

**Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham**

~The church on the hill, lighting the way
to God's love.~

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In April ...

- **Saturday, March 31 @**
10:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt
- **Palm Sunday, April 1**
10:30 AM Worship
- **Thursday, April 5** at 7:00
PM - Worship at Trinity
Lutheran, Pleasant Valley
- **Good Friday, April 6** at
7:30 PM Worship at Evan-
gelical Lutheran
- **Easter Sunday, April 8** -
Worship at 6:30 and
10:30 AM, Breakfast at
7:30 AM
- **Tuesday, April 13-** 6:30PM
Council Meeting

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EVANGEL



APRIL 2012

Guided by God's Word - For 200 Years

Our Vision:

The church on the hill, lighting the way to God's love.

Our Mission:

As a community of faith, **firmly rooted in the love** of God through Jesus Christ,
we are called to:

WORSHIP God in praise and thanksgiving
SUPPORT one another in faith and fellowship
INVITE **others to receive the joyous new life God offers to all**
CARE for the real human needs of our neighbors, both near and far.

"That Priceless Grace"

That priceless grace, that priceless grace,
Jesus' life is priceless grace . That priceless grace is life for me. (ELW #591)

It is in the first eight days of April this year that we hear the message "we can scarcely take in." God's Son Jesus gave his life for you and me and for the world. We received the greatest gift of all - grace eternal, undeserved, priceless!

It is this message that has touched human beings since the first century. It is this central message that has anchored the Church. This is the reason we gather for worship each and every Sunday. This message has been at the core of this congregational mission for 200 years.

This message is too precious to miss on Palm Sunday, April 1; Holy Thursday, April 5; Good Friday, April 6; and Easter Day, April 8. I urge you to be present with all of us at these times.

Jesus also made it clear to his disciples that his grace is not to be taken for granted or hoarded. It is to be shared. Our mission statement challenges us to "INVITE others to receive the joyous new life God offers to all." Especially during these Holy Days, we are called to bring family, neighbors, work associates, and people who are without a church, to hear the Good News of the Cross and Easter.

INVITE as many as you can to join you for this worship.

~ Pastor David M. Deal

Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday - April 1	Holy Thursday - April 5, 2012 7:00 PM	Good Friday April 6, 2012 7:30 PM	Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012
10:30 AM - Procession with Eco-Palms, Reading of the Passion. Special Music, Communion, Stripping of the Altar.	at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley. Joint Choir, Special Washing, Prayer, and the Lord's Supper.	At Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham. Special Reading, Candlelight, Joint Choir, Periods of Silence.	6:30 AM Sunrise Service of the First Easter Light - with Holy Communion 7:30 AM - Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM Easter Festival Service of Holy Communion

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE PHILLIES!

Please join us for Lutheran Night II at Citizens Bank Park on Wednesday, June 6 when the Phillies host the Los Angeles Dodgers at 7:05 PM.

- Pavilion Deck (section 302) at \$20 per ticket
- Terrace Deck (section 431) at \$20 per ticket
- Pavilion Deck (section 310) at \$28 per ticket
- Terrace Deck (section 428) at \$30 per ticket

Net proceeds from tickets sold through this offer will benefit SEPA Synod Youth Programs.

To order your tickets, call the Sales Office at 215-463-5000. To order online, visit the SEPA Synod's website www.ministrylink.org and click on the "Buy Tickets" button on the Lutheran Night at the Phillies page. Be sure to enter the promotion code **LUTH.**

Note: Thanks to the tremendous support of dedicated fans, Lutheran Night on June 1st has sold out! There are a limited number of tickets available for June 6th.



Council Corner

Council officers for this year are similar to 2011: Val McGinn, President; Lynn Gaun, Vice President; and Helen Dungan, Secretary. We still have no Treasurer, but Ben Naska faithfully continues as our Bookkeeper. Ken Anderson has resumed the position of Financial Secretary, but since he is not on Council, Barb Naska will be our Financial Liaison.

I'm beginning to think it was easier being on Council last year when the answer to everything was simple: if it's not absolutely essential, we can't afford it. Now that we can consider some of the things on our wish list, it gets complicated. We were anxious to get the parking lot repaved for safety reasons, but it was noted there were some hazards in the sidewalks also. Then it was suggested that, if we are going to do concrete work, we should have a more permanent handicapped ramp built. So we had an architect look at the situation to see what is feasible. Meanwhile, we wanted to go ahead with the parking lot when Dave pointed out that concrete trucks would likely damage the new paving. Now everything is on hold while we wait to determine what our options are.

From April 21st to August 10th, the Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is having a major exhibit of works from the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy. Forty-five of the paintings are scenes from the Old and New Testaments. This is a wonderful opportunity to see art by such masters as Botticelli and Titian without having to buy an airline ticket.

A joyous Easter to you all.

Val McGinn

Next Council Meeting: April 17th at 6:30

Council Assignments for April: Val McGinn and Beth Ross



EASTER FLOWERS

The 2012 prices of Easter flowers are as follows:

- 6" Mums - multi colored - \$4.50
- 6" Tulips - multi colored - \$3.50
- 6" Lilies - White - \$4.25

Please contact Victoria Phillips to order. She will be taking orders day through March 31st.

Food Ministry: We are collecting **peanut butter and jelly** for the food banks during April.

Hymning (our Easter hymn sing): Please join us on April 1st, Palm Sunday, for a hymn sing which we will share with some of our shut in members. First, we'll gather in the fellowship hall after worship for a light lunch. Then we'll go off to sing to and with some friends. You don't have to be a great singer, just come and enjoy the fellowship and the music.

During our March meeting Gladys Nicholas presented a program on hospitality – from God's amazing hospitality to us "Your prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies ... my cup overflows" (Psalm 23) to other examples of hospitality in the Bible (Abraham's to the two angels) to the need for us to be hospitable and welcoming in our churches as well as in our homes.



by Helen Dungan

During our business meeting we distributed the money raised by the **soup suppers** as follows:

Lord's Pantry (Upper Bucks Food Bank)	\$600
ProJeCt Easton Food Bank	\$600
Riegelsville Meals on Wheels	\$300
Northampton County Meals on Wheels	\$100
World Hunger Appeal	\$554
A good neighbor	\$100
Total	\$2254

Our Next meeting: Thursday April 19, 2011, at 1:30 in the church fellowship hall.

Topic: The Fruits of the Spirit.

Upper Bucks Conference of WELCA Spring Gathering will meet Saturday April 14th at St Mathews Keller's Church. Registration begins at 8:30 with breakfast at 9:00. The theme is Plant a Seed ... and the program is being presented by a teacher and student at Penn Middle School. The school has a micro loan program which gives students an opportunity to take a little and make it grow. Student, Ally Telly will describe her project, the proceeds of which benefited a girls' school in Rwanda. Ally and her family actually went to Rwanda to visit the school. Teacher, Kristie Swanson will also share information about the program. All women and girls are invited to attend.

200th Anniversary News

Invitations have been sent out to our 200th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, June 3, at 1:30 PM in the Leithsville Firehouse Social Hall, Hellertown. If you did not receive an invitation, please call the Church Office at 610-346-8500 to have one sent to you. Many thanks to Gerry Seipt for the beautiful photograph of the church on the invitation.

April Worship Assistants

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Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Katie Aquino	Clayton Leichliter	Alaina Apgar	Jack Pyne	Austin Apgar
Greeter(s)	Cheryl Mesko	6:30 AM Miriam Anderson 10:30 AM Don & Mary Crouse	Karen Rilling	Betty Fox	Althea Crouse
Lector(s)	Joy Hlavaty	6:30 AM Mark Harwick 10:30 AM Val McGinn	Jayne Miller	Helen Dun- gan	Beth Ross
Council Communion Assistants & Counters	Val McGinn and Beth Ross	6:30 AM Helen Dungan & Joe Hlavaty 10:30 AM Val McGinn & Beth Ross	Val McGinn & Beth Ross	Val McGinn & Beth Ross	Val McGinn & Beth Ross
Head Usher	Ben Naska, Sr.		* Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.		
Altar Guild	Nancy Moskella and Mary Crouse				



	April Birthdays		April Anniversaries
8	Robert Erceg	6	Clarence and Norma Fox (54th)
13	Phyllis Lanshe Benjamin Naska (Sr.)	9	Manfred and Elfriede Marschewski (57th)
19	Matthew Crouse	16	Joan and Frank Mammana (46th)
20	Karen Rilling		
21	Jayne Miller		
25	Harold Nicholas (82nd)		
27	Nancy Moskella		

April Highlights

HOLY WEEK - April 1 - April 8

April 1 - Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

9:00 AM - Special Spark Sunday School on "Palm Sunday"

10:30 AM - EcoPalms distributed - Procession with Palms - Reading of the Passion - Holy Communion - Stripping of the Altar

April 5 - Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday

7:00 PM - We will travel to Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley, for a joint Communion Service, including music by joint choirs.

April 6 - Good Friday

7:30 PM We will host Good Friday worship and welcome our friends from Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley as they worship with us.

April 8 - Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day

6:30 AM - Sunrise Communion Service - First Resurrection Light

7:30 AM - Easter Breakfast hosted by the Hospitality Committee

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM - Festival Easter Communion Service

Other Dates of Interest:

April 17 at 6:30 PM - Church Council meeting (note this is the 3rd Tuesday, not the second)

April 18 at 7:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting

April 29 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Baptisms at 10:30 AM service

COMING IN MAY

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, May 17th at 7:30 PM

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham and the Palisades Lutheran Cluster host a special Worship Service for congregations of the Palisades Lutheran Cluster and Upper Bucks Conference of our Synod.

Preacher: Rev. Donna T. Deal

Music: Joint Choir of the Palisades Cluster

Holy Communion will be celebrated -- Fellowship after the Service

NEWS FROM THE PARISH NURSE

We have a society of children who endlessly snack and consume great amounts of juice or sweet drinks. Bedtime sweet drinks are at an all-time high. Also, parents choose bottled water rather than fluorinated tap water for their children. According to pediatricians, infants should visit a dentist by age one to be assessed for future cavity risk, even though they may have only a few teeth.

Many kids are not in the habit of brushing twice a day as is recommended. For most parents it is a battle, but it is a battle worth fighting. To limit cavities, cut down on snacks like raisins and sweet stuff. Instead give them fluorinated tap water and slices of fruit or crackers for snacks. Fluorinated tap water has traditionally kept children's teeth strong and is crucial in preventing tooth decay. The LA Times reports that over 50% of children will have some tooth decay by the age of five and that oral infection is the number one chronic disease in children.

With older children, dentists also recommend flossing with brushing. Encourage them to chew on sugar-free gum and to snack on carrots and celery sticks to clean their teeth. Drinking plenty of fluorinated tap water is also encouraged. Bottom line is, BRUSH & FLOSS, BRUSH & FLOSS at least twice a day and drink plenty of fluorinated water.

For more information, visit

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/03/08/tooth-decay-in-children_n_1328022.html .

God Bless You,
Mary Hurley, RN

Memorial Gifts



Gifts to the Congregation in memory of Clarence Berger in the amount of \$260 were received from Cita Jacobs; Harold and Anna Mary Keeler and Vernon and Nancy Mitchell; and Robert and Marjorie Hoffner.

A gift to the Congregation in memory of Gene Gribbin was received from Cheryl and Wayne Mesko.

A gift to the Congregation in memory of Marjorie Boyer was received from Elva and Ray Blossom.

Gifts to the Congregation in memory of Virginia Fisher in the amount of \$285 were received from Sally and Nicholas Viglione; Leslie Wright Oswald; Mary and Tom White on behalf of Ellen Loasycs; Vickie and Gary Shoudt; Dorothy Peterman; Susan Castellitti; Esther and Bob Crouse, Kandyce Fisher and Family; and Joyce and Leslie Price.

CARE-A-Lot Preschool News

Spring is finally here! We hope you're enjoying it. Happy Easter, too! With the spring season and Easter, we celebrate renewal and growth, as well as new life. Pastor Dave will be teaching the children about Easter and why it is so important to us. We will talk about animal babies in class. We will be having our annual school Easter Egg hunt and dye eggs.



In Math, we will be doing number sentences. In Science, we will be talking about the Earth and Earth Day as well as flowers and plants. The Curious Cats will also continue their turns being the scientist. Each one gets to be in charge of what we do in science. They can bring in an experiment to try with the class. We hope to go on a field trip to the Philly Pretzel Factory this month.

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: Bob Erceg, Betty Fox, Clarence Fox, Leo Fox, Johnny Hesser, Bryant Hlavaty, Michael Kempf, Elfriede Marschewski, Barbara Naska, Bob Newcomb, Norma Rodenbach, and Silas Rodenbach.

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

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ruth Anderson, Jimmy Ashmore, Kathy Afflerbach, Al Boorse, Pat Butler, Lindsey Capus, Ronald Christman, Sr., London Dalley, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, Wendy Hendricks, Charlene Higgins, Pearl Emma Howie, Phyllis Monesmith, Dave Morrell, Glenn Newcomb, Linda Wolfe Pursell, Alex Senft, Lewis Snyder, Alex Ulrey, Vincent Viscomi, & Jane Wong.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND: Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Jean Haas, Betty Kiefer, Marcella Krager, and Lillian Melchior.



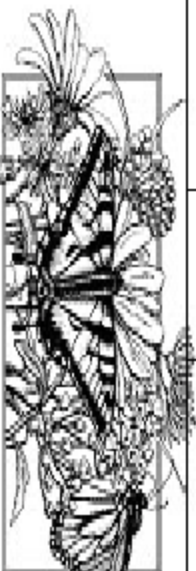


FOR THE GRIEVING: The families of Evelyn Peterman, Naomi Hoover, Virginia Fisher, Gloria Phillipps, Gene Gribbin, Alexa Bailey, Clarence Berger, Mildred Seifert, and Irene Fox.



April 2012



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday 1 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion - Palms - Stripping the Altar 	2	3	4	Maundy Thursday 8 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 7:00 PM Worship at Trinity, Pleasant Valley	Good Friday 6 7:30 PM Worship here at Evangelical Lutheran	7 9:00 AM Preparations for Easter Worship
Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day 8 6:30 AM Sunrise Communion Service 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Festival Easter Communion Service	9 Pastor's Vacation Day Church Office Closed	10 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Pastor's Vacation Day	11 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	12 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
Second Sunday of Easter 15 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	16	17 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM - Church Council Supper/Meeting	18 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	19 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	20 Pastor's Day Off	21
Third Sunday in Easter 22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	23	24 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	25 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	 26 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	27	28 10:30 AM - Community Easter Egg Hunt - "Buck-A-Chick"
Fourth Sunday in Easter 29 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion - Sacrament of Holy Baptism	30					

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Alleluia!

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April

**He is
Risen**

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