

Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People



JUNE 2025

Christ is risen!

We continue our 50-day celebration of Easter through the early part of June. On June 8 at the 10:30 a.m. service, the Day of Pentecost, we will rejoice as Liam DePaul, Colin Smith, and Nina DiDomenico affirm their faith through the Rite of Confirmation.

The following Sunday, June 15, we will observe Old Church Sunday with a single combined service at 9:30 a.m. in the Old Trappe Church followed by a light lunch and presentation in Fellowship Hall. Our friend, the Reverend Dr. Karl Krueger, will preach and give the presentation. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite folks to join you for worship. Start inviting them now.

June 15th is also the last day our Interim Director of Music/Organist, Deacon Bruce Tonkin, will be with us. Please wish him the best and thank him for his marvelous ministry. Connor Elison will play both the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services until he goes off to college in mid-August. We are grateful for his willingness to help us.

Summer Schedule June 22 through September 7, 2025, inclusive:

8:00 AM Holy Communion in our historic Old Church followed by Tea on the Lawn

9:30 AM Holy Communion in our air-conditioned Brick Church followed by Tea on the Lawn

Please remember to worship while you are on vacation And as we remind you every year, please send or bring in your offerings before you go on vacation. Unfortunately, our expenses never take a vacation. Thank you.

*The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always. Amen.*

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck

P.S. See you on Sunday.

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Local Legend
Rev. MARTHA KRIEBEL
turns 90
JUNE 01, 2025
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 ~

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Director of Music

To our Augustus church family:

A big thank you for the last 5 1/2 months of sharing Music Ministry together! We have kept the music traditions of the congregation and we have discovered a few new musical elements in the Worship Services. Marcia and I have felt very comfortable here and it's been a blessing to come "full circle" and be back, after starting my first Music Ministry here, "a few" years ago.

Many thanks to the wonderful choir members - singers and ringers - and to the staff and Pastor for their help and support. What a blessing for all!

We pray that Augustus will call a new Minister of Music in the very near future so that the congregation will be able to continue the music excellence here at Augustus.

Soli Deo Gloria! (To God alone, the glory!)

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Bruce and Marcia Tonkin



Old Church Sunday

The annual "Old Church Sunday" service will be on June 15, 2025 at 9:30 am in the Old Church. Our good friend, the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will inspire us with his sermon. Following the service there will be a sit-down luncheon and a presentation on Peter Muhlenberg in Fellowship Hall by the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger.

Peter Muhlenberg – The Man – The Legend

On October 6, 1910, thirty thousand people gathered at Philadelphia's City Hall to dedicate J. Otto Schweitzer's statue of Peter Muhlenberg. Speeches praised Peter's leadership in the American Revolution and his contributions to the young republic. Judge Staake ended his speech by displaying Peter's clerical robe, which the Henkel family gave to the Lutheran Theological Seminary. This presentation highlights Peter's contributions and is a great way to prepare for the 250th Anniversary of America's independence, which we will celebrate in 2026.

We hope to see you at the service on June 15th at 9:30 am and for the luncheon & presentation afterwards. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this wonderful event. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Pat O'Hara at 484-919-2527 or qadirector5@aol.com.



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)

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



10. The Church

The church frames the meeting between individual human beings and Christ. In Lutheran theology “the church” does not refer to a specific institution on earth but to the fellowship of all believers. According to the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed there is only one church. In Lutheran theology this one church is not identical to an actual church for the reason that it is the fellowship of all believers. Therefore, the church is always more than the actual churches. On the other hand, these can be understood as part of this one church inasmuch as they preach the Gospel, perform baptism and celebrate holy communion. This means that the church is always ahead of the individual Christian and can be found wherever God’s word is preached and where baptism is performed and the Eucharist celebrated. See Article VII of the Augsburg Confession.

Augsburg Confession: [VII. Concerning the Church]

“It is also taught that at all times there must be and remain one holy, Christian church. It is the assembly of all believers among whom the gospel is purely preached and the holy sacraments are administered according to the gospel.

For this is enough for the true unity of the Christian church that there the gospel is preached harmoniously according to a pure understanding and the sacraments are administered in conformity with the divine Word. It is not necessary for the true unity of the Christian church that uniform ceremonies, instituted by human beings, be observed everywhere. As Paul says in Ephesians 4:4–5: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.””

Christian Education



Our last day of Sunday school for this school year was on May 18th. We honored our wonderful teachers Chilly Lyaro, Al Dubeck, Laura Schlegel, Melinda Einsla and Andrea Brown, as well as our teen helpers Erick Lyaro and Gracie Schlegel. We also deeply appreciate the participation of Pastor Weleck and Maestro Bruce Tonkin in our Sunday school. Sunday school will resume on September 14th.

Vacation Bible School will begin on June 23rd. Register your kids aged three through sixth grade via the QR code in your bulletin or fill out a paper form available on the table outside the Fellowship Hall.

We're looking for adult and teen staff to help our VBS kids have the best week ever! Clearances are required but are easily obtained and I can help. If you're not able to help during VBS week, please consider helping to set up VBS after church on June 22nd.

Of course, we'd love to add some new teachers when our Sunday school resumes in the fall. Several of our teachers began when their children were in Sunday school and have faithfully continued even though those kids are in college and careers now. You can teach every single Sunday or just sometimes. You can prepare lesson plans and activities like crafts or science projects or just be an extra pair of hands in the room. We welcome anyone who has a lot or a little time to give to our children—and the free snacks are a bonus!

Please contact me at education@augustustrappe.org or (904) 476-4409 if you can join us at VBS or Sunday school. And thank you for your prayers and support for the children and youth of Augustus!

Blessings,

Sonya Sowards



Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 23-26, 2025



Planning your child(ren)'s summer activities? Don't forget VBS at Augustus! Join us for *Camp Firelight*; a Summer Camp Adventure with God from June 23-26, 9a-12p. Scan the QR code to register or email Sonya at education@augustustrappe.org.



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Sold Out!

Speaking to his disciples, Jesus said, *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple"* (Luke 14:26).

He tried explaining his task to them. He told them about the coming suffering he would endure, that he would be killed, but that he would rise again. "Never!" exclaimed Peter. How did Jesus reply? "Oh, thank you, Peter. That's so thoughtful and brave of you, Peter." No, that's not what Peter heard. *"Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men"* (Matthew 16:21-23).

It's difficult for us to understand Jesus' command to leave our families, even to hate them, so that we can follow him. Our difficulty comes because we have in mind the things of men, not of God.

We know Jesus loved his family. On the cross, his request of John was to care for his mother. We know he loved his friends. He wept at Lazarus' tomb. We also know that Jesus never wavered in his love for us, and that's why he *"resolutely set out for Jerusalem"* (Luke 9:51). Because he had in mind the things of God, he

could accomplish the eternal good of all mankind.

What about you? Are you keeping in mind the things of God? Can you say, "Get behind me" to well-meaning family or friend who would deter you from the path on which you know God has set you? Be encouraged by your Savior who has fulfilled perfectly all that he asks you to do. Be inspired by him who set aside honor and glory to pay the price of your failures. Then pick up the cross he gives you and be his disciple (Luke 14:27).

Ashamed of Christ?

The streets were packed with people shouting, *"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"* (John 12:13). Although he rode down that street on a donkey, the crowds still saw him as the king who would deliver them from oppression.

The disciples, too, envisioned an earthly kingdom with Jesus ruling overall and themselves sitting at his right and left hands (Mark 10:37, 41).

As the events of the week unfolded, however, that hope had evaporated. Still, the disciples and the faithful few followed their Master and stood at the foot of the cross, watching and waiting, unashamed as the One they loved and trusted hung nearly naked, bruised, and bleeding in seeming defeat as he died a death reserved for the vilest criminal. Were they responding to Jesus' words that, if they were ashamed of him, he would be ashamed of them before his Father? *"If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels"* (Luke 9:26). Perhaps, but more likely their love surpassed any feeling of shame that their cause, along with their Lord, was lost.

1 Corinthians 13:13 tells us, *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."* At times faith is dim, and hope is distant. Love overcomes shame and fear and doubt. Love brought Jesus here the first time, and love will bring him back again.

On the Lighter Side

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign: "Energy efficient vehicle ... Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."



Is Your Light Shining?

One of God's greatest blessings is sunlight.

Light is so basic, so necessary, and so wonderful. It is essential for life. Because of the light from the sun, we can see the beauty of God's creation. We have light because God said, *"Let there be light, and there was light"* (Genesis 1:3). Until God made light, the world was dark.

What the Creator God did for the earth, the Redeemer God does for us humans. John, the apostle, tells us how this has come about.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." (John 1:1, 14). In Jesus, John told us, *"The true light that gives light was coming into the world"* (John 1:9).

Jesus is that true light, and he told us, *"You are the light of the world"* (Matthew 5:14). It is his light within us being reflected that allows us to carry out his command: *"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). We are called to keep the light that God gives us burning brightly and shining for the entire world to see. *"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house"* (John 5:15). Nourished through Word and Sacrament, we can be faithful reflections of God's light.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!

One Dream
MISSION TEAM

2025 MISSION TRIP **GOLF OUTING**

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

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

FIRST UCC Quakertown
TRINITY LUTHERAN Quakertown
AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN Trappe
PROCEEDS BENEFIT 2025 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**

MORE INFO: CALL FIRST UCC AT 215-536-4447



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Tournament Info

Friday, June 6, 2025
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

Gold Sponsor \$950

- 2 Foursomes
- 2 Hole Sponsorships
- Your Name & Company Info Listed on Cart

Silver Sponsor \$500

- 1 Foursome
- 2 Hole Sponsorships

Hole Sponsor \$75

- Sign at Tee Box
- 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 25, 2025

*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

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

Number of Guests _____

Sponsorship Level \$ _____

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

WANTED

Portrait Committee Members



Augustus Lutheran would like to publish a Portrait Directory in 2025.

Committee members are needed to organize this.

Please contact Gary Wessner at
gtwess@comcast.net
if you are interested.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Grace Einsla Addie Matoney Kenneth Missimer	3 Courtney Moomaw James Sellman Brandie Snyder	4	5	6 Robert Bunting	7 Krista Mourar
8 Barry Amole Jeanne Halteman Christine Maurer Sabrina Tomaselli	9 Julia DeNucci	10 Caitlyn Hart Emily Hart Kathryn Hausman	11 Gavin Elison Kathryn Franc Kelley Olsen Jessica Schiller	12 Stefan Franz	13 Ainsley Leigl	14 Adeline Park Lois Robinson Olivia Smith
15	16 Nathan Gabel James Lien Gemma Patten	17 Josey Augustine	18 Alexander Schmidt	19 Brian Schad	20 Lauren Davis	21 Marty Burke
22 Emily Barndt Aaron Crothers Griffin Crothers	23 Nicole Dubeck	24 Howard Frazier Jane Whitman	25 Maddie Fisher Gayle Hones Christy Smith	26 Kevin Krasley Ryan Krasley Cora Wells	27 Mike Hones	28 Dean Allebach Miles Klenk Scott MacMullen
29 Casey Demark Lila Olsen Matt Vera	30 Mikaela Schad					

June Birthdays

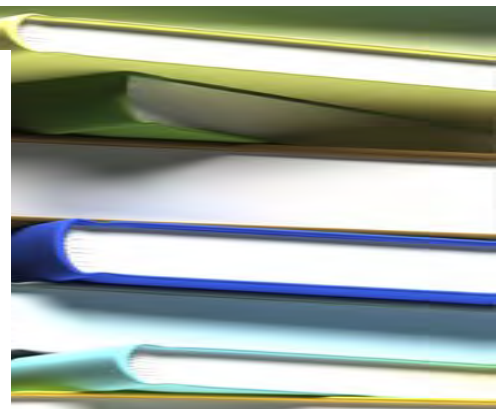


Augustus Book Club

The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on
Monday, June 16, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Vestry Room.

We will discuss Meet Me in Monaco:
A Novel of Grace Kelly's Wedding
by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb

Want more info? Contact Karen McClain 610-489-9625 or
office@augustustrappe.org



Food Pantry Donations Needed!

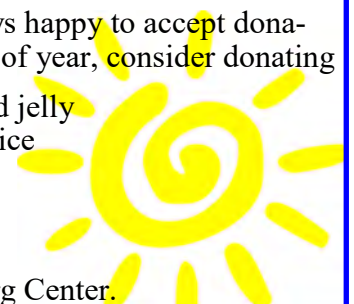
Now that school is almost out, families who rely on free or reduced price lunches for their school children may come up short. The food pantry serves these families all year long, and is always happy to accept donations of food, cleaning products, pet food, and personal hygiene products. This time of year, consider donating

Freeze pops	Drink mixes	Water bottles	Peanut butter and jelly
Breakfast cereal	Sunscreen	Portable snacks	Fruit and fruit juice

The pantry will hold their annual school supply drive later in the summer.

For an ongoing list of needs, go to dailybreadcommunityfoodpantry.org.

Feel free to drop your donations at the food pantry or in the basket in the Muhlenberg Center.



Gracious Givers

Lay Reader Message

God Owns ... We Manage

In our capitalistic system, we are allowed to own private property. We become owners through deeds, certificates, and other legal instruments. Ownership is part of the American dream. Most people would rather own than rent.

As the legal owners of so many things, it is sometimes difficult for us to acknowledge that God is the real and ultimate owner of everything. He is the owner; we are the managers or caretakers of God's property. King David wrote, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1). God is the landlord. We are the tenants. We possess, we occupy, we use, we manage—but we don't own.

Scripture tells us, *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Genesis 1:1). Out of nothing, God created life. The world and all who live in it are gifts from God. To sustain our lives, he gives us the ability to produce wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18). He gives us strength, wisdom, knowledge to use in this life and then eternal life with him in Heaven.

In Genesis 1:26, God puts us in charge of his kingdom.

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"

God has made us his stewards responsible for all the gifts he has entrusted to us. As wise managers, we understand that we will be held accountable for how we manage God's possessions. If we manage what we been given wisely and responsibly, we will one day hear God say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* (Matthew 25:23).

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Remember Augustus in your Estate Planning

We have a beautiful campus to maintain.

If you are considering a gift, please talk with Pastor Weleck about where funds are most needed.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Holy Communion <i>Pr. Kriebel's Birthday Reception after both services!</i>	2	3 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting	4 9:30 am Quilting 2:00 pm Staff Mtg	5 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	6	7
8 PENTECOST 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Holy Communion/ Confirmation	9 7:00 pm Knit- ting	10 9:30 am Quilting 7:00 pm Comm. Club Board Meeting	11 9:00 am Soup Kitchen	12 7:00 pm Vocal Choir	13	14
15 OLD CHURCH SUNDAY 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am luncheon and Old Church Presentation	16 7:00 pm Book Club	17	18	19	20	21
22 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion	23 7:00 pm Knit- ting	24 7:00 pm Com- mittee Night	25	26	27	28
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL						
29 8:00 am Holy Communion 9:30 am Holy Communion	30					

June



We're looking for adult and teen staff to help our VBS kids have the best week ever! Contact Sonya at education@augustustrappe.org!

If you're not able to help during VBS week, please consider helping to set up VBS after church on June 22nd.

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