

# Augustinian

## Augustus Lutheran Church

### An Historic Church for Today's People

MARCH 2019

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year I would like us as a parish family to journey through Lent together, reading the same scripture passage each day. Each of the Lenten services at Augustus will follow a theme taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is written in Chapters 5 through 7 of Matthew's Gospel.

I would like each household to get to know Jesus' Sermon on the Mount better by reading the Gospel on each of the dates listed on the following table, which we will hear read at worship and on which I will preach. As a parish family, we will then have a better common understanding of how the Lord would have his children live our lives to his glory. The actual text of these readings is found following my letter.

May God the Father, who fills the creation with abundance,

Dates	Theme	Gospel
March 6 – 9	Blessed Are You	Matthew 5:1-11
March 10 – 16	Salt and Light	Matthew 5:13-16
March 17 – 23	Prayer and Fasting	Matthew 6:5-18
March 24 – 30	Do Not Worry	Matthew 6:25-34
March 31 – April 6	Judge Not	Matthew 7:1-5
April 7 – 13	Build on Rock	Matthew 7:24-27

Christ, who gave his life on the Tree of the Cross,  
And the Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,  
✝ bless you and bring you to life everlasting. Amen.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Weleck



### *Scripture Readings for Lent*

#### **March 6 – 9: *Blessed Are You*** (Matthew 5:1-11)

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

#### **March 10 – 16: *Salt and Light*** (Matthew 5:13-16)

[Jesus said:] You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house

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## *Scripture Readings for Lent* (continued)

### **March 17 – 23: Prayer and Fasting** (Matthew 6:5-18)

[Jesus said:] And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

### **March 24 – 30: Do Not Worry** (Matthew 6:25-34)

[Jesus said:] Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

### **March 31 – April 6: Judge Not** (Matthew 7:1-5)

[Jesus said:] Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

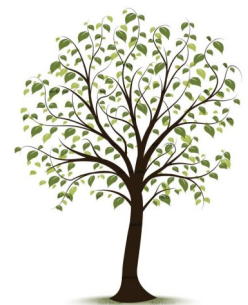
### **April 7 – 13: Build on Rock** (Matthew 7:24-27)

[Jesus said:] Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.

## **Cemetery News:**

The Cemetery Committee will be having a **Spring cleanup on April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please collect any Christmas Holiday items that you wish to keep prior to that date.

**The Cemetery Committee will also be planting trees again this year** along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and College Avenue. The cost will once again be \$449.00 each. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing one. Metal placards are included with the purchase of each tree. They will also be available for those who purchased trees last year at no cost.



## Coordinator of Faith Development

During Epiphany our Sunday school children have been hearing stories about how Jesus was revealed to the world as the Messiah and Son of God. We'll hear about Jesus' baptism, healing stories, Jesus feeding the 5,000 and the Transfiguration. On Transfiguration Sunday (the last Sunday before Lent) we'll celebrate "Dimanche Gras" (Fat Sunday)--instead of "Mardi Gras" (Fat Tuesday)--with an ice-cream sundae blow-out!

When Lent begins we will meet our "prayer pals"—adults in the church who are not connected with Sunday school but who have committed to pray for Augustus' children during Lent. I can't think of a better Lenten practice—you don't even have to give up chocolate! If you would like to be a prayer pal, please send me an email at [education@augustrappe.org](mailto:education@augustrappe.org) or call/text me at (904) 476-4409.

Our delightful Sunday school children will be singing in church on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll tell you all about the Transfiguration!

**Please join our Facebook group "Augustus Sunday School"  
so you can keep up to date with all our activities.**

In other news, our 3-in-1 students are getting ready to serve at the Ash Wednesday service (March 6<sup>th</sup>) and gearing up for Stations of the Cross, which will be presented on Good Friday (April 19<sup>th</sup>). You won't want to miss these wonderful traditions at Augustus!

Sonya Sowards  
Coordinator of Faith Development



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# From the Bench

## March 2019

This month, the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6. A church service will begin at 7:00 pm in the Brick Church. Come and join your church family as we begin our Lenten journey.

The brand new CTM (Collegeville Trappe Ministerium) choir is continuing to rehearse at St. James Episcopal Church in Evansburg. I am directing this choir, and Lauren Exley from St. James is the accompanist. If you are a tuneful singer and looking for an opportunity to sing beyond Sunday morning, you are most welcome to join us! The choir is composed of singers from throughout Collegeville and Trappe. We are rehearsing on several Saturday afternoons in March and April. One piece will be presented each night of the Lenten Series, concluding with the performance of the entire work on April 10. All services begin at 7:30pm.

March 13 - Trinity Reformed UCC;  
March 20 - St. Luke's UCC;  
March 27 - Lower Providence Baptist;  
April 3 - Augustus Lutheran;  
April 10 - St. James' Episcopal – the full cantata

I hope I will see you at the Wednesday Night Lent services!

Please know how much we need and appreciate your financial support for our music program. Our section leaders assure that we have a solid musical base for the choir. We can learn music more quickly, and we sound better because of our section leaders. If you've been to other churches, you know that we have one of the best choirs in the area. As a bonus incentive, if you are able to support us with a gift of \$340 or more, you may choose one of the Sunday hymns. Gifts for the music program should be directed to Bob Rodenberger's attention to be deposited to the correct fund. Thank you!

~Laurie Mueller



## Thank You

We would like to thank members of Augustus for your prayers, condolences and support upon the passing of our beloved husband and father, Nevin Scholl. A special thank you to Pastor Weleck for a moving service, Laurie for making beautiful music with our family friend, Michael Sheetz and to WELCA for assisting the caterer with the luncheon.

Fondly, Deb, Ben, Jeff and Amanda Scholl

## Food Pantry Thanks

Daily Bread Community Food Pantry would like to acknowledge and thank Augustus Lutheran Church for their support for the 2018 giving year. As a church, Augustus has contributed \$170.00 and 1159.8 pounds of food through their generosity. This contribution has aided in serving 670 households (2187 individuals). The Daily Bread Food Pantry mission would not exist without the support of the local community. If you would like to contribute to this campaign, please drop off your non-perishables in the basket located in the Muhlenberg Center. Thank you for your support!





# "Song of the Shadows"

## A Lenten Series

PRESENTED BY



**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS IN LENT,  
BEGINNING AT 7:30PM**

MARCH 13 @ TRINITY REFORMED UCC

MARCH 20 @ ST. LUKE'S UCC

MARCH 27 @ LOWER PROVIDENCE BAPTIST

APRIL 3 @ AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN

APRIL 10 @ ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL

FEATURING

**The CTM Choir**

A free-will offering will be collected to benefit the  
outreach efforts of the Ministerium.

## March Worship Assistants

Altar Servers:	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
March 3	Griffin Crothers	Connor Elison	
March 10	Riley Smith	Addison Smith	
March 17	Piper Bouchard	Nathan Kerr	
March 24	Aaron Crothers	Matt Meeley	
March 31	Kevin Dubeck	Cole Brenner	
Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am Lector	10:30 am Prayers
Contact Melissa Dogonniuck			
Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine		
March 3	John Kochel and Dave Schweitzer		
March 10	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards		
March 17	Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger		
March 24	Jeannie Funk and Gary Halteman		
March 31	Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards		
Ushers	Contact Dick Allebach		
Offering Tabulation	John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul		
Altar Guild	8:00 am: Sally Sweeney	10:30 am:	



## Need a Prayer?

The Augustus Prayer chain welcomes your calls with prayer requests.  
If you need a prayer or know someone in need of a prayer, please contact Carol Oelschlager at 610-489-3109. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and Carol will call you back.

**Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday**

## March Birthdays

					<b>1</b> Samantha Bouche David Garton	<b>2</b> Ali Bauder Brianna Dubeck
<b>3</b> Bradley Robinson Jeremy Wentworth	<b>4</b> Robert Price	<b>5</b> Stephen Hess Betsy Lewis Chris Pearson	<b>6</b> Elizabeth Massare John Schatz Jr.	<b>7</b> Kirsten Pearson Nicole Sellman Wendy Weaver	<b>8</b> Joshua Lucas Thomas Lyaro	<b>9</b> Warren Weleck
<b>10</b> Michael McCrea	<b>11</b> James Bubeck Chris Dogonniuck Cole Leigl Christine Yocum Frank Yocum	<b>12</b> Richard Atherholt Shane Elison	<b>13</b> Michael Beattie Shayna King Juanita Wagner Lora Wentworth	<b>14</b> Patrick North	<b>15</b> Jeffrey Lucas Matthew McCloskey Liam Noonan Griffin Schmitt Karl Stefan	<b>16</b> Jill Hynes John Moorehead Emma Trauger
<b>17</b> Robert Rodenberger	<b>18</b> James Watro John Wentworth III	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Alexandra Kuklantz Olivia Kuklantz	<b>21</b> Ed Funk Jr. Roland Olsen	<b>22</b> Olivia Shaffer Jackson Wagenseller	<b>23</b> Jennifer Gabel Stephen Hynes Tessa Tucker
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Eric Bowe Kevin Whitman	<b>26</b> Renata Markert Tyler Schindler Abigail Schwirian	<b>27</b> Zachary Halteman Ryan Pearson Justin Schlegel	<b>28</b> Andrea Halteman	<b>29</b> Tracey Richvalsky Guy Van Alstine Michael Wentworth	<b>30</b> Deborah Interrante Sally Lorah Diane Mills
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For questions about this event or to place your reservations,  
contact: Brian O'Hara at [brian.ohara24@gmail.com](mailto:brian.ohara24@gmail.com)

# Easter Family Craft Event

## Resurrection Garden

Workshop led by  
Rev. Martha Kriebel

BRING A FRIEND !!!  
FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!



# Sunday March 10

2:00 PM - \$15 Per Family\*  
(includes one garden)

**\*Additional gardens \$10**  
**Refreshments will be provided**

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



## Two Pieces of Wood That Spell 'Love'

Imagine someone loving you so much that he or she would give up absolutely everything—even life itself—just to let you know how much you're loved! Sometimes people in our own families or special friends show us glimpses of that kind of love, but to love someone like that all the time is impossible for human beings. Only God can do that, and that's exactly what God did by sending Jesus.

Because Jesus died for us, life is different. For one thing, there are things we don't need to be so afraid of—like being alone. Jesus loves us and comes with us in our hearts wherever we go. He died on the cross to show that to us, and that's why there are crosses in churches now. Crosses remind us that Jesus' love is so big that nothing can stop it or change it. What kind of crosses are there in your church? Sometimes at the beginning of worship, a person walks in carrying a cross attached to a long pole. That cross is called a processional cross. Others often follow that cross. It's like a little parade.

At home, make a cross from some tree branches—perhaps some from your Christmas tree if it's available. Hang the cross inside your front door to help you remember that Jesus loves you and is with you wherever you go. Then make one for someone in the hospital or nursing home, to let that person know the good news of Jesus' love!

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Christian Parenting

## God's Gifts to Us

In Romans 12, Paul encourages us to use the different gifts that God has given us for the benefit of the church. The gifts he's referring to are our God-given talents. The family is where many children first recognize and use their gifts. The problem is that in our world certain gifts are prized while others are ignored or discouraged. God gives no unimportant talents. We need to focus on the gifts and talents that our children have, and encourage their use.

We have the responsibility of helping our children recognize and value their abilities, whatever they are, and giving them opportunities to develop them. God gives us all abilities, and if they are valued within families, children will learn to use and develop these skills in spite of what others think. As we encourage and support the growth of our children's talents, we strengthen the whole church!

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## Augustus Book Club

The February meeting of the  
Augustus Book Club will be held on  
March 18, 2019  
at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge.  
We will be discussing:

### Lord of the Flies

by William Golding

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

## SPEAKERS WANTED

The Senior Youth Group leaders are looking for guest speakers for our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Do you have past experiences that you think would be valuable for our youth? Would you like to share them with them? If you're interested, please contact

Gary Wessner

([gtwess@comcast.net](mailto:gtwess@comcast.net)).

# Money Matters

## *Personal Financial Stewardship*

### **God Blesses Us for our Giving**

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



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

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

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

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

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



# Sharing God's Bounty

## What Have I Done for Him?

**L**ent is a season in the church year during which we particularly focus on the sacrifice Jesus made for us to pay the debt we owed for our sin. We know there is no way we can pay the debt ourselves. Only the sinless Son of God could do that. We have access to heaven only by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.

While we cannot repay Jesus for what he has done for us, his love does require a response. Paul, speaking of our ministry of reconciliation, wrote, “*For Christ’s love compels us . . .*” (2 Corinthians 5:14). We remain on earth to carry out the tasks which Christ left for us to do: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner, (Matthew 25:31-46). James admonished us that “. . . *faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead*” (James 2:17). We provide the funds that support our pastors, teachers, and missionaries. Again, we can quote Paul writing in 1 Corinthians 9:11-12. “*If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn’t we have it all the more?*” Certainly each of us is addressed by the Great Commission: “*Go and make disciples of all nations . . .*” (Matthew 28:19). The following words from Frances Ridley Havergal are a poignant reminder that Christ’s love and sacrifice for us require a response:

*Thy life was given for me, Thy Blood, O Lord, was shed  
That I might ransomed by, and quickened from the dead.  
Thy life was given for me, What have I given for Thee?*

*And Thou hast brought to me Down from Thy home above  
Salvation full and free, Thy pardon and Thy love.  
Great gifts Thou broughtest me, What have I brought to Thee?*

We are saved by grace through faith for works. Let us pray for the desire to be good stewards of the gifts of salvation, health and wealth, and time and opportunity which God has given us that we might have a part in the furthering of God’s kingdom.



*We need not give up the pleasures and luxuries of this life. God does not call us to be ascetics, but he does call us to a right sense of proportion in administering our substance.*

*The question is: “If I have this for myself, then what should I do for God?” This is the question into which the whole matter of stewardship resolves itself.*



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# Spring Turkey Dinner

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**Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, Missionaries in Tanzania**  
**Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University in Tanzania**

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

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**CHURCH COMMUNITY  
WORK DAY**  
(A FAMILY EVENT!)  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH**

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**CEMETERY**



**OLD  
CHURCH**



**PROPERTY**

**HELP WANTED!**

Spring is approaching and the cemetery, old church, and property committees are looking for volunteers to help beautify the campus for the Easter Season. Come and help as you can. Lunch will be served at noon. Everyone in your family can participate!

**RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH**



**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS**  
**SYG**

The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who purchased soups from us in February. The seafood soup and the cauliflower cheese soup were made by the youth group at their lock in at the church. We will also be selling soups on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. We'd like to thank all those who made the soups for us. If you're interested in making a batch for us, please contact Tracy Wessner ([gtwess@comcast.net](mailto:gtwess@comcast.net)).

The SYG had a lock in at the church on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We invited the 3 in 1 youth to join us for the first half of the evening. Along with making soups, we also made pasta for the soup kitchen, made our own hoagies, played games and watched movies. In March we'll be hosting the annual pancake dinner, participate in Box City and Youth Sunday will take place at the end of the month. Please be sure to check out pictures from our events on the web site.

The Senior Youth Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Along with our monthly meetings, we also have a monthly activity for the youth.

Lastly, while we travel to Camden, New York to do mission work each year, we understand that there is work to be done in our own community. If you have a project that you need help with, please do not hesitate to ask the SYG to help. Our rules are simple, if you purchase the materials, we'll do the work to the best of our abilities. Contact us at [youth@augustustrappe.org](mailto:youth@augustustrappe.org) or [gtwess@comcast.net](mailto:gtwess@comcast.net).



# PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14

"Song of the Shadows"  
Cantata sung by Augustus Choir  
10:30 AM

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 18

Stripping of the Altar  
7:00 PM

# GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 19

Liturgy  
12:00 PM

Stations of the Cross  
Led by Augustus Youth  
7:00 PM

# EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 21

He Is Risen!!!  
Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt  
9:00 AM

Festive Worship with special Music  
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Please join us to celebrate  
*Holy Week*

He is not here!  
He has Risen  
Just as he said  
Matthew 28:6

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"It is only because he became like us that we can become like him."

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, [The Cost of Discipleship](#)

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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 27, 2019 from 2:00pm to 7:00pm.** This benefit fundraiser will be supporting three ministries again this year in Tanzania. For one, this fundraiser will be supporting the 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 this fundraiser will be supporting is Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, ELCA Missionaries serving at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and Selian Lutheran Hospital in Arusha, Tanzania. Stephen is a board-certified pediatric and infectious disease physician serving in the care of children; is active in educational and research efforts and mentorship; helps to develop pediatric medical curriculum and ongoing training of Tanzanian nursing and medical students, assistant medical officers, interns, and international residents; and serves as an intermediary to the international global health community. Jodi participates in the care and management of acute childhood malnutrition in the hospital and community, as well as being active in nursing and health education and training community health workers. The third ministry this fundraiser will be supporting is the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) in the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, our companion diocese. This university focuses particularly on serving people with disabilities and training graduates to work with people who have physical, sensory, intellectual and behavioral barriers.



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

**CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR** – We are currently accepting applications for vendors. Spaces are \$20, \$25 with table, and \$5 off if you buy a dinner ticket. For information on the rental of vendor space/table, please contact Nancy Berg at [nballebach@aol.com](mailto:nballebach@aol.com) or call her at 610-804-2535. She will be glad to help you. Nancy Berg will be our new chairperson for the Craft & Vendor Fair replacing Deb Scholl. Thank you, Nancy, for stepping up, and many thanks to Deb Scholl for chairing the craft & vendor fair last year. Deb Scholl will continue to work on the publicity for the day’s event.

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

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

Also needed are cooks, bakers, hostesses, servers, waitresses, bus people, dishwashers, ticket sales people, people to set-up, people to clean-up, musicians, etc. We need people to work Wednesday night April 24, Thursday night April 25, Friday April 26, and/or Saturday, April 27. You can work 1 hour or all day. The more people that get involved, the easier it is for everyone, and it is a great way to meet other members of the church. We need everyone to support this important church event if it is to continue.

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

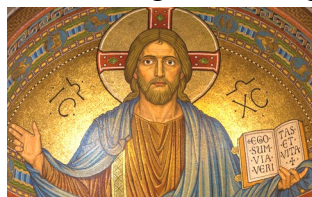
We need volunteers to help with the craft & vendor portion of this event, and also with the silent auction. Nancy Berg has graciously accepted to chair the craft & vendor portion, but she will need help. Nancy can be reached at 610-804-2535 or [nballebach@aol.com](mailto:nballebach@aol.com). If you would like to help with the silent auction, please contact Dale O’Hara at 610-489-0417 or [oharadvd@aol.com](mailto:oharadvd@aol.com).

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & PLAN TO ATTEND!**

### **SEPA Women/ELCA Upper Montgomery Conference First Tuesday Bible Study**

will be held on Tuesday March 5, 2019, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg, PA. Coffee & treats begin at 9:30am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. From March thru June we will discussing a four-part series, "The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus". Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus engages people in honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. Over the course of this four-session study by Julie A. Kanarr, we will meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the gospel. Their conversations beckon us to explore and grow in faith. The Rev. Julie A. Kanarr serves as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington. Session one is "Come and see: Seeking and finding faith". In this session, we meet John the Baptist, who bears witness to Jesus. As the



circle of Jesus' disciples grows, we share in the invitation to "come and see." At the wedding in Cana and during the cleansing of the temple, we reflect on how the character of God is revealed in Jesus. Debra Long is the presenter. Please bring your Bibles and your January/February edition of the Gather magazine. Please try to attend. All women and girls are invited. Please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417 if you have any questions or if you would like to carpool.

**Within the Hearts & Hands Committee** the **Quilting Group** continues to meet twice a month on the 1st Wednesday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in Augustus' quilting room. The ladies concentrate their efforts on making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. This month the quilting group will meet on March 6 and March 19. The **Knitting'N Crocheting Group** also continues to meet twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month from 7pm to 9pm in room 20 (lower level) of Augustus' Parish House. If you don't know how to knit or crochet but have a desire to learn, they will teach you. You can either work on a service project or bring your own project. The March meetings will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> & the 25<sup>th</sup>. During this time, afghans are knitted/crocheted for Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown for abused women and children, and also for the Daily Food Pantry in Collegeville. You can also work from home at your leisure. Both groups are open to all skill levels and everyone is invited. New members are always welcome and no experience is necessary. For more information, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or [jandmstuffle@verizon.net](mailto:jandmstuffle@verizon.net).

**Augustus' Committee Night** will continue to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. All the committees will first meet in Augustus' Chapel and then break off into our separate meeting rooms. The Women of the ELCA will be participating. The next committee night will be held on March 26. Please come out & share your opinions. All women of Augustus are welcome.

### **Your 2019 Purchases Can Support Augustus Ministries:**

**Support WELCA through iGive!** Get a free iGive.com account so that Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA can earn money every time you shop online. Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA is registered with iGive. iGive replaces eScrip's Online Mall. It's free and easy! <https://www.iGive.com/LRJOKOr>



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**Sign-up your Credit/Debit Cards on eScrip.com for dining out and Augustus Women/ELCA will receive the eScrip Rebate** every time you use your cards when you dine at participating restaurants that give back. Please go to eScrip.com to sign-up or change your cards today. Use ID #148993154. There is nothing else that you need to do. This fundraiser is easy & simple. If you have any questions, please contact Dale O'Hara at 610-489-0417.

*Dine out with eScrip dining restaurants that give back!*

**Please continue to Save the Following Items** and place them in the appropriate box located in the Muhlenberg Center: Redner's Tapes, eyeglasses, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and your old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods. We are no longer collecting Campbell soup labels.

Regarding the collection of old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods, please do not include chargers or other accessories. If you are recycling an iPhone, please turn off "Find My iPhone". Go to settings > iCloud, turn off "Find My iPhone". Currently, Smartphone Recycling is now offering an additional 20% cash bonus on all smartphone, cell phone & tablet recycling in recognition of serving the community for 17 years. In Jan 2019 one iPhone brought to our organization \$66. Thank you to everyone who is supporting this easy fundraiser!

### **Schedule Of Events**

Mar 5: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St. Mark's LC, Pennsburg – 9:30am

Topic: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus

Session one: "Come and See: Seeking and Finding Faith"

Presenter: Debra Long

6: Ash Wednesday

6: Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe

10: Resurrection Garden Event 2:00pm @ Augustus LC, Trappe

11: Knitting'N Crocheting 7:00pm - Rm 20 Parish House @ Augustus LC, Trappe

19: Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe

25: Knitting'N Crocheting 7:00pm - Rm 20 Parish House @ Augustus LC, Trappe

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

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### Schedule Of Events (continued)

- Apr 2: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ St, James LC, Limerick – 9:30am  
Topic: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus  
Session two: “By Night and Day: Coming to Faith in Jesus”  
Presenter: Bobbie Hoffman
- 3: Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 8: Knitting’N Crocheting 7:00pm - Rm 20 Parish House @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 14: Palm Sunday
- 16: Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 21: Happy Easter!
- 22: Knitting’N Crocheting 7:00pm - Rm 20 Parish House @ Augustus LC, Trappe
- 23: Augustus’ Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 24-26: Augustus’ Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair prep
- 27: Augustus’ Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair 2:00pm – 7:00pm
- 28: Augustus’ Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair clean-up

.....Dale O’Hara.....



### SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA

#### Upper Montgomery Conference

#### First Tuesday Bible Studies

10a.m. – 11:30am (Coffee and treats at 9:30 a.m.)

Winter / Spring 2019: The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus



### January - February 2019 Mid-winter break (No Bible Study) — Save *Gather* Magazines

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March 5, 2019	The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus	St. Mark's Lutheran Church
	Session one: “Come and See: Seeking and Finding Faith”	81 Main St., Pennsburg

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Presenter, Debra Long      Study from **January**/ February issue of *GATHER*

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April 2, 2019	The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus	St. James Lutheran Church
	Session two: “By Night and Day: Coming to Faith in Jesus”	Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pk., Limerick

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Presenter, Bobbie Hoffman      Study from January/ **February** issue of *GATHER*

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May 7, 2019	The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus	Augustus Lutheran Church
	Session Three: “Friends for life in Christ”	717 W. Main St., Trappe

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Presenter, Pat Leberman      Study from **March** issue of *GATHER*

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June 4, 2019	The Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus	St. John's Lutheran Church
	Session Four: “Seeing the Risen Christ”	3104 Main St., Sumneytown

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Presenter, Fran Ivarson      Study from **April** issue of *GATHER*

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**2019 Summer Bible Study to be announced in the Spring**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>March</b>						
<b>3</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School—Ice Cream Social 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion Sunday School Singing	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouts	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM Vestry Mtg	<b>6 Ash Wednesday</b> 9:30 AM Quilting Group 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM 3-in-1 6:00 PM Sr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Cubs Parents Mtg.	<b>2</b> 1:00 PM CTM Choir Rehearsal @ St. James Evansburg
<b>10 1st Sunday in LENT</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School—Prayer Pals 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>11</b> 6:45 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouts 7:00 PM Knitting	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM Community Club	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach 6:00 PM 3-in-1 Stations 7:30 PM Lenten Service @ Trinity	<b>14</b> 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM Cubs Pack Meeting	<b>16</b>
<b>17 2nd Sunday in LENT</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Sr. Youth Group 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion SOUP SALE!	<b>18</b> 7:00 PM Scout District Mtg 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Scouts	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	<b>20</b> 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM 3-in-1 Stations 7:30 PM Lenten Service @ St. Luke's	<b>21</b> 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 3rd Sunday in LENT</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>25</b> 6:45 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Knitting 7:00 PM Scouts	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM Committee Night	<b>27</b> 6:00 PM 3-in-1 Stations 7:30 PM Lenten Service @ Lower Providence Baptist	<b>28</b> 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 4th Sunday in LENT</b> 8:00 AM Holy Communion 8:45 AM Children's Music 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Holy Communion	