



## St. Augustine Episcopal Church

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**November, 2024**

Hello St. Augustine's family;

If it's fall, it must be stewardship time. This is when the church asks its members to evaluate how they can give to the church. Although most folks think this is about money, it isn't totally. A church serves its purpose when its members give to the church in forms of time, talent, and treasure. A church needs this balance to serve efficiently. We do tend to think of our needs as being financial.

With the theme of "We're in This Together," we ask you to evaluate how you can support St. Augustine's financially as well as with your time, talent and treasure. As we prepare for next years' schedules and budget, please consider how much you can give St. Augustine's financially, as well as your own gifts. You will have received pledge cards at church or in the mail. Please return the cards by Sunday, Nov. 17.

One side of the card asks how you can give of your time and talent to St. Augustine's; and the other, what you will pledge financially to the church.

We are also asking you to answer the following questions, you may do so anonymously, and we may share them within our church family.

The questions are:

- 1) Why do you attend St. Augustine's?
- 2) How do you feel when you attend a service?
- 3) What does church (St. Augustine's) mean to you?

Please return your responses to the church by Sunday, November 10. There are baskets at the back of church, and in the Guild Hall, in which to deposit them; or they can be mailed to the church.

“We’re in This Together,” is the theme we have chosen for this year’s stewardship campaign. This is so fitting, because we have learned that we really do a lot of ministries and sharing of Jesus when we work together.

Blessings,

*Mother Meredith*

### **All Souls Day**

All Souls’ Day is a busy one this year in the Episcopal Church.

It is the day that will be the investiture of Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe, who will be installed as the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. The actual service begins at 10 a.m. (Central time); but there will be some pre-events and preludes that begin at 8:30 a.m. The event will be live-streamed so that everyone who wants to, is able to watch.

As communion is being offered to the folks attending the installation in person, I will consecrate the host and wine and distribute it to our folks at the same time.

The names of our dearly departed will be read at some point during the service; and again on Sunday. Our “watch party” will begin at 8:30 a.m. There will be British style brunch snacks to munch on, and of course, coffee, tea and water. Please sign up in the guild hall, to give us an idea of how many people to expect. If you aren’t able to sign up, you are still welcome to attend.

### **Veteran’s Dinner**

The Veteran’s Day dinner is creeping up on us. It will be held November 9 at St. Augustine’s. The program begins at 4 pm and dinner will follow.

Our guest speaker is Craig Lau (retired, Army). Dinner will be catered. There is no charge to attend. Donations are accepted and funds raised will be sent to Disabled American Veterans for accessibility remodeling of veterans’ homes.

Please RSVP by November 1 by emailing [staugvetdinner@gmail.com](mailto:staugvetdinner@gmail.com) or call the church, 715-420-0066. If you wish to include veteran’s names in the roll call, please do so by November 1 via the above email or phone number.

If you wish to share pictures of your veterans, please bring them to church on or before Friday, November 8 as we will be setting up and decorating at 10:00 a.m. that day.

Please see the signup sheets in the guild hall for ways you can help with this special evening! We will meet again on November 3 after church to finalize plans, so feel free to join us.

### **Ecumenical Music Festival**

The annual Ecumenical Music Festival will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 10 at Nativity Catholic Church. The festival will feature music by groups and individuals from area churches, and general community participants.

Free-will donations, and proceeds from a chili supper will benefit NAMI, Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence, and The Boys and Girls Club. Members of St. Augustine's have been asked to contribute baked goods. Three people are also needed to help with cleanup. There is a signup sheet available in the Guild Hall.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

The Community Thanksgiving Eve service will be Wednesday, November 27 at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine's. You are invited to bring food or cash donations for the Food Pantry.

### **Christmas is Coming**

**Sunday, Dec. 22: Greening of the Church.** Immediately following the morning service.

**Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve.** Hymn sing at 6:30 p.m., followed by Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 25: Christmas Day** service, 9 a.m.

**SUNDAY:** Worship 9 a.m. by Nov. 1

The Meeting ID: 812 8610 0297. Passcode: 94205

**To connect through video:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84626513503?pwd=TTVoVWxmbExJMGZVUnhCYWNCSnhxQT09>

**To connect by telephone:**1-312-626-6799.

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### **Office Hours**

Office hours are generally 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.