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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Have you ever received an invitation to a party? An invitation tells me who a party is for and when and where it is. Many invitations also have something called an R.S.V.P. If an invitation says you should R.S.V.P., it means that you should let the host of the party know whether or not you are going to be at the party.

I would be pretty sad if I sent out this invitation and every person who R.S.V.P.'d responded with an excuse saying they couldn't make it. I wanted to have a very special day and now it would be all ruined because no one would come to my party. Would it make *you* sad if you sent out invitations for your party and then no one came?

That's how God feels when he tells people that he wants to give them the incredible gifts of love and forgiveness and people make excuses to him and say they don't want his gifts. It makes him very sad. But God keeps sending those gifts anyway. The great thing is that he doesn't just send the gifts of love and forgiveness to certain people. God sends those gifts to everyone.

He wants as many people as possible to know him, believe in him, and love him. So he keeps sending his love. One of the ways he does that is in the Lord's Supper that we begin in Lent to celebrate each Sunday at the 10:30 AM service. At that table he gives people his body and blood to eat and drink so their sins are forgiven and their love for him grows. He also does it when we're baptized, or when the pastor forgives our sins in Jesus' name, or when we read about God's love in the Bible.



God won't take "no" for an answer. He always sends his love and forgiveness. It is more than an invitation. It is his special, most precious gift. How will *you* respond this Lenten season?

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



Please pray for the following people as they recover:

Dick Landes	Connie Schwirian	Sandy Case	Charles Newton
Charity Jennings	Tom Lachenmayer	Ann Lachenmayer	Emma Turner
Billy Snyder	Anita Luft		

The Annual Congregational Meeting to receive a report on the previous year's actual income and expenses, receive reports from committees and organizations, and act on any new business, will take place on Sunday, February 15, 2015, after the 10:30 AM service. Copies of the bulletin of reports for this meeting will be available after each service on Sunday, February 8, 2015.

Who can vote at the Congregational Meeting?

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





Community Lenten Services 2015

The Parables of Lent

A Collegetville-Trappe Ministerium Worship Series

Join us for *The Parables of Lent*, a special series of services for the season of Lent. Each service in this series focuses on a biblical parable that connects to Lenten themes. Services start at 7:30 PM. On Ash Wednesday, each parish has its own service. On the following five (5) Wednesdays, we worship together at a different church each week.

Ash Wednesday – February 18, 2015

The Ash Wednesday service in the series is based on the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. In this parable, the tax collector who repents goes home justified, while the proud Pharisee does not. The parable reminds us that we, too, who repent are justified through Christ. The service includes an Imposition of Ashes, readings from Scripture, a sermon, and hymns that help us to remember that we receive justification only in Christ.

Week 1 – February 25, 2015 (at Augustus Lutheran; Fr. Sowards preaches)

Week One in the series is based on the parable of the sower and the seed. In this parable, the seed that falls on fertile soil takes root and grows, while seeds in other soils fail. The service includes readings from Scripture, a sermon, and hymns that help us to remember that when we are open to receiving the Word, the Word of Christ flourishes within us.

Week 2 – March 4 (at St. Luke's UCC; Pr. Kriebel preaches)

Week Two in the series is based on the parable of the hidden treasure and the priceless pearl. In this parable, two men give all that they have to buy objects of great worth. The service includes readings from Scripture, a sermon, and hymns that help us to remember that we who are priceless to Christ receive him who gave all that he had to call us his own.

Week 3 – March 11 (at Trinity Reformed UCC; Pr. Weleck preaches)

Week Three in the series is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable, a man beaten on the road gets help from an unlikely traveler. The service includes readings from Scripture, a sermon, and hymns that help us to remember that we who are often beaten down along the road of life encounter the healing of Christ through the cross.

Week 4 – March 18 (at St. James Episcopal; Pr. Johnson preaches)

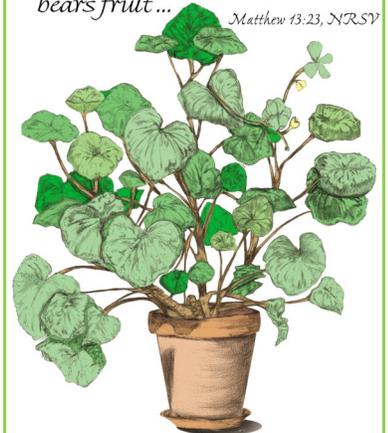
Week Four in the series is based on the parable of the workers in the vineyard. In this parable, all workers in a vineyard are given the same pay from the master, no matter how long they have labored. The service includes readings from Scripture, a sermon, and hymns that help us to remember that all who have been called by the Master are blessed by the same reward in Christ.

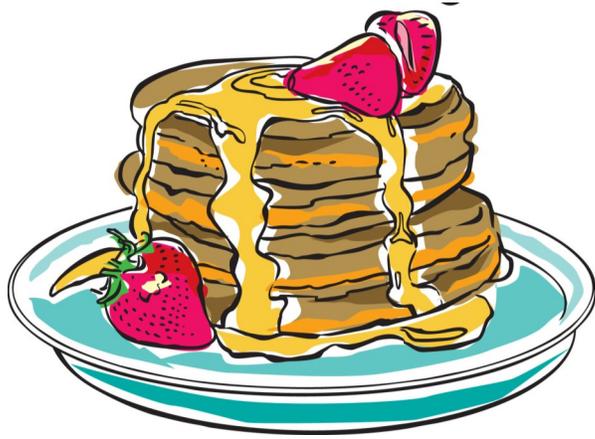
Week 5 – March 25 (at Evansburg United Methodist; Pr. Peterson preaches)

Week Five in the series is based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. In this parable, a wayward son returns to the forgiving embrace of his father, who welcomes him home. The service includes readings from Scripture, a sermon, and hymns that help us to remember that we who have strayed can return again and again to the embrace of our Father, through the sacrifice of his Son.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit...

Matthew 13:23, NRSV





Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

The Members of the Middle School and Senior Youth Groups will hold their annual Pancake Supper on **February 17th from 5:00 pm—6:30 pm.**

Come for pancakes, bacon, fruit salad and beverages !

Chocolate Chip Pancakes are ALWAYS a winner!

Join us for this great annual tradition!

A free-will offering will be accepted to benefit youth programs.

Dear Friends of Augustus,

I am deeply grateful for all your warm and compassionate expressions of sympathy and your sharing of Dutch's influence in the lives and activities of your families. It has been a great comfort to me and my family to know he is remembered in such a fond way. Thank you, Pastor Weleck, for your support, and Pastor Kochenderfer for your very welcome visits.

Bert Long

Dear Friends,

After 13 weeks, I am finally home from the hospital! Your cards, notes, and prayers are greatly appreciated. In the darkest hours of my second emergency surgery, Laurie Mueller appeared with a prayer shawl, and prayed with Bruce and Ali until I was out of the woods. I kept the shawl with me through my stay and it provided great comfort. Thanks also to Pastor for his visits and bringing me communion.

Hope to see you soon.

Much Love,
Charity Jennings



Liturgical Colors

Why are the colors of the cloths on the altar, pulpit, and lectern changed for different seasons and festivals?

The use of varying colors to symbolize the different seasons and festivals of the Church year for vestments and other liturgical objects is first found in Church orders at Jerusalem in the 12th Century. In recent times, a standard use in the Western Church has been established. The modern liturgical colors are:

BLUE. This color is symbolic of hope and is the preferred color for Advent.

WHITE. Symbolic of victory, joy, and purity, this color is used for the seasons of Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter, all feasts of our Lord; for Trinity Sunday; for all feasts of Mary, of the angels, and of all saints who were not martyrs; **Gold**, the symbol of glory, is the preferred color for Easter.

PURPLE. This color is symbolic both of penitence and royalty. It is used throughout Lent.

SCARLET, a deeper shade of blood red, is the preferred color for Holy Week.

RED. This color symbolizes both the blood of the martyrs and the fire of the Holy Spirit. It is used on Pentecost, Reformation (and all other festivals of the Church), and for the festivals of saints who were martyrs.

GREEN. This is the so-called "neutral" color. Symbolic of growth, it is used for the time after Pentecost and after the Epiphany.





The Parables of Lent

Schedule 2015

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host Parish</i>	<i>Preacher & Parable</i>
February 25	Augustus Lutheran	The Reverend Michael Sowards <i>The Sower and the Seed</i> (Matthew 13:1-8,18-23)
March 4	St. Luke's UCC	The Reverend Martha Kriebel <i>The Hidden Treasure and the Priceless Pearl</i> (Matthew 13:44-46)
March 11	Trinity Reformed (UCC)	The Reverend Warren Weleck <i>The Good Samaritan</i> (Luke 10:25-37)
March 18	St. James Episcopal	The Reverend Eva Johnson <i>The Workers in the Vineyard</i> (Matthew 20:1-16)
March 25	Evansburg United Methodist	The Reverend Kris Peterson <i>The Prodigal Son</i> (Luke 15:11-32)

Adult Bible Study

On Sunday, February 15, 2015 Pastor Weleck will begin a six (6) session study of **The Parables of Lent** used as the theme for the mid-week Lenten services. We will meet in the Library from 9:15 – 10:00 AM. Why not strengthen your faith the Lent with a commitment to six (6) 45 minute long Bible studies about some of the most interesting stories in scripture? No previous Bible experience needed!



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.



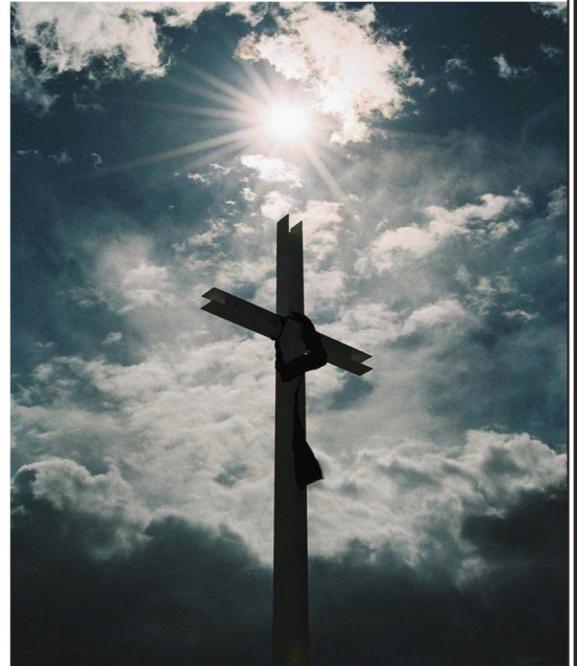
WELCA BIBLE STUDY: The February 3rd First Tuesday of the Month Bible Study will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3104 Main St., Sumneytown, PA. This will be Session 6. Making Conversion Last. The Theme Verse: "He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing." **Verse:** Acts 8:38-39. The Presenter will be Barbara Lisi. Please bring your Bibles and your edition of the *Gather* magazine. Thank you for your faithful attendance. If you need a ride or have any questions, please call Fran Ivarson.

Sharing God's Bounty

Christ's Love Compels Us

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Some sons disobey their fathers. Others obey unwillingly with arguing and complaining, resentful of their fathers' authority. Still others are compliant, but are there any who would be as submissive as Jesus was to his Father's will? ". . . yet not my will, but yours be done," Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:42). Carrying out his Father's will was no easy task, but, because his love for us is as great as the Father's, he was willing to win our salvation for us by carrying out the plan the Triune God had established before the foundations of the world were laid. It was his love for us that caused Christ to give his very life so that we, who were dead in sin, might be alive forevermore in him.



There is nothing we can do to earn this love; there is nothing we can do to "pay him back." The Christian life of stewardship is a response to his love. His love compels us to respond by loving him first and best and loving others as ourselves. His love compels us to provide for our pastors, teachers, and missionaries who work to bring the Gospel to the world for which he died (1 Corinthians 9:9-12). His love compels us to look after the widow and the orphan (James 1:27). His love compels us to feed the hungry, extend hospitality to the homeless, clothe the destitute, and visit the prisoner (Matthew 25:37-40).

Stewardship is the use of life and all of life's resources in response to the grace of God in our lives, poured out in service to others, even as Christ poured out his lifeblood for us. The prophet Micah clarifies to us what God requires of us: *"To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God"* (Micah 6:8b). These are not attitudes we can work up of our own accord. Only as we are renewed daily through Word and Sacrament can we respond to this great love of Christ and respond in joyful service and generous giving that please God.



Taking a seat opposite the treasury, Jesus observed the crowd putting money into the collection box. Many of the wealthy put in sizable amounts; but one poor widow came and put in two small copper coins worth about a cent. He called his disciples over and told them: "I want you to observe that this poor widow contributed more than all the others who donated to the treasury. They gave from their surplus wealth, but she gave from her want, all that she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44

From the Bench

Some news from the loft:

Thank you to Bob Reichner for donating a mini-fridge now in the choir room! Our bell choir welcomed new ringer, Gary Wessner, last month. You will see the bell choir in worship soon.

In February, we begin the season of Lent. The word "Lent" (from the Old English word "lencten") refers to the lengthening of daylight hours that occurs in the northern hemisphere as spring approaches. At Augustus, we will worship on two successive Wednesdays this month: Ash Wednesday on February 18, and our Ministerium Lent Service on February 25, both at 7:30 pm. Join us as we explore the Parables of Lent.

The season of Lent is the perfect time for us to reflect on the portion of our liturgy known as the Agnus Dei (AHN-yoos DEH-ee), which means "Lamb of God." The following is from the website <http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=1116>

In the Revelation to St. John, John sees a scroll in the right hand of the One who was sitting on the throne. A "strong angel" challenges, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" Then the Lamb comes into view. Undoubtedly the most significant feature of this Lamb is that it appears to have been slain.

When we sing the Agnus Dei, "Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us," we are preaching and praying all at once. With these very words, John the Baptist pointed his disciples to Jesus (John 1:29, 36). As we prepare to feast on the Lamb of our salvation, we proclaim him who gave his life for us. Here is the Lamb of God! Yet we also pray to him who is now present in his body and blood. We pray for mercy from the One who showed the true depths of mercy and compassion as he was silently led to slaughter, dying like a lamb shorn of all its honor.

[Later in Revelation,] we hear [John's] description of the saints in white robes. "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7:13-14). This is the blood of our redemption... foreshadowed at the first Passover when the blood of the year-old lambs was sprinkled on the doorpost... In his Easter hymn, Martin Luther applies that incident to us: "See, his blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; Death passes o'er, And Satan cannot harm us."

So it is at every celebration of the Lord's Supper. The blood of the Lamb is poured out for our drinking and his flesh for our eating. Clearly, God's mercy is shown, and his peace rests on us.

Thanks be to God for his mercy on each and all of us. Peace be with you this Lenten season.



The Cemetery Committee

We ask that all Holiday items be removed from the cemetery prior to February 15th. Items can be disposed in the dumpster in the side parking lot. Items not removed will be disposed of prior to the Lenten season.

If anyone is interested in joining the Cemetery Committee, our next meeting will be held on Tuesday February 10th at 7pm in the Vestry Lounge.



Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Budgeting for God and the Future

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income” (1 Corinthians 16:2).

A budget is a spending plan in which you determine, in advance, how much of your income to allocate to each spending category. The purpose of a budget is to plan your monthly expenditures so that you can make sure you have enough to pay the essential bills, save for the future, etc. The amount of income you allocate to spending categories will be defined by your values and interests.

In developing your budget as a Christian, one of your first tasks will be to examine the priorities that God has directly revealed in his Word. There are four general budget categories that are clearly mandated: giving, saving, living expenses, and debt repayment.

Giving: God’s Word directs us to give him our first and best. In Proverbs 3:9 we read, *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.”* The Apostle Paul wrote, *“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income”* (1 Corinthians 16:2). Giving demonstrates our gratitude for all of the gifts that God has bestowed upon us.

Saving: In order to prepare for emergencies and to have resources so you can achieve your financial goals, saving is essential. In Proverbs 21:20 God shares this wisdom regarding saving: *“In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.”*

Living expenses: What you allocate for your living expenses should be established with the money that is left after giving and saving. If you have not previously developed a budget, you could be struggling to maintain a reasonable allocation for your lifestyle that you can afford. An important first step is to distinguish between what you need versus what you want. Jesus said, *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15).

Debt repayment: In Scripture, God warns us to be cautious about debt. God’s Word discourages borrowing: *“The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender”* (Proverbs 22:7). The Bible is clear as to your responsibility to repay money that you borrow.

In order to avoid dependence on others and to set a good example, you should develop a budget. If you wisely include the four essential categories, you will gain control of your money!





Proceeds benefit Augustus Lutheran
Church Soup Kitchen Outreach

SOUPER BOWL SATURDAY!!!

NO CHARGE; FREE-WILL OFFERING DINNER

AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

A pasta buffet dinner with
Soups, Salad, Fruit and
home-made desserts

Saturday
FEB. 7
5 - 7 pm

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

February *Worship Assistants*

Worship Assistants	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
February 1	Dylan Crothers	Jonathan Brull	Jeremy Wenger and Alex Schmidt
February 8	Ally Napier	Samantha Hiergesell	Jake Smith and Anna Schweitzer
February 15	Kaleigh Funk	Tyler Funk	Olivia Olsen and Evan Griggs
February 18 (Ash Wednesday)			
February 22	Jeremy Wentworth	Elizabeth Meeley	Andrew Meeley and Alex Schmidt
Ushers			
February 1	Contact Dick Allebach		
February 8			
February 15			
February 18 (Ash Wednesday)			
February 22			
Lectors	8:00 am	10:30 Lessons	10:30 Prayers
February 1	Kim Lumley	Cheryl Camuso	
February 8	Sandy Trauger	Scout Readers	Scout Readers
February 15	Jeff Stuffle	Kent Wenger	Jen Wentworth
February 18 (Ash Wednesday)	—	(7:30 pm) Alan Shunk	(7:30 pm) Jean Funk
February 22	Mildred Stuffle	Chris Dogonniuck	Ed Hiergesell
February 25 (Comm. Lent Svc)	—	(7:30 pm) Staci Hiergesell	(7:30 pm) John Kochel
Greeters			
February 1	Molly & Kevin Hynes		
February 8			
February 15	Youth Group Member	Youth Group Member	
February 18 (Ash Wednesday)			
February 22			
February 25 (Comm Lent Svc)			
			Greeters needed!
			Sign up at:
			http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ca9ac22a7fc1-weekly
Communion Assistants			
February 1	Dave Schweitzer	Janice Reiff	Bob Rodenberger
February 8	—	—	
February 15	Bill Penny	Janice Reiff	
February 18 (Ash Wednesday)	Jeanne Funk	Bob Rodenberger	
February 22	Mary Schlichter	Jeanne Funk	
Nursery Attendants	Adult	Student	
February 1		Kaleigh Funk	
February 8		Tim Pot	
February 15		Lucy Olsen	
February 22		Noel Reid	
Offering Tabulation			
February	Judi Lien	Jack Schatz	Ron Hess
Altar Guild			
February	Contact Donna Beishl		



Christian Education



Sunday School

Our Christmas program, **THE LITTLE STAR**, was a wonderful play acted out with our wonderful students led by our wonderful teachers! In addition, Gary Hodgson, our wonderful narrator, helped everything come together! A giant thank you to everyone! Jobs well done!♥

We had lots of fun having a shower for baby Jesus! Class pictures were taken, and snacks enjoyed.

I thank our church family – especially our Sunday school families – for being so generous! Genesis House is always very thankful. I also thank Jeff and Mildred Stuffle for delivering all of the items to Pottstown!

Lent begins next month...so if any of you adults would like to be prayer pals, please let me know...or speak to one of our wonderful teachers! Your commitment is to pray for your class and be in/with the class one time; otherwise communicate with your class one time, and be available for brunch on Palm Sunday. Please consider showing our students the “way”



“I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS.”

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

3 in 1

It was unfortunate, but understandable that the Martin Luther King Jr. day of service at Parkhouse had to be cancelled. The facility is not allowing groups in because of the flu epidemic. Our Communion and Confirmation will be making something for the patients during 3 in 1 youth time.

Stations of the Cross practice will begin the first week of Lent. Our 3 in 1 communicator, Robyn Hart, will be in touch with all parents of students grades six through eight. **Stations of the Cross is a requirement for confirmation and first communion.**



Church Nursery



We are still in need of parents to volunteer for church nursery. The commitment would be approximately once a month – unless more parents use the nursery. **PLEASE CONSIDER THIS...YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE A CHILD IN NEED OF THIS SERVICE, YOU NEED ONLY TO LOVE OUR CHILDREN. OUR 3 IN 1 STUDENTS WILL BE THERE ALSO TO DO THE FOOT WORK FOR ANY ADULT.**

TARDY NOTE :>/

**I would like to thank the Vestry for their generous Christmas gift to me.
It made a wonderful difference in our Christmas!**

♥Mary Schlichter



CLOSING
SONG AND
PRAYER
CIRCLE

Baby
SHOWER
FOR JESUS
2015



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Well... A snowstorm spoiled our Kick-Off event at SkyZone in Oaks, but it has not dampened our enthusiasm! We have hit the ground running and are off to a great 2015!! Check out the SYG bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall for photos of our 2014 events.

Our first Soup Sale for 2015 was also threatened by weather, but our soup makers came through and so did the congregation! We sold out of all varieties on that cold, wet, icy day...nothing like a good bowl of soup on a day like that! Two more soup sales, the third Sunday of February and March.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! February 17th is the Christian Education Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to support the Youth Group. We will be serving from 5:00pm - 6:30 in Fellowship Hall: Pancakes & fix in's, sausage, potatoes, fresh fruit salad and beverages. Come on out for great food and fellowship!

Thank you to everyone who purchased hoagies for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit. Stay tuned for details on the Spaghetti Dinner at St. Andrews Lutheran Church later this spring!

Coming soon to a Breezeway near you - the 2nd Annual Easter Candy Sale - Home made Peanut Butter Eggs and Thin Mints!! New this year ... Coconut Cream Eggs! There may be samples at the February Pancake Supper! Watch for the order forms in the bulletin.

Your support for these fundraisers helps the Youth Group members to participate in these AMAZING events: **Spring Retreat @ Harvey Cedars:** The Youth Gathering that we will attend this year is in New Jersey at the shore. It will be cold but still beautiful! Our theme is 'Jesus is my Hero'. It's exciting to go to a new youth gathering!

Camden NY Mission Trip: We will leave on Saturday, July 18th, returning on Saturday, July 25th. Our friends from Quakertown First UCC and Trinity Lutheran Churches are as excited as we are to be planning this trip together again! Our big fundraiser will be a golf outing! Watch for details as our plans come together.

We want to talk to anyone who may be interested in going with us to lead a work site. We emphasize 'our kids' but the reward for the adults is powerful. Experience in construction/repairs is necessary and experience with the kids is a great reward! (Contact Gayle at [610.287.5983](tel:610.287.5983))

Again, Our Thanks for all that you do to make the success of our senior youth group so apparent.





God. You're the Greatest!

Young children take such delight in the world around them. They're fascinated by ants crawling across sidewalks and the rings that rocks make when you throw them into puddles.

As parents and caregivers, we can enjoy God's wonders with them. As we give God the credit for creating these things, we help our children learn to praise God. When praise moments arise, invite your child to think of a prayer, make up a song, or invent a dance to express his or her feelings. Then say it, sing it, or dance it with them.

As our children get older, we can introduce them to hymns, instrumental music, folk songs, paintings, and other forms of art that were created to praise God. We can read together psalms of praise and choose portions to memorize. By encouraging praise in our children, we help them to become more aware of God's continual and loving presence in their lives. Remember too that we can learn great things from our children!



Opportunities to Celebrate and Remember Your Loved Ones at Augustus

Each week, there are several opportunities for you to honor, remember, or celebrate loved ones or special events—and support Augustus at the same time! All of the following items are printed in the bulletin each week.

Bulletin Dedications: Each Sunday, Augustus prints bulletins for each worshiper. Bulletins are also often sent to shut-in or sick members or friends. For \$40, which helps offset paper and printing costs, you can dedicate a particular Sunday's bulletin for any purpose you specify. Your dedication will be printed in that week's bulletin. If you'd like to dedicate a particular week's bulletin, you can **call the office or go to** <http://bit.ly/PnjJrN>, find the week you want, and sign up! You will be sent a reminder when it's time to pay; you do not submit any financial information online or over the phone.

Sanctuary Lamp: In the Brick Church, the red-globed candle that hangs from the ceiling in the front is the Sanctuary Lamp. This candle burns all the time, and is sometimes referred to as the "Eternal Candle." For \$6, which offsets the price of replacement candles, you can dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp on any available week for any purpose you choose. At only \$6, this is a great way that even younger children or teens can participate in the church's life—perhaps a youth could dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp in honor of a parent's birthday or anniversary. If you'd like to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp, **call Anita Halteman (610) 489-1595, or go to** <http://bit.ly/PnjJrN>, to sign up! You will be sent a reminder when it's time to pay; you do not submit any financial information online or over the phone.

Altar Flowers: Flowers are placed on the altar each week, and they also may be dedicated. For the two altar pieces, the cost is \$40 plus tax, for a total of \$42.40. The center vase costs \$20 plus tax, for a total of \$21.20. To donate flowers on a particular week, **contact Sally Lorah (610) 489-2872, or send her an email, lorahsal@aol.com.**

You can also use the new neon green sheet that is in the bulletin each week at church, and someone will get back to you. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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Remember Augustus Lutheran Church in your Will!

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

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



February Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Brianna Betz	2 Cassidy Hones Joseph Swan	3 Matthew Kennedy Jr. Katie McKernan Tony Olecki	4 Lorraine Betz Sara Clapper Caitlin Cunningham Nathan Ottinger	5 Jennifer Maurer	6 Nancy Bunting Dylan Firth Stephen Gara John Hamilton Curtis Watro	7
8 Cathy Engel Susan Stender	9 Mona Chylack Margaret Coburn Rebecca Wilson	10 Edward Hiergesell Teresa Sagwitz	11 Amanda Lemon David Linsenbigler Christina Mason Schad	12 Jeffrey Stuffle	13	14 Jeff Bauder Tresa Franz Griffin Henze McKenzie Peters
15 Allison Bentz David Kemmerer Bonnie McKernan	16 Sandra Kirsche Jake Smith	17 Josh McKernan Donna Pakkala John Wentworth IV Jeffrey Wentworth	18 Taylor Brennan Mary Schlichter Douglas Stearly	19	20 Renee Bar Ellen Davis Thomas Lachenmayer Alfred Paul	21 Andrew Keim Brent Wagenseller
22 Olivia Hart Elizabeth Staples	23 Mary Reese Robert Yost III	24 Jeni Gara Carol Oelschlager	25 Susan Landis	26 Paul Hernandez Connor Slaybaugh Charlotte Wentworth	27	28 Phillip Lien Ally Napier



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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Very, Very, Very, Good Food

What would a birthday be like without birthday cake? When there's a special occasion, people often share a special meal. At church there is a special meal that is shared by God's family. It has many names. Two of them are Holy Communion and the Lord's Supper. At this meal very little food is eaten. Usually people receive a little wafer or a bit of bread and a tiny cup or sip of wine or grape juice. But it's not the amount of food that matters. This meal is special because Jesus is present.



Long ago, a few days before Jesus was crucified, he shared a meal with his disciples. He said some things to his disciples which pastors still say before people eat this meal. Think about it: when we share the Lord's Supper we say the same words and do the same type of thing that Jesus did with his disciples 2,000 years ago! Think of the billions of people who have eaten the Lord's Supper during that time! They didn't all live in one city or town, but in many countries.

Even though this meal does not include much food, it's eaten because it gives people something no other meal can give: strength, hope, and peace. People know that God loves them and cares about them when they eat this meal. That's one amazing meal!

Prepare a meal with someone in your family. Then serve it to the rest of the family, using your best dishes. Special meals bring people together!

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Augustus Book Club

The January meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on March 2, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge.

We will be discussing:

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

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

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