

**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of Durham**

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to God's love.~

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## In December ...

- **Saturday, December 1** - Community Dinner
- **Sunday, December 2** - First Sunday of Advent - Ingathering of Gifts
- **Sunday, December 9** - Congregational Budget Meeting & Covered Dish
- **Friday, December 14** - Red Cross Blood Drive
- **Saturday, December 15** - Living Nativity
- **Sunday, December 16** - Lunch and Caroling
- **Sunday, December 23** - Children's Christmas Program

## In January ...

- **Wednesday, January 16** - Soup Supper
- **Saturday, January 26** - "Church on the Edge" Upper Bucks Conference program on the changing church.

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# EVANGEL



# WINTER 2012-13

## Christ has Come! Christ is Here! Christ is Coming!

As we draw to the end of a joyful, surprising, and challenging 200th Anniversary year, we also begin a new church year - on December 2, 2012. It is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of preparation and hope. It has sometimes been called a '*Season of Three Comings*,' as we remember Jesus' first coming and birth into the world, celebrate his coming and presence with us right now, and anticipate his coming again to rule in complete justice and peace.

Christ has been present in Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham throughout this past year of 2012 (Special Anniversary Celebrations, storms, several extensive building and property improvements, worship, growing children's ministry, loss of precious loved ones, and continuing faith in God's promises). As we "come" to a new church year and new calendar year, our 201st year of ministry, Christ is with us! Christ will be strengthening us, encouraging us, comforting us, and pushing us ahead into new avenues of ministry. Christ's Spirit will be transforming us for the 21st century.

How can our hands do God's work in a new year? How can we worship faithfully, pray regularly, dig into the Scripture more faithfully to discover God's will for us? The Season of Advent can prepare us for our journey with Christ. The Gospel of Luke will assist us in our preparations from December 2, 2012 through the end of fall in 2013. Advent begins with Bible texts on the "coming days," the second coming of Christ. It ends with the Advent birth of the infant Jesus. Luke is the centerpiece of our Christmas services.

My Advent hope for me and for you is that, as Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham, we open ourselves to where God may be leading us, open ourselves to new possibilities, new ways of being the church. We have been so richly blessed by God's grace for 200 years. And God's grace will be the foundation enabling us to press on ahead. For we know and believe that **"Christ has come! Christ is here! Christ is coming!"**

Please worship with me on December 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 10:30 AM and on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 5:00 PM for the Children and Family Service and at 7:30 PM for the Candlelight Communion Service.

Blessed Advent and Christmas,  
Pastor David Deal



Christmas Eve Services

## Council Corner

So once again we are getting back to normal in time for Christmas after a big October storm left us with a prolonged power outage. While our church had less damage than last year, many of our members and friends and neighbors were not so fortunate. It was heartwarming to see the community response. The shelter at the Palisades High School, with meals prepared by our sister congregation at St. Luke's, and the meals served by the Riegelsville Fire House made a week or longer without electricity, heat and water more tolerable. Please try to give what you can to Lutheran Disaster Response or other charities that will help those whose lives were far more disrupted than ours find a path to recovery.

What intrepid staff we have. Norma and Diana brought water from home to clean while our water was unusable. Our wonderful Care-a-Lot teachers refurbished our playground equipment, coped with major water problems last spring and again this fall, and to add insult to injury, they had to clean up the refrigerator and freezer after the power outage. Ann dealt with all the extra work of the anniversary events and repeated problems with our internet service. And as always, Pastor and Carolyn managed to keep us focused on why we're here and what's really important.

Hope to see you all at our Budget Meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Unlike the government, we have to have a budget because we can't print our own money. The meeting shouldn't be too painful, and it will be followed by great food.

Val McGinn  
Council President

Next Council Meeting: December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
Council Assignments for December: Val McGinn and Barb Naska

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To Our Church Family,

Please consider giving an extra donation towards a **Christmas gift for Pastor Dave** and our other loyal employees if you possibly can. Any amount you can afford will be greatly appreciated. Simply mark an envelope "Christmas Gifts" and place in the collection plate or mail to: Ken Anderson, PO Box 51, Durham, PA 18039-0051.

I know you will respond with your usual loving generosity. God bless you all.

Val McGinn  
Council President



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## THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



American Red Cross

**Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at St John's UCC, Riegelsville -- 2:00 to 7:00 PM**

*Give something that means something. Give blood and you could help save three lives.*

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) today to schedule an appointment.

## Outreach - Helen Dungan

**Caroling:** After church on Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) we will be going caroling to some of our shut-in members. There will be a light lunch following worship. Every year I say “**You do NOT have to be a great singer to share the music of Christmas**” (and trust me I’m not.) More than anything else on your to do list, this will get you into the joyful spirit of Christmas.

**Food Banks:** Both food banks have asked for **juice**, so that is what we will be collecting in December. We will be collecting **soup** in January as we prepare for Souper Bowl of Caring. However, if you find something on sale at a really good price, feel free to donate it. Both food banks appreciate all donations.

**Food baskets:** The following food baskets were placed on the altar during November, because of the power outages they didn’t all get recorded in the church bulletins.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (All Saints Sunday) – In memory of the saints of Durham who died in 2012 by Barbara and Ben Naska

Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> -- In memory of Ruth Ann Carr by her mother Norma Fox

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>-- In memory of Gene Gribbin and Mildred Seifert by Helen Dungan

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one with a food basket, please sign your dedication on the signup sheet in the narthex. If you do the shopping yourself, any non perishable item is appreciated. Alternatively, I can do the shopping. Price is \$25.

On **Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup>** following the budget meeting, WELCA will host our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Please join us for a time of fellowship and good food. We will supply the beverages, rolls & butter; you bring a dish and/or desert to share. The tables will be decorated with poinsettias which will be given to our shut-in members.



by Helen Dungan

Our January meeting will be **Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30**. The program is the first in a series of four on the feminine faces of faith. We will be discussing Miriam (Moses’ sister). Leader is Esther Crouse; hostess is Althea Crouse. As our November meeting was cancelled, we will receive our annual thank-offerings at this meeting.

### January Soup supper:

**Date:** Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup>      **Time:** 4:00 to 6:30      **Soups:** Vegetable Beef and Potato

**Price:** \$5.00 per quart (*please bring your own container; we have some quart jars but not enough for everyone*)

Eat In (*includes soup, bread, beverage and dessert*) - \$6.00 for adults; \$3.00 for kids 6-12; 5 & under free.

We have BASKETS of potatoes to peel as well as other vegetables to prepare, the January soups require the most prep work. We’ll begin around 9:00 on Wednesday, If you are able, **please help**. We also have tables to set up & take down, bread & desserts to bake, pots & dishes to wash, and soup to serve. There is plenty of work and we need lots of helpers. Volunteers to help with serving and dish washing are needed beginning around 3:30. Helpers to take down the tables and put chairs away are needed around 6:30. Monday we will be cooking bones for the beef broth; help is needed around 5 for straining the broth, and washing pots. If you can help Monday evening, please let Helen Dungan know.

And remember, **ALL proceeds are donated to hunger causes.**

December	2*	9*	16*	23	24* (7:30)	30
Acolyte	Matthew Mueller	Katie Aquino	Clayton Lechlitter	Jack Pyne	Alaina Apgar	Austin Apgar
Communion Assistants	Val McGinn & Barb Naska	Val McGinn & Barb Naska	Val McGinn & Barb Naska		7:30 PM - Val McGinn & Barb Naska	
Greeter(s)	Esther & Bob Crouse	Betty Kreitz	The Apgar Family	Helen Dungan	5:00 - Aquino Family 7:30 Lois & Jim Altemose	Althea Crouse
Lector	Beth Ross	Val McGinn	Lynn Gaun	Children's Program	7:30 PM - Jessica Lehr	Lessons & Carols
Counters	Val McGinn and Barb Naska					
Head Usher	Cheryl Mesko					
Altar Guild	Serena Ashmore & Linda Sauter					

**January Greeters:** January 6 - The Mueller Family; January 13 - Paul and Val McGinn; January 20 - Dot Peterman; January 27 Althea Crouse. **January Head Usher** is David Sauter.

**January Acolytes:** January 6 - Matthew Mueller; January 13 - Katie Aquino ; January 20 - Clayton Lechlitter ; January 27 - Jack Pyne.

	December Birthdays & Anniversaries		January Birthdays & Anniversaries
2	Clayton Lechlitter	1	Ruth Behm (92nd)
8	Dianna & Peter Streletz (22nd)	5	Joe Hlavaty
14	Victoria Phillipps	8	Betty & Leo Fox (64th)
20	Val McGinn Evelyn & Bob Newcomb (61st)	12	Landon Helfrich
21	Kathy & Joe Hlavaty (38th)	14	JoAnn Thaler
23	Clayton Helfrich	15	Don Crouse Kathy Hlavaty
26	Cheryl & Wayne Mesko (36th)	16	Jim Altemose
27	Gerry Seipt (85th)	18	Rachel Crouse
28	Jayne & Jim Miller	31	Rachael Roney Sharron Streletz
29	Myron Kressman Lois & Jim Altemose (39th)		
30	George Kreitz Gerry & Don Seipt (62nd) Laura & Dave Helfrich (6th)		



**200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report** As 2012 comes to an end, we can look back to our celebrations, fellowship, fundraising and fun of the past year. Fond memories were hopefully made at all of our festivities. On June 3rd our anniversary banquet was held and our congregation was captured for the future in a group photograph. In July we invited the community to celebrate with us in our "Christmas in July" event. For posterity we created our church T-shirts as well as our Christmas ornaments. These items are both still available at \$10.00 each. After our presence at Durham's Community Day on October 13th, the public was invited to our OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN SING-A-LONG that evening. Over 50 people attended and all seemed to have enjoyed themselves. On the official Veterans Day, which fell on a Sunday this year, we honored our veterans both past and present. That same Sunday we welcomed a new child into our membership as Nora Elizabeth Johnson was baptized.

Even though the year is coming to an end lets not forget the best "celebration" of the year, the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. Please plan on joining us on Christmas Eve and don't forget to invite a friend. This service certainly puts people in the spirit of what Christmas is all about.

As chairman of the 200th Anniversary celebrations this past year, I would like to say thanks to everyone who helped to bring all of our celebrations to fruition. Without your help, I could not have pulled off all of these events. I plan on taking a break now. Many people have asked me, "How do you do it all?" I must confess that many things did not get done at our house this past year. Even my gardens were neglected. Now I need time to get caught up. I thank God that my husband has been very understanding in this matter. My hope for this church is that other people will look closely at what talents God has given them, and share their time and talents to help this church grow. We need to grow and continue to do God's work for another 200 years in order to make this world a better place to live for generations to come.

Remember to LOVE ALWAYS!

Lynn Gaun

## Updated & Corrected Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gifts to the Congregation in memory of Clarence Fox in the amount of \$805 were received from:

Donna and John Will, Helen Dungan, Jim & Lois Altemose, Harold & Gladys Nicholas, Jim & Arlene Freeh, Wayne & Cheryl Mesko, Robert Michener, Roy C. Fox, Sr., James & Kathleen Michener, Maynard & Minnie King, Dorothy Peterman, and Leo & Betty Fox.

Many thanks to Dot Peterman, who sends thank you notes for these memorial contributions to the donors on behalf of the Congregation.



the story of the season

**Nativity**



a live outdoor family presentation  
December 15, 2012 | 5 & 7:30 PM

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church | Pleasant Valley

hot & cold refreshments following the story  
chairs provided | live animals | songs | angels

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[www.TrinityPV.org](http://www.TrinityPV.org) | 610.346.7282

## From the PARISH NURSE

The flu and cold season is now upon us, but cough and cold medications can pose serious risks for children. Most of these medications are not recommended for children under age two and it is debated whether they are appropriate for older children. They don't effectively treat the underlying causes of a cold or make it go away. The FDA is studying the safety of these medications for children older than two. When giving an older child a cough or cold medicine, carefully follow the label directions. Do not give the child two medicines with the same active ingredient, such as an antihistamine, decongestant, or pain reliever. Too much of a single ingredient could lead to an accidental overdose. If a child has a cold, antibiotics will have no effect on it. Colds are caused by viruses and antibiotics treat bacterial infections.

Pain relievers, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) can be given to reduce a fever or relieve a sore throat. Take care to follow the dosing directions on the bottle carefully. Do not give ibuprofen to a child younger than six months and don't give aspirin to children younger than 18 years. Aspirin has been associated with a condition known as Reye's Syndrome, a rare but potentially serious illness.

### ***Some tips to help the child feel better:***

- \*offer fluids-water, juice, and broth can help loosen congestion
- \*cool mist humidifier – change the water daily
- \*ice cream or ice pops can help soothe a sore throat
- \*plenty of rest.
- \*chicken soup has an anti-inflammatory effect
- \*steam from a hot shower may help
- \*cold or warm drinks
- \*saline nasal drops or spray can loosen thick mucus

### ***Contact the doctor:***

- \* if the child has a high or persistent fever
- \* has a persistent cough,
- \*has thick green nasal discharge
- \*has trouble swallowing,
- \*has yellow or green discharge from the eyes,
- \*has ear or sinus pain.

### ***Ways to prevent a cold:***

- \*wash hands thoroughly and often
- \*avoid sharing drinks, utensils, etc
- \*cough or sneeze into a tissue or into the crook of the arm
- \*avoid prolonged contact with people with colds.

God Bless you and Merry Christmas,  
Mary Hurley, RN

## **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Please lift up in prayer the following:*

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Bob Erceg, Leo Fox, Kenneth Hager, Johnny Hesser, Michael Kempf, Elfriede Marschewski, Cheryl Mesko, Bob Newcomb, and David Sauter.

**For Those In Service to our Country:** Corporal Michael Hesser( USMC Camp Lejeune); Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves, Kuwait); Specialist Blake Rodd (Alaska); and Corporal Nicholas Squartino (USMC).

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Al Borse, Melissa Carafa, Ronald Christman, Sr., Kenneth Crouse, London Dally, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, Lisa Groff, Bryant Hlavaty, Karen Hlavaty, Roni Klingbeil, Carolyn Litzenberger, Dawn Margeson, Pearl Musser, Glen Newcomb, James Rillera, Bill Schnable, Alex Senft, Lewis Snyder, Alex Ulrey, and Vernon Wehrung.

**For those who are Homebound:** Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Betty Kiefer, Marcella Krager, Jean Haas, Lillian Melchior, and Norma Rodenbach.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Gerald Ulmer, Joanne Seipt, Frank Stokes, Ken Newcomb, Charlene Higgins, Pat Butler, Clarence Fox, Evelyn Peterman, Virginia Fisher, Gloria Phillipps, Gene Gribbin, Alexa Bailey, Clarence Berger, Mildred Seifert, and Irene Fox.



**Christian Ed:** Sunday school is getting exciting as each week we grow a little more and attendance increases. At this point we have approximately 21 children each week, even more so when the children invite their friends. Because most of these children have grown up together, the church is now able to have a youth group once again.

The children are now practicing for the Christmas play entitled CHRISTMAS "RETURNS". It's a story about the day AFTER Christmas when people go back to the stores to return the gifts that they really didn't need or want, along with the excuses why they need to return them. The dialog is fast paced, so you need to listen carefully to hear all of the humor entwined throughout. **The children's performance will be held during worship service on December 23rd.** Plan on attending if you want a good laugh!

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## *Family Youth Group News*

Exciting events coming in December...

- Children and parents will be working with Carolyn Williams, preparing for a Children's Christmas Comedy presentation on December 23. It is very important that children be present every Sunday morning, December 2, 9, 16, and 23 - at 9:00 AM - to practice.
  - Attendance at Live Nativity on Saturday, December 15th at 5:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran, on Route 212 in Pleasant Valley. We will need parents to drive and perhaps some carpooling. The Nativity Pageant lasts 20-25 minutes and then refreshments will follow inside Trinity's Fellowship Hall.
  - Christmas Caroling to residents of Saucon Valley Manor on Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 1:30 PM. Schedule for the day: Come to Sunday School and worship; Noon: Lunch together in our Fellowship Hall; 1:00 PM: leave for Saucon Valley Manor. Our Youth Group and Sunday School will also be crafting special gifts to take along.
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## CARE-A-LOT NEWS

Winter is almost here! In December, we will be talking about faith and giving as we prepare for Christmas, our Christmas play and making our Christmas crafts. Pastor Dave will be discussing this theme in our God's Gifts session. We will also talk about how we are "Wild About Winter" as we learn about winter changes. In Math, we will be doing number review.



Care-A-Lot

In January, we will celebrate the New Year with a Pajama Party. We will learn about ourselves as we discuss being "Wild about Our Bodies". We will learn what tolerance and diversity are as we honor Martin Luther King. In Math, we will talk about symmetry. We will also be taking a field trip to go ice skating.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Love, Mrs. Naska, Mrs. Pason and Mrs. Hower

## Winter Highlights December 2012-January 2013

**Saturday, December 1** - Community Holiday Dinner at Riegelsville Fire House 2-7 PM. Free tickets available from Joe Hlavaty.

**Sunday, December 2 Advent begins** - Christmas Ingathering of Gifts - Christmas Gifts for foster children, gift bags for institutionalized - bring to church no later than Sunday morning, they will be delivered immediately after worship.

**Sunday, December 9th - Second Sunday in Advent** - Congregational Meeting to approve the 2013 Budget, immediately after worship. Advance copies of the Budget are available at the church. WELCA hosts the Christmas Congregational Covered Dish at noon, right after the Budget Meeting.

**Tuesday, December 11 - Church Council Meeting, at 6:30 PM,** beginning with pizza.

**Saturday, December 15th at 5:00 and 7:30 PM - Living Nativity** at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley. Refreshments served afterwards in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. (Youth Group will attend the 5 PM show)

**Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday in Advent.** Christmas Caroling to Saucon Valley Manor for children and adults. Lunch together at noon at church, then leave for Hellertown at 1:00 PM.

**Saturday, December 22** - Christmas flowers to be delivered in the morning. Preparation of the Sanctuary for Christmas services.

**Christmas Services: Sunday, December 23** - Sunday School Presentation at 10:30 AM: "Christmas Returns" also sacrament of Holy Baptism. **Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve** - 5 PM Children and Family Service, 7:30 PM Candlelight Communion Service. Sunday, December 30 - First Sunday of Christmas. No Sunday School, 10:30 AM Service of Lessons and Carols.

**Sunday, January 6, 2013** - Feast of the Epiphany - No Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion, special music, focus on Magi's gifts to Jesus

**Thursday, January 10** - WELCA program at 1:30 PM - Feminine Faces of Faith: Miriam - Outspoken. Leader: Esther Crouse, Hostess: Althea Crouse.

**Wednesday, January 16 - First Soup Supper of 2013** - 4-6:30 PM. Vegetable Beef and Potato Soups.

**Saturday, January 26 - Upper Bucks Conference sponsors "Church on the Edge"** 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM at St. Andrew's in Perkasie. Designed for lay folks, questions of how the church will adapt to fast-paced changes in a digital age will be addressed. How will we do Christian Education, Evangelism, Stewardship, Worship? The cost for this stimulating and practical event for church members is \$10 per person, or \$50 per congregation if 5 or more attend. Speak to Pastor Deal if interested. The snow date is February 2.

**Looking ahead to February 2013 ...**

**Sunday, February 3 - Souper Bowl of Caring** - We collect cans of soup and money on Super Bowl Sunday

**Sunday, February 10 - Annual Congregational Meeting & Covered Dish** following worship. Snow Date is 2/17.

**Special Annual Christmas Food Drive** sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 127 of Riegelsville --- Special bags will be dropped off at our church the first week in December. Bags are to be returned to ELC of Durham no later than the morning of December 9. The Boy Scouts will pick up the bags after church. Last year the Scouts collected 4,610 pounds of food from the community. They hope to exceed that weight this year. This effort supplements our weekly collection of food for the Lord's Pantry and Project of Easton.

### ELCA GOOD GIFTS - Giving Christmas Gifts to

**help our neighbors around the world.** The ELCA Good



Gifts Catalog will be available in the Narthex beginning November 25th. Gifts range from chicks and goats to microloans to medicines

and water wells. You can give over the phone by calling 800-638-3522. OR, you can shop online at <https://community.elca.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=607>. Speak to Pastor Deal if you have more questions.





## December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>Advent</b>						<b>1</b> 2-7 PM Community Holiday Dinner at Riegeville Fire Co.
<b>2 First Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 AM - Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM - Communion, Christmas Gathering of Gifts	<b>3</b> 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office	<b>4</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Pastor at UBC Bible Study	<b>5</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 6:30 PM Choir	<b>6</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office	<b>7</b> Pastor at Poisonage Office	<b>8</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>9 Second Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 AM - Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM - Communion -Congregational Budget Meeting Noon - Christmas Covered Dish	<b>10</b> 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office	<b>11</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Pastor at UBC Rostered Leaders 6:30 PM Church Council Pizza/Meeting	<b>12</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 6:30 PM Choir	<b>13</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office	<b>14</b> Pastor at Poisonage Office 2-7 PM Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John UCC	<b>15</b> 5 and 7:30 PM Living Nativity at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley
<b>16 Third Sunday in Advent</b> 9:00 AM - Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM - Communion Noon - Lunch for Caroleers, followed by Family Youth Group Caroling at Saucon Valley Manor	<b>17</b> 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office	<b>18</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Pastor at UBC Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 6:30 PM Choir	<b>20</b> 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office	<b>21</b> Pastor at Poisonage Office	<b>22</b> 9 AM - Christmas Flowers Delivered - Sanctuary Preparations for Christmas
<b>23 Christmas Eve</b> 9:00 AM - Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM - Sunday School Christmas Program "Christmas Returns" Sacrament of Holy Baptism	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 5 PM Children & Family Service 7:30 PM Candle Light Communion Service	<b>25 Nativity of Our            Lord</b> 	<b>26</b> No Preschool, No scheduled Office Hours	<b>27</b> No Preschool, No scheduled Office Hours	<b>28</b> No scheduled Office Hours	<b>29</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>30 First Sunday of Christmas</b> NO Sunday School 10:30 AM - Service of Lessons and Carols	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> No scheduled Office Hours					

  
 Peace on Earth  
 GOOD WILL TO ALL

## Hurricane Sandy Relief

Want to help people affected by Hurricane Sandy?

Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern PA is now collecting materials for cleaning "flood" buckets, hygiene kits, and supplies requested by the Metro NY Synod. We will be collecting these at the church and taking them to St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Sellersville. Our Upper Bucks Conference is concentrating on the clean-up buckets; and unfortunately the need for these supplies will last longer than this December / January newsletter. Following the list for the Cleanup buckets are requests from the NY Metro Synod – these will be taken by volunteers from St Michael's to New York.

### **CLEAN-UP BUCKETS – Also known as “Flood Buckets”**

- One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
- Five scouring pads
- One scrub brush
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Five dust masks
- One pair work gloves
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of insect repellent (*pump, drops or lotion, not aerosol*)
- 28-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags (*30-45 gallon*)
- Eighteen cleaning towels (*reusable, like Easy Wipes®*)
- One 12 oz. bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner (*like Lysol®*)
- One 25 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (*like Dawn®*)
- Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle)
- Seven sponges, assorted sizes
- One 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Two pairs latex gloves (like Playtex®)

- ☐ Please provide all liquids in new, unopened plastic bottles.
- ☐ Be sure to provide only new materials.
- ☐ If the requested item size is not available, go down to the next available size.
- ☐ **You do not have to provide *all* of the items. Any contribution is welcome.**

**Hygiene Kits:** In the face of natural disasters, **Hygiene Kits** can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Our colleagues at Church World Service (CWS) and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) collect and distribute these kits or can tell us how to get them to those in immediate need.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids®

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Please include toothpaste for kits in a separate package.

Hygiene Kit value: \$10 Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit

Questions: Contact Ruth Doty, NEPS Coordinator for Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania - [ruth@lutherancongregationalservices.org](mailto:ruth@lutherancongregationalservices.org) or 610.770.9205

**Lutheran Disaster Relief** of Eastern PA is also accepting donations of the following food and supplies, as requested by Metro NY Synod.



#### **BABIES/CHILDREN**

- baby bottles and formula (powdered or liquid)
- baby clothes and blankets
- baby food (jarred or canned)
- baby powder
- diapers and wipes

#### **CLEANING SUPPLIES**

- dish soap
- heavy duty trash bags
- laundry detergent
- spray-bottled cleaners
- disinfectant wipes and bleach
- latex gloves
- mops, brooms and shovels
- work gloves

#### **FOOD (NON-PERISHABLE ONLY)**

- bottled water
- canned fruits
- granola bars and energy bars
- instant soups
- peanut butter and jelly
- boxed/non-refrigerated milk
- canned tuna fish
- instant coffee and tea bags
- packaged snacks or cookies

#### **GENERAL SUPPLIES**

- batteries - especially "D"
- face/dust masks
- generators
- masking tape and marking pens
- gas containers (only government-approved "red" containers)
- disposable cameras
- flashlights
- hand and foot warmers
- power strips and extension cords

#### **HYGIENE**

- deodorant
- hand sanitizers
- shampoo and conditioner
- toothpaste, toothbrushes and mouthwash
- feminine hygiene products
- razors and shaving cream
- soaps (bar or liquid)

#### **MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

- adhesive/non-adhesive bandages, antibacterial ointments, gauze and tape
- acetaminophen, aspirin and ibuprofen
- rubbing alcohol and peroxide

#### **PAPER/PLASTIC PRODUCTS**

- can openers (manual only)
- napkins and paper towels
- tissues
- toilet paper
- disposable dinnerware (cups, plates, and plastic utensils)

#### **PET FOODS**

- dry dog or cat food (no cans)

Contact: Rev Jennifer Ollikainen, 215-859-3779 or [via email. jolikainen@libertylutheran.org](mailto:jolikainen@libertylutheran.org)

**Disaster Response Service Opportunities:** For updates and more details, please check [www.lutherancongregationalservices.org](http://www.lutherancongregationalservices.org).

- **December 8** at St Michael's Lutheran church in Sellersville and December 9 at Trinity Lutheran, Hazleton: Day long **training on mucking and gutting houses** that have been flooded. This course teaches how to clean-out homes safely and properly. *(Exact times coming soon, please check website)*
- **December 8 and 9. Bucks and Montgomery County tree cleanup weekend.** If you know of someone with tree cleanup needs, please contact Julia Menzo <[jmenzo@libertylutheran.org](mailto:jmenzo@libertylutheran.org)>, Disaster Response Co-Coordinator, Lutheran Congregational Services.
- **December 15. Flood bucket assembly event 9 – 11 a.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Kulpville, PA.** This is a Regional Thrivent supported event. ***We'll be sure to get our donations to them in time for this.***

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