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This Summer ...

- Adult Small Group every Sunday at 9 AM
- Summer Worship every Sunday at 10 AM
- Lemonade on the Lawn every Sunday at 11

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**Don't forget to sign up
for
LEMONADE ON THE
LAWN!!!**



EVANGEL SUMMER 2017

July - August

Summer is Here! School is Out! What About Ministry?

A little of the hustle and bustle of most of the year has now slowed. Church meetings and activities are cut way back. But God is still caring for us with love and grace. And God still has a plan for us ... to grow in faith (like we hope our gardens will) and to serve God and our neighbors.

Even with a simpler schedule here are some wonderful opportunities for you to connect with God and grow in faith over the summer:

- 1) Summer Sunday Worship at 10 AM (June 11 - September 3). We'll be focusing on the Reformation 500 Anniversary. Subjects include grace, freedom, righteousness, repentance, and more. Everyone will receive a new edition of Luther's Small Catechism to use on Sunday mornings.
- 2) Adult Small Group - Every Sunday around 9 AM, about 45 minutes before worship starts., we'll meet to focus on the Word of God (Jesus, the Bible, and the words Christians speak to support and serve). A special resource will be provided for you. Come any Sunday you can!
- 3) Lemonade on the Lawn - A special time of good food and fellowship each Sunday, at the conclusion of worship, about 11 AM. Please sign up to host a Sunday if you can. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

In addition, we will continue to pray for each other, feed the hungry, (bring in personal care items and cleaning products during the summer), and serve our neighbors at work and at play. I hope you and I will continue to grow in our faith as God's Holy Spirit gives us opportunity

~ Pastor David Deal

Coming on Sunday, September 10

- ELCA National Day of Service - "Rise up Against Hunger"
- Reception of New Members/ Baptisms
- Church Picnic (Council members will bring meat buns, condiments, beverages, and paper goods. You bring salads, deviled eggs, baked beans, desserts, etc.)



Council Corner *From your Council President ...*

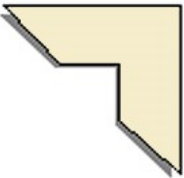
Hello Congregation,

We had a very productive Council meeting on the 5th of June. As many of you heard from my announcement during Church on the 19th, and more to follow, we will be participating in the MAP assessment during the month of October. More to come on the assessment itself, but the general idea is to give us an understanding of the current status of our congregation to serve as a foundation for future planning. Typically a lay person liaison leads this initiative. However I have committed to taking a larger role in this assessment and would like a lay person to volunteer to assist me with some of the prep planning and post survey analysis. I will be speaking about this most Sunday's that I am in Church. During the month of October, while providing onsite support to complete the survey, we also plan to provide a resource to take photos for an updated photo directory to be distributed to the congregation late in the year or early 2018.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the A/C the past two weekends and that the new sound system continues to meet everyone's needs. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any concerns about these two recent investments.

Early reminder for the Summer picnic on September 10th and the next council meeting will be September 11th. As with most summers, the council does not meet due to vacation conflicts, but we will convene as necessary on Sundays or via phone if any issues should arise.

Faithfully,
Mike



Palisades Cluster of Lutheran Churches

THANK YOU to Pastor Deal, Grace Litzenberger, and Lois Altemose for volunteering to help out with Bear Creek Day Camp, which was held June 27, 28, and 29 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasant Valley.

The next Lutheran Cluster meeting will be held on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at 3:00 at Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church.

ENJOY YOUR



Summer

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following:



OLDIES but GOODIES ... *(Thanks to Norma Fox for these!)*

- ◇ The Bible is **not** a collection of answers God has given to our questions; on the contrary, it is the place where God addresses us, where God asks us the questions we have to answer.
- ◇ **THANK YOU, LORD** ... for this sink of dirty dishes, it means we have shared a good meal with plenty of food to eat. Thank you for this big pile of dirty laundry; we have plenty of clothes to wear. Thank you for these unmade beds; we had a comfortable place to sleep last night. LORD, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says that you have richly blessed this family, and we are grateful.
- ◇ **MY GET UP AND GO GOT UP AND WENT** ... How do I know my youth is all spent? Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went. But, in spite of it all I'm able to grin when I think of the places my "get up and go" has been. Old age is golden so I've heard it said, but sometimes I wonder when I get out of bed; with my ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup, and my eyes on the table until I get up. But I'm happy to say as I think it all o'er, my friends mean more to me than ever before... I get up each morning, dust off my wits, pick up the paper and read the obits. If my name is still missing, I know I'm not dead, so I eat a good breakfast and go back to bed. (~Pete Seeger)

Care-A-Lot News



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. We are continuing to look for additional students for the 2017-2018 school year. Our Facebook page has been included in all of the surrounding municipalities and our tear-off advertisements have been put up in local establishments. If anyone sees an additional place to put an advertisement, please let me know. This summer I will be going through and cataloging all of the many books at Care-A-Lot so that they can be more accessible for each month's themes. I also will be cleaning out the files and establishing a more accessible file system.

Last August, the members of Durham were very generous in purchasing items needed from our "Supply Wish List". I will be putting out a new List for this August. The List will be available in the narthex by the end of July. I will also have a plastic tote available to put your donated items in. Many thanks ahead of time to those who will be donating items.

If anyone would need to contact me over the summer or if you know of someone who would like to schedule a visit at the school, please call me at 484-894-0585. Please note: I will be on vacation from August 4th to August 14th.

Looking Ahead: Parent/Student Orientations will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th and Wednesday, September 6th and classes will begin the week of September 12th.

~Linda Reinbold



Please keep us in mind this summer as your family travels on vacation. The church's expenses continue throughout the whole year. So if you can't be with us in person, please consider mailing your offering envelope in to church.

*You can't spell Sunday with U.
You can't spell Church without U.
You can't spell Budget without U.
You can't spell Success without U.
The church needs U!!!*

Outreach

Helen Dungan

Food ministry:

We will collect personal care items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.) and cleaning product during the summer.

Our June meeting was lunch at Crossroads Hotel in Hellertown. A small group attended. We will try to continue decluttering during the summer but made no official plans.



Helen Dungan

We were given a surprise gift from Lois Altemose (who was cleaning out her attic) of a box of old minutes of Durham's women's group meetings. I browsed through a book from 1901!

Our September meeting will be a covered dish picnic at the Dungan's; and the program will be looking at these old records and remembering.

Memorial Gifts in memory of Robert Crouse totaling more than \$3000 were given by:

Helen Dungan; Wayne & Cheryl Mesko; Dorothy Peterman; Walter & Rose Zamorski; Eleanor Trumbore; Gladys Nicholas; Connie Christianson; Sarah Snider; Stanley & Helen Malina; Leah Kneebone; Clinton & Joan Daniel; Silas & Norma Rodenbach; Donald & Donna Hess; Jim & Lois Altemose; Mary & Don Lindsay; Ken & Cleo Eck; Leo & Betty Fox; Virginia & Ken Hager; Roger & Shirley Keat; Art & Louise Bruch; Evelyn Newcomb; Fred & Mimi Foerster; Scott DeWalt; Charles & Paula Roth; Caroline Eichner; Frank & Joan Mammana; Eleanor Marschewski; Kenneth Crouse; Kevin, Karen, & Audrey Bolesta; Carl & Dot Fleming; Ron Everitt; Louise & Stephen Finney; Michael and Donna Pipher; Betsy Kell; Marie Wismer & Chuck McNichol; Steve & Diane DeWalt; Yvonne Bean; Mark Harwick; Yoriko Renninger; Wesley Ballek, Halden Ballek & Susan DelRe; Thomas & Hess Smith; Judith Siegfried; Angeline Loiacono; Richard & Angela Ehrhardt; Employees of Nicholasen Plumbing & Heating; Herbert Melchor; Bill and Barb Corrigan; Nancy & Frank Moskella; Michael & Ruth Rinaldi; Thomas & Ellen Moskella; Barb & Ben Naska; Jane Kemmerer; Althea Crouse; Gail Tashner & Family; Don & Mary Crouse, Bruce & Lisa Crouse; Marlene Free; Don & Gerry Seipt; and William & Patsy Hartman.

Please excuse any spelling errors.

July Worship Assistants

	2*	9	16*	23	30
Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Grace Litzenberger	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller	Samantha Mueller	Conner Aquino
Greeter(s)	Betty Fox	Althea Crouse	Barb Naska	Linda Sauter	Scott Gaun
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Mark Harwick	Bob Starling	Maggie Fischer	Linda Sauter	Beth Snyder
Council Communion Assistants	Mark Harwick, Serena Ashmore		Mark Harwick, Serena Ashmore		
Counters	Helen Dungan and Cathy Mueller		* Indicates Communion will be served.		
Head Ushers					
Altar Guild					
	Tom Gaun				
	Miriam Anderson, Dot Peterman				

August Worship Assistants

	5*	13	20*	27
Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Hunter Aquino	Grace	Nicholas	Mueller
Greeter(s)	Maggie Fischer & Bob Starling	Barb Naska	Althea Crouse	Beth & Luke Snyder
Lay Worship Assistant/Lector	Ken Anderson	Val McGinn	Scott Gaun	Barb Naska
Council Communion	TBA		TBA	
Counters	Ken Anderson		* Indicates Communion will be served.	
Head Usher				
Altar Guild				
	Mark Harwick, Beth & Luke Snyder			



Fresh Produce

at **No Cost** every **Thursday** in Ottsville
at 11 AM - Rain or Shine (except in severe weather)
Intersection of 611 & 412 (Previously Thompson Auto)
Ottsville, PA 18942

Registration On Site -- Limit One Sign Up Per Household -- Please Bring Your Own Bags
For more information/cancellations visit bcoc.org
or call 215-345-8717.



CELEBRATIONS

B=Baptism D=Birthday W=Wedding Anniversary

	JULY	AUGUST
1	Gladys Nicholas (B)	
2	Alyse Mesko (B)	
3	Brandon Rodd, Linda Sauter (D)	Peter Streletz (D)
4	Becca Anderson (D)	M. Marschewski (D-83)
5		Rita Mesko (B)
6	Virginia & Ken Hager (W-54)	
7	Norma Fox (B)	Joan Mammana (D)
8	Helen Ballek (D-90)	Paul McGinn, Alex Crouse (D)
10		E. Marschewski (D-84), Addyson Mammana (D), Jacob Roney (D)
11	Donna Deal and Sarah Deal (D)	
12	David Helfrich (D)	
15		Betty Fox (D-87), Sarah Deal (B)
16	Jim Humphreys (D)	
17		Helen Ballek (B)
19	Joe Erceg (B)	
20	Beth & Luke Snyder (W-3)	
21	Brian & Serena Ashmore (W-27) Benjamin T. Naska, Dawn Durns (B)	
22	Ken & Cleo Eck (W-56)	
23	Jocelyn Frey (D), Ryan Fox (B)	Peter Streletz (B)
27		
28	Karen & Jim Beerer (W-27)	Adam Phillipps (B)
29		Mary Erceg (B), David Sauter (D) Landon Frey (D)
30	Corinne Ashmore, Mary Erceg (D)	Lynn Leichter, Helen Dungan (D)
31	Adam Phillipps (D)	Ed & Kathy Haney (W)