

**Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham**

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to God's love.~

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In November ...

- **Saturday, November 5** - 9 AM Finance Committee
- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - Turn clocks back
- **Sunday, November 6**- All Saints Sunday, Breaking News with Bishop Burkat
- **Tuesday, November 8** - 6:30PM Council Meeting
- Thursday, November 23 - 7:30 PM at Trinity UCC, Community Thanksgiving
- **Thursday, November 10** - WELCA at 1:30 PM
- **Sunday, November 20** - Christ the King Sunday, Palisades Cluster Meeting
- **Sunday, November 27** - First Sunday in Advent

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November 2011

Transformation

Stewardship - Change of attitude from "mine" to GOD's

As we think about a transformation of attitude about ourselves, our time, and our money and possessions, here are some scriptures from the Old and New Testaments to ponder. All are printed here from the Today's English Version of scripture:

- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning, when God created the universe ...
- Psalms 24:1 The world and all that is in it belong to the LORD; the earth and all who live in it are His.
- Luke 21:1-4 Jesus looked around and saw rich men dropping their gifts in the Temple treasury, ² and he also saw a very poor widow dropping in two little copper coins. ³ He said, "I tell you that this poor widow put in more than all the others. For the others offered their gifts from what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, gave all she had to live on."

This season of Thanksgiving is a traditional time to give thanks and remember where our food and family and shelter, etc. come from. They come from God. The scriptures are consistent in proclaiming that everything comes from God and belongs to God. But much of the time, we can easily forget that spiritual truth. How many times can you remember saying like me: "my" money, "my" house, "my" property, "my" family, "my" time, and especially "my" church. If you believe the scriptures, putting "my" before anything is an untruth.

God has made us and given us all we need out of love. And even though we have so often forgotten God's generosity and love, God has given us a Savior, forgiveness, and new life. Stewardship is very simply our care of everything that is God's. This month which ends the Church Year and prepares us for a new one is a good time to ask God to help us change our attitudes about ourselves, money, and stuff. For we are called to give it all up to God.

It is a transformation from selfishness and self-centeredness to God-centeredness. What might such a transformation in thinking mean for us? It might mean that we give God the time in worship, prayer and service that already belongs to God. It might mean a change in thinking about or financial giving - that we give God the best from what God has first given us. It might mean a different way of looking at the church and world - that they are not here to make "me" happy, but to give honor and glory to God.

God help us all in this transformation toward becoming better stewards of God's universe!

~ Pastor David Deal

Special Fall Offerings for our hungry neighbors near and far

In your 2011 offering envelope boxy, in September, is a special "Harvest Home: envelope. These offerings will be shared equally with The Lord's Pantry and Project Easton Foodbanks.

In the month of November you will find included a Thanksgiving envelope. These offerings will go to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Please give generously what God has first given us -- our daily bread, ourselves, our time and possessions!

New Large Print Worship

Resources become available, beginning on October 2, 2011. Purchased through the generous memorial contributions in memory of Dorothy Metzgar, special hole-punched binders with large-print pages of the liturgy and hymns for each Sunday will be available. Look for these large-print worship helps where you receive your bulletin from the greeter each Sunday.

As part of our congregation's 200th anniversary celebration, the committee has discussed honoring some of the veterans in the oldest part of our cemetery on Sunday, November 11, 2012.

The Bucks County Historical Society has done research on some of the markers that date back to the 1770's. Our plan is to go through old records at the Easton Public Library to gather information as to who had served in our country's wars and laid to rest in the Durham cemetery.

If you have any old documents or information you would like to share, contact Cheryl Mesko at

610-346-8768



Council Corner

November is the month we're reminded to thank God for all his blessings, thank our veterans for their sacrifices, and thank our politicians for spending all our money by re-electing them. Seriously, of course, doing our duty as a citizen is a way of thanking veterans. And since this country is one of God's great gifts to his world, it's part of thanking him, too. So vote. But council members, you still have to come to our meeting on Election Day.

The photo sessions for the Directory seemed to go smoothly despite the road closure for Durham Day and the water problem [insufficient rather than excess water this time]. The water pump got replaced quickly. We also got a new protective cushion of mulch on the playground for our little ones. However, there's still a broken outdoor water line and the Care-a-Lot door needs replacing. Seems a property committee's work, like a woman's, is never done.

We're still seeking feedback from the congregation about the parking lot, especially whether to expand or just repair. If you have any opinions, please pass them on to council. Please, please try to make time for the congregational meeting on December 11th so you can VOTE for your ideas.

Val McGinn, Council President

Council Meeting: November 8th @6:30 with soup and pretzels

Council assignments for December: Beth Ross and George Kreitz

During our October meeting we viewed a really interesting film "Food for Thought" which dealt with food and kids. One segment dealt with Palisades High School's attempts to have a healthier lunch program. After viewing it, we had an informal discussion on how to eat healthier. (Here is the link to the video from the Bucks County League of Women Voter's web site <http://vimeo.com/bclwv/food-for-thought>) We are planning a program in the spring on healthy shopping which will tie into this program.

Women of the ELCA 

Helen Dungan

During our business meeting we authorized supporting our foster child for another year; purchasing two white table clothes for funeral lunches; and discussed the Christmas covered dish dinner to be held following the December congregational meeting.

Our November meeting will be held **Thursday Nov. 10, 2011 at 1:30.** The title of the program is "**We give thanks for ...**" We will take this opportunity to concentrate on our blessings and give thanks. The program leader is Helen Dungan; hostess (with *healthy* refreshments) is Barbara Naska. A special thank offering will be received to help the work of the national Women of the ELCA.

Food donations: In November we will be collecting **Cereal and Jelly** for the two food banks, but *anything* you want to donate will be appreciated.

Outreach - Helen Dungan

Our **Harvest Home** donations and other food donations in October were much appreciated by both food banks. Their needs are up, and their supplies are down.

Again this Thanksgiving / Advent season we ask you to consider donating a **food basket**. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Just sign up, add your dedication, and either buy groceries or delegate the task to me. This is one way we can show God's love and our love for our neighbors in need.

Volunteers Needed: Here is another opportunity to share God's love; please share this need with anyone you know that may be able to help -

The Lord's Pantry at St. John the Baptist Church, 4050 Durham Road, Ottsville, has a chance every Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 11:00-11:30 to go to BJ's in Quakertown to pick-up outdated food.

People doing this pick-up would need to call BJ's 1/2 hour before they arrive, bring the boxes back to St. John the Baptist, deliver the boxes to Father's garage, weigh the boxes (there is a scale in the garage), and put any frozen items into the freezers in the garage. It would be best to have a pickup truck or a large vehicle. Lifting is required.

It would be a blessing if people could commit to a specific day, and provide this service for The Lord's Pantry one or more days a month, a week, every other week, or whatever might work within a person's schedule. Any amount of time given would be helpful. Please contact Cathy Leidtke at stjohndhelordspantry@frontier.com or call 610-847-2402.

Christmas Ingathering: Another way we can show God's love is by participating in the Synod's Christmas Ingathering. I have the names of 12 children in foster care for whom we can be Santa. The names will be available in church (or call me.) We will also be making gift packs for residents in area institutions. Last year our gifts again went to residents of Norristown State Hospital. The institutional gift packages include the following items:

a heavy plastic comb	1 tube of toothpaste (not Pepsodent)	a plastic bottle of shampoo
toothbrush	1 wash cloth	a small packet of tissues
2 pencils	2 pens	box of 20 note cards and envelopes

The items should be assembled in a clear plastic bag and have a bow on it. If you like, you can include a personal note or Christmas card with the name and address of our church - no personal names or addresses.

All gifts will be taken to Little Zion Lutheran Church for pickup on Sunday December 5th.

Durham Days: During Durham Days, we did an informal survey asking the folks there (1.) what they liked about Durham, (2.) what could make Durham a better place to live, and (3.) what could our congregation do to make life better here.

The answers to question one were pretty much its beauty, rural, peaceful, nice community with good people, and history. Question two brought forth – like it the way it is don't change it; but also the need for a community center, a gathering place for people to meet their neighbors and a place for youth to gather; the need for more volunteers in local service organizations like the fire company and better communication about what is happening.

Question three didn't get as many responses, but included working to join the youth together, help organize a community center, and more specifically – more support for meals on wheels, and organize a community picnic (this last as a way of supporting a community gathering.)

One suggestion was email notification of upcoming events. We were surprised to find out this is already available. To sign up send an email to the township at Durham Township [durhamtownship@enter.net] and ask to be added to the email list; Joe Kulick, township manager, sends out important information almost weekly.

	6 * FALL BACK!!!	13	20 *	27*
Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Katie Aquino	Alaina Apgar	Katie Aquino	Corinne Ashmore
Greeter(s)	Althea Crouse	Karen Rilling	Linda & David Sauter	Val & Paul McGinn
Lector(s)	Linda Sauter	Cathy Mueller	Mark Harwick	Joe Hlavaty
Council Communion Assistants	Barb Naska and David Sauter		Barb Naska and David Sauter	Barb Naska and David Sauter
Counters	Barb Naska and David Sauter	* Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.		
Head Usher	Ben Naska, Sr.			
Altar Guild	Linda and David Sauter			

	November Birthdays		November Anniversaries
3	Bob Newcome		
4	Mary Crouse Laura DeWalt		
8	Serena Ashmore		
9	Lynn Gaun		
10	Nicholas Phillipps		
12	Tom Gaun Mark Harwick Cathy Mueller Matthew Mueller		
18	Chad Harrison		
19	Hans Rilling	19	Miriam and Ken Anderson (28th)
21	Ken Anderson		
23	Faye Litzenberger		
24	Chase Aquino		
		25	Cathy and Chris Mueller (11th)

In November at Care-A-Lot, we will be talking about how we are "Curious About Weather". We will continue to discuss our fall changes as well as talk about all of the seasons and changes in weather such as tornadoes, blizzard, floods, etc. In Science, the Curious Cats will examine why different weather extremes occur.



Care-A-Lot

This month, we will talk about how we are thankful with Pastor Dave. Our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on November 22nd. This is especially fun for the children because they help to prepare our feast and serve their families.

We will be taking a field trip to the Riegelsville library. In Math, we will learn about sorting with colors, animals and toys.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Love,

Mrs. Naska, Mrs. Pason and Mrs. Hower

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!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

FOR HEALING: Jim Beerer, Leo Fox, Virginia Hager, Johnny Hesser, Bryant Hlavaty, Michael Kempf, George Kreitz, Kim Litzenberger, Nick Litzenberger, Elfriede Marschewski, Barbara Naska, and Silas Rodenbach.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Corporal Michael Hesser (USMC, Camp Lejeune), Private Nicholas Squartino (USMC, Okinawa), Private Blake Rodd (US Army, Afghanistan), Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves), Ensign Randall Reichenbach (US Navy, USS Preble), and Sergeant Jimmy Apgar (US Army, Ft. Richardson, Alaska).

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Susan Ackerman, Ruth Anderson, Alexa Bailey, Al Boorse, Pat Butler, Sophia Capus, London Dalley, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, George Gallop, Betty Helm, Betsy Kressler, Phyllis Monesmith, Dave Morrell, Judy Nelson, Elfriede Newcomb, Linda Wolfe Pursell, Alex Senft, David Spiegel, Alex Ulrey, Vincent Viscomi, & Jane Wong.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND: Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Virginia Fisher, Clarence Fox, Gene Gribbin, Jean Haas, Betty Kiefer, Marcella Krager, Lillian Melchior, Evelyn Peterman.

FOR THE GRIEVING: The families of Jack Conrad, Ellen Cooke, Clarence Berger, Mary Wolfinger, Irene Fox, Mildred Seifert, Dorothy Metzgar, Betty Hahn, Sue Kehler, Sharon Walker, and Betty Kirkpatrick.



November Highlights

All Saints' Sunday, November 6 - 10:30 AM Holy Communion. As is our custom, all those saints who have died since last All Saints Sunday will be remembered with candles, prayer, and bell. In 2011 special candles will be on the altar for: Clarence Berger, Irene Fox, Betty Hahn, Sue Kehler, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, Dorothy Metzgar, Mildred Seifert, and Sharon Walker.

Breaking News - God is Doing Something New! - Sunday, November 6 at 2:30 PM. SEPA Conference Gathering at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale. A group will be leaving Durham after worship. We plan to caravan south, stopping to have lunch together on the way. All members of the congregation are invited. Speak to Pastor Deal if you're interested. See page for more information.

Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday, November 23, at 7:30 PM at Trinity UCC, Pleasant Valley. See page for more information.

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Looking Ahead - A New Church Year Begins

Sunday, November 20, 2011 is the last Sunday of this current church year. On the 20th we worship and praise Christ the King!

A new church year begins on **Sunday, November 27, the First Sunday in Advent**. See the schedule below for a very special season of Advent and Christmas Worship.

Sundays November 27, December 4, and December 11, are the first three Sundays in Advent. We will worship at 10:30 AM with special hymns and choir music.

Sunday, December 18th - Fourth Sunday in Advent - Our Spark Sunday School leads our 10:30 AM worship with a special Advent/Christmas presentation. There will be no Communion on December 18th.

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24:

5:00 PM Annual Children's Christmas Service

7:30 PM Traditional Christmas Candelight Communion Service

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25 - No Sunday School. 10:30 AM - Service of Lessons and Carols/ Fellowship and Food afterwards.

New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1, 2012 - No Sunday School. 10:30 AM Holy Communion, Specials hymns and prayers for New Years.

The following gifts to the church were received:



The amount of \$50 in memory of Betty Hahn, was received from WELCA and Don and Gerry Seipt.

A gift in memory of Dorothy Metzgar was received from David Goehring.

The amount of \$550 in memory of Irene Fox was received from Richard Ellis, Leo and Betty Fox, Harold and Gladys Nicholas, Susan Godown, Ken & Virginia Hager, Fran Chavar, Ed Xander, Janet Davis, Irene Fleck, Howard & Dorothy Roth, Dorothy Peterman, Sandy & David Poole, Gerald & Carole Ulmer, John and Margaret Slack, William and Deborah Filer, and Don & Gerry Seipt.

The amount of \$770 in memory of Clarence Berger was received from Fred & Mimi Foerster, Dorothy Peterman, Don & Gerry Seipt, Blanche Fachet, Darlene Durns & Family, Alex & Salome Zheltonoga, Wayne & Cheryl Mesko, Alex & Jean Kaki, The Kiwanis Club of Riegelsville, Lois & Jim Altemose, Virginia & Ken Hager, Robert & Evelyn Newcomb, Tisch Financial Management, Harold & Gladys Nicholas, Mrs. Evelyn Kukura & Family, Bucks County Farm Bureau, and Sears Iron Works/Steve Sears.

Gift is in the amount of \$165 were received in memory of Mildred Seifert from Don & Gerry Seipt, Harold & Gladys Nicholas, Frank & Joan Mammana, Cleo & Ken Eck, WELCA, and Jim & Lois Altemose.

200th Anniversary Committee

The 200th Anniversary committee has been working on plans to celebrate this milestone in our church's history. We ask that anyone who knows the whereabouts of past members, please give us their recent addresses so that they can be included in our celebrations.

SAVE THE DATES:

May 17, 2012 - Ascension Day Service on Thursday evening. Pastor will invite former pastors and we will serve refreshments afterwards.

June 3, 2012 - A banquet dinner celebration cater by the Meadows at 1:30 PM. ALSO ... following the service that morning we will be having our group picture taken duplicating the old anniversary picture. The photographer is scheduled to be here at 11:30 AM on that day.

October 13, 2012 - Community Day involvement with a planned musical concert here at the church right after Community Day .

November 4, 2012 - All Saints Sunday with a visit from Bishop Burkat. A small finger food reception will be held after the morning service.

November 11, 2012 - A ceremony to honor our veterans both past and present will be held at our worship service that day.

Please plan on attending these festivities to make our celebration a success. Hope to see you there!

Other plans are in the works, such as the new directory, a heritage cookbook, a history booklet, and T shirts to commemorate our celebration. Anyone interested in joining our committee, or who has any other ideas, please let us know.

Take care, and God bless you and yours! Lynn Gaun, Committee Chairperson

BREAKING NEWS

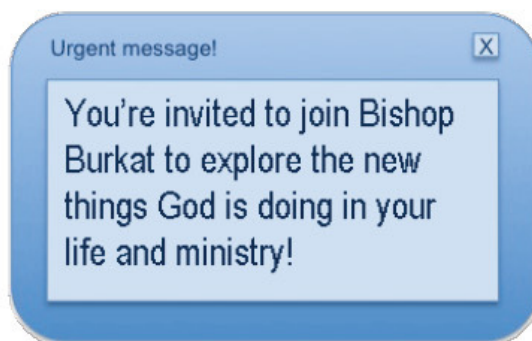
"God is doing something new!"

Mark your calendar for the 2011 SEPA Conference Gatherings!

Our time together this fall will focus on the Prophet Isaiah's promise that **God is doing a new thing in our midst**, turning despair into hope and scarcity to abundance.

There are three gatherings on **Sundays** from **2:30 to 5 p.m.** at locations around our synod.

Members from Evangelical Lutheran will be attending this gathering:



November 6 – Trinity, Lansdale

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?

- Isaiah 43:19

Join Lutherans from across our synod for **fun, fellowship and learning**. You'll leave the conference gathering **prepared to perceive** the new things God is doing around you and **equipped to respond** in your congregation and community.

Watch your email and the synod website, www.ministrylink.org, for more details.



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Journeys Through Grief Support Group

A six-week support group for those who are grieving.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church
610 Berwick Street
Easton, PA 18042



Tuesdays
10:30 AM – Noon
November 15 – December 20

There is no registration fee, but registration is required.

Contact Pastor Kerry W. Smart
Lutheran Congregational Services, Inc.
1023 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109
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THANKSGIVING 2011

A Community Service of Prayer, Hymns, Pictures and Offerings

Trinity United Church of Christ

100- Route 212 - Pleasant Valley - Quakertown, PA

610-346-7114

Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 PM

All are WELCOME

Bring non-perishable food for the Lord's Pantry and Quakertown Food Banks. Bring \$\$\$ offering For NE Pennsylvania Disaster Relief

The Pilgrims, shown here celebrating their first Thanksgiving, were a group of Puritans who landed at Plymouth Rock, in what is now Massachusetts in 1620. In 1621, Governor William Bradford of New England proclaimed a day of "thanksgiving: and prayer to celebrate the Pilgrims' first harvest in America. US President Abraham Lincoln, following the precedent of a number of states, designated a national Thanksgiving Day in 1863.

NOVEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All Saints Sunday 6</p> <p>9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2-5 PM God is Doing Something New - Trinity, Lansdale</p>	7	<p>All Saints Day 1</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	3	<p>5</p> <p>9 AM Finance Committee meeting</p>
<p>Time After Pentecost 13</p> <p>9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Alter Guild Meeting</p>	14	<p>8</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM light supper followed by Church Council meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 2-9:30 PM Dian Mills picture appointments WELCA at 1:30 PM</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>Christ the King Sunday 20</p> <p>9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 6:30 PM Palisades Cluster meeting at St. Peter's, Riegelsville</p>	21	<p>15</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>First Sunday in Advent 27</p> <p>9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Communion</p>	28	<p>22</p> <p>St. Luke, Evanged 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO PRESCHOOL 7:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY Church office closed</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>
		<p>29</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>			



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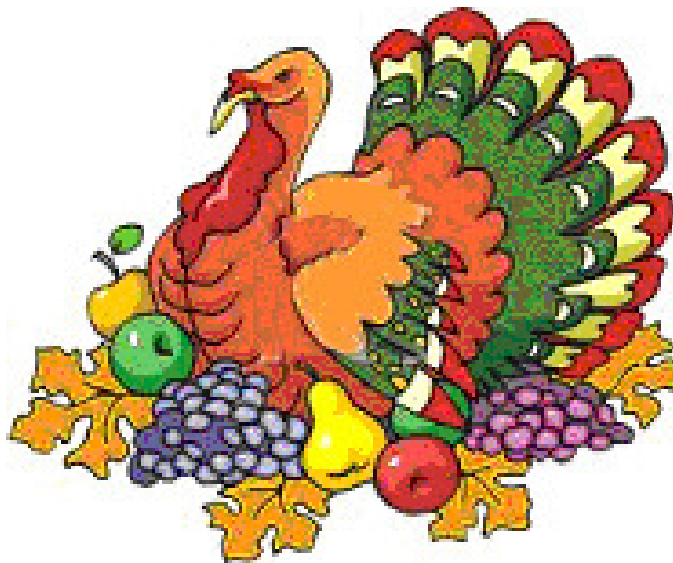
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