

*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham*

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to God's love.~*

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Summer Dates ...

- **Wednesday, June 1** - Care-A-Lot Graduation
- **Thursday, June 2** - Ascension Day worship, 7:30 PM at St. Luke, Ferndale
- **Sunday, June 5** - PHS bacca-laureate
- **Sunday, June 12** - Pentecost
- **Tuesday, June 14** - Church Council
- **Sunday, June 19** - **SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS - Worship is at 9:30 AM**
- **Sunday, June 26 at 6 PM** - Family Movie Night
- **June 27-July 1** - Bear Creek Day Camp
- **Saturday, August 6** - Annual Beef Roast
- **August 14 - 18** - Panda Mania VBS here at Durham

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Summer 2011

What is our Purpose and Mission?

As we enter the natural season of Summer, we as the People of God, the Church, enter the Season of the Church, six months of Sundays after the great Day of Pentecost when Peter and the others experienced the risen Lord, and when they were set on fire by the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. Fifty days after Easter, the real work began, God's work, our hands and feet and voices.

"The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and common life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

Acts 2:42-47 NRSV

And so from doubt and fear to joy and new life, those first Christians worshipped and prayed together, in community, they shared the Holy Communion and fellowshiped with one another. They taught and learned the scriptures, and they shared time and possessions with any who had needs. These activities were a response to their purpose and mission, to serve the world in the name of the Risen Christ.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in the year 2011, this is our purpose and mission, too. To follow the apostles (to be "apostolic" means to go out with the faith, not to selfishly hold it for ourselves), we too engage in **worship, Christian education and Bible study, fellowship and service**. You and I will have ample opportunities throughout the summer to participate in these marks of a Christian believer.

Worship: I plan to begin a Summer Preaching Series from the Book of Romans and to share some of Rob Bell's provocative Nooma DVD's on Sunday morning

Christian Education:

1. Panda- Mania, Vacation Bible School from August 14-18 for the younger ones among us.
2. A summer small group, Bible Study experience on the Book of Acts, "No Experience Necessary" - more details and an invitation forthcoming

Fellowship:

1. Lemonade on the Lawn, every Sunday after worship
2. Annual Beef Roast on August 6th
3. Family Movie Night, June 26th at 6:00 PM, "Jonah" movie
4. Group trip to the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball game in July

Service: Altar food baskets for the hungry in our area - we look for donors every Sunday

This is how we can devote ourselves to our Lord and to the apostles' teaching and common life. This is our purpose and mission!

~ Pastor David Deal



Don't Miss Church!

Top 10 lists are fun! You know, lists like "The Top Ten Songs of the Week" or the "Top Ten Movies of the Year." When it's time to name our children, we take a look at a list of the top ten baby names for boys or girls. There seems to be a top 10 list for just about everything you can imagine. But here is one you might not have seen before. It is a list of the Top Ten Reasons for Going to Church.

Every Sunday you have to decide whether you are going to get up and go to church. Maybe this list of the Top Ten Reasons for Going to Church will help you decide.

10. It doesn't cost anything to get in.
9. People may miss you if you don't show up.
8. There's nothing good on TV at that time of day anyway.
7. It's a great place to show off your new clothes.
6. There are great snacks at Lemonade on the Lawn after worship!
5. It's a good place to meet and visit friends.
4. Carolyn and the choir provide really cool music.
3. If you get sleepy, you can take a nap during the sermon
2. You may have a problem at home or work and may need to ask God for help.

And the #1 reason for going to church is ...

1. You might miss something really important!

Council Corner

From your Council President ...

Council struggled with a few issues at our May meeting, besides the ongoing absence of a treasurer. Privacy concerns led to a discussion of policy regarding the Church's web-site. Pastor will research any Synod guidelines. Meanwhile, it was determined that no photos or personal information such as medical issues should be posted without Pastor's approval or the consent of the person involved. We will also try to amend our registration forms for children so that parents are aware that photos are taken, and how they might be used.

Renovation of the parking lot would be highly desirable for our upcoming 200th Anniversary, but seems financially prohibitive, especially with current oil prices. Property committee will obtain a new estimate to see if it's at all feasible to bring the matter to the congregation.

The Annual Beef Roast is scheduled for August 6th, 5:30 PM at Springtown Rod and Gun Club, Dave Sauter and I are chairs. We hope all the usual hands will be on deck and perhaps a few new ones to share the work and camaraderie. As last year, half the profits are designated for the Anniversary celebration and the rest to building fund.

Vacation Bible School, "Pandamania", is planned for August 8th to 14th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., here at Durham. Donations of snacks, small bottles of water, and funds to purchase supplies, and above all, volunteers are always welcome. Helping at either of these events is a lot of fun and a great way to get to know each other.

Hmm... is this sounding suspiciously like Tom Sawyer and the fence painting story? Well, even if you can't volunteer, you can still help by getting the kids to VBS, where they will have a wonderful time and learn important lessons, and get yourself and maybe some neighbors to the Beef Roast

Council Highlights

- ◆ Plan to purchase a DVD projector and some large print hymnals
- ◆ Family movie night-Veggie Tales Jonah-6/26 @6p.m.
- ◆ Lemonade on the Lawn starts June 5th
- ◆ Services move to 9:30 a.m. June 19th
- ◆ 200th Anniversary Committee will meet June 8th at 7:30-bring your ideas

Memorial Day

Info from the Riegelsville American Legion ...

The Legionnaires of Riegelsville Post #950 will continue their tradition of paying tribute to their fallen comrades at the Durham Cemetery on Memorial Day, Sunday, May 29th at 12:00 PM.

They will march into the cemetery and hold a brief ceremony and Rifle Salute to honor their fallen comrades who paid the ultimate sacrifice. In the event of rain, a brief ceremony will be held inside the church.

Everyone is most welcome to participate.



We will again be collecting money for Church World Service for tools on Father's Day, June 19th. Please consider making a donation in any amount in memory or in honor of your father or uncle or other loved one. There has been so much trouble and destruction lately, both here and abroad the need for help is great.



At our May meeting we reviewed our mission statement and reviewed what WELCA is. Then we had some fun looking at old photographs of our members and our historical records. This meeting was in preparation for the upcoming church anniversary.

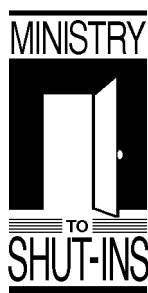
Our June meeting will be at noon on Tuesday June 14th at the Vintage Restaurant on off Morgan's Hill Road in Easton. It is a social gathering, although I will try to get us talking about our part in the upcoming anniversary. All women are invited join us. We will arrange some car pooling later.

Our August meeting will be Saturday August 27 at 10 a.m. in the church. Members have the option of working on the programs for the upcoming year or cleaning the kitchen. ALL are invited to join us for the later endeavor. For those who wish we will lunch together afterwards, probably at Muellers.

Outreach - Helen Dungan

Food: Thanks to everyone who contributed a food basket this past month and to all of you who contributed to our window sill collection.

We are going to continue collecting **canned vegetables** this summer and also **fruit juice**. But any non perishable food donation is welcome. If you have a coupon or there is a super sale on an item at the grocery store, please pick it up for the food bank.



Friendly Visitors: These are the folks who visit our shut in members. As we have had a number of deaths this year, and some folks have been added to the list, we need to revamp. We will be having a picnic lunch meeting after church at the Dungans on Sunday June 25th.to attempt to do this.

If you would be interested in becoming a visitor; if your life style has changed and you have a little more time; or if you have a friendship with someone who has become homebound please join us.

Prayer

Members of the prayer chain met for breakfast and to go over our prayer list. We removed people who had been on for over a year and also people for whom we had no contact name. If we removed a name which should not have been removed, please call Virginia Hager or Ann Wong to have the name reinstated.

We also shared some prayers of thanksgiving for those whom we removed because they were doing better.

If you put a name on the prayer chain, please let Virginia know when the name can be removed. We would like to add a celebratory category to our list for those who are getting better.

You do not need to be a member of the prayer chain to remember those listed in your prayers. This is a ministry of caring that we can all participate in.



SUMMER SEASON - The Season of the Church - Highlights

JUNE:

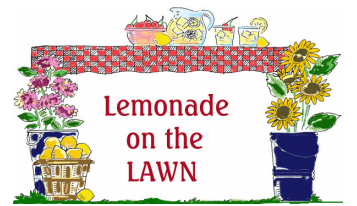
Wednesday, June 1 6:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales Graduation

Sunday, June 5 9:30 AM - Special Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM - Holy Communion - Recognition and Blessing of Palisades HS graduates
Becca Anderson, Kendall Beerer, and Nicole Crouse

11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn, hosted by Helen Dungan

Lemonade on the Lawn begins on June 5 and will continue throughout the summer. If you would like to host a Sunday and provide a cool drink and snack, look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex of the church. Lemonade on the Lawn provides us with a great way to fellowship, greet and get to know visitors and support each other in times of joy and difficulty.



7:00 PM Baccalaureate Service for the Palisades HS Class of 2011 at St. John the Baptist Church on Route 611 in Ottsville. If can you help with the reception after the service, contact Ann Wong by e-mail (ann@annwong.us) or call 610-346-6020.

Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 PM - Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting to get ready for VBS, to be held August 14-18 this summer. We need preschool teachers, shepherds, help with games, help with snacks, and more! Monetary donations for food or craft supplies can be given to Pastor Deal or Lynn Gaun. We will be making a list of other particulars items needed after the meeting. Anyone interested in helping out is invited to the June 7 meeting.

Wednesday, June 8 at 7:30 PM 200th Anniversary Planning Committee meeting - Lynn Gaun will convene the meeting to share ideas and begin to plan a series of events for 2012, our 200th anniversary of ministry. Anyone who is interested or has ideas to share is invited to participate!

Sunday, June 12 - Day of Pentecost - wear red! The Christian Church celebrates this great festival of the Spirit's power in our lives. The color for the day is red. Red flowers will adorn our worship area. Wear red to 10:30 AM worship if you can.

Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 PM - Church Council meeting

Sunday, June 19 - **SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS AT 9:30 AM** - Church Music Sunday - Father's Day - The Holy Trinity . The choir will lead us with lots of singing and special music. Church World Service "Tools of Hope" campaign donation envelopes will be placed in the bulletins by WELCA. We will celebrate fathers with Lemonade on the Lawn after worship.

Sunday, June 26 - 9:30 AM - Summer Worship followed by Lemonade on the Lawn

6:00 PM - Family Movie Nite in our air-conditioned fellowship hall, featuring the Veggie Tales Jonah movie. Some free snacks will be provided, candy will be for sale.

June 26 - July 1 - Palisades Lutheran Cluster's 4th Annual Bear Creek Day Camp at St Peter's in Riegelsville. See the full page flyer for more details.

JULY/AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Please see separate article/flyers about the following summer camps and VBS offered by other churches in our area:

July 11-15, from 9 AM to 3 PM - Vacation Bible School at Christ Lutheran in Springtown

July 17-23, 6:30-8:45 PM "Hometown Nazareth" VBS at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley

July 25-20, 9 AM to 3 PM - Music & Art Camp at Christ Lutheran, Springtown

Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00 PM - Care-A-Lot School Board Meeting

Saturday, August 6 at 5:30 PM - Annual Beef Roast at the Springtown Rod & Gun Club - more details to follow. As always, dozens of helpers are needed for publicity, shopping, planning, preparation, baking, serving, and clean-up. **Mark the date on your calendar now!**

Sunday, August 14 - Thursday, August 18 - PANDA-MANIA Vacation Bible School - Where God is wild about you! 2011 VBS is jointly sponsored by Durham and St. Peter's, with Durham hosting this year. VBS is for all children ages 3 through 11, and will run from 6:30-8:30 PM each evening. See the 1 page flyer for details.

Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley

We are taking a journey back to Bible times ... without leaving our Church!!!

Hang out in Jesus' hometown Nazareth and find out what life was like when Jesus was a kid. Stop in at Mary's house (Jesus' mom) for storytelling, enjoy a snack at the Food Market, shop and make crafts in our Marketplace Shops and sing praises in our Celebration gatherings.

Plan to be in Hometown Nazareth from **Sunday, July 17 through Friday, July 23**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2170 Route 212, Coopersburg, PA 18036. VBSA runs from 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM and classes are planned for children ages 4 through 6th grade. There will also be a 3 year old parent/child program this year.

Registration is going on now. The forms can be downloaded from our website: www.trinitypleasantvalley.com. Sign up even if you cannot join us every night. Your registration is greatly appreciated by July 1st. Please call 610-346-7282 or email freegrace@verizon.net with any questions.



JUNE	5 *	12*	19*	26
Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Steven Streletz	Katie Aquino	Clayton Leichliter	Alaina Agar
Greeter(s)	The Mueller Family	Linda and David Sauter	Carole Ulmer	Gerry and Don Seipt
Lector(s)	Barbara Naska	Val McGinn	Helen Dungan	Joe Hlavaty
Council Communion Assistants	Helen Dungan and Val McGinn	Helen Dungan and Val McGinn	Helen Dungan and Val McGinn	No Communion
Counters	Helen Dungan and Val McGinn	* Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.		
Head Usher	George Kreitz			
Altar Guild	Linda and David Sauter			

JULY	3 *	10	17 *	24	31
Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Alaina Apgar	Katie Aquino	Corinne Ashmore	Clayton Leichliter	Steven Streletz
Greeter(s)	Lynn Gaun	Karen Rilling	Gladys Nicholas	Althea Crouse	Norma Fox
Lector(s)	Tom Gaun	Linda Sauter	Joan Mammana	Carolyn Williams	Norma Fox
Council Communion Assistants	George Kreitz and Barbara Naska	No communion	George Kreitz and Barbara Naska	No communion	No communion
Counters	George Kreitz and Barbara Naska	* Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.			
Head Usher	Tom Gaun				
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson and Beth Ross				

AUGUST	7*	14	21 *	28
Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Sharron Streletz	Alaina Apgar	Katie Aquino	Corinne Ashmore
Greeter(s)	Joan Mammana	Nancy Moskella	Serena Ashmore	Cheryl Mesko
Lector(s)	Cathy Mueller	JoAnn Thaler	Maggie Fisher	Bob Starling
Council Communion Assistants	Lynn Gaun and Beth Ross	No communion	Lynn Gaun and Beth Ross	No communion
Counters	Lynn Gaun and Beth Ross	* Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.		
Head Usher	Ken Anderson			
Altar Guild	Mary Crouse and Nancy Moskella			

	Summer Birthdays		Summer Anniversaries
	JUNE		JUNE
3	Evelyn Newcomb	10	Lynn and Tom Gaun
8	Makenzie Naska	11	Lynn and Tim Leichliter
16	Althea Crouse Lisa Crouse	25	Dona and Mary Crouse David and Donna Deal
20	Leo Fox		
25	Hunter Frey		
	JULY		JULY
3	Lillian Melchior (92nd) Linda Sauter	22	Cleo and Ken Eck
4	Becca Anderson		
8	Helen Ballek		
11	Donna Deal Sarah Deal		
12	Dave Helfrich		
17	Clarence Berger		
23	Jocelyn Frey		
28	Hal Roe		
29	Mildred Seifert (94th)		
30	Corinne Ashmore		
	AUGUST		AUGUST
3	Peter Streletz	31	Kathy and Ed Haney
4	Manfred Marschewski		
7	Joan Mammana		
8	Alex Crouse Paul McGinn		
10	Elfriede Marschewski		
14	Madlyn Chasar (90th) Betty Fox		
16	Judy Barron		
29	David Sauter Landon Frey		
31	Helen Dungan Lynn Leichliter		

PRAYER

Please speak to the pastor before the service if you have someone you would like him to lift up in prayer. To place someone on the Prayer List, call the Church Office. For urgent prayer needs, start the Prayer Chain by calling Virginia Hager. Please make updates to Prayer List in the Narthex on the condition of anyone you've placed on the list. If you are on the Prayer List and are ready to be removed, please let us know!

At the prayer breakfast on Saturday, 5/14, many names were removed from the prayer list. To have a name returned to the list or someone new put on, please call Ann at 610-346-6020.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FOR HEALING: Leo Fox, Johnny Hesser, Elfriede Marschewski, Dorothy Metzgar, Ben Naska, Bob Newcomb, Evelyn Newcomb, Harold Nicholas and Silas Rodenbach.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Lance Corporal Michael Hesser (USMC, Camp Leatherneck, Afghanistan), Private Nicholas Squartino (USMC, Okinawa), Private Blake Rodd (US Army, Afghanistan Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves), Ensign Randall Reichenbach (US Navy, USS Preble, deployed to Japan), Sergeant Jimmy Apgar (US Army, Ft. Richardson, Alaska), and Lt. Col. Matt Trauger (USMC – Special Ground Forces, now in S. Carolina).

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Susan Ackerman, Alexa Bailey, Eric Beerer, Richard Benner, Al Boorse Sophia Capus, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, George Gallop, Elaine Gawronski, Betty Helm, Betty Kressler, Elfriede Newcomb, David Spiegel, Alex Ulrey, and Vincent Viscomi,

FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND: Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Al Boorse, Madlyn Chasar, Virginia Fisher, Clarence Fox, Irene Fox, Jean Haas, Betty Kiefer, Marcella Krager, Lillian Melchior, Evelyn Peterman, and Mildred Seifert.

FOR THE GRIEVING: Kayla and Chris Higgins and family and the families of Dorothy Metzgar, Lena Carafa, Andrew Siegfried, Betty Hahn, Sue Kehler, Sharon Walker, and Betty Kirkpatrick.



Special Prayer from Lutheran Disaster Response for Victims of Floods and Tornadoes:

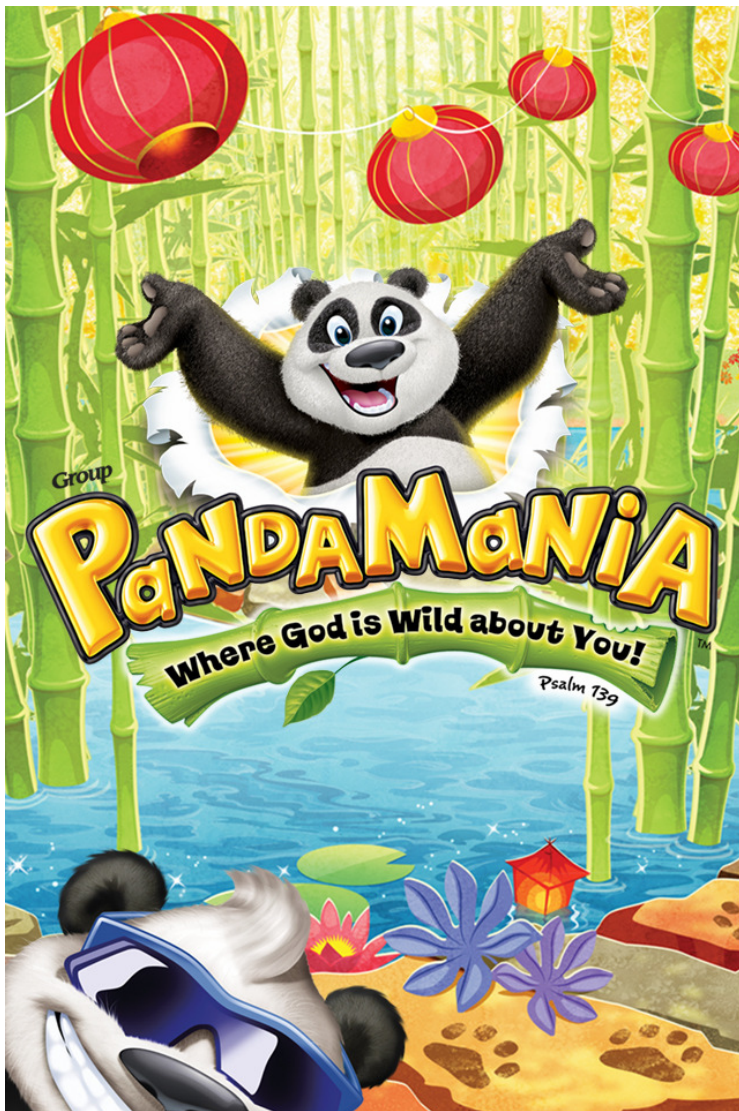
God of all consolation, our hearts cry out with those who suffer the destruction of wind and water. Turn back the floods. Transform violent winds into gentle breezes. Grant consolation, courage and hope to those who grieve the loss of loved ones, livelihoods and property. Strengthen all who respond to the call to help. In all things, remind us that your strong hands hold us in love.

You promise to be present in all our suffering, but we are overcome with fear and sorrow. Transform the cries of those suffering because of tornadoes and floods. Grant consolation, courage and hope. Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To make a donation that will go 100% to spring storm disaster relief, please visit
<https://community.elca.org/page.aspx?pid=638>





VBS 2011

August 14-18

6:30-8:30 PM

FUN for Children ages
3-11

crafts, games, Bible
stories, snacks

more info coming
soon!

SAVE THE DATE !!!

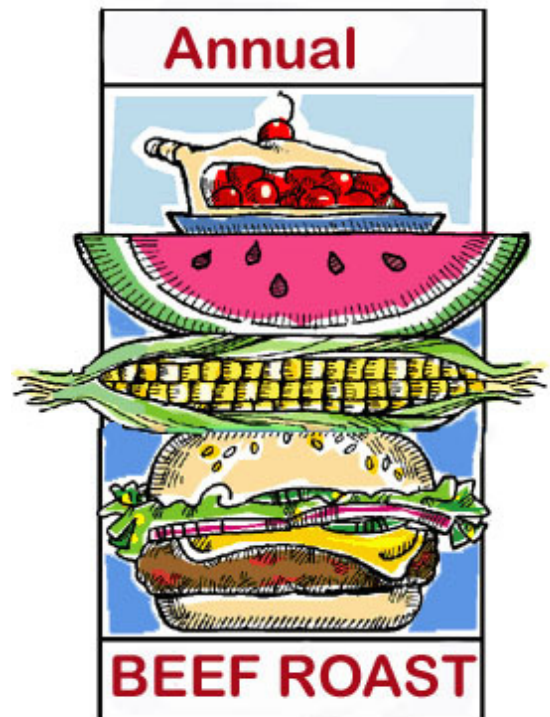
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

5:30 PM

at the

Springtown Rod & Gun Club

*Best food and fellowship in
Bucks County!*



JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Last Day of Pre-school 6:30 PM Blue Whales Graduation	2 Ascension Day 7:30 PM worship at St. Luke Ferndale	3	4 Pastor's Day off
5 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Communion, blessing of graduates Lemonade on the Lawn 7:00 PM Baccalaureate at St. John	6	7 7 PM VBS Planning Meeting	8 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM 200th Anniv. Planning Mtg	9	10	11 Pastor's Day off
12 Day of Pentecost <i>Wear red to church!</i> 10:30 AM - Communion Lemonade on the Lawn	13	14 7 PM Church Council	15 6:30 PM Choir	16	17	18 Pastor's Day off
19 The Holy Trinity - Church Music Sunday - Father's Day 9:30 AM Summer Worship Lemonade on the Lawn	20	21	22	23	24	25 Pastor's Day off
26 Summer Schedule 9:30 AM Worship Lemonade on the Lawn 6:00 PM Family Movie Nite - Jonah	27	28	29	30		

Bear Creek Summer Day Camp at St. Peters, Riegelsville. For kids who have completed K-5th grade. 9 AM - 3 PM daily. Sponsored by the Palisades Lutheran Cluster.

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