

Spring Turkey Dinner

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PRAYER & PLEDGE DRIVE

Dear Friends of the Spring Turkey Dinner,

Despite the global pandemic, Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson and their family, missionaries whom we have supported for several years, have decided to stay in Tanzania and continue their roles as healthcare professionals. We would still like to support these missionaries and the wonderful work that they are doing to train Tanzanian health professionals, develop a neonatal intensive care unit and establish a feeding program for malnourished children.

Because of the cancellation of the 2020 Turkey Dinner and Craft show, we were unable to raise funds for missionary work. As a result, Augustus Women of the ELCA have initiated a Prayer and Pledge Drive to engage the local community to help missions on a global level. *With your support, we can raise over \$3,000 to financially support our pediatric missionaries, and to foster health and wellness education in parts of the globe that are less fortunate than ours.*

*Would you consider contributing a faithful prayer, financial pledge, or both to help us work toward our mission? **ALL DONATIONS RECEIVED BY 11/08/2020 WILL BE MATCHED** by three generous gifts: a generous gift from the **Augustus Women of the ELCA** (up to \$1,000), a generous gift from **Pastor Kochenderfer** (up to \$1,000), and a generous gift from **Pastor Martha and Pastor Howard Kriebel** (up to \$1,000). So every dollar you contribute will be increased four-fold! And as an added bonus, you will be eligible to be entered in a drawing on November 22, 2020 for an afghan. The afghan is 48" x 54" and is crocheted with soft, bulky, polyester yarn.*

On behalf of the Swansons, the Augustus Women of the ELCA, and the Christian community at Augustus Lutheran Church, we would like to thank you in advance for your support. For your convenience, you can make your contribution by one of the following two ways:

1. *Donating online at <www.augustustrappe.org>. Just follow the "DONATE" prompts under the "GIVING" tab. Don't forget to add "WELCA-Turkey Dinner" and your phone number in the comments box so we can add you to the drawing.*
2. *By mailing-in your financial commitment. Checks and money orders can be made out to 'Augustus Women of the ELCA'. Additionally, please write "Turkey Dinner" on the memo line. Send your donation to the following address to ensure your donation is delivered to the applicable location:*

Augustus Lutheran Church
c/o Women of the ELCA
717 West Main Street
Trappe, Pa, 19426

Thanks again for your support of the Augustus Women of the ELCA pledge drive, and for helping to ensure the long-term sustainable future of the children in Tanzania.

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Proceeds benefit:

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

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We continue to live in strange times caused by the Covid-19 epidemic. This disease has caused every American to change and adapt to new circumstances to maintain health and safety. Augustus is not immune to this difficulty. If Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, remains in the Green phase or better, the following changes will be in effect this fall.

On Sunday, September 13, 2020, we will return to our normal times for Sunday activities.

8:00 AM Holy Communion in the Old Trappe Church as long as the weather permits.

9:00 AM Sunday School will resume online only.

10:30 AM Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave. This service will be available both as a live-stream and also as a video posted sometime after the service has ended for those who, under CDC guidelines, should remain sheltered in place.

All of the safety measures implemented during the summer remain in place.

First Holy Communion for the Class of 2020 will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Further information will be mailed to those families.

Confirmation for the Class of 2020 will be celebrated at 1:30 PM on Sunday, September 27, 2020. Because of the size of the class, this service will be for confirmands and their families only. Further information will be mailed to those families.

After careful consideration for the health and safety of our members and friends, and after reviewing the available options to perform large scale disinfection of our campus, the Vestry has decided that, except for worship, no group may use our facilities for meetings, gatherings, or events. Our professional grade EPA approved Covid-19 disinfection equipment is currently on back order with no approximate shipping date available. The Vestry will examine this situation each month.

We are committed to continuing to keep our children and youth safe while they are in our care. Anyone working with persons under the age of 18 years at Augustus must have all three (3) required clearances for an individual on file and those clearances must all be current. There are no exceptions. If even one (1) of the clearances has expired and we do not have an updated copy on file, Vestry policy prohibits you from participating as a leader at Augustus.

We live in a strange time. Yet God is still working through the Holy Spirit to give us strength and comfort to overcome the challenges we face. His love continues to surround us and his face still shines upon us. We are not alone, even as we engage in social distancing. And that is Good News.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Weleck



Coordinator of Faith Development

Our Sunday school teachers met (virtually of course) on August 16th to discuss our plans for Sunday school this fall. We will follow the PV school district's recommendations, *i.e.*, as long as they are meeting online, so will we, but our teachers had many ideas about how to make Zoom Sunday school more fun! **Sunday school begins September 13th and we will be online at least through October.** After that, we will take things month-by-month to determine the earliest possible time we can safely gather in person. We can't wait!



I'm looking forward to seeing the confirmands I've been missing at their families-only confirmation in September. This is a wonderful group of young men and women who are ready to make their public profession of faith. We can't all be present to support them at their confirmation, but I hope you will consider sending each of them a card to let them know how much they mean to our church. We like to say young people are the future, but at Augustus they are involved in doing God's work right now!

You are all in my prayers.

Sonya Sowards
Coordinator of Faith Development

September Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 William Seland	2	3 Cole Brenner Arlene Fowble Gavin Jacobs Jennie Lien	4 Tami Barndt Samantha DeCarlo Deborah Frisco William Snyder Jr.	5 Betty Imes
6	7 Jennifer Capetola William Schindler	8 Wendy Watro	9 Cindy Henze Emily Mullarkey	10 Nancy Berg	11 Tyler Funk Richard Patten	12 Pamela Slauch
13 Brian Clark Scott Maurer	14 Terry Benner III Irene Markert	15 Richard Opperman Joan Rubendall	16 Jean Brunswick Charlene Tucker Edwin Van Alstine	17 Tyler Hoffman	18 David Trauger	19
20 Cindi DuBree Theresa Schindler Abby Stalker	21 Kristen Camuso Michael Napier Alayna Wells	22 Martin Davis Andrew DeCarlo Julianne Fishell Peter Hausman	23 Kierstin Tartar	24 Donna DeNucci Melissa Elison Charlie Hallman Ben Lewis Thomas Meeley	25 Ethan DePaul Anne Lachenmayer Paul Sweeney	26 William Penny Janice Reiff
27 Cheryl Camuso Abi Leigl Benjamin Richvalsky	28 Harry Antrim Bradley Hart Nola Kelly Cathy Meeley	29 Justyne Clarke Sophie Garro James Richvalsky	30 Cody Allen Madison Catagnus Ben Scholl			



Lately, I've been watching (ok, binge-watching) episodes of the Netflix drama, "The Crown." In the episode I've just finished, the queen's mother-in-law has come to live at Buckingham palace to escape danger in Greece. Princess Alice, as she is titled, has lived a very difficult life. Her son has never realized the extent of her suffering. He is embarrassed by her, and does not visit her for days even though she is living under the same roof. Yet, she turns out to be the heroine in this episode. Despite terrible trials and tribulations, she did not become righteously bitter. Instead, she became a nun and dedicated her life to serving the poor. At the end of the episode (having not embarrassed, but actually saved the royal family's reputation), she asks her son about the state of his faith. "Dormant" is his reply. She offers him this advice: "Find yourself a faith. It helps. No...not just helps. It's everything."

Although it seems to me that many people consider faith a private matter, I think Princess Alice is right. If your faith is in God, whatever happens in the world cannot shake your hope. For me, the best way to feel present and strong in my faith is through music, especially great hymns. Somehow, the music reaches both the head and the heart, while preserving the divine mystery of God. And the opportunity to sing with others enables me to enter the mystery as part of the Body of Christ in a way that far surpasses listening alone. I hope that soon, we can all feel safe to participate fully, to sing God's praise unrestrained.



Speaking of looking forward, I am happy to report that Vestry has decided to allow the bell choir to return on a limited basis. I will be in contact with current members of the bell choir to talk about what this will look like. Up to four ringers will be present at a time, and we will rehearse between Sunday morning services in the fall. Unfortunately, it is still not safe enough for the singing choir to return. I pray the situation will change soon; in the meantime, we will occasionally have soloists provide special music at during services. Please let me know if you would like to sing!

God's continued blessings to all of you,

Laurie Mueller

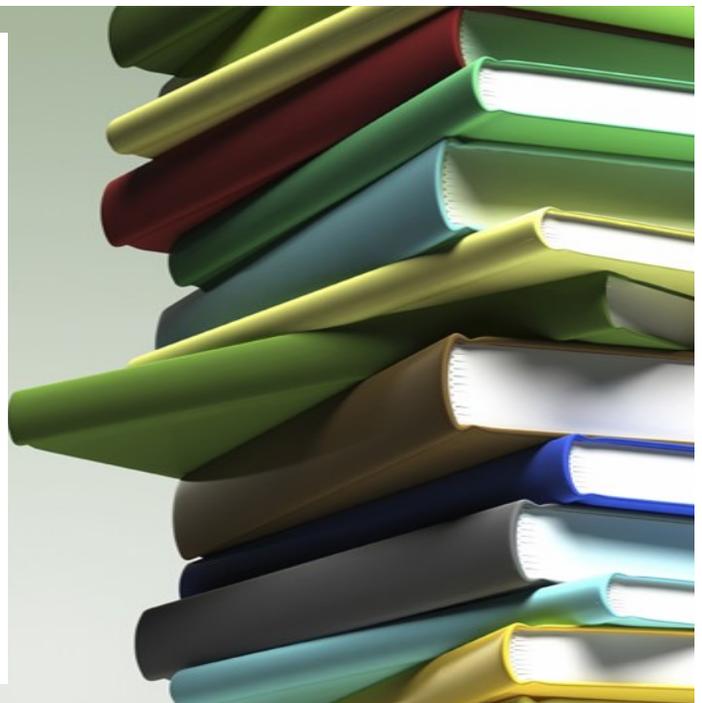
Augustus Book Club

The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on September 21st, 2020

We'll discuss The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

New members are always welcome. Come to discuss the book and get to know some new folks! We're meeting on Zoom during these careful times.

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



Money Matters

Personal Financial Stewardship

Investing Wisely

When you consider investing, you should start by asking, “Why am I investing?” If you are investing to enhance your personal kingdom rather than God’s, you need to rethink your motives. Certainly, you should be investing so you can properly provide for your family and yourself. However, to amass money for your own security while neglecting the needs of the needy and the work of spreading the Gospel would go against God’s plan for your money.



As his steward, you acknowledge that it is God’s money that you are entrusted to manage. Because you are a steward, you have the responsibility to honor God with all that you do with your money, which includes investing. With the awareness that it is God’s money and that you will be held accountable for what you do with it, you should question even more, “How much risk is appropriate?” or “What level of risk is appropriate when investing God’s money?”

Before you are able to invest any money, you must establish an emergency fund that will be accessible immediately in the event of job loss, health problems, or another emergency. This fund should be large enough to sustain you and your family for at least three to six months. After this fund is in place, you are free to invest.

Simply put, there are three categories or types of investments:

- † Cash. You can choose to keep cash under your mattress (sort of like the third servant in the Parable of the Talents) or to put your money in bank savings or money market funds. This is a no risk investment option that provides only a small return.
- † Fixed income investments. A fixed income investment occurs when you lend your money to a person or institution. In return for your money, you get the promise of being paid a certain interest rate and the future return of your principal. Examples of this type of investment are bank certificate of deposits (CD’s), corporate bonds, municipal bonds, government bonds, etc. All of these investment vehicles pay interest, and, on specified dates, the principal is returned.
- † Equities (growth). Equity refers to an ownership position. If you own stock, you own part of the company. The same pertains to real estate, collectibles, antiques, etc. As an owner, you want the value of what you own to increase. Because mutual funds offer professional management and diversification into stocks of several companies, mutual funds are a good and smart way to invest in a growth investment.

Wise investors make allocations among these three investment choices. As your investments grow, you should place some money in all three categories. The allocation mix among these three will be determined by several factors, such as your current and future needs, goals, age, and dollar amount of investments.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Senior Group is looking forward to the upcoming year. We have a lot of great activities planned, along with our usual fund raisers. We would normally have a meet and greet for the new members the first week of September. They would get to meet the leaders, as well as the current members. This would be followed up by a trip for ice cream. Unfortunately, things aren't back to normal, but we do have a plan.



RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

SYG DRIVE BY 1:00

Please stop by and say hello, fill out a couple of forms and receive a gift card to a local ice cream parlor. This is for all new and current SYG members. The leaders will also send this information in an e-mail with a calendar for the 20/21 year. We look forward to seeing you.

The Senior Youth Group hopes everyone is doing well during these trying times. If you need someone to run errands for you, please don't hesitate to ask any of the SYG Leaders.

The Senior Youth Group did not go on a Mission Trip this year, but we would like to do mission work in our community. If you are in need of work or you know someone that is, please let us know. The three churches that make up the One Dream Mission Team would like to help where we can.

The SYG is always looking for new members and leaders. If you have any interest in either, please reach out to any of the current leaders. The Senior Youth Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month and the 3rd Sunday of each month. Along with our monthly meetings, we also have a monthly activity for the youth.

Lastly, The SYG would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the years. If you have any questions, need errands run or have projects you need help with, please contact any of the leaders or contact the office with a message. This year's leaders are:

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Joe Schaffer, joe.schaffer@gmail.com

Gary Wessner, gtwess@comcast.net

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Journeying with Jesus

In Matthew 3:11-17 we read about John the Baptist telling about the coming of Jesus and baptizing Jesus. Exploring Bible times crafts and foods will help your family experience the Bible stories in a new way and see how God has always been at work in the lives of the people.

Set up a tent or create a Palestinian house by joining two refrigerator cartons or several large cardboard boxes. Dress up in Bible times clothing (tunics, robes, sandals, headdresses or scarves). Young children could make clay bowls. Older children can weave rugs or place mats.

Flat bread was a main part of the people's diet in Bible times. Flatbread recipe: Mix 2 cups flour and 1/4 teaspoon baking powder, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Blend in 1/4 cup shortening with a fork until mixture crumbles. Stir in 3/4 cup milk. Pat into rounds about 3" in diameter and 1/2" thick. Place the rounds on an ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 450 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.

Read Numbers 6:24-26, which was used at the end of Hebrew worship. These words are used in worship services today, too. Praise God for the chance to learn about life in Bible times.

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Sharing God's Bounty

The Exalted State of Servanthood

Martin Luther, as professor of theology in the 1,500's wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." Perhaps those two sentences appear at first to be contradictory. What Luther was trying to help us understand is that we, as Christians, are called to freedom from an obligation to serve, but that we are called to the freedom to serve joyfully.

This call to joyful servanthood is understood and often scoffed at, simply because we have confused servanthood with servitude. Servitude conveys the idea of bondage and even slavery. Servanthood, on the other hand, connotes voluntary service, joyful giving of ourselves, a willing choice to help others, and selfless commitment.

One who is involved in servitude serves unwillingly out of a sense of fear and has no hope of entering into a different state, while one involved in servanthood lives in an exalted state, a healthy and uplifting climate of helping others. Even though challenges must be overcome and problems may abound, the joy of servanthood is the overriding experience.

How do we get from a state of servitude to a state of servanthood? This transition is made when we properly understand the Word of God which clearly defines servanthood by explaining Christ's purpose in coming to Earth: ". . . the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Jesus has lived the perfect life of the servant in our places, so we no longer are constrained to try to "measure up" to what God expects. The Law never saves, never enables us, only shows us our shortcomings.

When we look at Christ, though, and how he lived his earthly life and what he has done for us, we are freed to respond with heartfelt, sincere, loving service to those he has placed around us. The acts of service we render are the same; the motivation and attitude are what make the difference. Through Christ, we are elevated to the exalted state of servanthood.



Time is a gift that is given to man.

We are to use it according to God's own plan.

To each he gives a measured amount; to each a directive to make it count.

Spend this gift wisely. Develop life's plan to the Glory of God and the Service of Man.

Devotional Meditation

Scripture Reading: “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it” (1 Corinthians 12:27).

Working Together to Accomplish More

To build and edify his Church, God gives each believer at least one spiritual gift. In 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 Paul wrote, “*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.*” We are limited in what we can do as individuals, but, working together, we can accomplish great things.

In verses 7-11 we read, “*Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*”

In essence, we are one body made up of many parts. In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul refers to the human body which is made up of many important parts. The eyes, ears, hands, legs, and arms work together, each performing its necessary role in the body. All are essential and necessary to form one body.

In an entirely different way of illustrating the importance of individuals working together to carry out the Lord’s work, we could consider how cranes are used at construction sites to lift tremendous loads with cables that are no bigger than garden hoses. The cable has so much strength because it is made up of individual strands. These strands are twisted together giving it incredible strength. In the same way, God gives his Church incredible ability because he binds us all together. Our individual spiritual gifts are combined with the gifts of others.



Prayer: Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for giving us our abilities and our spiritual gifts. Grant us faith so that we will use all you have entrusted to us in ways that give you honor and glory. Help us to stand firm in our faith and help us to share your love with others. In your precious name we pray. **Amen.**

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Can Animals Talk?

Sometimes during the church year we remember a person who loved God. On October 4 we remember St. Francis of Assisi, who lived about 800 years ago. His father was rich, and when Francis was young he spent a lot of his father’s money. Later, during a war, Francis was captured and put in prison. While he was there he got very sick. That made him think about the things he had done in his life, and he decided to change.

After he was set free he began to fix run-down churches and take care of people who had leprosy. He sold cloth from his father’s warehouse to pay for the things he needed. That made his father angry. He took Francis to court and demanded that he pay him for the cloth he had taken. Francis gave his father all the money he had. Then he spent the rest of his life helping others, even though he was always very poor.

What we remember most about Francis is his love of animals and birds. In art he is often shown surrounded by them. He loved all of nature because it made him feel peaceful. Near the end of his life he wrote the hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King.” In that hymn, Francis said that all things praise God—even the wind and the clouds!

In October, visit a farm, a zoo, or someplace where there are animals. If you live on a farm, listen to the sounds the animals make and look for ways that the creation praises God.



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