

Augustinian

Augustus Lutheran Church

An Historic Church for Today's People



MAY 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Because of the late date of Easter this year, we have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Easter season throughout May.

This late date of Easter also means that the Day of Pentecost, and therefore Confirmation, will be celebrated on June 8, 2025.

Consequently, Old Church Sunday must be moved to June 15, 2025, with one (1) combined service at 9:30 a.m. in the Old Church, followed by a light meal and a presentation in Fellowship Hall by the Reverend Doctor Karl Krueger.

Our Summer Schedule begins on June 22, 2025, with a service at 8:00 a.m. in the Old Church and at 9:30 a.m. in the air-conditioned Brick Church.

Last year, due to the attention and diligence of Trappe Borough, our sidewalks were replaced at no cost to Augustus through grants obtained by the Borough. Indeed, many sidewalks on Main Street were replaced, saving taxpayers a significant amount of money while also beautifying our Borough and making us a more walkable community. Over the winter a hairline crack has developed in one of our blocks. We have been assured by the Borough that the problem will be rectified when the contractors return this spring and summer as they replace more worn and decaying sidewalks in the Borough on Main Street. This effort has brought a renewed and welcoming appearance to our campus and the many shops and houses around us.

Augustus will again serve as the starting point of the annual Collegeville-Trappe Memorial Day Parade. This wonderful community event was initiated by the Collegeville-Trappe Ministerium, largely through the inspired leadership of our own Pastor Dr. Martha Kriebel when she was still Pastor of Trinity Church in Collegeville. Other groups have since taken on the leadership of the event, which has grown larger with each passing year. Augustus will again have a float with a replica of the Old Trappe Church on it in this year's parade. Mark your calendars and watch the parade on Memorial Day, on which our country honors those members of our armed forces who have died in the service of their country.

Almighty God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Weleck

OLD CHURCH SUNDAY!



The annual "Old Church Sunday" service will be on Sunday, 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 presentation in Fellowship Hall by the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger.

We hope to see you at the service on June 15th at 9:30 am and for the luncheon & presentation afterwards. Feel free to invite 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.

Director of Music

Thanks to all the musicians who helped make the Easter Services so festive! The choirs worked diligently to prepare music for Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services. Please **take a moment to thank** the singers and ringers for all their dedicated service here at Augustus!

Keep celebrating the Easter Season! The festive **spirit of the Resurrection** continues each Sunday for the next 6 weeks in the Season of Easter, concluding with Ascension Sunday on June 1 and Pentecost on June 8th. **Alleluia!** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

We will be singing the **Psalmody** a little differently throughout the Easter Season, giving the congregation their own part to sing. We will sing the verses with the refrain **antiphonally**, back and forth, between the choir and the congregation.

Soli Deo Gloria! (to God alone the glory!)

Deacon Bruce





Spring Turkey Dinner

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

RAFFLE

LIVE MUSIC: Sunset Skyz Music Duo 2:30-6 PM

TAKE-OUT ONLY
self-service seating will be provided
3 TO 6 PM
\$ 20 Presale w/ Payment
\$ 22 at the Door
**ROAST TURKEY, POTATO STUFFING
SEASONAL VEGETABLES
PEPPER CABBAGE, CRANBERRY SAUCE
ROLL, DESSERT**
TO RESERVE TICKETS:
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PHONE 610-489-9625
ONLINE: AUGUSTUSTRAPPE.ORG

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR:
2 TO 6 PM
FREE ADMISSION

crafters and vendors needed:
AugustusCraftShow@gmail.com

SATURDAY MAY 03, 2025
Proceeds benefit: **Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, Missionaries in Tanzania**

Sponsors: WordFM Radio, Great Songs of the Faith Radio, Trappe Tavern, Thrivent Financial, Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust, Brandywine Assisted Living, Risher Van Horn

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AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH
WWW.AUGUSTUSTRAPPE.ORG
610-489-9625
Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion * 9:00 AM Sunday School * 10:30 AM Communion

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



9. The priesthood of all believers

No one Christian is closer to God than others. Therefore, there is in principle no difference between ordinary people and pastors. The ministry of the pastor has been established to ensure the pure preaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the sacraments: baptism and holy communion. The pastor carries out this ministry in the congregation where he or she serves, but he or she is not the mediator between Christians and God. See Article V of the Augsburg Confession.

Augsburg Confession: [V. Concerning the Office of Preaching]

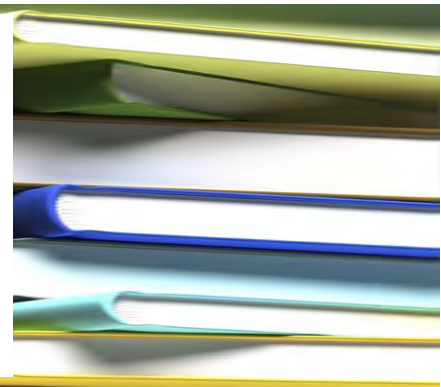
“To obtain such faith God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel. It teaches that we have a gracious God, not through our merit but through Christ’s merit, when we so believe.

Condemned are the Anabaptists and others who teach that we obtain the Holy Spirit without the external word of the gospel through our own preparation, thoughts, and works.”

Augustus Book Club

The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be held on
Monday, May 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Vestry Room.
We will discuss Endurance: Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage
by Alfred Lansing

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



Christian Education

On Good Friday, our first communion and confirmation students presented Stations of the Cross to the entire congregation. Senior high youth served as stage crew for this presentation. Thank you to all the youth who participated and especially to our adult and teen helpers: Gary & Thomas Wesner, Chilly Lyaro, Cole Brenner, Kelly & Abigail Stalker, and Ann Walker. Our confirmation program will resume in the fall.

The Sunday school children enjoyed our annual egg hunt, movie, and other fun activities on Easter Sunday. Easter also means First Communion and seven students received their first communion during the 10:30 service: Grace & Russ Einsla, Shealyn Frazier, Kaden Menendez, Leo North, Madison Catagnus and Lucas McCrea. Welcome to God's table!

It's hard to believe our Sunday school year is coming to a close. The last Sunday is May 18th and we'll celebrate our wonderful teachers and say good-bye for the summer. Sunday school will resume in September after Labor Day.

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

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

Blessings,
Sonya Sowards



First Holy Communion Students 2025

Grace Einsla	Russell Einsla
Shealyn Frazier	Lucas McCrea
Kaden Menendez	Leo North
Madison Catagnus	



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@augustrappe.org.



Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt 2025



SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Senior Youth Group would like to thank everyone who purchased Easter candies from us this year, as well as the parents and you youth who made them. The amount of support the congregation gives to the Senior Youth Group is much appreciated. The profits from our fund raisers are used for the SYG activities throughout the year and the annual mission trip.

The 24/25 SYG year will be coming to end in the next month. We'll have a yearend activity, and then all efforts will be put towards the mission trip. If you're interested in playing golf in the mission trip fund raiser, please see the brochure in the Augustinian or the bulletins. The golf outing will be on June 6th. The mission trip will be from July 19th to the 25th.

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 in future years. 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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One Dream
MISSION TEAM



**11th
ANNUAL**

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**

**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**

**\$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



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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 \$ _____

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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.

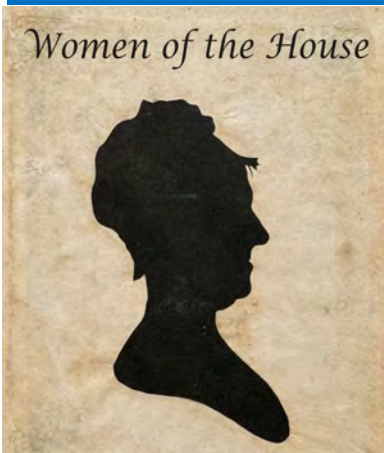
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Historic Trappe

Women of the House



Saturday, May 10 11 am and 1 pm

Historic Trappe is proud to offer another installment of our popular new tour "Women of House," focusing on the lives, work, and sacrifice of all the women who made the Muhlenberg House function.

Join us as we tell the stories of not only the Muhlenberg women but also the indentured and enslaved laborers who lived and worked alongside them. Learn about women's responsibilities and roles within the Muhlenberg household while seeing firsthand the rooms and objects owned by the family.

Tours will be offered on May 10 starting at 11 am and 1 pm. Cost: \$10 Member, \$15 Non-Member. Advance registration is required. Each tour is limited to 8 people.

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, June 8, 2025. 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 25, 2025**

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 \$6.00 each Total: _____

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Women's Ministries

A member of Women of the ELCA

**FOURTH TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
AT 7:00 PM**

***** ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND *****

FOR MORE INFO: oharadvd@aol.com

Gracious Givers

Lay Reader Message

Eternal Treasures

An old epitaph reads, "What I gave, I have; what I spent, I had; what I kept, I lost."

Obviously this person had much wisdom. He realized that, during his life, only that which was given to the Lord had any lasting value. The things he had purchased while alive were used up and gone, and the possessions he owned at death were of no good to him then.

Speaking to this subject, Jesus said in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Jesus said that treasures on earth would not last. The cars we buy will become dented and end up in the junkyard. The clothes we wear will wear out. Jesus said that we are to store up treasures in heaven or as the epitaph reads, "What I gave, I have." How do we store up treasures in heaven? When we give cheerfully and generously to God through our churches, we store up treasures in heaven. What are these treasures? Well, what is the only thing that goes to Heaven? Is it gold and silver? Maybe stocks and bonds? How about that car or mansion? No! The treasure is people! God is blessed and honored through our faithful giving because, through it, the Gospel is preached and taught and souls are saved.

In a quote from Joe Seaborn we read:

"In a real sense, giving to the cause of Christ is nothing more or less than laying aside eternal investments so that when we stand before Christ in heaven, we have gold, silver, and precious stones that we have been laying at his feet all along. The crown that we talk about laying at his feet will just be one more thing that we give, our final offering, in a long string of offerings that began long before."

May God grant us the wisdom and then the strength to store up for ourselves treasures in heaven rather than treasures here on earth.



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.

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.

2025 Vestry		
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May Birthdays

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4	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 Dianne Scelza	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 Kuklentz Pat Mancuso Mya Schiller Riley Schmidt	29	30 Anita Halteman Dustin Keim Mason Stephan	31 James DeNucci Ethelyn Perkins