

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope this issue of the Augustinian finds you well and that you take some time this summer to rest and recreate. I will be out of the parish from July 5 – July 31, inclusive. During this time, Pastor Kochenderfer will preach and preside on Sunday morning and handle any emergencies which may arise.



Because God is faithful and never takes a vacation from us, we continue ministry in Jesus' name at Augustus. Jesus' name is proclaimed in Sunday worship, in Vacation Bible School, in our Summer Music Camp, in our feeding of 160 hungry people at the Soup Kitchen in Norristown, and many other ways, both large and small.



The Vestry has recently undertaken the sensitive task of examining the membership roll of Augustus Lutheran Church to determine who we can depend on to support our ministry with their time, talent, and treasure. Because this analysis has not been performed in years (decades?), it is a massive undertaking. We should complete this task by September.

On July 4th at 10:00 AM, Augustus will host the rescheduled Collegeville-Trappe Memorial Day Service in the Historic Old Trappe Church. Although the Memorial Day Parade and attendant festivities were cancelled because of rain, the Ministerium felt that it was important to remember and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in our military. It is especially fitting that this be held in the Old Church, next to which are buried the remains of unknown soldiers who died fighting in our War for Independence. If you are in the area, please make plans to attend this brief service at 10:00 AM and invite your friends and neighbors, too.



May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Weleck

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From the Bench



Rehearsals start this month for our 2017 children's music-led worship! Instead of a musical, the children will be playing instruments like tone chimes, xylophones, and drums. On September 17, they will lead worship at the 10:30 service, including accompanying all hymns, leading the psalm, and special music during the offering.

Next month, we will have our annual choir workshop on Saturday, August 12 from 9:30 am - 1 pm. This is a great time to try out the choir - we would love to have you!

Our handbells are "in the shop" this summer to have a much-needed refurbishment. The Schulmerich factory "ringmaster," Al Paul, will be sure that each bell is completely disassembled, cleaned, and any needed parts replaced. The bells haven't been refurbished since 2004, and it is possible due to a generous gift from my friend, Agnes Holden.

If you have a musical talent, and haven't made me aware of it yet - speak up! There are many ways to participate in the musical life of Augustus in addition to the choir. And speaking of musical talent, thanks in advance to the many people who will provide special music this summer! We have many talented members at Augustus and their gifts will help you worship when you come to church at 9:30 this summer in our air-conditioned Brick Church. Maybe you can be one of them!

See you in worship! ~Laurie Mueller

Summer Music

Make Music at Augustus this Summer!
singing, playing instruments, movement

Thursday nights, 7 - 8 pm

begins July 13

contact Laurie Mueller,
music@augustustrappe.org

Christian Parenting **All God's People**

In church school children hear and read stories about people like Zacchaeus and the Samaritan woman who were shunned by the Jewish people, but who were loved by Jesus. How do these stories affect our children's attitude and behavior toward other people? That depends on us. Do our children see us reflecting Jesus' love when we deal with difficult neighbors, coworkers, and relatives? Do they hear us speaking about others in respectful or biased ways? Is our treatment of others based on their value to God or their net worth in the world? None of us can possibly measure up to Jesus when it comes to loving people. If we try to love like Jesus, it will make a lasting impression on our children.

When we struggle to reflect Jesus' love in our lives, we're helping our children learn the importance of demonstrating this kind of love in their own lives. We're teaching them to stop and ask: What would Jesus do in this situation? Hopefully, they'll remember the Bible stories and follow his example.

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Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

How Much House Can You Afford?

Your home will probably be the biggest single investment you'll make in your entire lifetime. Therefore, your mortgage will likely be the biggest single debt of your life. Scripture clearly points out the danger of getting into debt. "*The borrower is servant to the lender*" (Proverbs 22:7). and "*Do not be a man who strikes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you*" (Proverbs 22:26-27). Therefore, whenever you borrow money, you should never enter into an agreement lightly or without careful thought, research, and planning.



The monthly payments you assume on a mortgage are likely to be the biggest single item in your budget. Because of its importance, you'll want to shop with utmost care among all types of lenders. Whatever the source of the mortgage, you'll want to ask about rates (variable or fixed), term of loan, fees, closing costs, points, and prepayment and late payment penalties.

Although most mortgage lenders in any given city are likely to charge about the same rates at any given time, you still may find a variation of ½ percent or slightly more at any given time. A small amount of difference in rates can mean a significant dollar amount of interest paid. For example if you borrowed \$30,000 at 7.5 percent for 30 years you would pay \$45,600 in interest, whereas, if you paid 8.5 percent interest your interest payments would be \$53,069.

Before you start shopping for a mortgage on a new purchase or reexamine the affordability of the mortgage that you currently have, you must decide how much mortgage or, in essence, how much house can you afford. A rule of thumb is that you can buy a house costing roughly two and one-half to three times your gross yearly income. For example, if your gross annual income is \$40,000, you can afford a house between \$100,000 to \$120,000. However, this average should be lower if you already are carrying a heavy debt load, if your family is large, if you are buying an older house in need of repairs, if you have education costs, if your income is irregular, or if property and living costs are high in the area.

Another long standing rule of thumb is that you should not be spending more than 40 percent of your take-home pay for each month's total housing expenses including all the costs of owning and operating your home. This includes mortgage principal and interest, insurance, taxes, and utilities. For example, if your monthly take-home pay is \$2,500, you should be spending only \$1,000 a month on housing.

July *Worship Assistants*



Altar Servers: 9:30 am	Acolyte	Crucifer	Torch Bearers
July 2	Carson Leigl		
July 9	Sarah Interrante		
July 16	Riley Smith		
July 23	Daniel Reiser		
July 30	Ashley Tighe		

Readers	8:00 am	9:30 am Lector	9:30 am Prayers
July 2	Earl Catagnus, Jr.	Sean McClain	Sean McClain
July 9	Mildred Stuffle	Brian Funk	Ben Dogonniuck
July 16	Sandy Trauger	Alan Shunk	Jonathan Mueller
July 23	Jennifer Wentworth	Barb Burch	James Lorah
July 30	Earl Catagnus, Jr.	Jim Lien	Barbara Burch

Communion Assistants	8:00 am: Debra Augustine
July 2	John Kochel and Emma Moulder
July 9	Janice Reiff and Emma Moulder
July 16	Bob Rodenberger and Gary Wessner
July 23	Dave Schweitzer and John Kochel
July 30	Bob Rodenberger and Janice Reiff

Ushers	8:00 am: Early Usher Team
July 9:30 am	John Moorehead and Dick Allebach

Offering Tabulation	
July 2	John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul
July 9	Janet Stokes, Jack Schatz, and Gary Wessner
July 16	Debra Augustine, Karl Stefan, and Jeannie Funk
July 23	John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul
July 30	Janet Stokes, Jack Schatz, and Gary Wesner

Altar Guild	
July	Joe and Donna Cooney

NOTICE: By order of the Cemetery Committee

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

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

Senior Youth Group News:

What a year we had! Many enjoyable events and activities, finishing up the year with a great, rousing day of Paintball! Everyone had a great time, in spite of the heat.

Sadly, we say goodbye to our graduating seniors: Brian Funk, Skylar Althouse, Ashley Smith, Ben Dogonniuck & Riley Schmidt. It has been great watching these young people grow over the past four years, becoming wonderful examples for our younger members and we wish them the best of luck in the future - Come back and visit!



We welcome the five 8th graders who were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday to the Senior Youth Group! Stay tuned... You will be receiving information over the summer via email, we start up in September but there is often a fun event or two over the summer!



The Mission Trip team held their annual Golf Outing at Butter Valley Golf Port in Bally on June 9th and though we did not have as many players as in the past, we set a record for money raised, over \$9,100! Thank you to everyone who participated and especially our sponsors and donors, without whom this great event would not happen. Every year we hear from golfers saying: This is the best outing I do all year!

Speaking of the Mission Trip: The Augustus Senior Youth Group will once again be traveling to Camden, New York from July 22nd-29th on their annual mission trip. The group will be providing support for the Cluster 13 projects. The youth are very proud of their accomplishments over the last few years and look forward to returning to continue their mission work. It is truly an experience that has an effect on each of our youth. If you are interested in donating items or funds toward the trip it would be very much appreciated. Target, Lowes and Home Depot gift cards, as well as monetary donations are welcome. These donations will be used for this year's trip, as well as future mission trips and outreach projects. Thank you for your continued support of the Senior Youth Group. Donations can be submitted to the church office.



Scholarship Loan Applications Due in July!

Did you know that Augustus has a Scholarship Loan program for students in college or professional training? The loans are usually \$1,000 per year and can be paid back in installments when students are finished their undergraduate or professional study. See the bulletin board in the lower narthex for applications. Once complete, return to the church office by July 31st.

SEND IN YOUR GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Did someone you love graduate this winter or spring from high school, college, or another institution of higher learning? Please e-mail the church office to have your "smarty pants" acknowledged in our newsletter! We love to celebrate the accomplishments of our church family members!



When contacting the office, please include Name of Student, Month of graduation, and future plans of the graduate.

Sharing God's Bounty

Giving a Cup of Cold Water

During Jesus' last three years on earth, he spent much time nourishing and teaching his disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did he send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.



In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to his disciples, said, *"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."* Jesus told his disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, he refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further his kingdom.



"You shall open your hands wide to your brother, and to your needy in the land." (Deut. 15:11) In addition to faith, add brotherly kindness, love, self-control, knowledge and goodness to create a recipe for stewardship.

"But just as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

Old Church Model



2018 is the 275th anniversary of the Old Church. Order this treasured keepsake to commemorate this special event. The Old Church metal model, first produced in the 1960's has been re-cast.

This beautiful metal reproduction of the Old Church can be purchased in two finishes: metallic finish like the 1960's run, or done in a hand-painted color finish.

Solid Black Finish: \$30

Hand-Painted Color Finish: \$40

We have 20 models in production in this first production run. We will take pre-orders for a second production run. Place your order for a 2017 delivery of the Old Church Model. Money will be collected when you pick up this keepsake.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Quantity: _____ Solid Black (\$30) _____ Painted (\$40)

Total Cost: _____

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Jessica Kunasz
2 Jessica Stufflet Cameron Tartar	3 Tamara Griggs Rose Swan Sandra Trauger	4	5 Joseph Booth Molly Houchins Pia Lari	6 Brittany Snyder	7 Terry Benner David MacPhee Paul Niemann Amy Noonan	8 William Garton Gail Martin
9 Matt Sim	10 Braden Tighe	11 Barbara Burch Nancee Clelland Jessica Haile Bruce Tempone	12 Amanda Jacobs Morgan Nelson McKenna Schulte Antoinette Sheeder	13 Laura Saylor	14 Pamela Fargo Karen Lachenmayer Eric Pergine	15 Lewis Christy Evelyn Hergenhan Heather Mullaney
16	17	18 Laurel Beattie John Carlucci William Fluck Benjamin O'Hara Kiley Veleber-Schmitt	19 Jonathan Carlucci Brian Funk Robert Williams	20 Amanda Halteman LaVonne Johnson	21 Alison Fishell Courtenay Kerr	22 Jack Bowe Bryan McClain
23 Jennifer Cunningham Rebecca Quirk	24 Hannah Pearson Andrew Schlegel	25 Russ Henze	26 Erich Franz	27 Mason Lucas Benjamin McElhannon Anna Schweitzer Allison Wessner	28 Bryce Atherholt Nancy Moyer Jayden Smith Cynthia Snyder	29 Colleen Demark Nicholas Lucas
30 Stacie Missimer Sherry Stufflet	31 Barbara Barnitz Jonathan Brull Sean McClain Aubrey Nicholson					



Coordinator of Faith Development

As I write this we are gearing up for Vacation Bible School week here at Augustus! This year's theme is "Deep Sea Discovery: God is with Me Wherever I Go!" Each day's focus includes a Bible story that takes place on or near a boat (if you've seen some of the sets stored in the Fellowship Hall you may have guessed this!)

Vacation Bible School provides us with the opportunity to continue our learning in a different environment from traditional Sunday school. It also gives us a chance to meet some of our neighbors who may only participate in Augustus during VBS, or may be drawn in to become more active members. For some children, Vacation Bible School is the only religious education they will ever receive; for others, it's an enrichment of what they have already learned. Either way, we have an important task ahead of us during the week of June 26th! Here's our daily schedule:

Day 1 – Noah's Ark – "God Knows Me" – the children learn that God knows them intimately. They never have to be afraid to be their authentic selves before God.

Day 2 – Jonah and the Whale – "God Hears Me" – the children learn that God hears them when they cry for help—even when they have been running from God and done exactly the opposite of what God wanted them to do.

Day 3 – Jesus Rescues Peter – "God Strengthens Me" – the children learn that, although they may not be able to walk on water on their own, they can do amazing things when they trust in the Lord.

Day 4 – Breakfast on the Beach – "God Loves Me" – the children learn about the Resurrected Jesus who tells Peter – three times – to feed His precious "sheep" – to love them as God loves them.

Of course, we cannot do any ministries, including VBS, without the help of many talented and dedicated staff and volunteers. Many thanks to . . .

Pastor Weleck, our camp chaplain and for opening skits.

Jen Wentworth, who taught the science lessons and gave the children a tour of the church.

Lorna DePaul and Jeannie Halteman, who put together crafts for older and younger kids every day.

Laurie Mueller, for her gift of music and for staffing the crafts station.

Karen McClain, who served as the VBS "shopper."

Scott Detwiler and his grandson Tyler Hane, and Rachel Schaffer who led the children in their games and recreation time.

Deb Augustine, Pat North, and Karen Lachenmayer who took turns serving the daily theme-related snacks.

Gemma Patten, who served as camp nurse and helped at the registration table.

Barb Burch who helped at the registration table.

Dale O'Hara who helped at the registration table and took pictures.

Dave Ward, who set up all the VBS tables, chairs, and props.

Have a wonderful summer!

P.S. In July and August, I will be planning for our 2017-18 Sunday school year. Some of this will include sorting curriculum materials and making costumes. If you would like to help out, just let me know!

**SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery Conference
Bible Study**



Women
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IN AMERICA

2017


Summer

Breakfast

The Pottstown Diner
99 W. King Street
Pottstown, PA

August 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.



Program theme:

Gather Magazine's "ALL ANEW - Ready or Not"

Be prepared - Read June, July/August issues of "*Gather*" magazine.

Allison Smith, presenter

At 9:00 a.m. Individual breakfast orders will be taken - Individual billing + \$1.00 room fee. Paid as you leave.





SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Upper Montgomery Conference
First Tuesday Bible Studies
Summer/Fall 2017 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. Winter/Spring 2018



May 2, 2017	“You Are Not Alone”	Augustus Lutheran Church 717 W. Main St., Trappe
<u>Jean John – presenter</u>		
June/July/August 1, 2017	The Pottstown Diner <i>GATHER</i> magazines “ALL ANEW – Ready or Not”	99 W. King St., Pottstown
* 9:00 a.m. - Individual breakfast orders taken - - billing + \$1.00 room fee		
<u>Allison Smith - presenter</u>		10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
September 5, 2017	“The Apostles Creed” Session 1	St. James Lutheran Church High & Price Sts., Pottstown
<u>Rev. Kay Bender-Braun, pastor - St. James</u>		
October 3, 2017	“The Apostles Creed” Session 2	St. Peter’s Lutheran Church Glasgow & Walnut Sts., Pottstown
<u>Rev. Karen Sease, Pastor - Grace Lutheran</u>		
November 7, 2017	“The Apostles Creed” Session 3	St. Mark’s Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
<u>Debra Long – presenter - St. Mark’s</u>		
December 5, 2017	An Advent Devotion	Grace Lutheran Church 660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown
<u>Rosalic Zukauskas – presenter- Grace Lutheran</u>		

January - February 2018 Mid-winter break — SAVE *GATHER* Magazines

March 6, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> January issue	St. Mark’s Lutheran Church 81 N. Main St., Pennsburg
<u>Janet Luyben, presenter</u>		
April 3, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> Jan/Feb. issue	St. James Lutheran Church Kugler Rd. & Swamp Pk., Limerick
<u>Barbara Lisi, presenter</u>		
May 1, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> March issue	Augustus Lutheran Church 717W. Main St., Trappe
<u>Pat Leberman, presenter</u>		
June 5, 2018	Multiple Meanings - <i>GATHER</i> April issue	St. John’s Lutheran Church 3104 Main St., Sumneytown
<u>Fran Ivarson, presenter</u>		

2018 Summer Bible Study to be announced in the Spring

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BRING FRIENDS. Study materials are found in the *Gather* magazine.

Subscriptions available at \$19.95 per year. Please call (844) 409-0576. THANK YOU.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion 1:00 PM Private Function	3	4 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 9:30 AM Quilting Group	6	7 7:00 PM Cubs Committee Meeting	8
9 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	10	11 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12 9:30 AM Soup Kitchen Outreach	13 7:00 PM Summer Music Program	14	15
16 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	17 7:00 PM BS District Meeting	18 9:30 AM Quilting Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	19	20 7:00 PM Summer Music Program	21	22
23 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	24	25 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26 Carnival On Campus	27 Carnival On Campus	28 Carnival On Campus	29 Carnival On Campus
30 8:00 AM Holy Communion 9:30 AM Holy Communion	31					