

**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of Durham**

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to God's love.~

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**In April & May...**

- **Saturday, April 1** -First Holy Communion Workshop
- **Monday, April 3** - Council
- **Saturday, April 8** - Easter Egg Hunt at 10 AM SHARP
- **Sunday, April 9** -Palm Sunday/Confirmation
- **Thursday, April 13** at 7:30 Maundy Thursday Worship at Durham
- **Friday, April 14** - Good Friday Worship 7:30 at TLC
- **Saturday, April 15** - Easter Vigil 7:30 PM at TLC
- **Sunday, April 16** - Easter Sunday, 6:30 Sunrise, 7:30 Breakfast, 10:30 Festival
- **Sunday, May 7** - Care-A-Lot Sunday
- **May 5-6** SEPA Synod Assembly @ Franconia
- **Sunday May 14** - Mother's Day
- **Sunday, May 28** - Memorial Ceremonies at Durham and Williams Township/

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# EVANGEL



April and May  
2017

**Three Special Days -- April 13-16, 2017**

The days in which God healed the world, brought amazing grace and hope to all the world --- to the suffering, the grieving, the guilt-ridden, the forgotten, the vulnerable --- God saved the world!

**April 13, 2017 - Maundy Thursday** - With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world at a service of confession and absolution; water and washing; bread and wine; darkness and light. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for each other, especially the poor and the unloved. Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham will host this special service on April 13, 2017, at 7:30 PM. We will worship along with our friends from Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley. A joint choir will sing.

**April 14, 2017 - Good Friday** - We gather at the cross to proclaim Jesus as a triumphant King. We are solemnly moved, yet we celebrate Christ's life-giving sacrifice for us and the world. Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasant Valley will host us for a 7:30 PM service on April 14, featuring a joint choir, darkness, candles, prayer, and silence.

**April 15, 2017 - Saturday, Resurrection of Our Lord, Vigil of Easter** - This is the night! This is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life. Many of us have not had this Easter Vigil experience before. It is a wonderful service, with candles ;water; re-enactment of major biblical stories; bread and wine; and celebration. Trinity Lutheran Church will host us for this service at 7:30 PM on Saturday evening. Our own confirmation youth will play a major role in one of the biblical stories. There will be refreshments afterward.

**April 16, 2017 - Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day.** On this day, the Lord has acted to change a world of darkness, brokenness, selfishness, death, and violence to light; new life; hope; and love. The Alleluias return. "Christ is risen!" is shouted. It is the day for every follower of Jesus Christ. Here at Evangelical Lutheran we will celebrate Sunrise Communion at 6:30 AM , Easter Breakfast at 7:30, and Festival Communion with Choir at 10:30 AM.

~ **Pastor David Deal**

**Council Corner****From your Council President ...**

*WELCOME to new Council President,  
Mike Rhine!*



I would like to thank Barb Naska, Lynn Gaun, Helen Dungan, and Cheryl Mesko for their recent service to Church Council. We all greatly appreciate their efforts, time and dedication to our church community. I would also like to welcome Scott Gaun, as he begins his first term on Council, and Val McGinn and Mark Harwick, who are returning to council.

The officers for 2017-2018 will be as follows: Ken Anderson -Financial Secretary, Beth Snyder - Treasurer, Cathy Mueller - Secretary, Scott Gaun - Vice President, and myself as President. In addition to the council office changes, the following individuals will serve in new roles as committee liaisons: Cathy Mueller - WELCA liaison, Pastor Deal - Cluster liaison , Mark Harwick - Altar guild liaison, Val McGinn - Care a lot liaison, Scott Gaun - Hospitality liaison, Cathy Mueller - Christian Education Liaison.

We have various new business objectives that we will be tackling in the coming year as it relates to our church, ministry, worship, and evangelism. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for all that is to come.

We will post a summary of the April Council meeting minutes on the bulletin board in church for review due to the combined April and May Newsletter.

Best, Mike

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**From the Church Office ...**

First, I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, and cards during the illness and death of my mother-in-law, Jane Wong. Your thoughts and prayers were such a comfort.

Secondly, as many of you know, I will be having both of my knees replaced this spring. The right one will be done on Monday, April 17, and the left on Wednesday, May 24, both at Lehigh Valley Hospital Network's Orthopedic Hospital on Tilghman Street in Allentown. I will need your patience and understanding during this time. Because each person's recovery is different, I have no real idea how long I will be out. My best guess is that I will be at home for the first 2 weeks after each surgery, and able to take calls and emails during the second of those weeks. Ken Anderson has set up my cell phone so that I am able to send and receive email sent to [evangel@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:evangel@durhamlutheran.org). If there is something you need during this time, the best way to reach me will be by email.

Pastor Dave has been wonderful about working ahead, so the plan is to have Sunday bulletins completed ahead of time. But I might need some help with folding bulletins and preparing the June Newsletter.

THANK YOU so much for all your support; the many words of optimism and encouragement mean so much to me. This is a wonderful congregation and I am so blessed to work for you.

~Ann

## Outreach - Helen Dungan

**Food ministry:** Thanks to everyone who donated diapers (sizes 3 to 6) and wipes for the food banks. Next month we will continue to collect these items. In May, we will collect canned meats (e.g. tuna, Spam, etc.)

**Hymning:** We will go hymning to our shut-in members on Palm Sunday, April 9. We will begin with lunch at the Dungan's. Then go to share the hymns of Holy Week.

### Palisades Lutheran CLUSTER -- UPCOMING EVENTS:

2017 Lenten Midweek Program – "Grace and Ernest Go to Church" - on Thursdays during Lent, 6:15 PM Light Supper—7 PM devotions/Prayer—Dialogues—Discussion - Skits Based on Reformation Themes

Thursday, March 30 St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Riegelsville

Thursday, April 6 Christ Lutheran Church, Springtown

April 30 – Palisades Lutheran Cluster meeting 3:00 PM at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ferndale.

June 26 to June 30 – **Bear Creek Day Camp** at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley



Helen Dungan

During our March meeting, we had devotions then divided up the soup money. We decided to do Easter Food gift baskets similar to what we did last Thanksgiving. We did not get into the balcony to begin decluttering; but Lynn Gaun was able to go through Vacation Bible School materials. She discarded some items and began reorganizing what she kept.

Information about the distribution of profits from the Soup Suppers is on page 6.

Our April meeting will be Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>; our May meeting will be Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The program for both meetings is to continue Lynn's work of decluttering. We hope to start by evaluating what else is being stored on the church balconies and what could be stored in our storage shed instead. We realize the storage shed also needs to be decluttered and cleaned.

**Upper Bucks Conference of WELCA** Spring Gathering will meet Saturday, April 29, 2016 here at Durham. The program is a celebration of the ministries of love done by the Women of the ELCA by the Churchwide organization, our synodical organization and our local churches – Durham will highlight our Soup Suppers and what we do with the funds we raise. Registration begins at 8:30AM, followed by breakfast at 9:00. In Kind Gifts are paper products for the Welcome Church (disposable hot cups, disposable bowls, and small disposable plates, also sugar packets, creamer, and tea bags - black and/or any flavor.)

**Biennial Convention of Southeastern PA WELCA** will be held Saturday June 3, 2017 at Christ Ascension Lutheran Church, 8300 Germantown Pike, Philadelphia. Our featured speaker is Violet Little of the Welcome Church. In-kind gifts are paper products for the Welcome Church. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. If you would like to hear Violet Little speak and find out more about the Welcome Church, here is your opportunity.

## April Worship Assistants

* Indicates Communion	2*	9*	13* Maundy Thurs.	16*	23*	30*
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller	Grace Litzenberger	Hunter Aquino	Samantha Mueller	TBA
Greeter(s)	LeeAnn Kressman	Althea Crouse	Lynn Gaun	Sunrise: Miriam Anderson 10:30 -Jim & Jayne Miller	Cathy, Samantha, Matthew Mueller	Bonnie Pyne dePortillo
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Tom Gaun	Barb Naska	Joe Hlavaty	10:30 - Kerri Rhine	Ken Anderson	Bob Starling
Council Communion Assistants	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick
Counters	Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick					
Head Usher	Ben T. Naska					
Altar Guild	Barb Naska, Beth & Luke Snyder					

	April Birthdays		April Anniversaries		April Baptisms
		9	Elfriede & Manfred Marschewski (62nd)	1	Hal Taylor
13	Phyllis Lanshe, Kevin Bolesta, Ben Naska, Sr.			3	Rachel Crouse, Sam Rhine
14	Joshua Roney	16	Joan and Frank Mammana (51st)	4	Dave Helfrich
19	Matthew Crouse			6	Chris Fox, Ben J. Naska
				8	Samantha Mueller
20	Karen Rilling			9	Diane DeWalt
21	Jayne Miller, Chris Apgar			10	Becca Anderson
26	Robert Ziegenfuss			18	Laura Helfrich
27	Nancy Moskella			19	Cleo Eck
28	Frank Mammana			24	Landon Helfrich
30	Alison and Emerson Rhine			27	Clayton Helfrich, Landon Frey, Izbella Grzymala
			* Also baptized in April, exact date unknown: Nicholas Phillipps		

## May Worship Assistants

<b>* Indicates Communion</b>	<b>7</b> Care-A-Lot Sunday	<b>14*</b>	<b>21*</b>	<b>28 *</b>
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Grace Litzenberger	Matthew Mueller	Conner Aquino	TBA
Greeter(s)	Frank Mamma-na	Sara Aquino	Mark Harwick	Ed Xander
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector		Maggie Fischer	Scott Gaun	Val McGinn
Council Communion Assistants		TBA	TBA	TBA
Counters	TBA			
Head Usher	Linda Sauter			
Altar Guild	Betty Fox and Serena Ashmore			

	<b>May Birthdays</b>		<b>May Anniversaries</b>		<b>May Baptisms</b>
1	Tim Lechlitter				
2	Frank Erceg			3	Kelvin DeWalt
4	Sara Aquino	7			
5	Mary Dungan (101) Hunter Aquino	9	Barb & Ben Naska (47th)	8	Leo Fox, Sr.
				9	Bryant Hlavaty, Donald V. Seipt
13	Chris Mueller			10	Patricia Zion
14	Luke Snyder				
15	Beth Snyder			12	Jack Pyne
21	Joe Aquino			13	Katie Aquino
23	Bethany Michl			18	Frank Erceg
24	Brian Ashmore, Sr.	25	Sara & Joe Aquino	21	Jim Altemose
25	Joel Roney	27	Maggie Fischer & Bob Starling (39th)	22	Dianna Streletz
	Also baptized in May, exact date unknown - Wayne Mesko				

**Annual  
Community  
Easter Egg Hunt**

**Rain or Shine**

**- Candy - Prizes -**



**Saturday,  
April 8**

**10:00 AM  
SHARP**

**Bring your  
own basket**

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### **Winter Soup Suppers**

We thank everyone who helped with the soup suppers; we had a very good year. We had a profit of \$1785.40 from our January sales; and \$1828.10 from our February sale. We added \$11.50 to round the number up to \$3625.00.

This money was divided to be donated as follows:

ProJeCt Easton Food Bank	\$900
Lord's Pantry Food Bank	\$900
World Hunger	\$900
Riegelsville Meals on Wheels	\$400
Northampton County Meals on Wheels	\$300
Easter Food Baskets	\$225

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### **THANK YOU ...**

Our family wishes to thank everyone for all their prayers over the past months of Bob's medical concerns. We appreciate Pastor Dave's visits, and your cards and phone calls. The out-pouring of love from family and friends has truly been a great support through our difficult days. Durham Congregation is a loving family to us.

~ Esther Crouse & Family







## Care-A-Lot News

We don't know if there will be April showers this month, but we do know there will be a shower of special activities and events at Care-A-Lot!

We'll be decorating our plastic eggs for the "Bunny" to hide on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be closed on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We'll be celebrating EARTH DAY on April 20<sup>th</sup> by reading The Last Forest and planting zinnias (with the help of Trauger's Farm). We'll celebrate "Disney Day" with show-n-tell, wear-

ing Disney clothing, and making Mickey and Minnie hats.

We'll have our second Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be no classes that day because of conferences and we will also have evening conferences that day.

In May we will have a Water Safety program presented by Swim-In Zone. We will also have "Crazy Hat Day" and "Favorite T-Shirt Day". Care-A-Lot Sunday will be May 7<sup>th</sup>, with the students singing several songs and participating in the Children's Service. We will end our year with "Graduation Ceremonies" on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Everyone graduates as we celebrate the completion of a year at Care-A-Lot.

Our curriculum highlights for April & May include: rainbows, ecology, weather, rhyming words, water animals, plants, water safety, ovals, the letters V-W-X-Y-Z and the numbers "9 & 10" for Preschool and the numbers "16-17-18-19-20" for Pre-K. Our Christian theme for April with Pastor Dave is "Easter-Renewal and Growth" and May is "We Are All One Family."

We're looking for additional students for next year and would appreciate you sharing our information with anyone who is looking for a preschool. I would be happy to speak with them about our program. I can be reached at 484-894-0585. Thank you for your help.

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**PRAYER** Please lift up in prayer the following ...

# APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

**April 1 from 2-5:00 PM - First Holy Communion Workshop** for Chase Aquino, Clayton Helfrich, Addyson Mammana, and Benjamin Naska. The date for First Holy Communion will be set during the Easter Season!

**April 8 at 10 AM SHARP! - Community Easter Egg Hunt.** Bring your own Basket. Rain or shine. Eggs, candy, and prizes for everyone! Led by Lynn Gaun.



**April 9 - Passion/Palm Sunday - Beginning Of Holy Week**



10:30 AM - Special worship to include the distribution of Eco-Palms, a special procession, singing by children with the Adult Choir, reading of the Passion from the Gospel of St. Matthew, and Holy Communion.

***Three Holiest Days in the History of Humankind!***  
***April 13-16, 2017***

**April 13 - Maundy/Holy Thursday** - Joint worship with TLC, Pleasant Valley at 7:30 PM, here at ELC of Durham, will include confession and individual absolution, washing, joint choir, holy communion, and stripping of the altar.

**April 14 - Good Friday** - 7:30 PM joint worship service with Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley at Trinity, to include darkness/light, readings, hymns, joint choir, prayer.

**April 15 - Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil** at Trinity Lutheran Church, beginning at 7:30 PM. The evening will include lighting, baptismal remembrance, readings, youth acting out the Noah Drama (including the Confirmation youth from Durham), singing, celebration, communion, food and fellowship.

**April 16 - Resurrection of our Lord - Easter Day**

6:30 AM Holy Communion. Theme: "At the Crossroads." Will include darkness/light, a children's sermon, and Holy Communion.

7:30 AM Delicious Easter Breakfast organized by Lynn Gaun and our Hospitality Committee. Lynn could use lots of help. Please call her at 610-749-0217 if you can help!



There will be NO Sunday School.

10:30 AM - Festival Service of Holy Communion - Adult Choir and a children's sermon.



# MAY HIGHLIGHTS

**May 5-6 - Annual SEPA Synod Assembly** at Franconia Mennonite Church. ELC of Durham will be represented by voting members Beth Snyder, Mark Harwick, and Pastor Deal. The theme will be "Racism" and the Synod assembly will begin the process to prepare for the election of a new bishop in 2018.



## May 7 - Care-A-Lot Sunday - A Children's Service



10:30 AM worship - Singing by the Care-A-Lot Children, recognition of Staff, Volunteers, and Parents, and refreshments after the service. A special offering will be taken at the service for the "Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund" to assist the Preschool with tuition. Please give if you can - a check made payable to ELC of Durham, with "Care-A-Lot" in the memo line.

**Thursday, May 25 from 5:30-8:30 - Care-A-Lot Graduation Ceremonies.**



**Saturday, May 13 at 11:00 AM - Memorial Service for Ruth Behm.**

**Sunday, May 28 at 6:00 PM - Memorial Weekend - Ceremony** honoring fallen heroes and living veterans at the Williams

Township Municipal Campus, 655 Cider Press Rd. in Williams Township. The entire community is invited to attend.



**Sunday, June 4 - the Day of Pentecost.** It's not too soon to look ahead to the end of the Easter Season and when the Time of the Holy Spirit with the Church begins. Here at ELC of Durham, it will also be the time for Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism by some of our youth!

## A NOTE from NANCY ...

During the Summer, if you have fresh flowers in your garden, you are invited to pick them, put them in a vase, and bring them to church to share.

~ Nancy Moskella



# April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 First Holy Communion Workshop 2-5 PM
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Holy Communion	3 7 PM - Church Council	4 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	5 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	6 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Cluster @ Christ, Springtown	7	8 10 AM Easter Egg Hunt
9 Palm/Passion Sunday 9 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Holy Communion 12 noon - Easter Hymning to Shut-ins 5:30 PM Joint Confirmation at Durham	10	11 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot WELCA	12 No Care-A-Lot	13 Maundy Thursday No Care-A-Lot 7:30 PM Worship @ Durham	14 Good Friday 7:30 PM Worship at TLC Pleasant Valley	15 7:30 PM Easter Vigil at TLC, in Pleasant Valley
16 Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Communion 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM Festival Communion	17	18 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	19 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	20 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	21	22 Memorial Service for Adele Haas 11 AM
23 Second Sunday of Easter 9 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM Joint Confirmation at TLC	24	25 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	26 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	27 Care-A-Lot Conferences - No Class	28	29 Pastor's Day Off
30 Third Sunday of Easter 9 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>Church Office Hours:</b> Pastor - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 10 AM - 12 noon Secretary - Tuesday & Thursday afternoons, April 4-14. Friday afternoon, April 28.					



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# *EVANGEL*



# SPRING

## APRIL & MAY 2017

