

Augustinian

From the Pastor's Desk

May 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

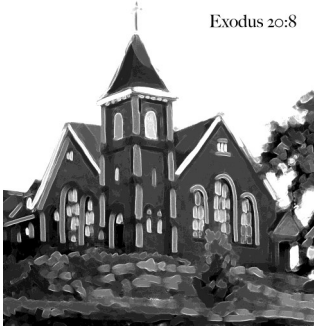
What is the foundation of every aspect of our ministry at Augustus Lutheran Church? What is the one essential activity for the entire parish? What gives us strength and meaning and direction in ministry and life?



SUNDAY WORSHIP

"Remember the
SABBATH DAY by
keeping it holy."

Exodus 20:8



For most of us, our weekly gathering around Word and Sacrament is the only place we can hear God's Word, receive his Body and Blood, and thank him for all the good things in our lives. Having been thus strengthened, we are ready to face the week ahead. Lutherans believe that faith comes through hearing God's Word. Where else besides worship do you hear God's Word, his love for you, and his will for your life? In our increasingly secular society, worship is the only place where you can be sure that others share your faith and your values. Join us each Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 AM for Worship and start the week off on a positive note.

Sunday, May 24, 2015 is the Day of Pentecost, the 50th and last day of the Easter season. On this day at the 10:30 AM service, four (4) of our young people will affirm their faith through the Rite of Confirmation. Please support them by your presence and your prayers.

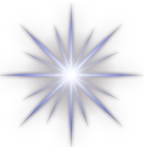
Looking ahead to June, Old Church Sunday is June 7, 2015. We will have one (1) combined service at 9:30 AM followed by lunch and a presentation in Fellowship Hall by the Reverend Dr. Karl Krueger. Pastor Krueger has become a part of our Augustus family through his support of our Old Church Sunday celebrations. His meaningful sermons and engaging presentations are a high point of our post-Easter season and enjoyed by young and old alike.

May the risen Christ continue to strengthen your faith and give you hope.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck

A Gentle Reminder

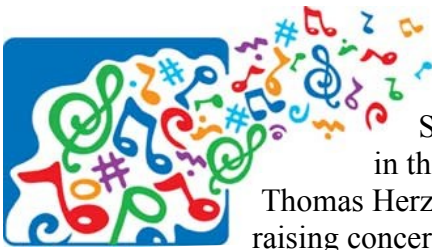


The generations of faithful Lutherans that have gone before us have left us a great legacy at Augustus Lutheran Church. Please do your part to keep our buildings neat, clean, and presentable to the many friends and visitors we welcome throughout each week of the year.

Please pray for the following people as they recover:

Dick Landes	Connie Schwirian	Charles Newton	Bert Long
Charity Jennings	Emma Turner	Tom Lachenmayer	Anita Luft
Ann Lachenmayer	Billy Snyder	Judi Lien	





FROM THE BENCH

Some special musical events take place this month; full-page flyers elsewhere in this newsletter will tell you more about them. On **Friday, May 8 at 7:00pm**, Thomas Herzer from the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, will present a fund-raising concert here at Augustus. And don't miss our choir performing with the choir of Good Shepherd Lutheran in King of Prussia on **Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, 132 E. Valley Forge Rd (Rt 23 and Henderson Rd), King of Prussia.

Since it's finally spring, I wanted to give you some light reading. The following is from the blog of Chris Rowbury (chrisrowbury.com). Enjoy – and keep singing!

Children's Musical this Summer: we are planning to perform another children's musical on Rally Day (September 20). This one is "The Old Testament Fast Forward," by Allen Pote and Tom Long, and will be a lot of fun. Parents of children age 5 and up (older elementary children especially needed) are encouraged to contact me to get in on the fun! More information next month!

Why singing is bad for you (and 7 reasons why you shouldn't stop doing it)

(A version of this article first appeared as a post on Chris' blog *From the Front of the Choir*)

People don't often talk about the downsides of singing. We constantly bang on about the health benefits, social aspects, etc. but seldom mention the bad bits.

Here are seven (7) terrible things that might happen to you if you start singing.

1. Singing can become addictive — once you start singing, it's very hard to stop. It's such an enjoyable activity that you will start noticing it everywhere and begin to take every opportunity you can to sing.
2. Singing takes up valuable time — you start by joining a choir once a week, then you do concerts at the weekends, then all those social events, and that great weekend workshop ... before you know it, it's taken over your whole life.
3. You will abandon your friends and family — and spend more time with your new singing chums and on the tour bus and in the pub after the concert (and after weekly rehearsals). You'll also be listening to more CDs on your own, checking out YouTube videos, learning lyrics, etc. No time left for family and friends at all.
4. You will become unbearable to live with — singing makes you so happy that you will wear a constant smile and be humming along all day long in a state of bliss, much to the annoyance of everyone you live with (who will be insanely jealous).
5. Singing stops you sleeping — after rehearsal or performance you will be so buoyed up with enthusiasm and joy that you will find it hard to come down off Cloud 9. Not only that, but you'll have all those wonderful tunes bouncing around inside your head. Sleep – who needs it??!
6. You will spend more money — nice new costume for the next gig, more CDs, songbooks, weekend workshops, maybe even a musical instrument.

You might lose your job — for some people singing takes over their lives entirely and they end up singing the whole time. They turn professional or start leading a choir of their own, and before they know it, they have a new career.

So be warned: approach singing with caution. Once you start you might not be able to stop. And it's like a virus which you can easily pass onto someone else. Remain alert at all times in case the bug gets you!

~Chris Rowbury (chrisrowbury.com; blog.chrisrowbury.com)

To God Be the Glory

a **choral concert** of uplifting spiritual arrangements and sacred music
featuring choirs of **Augustus Lutheran**, Trappe and **Good Shepherd Lutheran**, King of Prussia

Ross Boerner and **Laurie Mueller**, Directors



Sunday, May 17 at 4:00 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

132 E. Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia

free will offering supports both churches

PRESS RELEASE: Organ Concert at Augustus May 8, 2015

Thomas Herzer, organist at the Castle Church, Wittenberg, Germany, will tour the United States this spring, to help raise funds for a 'new' chancel organ. He will make a local stop at historic **Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe on Friday May 8, 7:00pm.**

The Castle Church in Wittenberg is the historic place where the Lutheran Reformation started almost 500 years ago. On October 31st 1517 Dr. Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 theses at the door of the Castle Church. The chancel organ is an important part of the preparations for the 500th anniversary celebration: only a few feet from the famous Theses Door, an organ will find its new place and new task in 2016.

In 1965 the organ builder Schuke from Potsdam built an instrument in the auditorium of the seminary in Wittenberg. This organ of sixteen ranks has two manuals and pedal. As part of the great building projects for 2017 the seminary will move into the castle next to the Castle Church. Therefore the organ needs a new place. Instead of putting the organ in the relatively small new auditorium of the seminary, the organ will be put in the chancel of the Castle Church next to the choir stalls. There, in the front of the church, many more people will be able to hear and appreciate the organ.

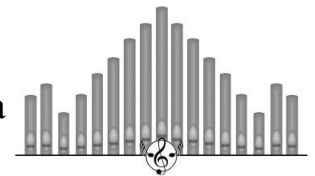
The Castle Church has become an important pilgrimage place, not only for Lutherans but others from all over the world. Many choirs and organists from America have shared their musical talents in the Castle Church. The new chancel organ will help many people from all over the world who come to sing the most famous hymn by Dr. Martin Luther, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Thomas Herzer has been the music director of the Castle Church in Wittenberg since 2003. He shares this position with his wife Sarah. As an important part of their work, they teach church music and liturgy at the seminary.

Thomas studied at the Church Music Conservatory in Halle where he earned his Master Degree in 2003. As part of these studies he spent two semesters as a guest student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he studied Organ Performance with Dr. Quentin Faulkner.

Augustus Lutheran Church is located at 717 W Main St, Trappe, PA 19426. It is fitting that Mr. Herzer will make a stop here, since this is the place where Henry Melchior Muhlenberg arrived from Germany in 1742 and settled. In 1742, the congregation built a church that still stands today, and remains the oldest unchanged Lutheran church building in the US.

Plan to join us for the concert on Friday, May 8, 7:00pm. There will be a free-will offering to help raise funds for the new chancel organ at the Castle Church.



Church Book Club!

The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will take place on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge.

We'll be discussing Day After Night by Anita Diamant.

All are welcome! Come and meet some new people and discuss this great book! Refreshments always served!

Please bring a book suggestion to the meeting We'll be making selections for the next several months at this meeting.

Questions? Contact Karen McClain at 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org



Augustus Lutheran Church

Thomas Herzer, Organ

Organist at Wittenberg Castle Church, Germany



Part of a fund raising tour for a “new” chancel organ for the Castle Church, to be installed for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Friday, May 8, 2015 7:00 pm

**Augustus Lutheran Church
717 W. Main St., Trappe, PA
Open to the public—Free Will Offering**



MAY 2015

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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 Note Of Thanks: We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for everyone's support and dedicated hard work for Augustus' Women/ELCA sponsored 11th annual combined Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft and Nostalgic Attic Treasure Show. 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 and craft show, and to those people who gave monetary gifts, we would like to extend a special heartfelt thank you. Finally, we 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/Moorehead Catering for their continual support and the use of their equipment, to Risher Van Horn for supplying the beautiful centerpieces, and to Thrivent Financial for supplementing the funds raised. 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 our Missionaries in Tanzania, Dr. Stephen & Jodi Lynn Swanson, and the Irente Children's Home in Tanzania. Thanks again to all who participated!

SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study will be held on Tuesday May 5, 2015, at Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. The theme is "The Church Transforming and Reforming" taken from Acts 15:16-17 ("After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord-even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called.") Jean John is the presenter. Augustus is hosting this event; It would be great to have a good attendance from the women of Augustus. 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. All women and girls are invited to attend. It's a wonderful way to meet your Sisters in Christ.

Southeastern PA Synod Women of the ELCA 2015 Gathering will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale on Saturday, June 27. The theme is "Helping in Jesus' Name". For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:35-40) Registration begins at 8:30 am. The keynote speaker is The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ollikanien, Executive Director of Lutheran Congregational Services. Please bring toiletries for various organizations. The cost is \$30.00 (\$10.00 for students) which includes registration, continental breakfast, and lunch. A flyer & registration form is included in this edition of the Augustinian.



Renew, Respond, Rejoice!



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MAY 2015 continued...

The Hearts & Hands Workshop will resume its meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on May 19. There will be two sessions. The morning session will meet at 9:30am, and the evening session will meet at 6:30pm. Both sessions will meet in Augustus' quilting room. New members are welcome. Have you ever had the desire to quilt? Now's the time to learn! No experience necessary. Bring a lunch or snack if you so desire. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or email Jandmstuffle@verizon.net.

Augustus' Committee Night will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Chapel. The Women of the ELCA will be participating. The next committee night will be held on May 26. Please plan to attend. All women of Augustus are welcome to join us for this very informative planning meeting.

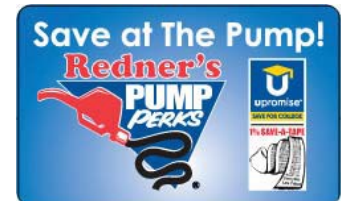
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Redner's Tapes

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>

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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. 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.



Savings Are In Bloom!! Shop, save and earn for WELCA Augustus Lutheran Church. You can now shop online. Participating in the rebate are Amazon, Macy's, L.L. Bean, Old Navy, Boscov's, Best Buy....just to mention a few. Go online to view the complete list of participating merchants.

See WELCA Schedule on Following Page

Schedule Of Events

May 5: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Augustus LC, Trappe

“The Church Transforming and Reforming” (Acts 15:16-17) After this I will return, and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen; from its ruins I will rebuild it and I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called. Presenter, Jean John - 10:00am

10: Happy Mother’s Day!

19: Hearts and Hands Workshop 9:30am & 6:30pm in Augustus’ quilting room

25: Memorial Day

26: Augustus’ Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm

June 23: Augustus’ Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm

27: SEPA Women/ELCA 2015 Gathering @ Trinity LC, Lansdale

“Helping in Jesus’ Name” (Matthew 25:35-40) – 8:30am Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ollikanien
Cost: \$30.00 (Students \$10.00)

.....Dale O’Hara.....

Women of the ELCA Southeastern PA Synod

2015 Gathering



When- Saturday, June 27, 2015

Registration and continental breakfast- 8:30 AM

Where- Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W. Main St. Lansdale, PA

Phone- 215- 368-1710

Biblical text- Matthew 25: 35-40

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

Theme – Helping in Jesus’ Name

Keynote Speaker- Reverend Jennifer Ollikanien, Executive Director of Lutheran Congregational Services

Topics to be addressed- Immigration refugees, victims of sexual trafficking, and mental illness

Workshops – Sister Michelle from Dawn’s Place will discuss human trafficking.

Carol Ann Caruso from the National Alliance on Mental Illness will speak about mental health.
Hands- on project

Participants may attend two workshops.
Come and enjoy various vendors and displays.

Cost- \$30

In-Kind Gifts – Toiletries to be given to various organizations helping those in need

Examples- toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, tissue packets, shaving cream, nail files, nail clippers, washcloths, hand towels, feminine hygiene products (no glass, aerosols, or Pepsident)

Registration Form

Women of the ELCA Southeastern PA Synod

2015 Gathering



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Helping in Jesus' Name

Matthew 25: 35-40

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Keynote Speaker- Reverend Dr. Jennifer Ollikainn

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Trinity Lutheran Church 1000 Main St. Lansdale, PA 19446

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Congregation _____ Conference _____

☐ I am a WELCA participant. ☐ I am a first time participant.

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

Registration, continental breakfast, and buffet lunch is \$30.00 (students \$10). Please enclose check payable to Women of the ELCA-SEPA. Pre-registration is important in order to plan for the breakfast and buffet lunch. **Return this completed form and check before May 20th to:**

Dale O'Hara

5049 Cold Springs Drive


Collegeville, PA 19426 (phone - 610-489-0417)

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE!

Switching clothes for spring? Cleaning out your kids' closets? Bring your "hand-me-downs" and donations to church between May 16 and May 30 for the Social Ministry's annual clothing drive! Clean and mended clothing in bags or boxes can be placed by the coat rack outside fellowship hall for distribution to local charity organizations!

Please don't drop anything off before the 16th or after the 30th. Thanks!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May Birthdays					1	2
					Lori Carlucci Michael Kahn Michael Kane Janet Lauman	Tracie Hackett
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Joseph Brennan Brittany Cornish John Niskala Megan Williams		Amanda Christy Barbara Cornish Desiree Dotterer Jonathan Price	Peggy Dwyer Alexander Espenship Kevin Millheim Rose Sabre	Lauren Birch Bryan King Michael Stokes	Francesco Balducci	Alexa King Katlyn Pergine Linda Romano
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Pamela Kunasz Maverick Waltz	Ben Dogonniuck Nancy Ehret Gary Halteman	Vickie Babb Benjamin Schlichter Shawn Schlichter	Greg Ottinger Dawn Schmitt	Emma Raupp	Dylan Funk Walter Mills	Sarah Allen Daniel Garton Garrett Halteman
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
William O'Boyle	Eilene Althouse Faye Jenkins Dianne Scelza	Lindsey Allebach Jeffrey Althouse Tyler Schwirian	Jason Below Colby Davis	Denise Althouse Zachary Kemmerer	Kathy McCormack Peyton Shaffer R. Walter Schlauch	Dennis DeWane III Scott Halteman Ronald Moorehead Dave Rheiner
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Cooper Demark	Jaime Nelson Mya Schiller Riley Smith	Dylan Crothers Alicia Moorehead Lucy Olsen Charlie Richvalsky Ryan Sellman	Carolyn Herrlinger	Richard Landes Christine Lemon Riley Schmidt		
31						Richard Clapper Dawson Funk Anita Halteman Dustin Keim Billy Stender Mason Stephan
James DeNucci Tyler Francis						

The Athanasian Creed

What is the history and use of the Athanasian Creed?

More properly known from its opening words as the *Quicunque Vult*, this statement of the catholic faith was almost certainly not by St. Athanasius (296-373) since it concerns itself with theological issues and employs terminology not used during his lifetime. Much debate still exists about the origin and authorship of the creed, although the leading modern hypothesis suggests that it originated in southern Gaul (France) or northern Spain sometime between 435 and 535, and perhaps at the direction of St. Caesarius a celebrated preacher and theologian who lived from 470-542 and was abbot of Arles in Gaul from 502.

Differing greatly in form and structures from either the Apostles' or Nicene Creeds, the original character and object of the Athanasian Creed was to serve as a summary of orthodox teaching for clergy to memorize and use as the basis for their pastoral instructions. A unique feature of this creed is the damnatory clauses which open, divide, and conclude the text. However unpalatable these may be to modern Christians, there can be no doubt theses clauses must be given their full and natural meaning: anyone wishing to be saved must be orthodox in his/her thinking about the Trinity and the Incarnation!

With its clear explication of the doctrine of the Trinity and the Person and work of Christ, the Athanasian creed was highly valued by Luther, who suggested that it should be sung each evening at Vespers. The creed is included in the *Book of Concord* as one of the "Three Catholic and Ecumenical Symbols". Not formally accepted by the Eastern Church, it is used in the West principally by the Roman, Lutheran and Anglican churches. In modern American Lutheran usage, it is appointed for use at worship only once, on Trinity Sunday.

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



To my Augustus Family,

Thank you for sharing in my birthday party, all the cards and meals you have sent my way. You are my family.

Love, Bill Snyder

BAPTISMS

Holy Baptism was administered to Emily Kathryn Mullarky on April 19, 2015. Emily is the daughter of Seamus and Carrie Mullarkey.

Holy Baptism was administered to Avery Lynn Benner on April 26, 2015. Avery is the daughter of Terry and Laura Benner.

May God bless these little ones and their families as they begin their journeys of faith.

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Cynthia Snyder, <i>Treasurer</i>	Finance	610-409-8333	yosua@aol.com
Jeanne Funk	Comm. & Tech.	610-792-3830	jfunk@kpinterface.com
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John Kochel	Outreach/Mutual Min.	484-945-0100	John.Kochel@thrivent.com
Judi Lien	Parish Life	610-970-9209	judilien@comcast.net
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Bob Rodenberger, <i>Trust Fund Treas.</i>	Finance	610-489-3280	r.rodenberger7@gmail.com
Jack Schatz	Old Church	610-489-3176	
Karl Stefan	Cemetery	610-454-0373	kssurf@verizon.net

Vestry Contacts



Christian Parenting



God's Own for Eternity

There are only two sure things in life: death and taxes. We talk about taxes, but many of us avoid talking, or even thinking, about death. Yet, death is inevitable. We need to talk about death with our children. The most natural time to do this is when a death occurs.

Encourage your child to talk about it and to remember the times he or she spent with the one who died. Invite him or her to draw a picture or create a song that expresses his or her feelings. Older children might want to write a story or compose a prayer. Children have lots of questions about death. When you don't have an answer, admit it, but take time to explore the question with them. You might want to bring your unanswered question to your pastor. Assure your child that Jesus promises us eternal life when our earthly life has ended. Underline Bible verses such as John 3:16 that promise eternal life. In faith we can believe God's promise of eternal life. And trusting in God's promise of eternal life helps our faith to grow.

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Senior Youth Group Update

April was a busy month for the Senior Youth Group! After our tremendously successful Easter Candy Sale on Palm Sunday, we had to jump right into the Youth Sunday service on April 12! Once again, the youth 'kicked it up a notch' and presented an inspiring, enthusiastic service for the congregation. Special thanks to our Seniors: Jenna Griggs, Jennie Lien & Nicole Sellman - we will miss you next year! After the service we enjoyed some fellowship and lunch before heading out for an afternoon of paintball, a new experience for many but fun was had by all. The next weekend was one of our favorite events: Box City at St. James Lutheran Church in Limerick, a fundraising event to raise awareness of teen homelessness. We again had a large group sleeping out in cardboard boxes and it was a perfect night to sleep outside for the first time in a few years! Also on April 18th, we cosponsored a Spaghetti Dinner at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Audubon, the youth group we are teaming with to attend the National Youth Gathering in Detroit. We made over \$1,200 and thank the members of Augustus for your help and support! This same group met at Augustus on April 26th to continue our planning for the trip growing the bond between the two churches. Remember the Golf Outing on June 5th to support our Camden NY Mission Trip - it is a fun day for a great cause!

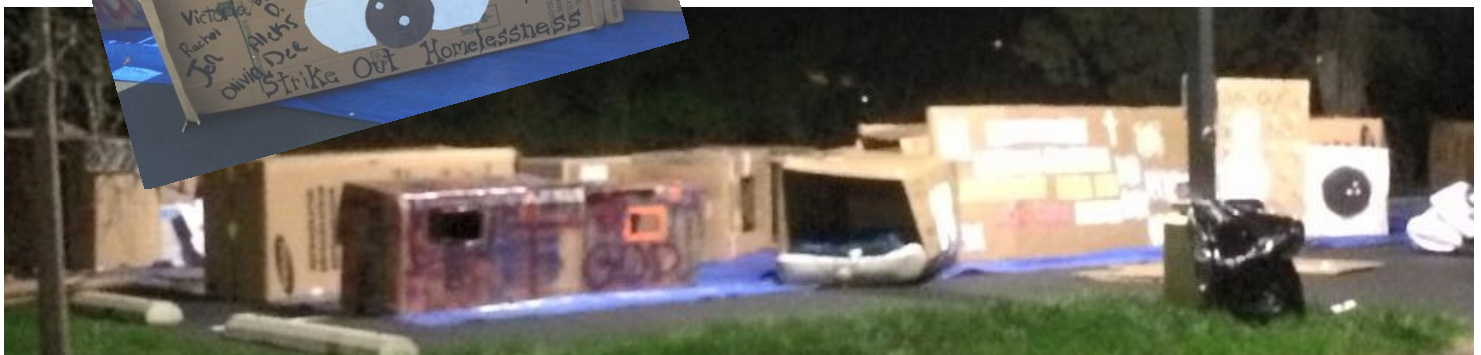
Senior Youth Group Service Project - AUGUSTUS RECYCLES!

You may have noticed new recycling bins around the church - this is part of the Youth Group's new initiative: **Augustus Recycles**. In order to encourage recycling at Augustus by the members, staff and guests, the Senior Youth Group used some of the money raised at the Augustus Carnival food booth to purchase recycling bins for almost every location in the church where you find a trash can. More information will be posted in the bulletin, future Augustinians and on signs throughout the church, but the guidelines are pretty simple: If it can be recycled, it goes in the blue bin! Trappe follows 'single stream' recycling so everything recyclable can be mixed together: Paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, foil, etc. No food waste, styrofoam cups or messy food wrappers. Please help 'Preserve God's Creation' by participating in the Augustus Recycles project.

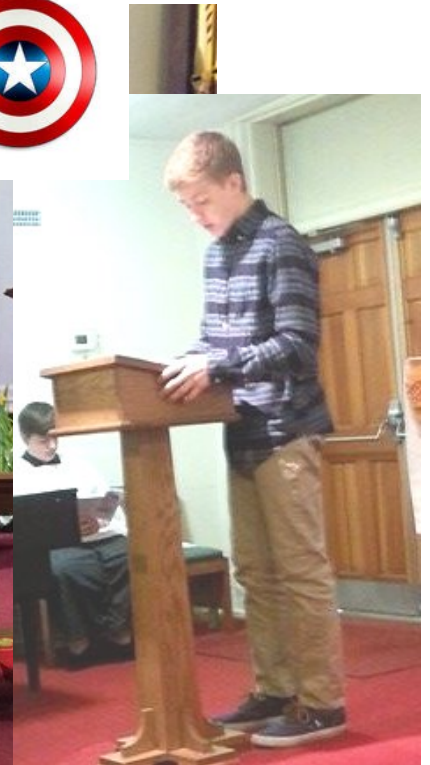
Check out the Augustus Facebook page for photos of all of our Youth Group events!

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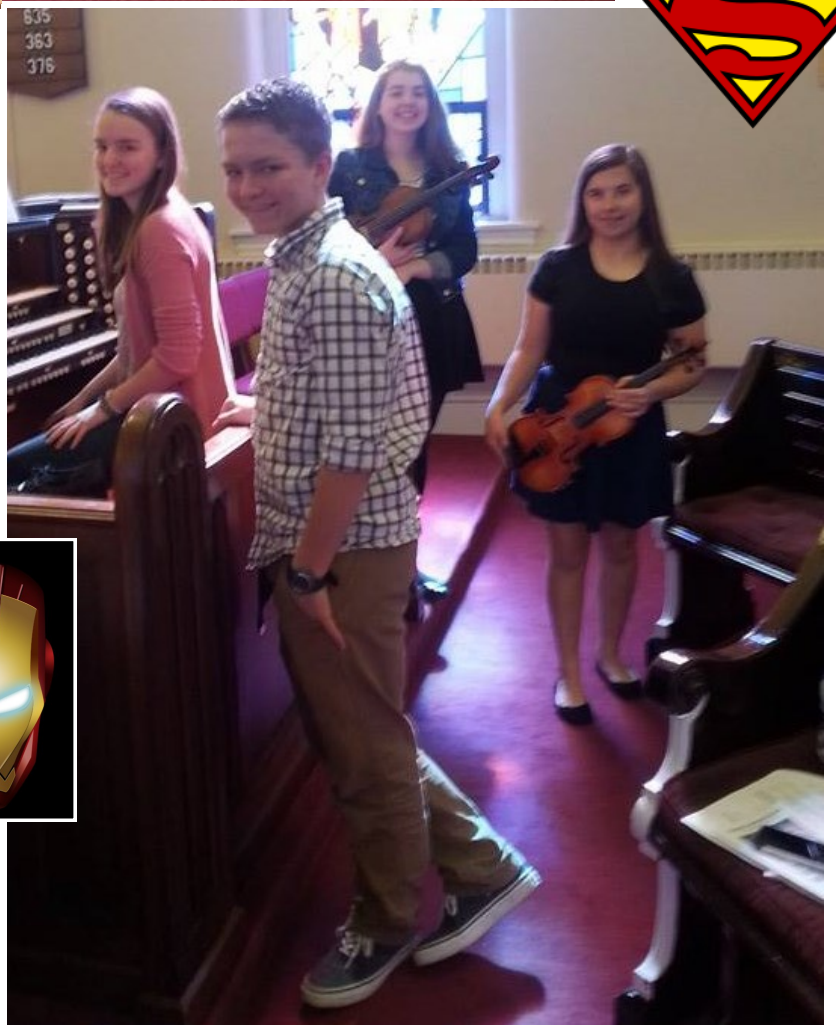
BOX CITY 2015



Youth Sunday 2015



Jesus Is My Superhero!



One Dream MISSION TEAM



2015 MISSION TRIP GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015

12:30 PM Registration

1:30 PM SHOT GUN START

**Butter Valley Golf Port
Barto, PA**

**FIRST UCC Quakertown
TRINITY LUTHERAN Quakertown
AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN Trappe**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2015 MISSION TRIP

Our combined mission team helps needy families with much-needed home improvements and modifications. Teens and adults from 3 churches will join again this summer to make a difference.

**PLEASE HELP US MAKE
THAT DIFFERENCE**

\$85 / Golfer

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

\$40 / Dinner Only

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



CONTESTS • GREAT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES • PLEASE TAKE A BROCHURE!

GOLD Sponsor • SILVER Sponsor • HOLE Sponsor • Raffle/Auction • Monetary Donations



*Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for
National ELCA
Youth Gathering
Mission Trip*

*Augustus Family
Members supporting the
cause.*

Thank You!



Christian Education

Sunday School



Many thanks to all of our adult prayer pals for this year! On Palm Sunday our Sunday school students and staff held a breakfast in thanks and honor of our pals. A puppet show followed breakfast...staged by teachers Jolie Chylack, Linda DuBois, Staci Hiergesell, and Jenn Reid. I thank them very much!

‘IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE UP A CHRISTIAN CHILD!’

Easter Sunday was filled with excitement...both for our younger students and our middle school kids! The middle school hid the Easter eggs and the younger students found the eggs! We had a short opening and practiced the Sunday school song. Then the children went into their classes to hear (layer) once again the Easter Story!

“HE IS NOT HERE...HE IS RISEN!”

May 31 is the last day of Sunday school for the summer. We will enjoy a carnival on the lawn this day! We have had a wonderful year of learning, fun, and friends.

Confirmation Classes

Stations of the Cross Our Good Friday service was, as usual, a very moving reenactment. Many people have my thanks, including Debra Augustine: Director, and Pia Lara, assistant. Jolie Chylack, Kent Wenger, Jim Richvalsky, Linda DuBois, and Catherine Wenger stage crew crowd control, and curtains. Brian Funk was helping numerous places, and Debbie Funk and Pia Lara, costumes. Our parents brought snacks and drinks for a reception after the reenactment.

Robyn Hart has been “the messenger” and email guru for many a year! Having four children, she volunteered knowing she would be involved with 3 and 1 what seemed like FOREVER! Well, this FOREVER time has come to an end! Bradley, her youngest will be confirmed on Pentecost!

I thank her for so many things! In addition to her “duties” she has been a person that I would bounce ideas off of, vent to, and be my “solid ear”! MANY THANKS!♥ Well, that was the bad news! The good news is that Christy Crothers, mother of three, has agreed to step into Robyn’s shoes! Thank you Christy!

As I am thanking people for 3 in 1 services, I would like to thank Rosemary Pot, Vivian Pot and Cathy Meeley and crew. These moms come in early most Wednesdays to help and assist me. That last hour can be very hectic! Thanks to them for keeping me sane!♥ Each Wednesday, parents come in to set up, serve, and clean up. In addition, families bring dessert for everyone to enjoy. Thank you everyone!

WITHOUT THIS HELP FROM FAMILIES, 3 IN 1 COULD NOT FUNCTION! One more time I say:

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE UP A CHRISTIAN CHILD”

Confirmation classes will end shortly. On May 24, Pentecost, our eighth graders will affirm their baptism through Confirmation. We Lutherans prefer to baptize as infants, receiving the Holy Spirit. As a teen, our baptized students become confirmed. At this point, they are considered full members of the church, with all the responsibilities and privileges. Please pray for these eighth graders...that they remain faithful to God, and their church.



THE LEARNING FOR OUR STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE FOR THE SUMMER!

BEGINNING JUNE 14th AT THE 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE!

OUR CHILDREN'S SERMON WILL BE ENHANCED FOR THE SUMMER!

YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS NEW
APPROACH TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!♥

Children's
Message



READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?!

We're getting ready too!

2015 VBS will be held at Augustus June 22 through 25 in the morning from 9a to 12p

Our theme will be 'Camp Discovery'. There will be stories, crafts, recreation, and music.

We will have bagged lunches available at 11:30a for our children. We will sit under a shade tree and eat until parents/caretakers arrive.

Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Living Within Your Means

Since it is unlikely that you have an unlimited income, your spending must be planned so you can give generously, save aggressively, but still live comfortably. If you typically spend all of your income on your wants and desires, you will find it difficult to live within your means. Spending is easy, whereas giving and saving require self-discipline. Your ability to give and save is made possible by your willingness to control your spending. Improper spending habits are the biggest hindrances to living successfully within your income.

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 the church?”

What lifestyle does the Bible suggest? Living comfortably is not a sin. God does not condemn being rich, but 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. He points out:

“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. We need to spend wisely, save and give proportionally to our income and be careful not to become a victim of the foolish desires money can create.



May Worship Assistants

Worship Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers	
May 3	Kevin Beattie	Jonathan Brull	Evan Griggs and Jake Smith	
May 10	Jeremy Wentworth	Samatha Hiergesell	Anna Schweitzer and Bradley Hart	
May 17	Noelle Reid	Alex Schmidt	Tyler Funk and Jeremy Wenger	
May 24	Billy Stender	Andrew Meeley	Tyler Fink and Alex Schmidt	
May 31	Lucy Olsen	Olivia Olsen	Liz Meeley and Rachel Schaffer	
Ushers				
May	John Schwirian	Pat O'Hara	Karl Stefan	Dick Allebach
Lectors	8:00 am	10:30 Lessons	10:30 Prayers	
May 3	Sandy Trauger	Jean Funk	Staci Hiergesell	
May 10	Amy Sellman	Diane Mills	Gary Hodgson	
May 17	Jeff Stuffle	Ed Hiergesell	James Lorah	
May 24	Mildred Stuffle	John Kochel	Sean McClain	
May 31	Kim Lumley	James Lien	Alan Shunk	
Greeters				

Greeters always needed! Go to <http://bit.ly/PnjlrN> to sign up!

Communion Assistants			
May 3	John Kochel	Dave Schweitzer	
May 10	Jeanne Funk	Bill Penny	
May 17	Janice Reiff	Bob Rodenberger	
May 24	Intinction		
May 31	Mary Schlichter	Janice Reiff	
Offering Tabulation			
May	Judi Lien	Jack Schatz	Ron Hess
Altar Guild			
May	Donna & Joe Cooney		

OLD CHURCH SUNDAY is June 7th.

There will be only one service that day—at 9:30 am.

Join us for The Reverend Karl Kruger's sermon and for a luncheon following the service.



Graduation Announcements

Is someone in your family graduating? Congratulations! Call the church office or drop an e-mail so your "smarty pants" can be announced in the Augustinian. Include name of graduate, date of graduation, school, and future plans. 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org

STUDENT LOANS AVAILABLE

Loans are available to church members who are furthering their education after high school—attending college, trade school, or other institutions of higher learning (for undergraduate study only). The loans are interest free, usually up to \$1,000.00 per year, and repayment must be started 6 months after graduation, or after you are no longer attending school. Application forms are available on the bulletin board in the lower Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Bob Rodenberger. The deadline to apply is June 26, 2015.

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery

First Tuesday BIBLE STUDIES 2014-2015

10 a.m. (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.)

Theme verse: Transforming Life and Faith

May 5, 2015
Church.

Session 9: The Church Transforming and Reforming Augustus Lutheran

Theme verse: "... I will set it up, so that all other peoples may seek the Lord--even all the Gentiles over whom my name has been called."

Presenter: Jean John Verse: Acts 15:16-17

June 2, 2015

Session 5: Repent and Forgive Grace Lutheran Church

Theme verse: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

Presenter: Kitty Pell Verse: Psalm 51:10

Augustus Carnival 2015

Save the Date!

This year's carnival will be held

July 29th through August 1st

All the great games, food, rides and fun you've come to love

BACK THIS SUMMER!



**** Volunteers always welcome!****

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