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In October ...

wide Communion

Saturday, October 14

Durham Community Day

Saturday, October 21
Reformation Event

Sunday, October 22- Lutheran Charities Appeal

Saturday, October 28
Lutherfest 500

Sunday, October 29 - Reformation Sunday Special

Worship

Sunday, October 1 - World-

Monday, October 31- Reformation Day/Halloween
Youth Group: Sundays, October 1 and 15
Confirmation: Sundays, Oc-

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EVANGEL



October 2017

"GRACE, GRACE -- The Ongoing Reformation Message"

On October 29, 2017 we will worship and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It's been 500 years, but we proved 21st century human beings still have a hard time accepting and understanding God's grace. For Martin Luther, St. Paul, and countless others over 2,000 years, grace is the key to our Christian faith and life!

In Luther's day, the judgment of an angry God dominated the Christian landscape. What could you do to please God? Nothing - really! Temptation and destruction were everywhere for human beings, because we are all sinners and cannot perfectly love God and each other. But an amazing grace thing happened for Martin Luther. As he studied the Bible, he discovered in Romans 3:28 that we have been put right with God only through faith in what God has done for us. God has sent Jesus to die for our sins and give us a new life. We did nothing to deserve this salvation and new life. Yet, God loved us so much, God did it anyway.

This changed everything for Luther and many other Christians of the time. Grace has become our gift and treasure ever since. And still we sometimes say, "But what do I have to do to earn my salvation?" The answer from the Scriptures has not changed: "Believe in God's love and God's Son, Jesus Christ." Faith is all that is necessary. Everything good that we now do is in response to what God already did for us.

We still need to know about God's grace, especially in 2017. As so many levels of our relationships, we fail to show grace to ourselves and each other. Grace is *love freely given!* What if we could become more graceful in our words, thoughts, and actions? Then, the ongoing reforming of the Church and the world could produce "amazing" results - "amazing grace."

Come to worship on October 29, and let's celebrate God's grace together!"

~Pastor David Deal

Other Events to Celebrate Reformation 500:

- October 21, at Lansdale "From Conflict to Communion" (Details inside)
- October 28, at St. Andrew's, Perkasie "Lutherfest 500" (Details inside)

Council Corner News from the Church Council President ...



I would like to thank everyone for their attendance and all the wonderful food at the annual picnic. The Council was very thankful for such a great day of fellowship.

We are still planning on moving forward with the MAP assessment, as well as updated photos for a new directory in the coming weeks. Please look for more announcements over the next few weeks.

Faithfully, Mike

Next Council Meeting: Monday, October 9 at 6:30 PM.



A new adult small group has begun! From Select Learning - "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible"

We meet on Tuesday afternoons from 2-3:30 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall. The program includes a DVD, a Study Guide, and lots of good discussion.

Speak to Pastor Deal if you're interested.



Helen Dungan

During our **September meeting** we looked at the minute and account books from Durham Church women's organizations starting in 1883! We each took a book and shared parts of it with one another. We would like to organize the books and label each one's contents and perhaps write an article on the history of the women of Durham. We also shared genealogy attempts as we read the names of early members.

Our October meeting will be on Monday, October 9. We will focus on the Reformation and Luther. We will watch the one hour video "Luther and the Reformation" by Rick Steves. Meeting time is 1:00 in the church fellowship hall. Anyone who would like to meet together for lunch before the meeting, speak to Helen.

The Women of the ELCA, Upper Bucks Conference will meet on Saturday November 18, 2017 at St Luke's Ferndale. Registration begins at 8:45, followed by breakfast at 9:15. Our theme is Renewal. Our program is an exploration of the memorials from the Triennial convention which challenge us to "engage in ministry and action, and promote healing" to our hurting world. Representatives who attended the convention will share their experiences.

A heads up: the Region Seven gathering of the Women of the ELCA will be held on April 27-28, 2018 at the Holy Passionist Retreat Center in Hartford, Connecticut. This event happens every three years, in the year following the triennial gathering. I went three years ago and highly recommend it. Watch for more details.



Harvest Home: Thanks to all who contributed to our collection of food for Harvest Home. A huge thank you to Gladys Nicholas for arranging the food and to all who contributed, helped pack it up and take it to our cars. Cheryl Mesko will deliver the food to the Lord's Pantry and I will deliver to ProJeCt. We col-

lected about 32 bags of groceries.

Food Baskets: Thanks to Jim and Lois Altemose who donated a food basket in memory of Montford Nicholas on September 17th; and to Virginia Hager who donated a food basket in memory of Nancy Fox on September 24th. The food was shared with our local food pantries.

Durham Day: We will have a table at Durham Day where we are going to highlight the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. We will have coloring sheets for kids.

Clean up kits: Thanks also to those who have contributed to our clean-up kit collection. We will continue to collect items for the cleaning kits during the month of October. The items will be taken to the Lehigh Valley Outreach Center of the United Methodist Church which is in Allentown. Once they have a full truck, they will take it south. Items needed include: Liquid laundry detergent, Liquid household cleaner, dish soap, 50 Clothespins, Clothesline, Sponges, heavy duty trash bags, Cleaning wipes; air freshener, Insect repellant spray, kitchen dishwashing gloves; work gloves, Scouring pads, Scrub brush with plastic or wood handle, and Dust masks. For details and specifications, see page 9 of this newsletter.

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Joanne Antoni; Debby Christman; Johnny Hesser; Kathy Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Elfriede Marschewski; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.



For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis and Frank Allebach; Christine Anderson; Kelly Bordelon; Joseph Carafa Sr.; Melissa Carafa; Jane Carr; Ed Ciegelski; Josie Crawn; Margaret Dungan; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Caitlyn Foster; Haley Gable; Ken Garey; Nan Gernerd; Kailee Gibson; Candie Gimbar; John Goodbred; Marilyn Green; Luke Grob; Lillian Guckin; Jim Halstead; Jeanette Harmon; Laila Harris; Lou Hayden; Bernadette Heljenick; Chloe Heller; Kent Hester; Olive and Walter Jarvis; Shirley Jenkins; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Kasie Jones; Martine King; Rebecca Lawrence; Mary Lindsay; Chelsea Marley; Carol Massey; Ron McKnight; Barbara Mehok; John Menarde, Sr.; Jacob Moyer; Clint O'Connor; Agapoula (Pipitsa) Papageorgiou; David & Betty Parker; Pat Picione; Barbara Reese; Sarah Rhine; Karen Rickel; Connie Rugen; LeiLani Schlegel; David Sebring; Sammy Smith; Gary Shollenberger; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Dave Tripeda; Alex Ulrey; Tammy and Steven Vargo; Bill Walsh; Tom Walters; Connie Weaver; Ilda Wong; Patty Wyant; and Bernadette Yashkas.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck; Leo Fox; Evelyn Newcomb, Norma Rodenbach. **For the Grieving**: George Kreitz and family on the death of his sister; the families of Robert Reichenbach (Ann Wong's father); Mary Dungan; Danielle Lee Weiner (Beth Snyder's granddaughter); Robert Crouse; Myron Kressman; and Nancy Fox. ₃

October Worship Assistants	1*	8	15 *	22	29 *	
Youth Acolyte/ Communion Assistant	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller	Samantha Mueller	Conner Aquino	Hunter Aquino	
Greeter(s)	Serena Ashmore	Mueller Family	Serena Ashmore	Carole Ulmer	Nancy Moskella	
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Tom Gaun	Mueller Family	Beth Snyder	Pastor Deal	Kerri Rhine	
Council Communion Assistants	Ken Anderson Cathy Mueller		Ken Anderson Cathy Mueller		Ken Anderson Cathy Mueller	
Counters	Ken Anderson and Cathy Mueller					
Altar Guild Head Usher	Mary Crouse and Nancy Moskella Ben Naska * Indicates Holy Communion will be served					

	OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES		OCTOBER BAPTISMS
1	Ed Haney, Jessica Lehr, Scott Lehr			1	Barb Naska
2	Austin Apgar				
5	David Deal, Conner Aquino, Silas Rodenbach (86)	5	JoAnn and Jack Thaler (53)	4	Alison & Emerson Rhine
6	Virginia Hager			6	Joan Mammana
7	Lois Altemose	13	Bruce and Lisa Crouse (26)		
		15	Val and Paul McGinn (22)	15	Sharron Streletz
18	Karen Bolesta				
20	LeeAnn Kressman	20	Linda and David Sauter (35)		
21	Ed Xander (80)	22	Diane and Steve DeWalt (33)		
23	Christopher Moyer			23	David Deal
25	Cheryl Mesko			25	Jim Nicholas, Silas Rodenbach
30	Benjamin J. Naska			30	Jessica Fisher Johnson
31	Nicole Crouse			31	Adam Mesko



Fall has arrived and we're all excited about the events scheduled for October. We'll be taking our annual field trip to Trauger's Farm. The children will be learning about all of the vegetables and crops that grow on the farm. They'll also be able to sample some of them. The ride in the hay wagon is a wonderful way to tour the farm and at the end they are rewarded with apple cider and a pumpkin. It's a rewarding morning and the children have a lot of fun.

We'll also have a visit from our neighborhood heroes, the Riegelsville Fire Department. The children will learn about fire safety and what to do in case there is a fire in their house. The children love to see the fire truck and the firefighters in their uniforms. We'll end the month with our special Halloween Parade with our masks that they made and many songs that we'll share with the parents. We'll also learn about spiders and bats and experiment on the states of water.

Our Care-A-Lot Theme with Pastor Dave for this month is: "Helping Everyone". The children look forward to his visit each week as we learn about stories from the Old Testament.

Care-A-Lot will again be participating in the Giant A+ Rewards Program. Last year we made \$364.64 from the program, just because people signed up to be a part of the program and put Care-A-Lot as their recipient. Information flyers about how to sign up for the program are available on the narthex table. The program runs from October through the end of March. All you will need is your 11-digit Bonus Card number. The school will earn 1% of the total amount you spend during that time period and a check is sent to the school. It's an easy and convenient fundraiser. You can ask your friends and family to also take part in the program. The more that sign up the more we receive. REMINDER: IFYOU SIGNED UP LASTYEAR, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN UP AGAIN. If you have any questions please contact me. Thank you in advance.

Enjoy the Beautiful Fall Season!!

~Linda Reinbold

Party Time - Lutherfest 500 To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the Upper Bucks conference is throwing a party, and each church in the conference is helping. This is a free event, but there will be the opportunity to donate toward the cost of the caterer.

Date: Saturday October 28th **Place**: St .Andrews in Perkasie **Time**: 11 AM to 4.PM

Food: A catered pig roast will be served from 12-2; one church is running a hot dog stand; another will run a dessert stand.

Drinks: birch beer and a beer tasting (4 different beers) for those over 21. Also coffee.

Music: There will be concerts all day in 2 inside venues, plus music outside.

Games and fun things: Each church has a booth or hosts a game. ELC of Durham is having a coloring table with images of Luther and his seal, and will need help to man the table. There will also be a cake walk - each church has been asked to donate a cake (from your best baker!).

Donations: We are trying to collect 500 **children's books** for area children. There will also be a donation bucket for **Lutheran Disaster Relief**. Any donations toward the cost of the catered lunch will also be gratefully accepted. Basically this is a fun event for all. Come, eat, listen and play!



REFORMATION 500 EVENT

"1517-2017: From Conflict to Communion"

From Conflict to Communion is the Lutheran-Roman Catholic effort to commemorate this 500th anniversary of the Reformation jointly and ecumenically. This celebration of the Reformation will be internationecumenical and will call us all to common witness....

DATE: October 21, 2017 TIME: 10 AM - 2 PM

PLACE: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA 19446

⇒ A carpool will leave from the ELC of Durham parking lot at 9 AM.

FEATURING:

A Presentation by Father John Borelli of Georgetown University and former Bishop of the ELCA, Donald J. McCord

A Special Worship Service will be led by Father Peter Donahue,
President of Villanova University, and
Bishop Claire Burkat of the SEPA Synod, ELCA.



October is Lutheran Charities Month!!!

Here at ELC of Durham, October is Lutheran Charities Appeal Month. On Sunday, October 22, Barbara Stechert, manager of Lutheran Charities Appeal will be our guest preacher. Special Lutheran Charities Appeal envelopes will be available during October for your special giving.

THANK YOU to the hundreds of contributors who have lifted up Lutheran Charities through your giving and your prayers. You have made a difference! The history of giving among Lutherans is truly astounding. Remarkably, it is on par with the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, and the United Way.

When you make a gift to Lutheran Charities, your gift will be distributed to the direct needs of not one but FIVE core charities. Lutheran Charities touches the lives of one in 50 persons in the region, 100,000 of our neighbors are served every year by these 5 core social ministry organizations:

- Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
 - KenCrest
- Liberty Lutheran Family of Services
 - Lutheran Settlement House
- Silver Springs-Martin Luther School

7002 W Butler Pike Ambler, PA 19002 855-323-HOPE

<u>www.lutherancharities.org</u> lutherancharities1@gmail.com

LUTHERFEST 500!

Saturday, October 28th 11am - 4pm

at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasie



Activities of the day include:

Pig Roast (12-2pm), Beer Tasting, Birch Beer, Cake Walk, etc.

Donations gladly accepted for food & beverages

FREE Music with LIVE Bands
Fun & Games

for kids of all ages

NO COST to join in the fun and games -We are asking for donations of NEW Children's Books



(we're hoping to collect **500 Books** for local children)

Sponsored by the Upper Bucks Conference

of the Southeastern PA Synod, ELCA

All are welcome!

Pink October is designated as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month". The American Cancer Society's website (www.cancer.org) is a valuable resource for all types of cancer. They have invested \$4.6 Billion in research since 1946, 781 thousand screenings have been provided to underserved communities since 2011, and 63 million free rides transported patients to treatments and appointments. They noted that 2.1 million cancer deaths have been averted since 1991.



Knowing what to expect, with a diagnosis of any type of cancer, can help one cope. The ACS provides basic information about cancer, its causes – including risk factors, early detection, and diagnosis with different treatment options. They provide experts to answer questions about cancer, the signs and symptoms, the causes, and how different cancers are treated. The Patient Support services provide products for hair loss and mastectomies, online/telephone support (800-227-2345), free lodging at "Hope Lodge", and the "Look Good, Feel Better" program.

Volunteer! Opportunities abound, be it administrative or clerical, organize or participate in community events, become involved in educational and advocacy programs, or in fundraising.

God bless you, Mary Hurley, RN

"Imagine the World Free From Cancer. Help make it a reality". (American Cancer Society) www.ca.org 2017

FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER - Lois Altemose

The 6th Annual Community Dinner will be held at the Riegelsville Fire House on Saturday December 2, 2017. This free event is hosted by the four area churches and the fire company. It is an inter-denominational/ecumenical affair designed to benefit the region and beyond. Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham



has always been well-represented in preparation, sponsorship, and participation. Let's do it again this year.

There will be two bake sales at the Riegelsville Firehouse Breakfasts on Sunday, October 15, 2017 and Sunday, November 19, 2017 to subsidize the cost of the dinner. Contributions for the bake sale should be delivered before 8:00 AM prior to each breakfast. Pastor Deal will be reminding us from the pulpit in the weeks ahead.

Tickets will be available on Sundays throughout the month of November.

There will also be opportunities to assist before, during and after the event.

Please contact Lois Altemose(610-346-7241) or Joe Hlavaty(610-360-6199) for additional information.

How God's People at ELC of Durham Serve

On the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 3, all worshipers were asked to write down their opportunities to serve God in daily life. Cards were collected, and a special prayer of blessing was offered for all our labor. This is what people listed as their labor:

Spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, volunteer with feeding, volunteer with the homeless, teaching music to children, helping to building community, neighbor, citizen, house cleaner, pet care, 'phone answer service,' launderer, friend, lawn mower, fire company food preparer, bookkeeper, volunteer with NJ Sharing Donors, cook, farmer, gardener, sewer, hairdresser, chauffeur, health care provider, babysitter, listener, labor and delivery nurse, salesperson, painter and repair person, organizer, communicator, donor, teacher, colleague, student, sports team player, school volunteer, office worker, coach, bartender, floor installer, retiree, receptionist, building inspector, sender of cards, teammate, ArtsQuest volunteer ... WOW!!! This was just 50 or so of us. We have so man ways to labor for God in our daily life. We are blessed!

Volunteers from ELC of Durham helped pack over 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger on September 10th, the ELCA National Day of Service. Our volunteers included Jim and Lois Altemose, Grace Litzenberger, Tom Gaun, Bonnie dePortillo, Serena Ashmore, Betty Kreitz, Kerri and Sam Rhine, and Cathy and Sammy Mueller. Thanks to all!!

HURRICANE DISASTER RESPONSE: Relief is on the way!

Cleaning Kits

Bring to church the following items, which will be packed and sent to a central location for shipment:

Liquid laundry detergent (One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only)

Liquid household cleaner - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water; No spray cleaners

Dish soap - 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

50 Clothespins

Clothesline - One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines, Cotton or plastic

7 Sponges = No cellulose sponges, remove from packaging

24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon sizes, remove from the box

18 Cleaning wipes - Handi-wipes or reusable wipes, remove from packaging; No terry cleaning towels

- 1 Can air freshener Aerosol or pump
- 1 Insect-repellant spray 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- 2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves durable enough for multiple uses, remove packaging
- 1 Pair work gloves All Cotton OR All Leather OR Cotton with Leather Palm
- 5 Scouring pads No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (no soap built in) remove wrapper
- 1 Scrub brush Plastic or wood handle
- 5 Dust masks

Important Notes

All items must be new. All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders, please. If you cannot find the correct size of a liquid item, use a smaller size.

Lutheran Disaster Response - Late Summer/Fall 2017 WE CAN - MUST - DO MORE.

Disaster response teams are gearing up to assist people affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, while helping people affected by record flooding in Texas and Louisiana to begin the long road to recovery, as well as areas in the West like Montana suffering from fires.

For now, the best response is donations of cash to trusted relief agencies. Sadly, there are those who would take advantage of these tragedies. ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, and synod disaster funds, direct 100% of your gift to help people who are affected by storms such as Irma and Harvey. Thrivent will match gifts up to \$3 million. Synods need funds to deal with initial emergent problems, and LDR steps in to help people through the long-term process of recovery and rebuilding.

WAYS YOU CAN GIVE MONEY:

Give through your congregation: Make your check out to "ELC of Durham," write "Hurricane Response, United States" or "Lutheran Disaster Response" on your check's memo line, and mail it to church (PO Box 100, Durham PA 18039) or put it in the offering plate.

Or give by phone: Call 800-638-3522 to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.

Or give by mail: Make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Write "Hurricane Response, United States" or "Lutheran Disaster Response" on your check's memo line.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worldwide Communion Sunday	2	3	4	2	9	7
9 AM – Christian Education for all Ages		9 AM -12:30 PM	9 AM-12:30 PM	9 AM-12:30		Pastor's Day
10:30 AM – Holy Communion		Care-A-Lot	Care-A-Lot	PM		ЭŲ
5:30 PM Joint Youth Group at Trinity, Pleasant		2-3:30 PM		Care-A-Lot		
Valley		Adult Small	6:30 PM Choir			
		Learning Group				
8 Season of Pentecost	9 1 PM	10	11	12	13	14
9 AM – Christian Education for all Ages	WELCA	9 AM-12:30 PM	9 AM-12:30 PM	9 AM-12:30		Durham
10:30 AM – Worship		Care-A-Lot	Care-A-Lot	PM		Community
5:30 PM Joint Confirmation at Trinity, Pleasant	6:30 PM	2-3:30 PM		Care-A-Lot		Day 1-4 PM
Valley	Church	Adult Small	6:30 PM Choir			
	Council	Learning Group				
15 Season of Pentecost	16	17	18	19	20	21"From Conflict
9 AM – Christian Education for all Ages		9 AM -12:30 PM	9 AM-12:30 PM	9 AM-12:30		to Communion"
10:30 AM – Holy Communion		Care-A-Lot	Care-A-Lot	PM		Reformation Event 10 AM - 2 PM
5:30 PM Joint Youth Group at Trinity, Pleasant		2-3:30 PM		Care-A-Lot		Trinity, Lansdale
Valley		Adult Small	6:30 PM Choir			
		Learning Group				
22 Lutheran Charities Appeal	23	24 9 AM -12:30	25	26	27	28
9 AM – Christian Education for all Ages		PM Care-A-Lot	9 AM-12:30 PM	9 AM-12:30		LutherFest 500
10:30 AM – Worship		2-3:30 PM	Care-A-Lot	PM		11 AM - 4 PM
5:30 PM Joint Confirmation at Durham		Adult Small		Care-A-Lot		St. Andrew's,
		Learning Group	6:30 PM Choir			Perkasie
29 Celebration of the 500 th Anniversary of the	30	31 Reformation				
Reformation		Day				
9 AM – Christian Education for all Ages		9 AM -12:30 PM				
10:30 AM – Special Communion Service		Care-A-Lot				
		Halloween				
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 AM – Noon; Friday – Home Office Secretary – Tuesday and Friday 2 PM – 6 PM



It is time for a new Church Directory! Until we can make arrangements for a new pictorial directory, please complete the form below with **all the information you wish to provide to fellow members of the Congregation, exactly as you would like it to appear in the Directory.** You can put this form in the Offering Plate, in the Church Secretary's Mailbox in the Narthex, or mail it back to the Church Office (PO Box 100, Durham, PA 18039).

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FORM EVEN IF YOUR INFO HAS NOT CHANGED!!! All forms must be returned by Friday, November 6.

Family Name:				
Adults:		and		
Kids:	and	and	and	
Address:				
Home Phone:				
Cell Phone:				
Ple	ease indicate whose cell #	ŧ	Please indicate whose cell #	
Ple	ase check this box if c	ell phone is only for E	MERGENCY.	
E-Mail Address	ses:			
	Please ind	icate whose e-mail		
	Please indicate who	se -mail		

THANK YOU!

WANTED: Digital Photographs!

If you are in church, at a church event, or with members of our church family, **TAKE PICTURES!** We would like to refresh our website with new pictures, and we will also need some for the upcoming Pictorial Directory. Up-close and clearly focused shots are the best. You can text your pictures to Ann at 610-730-3525 or email them to the Church Office (evangel@durhamlutheran.org) **THANK YOU!**

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