

# Augustinian

## Augustus Lutheran Church

### An Historic Church for Today's People

NOVEMBER 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022, our Guest Preacher is our own Reverend Dr. Martha Kriebel. This is also WELCA Thanksoffering Sunday, so the Brick Church Nave will be decorated with the quilts made this year to give warmth those in need.

On Sunday, November 13, 2022, following the 10:30 AM Service, we will have our Congregational Meeting and lunch in Fellowship Hall. Since we no longer have a Ministerium Thanksgiving Service due to lack of attendance, we will focus on the theme of Thanksgiving that day, singing hymns appropriate to Thanksgiving.

Advent begins on the last Sunday of November (27<sup>th</sup>). Lutherans have had a particular devotion to Advent as a time of preparation for Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth. Even in the most secularized parts of Lutheran Europe, the churches are full on the first Sunday of Advent as people seek to make a good start to the preparations for celebrating Christmas. Why not make a special effort to join us on this day as we try to focus our own lives of the things that matter most.

May Almighty God bless you and hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Weleck



### Congregational Meeting Part II

November 13 11:30 am

Join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch and our Annual Meeting. This meeting includes Vestry Elections as well as our Annual Budget presentation and approval. As members of Augustus, it is important that we attend these meetings—the topics are of vital importance to our Congregation.

And there's lunch! Please plan to attend this meeting!

FOR THOSE WHO WE HOLD CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS AT CHRISTMAS

a free gift and token of remembrance and hope

Advent  
Remembrance  
Doves

Nov. 27  
8:00 & 10:30 AM

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# From the Bench

November 2022

Dear friends,

Welcome to the “loft” to our new handbell choir member, Alanna Jessee! We now have a full three-octave table of ringers!

Thank you for your donations in honor of Pastor Fluck. At this writing, there is still one more week left to donate, so I will have a total for the next newsletter.

Due to our boiler issue, and in conversation with Leesa Shunk, I decided to postpone the memorial concert for Alan Shunk (previously scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>). I’m hoping to reschedule in the spring.

On Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, Augustus is hosting members of the Philadelphia Bronze Handbell Ensemble, who will be presenting a workshop open to all bell choirs and ringers. It will be a day of massed ringing and smaller workshops, and a mini-concert by the Philadelphia Bronze.

Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the Brick Church. I have secured a professional string quartet (Blue Line Quartet); Melissa, Connor, and Gavin Elison will play handbells; Ali Backlund will be the flutist; Jonathan Mueller will play percussion instruments, and I will be directing. If you’d like to sing for the concert (or you have family or friends who would), there will be three community rehearsals on Sunday afternoons: November 27, December 4, and December 11, from 2pm – 3:30 pm (December 11<sup>th</sup>’s rehearsal will be followed by the concert). There will be a light reception after the concert. You won’t want to miss this one, so I hope to see you and your friends and family there!



~Laurie Mueller



## Altar Guild Help Wanted

Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change and adjust the paraments, prepare the Holy Communion elements, place and remove the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. Are you interested in helping?

No experience required! We’ll train you!  
Contact Deb Scholl at [Scholld@aol.com](mailto:Scholld@aol.com).

## THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family,

I wish to thank all for their cards, prayers, thoughts, flowers, and well wishes, especially the visit from Reverend Martha. We had a delightful visit.

I am doing better and getting stronger each day.

Thanks to all.

Dorothy Opperman



For questions about this event or to place your reservations,  
contact: [brian.ohara24@gmail.com](mailto:brian.ohara24@gmail.com)

# 1st Annual Christmas Decorating Party

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## PREPARE AUGUSTUS LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS



**17**  
DECEMBER  
SATURDAY



at  
**9:30**

am

- ★ Help decorate the facilities of the church, both inside and outside
- ★ Lunch and Christmas Treats will be provided
- ★ Look for the sign-up sheet in the Muhlenberg Center

A social outing for all congregants, family, & friends of Augustus



**PRESENTS**

# **Handbell Workshop!**

**Saturday, November 12, 2022**

**at**

**Augustus Lutheran Church**

**717 W Main Street, Trappe, PA 19426**

**9am–3pm**

**With Massed Ringing, Classes taught by members  
of the Ensemble, and a Mini-Concert by  
Philadelphia Bronze Handbell Ensemble  
(for Level 1 and 2 choirs)**

**Registration and Set-up begins at 8:15am. Lunch is on your own  
from 12-1245pm with mini-concert at 1245-115pm**

**Cost:**

**\$30 for ringers**

**\$20 for non-ringing directors.**

**Contact Sarah Hazel for more  
information!**

**484.716.3892 or  
shazel2@outlook.com**



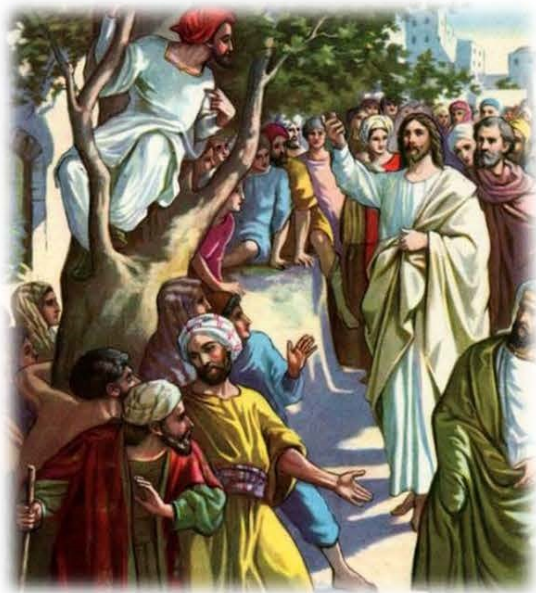
# Graceful Generosity

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

Stewardship begins with gratitude ... gratitude for who we are in Christ, gratitude for the salvation he has won for us on the Cross, and gratitude for who he is and all his gifts to us. As stewards, we recognize that we are completely dependent on God for all we have and need and that, as we offer thanks for God's gifts, we also strive to use them in ways that please him.

## Testing your knowledge of Scripture

Can you identify who from Scripture is in the Sycamore tree?



If you said Zacchaeus, you were right. Do you remember how Jesus changed his life and his attitude toward his wealth (Luke 19:1-9)? Prior to meeting Jesus and experiencing Jesus' love and the forgiveness of his sins, he lived for his money. After Jesus changed his heart, Zacchaeus lived to please the Lord. This was demonstrated when he gave away half of what he owned to the poor and four times the amount to those he had cheated. Are you handling your resources in such a way as to reflect a relationship with Jesus?

## Does God Need Stewards?

As stewards, we acknowledge God as the creator and owner of all things. What God has entrusted to us, we are to manage for him according to God's purpose. Because we are merely caretakers of God's property, we, through our giving, are simply returning to God what he has already given to us. The Psalmist wrote, "... every animal of the forest is [his] and the cattle on a thousand hills" (Psalm 50:10). With God's vast resources, God does not need our offerings. "I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens" (Psalm 50:9).

Neither are we sharing "our" talents. Those, too, are gifts from God. The most eloquent preacher cannot work faith in the heart of the believer (1 Corinthians 12:3). The most skilled doctor cannot heal (Psalm 103:3). Each believer possesses at least one gift to be used serving others, but these gifts "he has received" (1 Peter 4:10) from God's gracious hand.

Does God need our gifts to accomplish his will? Did He need Moses' staff to part the Red Sea or Joshua's army to fell Jericho? Hardly! Does God need the preacher or teacher to impart his Word or the researcher to find a cure for cancer? Not really. "For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength" (1 Corinthians 1:25).

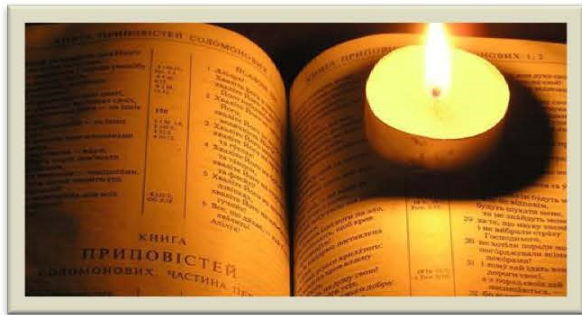
Even time is something over which we have no control. "My times are in your hands" (Psalm 31:15). We cannot choose the time of our births or our deaths (Hebrews 9:27). James tells us that all our plans are boasting and bragging. He wrote, "Instead you ought to say, 'If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that'" (James 4:14-16).

God is not bound by time. *“For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night”* (Psalm 90:4).

No, God does not need our money, our gifts, or our time. However, we are privileged to be chosen by God to be his stewards. God has called us to give of “our” resources, “our” money, gifts, and time.

He calls us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, provide hospitality to the stranger, clothe the needy, and care for the prisoner (Matthew 25:38-40). We are to comfort as we have been comforted (Luke 11:4).

Let us, as stewards in this age, humbly consider the privilege God has given us by calling us to serve others with his gifts.



### Being Stewards of God’s Light

As God changes night into day, so he brings us out of spiritual darkness into his light. *“You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light”* (Psalm 18:28).

As God’s redeemed people, we find courage in the words of Psalm 27:1, *“The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?”* God’s light outshines all other light: His light guides us, his light protects us, and his light saves us.

Being a light means more than going to church. It means more than busyness in church work. Being a light means to share Jesus so

others will come to know Christ as the way, the truth, and the life.

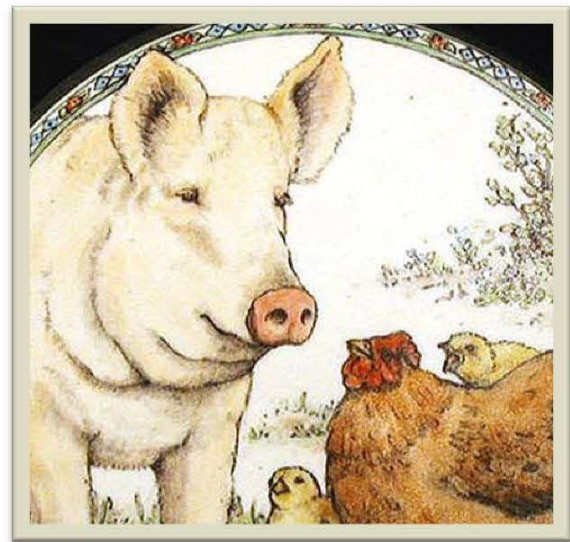
### A Stewardship Illustration

A pig and a hen were strolling amicably down the street when they saw a sign in a lunchroom window reading:

DELICIOUS HAM AND EGGS.

“Isn’t it grand,” said the hen, “that together we can give human beings something that delights them?”

The pig frowned, “Yes,” he said, “but you’re giving out of surplus; for me, giving is a real sacrifice.”



From that point of view, most of us have not reached the point of sacrificial giving. At times God asks us to give until we can truly feel the giving. Giving sacrificially usually includes one of the following:

- † *A rearrangement of priorities.*
- † *A change in lifestyle.*
- † *A forfeiture of something valued.*

***Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!***

# Augustus Women of the ELCA

## Thankoffering / Quilt & Afghan Sunday

"...gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings"

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

guest preacher: **The Rev. Martha B. Kriebel, D.D**

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Followed by a Traditional Hymn Sing

Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

4:00 PM @ St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

3104 Main St, Green Lane PA 18054

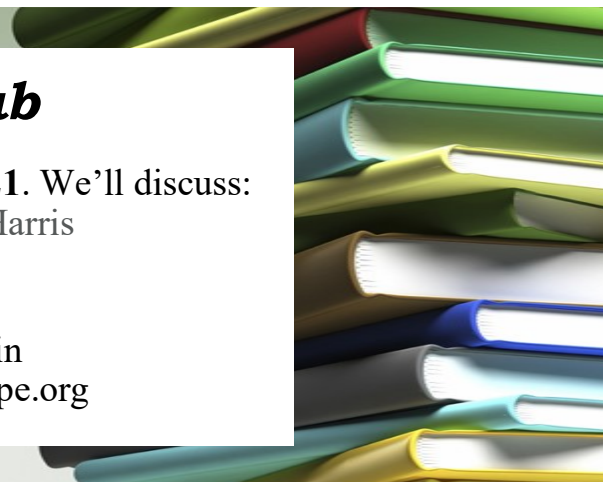


## **Augustus Book Club**

Our November meeting will be on November 21. We'll discuss:  
The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris

All are welcome to join us!

Questions? Contact Karen McClain  
610-489-9625 or [office@augustustrappe.org](mailto:office@augustustrappe.org)



## SENIOR YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The 2022/23 Senior Youth Group had a busy October. We made gift boxes for the freshman and sophomore alumni. We had an ice cream and bingo night for the youth and we ended the month with Trunk or Treat and a trip to Spring Mountain for a ghoulish evening.

In November we'll have our annual apple pie sale (see the order form in this issue). We'll also be going bowling as a reward for the work the youth put in making the pies from scratch.

If anyone is interested in becoming a leader in the SYG, contact one of the current leaders. New people bring new ideas and that is always appreciated.

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. Please contact any of the leaders or contact the office with a message.

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**Augustus Senior Youth Group's**  
**HOMEMADE**  
**APPLE PIE**  
**SALE**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2022**  
(after the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Service)

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

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# The Annual Thanksgiving Apple Pie Sale

Sponsored by the Senior Youth Group

Pies can be picked up on **Nov. 20** after either service or delivered by a member of the Senior Youth Group after the late service.

Pies will be frozen and baking instructions will be provided.

Orders must be placed by **Nov. 13th**

Cost: \$12.00 per pie.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pies: \_\_\_\_\_

### Select One

- After the early Service (8:00 am)
- After the late Service (10:30 am)
- Delivery (address)



Please e-mail orders to [gtwess@comcast.net](mailto:gtwess@comcast.net), place orders in offering plates or drop them off in the church office.

### Altar Servers at 10:30 am

Date	Liturgical Day	Lessons	Prayers	Communion Assistant	Altar Guild
6-Nov	All Saints	Ruth Taylor	Connor Elison	Janice Reiff	Jim Lien and Mike Van Blaricum
13-Nov	Pent 23	Jen Wentworth	Abby Gravel	Ethan DePaul	
20-Nov	Christ the King	Matthew Vera	Sonya Sowards	Sonya Sowards	All month
27-Nov	Advent I	Cheryl Camuso	Pr. Martha	Sherry Jessee	
4-Dec	Advent II	Ruth Taylor	Mike Taylor	Gary Wessner	Becky Quirk
11-Dec	Advent III	Connor Elison	Jen Wentworth	John Kochel	Becky Quirk
18-Dec	Advent IV	Abby Gravel	Cheryl Camuso	Janice Reiff	Becky Quirk
	Lessons & Carols				
25-Dec	** 9:30 am!	Matthew Vera	Pr. Martha	No Communion	Becky Quirk
1-Jan	Name of Jesus	Mike Taylor	Ruth Taylor	Ethan DePaul	

# Christian Education

Sunday school has begun! We're been hearing lessons about the Apostle Paul leading up to Reformation Sunday, when we will learn that Martin Luther read Paul's letter to the Romans and the Reformation began! After that we'll celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 6<sup>th</sup> and then continue with November lessons on loving others and exploring the fruits of the Spirit. There will be no Sunday school on November 27<sup>th</sup> which is Thanksgiving weekend.



3-in-1 classes have also begun with lessons about the Ten Commandments.

We held our annual Blessing of the Animals on October 2<sup>nd</sup> thanks to Pastor Martha Kriebel.

We also had a wonderful youth Sunday and Rally Day on September 18<sup>th</sup>. I viewed the service online and was so impressed by Augustus' youth.

All of these planned events have taken place even though we've had leader absences due to injuries, COVID-19 and family illnesses. This is because Augustus has a wonderful cadre of volunteers with a "can-do" attitude and a willingness to serve God wherever the need arises. I'm so thankful to the Sunday school teachers, 3-in-1 parents and Pastor Martha who have allowed us to accomplish God's work no matter what the challenges.

Thank you for all your prayers and kind words after my back injury. Please continue to keep the children and youth of Augustus in your prayers.

Grace & peace,

Sonya Sowards  
Director of Christian Education



**Blessing of the Animals! October 2022**

# 2022 Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer Phone: 610-715-4850  
 412 Dartmoor Road E-mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com  
 Schwenksville, Pa. 19473

**ORDER DEADLINE: Sunday, December 11, 2022**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT INFO: \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
RED	_____ @ \$11.00 ea	_____
WHITE	_____ @ \$11.00 ea	_____

Check One:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my plants after the 9:00 P.M. Service 12/24.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please distribute my plants to others.

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Joe Firth	<b>2</b> Diane Krasley	<b>3</b> Maura Cunningham	<b>4</b> John Kochel Mary Saylor	<b>5</b> Clifford Sifton
<b>6</b> Brandon Barish Lillian Catagnus Edward Cushine Jim Herr Nate Long Minetta O'Boyle Jeffrey Whitman	<b>7</b> Hazel Giera Richard Opperman	<b>8</b> Ruth Frazier Lily Rode	<b>9</b> Lorna DePaul Isaiah House Landon Pribbernow	<b>10</b> Mike Van Blaricum Summer Watts Tristan Watts	<b>11</b> Douglas Cornish Curt Reiser Beth Vida	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Cheryl Ludwig	<b>14</b> David Hess	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Matthew Meeley Hogan Millheim	<b>18</b> Aubrey Collins	<b>19</b> Kevin Dubeck Brook Gabel
<b>20</b> Dolores Allebach Jacob Keim Harold Nelson	<b>21</b> Martin Sweeney	<b>22</b> Joseph Cooney Joshua Martin	<b>23</b> Sarah Interrante Sean Whitman	<b>24</b> Heather Lilienthal	<b>25</b> Marie Conver	<b>26</b> Jack Cooney Brian O'Hara Madeline Reiser
<b>27</b> Matthew Cooney Ashley Tighe	<b>28</b> Piper Clark Maira Gallagher	<b>29</b> Shirley Heist Lucas McCrea Matthew Quirk	<b>30</b>			

## November Birthdays



# Gracious Givers

## *Lay Reader Message*

### **Making a Difference**

Do you find it interesting, as I do, that God has made us different in so many ways? Looking around the church I see that some of us are short, others tall; some of us wear glasses, others don't, some of us like sports, some of us like to fish and hunt, others like computers. Some of us like and are good at music while others aren't. God has given us different interests, talents, desires, and gifts. God also gives us different careers. God made us carpenters, business people, doctors, plumbers, teachers, etc. We don't look or sound alike, but as Christians we do have much in common. As God's children, we believe that he has created us and loves us so much that he sent his son to die for each of us. We know that God calls and knows us by name, and we are united in our faith.

As God's people, we also have a common task as Ephesians 4:12 states, *"that the body of Christ may be built up."* God in his infinite wisdom allows us to choose how to serve him best. As we contemplate how best we can serve the Lord, it is good to remember that God will empower us so we can faithfully use our God-given talents for his kingdom. God didn't make us and give us so much without giving us, as well, the ability to make a difference in our church, community, and the world. God will always equip us for the tasks he gives us to do. Think of the account of the tongue-tied Moses whom God equipped to be the leader of a vast nation. Study the life of David, an obscure shepherd boy, whom God prepared to be king. Marvel at God's patience with Gideon who asked for test after test before he was confident enough to undertake the task God entrusted him. We might find new situations and challenges to be a bit risky or uncomfortable, but just as God was with Moses, David, and Gideon, he will be with us all the way. With God's help, we will find ways our time and talents can make a difference.

Ephesians 4:16 reads, *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."* It is important and essential that we do our parts to support the body of Christ. We could easily compare this to a basketball team, which requires the contribution of each player. The guards need to bring the ball down the court, run the offense, make the correct passes and contribute in scoring. The forwards need to rebound and score, along with the center. All of the positions have to contribute on defense. Each team members plays a unique role and is valuable to the team. If one of them fails to contribute, the whole team suffers. We each have a part to contribute on God's team. We can be effective in reaching the unchurched and building up the church when we all contribute. God gives us talents and gifts so we can use them to his glory in his church. When we let God work through us, we can make a difference.

## A Time for Thanksgiving

In Psalm 100:4 the psalmist gives thanks and praise to God. It's Thanksgiving! But how can you keep the focus of the festival on giving thanks? Here are some ways to involve the entire family in getting ready for the feast while counting their blessings.

Making place cards is a way to involve even preschoolers in getting ready for Thanksgiving. Fold in half index cards. (They come in some festive colors). Apply a sticker or two for more color. Older children can write a short message of thanks on each person's card. Messages might say: "Thanks for being Matt's friend" or "You're the greatest, Grandma!" Save some stickers to decorate paper napkins.

Stage a family puppet play. Supply paper bags or old socks, glue, markers, and yarn or fabric scraps to make simple hand puppets. For script ideas, have the puppets tell for whom and what they want to give thanks. If you have access to a video camera, film the puppet play for viewing after the meal. A great way to share Thanksgiving's blessings would be to send a copy of the video to shut-ins or to relatives who live far away.

Say "thank you, God, for the birds" by providing a thanksgiving feast for the birds. String popped corn on thread, or spread peanut butter on a pine cone or spoon it into individual egg carton cups. Sprinkle bird seed over the peanut butter. Attach a yarn loop to each treat and hang them from trees.

Ask each person to show one object and tell how that object reminds them of a gift, skill, or talent for which that person is thankful. Suggested objects include: a pen, baseball, ice skate, sheet music, and so forth. Group these items in the center of the table as a "Thankful Cornucopia" table decoration. (If you are unable to collect objects, ask each person to draw or write something for which they are thankful on a small piece of writing paper. Discuss what each person identifies.)

Ask each family member to hold up the object or picture they added to the "Thankful Cornucopia" described above. Together, thank God for the blessing that object symbolizes.

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Give Thanks!



# OLD TRAPPE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Featuring the watercolor by local artist Julia Longacre  
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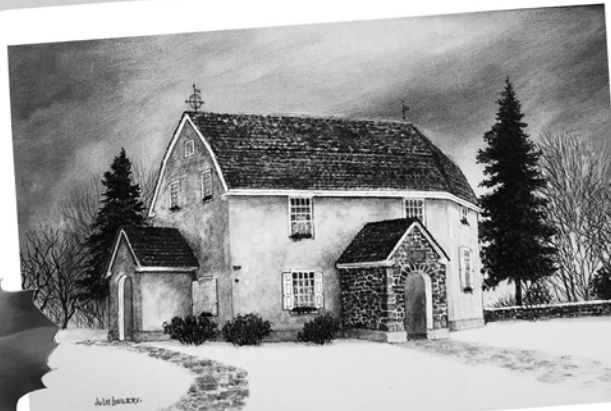
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# Women's Ministries

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**

## **HELPING HANDS WORK GROUPS!**

### **Quilting**



We now have quilting packs available in the Muhlenberg Center.

The pack each has 48 squares in it.

Pick a pack out of the Basket on the table.

Sew the squares into a Quilt top.

Return the pack to the bin under the table.

Each quilt top will then be used to make a quilt for Lutheran World Relief.

Each pack has instructions, and a contact email address if you have any questions.

Quilting meets the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of each month from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. In October Quilting will meet on Wednesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Knit & Crochet**



Do you like to Knit or Crochet? You don't need any more Afghans or sweaters?

Helping Hand collects knitted and crocheted 7" x 9" inch blocks that are sewn together into Afghans. We also collect completed Afghans.

The completed full-sized Afghans should about 49" X 56" (about the same size as the top of a double bed).

Baby Afghans should be about 36" X 36" or 36" X 45" in pastel colors.

Place blocks and Afghans in the basket in the Muhlenberg Center. Please contact me if you need any yarn at [jandmstuffle@verizon.net](mailto:jandmstuffle@verizon.net).

Knitting 'n Crochet meets the second and fourth Monday of each Month from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. In October knitting 'n Crochet will meet on Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>.

# TRAPPE CHARMS

CHARMING CHARMS FROM THE TINY TOWN OF TRAPPE

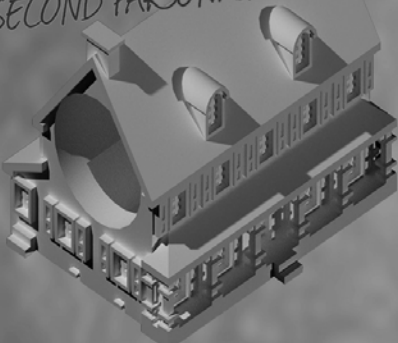
## NEW TRAPPE "PANDORA STYLE" CHARM

**Anticipated Release Date:** Sport your local pride with monuments of the local landmarks. The charms are made from sterling silver and are designed by a local artist. A new charm is currently in the design process. The charm will be the second parsonage and current parsonage of Augustus. The charms are made of sterling silver and they make a great gift. We are anticipating it to be released around Thanksgiving weekend and in time for the Christmas season. Look for additional details to come. Additional charms will be released in the future. However, you can still get any one of the charms we released in the past, such as the famous Old Trappe Church charm or the Augustus Brick Church Charm. We also have several charms designed for the Augustus Women's Ministry. A limited supply of charms is on hand at any giving time. If you are interested in purchasing a charm, please reach out to Brian O'Hara at [brian.ohara24@gmail.com](mailto:brian.ohara24@gmail.com) or stop by Augustus Lutheran Church on Sundays for the 10:30 and ask for Brian. Proceeds benefit Augustus Outreach Ministries.


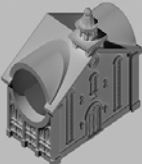

**NEW RELEASE!!!**  
COMING SOON!  
SECOND PARSONAGE CHARM!!!

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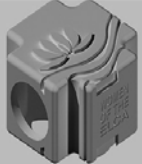

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## AUGUSTUS CHARMS PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHURCH OUTREACH

 Old Trappe Church \$80	Church Well	First Schoolhouse	First Parsonage	First Muhlenberg House
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## WOMEN OF ELCA CHARMS PROCEEDS BENEFIT AUGUSTUS WOMEN OF ELCA

 Women of ELCA Logo \$85	 Just Love Logo \$85			
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*A Great Christmas Gift!*

*October 2022*  
Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson  
ELCA Global Personnel

Dear Augustus Lutheran Church,

We enter into a season of leaving and coming.

Last month we said goodbye to Dr. Andrew Mwanjonde (see below), a gifted Tanzanian doctor who we trained, supported and sent off for further training in pediatrics. Andrew worked with us for nearly 4 years as both intern and then in our department as a medical officer (registrar). He now leaves to begin a formal 3-year pediatric residency program at the University of Nairobi, while his wife and two small children remain behind in Tanzania.

He is hardworking, thoughtful, committed to kids, and eager to learn. He will make an incredible pediatrician for this country. We will miss Andrew, his team-work, and his care of children in our hospital. And we long to see him return back, knowing he has so much to offer children in Tanzania.



**NEONATOLOGY  
CONFERENCE 2022**



This October, we will be leading likely the largest Neonatology training conference ever held in East Africa.

We have nearly 250 doctors and nurses registered for this conference, arriving from 9 countries and 70+ hospitals. A team of 30 neonatologists, pediatricians, and NICU nurses will be arriving from across Tanzania and USA/Canada to help our ALMC team conduct this conference.

This is the 2nd year we are hosting *Tiny Feet, Big Steps-- Advancing Care of Critically Ill and Premature Babies in East Africa*. This year, it is considerably bigger and longer than last year. It is an example of **coming**: Tanzania, Malawi, Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Malawi, Somaliland, and Ethiopia. All to learn about caring for hospitalized newborns.

**Lastly**, In August, we published an article in *Frontiers in Pediatrics*, Research Topic on Neonatal Health in Low- and Middle- Income Countries (<https://doi.org/10.3389/fped.2022.958628>).

It is our unique story, and how we achieved a 92% survival rate for the sickest and smallest of babies, through adopting a decidedly low-tech approach that emphasizes nursing and physician culture.

As many of you know, this has been an exceptionally difficult year, with so many losses, departures, a rapidly changing hospital and uncertain future. We are grateful for your ongoing support and celebrate the leaving and coming: a talented doctor who begins his pediatric residency in Nairobi, and a conference that will attract learners and teachers from across the continent.

We embrace the leaving and coming, and the blessing of goodbyes and hellos.

**Steve & Jodi**

Care of hospitalized newborns and children, and training of doctors and nurses, is supported through your donations.

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**Atukuzwe** - born 14 weeks premature 26 weeks gestation, weighing only 790 grams (1.7 lbs). In 2016, when she was born we were just learning about the importance of prolonged skin-to-skin (kangaroo care), as a means to help premature babies grow faster. Each day, Atukuzwe spent hours nestled directly against her mother, while connected to her breathing support.

Today, she is 6 years old She reminds us of why we work tirelessly, in caring and teaching.



#### A CHANCE AT SURVIVAL

Led by American pediatricians Dr. Stephen Swanson and Dr. Derrick Matthews, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre sends home over 340 premature and critically ill babies every year, many of whom would not have survived otherwise.

With a full range of advanced newborn support and one nurse per 2-4 babies, the NICU is able to achieve a survival rate of >92%, with 90% of preterm babies surviving. Babies born <1500 grams (3 lbs-4 oz) survive through the basics of low-tech respiratory support (bubble CPAP), pulmonary surfactant administration, thermoregulation and proper nutrition. This outcome represents among the highest level of care available in Tanzania, with outcomes rarely seen in East Africa.

Most of this NICU care is provided for free or heavily subsidized rates. No baby is ever turned away because of family finances. Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre's NICU annual budget is less than the cost of treating a single baby in an American NICU for three weeks.

At a cost to donors of \$75 per neonate per day, each donation can help the team grow their impact, and give more mothers the joy of taking home a healthy baby.





## NOVEMBER 2022

*As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit - we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society, and the world.*

### **Women of the ELCA Upcoming Events:**

Mark your calendars & plan to attend! All are welcome!

1. **Augustus' Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday** will be held on November 6, 2022, at both the 8:00am & 10:30am church worship services. The Rev. Martha B. Kriebel, D.D., Honorary Assistant at Augustus, will be our guest preacher. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend. You won't want to miss this service!!

This year, we will have an **EXCITING PIECE OF HISTORY** on display in the Muhlenberg Center. It is an Antique Quilt on loan from the Historical Society of Montgomery County and according to information posted on the Society's Facebook page, it once belonged to Paul Luther Yount. He was a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church on DeKalb St. in Norristown in the early 1800s. He was also affiliated with Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe.

The quilt is signed by many people, with some people signing "Trappe 1842" underneath their name. These types of signature quilts were popular in the 19th century. They were often made for fundraisers or gifts for people who were moving out of the area. It is believed that this quilt was made by locals living in Trappe and who may have been members of Augustus Lutheran Church. This occasion will be a wonderful opportunity to see a piece of Augustus history up close! Please plan to attend.



Also on this day quilts and afghans will be on display that were handcrafted by Augustus' Women of the ELCA Hearts & Hands Committee. The quilts will be given to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to the less fortunate in countries all over the world. The full-sized afghans will be taken to Laurel House, a shelter for abused women and children, in Norristown, and the baby afghans will be taken to the Genesis Pregnancy Care Center in Pottstown. The prayer blankets will be given to either Doylestown Hospital for end of life patients, or to Holy Redeemer Hospital for mothers who lost their babies. Producing Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts, afghans for Laurel House & Genesis Pregnancy Care Center, and prayer blankets for Doylestown and Holy Redeemer Hospitals is a tangible way to express love to our neighbors in need. Quilts can be used as warm bedding, simple tents or floor coverings while the afghans provide a level of personal comfort and care. Each one reflects God's loving presence in a world with suffering. Many thanks to everyone who have contributed to this ministry over the past year. If you would like to get involved and be connected to this global Christian family, you are always welcome to join the quilters, knitters, and crocheters of Augustus. The Hearts and Hands Quilting Group meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month in room 24 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM, and the Hearts and Hands Knitting/Crocheting Group meets the second and fourth Monday nights of each month in room 20 from 7:00 PM to 9:00PM. If you prefer to support the Quilting group in the comfort of your own home, we now have quilting packs, each containing 48 squares, available in the Muhlenberg Center: Pick a pack out of the basket on the table, sew the squares into a quilt top, and return the pack to the bin under the table. Each quilt top will then be used to make a quilt for Lutheran World Relief. Each pack has instructions and a contact email address for questions. If you wish to help the Knitting/Crocheting group from the comfort of your own home, 7" x 9" blocks can be either crocheted or knitted and placed in the designated basket in the Muhlenberg Center. They are also collecting full-sized afghans 49" x 56", baby afghans 36" x 36" or 36" x 45" in pastel colors, and prayer blankets 2'-3' wide by 3'-4' long in any color or 60" x 50" in pastel colors. If you need yarn, please contact Mildred Stuffle at [jandmstuffle@verizon.net](mailto:jandmstuffle@verizon.net).

In honor of Thankoffering, envelopes will be distributed for your donation. Contributions support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA programs, resources, leadership training, and operational expenses. All the money collected will be sent directly to the churchwide organization of the Women of the ELCA. Any gift would be greatly appreciated and we hope you will prayerfully consider making a donation. Make checks payable to "Augustus Women of the ELCA". Please be generous! Thankofferings show gratitude for God's blessings and hope for all that is to come. They give us an important and tangible way to express that gratitude and hope. When significant or ordinary moments happen, it is our way of saying "thank you" to God!

## NOVEMBER 2022 *continued...*

2. **The Upper Montgomery Conference Bible Study** will be continuing the session called “Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith” written by the Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. The Bible study can be found in the Gather Magazine. This session offers participants new perspectives on the character of God and ways to deepen our stewardship of God’s creation. This month we will be finishing up session 2 of this Bible Study on “Soil”, which creates a connection on how dirt shows up in Scripture nearly as much as it does in our lives. The subsequent session 3 on “Creatures” – offers us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat protection, food justice and the model of trust. This study will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at the home of Kitty Pell’s, 1653 Orlando Rd, Pottstown (610-326-3923). Kitty is also the Study Leader. Coffee & treats begin at 9:45am and the Bible study begins at 10:00am. Bring your Bible and your September/October & November/December issues of the “Gather” magazine. If you need a ride, please contact Dale O’Hara. Please RSVP as space is limited.
3. **Augustus’ Congregational Meeting & Luncheon** will be held on Sunday, November 13 following the 10:30am church service to elect Vestry members and to vote on the proposed budget for 2023. A quorum of 50 members is mandatory per our constitution. Please plan to attend and show your support. A luncheon will be hosted by Augustus’ Women of the ELCA.

The Women of the ELCA is a dynamic and relevant organization. This autumn, Women/ELCA will be showing their gratitude thru Thankofferings and Katie’s Fund. With this organization comes many opportunities to connect with other women thru Café (an online young adult publication), Bold Connections (a monthly e-newsletter), Daily Grace (a daily message that comes directly into your email), and the Gather magazine. There’s so much to learn and share. This organization is open to all women. Try it out!!! If you are interested in supporting, sharing, and promoting this organization, please contact Dale O’Hara at 610-489-0417 or join us for Committee Night on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in Augustus’ Chapel.

### **Spring/Summer Events of 2023:** Mark your calendars now!

1. **WELCA Twelfth Triennial Convention/Gathering**  
September 19, 2023 - September 24, 2023– Phoenix, Ariz.  
Theme: “Just Love”  
Registration and more information will be available soon.



### **Your 2022 Purchases Can Support Augustus Ministries:**

1. **Support WELCA through iGive!** Get a free iGive.com account so that Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA can earn money every time you shop online. Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA is registered with iGive. It’s free and easy! <https://www.iGive.com/LRJOkOr>



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- Select your cause: Augustus Lutheran Church – Women of the ELCA
- Download the app or Button to shop at over 1900 stores
- Shop online and your cause earns money at no cost to you

## 2. Support WELCA through AmazonSmile!

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**Please continue to Save the Following Items** and place them in the appropriate box located in the Muhlenberg Center: Redner's Tapes, eyeglasses, and your old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods.

Regarding the collection of old smartphones/cell phones/ipads/ipods, please do not include chargers or other accessories. If you are recycling an iPhone, please turn off "Find My iPhone". Go to settings > iCloud, turn off "Find My iPhone".



## Schedule Of Events

- Nov 1: Upper Montg Conference Bible Study @ Kitty Pell's Home, Pottstown – 9:45am  
Topic: "Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith"  
Finishing session 2, "Soil" and commencing with session 3, "Creatures"  
Study Leader: Kitty Pell
- 2: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 6: Thankoffering/Quilt & Afghan Sunday – Rev. Martha B. Kriebel, D.D., Honorary Assistant at Augustus, will be our guest preacher @ 8:00am & 10:30am worship services
- 13: Augustus' Congregational Meeting & Luncheon 11:30am
- 14: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus
- 15: Hearts and Hands Quilting Workshop 9:30am @ Augustus
- 22: Augustus' Committee Night in the Chapel 7:00pm
- 24: Happy Thanksgiving!
- 28: Knitting 'N Crochet Group 7:00pm @ Augustus

...Dale O'Hara....