

Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People



MAY 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

One of the blessings of being a part of Augustus Lutheran Church is our continual commitment to a Lutheran understanding of the Christian faith that speaks to both the head and the heart. This had been a significant part of our first Pastor, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg's, ministry. Muhlenberg desired to preach and teach both the mind and the heart. For Muhlenberg, and for us, the Christian faith is a living relationship with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To have a healthy relationship with anyone, we need to know that person. That is why we have seminary-trained individuals leading Sunday School and teaching the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes as well as the Adult Bible Study. At Augustus we have a chance to get to know God better.

And as we get to know God better, our life is changed and so is our relationship with other people. We seek ways to help others who could not possibly return our kindness. We help our neighbors in need through the Daily Bread Food Pantry by collecting food each Sunday and providing Easter baskets. We host a Turkey Dinner to benefit our missionaries in Tanzania who have helped the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit of the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center save so many lives. Each month volunteers from Augustus provide a full, nutritious dinner for our hungry neighbors at the Norristown Soup Kitchen at St. John's Episcopal Church. Indeed, this program was started by the people of Trinity Lutheran Church when it was on DeKalb Street. The program was so needed that within a year it has outgrown the facilities at Trinity and moved to St. John's. (Trinity still participates there after decades of service!)

Getting to know God better and growing in a relationship with him is a true blessing. Keep up the good work.

May the Father of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✝ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck

P.S. See you on Sunday!



Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed!

Do you know Augustus Has a prayer chain? We pray for others who are going through difficulties. Do you have time to pray and think of others during your day? If interested, please call Dorothy Opperman at 610-489-4514.

Do you have a prayer request? Please call 610-489-4514.



From the Bench

May

May is one of my favorite months. The April showers are over and there are no more threats of snow, but it's not so hot and humid as the summer months. This year, Pentecost is May 19th, and we remember the Holy Spirit poured out on the disciples who began speaking other languages so the Gospel could go out to the whole world. Wear something red that day to remember the tongues of fire that appeared on the disciples.



The Senior Choir has been working on a lot of anthems with "Love" in the title. On May 5th, we'll sing *Love Brought Me Back* by Mark Miller. It's a new favorite of mine and very different in sound and style from what we usually sing. On May 19th when we confirm our young people, the choir will sing *The Summons*. It uses an Irish folk tune arranged by Tom Fettke and asks the confirmands and everyone in the congregation, "Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?" Our bell choir will play a beautiful song, *This is the Day the Lord has Made* (not the Sunday School version!) on May 12th.

Speaking of Sunday School, I have really enjoyed my small role accompanying the opening each week. The children, while few in number, are mighty in spirit and joy. Witnessing their enthusiasm for singing and their recall of the Bible stories has been inspiring to me this year. Kudos to Sonya Sowards and all the teachers and helpers for helping them find joy in learning.



Since this is the last month our Bell Choir will play until the fall, I'd like to thank all the people who participated this year: Susan Adams, Gavin Elison, Lori Fox, Dylan Funk, Jeannie Funk, Alanna Jessee, Sherry Jessee, Karen Lachenmayer, Jennie Lien, Jim Lien, Becky Quirk, Mildred Stuffle, Jennifer Wentworth, and Gary Wessner.

Joyous May!

Laurie Mueller

Thank You!

Dear Augustus Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, flowers, and best wishes during my recovery from knee surgery. Reverend Martha's visits were delightful. I am so glad to belong to such a caring church! May God Bless you all.

Thank you,

Dot Opperman



The Parish Office Housekeeping NOTICE



Please LABEL anything that you leave in the church office for someone else to pick up. Note the giver and receiver's Unidentified items linger and collect in the Parish office when they are not retrieved in a timely fashion.

Because the office is a public space, and often one of the first places visitors see when interacting with Augustus, it's important that it be kept neat and tidy. There are pens and paper in the basket on the table for your use. Thank you.

Geranium Sunday



You are invited to order Red Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church in celebration of Pentecost, May 19, 2024. The Women of ELCA will plant them on church grounds. Please include payment with your order. *Make Checks payable to: AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND. Last day to order is May 12, 2024*

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473

Phone: 610-287-2827 *E-Mail:* karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

Name: _____ Phone/E-mail: _____

Quantity: _____ X \$5.00 each Total: _____

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Janet Lauman	2	3 Joseph Brennan Brittany Cornish John Niskala Megan Williams	4
<i>May Birthdays</i>						
5 Amanda Christy Barbara Cornish Jonathan Price	6 Kevin Millheim	7 Michael Stokes	8	9 Alexa King Linda Romano	10 Pamela Kunasz	11 Ben Dogonniuck Nancy Ehret Gary Halteman Devyn Parker
12	13 Quinn Perkins Zoe Perkins Dawn Schmitt Terri Yetter	14 Emma Raupp	15 Dylan Funk Jessica Krauter Walter Mills	16 Sarah Allen Daniel Garton Garrett Halteman	17 William O'Boyle	18 Sam Gabel Faye Jenkins
19 Lindsey Allebach Jeffrey Althouse Tyler Schwirian	20 Colby Davis	21 Denise Althouse	22 John Robinson Peyton Shaffer Walter Slauch	23 Dennis DeWane Scott Halteman Dave Rheiner	24 Cooper Demark	25 Jaime Nelson Riley Smith
26 Dylan Crothers Lucy Olsen Charlie Richvalsky Ryan Sellman	27 Tim Anderson	28 Gus Frisco Jennifer Kuklantz Pat Mancuso Mya Schiller Riley Schmidt	29	30 Anita Halteman Dustin Keim Mason Stephan	31 James DeNucci Ethelyn Perkins	



Vacation Bible School

June 24-27, 2024, 9a-12p
ages 3 through 6th grade

This year's VBS is based on games and will be lots of fun! Scan this code to register.

Questions? Contact Sonya Sowards, DCE.



Christian Education

The Sunday school teachers just had our last meeting of the year! It's hard to believe that we only have one more month of Sunday school. We have used a slightly different format this year that is more geared to multi-age groups. After we hear the story during the opening the learning is reinforced through crafts, music, drama, cooking, games, and other fun activities. We then come back together to hear our blessing song and are reminded that God is with us all week long.

After Sunday school we look forward to Vacation Bible School, which begins on June 24th (it's always the Monday-Thursday of the last week of June). Our theme is "Twists and Turns," and we'll play lots of fun games and learn that Jesus is holy, Jesus is trustworthy, Jesus is forgiving, and Jesus is for everyone. Vacation Bible School is a great opportunity to invite ALL your friends and neighbors' children to Augustus—all are welcome! Sign up through our website augustrappe.org. We'll also be looking for helpers—clearances are required but are easily obtained. Send an email to education@augustrappe.org or call/text me at 904-476-4409 if you'd like to help or if you have any other questions about Vacation Bible School.

Thank you for your prayerful support of the children and youth of Augustus!

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards
Director of Christian Education



Gracious Givers

Lay Reader Message

WHAT'S THE WORRY?

Jesus knows our nature. He knows we're prone to worry. Perhaps that's why he warned:

"Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" (Matthew 6:25-27)

In spite of these words of both admonition and assurance, Christians still tend to worry. Sometimes worry about the ability to provide for our families takes over our lives to such an extent that it guides our thoughts and actions. We put off giving to the Lord through our church – "temporarily," we say – until we feel secure in our financial situations. Life, as you know, seems to throw one crisis after another at us, and, often, that financial security never comes.

We have the same worry when it comes to serving. We complain that we just don't have time. We work long hours, and then we have commitments to our families. How can we go to meetings or make meals for a family whose mom is sick?

Later, we tell God and even ourselves. Later, when the college tuitions are paid and the kids are out of the house. Then we'll have time and money. But then, after all that hard work, don't I deserve to get away and take a nice, long cruise?

We reap what we sow, we read in 2 Corinthians 9:6. What are you sowing? Proverbs 11:18 reads,

"He who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward." Matthew 6:19-21 records Jesus' words, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on Earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where you treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Is it forgetfulness of God's promises or lack of faith that keeps us stuck in this pattern of giving all for our physical, temporal lives instead of storing up treasures in Heaven. Take God at his Word: give generously, serve without reward, take time to help others, and watch him satisfy your every need.

ONE DREAM
MISSION TEAM

2024 MISSION TRIP GOLF OUTING

Friday, June 7, 2024

12:00 pm Registration
1:00 pm Shot Gun Start

**Butter Valley Golf Port
Barto, PA**

**\$105 / Golfer Greens Fees, Cart, Food
Beverages, Soda, Water,
Steak Dinner & Gift Bags**

\$40 / Dinner Only

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

More info: Call First UCC at 215-536-4447



**10TH
Annual**

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

PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2024 MISSION TRIP

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

**PLEASE HELP US MAKE
THAT DIFFERENCE**



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SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Senior Youth Group would like to thank all those who participated in our fund raisers throughout the year. Your support has been very much appreciated. The SYG will be ending the 23/24 year shortly and we'd like to thank the youth that are graduating this year. Those graduating are Aaron and Griffen Crothers, Casey DeMark, Ethan DePaul, Sam Dogonniuck, Nick Fritzinger, Dylan Funk and Thomas Lyaro. We wish them success in all their future endeavors. It's sad saying good bye, but we look forward to those that will be joining us in the upcoming year.

The last activity of the year will be a trip to Dorney Park in May, then we'll start preparing for this year's mission trip to Camden, New York. The trip will take place from July 20th to the 26th. On June 7th, we'll be having the annual Mission Trip golf outing. Brochures can be obtained in the Muhlenberg Center, as well as in the Augustinian and the weekly bulletins. This is always a great time for all and it raises a lot of money for our mission work.

Lastly, the SYG would like to thank Chris Dogonniuck and Joe Schaffer for all that they have done over the many years they've been associated with the group. We have a ton of memories with these two and wish them success in their next adventures. We hope they'll still hang with us on various occasions throughout the year. Their leadership has helped us maintain a great youth group. They will be missed.

With that being said, we'll have two openings for leaders next year and two more the following year. Please let us know if you are interested. It's a very rewarding experience and we'd like to pass on our knowledge to a new group of leaders. New people bring new ideas and that is always a good thing.

Thank you again for your support throughout the year.

Chris Dogonniuck, bulldog7224@comcast.net
Joe Schaffer, joe.schaffer.44@gmail.com

Cathy Meeley, tcmeeley@verizon.net
Gary Wessner, gtwess@comcast.net



The goal of our Mission Group is to help families improve their everyday lives by making needed improvements and modifications to their homes. At the same time, teaching the teenagers in the group, valuable skills that they can use throughout their lives. The Mission Group includes teenagers, as young as 8th grade, and adults from three churches. We have come together as one group to share this dream with families in need.



2023 MISSION GROUP

First United Church of Christ, Quakertown
Trinity Lutheran Church, Quakertown, PA
Augustus Lutheran, Trappe, PA



ONE DREAM MISSION TEAM
First UCC, Quakertown
Trinity Lutheran, Quakertown, PA
Augustus Lutheran, Trappe, PA



**10th Annual
Golf Outing**

Friday, June 7, 2024
1:00 pm Shotgun Start
Butter Valley Golf Port
3243 Gehman Rd, Barto, PA



Tournament Info

Friday, June 7, 2024
1:00 pm Shot Gun Start

12:00 pm Registration
4-Person Scramble Format

Butter Valley Golf Port
3243 Gehman Rd, Barto, PA

\$105 per golfer

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

Contests

- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Drive (Men)
- Longest Drive (Women)
- Straightest Drive
- 50/50 Pot of Gold
- Putting Contest

Raffles & Auction

Dinner Only

\$40 @ 6:30 pm

Can't Join Us for Golf?

Then please join us for dinner & festivities!

Check website for updates - www.firstucc.net

Sponsor Information

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- 2 Hole Sponsorships
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- 1 Foursome
- 2 Hole Sponsorships

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- Name/Company Name
- Company Information

CART SPONSOR \$75

- Name/Company Name
- Company Information in Every Cart

HOLE & CART SPONSOR COMBO \$125

MONETARY DONATION

We are happy to accept any amount that you can contribute

RAFFLE/AUCTION DONATION

*** All Sponsors will be able to provide promotional materials to be placed in each golfer's gift bag.

REGISTRATION FORM

Mail this form and check to

FIRST UCC-MISSION GROUP

151 S 4TH ST, QUAKERTOWN, PA 18951

\$105 per golfer

Register by May 26, 2024

*Checks must be sent with your entry form to hold your spot and be made payable to:

FIRST UCC-MISSION GROUP

Questions? Contact Linda Friday

missiontrips@firstucc.net 215-538-0328

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Additional Golfer's Name & Phone _____

Email _____

Additional Golfer's Name & Phone _____

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Additional Golfer's Name & Phone _____

Email _____

Add'l Dinner Guest(s)-Dinner Only \$40 ea

Number of Guests _____

Sponsorship Level \$ _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____



**Many
Thanks!**

The Spring Turkey/Craft & Vendor Fair Committee would like to extend with much gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped make the Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair an enormous success.

For every volunteer that was seen in person at this event, there were many others working behind the scenes, resulting in countless volunteer hours. From acquiring funds, equipment, supplies, donation, and community support to thoroughly cleaning the kitchen, food preparation, and providing service to our patrons, no effort went unnoticed.

The committee would like to thank our community sponsors Word FM, Great Songs of the Faith Radio, Trappe Tavern, Thrivent Financial, Phoenixville Federal Savings Bank, Brandywine Assisted Living, Risher Van Horn, and KMA Design Studio for providing us with the vehicles needed to have the event. Additionally, the committee would like to thank the many local businesses that donated and supported the raffle.

We would also like to extend a heart-felt "Thank You" to all of the members of Augustus Women of the ELCA for their continuous support of the Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair and global missions work.

Lastly, we would like to thank all those who patronized this event. It takes the entire Augustus Family to make an event like this feasible, and in return the entire church receives credit and acknowledgement for the support of pediatrician Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, Missionaries in Tanzania.

Augustus Book Club

The next meeting is Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Vestry room.

We'll discuss Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata

Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or office@augustrappe.org



2024 Historic Trappe Free Lecture Series

St. Luke's Church, 200 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments Following Lecture

For more information, please visit the Historic Trappe Facebook Page

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| May 21 | Lisa Minardi, "Native Son: The Life and Art of David Ellinger" + book signing + pop up display of additional Ellinger artworks and drawings |
| Sept. 17 | Emily Sneff on Declaration of Independence and its translation into German + preview of our 2026-27 special exhibition plans for the America 250 |
| Oct. 22 | Trevor Brandt on fraktur + Americana Insights book signing |
| Nov. 19 | Chris Malone on paintings by Charles Hofmann + Americana Insights book signing |

Graceful Generosity

Published to help you grow as a steward of God's grace.

Giving God our First Priority

Have you ever worked and worked to see very little result from your big efforts? In the Old Testament book of Haggai, the work of God's people was producing no fruit. They toiled in the fields, but there was no harvest. God was upset with them so he made their efforts fruitless. Because their priorities were focused only on themselves rather than God, God "called for a drought on the fields and the mountains" (Haggai 1:11). He even "blew away" (verse 9) what they had brought home.



The reason for God's wrath was expressed in verse 4: "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

God had finally had enough of their self-centeredness. God's priorities were not his

people's priorities. He got their attention by making life difficult for them.

God's people responded. They "obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai" (vs. 12). God's priorities became the priorities of the people. In the same way as the people in the time of Haggai examined and changed their priorities, we need to make sure that we are putting God's priorities for our lives first. Our focus can't be on building bigger and better homes or larger retirement accounts for ourselves. God is calling us to make a difference in people's lives. We need to ask God what he wants to accomplish through us.

On the Lighter Side

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of the minister in line at the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" answered the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know ... Our Father, who does art in Heaven ..."

*Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,*

And pass it on to other folk! Amen.

A Month's Wages

The Reverend J. Ross Stevenson, when pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, New York City, received a letter enclosing a month's wages from a Swedish servant girl, just before the annual offering for foreign missions was to be taken. She wrote that she had been making the offering a subject of special prayer and it had been put into her heart to give this sum. Lest Satan should tempt her not to give so much, if she waited until Sunday, she sent it at once. When the pastor read the note from the pulpit, there was a profound silence, and the offering that day was doubled by the example of one girl's sacrifice.

Two men who had come over from New Jersey for that service walked down the avenue afterward together without either saying a word for some distance. One asked the other whether he could lend him some money to get home; then his friend confessed that he, too, had put into the offering every cent he had with him. Both were obliged to walk to the ferry and find a good Samaritan in Jersey City to assist them to get home. (Author Unknown)

Choosing Our Path

God wants us to follow him, but he gives us the freedom to choose what path we will take and whom we will serve. As we stand at the crossroads of life, God continually reaches out to us through his Word. In Jeremiah 6:16 we read, *"This is what the Lord says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.'"* Daily we are at the crossroads of life. The choice we make is our own. As Yogi Berra said, *"When you get to a fork in the road, take it."* The road we take will have eternal consequences. Will we choose God's way or the ways of the world? With God's help, our answer can be like Joshua's:

"But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).



Joshua's choice was that he and his family would be servants and stewards of the Lord. When you reach crossroads in life, you will hear God's call, "Follow Me," but the call to serve yourself and the ways of the world will be loud and boisterous. If you don't reject God's call and you follow, as Jeremiah did, the ancient paths, you will turn away from your self-interests and focus on ways to serve the Lord. Your lifestyle will reflect your relationship with him. As followers of Jesus, we acknowledge God's ownership and love. We become stewards of what he entrusts to us. As followers of the Lord, we see others as brothers and sisters in Christ. We live with an eternal perspective.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!



2024 SPRING CONVENTION

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women's Organization
of Women of the ELCA**

“Love One Another with the Promise of God’s Justice”

Hebrews 10:24-25 ~ “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...”

Saturday, June 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. Registration

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church • 1000 W Main Street • Lansdale, PA • 19446 • Phone: (215) 368-1710

Name: _____ Conference _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Congregational Unit & Address _____

- I am a Voting Member (please complete the Voting Member/Alternate Voting Member form by May 15)
- I am an Alternate Voting Member (please complete the Voting Member/Alternate Voting Member form by May 15)
- I am a SWO Officer I am a SWO Board Member
- I am a Non-Voting Member with Voice I am attending for the first time
- I am a guest I am a student (ONLY \$25!!!!)

Registration, including lunch, is \$30.00 before May 15, and \$35.00 after May 15. Students are \$25.00.

Dietary restrictions: _____

Please enclose a check made payable to Women of the ELCA – SEPA. Thank you.

Speaker: A representative from Feast of Justice, ‘Addressing Hunger, Meeting Needs, and Inspiring Hope as they work for Abundant Justice in Northeast Philadelphia and beyond.’

Churchwide Representative: To be announced.

Day’s Schedule: Worship, Election of Board Officers & Members, Speakers, Lunch, Displays, and In-kind Gifts.

In-kind Gifts for Feast of Justice: Food and personal care items.

Please return this completed form, and your \$30 (\$25 for students) registration/lunch fee before May 15, 2024 to:

Dale O’Hara
5049 Cold Springs Drive
Collegeville, PA 19426
610-489-0417
oharadvd@aol.com

THE OLD TRAPPE CHURCH DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

After the Battle of Brandywine, the Continental Army crossed the Schuylkill River at a place called Parker's Ford (northwest of current day Royersford) on September 19, 1777. They marched down the Trappe Linfield Road to the Great Road (today Main Street). They then established their campsites along the Great Road. Brigadier General John Armstrong commanded the Pennsylvania Militia army. A division this army was under the command of Col. James Dunlop of the Cumberland County Militia. He and his men camped on the front lawn of Augustus Lutheran Church and commandeered the second schoolhouse and the Old Church for shelter.

On Sunday September 21, 1777, Henry Muhlenberg wrote that he was aware that the British Army was on the west side of the Schuylkill River. He feared that they would cross the river and attack the Colonial Army. He was advised to flee the area because a battle in this area would potentially result in the destruction of his third home and the Church. While some members of his family fled to New Hanover for safety, Henry and his wife remained in his home.

On September 27, Henry Muhlenberg went to the church in preparation for the funeral of a deacon's child. When he arrived, he discovered soldiers everywhere. In the Church, he was horrified when he found a soldier playing the organ, guns, and armaments everywhere. He also found straw, manure and animals on the ground floor and gluttonous material on the altar. In short, his temple to God had been desecrated. With great trepidation, he voiced his concerns about these conditions to Col. Dunlop asking him if this was the protection of religious liberty which they had been promised.




On October 2nd, Dunlop's troops left Augustus and marched towards Germantown in preparation for the battle on the morning of October 4th. On October 5th, the men returned to Augustus. The Church (along with New Hanover and St. James) was converted into a field hospital to tend to the wounded. The intent of the Medical Officers was to triage the wounded and then send them as quickly as they could to hospitals in western Pennsylvania. General George Washington stopped at the Church on October 5th to wish his men well. We know that 15 soldiers died in the Church and are buried in a mass grave outside the West Portico. Today, there is a marker that commemorates their sacrifice. Unfortunately, the names of the fallen soldiers were not recorded.

Col. Dunlop and his men broke camp at Augustus on December 12, 1777 and marched to Valley Forge for the winter encampment.



It was a common practice of the British Army to destroy any building that gave shelter to the Colonial Army. It was most fortunate that the Old Church was spared from damage during the war. Other Churches were less fortunate.

Submitted: Pat O'Hara

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>May</h1>			1 9:30 am Quilting Group 2:00 pm Staff Meeting	2 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	3 12:00 noon Private Event	4
5 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Holy Communion	6	7 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg	8 9:00 am Soup Kitchen	9 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	10	11 Private Old Church Tour
12 Mother's Day 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Holy Communion 	13 7:00 pm Knit and Crochet Group	14	15 2:00 pm Staff Meeting	16 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	17	18
19 PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:00 am Last Sunday of Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Holy Communion And Confirmation 	20 7:00 pm Book Club	21 9:30 am Quilting Group	22	23 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	24	25
26 8:00 am: Holy Communion 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Holy Communion	27 Office Closed  MEMORIAL DAY	28 7:00 pm Committee Night	29	30 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	31	



If you would like to learn more about the history of Augustus Lutheran Church, there are several books that you can borrow from the Church library. See Mildred Stuffle, our librarian, for more information.

“A generation which ignores history has
no past and no future.”

Robert Heinlein, American author (1907-1988)