

In September ...

- **Wednesday, September 2** at 6:30 PM—Choir rehearsals resume
- **Wednesday, September 9** at 9:30 AM— Care-A-Lot Parents' Welcome
- **Sunday, September 13,** FALL WORSHIP TIME 10:30 AM - Rally Day—Picnic—National Day of Service
- **Sunday, September 20—** Harvest Home—Bring in food all during September!
- **Sunday, September 27 -** New Church Window Dedication

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EVANGELISM September 2015

They Will Know We are Christians by Our Love and Service

September 13, 2015 is God's Work - Our Hands Day, the third annual ELCA National Day of Service. Congregations, including our own, have been getting excited about service. Millennials and youth today are most excited about projects of service. Maybe we're all discovering what Jesus tried to teach and show us two thousand years ago.

In September, (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays) our scriptures will center on service. On September 13, we will hear these words of Jesus from Mark 8:34 –35: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it."

So, there it is—the heart of the matter. If we want to know and follow Jesus fully, we need to give up our wants and desires to serve him and to serve one another. Jesus has already done all that for us and the world on the cross. Jesus knows that when we serve with willing hearts we will experience deep and lasting joy. We will become what God created us to be.

Come, join me on Sunday mornings in September as we answer the call and discover the joy of service. We will have multiple opportunities to serve in so many ways on September 13 and throughout the Fall. As we do so, the world will know we are Christians and we will know love like we've never known before.

~ Pastor David Deal

DON'T MISS THE FALL CHANGE! Our worship hour returns to 10:30 AM on September 13. You are invited to dress casually, as a picnic will follow worship. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, Church Council will provide everything else.



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Even though the state, in its infinite wisdom, gave us a last minute reprieve on background checks with a one year extension, doing Vacation Bible School in June instead of July or August worked out well. Having it early did not seem to diminish attendance or enthusiasm, and it gave the volunteers a longer time to rest up for the Beef Roast.

Every year I try to make an accurate list of everyone who helps at the Beef Roast but have never succeeded. There are just too many people doing too many things. So once again, this is a general thank you to all who trimmed beef, cut vegetables, set up tents and tables, scrubbed pots, heated up your kitchen baking desserts, and all the myriad other chores that make this thing a success. You know who you are, and God knows you were doing his work. A special thanks to the folks at Trauger's Farm who donate all the vegetables and so many delicious pies; and, by the way, the Mother's Day flowers and the Father's Day chocolate bars. Of the \$2,111 we took in this year, we only have to pay for the beef, almost \$700, and the Springtown Rod and Gun Club rental. Everything else is donated by our volunteers, so we can easily pay our \$600 obligation to Stop Hunger Now. Approximately another \$600 will go to AHUB, the newly formed organization for the homeless, to help refurbish the shelter in Quakertown.

Now we have to get ready for our picnic after worship on September 13th. Please bring a dish to share. Council will supply burgers and hot dogs to nourish those going off to work on this ELCA National Day of Service. Some of you will pack meals for Stop Hunger Now. Others may be joining a work group at the homeless shelter. After all, you've had 6 weeks to recover from the Beef Roast.

Val McGinn, Council President

Next Council Meeting: September 8th at 6:30

Council Assignments for September: Lynn Gaun and Beth Snyder

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Deal will be at the Church Office on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 10 AM to noon. He will be at the Parsonage Office on Friday mornings. The phone number at the parsonage is 610-346-8314.

Ann Wong, Church Secretary, will be at the Church Office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 5:00 PM.

If there is something you need outside of regular Church Office hours, leave a message for Pastor Deal at 610-346-8314, or e-mail Ann at evangel@durhamlutheran.org.



New Church Directories will be available at the end of September. **DRAFT** copies of the Directory will be available on Rally Day for you to check that all your information is correct.

If you haven't yet filled out a Directory Information Form, please do so ASAP. Entries that are not confirmed will not be printed!

Outreach

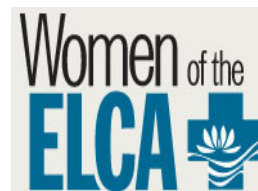
Helen Dungan

Thanks to all who contributed to our canned vegetables collection this summer, and to those who donated food baskets.

Food baskets: On June 7th Barbara and Ben Naska presented a food basket in honor of granddaughter Makenzie's 12th birthday. On June 21st Barbara and Ben Naska presented a food basket in memory of their fathers, Frank Naska and Albert Hoover. On June 28th Barbara and Ben Naska presented a food basket in honor of son Ben's birthday. On August 2nd Helen Dungan presented a food basket in memory of George & Irene Fox (who were instrumental in starting the annual beef roast) and in honor of Val McGinn and Dave Sauter and all who helped with this year's beef roast.

Harvest Home will held on Sunday September 20th. We will collect all types of food for the two food pantries as well as take a monetary donation. You can bring food in anytime during September.

All women of the congregation are invited to tea and scones on the Dungan deck (dining room if weather is inclement) on Monday September 14, 2015 at 1:30. I will share some of the things I learned at the Synod gathering in June. The speakers were all very good. (Topics were immigration, sex trafficking, and mental illness.) We will also plan out our year's activities.



Helen Dungan

PALISADES CLUSTER of Lutheran Churches -- Helen Dungan

CROP Walk: Will be held October 18th, starting at 1:00. We discussed having walkers carry water. Women in Sub-Saharan Africa walk an average of 3.7 miles each way to get their daily water. To get a taste of what this is like, we would need sturdy 5 gallon containers. There was a water walk at the Youth Gathering in Detroit; but they fell short of the \$500,000 they were trying to collect. We discussed using some of the money raised by the Crop Walk for this.

Cluster Youth Ministry: Plans are underway to organize a cluster wide youth group. It will be open to youth in grades 6 through 12. There will be two components, regular meetings on the third Sunday of the month, and service activities. The first meeting will be held Sunday September 20th at Trinity, Pleasant Valley from 6-8 pm. It will be an ice breaker / social with pizza and ice cream sundaes. But there will also be a time to plan for future activities and service. All adult leaders and youth are invited to attend.

The second gathering will be on Sunday October 18th and will be the CROP Walk with a fellowship time following at St Peter's in Riegelsville.

Thrivent: Walt Gaibler, gave a report on the changes which are happening at Thrivent. There will be no Board elections in 2015 as the board system as currently structured is being phased out in 2016. There will be a meeting in September to explain what is planned. Care in Communities funding was cut in half in 2015. (We received money from this to support our Vacation Bible School.) However, a new funding opportunity, Thrivent Action Teams, has been added. Any Thrivent member can apply for \$250 toward expenses of a ministry project. But only one per project. You get a debit card; and must keep receipts. Any Thrivent member can apply twice a year; and the process is not difficult.

September Worship Assistants

	6*	13	20*	27* 31
Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Jack Pyne	Nicholas Phillipps	Makenzie Naska	Matthew Mueller
Greeter(s)	Cheryl Mesko	Austin and Alaina Apgar	Ed Xander	Linda & David Sauter
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lec- tor	Tom Gaun	Val McGinn	Joan Mammana	Linda Sauter
Council Communion Assistants	Lynn Gaun Beth Snyder		Lynn Gaun Beth Snyder	
Counters	Lynn Gaun, Beth Snyder * Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.			
Head Usher	Helen Dungan			
Altar Guild	Betty Foxand Barb Naska			

	September Birthdays		September Anniversaries		September Baptisms
5	Bruce Crouse				
7	Bob Crouse (86) Jim Miller				
9	Joanne Ziegenfuss			9	Julie Kenworthy
12	Bob Fox Barbara Naska			10	Ben F. Naska
14	Dot Peterman Bonnie dePortillo	14	Karen & Hans Rilling (52)		
15	Laura Pyne			17	Hunter Aquino
22	Don Seipt (87)	21	Nancy & Frank Moskella (41)	20	Michael Altemus
24	Nancy Fox Katie Aquino, Mary Ellen Jonczyk	23	Nancy & Bob Fox (48)	21	Makenzie Naska
25	Mike Rhine	26	Tanya & Ben Naska (16)	22	Betty Fox
27	Jack Pyne			27	Nancy Moskella
28	Maggie Fischer			29	Rory McMullen Billy McMullen
				30	Roger Wolf



Welcome to our new friends and welcome back to our old ones here at Care-A-Lot! September starts another year of fun and learning. We will be starting our school year off with a welcome day for our Fish (preschool class) and our Owls (Pre-K class) on Wednesday, September 9th from 9:30-11:00 am. We will meet with the children and tell their parents all about the upcoming year. Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 15th. Our theme this year is "Land, Sky, Sea – You and Me".

Our science theme this month is "Colors" so we will learn about the primary colors and how to make secondary colors. We will also learn everyone's favorite color. We will be taking a field trip to the Crayola Factory at the end of the month to enhance our color lessons.

We will focus on getting to know each other this month since we have new students in both classes. In Math, we will begin to learn about counting and recognizing numbers and continue that throughout the year. Pastor Dave will meet with the children and talk about Friends and Sharing using the Spark Bible.

As always, anyone is welcome to come and visit with the children, perhaps to read to them or play with them. If you have a special talent that you think the children would like to learn, please contact us and we can schedule a day for you to come into the class. The children love visitors and love showing what they know!

Love,

Mrs. Errico, Mrs. Pason and Mrs. Hower

PRAYER



THANK YOU ...

Kim and Bill Ulrey and their family would like to express their thanks and gratitude to Gerry and Don Seipt, Pastor Dave and the congregation for the thoughtful get well card and prayers. It was much appreciated. Alex is doing better and they hope to be able to bring her home from the hospital at the National Institute of Health in Maryland soon.

MaryEllen Jonczyk would like to thank the congregation for their prayers. She is happy to report that things are looking up!

HOSPITALITY

HELP WANTED !!! Due to the fact that Norma Fox will be away during the winter months, she will no longer be able to chair the Hospitality committee. We are looking for someone who enjoys entertaining, cooking and interacting with people. There are no monthly meetings to attend since it only takes a few phone calls to organize an event. The only BIG event is the Easter sunrise breakfast and everyone pitches in to help. Occasionally we also hold a small after service coffee hour with finger foods donated by our members. If you are interested in this chairmanship or would just like to be on this committee please contact Lynn Gaun at 610-749-0217 or see me after church.

PALISADES AREA CROP WALK

Sunday, October 18

12:30 PM

BEGIN at St. Peter's in Riegelsville

1 Mile and 4 Mile Walks along
The Delaware Fiver Canal
(right through Trauger's Farm)

The walk will include games, special
challenges, and lots of fun and
fellowship.

Join with churches all over the world
with CROP/Church World Service to
END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME!

*Sign-up forms and pledge forms,
along with publicity materials, will be
available starting August 30.*

*75 % of proceeds to CROP, 25% locally to The Lord's
Pantry and Meals on Wheels.*



A Fabulous Fall of Christian Learning Opportunities begins in SEPTEMBER ...

- ⇒ Care-A-Lot Preschool—Helping 3, 4, and 5 year-olds grow physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Call 610-346-8500 and leave a message if interested—there are still spots available. Preschool Welcome for Parents is on Wednesday, September 9 at 9:30 AM. The first regular school day is Tuesday, September 15, 9 AM-12:30 PM.
- ⇒ SPARK Sunday School—Sunday morning Christian experience for children ages 3-11, from 9-10 AM, beginning on Rally Day, Sunday September 13. The entire community is invited.
- ⇒ Confirmation Ministry—for youth in Middle School, working with Pastor Deal and other adults. Sessions to be organized early in the Fall. Call the Pastor at 610-346-8314 with your questions.
- ⇒ Chapel Chat—For post-confirmation and high school. Led by Cathy Mueller on Sunday mornings from 9-10 AM in the Chapel across from the church. The subjects they discuss will be chosen by the students concerning events in our world today and how they relate to God's word.
- ⇒ Sunday morning Adult Bible Study—9 AM in the back of the Sanctuary. Talk to Helen Dungan (610-346-8829, if interested).
- ⇒ Women of the ELCA (WELCA) - Monthly Programs of interest to women. Call Helen Dungan (610-346-8829) to learn more.
- ⇒ Small Groups are forming to study the Gospels and their importance for our real lives as Christian Disciples in the 21st century. They will meet weekdays or evenings. If interested, call Pastor Deal at 610-346-8314.

God's Work. Our Hands. Time, Talents, and TREASURE in 2015!

In faith and gratitude to our God of abundant mercy, we have been able to contribute to the following in Spring/Summer of this year:

- **Church World Service**—Your gifts to Blanket and Tool Sundays totaled **\$1,148**. These funds will help men, women, and children around the world during disaster and to rebuild afterwards.
- **Heifer Project International**—Through this VBS special offering, the donations of VBS children, their families, and our community of faith totaled **\$1,841.39**. These funds will provide animals, seedlings, and irrigations pumps to help those in need around the world sustain themselves and their families.
- **Beef Roast Report**—The total income from the Beef Roast was \$2,111, while expenses were \$866. This leaves a total for Mission of \$1,245. We have already sent **\$600 to Stop Hunger Now** for the September 13th meal-packaging event. We will send **\$645 for AHUB** (Advocates for Homeless of Upper Bucks, formerly Code Blue) to help with expenses in renovating the Masonic Lodge in Quakertown for use as a shelter.

Gods Work. Our Hands.

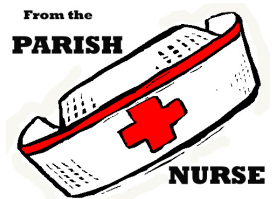
Sunday, September 13, 2015 - Third Annual ELCA National Day of Service

Join with members of ELC of Durham in serving! Below are some opportunities for YOU!

- ♦ Stop Hunger Now - 30,000 meals will be packed by volunteers from 14 Upper Bucks churches on Sunday afternoon, after the picnic, at St. Andrew's in Perkasie.
- ♦ Crop Walk - Sunday afternoon, October 18, along the Delaware Canal. Pledge forms and other information about the CROP Walk will be available on September 13.
- ♦ AHUB Volunteers - Help is needed to spruce up the Masonic Lodge in Quakertown to prepare it for service as a homeless shelter for Upper Bucks. Work days will be held this fall before the cold weather sets in. Watch for exact dates and details.
- ♦ Share Our Surplus Network - Help pack cars full of laundry detergent and cleaning supplies at their Easton, PA warehouse site, on Saturday, September 12 starting at 10 AM. Supplies are headed to local food pantries. Contact Pastor Ginny Goodwin at vgoodwin@ptd.net for more information.

To know and love Jesus is to SERVE as he served the world.

Pertussis, better known as the childhood illness “Whooping Cough”, is thought to be on the rise. The vaccine received as a child eventually wears off. This leaves teenagers and adults susceptible to the infection during an outbreak. Children are not fully immunized to Pertussis until they receive at least three shots, thus leaving infants under six months of age at a greater risk of contracting the infection. This infection is caused by bacteria. An infected person sneezes or coughs and bacteria-laden droplets are spread into the air and breathed into another person’s lungs.



Many people don’t develop the characteristic “whoop” cough, so many times this infection is undetected. A persistent hacking cough may be the only symptom that an adult or teenager has. Infants may not cough at all and instead they may struggle with breathing. Infants and toddlers are at a greater risk of complications from Whooping Cough and it is critical they receive the series of three vaccines. Treatment for the infection is antibiotics and there are few medications for the cough.

The best way to prevent the infection is the Pertussis vaccine. It is given in combination with Diphtheria and Tetanus and it is recommended to start the vaccine in infancy. It consists of five injections given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years. Side effects are mild and may include fever, headache, crankiness, and fatigue. Booster shots are given to adolescents at age 11 years and for adults. It then is recommended to receive it again with a Tetanus vaccine every ten years. Pregnant women should receive the vaccine between 27 and 36 weeks of gestation.

September 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1		2 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsals Resume	3	4	5 Pastor's Day Off
6 9:30 AM Holy Communion Lemonade on the Lawn	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 6:30 PM Church Council Supper/ Meeting	9 9:30 AM CAL Back to School Welcome for Parents	10	11	12 Pastor's Day Off
13 Rally Day/Day of Service 9 AM Spark 10:30 Casual Worship 11:30 Picnic 1:30-4 PM Stop Hunger Now	14 Rosh Hashanah	15 9 AM – 12:30 PM CAL first day of school	16 9 AM – 12:30 PM CAL 6:30 PM Choir	17 9 AM – 12:30 PM CAL	18	19 Pastor's Day Off
20 Harvest Home 9 AM Spark 10:30 Communion 6-8 PM Youth Party at Trinity, Pleasant Valley	21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22 9 AM – 12:30 PM CAL	23 9 AM – 12:30 PM CAL Yom Kippur 6:30 PM Choir	24 9 AM – 12:30 PM CAL	25	26 Pastor's Day Off
27 9 AM Spark 10:30 Worship – Dedication of new windows	28	29 Michael & All Angels 9 AM – 12:30 PM CAL	30 9 AM – 12:30 PM CAL 6:30 PM Choir	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Church Office Hours: Pastor – Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 10-12 Friday mornings at Parsonage Office 610-346-8314 Secretary – Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 1-5 PM After Hours: Pastor 610-346-8314 Secretary: evangel@durhamlutheran.org</p> </div>		

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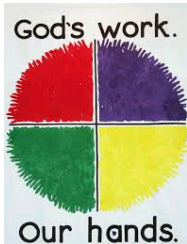
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