven is our prize, too ... a prize beyond compare. Christ's promise is this: *"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life"* (Revelation 2:10b). Should we falter, as we are certain to do, we claim another of his promises: *"The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it"* (1 Thessalonians 5:24).



*"I have learned to manage on whatever I have. I know how to be poor and how to be rich..."*

*There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength."*

**St. Paul**



# First Holy Communion

May God bless these young people as they receive their First Holy Communion today.

Bryce Atherholt  
Shayna King  
Benjamin Richvalsky  
Ashley Tighe

Sarah Interrante  
Carson Leigl  
Riley Smith  
Elizabeth Wentworth



*God Bless  
You!*

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# Money Matters

## *Personal Financial Stewardship*

### Living Within Your Income

Since it is unlikely that you have an unlimited income, you will need to adjust your spending habits so you can give generously, save aggressively, and still live comfortably. Spending is easy, whereas giving and saving require self-discipline. Your ability to give and save is made possible by your willingness to say “no” to your spending. To live on the portion of your income that you have left after giving and saving, you need to control your spending. Improper spending habits are the biggest hindrances to living successfully within your income.

Investments	125.00	100.00	300
Housing	125.00	100.00	
Mortgage	150.00	100.00	
Taxes			
Food	750.00	750.00	
Utilities	112.00	862	
Power	215.00	215	
Water			230
Heating	50.00		
Telephone	30.00	47.00	
Insurance	115.00	109.00	
Home	40.00	36.00	214
Car			
Personal	38.00	295	
Transportation	92.00	92.00	
Gas for Car	64.00	64.00	
Repairs & Tires			199
Clothing & Shoes	230.00	199	
Home	100.00		
Entertainment	120.00	330	
Satellite			72.00
Internet			
Books	48.00	72	
TOTALS	51.00	48.00	
	20.00	51.00	
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	\$2455.00	\$2373.00	

The concept of “self-limitation” is new to many people. When you intentionally buy fewer things than you can afford, you are choosing to limit your lifestyle. “Self-limitation” decisions are based not on the premise of what you can afford, but rather on what you need. You must ask, “Do I need this certain thing or does God have need of my money to help others and his Church?” When your income rises and your lifestyle doesn’t reflect your increased buying capability, you are choosing to limit yourself, which frees up more for giving and saving.



What lifestyle does the Bible suggest? Are you pleasing God by living in substandard housing, driving broken down used cars, wearing cheap clothes, and not satisfying any of your desires? Is God happy if you have an abundance of new things? Living comfortably is not a sin. God does not condemn being rich, but he speaks against the self-centered attitude wealth can cause. Living in opulence without any regard for others does not please the Lord. However, if you love the Lord and serve him and others with your money and time, you are free to live in comfort. Jesus said “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33). Certainly, there is a tremendous amount of diversity among Christians and what they own, but your lifestyle should reflect your relationship with Jesus.

According to Russ Crosson in his book *A Life Well Spent*, we have increased our standard of living at the expense of our lifestyles. “We have increased our lifestyles, but in the process haven’t we also lost our ability to really live? We have amassed wealth, not wisdom. We have given our children toys, not time. We have children who have been taught to consume rather than work; we have fathers who don’t know their children, and marriages that do not work or last. We have been in a rush to run a race without understanding the finish line. Could it be that we are being robbed of our very lives because we are not thinking correctly about why we have money and what we are to do with it?” Our culture promotes monetary wealth. You need to be careful not to become a victim of the foolish desires money can create.



## NOTICE

In order to preserve our legacy, the following rules are in effect:

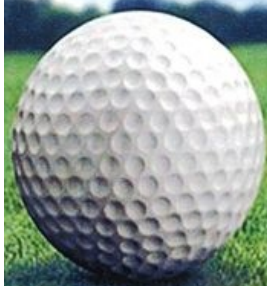
- ♦ POTTED PLANTS AND DECORATIONS—May be placed for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Memorial Day, and Veteran's Day. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove these items after 14 days.
- ♦ CHRISTMAS WREATHS AND DECORATIONS—are permitted November 15—March 1.
- ♦ THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT, IN ITS SOLE JUDGEMENT, TO REMOVE ANY UNKEMPT OR UNSIGHTLY ITEMS FROM THE CEMETERY PROPERTY.
- ♦ PERMANENT PLANTINGS/ FIXTURES WHICH IMPEDE THE FREE MOVEMENT OF THE LAWNMOWERS ARE PROHIBITED.
- ♦ THE ERECTION OF WALLS, RAILINGS, FENCES, AND BENCHES IS PROHIBITED.
- ♦ POSITIVELY NO MOTORBIKES, ATVS, SKATEBOARDS, OR SNOWMOBILES ALLOWED.
- ♦ NO ALTERATIONS TO FOUNDATIONS ARE PERMITTED.
- ♦ THE CEMETERY IS UNATTENDED AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC. ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY LEFT OR PLACED ON CEMETERY PROPERTY IS DONE AT THE OWNER'S RISK.
- ♦ PLEASE PLACE ALL REFUSE IN THE DUMPSTER

By order of the Cemetery Committee

# Augustus Cemetery Rules



*One Dream*  
**MISSION TEAM**



# 2017 MISSION TRIP **GOLF OUTING**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017**

12:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm Shot Gun Start

**Butter Valley Golf Port  
Barto, PA**

**\$90 / Golfer**

**Greens Fees, Cart, Food  
Beverages, Soda, Water,  
Steak Dinner & Gift Bags**

**\$40 / Dinner Only**

**6:30 pm Dinner  
and Festivities at  
the Pavilion**

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TRINITY LUTHERAN Quakertown  
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**PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2017 MISSION TRIP**

Our goal is to help families improve everyday lives by making needed improvements and modifications to their homes. Teens and adults from 3 churches will join again this summer to make a difference.

**PLEASE HELP US MAKE  
THAT DIFFERENCE**

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## **SUMMER 2016 MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS!**

Look at those great kids, awesome adults, and beaming smiles!

Thanks so much for participating in our Senior Youth Group Fund-raisers so we can make this trip possible for all our youth!

The lessons they learn helping others stay with them for a life-time!



*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 for everyone's support and dedicated hard work for Augustus' Women/ELCA sponsored 13th annual combined Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft and Vendor Fair. The support of the entire congregation is essential, not only for the success of this event, but also for the unity of the congregation as a whole. To those people who gave of their time and talents to help (especially our chairpeople who kept the operations running smoothly and efficiently), to those people who came out to enjoy the dinner/craft & vendor fair, those who supplied baked goods, to those people who supported the silent auction, and to those people who gave monetary gifts, we would like to extend a special heartfelt thank you. No gift went unnoticed and all gifts contribute to supporting our mission work in Tanzania. We also would like to extend an unprecedented note of thanks to the local community businesses who have supplied us with the resources necessary to make this fundraiser possible. A special thank you to Imperial's Catering for their continual support and the use of their equipment, to Risher Van Horn for supplying the beautiful flowers, to Thrivent Financial for supplementing the funds raised, and to Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust, Bath Fitters, and Giant Foods for their generous monetary donations. We would also like to thank Boy Scout Troop 87 for all their help. Please show your appreciation by supporting these local establishments. Fun, fellowship, and hard work were shared by all. 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!

**Southeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA 2017 Gathering** will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at Christ Ascension Lutheran Church (8300 Germantown Avenue, Phila, PA 19118). The theme is "Luther's Ladies" – Celebrating 500 Years of Women in the Church. Registration begins at 9:00am. Included in the day's activities are worship, speakers, workshops, and lunch. There will also be time for fun, fellowship, and service. The Rev. Violet Little from The Welcome Church of Philadelphia will be the Keynote Speaker. The cost is \$25.00 (Students \$10.00) which includes lunch. Save the date! For your convenience a registration form is included in this month's Augustinian.

To supplement the day, the following opportunities for learning and service are being offered:

- A tour of the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, just up the street.
- A review of the Lutheran Social Statement on Women and Justice, led by Ms. Fern Lee Hagedorn, member of the Churchwide Task Force.
- Storytelling 101 – an opportunity to learn how to share our stories.
- Helping Hands Project – completing "giveaways" to be shared at the July WELCA Triennial Convention and Gathering in Minneapolis, MN
- In-kind gifts for The Welcome Church Ministries – Disposable hot drink cups, bowls, and small plates; sugar, creamer, tea bags, plastic forks and spoons, coffee, and cookies – store-bought or homemade.

**SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study** will be held on Tuesday May 2, 2017, at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. The topic for May is "You Are Not Alone" – 10 prayerful reflections for our faith journey. Jean John is the study leader. Bring your Bibles and your May edition of the Gather magazine. Please try to attend. Augustus is the host church in May for this event. Wouldn't it be great to have a good attendance from the women of Augustus to welcome our sisters in faith from neighboring Lutheran Churches in the Upper Montgomery Conference of the ELCA? All women and girls are invited. Please contact Fran Ivarson at 610-489-4969 if you have any questions or if you are willing to help. Help is needed with set-up, clean-up, and the providing of breakfast goodies.





**Tenth Triennial Gathering of Women/ELCA** in Minneapolis, Minnesota, is now open for registration. The Gathering runs from July 13 through July 16, 2017. The registration book can be downloaded from WELCATG.ORG or see Dale O'Hara for information. The theme for the Gathering is "All Anew".

**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. **Currently, the committee is in need of colored embroidery floss for their quilts. Although they will accept any color, they are in desperate need of blue and red colored floss.** If you would like to make a donation, please label your donation with "Hearts and Hands Committee" and place in the lower narthex of the church. Thank you in advance for your support! If you are interested in partaking in the efforts of this committee, the workshop will meet on May 3 and May 16. New members are always welcome to this social group and no experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or [jandmstuffle@verizon.net](mailto:jandmstuffle@verizon.net).

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**Augustus' Committee Night** will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm beginning in the Chapel. The Women of the ELCA will be participating. The next committee night will be held on May 23. We will be finalizing our turkey dinner/craft & vendor fair at this meeting. Please come out & share your opinions for the future of this event. All women of Augustus are welcome to join our meeting.

**Please continue to Save the Following Items** and place them in the appropriate box in the Lower Narthex of the church: Redner's Tapes, eye-glasses, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and your old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods. We are no longer collecting Campbell soup labels.

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## Schedule Of Events

- May 2: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Augustus LC, Trappe – 9:30am  
 Topic: “You Are Not Alone” Study Leader: Jean John  
 3: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am  
 14: Happy Mother’s Day!  
 16: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am  
 23: Augustus’ Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm  
 29: Happy Memorial Day!
- June 3: SEPA WELCA Gathering @ Christ Ascension LC, Phila 9:00am  
 Theme: “Luther’s Ladies” - Celebrating 500 Years of Women in the Church  
 Keynote Speaker: Reverend Violet Little from The Welcome Church of Phila.  
 7: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am  
 20: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am  
 28: Augustus’ Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm

.....Dale O’Hara.....



**SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA**  
 Upper Montgomery Cluster  
**GATHER BIBLE STUDY 2016-2017**  
 First Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
 (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.)



**Winter/Spring 2017**

*No other Gospel [Galatians 1:1-22:1]*

Tuesdays, January / February

**HOME STUDY**

*Children of God through faith {Galatians 2:19-3:29} and Galatians 1:1-3:29*

**INVITE A FRIEND OR GROUP TO STUDY THESE SESSIONS WITH YOU OR STUDY ON YOUR OWN -  
 NOTE ANY QUESTIONS OR HIGHLIGHTS**

May 2

Augustus Lutheran Church  
 717 W. Main St.  
 Trappe, PA

Jean John, Study Leader

**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.**

## Social Ministry

The clothing drive usually held during May is cancelled due to construction. Please save your gently used clothing for our clothing drive in October!



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**A social outing for all  
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and friends of Augustus**

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



## Women of the ELCA Southeast Pa Synod 2017 Gathering

**When** - Saturday, June 3, 2017

**Registration** - 9:00 am

**Welcome and Worship** - 9:30 am

**Where** – Christ Ascension Lutheran Church  
8300 Germantown Ave, Phila, PA 19118

**Cost** - \$25 to include lunch



**Theme** – *Luther's Ladies* – Celebrating 500 Years of Women in the Church

The Reformation period was marked by a number of gracious women whom God raised up. The word 'ladies' (rather than 'women') is specially used as so many of them were titled ladies, ladies of royal or noble blood. As we commemorate the Reformation of the church, let's take this opportunity to honor the contributions of our women and celebrate the legacy of Katie Luther.

**Keynote Speaker** - Reverend Violet Little of The Welcome Church of Philadelphia  
<http://www.thewelcomechurch.org>

We're offering the following opportunities for learning and service:

1. A tour of the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia, just up the street
2. A review of The Lutheran Social Statement on Women and Justice, led by Ms. Fern Lee Hagedorn, member of the Churchwide Task Force
3. Storytelling 101 – an opportunity to learn how to share our stories
4. Helping Hands Project – completing "giveaways" to be shared at the July WELCA Triennial Convention and Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

**In-Kind Gifts** for The Welcome Church ministries – Disposable hot drink cups, bowls and small plates; sugar, creamer, tea bags, plastic forks and spoons, coffee, and cookies - storebought or homemade

Offering will be divided between Churchwide Women of the ELCA and The Welcome Church.

Registration Form

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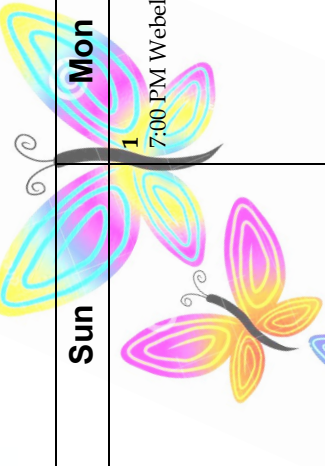





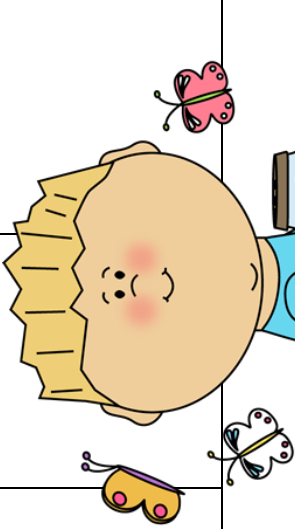

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a visitor. \_\_\_\_\_ I am a student. (registration is only \$10)

Registration and lunch is \$25.00 (students \$10). Please enclose check payable to Women of the ELCA-SEPA. Pre-registration is important in order to plan for the lunch.

**Return this completed form and check before May 20, 2017 to:**

Beatrice Parker  
3210 W Allegheny Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19132

Questions: 215-888-8675  
54126105a@gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>1</b> 7:00 PM Webelos	<b>2</b> 8:45 AM WELCA Bible Study @ Augustus 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Vestry Mtg 	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Quilting Group 6:00 PM 3-in-1 Confirmation Classes 6:00 PM Sr. Youth Group	<b>4</b> 9:00 AM MOPS Planning Meeting 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Vocal Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Cubs Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM "The Three Days" Retreat 	
<b>7</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:00 AM Sunday School & Parents' Fellowship 10:30 AM Holy Communion Holy Baptism	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM MOPS Set Up	<b>10</b> 8:45 AM MOPS Meeting 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach 	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Vocal Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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