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Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People



SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

September signals a renewed energy in our parish ministries. People return from vacation. Young folks return to school. Augustus buzzes with excitement.

Please note changes on dates and times. The changes are indicated in *italics*:

September 8, 2024

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Old Church

9:00 a.m. *Sunday School*

10:30 a.m. *Worship in the Old Church*

September 15, 2024

8:00 a.m. Worship in the Old Church

9:00 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Brick Church

11:30 a.m. *Annual Picnic*

The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, September 29th, falls on Sunday this year. We will have a wonderful opportunity to focus on God's ministry of angels. St. Michael the Archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism and Christianity, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.



The Borough of Trappe, though a series of grants, has replaced our sidewalks and curbs along Main Street at no cost to us. Thanks to the Mayor, Borough Council, and Borough Manager for their assistance in accomplishing this significant improvement to our Borough.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the first installment of a ten (10) part series called *Ten Important Dogmas of the Lutheran Church*. These brief summaries of the basics of the faith come to us from the Lutheran Church of Denmark. I have added texts from the Augsburg Confession of 1530, the foundational document of Lutheran theology, referenced in these articles. I must admit that the contents of the Augsburg Confession can be a bit daunting, theologically speaking. You can skip them and still benefit from the summary. I hope they help you deepen your understanding of the faith.

May Almighty God ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Weleck

P.S. See you on Sunday.



Pastor Kriebel's Birthday!

On September 22, Augustus Lutheran Church cordially invites you to a reception following both the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM church services to celebrate a Local Legend and Community Leader, Howard Kriebel's 90th Birthday. Join the Augustus Family and the Kriebel family as we celebrate all of his contributions and express our gratitude for his dedication to our local community. **Please make an a point to attend and to bring a card with birthday wishes, messages, and hopes to overwhelm this icon with our gratitude.**

***** Please no gifts; Your presence is gift enough *****

Augustus WELCA and Outreach Committee

From the Bench

September

Happy September! I'm looking forward to cooler weather, and all the musical plans at Augustus! As of this writing, I have six "new" people coming to try ringing handbells at a workshop on August 29th. We have a complete table of ringers in our bell choir, but some pieces, especially for the Christmas concert, will require some extra ringers, and I'm excited for some new people to give this a try. Our regular Senior Choir rehearsals will also begin that night, and I'm excited to tell you that newly-baptized member of Augustus, Summer Allen, will be trying out both the bells and the singing choir. If you'd like to listen to the choir anthems that are planned for the fall, you can check them out on my website, lauriemueller.com. Click on "Augustus Music" and you can see the anthems planned for each week.

I want to thank (and congratulate) **Connor Elison** for his help substituting for me this summer! In fact, one sub I lined up canceled on me – twice – and Connor stepped in both times and did an amazing job. Connor begins his senior year at Spring Ford High School this fall, and he was also selected as this year's drum major of the marching band. Way to go, Connor – and thank you!

Thanks also to all our summer musicians. We had a great line-up this summer, and if you missed any, you need to go to augustustrappe.org, click on worship, and listen to the Sundays you missed. We are so fortunate to have talented singers and instrumentalists of many ages who are willing to offer their gifts to us in the summer months (and all year round). Thank you: Ali Backlund, Grace Einsla, Gavin and Connor Elison, Jeannie Funk and friends, Alanna Jessee, Arianna and Nate Judisch, Abi Leigl, Jennie Lien, Bob Reichner, Jesse Shutt, and Jen Wentworth.

This year's Christmas Concert has been approved for **Sunday December 15th at 4pm**. Last year, we had record attendance of 171 people at this concert, plus the choir and instrumentalists. We ran out of programs! So, mark it on your calendar now, and get there early to get a good seat.

It's not too late to be part of the music department. Our regular schedule is:

Senior Choir, Thursday nights, 7-8:30 pm, beginning August 29th

Bell Choir, Thursday nights, 6-7pm, beginning September 5th.

In the coming weeks, I hope to see some of you who have been away this summer. There's room for you in the pews, and maybe even in the choir loft! You might even bring a friend!

See you in church!

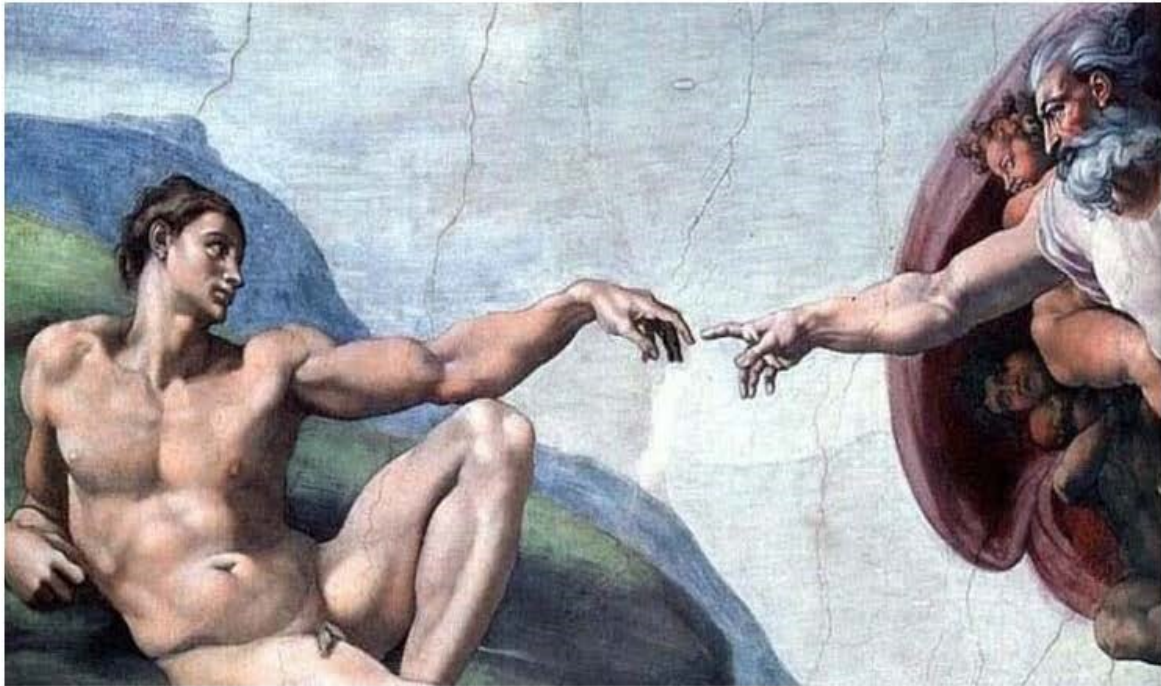
~Laurie

“The only thing better
than singing
is more singing.”

Ella Fitzgerald



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



1. Creation

The world was created by God and the world was created good. The belief in creation originates from the creation stories in Genesis, the first book in the Bible. In the Apostles' Creed we declare that we believe in God as the "Creator of heaven and earth" and in the Nicene Creed we proclaim our belief in the "Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen". See also Article I of the Augsburg Confession.

Augsburg Confession: [Article I. Concerning God]

"In the first place, it is with one accord taught and held, following the decree of the Council of Nicea, that there is one divine essence which is named God and truly is God. But there are three persons in the same one essence, equally powerful, equally eternal: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All three are one divine essence, eternal, undivided, unending, of immeasurable power, wisdom, and goodness, the creator and preserver of all visible and invisible things. What is understood by the word "person" is not a part nor a quality in another but that which exists by itself, as the Fathers once used the word concerning this issue..."



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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| 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 |

Christian Education

We're looking forward to our Sunday school kick-off breakfast at 9 a.m. on September 8th! We'll have a short informational meeting with kids and parents about the upcoming year and then enjoy a yummy breakfast together. Pastor Weleck will also pray for our teachers at the 10:30 a.m. service in the Old Church on the 8th.

If you're looking for a way to fulfill the promise we make at each baptism to "support these persons in their life in Christ," please consider joining our Sunday school teacher team. You can choose to lead children in crafts, cooking, science projects, music and games to enrich the lesson of the day, or just serve as much-needed extra help during Sunday school. Clearances are required but I can help you get them.

Our adult Bible study class will also begin on the 8th. The adult class has about 15 members and is led by Pastor Howard Kriebel during the Sunday school hour. I hear rave reviews about the class, and they are always ready to welcome new members!

Also, on September 8th we'll be meeting with confirmation parents and students in the evening at 6 p.m. If you have a child in 6th through 8th grade this year, please join us so that you can get all the information you'll need as they go through confirmation.

On the following Sunday, September 15th, the 10:30 a.m. service will return to the Brick Church and the Senior High Youth Group will host a picnic on the grounds after church.

I hope you've had a great summer! As we begin our program year, please plan to attend worship with your family. It's wonderful that we can now enjoy our services from the comfort of our homes, but we do need to come together in person to worship God, and to know one another so we can encourage and build up our fellow Augustinians. So many things distract us from making the church the center of our modern life—it's good to remember that the summary of God's law is "love God" and "love people." Both can be done at church.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards, Director of Christian Education

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OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN
AGES 3 - 6th GRADE

Sunday School

STARTS SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

REFRESHMENTS

SINGING

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Seasons Change, ... but God Never Does

God blesses us all with four beautiful seasons of the year, but each fall how can we not give special thanks to God for apple cider, football, coloring of the leaves, and the mild days. Fall is just a great time of the year. In the fall, there seems to be a greater activity within the church. The summer always seems to refresh and energize us for new ministries in the fall as the boards and committees in our church get active and busy again. There is a new sense of enthusiasm to serve the Lord as faithful stewards of who we are and what we've been given.



Together we should thank God that we are a church for all seasons. Whether fall, winter, spring, or summer, we share God's "Good News" with the church and unchurched. We are a church that continues to find new and different ways to share the love of Jesus with others. Visitors who visit us can feel God's presence and love from our members.

Rating your Stewardship Effort

On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the absolute best, how would you rate what you are doing as

a Christian steward? As you think about this for a moment, you will begin to realize that, by your own efforts, you will never come close to being a "10". On God's grading scale, we all rate a zero without him. Fortunately, God knows that we are not perfect. Since the fall of Adam, God has used ordinary sinful people to do the extraordinary.

In spite of our imperfections and frailties, God wants to use us as his hands and feet to feed the hungry, house the homeless, build his Church, and seek the lost with his Gospel. God has made us his stewards, and he equips us for the task. The Apostle Paul wrote, *"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9:8).

God doesn't expect us to be perfect stewards, but he expects us to have attitudes that desire to praise and serve him. Jesus didn't say, "Blessed are those who achieve their potential and never make a mistake," nor did Jesus say, "Well done, good and successful servant." What Jesus did say was, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . those who mourn . . . the meek"* (Matthew 5:3-5). He also said, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:23). In our humanity, it is easy for us to make a mess of things, but we please the Lord when we, through faith, willingly use our time, talents, and treasures to help others and his Church.

The good news for us is that, in Christ, our "0" becomes a "10".

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather what you have left."

J. S. Fulton

Prove and Improve

I heard of a man who was offered a deal in which there was a chance to make a great deal of money. He looked it over, and then at a luncheon he explained to the company representative that he could not take it. When pressed for his reason, he said, "I am a Christian." My company tries to do business by Christian principles, and, in light of that, I can see no possible way to handle this." The other businessman looked at him in amazement and said, "Surely you don't try to mix two good things like business and religion." Then from across the table he heard an expression which should be inscribed over every business. "My friend, I have discovered that it is only when we do mix business and religion that we can prove our religion and improve our business."

"Money is a great treasure that only increases as you give it away"

Lord Francis Bacon

Opportunity Knocks

The apostle Paul, like us, had things he wanted to do and people he wanted to see. He told the Corinthians that he wanted to come to visit them but that he would have to stay awhile in Ephesus, "*because a great door for effective work [had] opened to [him] (1 Corinthians 16:9).*" As a true disciple of Christ, Paul knew about self-sacrifice. He had suffered much for the sake of the Gospel, and even now, instead of pleasing himself, he was not going to let this opportunity for ministry pass by.

These few words offer much food for thought. Perhaps you've worked long and hard and have been driving around, casting your eyes on new luxury homes. The budget would be tight. Sure wouldn't leave room for extra gifts and offerings beyond the tithe. What do you do? Is this the time for you, like Paul, to put your own

desires aside in order to be able to give donations to missionaries, to your church colleges, and to the ministry of your own church? Everywhere you look, can't you see that "*a great door for effective work has opened...?*"

Perhaps you've prepared for a career in a lucrative field. It's been a long struggle, studying for tests, preparing for interviews, and working hard in the summers to pay for it. Then you sense the call of God, calling you into fulltime Christian ministry. Not exactly the lucrative career you had in mind. Certainly "*there [will be] many who oppose [you].*" This is foolish, they say, you can serve God anywhere, but you know that "*a great door for effective work has opened...?*"



For most of us, taking advantage of the opportunities God give us to serve and give don't involve life-changing decisions. It simply requires that we be ready and willing to set aside our own wants and desires, probably temporarily, and walk through that great door of opportunity.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

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Local Legend

Rev. HOWARD KRIEBEL

turns 90



SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW BOTH SERVICES

~ please bring a card with your birthday wishes, messages, & hopes ~
~ please no gifts; your presence is gift enough ~

HOSTED BY AUGUSTUS WOMEN OF THE ELCA AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

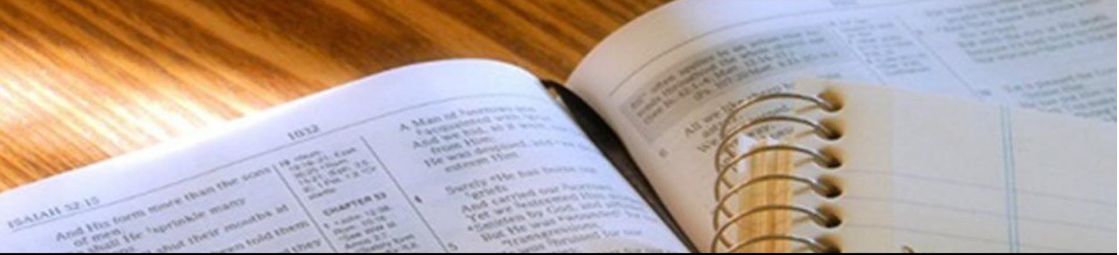
AWAKENING FAITH

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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AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS



The 2024/25 Senior Youth Group will have registration on September 11th at Bruster's Real Ice Cream on Ridge Pike from 6:30-7:30. If you have youth that are entering the 9th grade or youth that are returning, please stop by and let us know how your summer went while enjoying some ice cream. The leaders are looking forward to seeing everyone. We have a lot planned for this year.

On September 15th the annual Rally Day picnic will take place. The SYG will be hosting the event. Along with Rally Day, the youth that went on the mission trip will be presenting at the services.

The SYG meets on the first Wednesday and the 3rd Sunday of each month (September thru May), as well as various other days for activities and fund raisers. All youth in 9th -12th grades can take part in the SYG. If you're new to the congregation and have a teen in high school, reach out to one of the leaders and we'll make sure you get information on our group.

The SYG is looking for a couple of new leaders to help us in the fall. 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.

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Joe Schaffer, joe.schaffer.44@gmail.com
Liz Wentworth, lizwentworth@yahoo.com



RALLY DAY

CHURCH PICNIC

Sept. 15, 2024 after the 10:30 service

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Augustus Book Club

The next meeting is Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Vestry room.

We'll discuss Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce

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

Gracious Givers

Lay Reader Message

Seek Contentment

Many people spend years seeking contentment not realizing that contentment is a state of mind independent of external circumstances. True contentment comes from knowing that God is in control and that he will provide for you.

As a child of God, you are no doubt aware that our society is trying hard to make you discontented. Advertisements suggest you can't be content without an expensive house, a new car, an exotic vacation, big investments, and the latest in clothes. Society tries to make you believe that happiness and contentment are within your reach if you just acquire a few more things.

Contentment does not consist of the size of income or net worth. It has nothing to do with the size of your house or year of your car. Contentment can't be bought at a department store or travel agency. Real contentment is not related to circumstances or things.

For some, acquiring money can become a preoccupation and an obsession. It's possible to become a slave to wealth. Greed will not allow contentment, because it will always urge you to acquire more. No matter how you try, you cannot be satisfied by worldly things. The love of money can potentially possess a person's life like no other emotion can. Jesus spoke to the issue of greed in Matthew 16:26 when he asked, *"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?"* The things you possess will only contribute to fleeting happiness, not an enduring peace and contentment. *"But man, despite his riches, does not endure; he is like the beasts that perish"* (Psalm 49:12).

With money as your security, pride, self-centeredness, and self-sufficiency take over and replace your trust in God to provide. You can be like the Rich Fool, who gave himself credit for his success and desired even more. You can push God out of your life.

When God is your security, you can be content. The Apostle Paul knew both the secret of contentment and how to receive it. *"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty"* (Philippians 4:11-12). Without Christ, you will never achieve contentment, but a relationship with Christ will redirect your focus from transient earthly pleasures to things of eternal significance. Keeping your eyes on *"the prize"* (Philippians 3:14) will bring about gratitude in your heart for what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. May the words of the psalmist be an expression of your heart: *"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever"* (Psalm 73:25-26).

Book Club Picks Fall and Early Winter

Interested in trying out book club but need to plan a little further ahead with your reading? Here are our selections through February 2025.

September 16
Miss Benson's Beetle
by Rachel Joyce

October 21
The Prince of Tides
by Pat Conroy

November 18
The Eulogist
by Terry Gamble

December 16
Christmas Party
Details to follow!

January 20
The Dance Tree
by Kiran Millwood
Hargrave

February 17
Hello Beautiful
by Ann Napolitano

Contact Karen McClain for more information at office@augustustrappe.org or join us for a meeting!

We meet the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Vestry Room.



Augustus Lutheran Church

Master Calendar 2024-25

September 8	Sunday school kick-off, breakfast with parents; prayers for teachers during service (fall schedule begins)
September 15	Rally Day—youth report on mission trip and Bear Creek Camp; all-church picnic after 10:30a worship
October 6	St. Francis Sunday—blessing of the animals @9a; 6 th grade receives Bible
October 26	Trunk or Treat 4-6:30p
October 27	Reformation Sunday
November 3	All Saints Sunday; Sunday school begins collections for Martin Luther school
November 24	Thank Offering Sunday
December 15	Christmas Concert @4p
December 15	Children's Nativity Program at 10:30a service
December 24	Christmas Eve at 5 (w/Living Nativity), 7 & 9p (no Sunday school)
January 5	Baby Shower for Jesus
February 8	Soup Kitchen Pasta Dinner
March 4	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
March 5	Ash Wednesday service @7p
April 13	Palm Sunday
April 17	Maundy Thursday service @7p
April 18	Good Friday Stations of the Cross @7p
April 20	Easter services at 8 & 10:30a — first communion; Easter egg hunt in Sunday school
April 26	Turkey Dinner
May 18	Last Christian Education classes
June 8	Pentecost with confirmation
June 15	Old Church Sunday (summer schedule begins)
June 23	Vacation Bible School begins



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Regular Events

Sunday morning worship
8a every Sunday
10:30a fall, winter & spring
9:30a summer

Sunday school – 9a weekend after Labor Day through weekend before Memorial Day

Book Club – 3rd Mondays at 7p

Youth Group – 1st Wednesdays at 6p & 3rd Sundays at 9a; mission trip in July

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

Quilting 1st Wednesdays and 2nd Tuesdays at 9:30a

Knitting 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7p

Bible Study 1st Tuesday at 10a

Soup Kitchen Outreach 2nd Wednesdays at 9a

Choir

Bell Choir Wednesdays from 6-7p

Vocal Choir Wednesdays from 7-9p



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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The poster features a black background with a large, stylized yellow moon and a black bat silhouette. The text is in white and orange. On the right, there is a cartoon illustration of a blue car with a decorated trunk containing a sign that says 'GOODIES Yummies' and a bowl of candy. The license plate of the car says 'BOO'.

September Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion	2 Office Closed Labor Day	3 7:00 pm Vestry Mtg	4 9:00 am Quilting 2:00 pm Staff Meeting	5 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	6	7
8 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am First Communion Class Orientation 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Holy Communion	9 7:00 pm Knitting	10 7:00 pm Community Club	11 9:00 am Soup Kitchen 6:00 pm 3-in-1 Confirmation Class	12 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	13	14
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 William Seland	2	3 Cole Brenner Arlene Fowble Gavin Jacobs Robin Rush	4 Tami Barndt Deborah Frisco	5	6 Carol Gerhart Lydia Herr	7 Jennifer Capetola
8 Wendy Watro	9 Cindy Henze Emily Mullarkey	10 Nancy Berg	11 Tyler Funk Richard Patten Leighton Vargo Ruth Yoder-Taylor	12 Pamela Slauch	13 Brian Clark Scott Maurer Hayley Moomaw	14 Terry Benner Irene Markert
15 Joan Messerschmidt Richard Opperman	16 Jean Brunswick Kairi Fagan Charlene Tucker Edwin Van Alstine	17 Steve Archer Caryse DeWane Tyler Hoffman	18 David Trauger	19 Buddy Martin Heather Tucker	20 Cindi DuBree Abby Stalker	21 Rob Alessandrini Kristen Camuso Michael Napier Alayna Wells
22 Martin Davis Julianne Fishell Peter Hausman Brooke Rush	23 Kierstin Tartar	24 Donna DeNucci Melissa Elison Charlie Hallman Ben Lewis Thomas Meeley	25 Ethan DePaul Ronald Steiner Paul Sweeney	26 Janice Reiff	27 Cheryl Camuso Abi Leigl Ben Richvalsky	28 Harry Antrim Bradley Hart Nola Kelly Cathy Meeley
29 Justyne Clarke James Richvalsky	30 Cody Allen Madison Catagnus Ben Scholl	