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Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People



OCTOBER 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Because I was a physics major in college, people sometimes ask me how I reconcile science and religion. My answer to that question is quite simple. I don't. As a Lutheran, science and religion have two (2) fundamentally different goals. Science answers fundamental questions about cosmic order; i.e., how does the universe function. Religion answers fundamental questions about cosmic purpose; i.e., how do we live properly in the universe. Science and religion complement each other. If we believe that God is the creator of all good things that exists, then people of faith view science as a gift from God to help us better see and understand God's marvelous handiwork in the world around us.

There is also a fundamental difference between science and religion. Science, the description of how the world works, is ever-changing and ever evolving. The fundamentals of science change. Just consider what we know about the usefulness of masks with Covid. We went from proposing any face covering, to wearing any surgical mask, to finally understanding that only an N-95 mask made a significant difference in stopping the spread of Covid. Ever-changing knowledge. Or consider that 40 years ago, we thought that protons, neutrons, and electrons were the smallest stable constituents of atoms. We know that is no longer accurate.

The fundamental beliefs of religion do not change. God made us and all that exists. (First Article of the Apostles' Creed) Human beings themselves damaged the loving relationship with God and can't stay out of trouble. Thus, only God can fix the mess we created, so he sent Jesus, true God and true man, to restore the relationship with God that we damaged. (Second Article of the Apostles' Creed) As baptized children of God, God promises to be with us and care for us with the same love he has for his Son, Jesus. (Third Article of the Apostles' Creed) These fundamentals have not changed. This unchanging reality is supremely expressed in the Lesser Doxology: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



THANK YOU, STAFF!

Rev. G. Warren Weleck
Rev. Thomas Kochenderfer
Rev. Howard L. Kriebel
Rev. Martha B. Kriebel
Laurie S. Mueller
Sonya Sowards
Karen McClain
David Ward

**Pastor & Staff
APPRECIATION
DAY !!!**

**RECEPTION TO
FOLLOW THE SERVICE**

**October, 13
8:00 & 10:30 AM**

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From the Bench

October

This month, I would like to introduce our Senior Choir. Below are their photos and names.

Our Section Leaders:



Jennie Lien, Soprano



Ali Backlund, Alto



Bob Reichner, Tenor



Jesse Shutt, Bass

Sopranos



Alanna Jessee



Jeannie Funk



Denise Staub



Jennifer Wentworth

Altos



Cheryl Camuso



Becky Quirk



Judy Bubeck



Vicky Gallagher

Tenor
Renate Markert



If you know someone who can sing, especially tenor or bass – we'd love for them to join us and add to our ranks! Next month, I'll introduce the bell choir with photos.

Save the date: **Sunday December 15th at 4 pm** will be our **Christmas Concert**.
See you in church!

Laurie Mueller

Ten Important Dogmas of the Lutheran Church
By Bo Kristian Holm, Associate Professor, Systematic Theology, Aarhus University



2. Trinity

There is only one God. But God is three in one: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity is affirmed at the Council of Nicea in 325 but even before 325 we find numerous examples of Trinitarian baptism formulas. Throughout the history of Christianity, the doctrine of the Trinity is part of the basic dynamic of Christian theology. The Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed both proclaim the belief in God in three paragraphs on the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit respectively.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 26, 2024
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

OPEN TO ALL KIDS THROUGH 6th GRADE
DECORATED CAR TRUNKS WELCOME

For more details or to contribute a decorated trunk, contact gtwess@comcast.net
In case of inclement weather, event will be held indoors



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Blessing of the Animals

October 6, 2024

9 a.m.

in the parking lot

Bring your pet (or a pet picture or stuffed animal) for a blessing by Pastor Weleck!

Christian Education

Sunday school has begun! We want to thank the adult Bible study group for helping with our kick-off breakfast on September 8th and our awesome senior high youth group for hosting the Rally Day cook-out on September 15th.

In September we learned about the first sin and then Noah's Ark with crafts, games, cooking, drama and science. On October 6th we will take a break and bring our pets to church for a blessing on St. Francis Sunday. Everyone is welcome—invite your friends and neighbors!

We'll finish October learning about Naomi & Ruth and Hannah & Samuel. Reformation Sunday is on October 27th, and we'll learn all about Martin Luther and how he helped change the world.

Don't miss the **trunk or treat** hosted by our senior high youth group on October 26th from 4-6:30 p.m. This is another great opportunity to fellowship with each other and to invite friends and neighbors to your favorite church!

We also have another wonderful group of young people who on September 11th began preparation to confirm the promises that were made for them at their baptism. Pastor Weleck and I are looking forward to spending Wednesday evenings with them.

Augustus is blessed with lots of children and young people. Thank you for praying for them and for encouraging them on their faith journeys.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards, Director of Christian Education

Graceful Generosity

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

"Everything
comes from
You, and we
have given
You only what
comes from
Your hand."

1 Chronicles 29:14

Over-Spending, Over-Saving, and Under-Giving Our Money

God has provided the members of this congregation with more than enough resources to carry out the Lord's Great Commission to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ. Compared with most of the world we are rich!

So why are we often short of the finances we need for our church's mission and ministry? The answer is: because of three problems.

- ✠ Some of us **Over-Spend**. We escalate luxuries into necessities. We don't "live within our harvest" (Persian proverb.) Living beyond our means is poor stewardship of God-given resources. It leads to financial disaster and many other resultant sins and problems. Overspending, often through credit cards, also limits our ability to share. Someone once said, "To become a person of means, one has to live within one's means."
- ✠ Others of us **Over-Save**. We're so afraid of material insecurity that we hoard vast sums

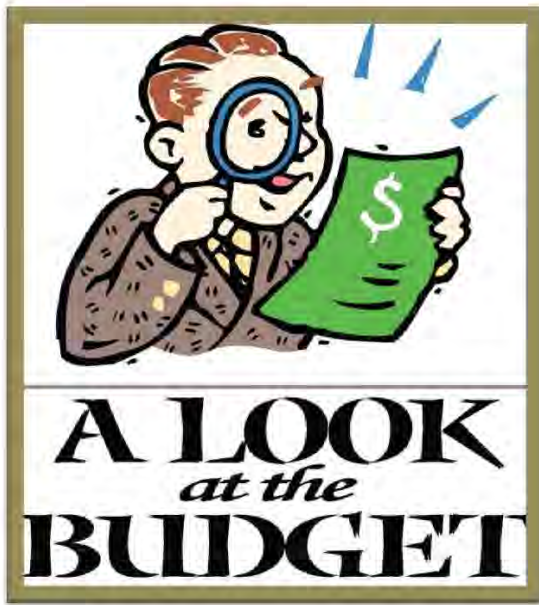
of money and hate to part with it. If we save only for the purpose of amassing money, we resemble the "Rich Fool" of Luke 12. When saving becomes an end rather than a means to reach our financial goals, our money will not be spent for the purpose for which God gives it to use in the first place, which is to use in service to him as a means to help those in need and extend his kingdom.

- ✠ Those two problems lead to **Under-Giving**, and God's work languishes from lack of funds. It's a good thing God does not under-give. We are saved for all eternity because he "*loved the world so much that he gave his only Son . . .*" (John 3:16.) When we give money away, we break its power over us, meet the needs of others, and glorify God. We can go be certain that we cannot be fulfilled unless we are giving of our time, talent, and treasure. We were designed by God to give as he gives, and he is more willing to give us what he can give through us.

God's Word addresses the problems of Over-Spending, Over-Saving and Under-Giving!

Over-Spending

- ✠ "*In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has*" (Proverbs 21:20).
- ✠ "*The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.*" (Proverbs 22:7)
- ✠ "*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal*" (Matthew 6:19).
- ✠ "*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).



Over-Saving

✚ *“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.*

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

✚ *“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth . . .” (1 Timothy 6:17)*

Under-Giving

✚ *“‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My House. Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough to contain it’ ” (Malachi 3:10).*

✚ *Jesus said, “Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8).*

✚ *“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).*

On the Lighter Side

After starting a new diet I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and as I approached, there in the window were a host of goodies.

I felt this was no accident, so I prayed ...

“Lord It’s up to you, if you want me to have any of those delicious goodies, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery.” And sure enough, on the eighth time around the block, there it was! God is so good!

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

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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

Oct. 22

Trevor Brandt on fraktur + Americana Insights book signing

Nov. 19

Chris Malone on paintings by Charles Hofmann + Americana Insights book signing

Augustus Book Club

The next meeting is Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Vestry room.

We'll discuss The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy

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

AWAKENING FAITH

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF RELIGION FROM A
BIBLICAL AND HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

WITH REV. HOWARD KRIEBEL

9:00 AM SUNDAY

STARTS SEPTEMBER 08, 2024

NOT JUST A CLASS... ITS A COMMUNITY !!!

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FOR THOSE WHO WE HOLD CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS AT CHRISTMAS

a free gift and token of remembrance and hope

Advent
Remembrance
Days

Dec. 01
8:00 & 10:30 AM

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<h1>October</h1>		1 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	2 9:00 am Quilting 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm 3-in-1 6:00 pm Sr. Youth Group	3 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	4	5
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Birthdays		1 Alicia Allebach Scott Detwiler Ron Oelschlager Megan Schaffer	2 Janet Rhoads	3 Robert Imes Bryce Ziegler Tye Ziegler	4 Wayne Williams	5
6	7 Marsha Franz Dawn Halteman Brooke Perkins	8 Dawn Kutteroff	9 Eric Hart Leo North Deborah Riegner	10 Elle Ralph	11	12
13 Ted Lewis Lizabeth Niskala	14 Paul Gallagher Tammi King Cheryl MacMullen Tony Mancuso Ike Matoney	15 Molly Hynes Stephanie Lash	16 Cormac Miller	17 Eugene Frank	18 Andrew Fisher Cheryl Imes Michael Wells	19 Tami Firth
20	21 Michael Krasley Dorothy Rieger	22 Evan Griggs Mildred Stuffie	23 Kelsie Mourar Amy Wells	24 Curt Allen	25 Gavin Strasiniski	26 Abigail Catagnus
27 Jennifer Beattie Addison Smith	28 Bryan Fishell Jonathan Lumley	29 Kathryn Bubeck Nicholas Lari Robert Schlauch	30 Dale O'Hara Abraham Van Alstine	31 Alfred Dubeck Phil Lehman Alfred Stufflet Douglas Sweeney	