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Late 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
- **Saturday, August 4** - Red Cross Blood Drive
- **Sunday, August 26** - Backpack Blessing
- **Sunday, September 9** - FALL SCHEDULE: Sunday School at 9, Worship at 10:30, then Church Picnic, then "God's Work, Our Hands" service activities
- **Saturday, September 22** - Installation of new Bishop Rev. Patricia Davenport
- **Sunday, September 30** - Harvest Home Sunday

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"God's Abundant Grace"

As the church proceeds through the end of summer and into autumn, our scriptures point us to multiple evidence of God's grace showered on us. The Gospel of Mark cheers us on toward lives that are more real, fruitful, and whole. We will hear stories of Jesus teaching and healing, exorcising demons, and challenging all believers to live lives of service and sacrifice.

Much of our world today seems to be lacking an awareness of God's grace, and gratitude for that grace. Even more troubling is resistance in our culture, economics, and politics, toward the idea of unselfish, compassionate service. There are two important truths we need to hold up at the same time:

1. We live in a nation which has experienced the harvest of the earth and the beauty of nature. We have truly been blessed richly.
2. We live in a broken world longing for wholeness and promise - a world that needs to hear about God's abundant grace and experience that grace demonstrated by God's people.

Let's all join together this fall in worship, learning, fellowship, and actions of service in Jesus' name!

~ Pastor David Deal

Our Fall will Begin with a BANG!

Our schedule returns to regular hours for Christian Education (Spark Sunday School and Adult Bible Study) at 9 AM and Worship at 10:30.

Sunday, September 9

- 9:00 AM Christian Education resumes
- 10:30 AM regular Worship hour resumes
- 11:30 AM - Annual Church Picnic - Council members will bring meat, buns, condiments, beverages, and paper goods. You bring salads, deviled eggs, baked beans, desserts, etc.
- 2:30 PM **ELCA National Day of Service** activities begin - "Rise up Against Hunger" meal packing and more! See page for details.

Sunday, September 30 - Harvest Home - See page for details

ALSO beginning in the fall: Choir, Confirmation, Care-A-Lot Preschool, First Holy Communion Preparation, Adult Small Group on Tuesday afternoons, Church Council, WELCA, and more! Watch for more details on all of our ministries!



A New Pictorial Directory is in the Works!

Mark your calendars now and save the dates!!

-November 9th & 10th -

These are the days we will be scheduling photo shoots for our new pictorial directory. You will be able to register your appointment on line. As soon as we can download the app from Lifetouch Photography, we will start taking appoint-

UPCOMING LATE SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, August 4 - 9 AM - 2 PM Red Cross Blood Drive in memory of Nancy Fox at the Springtown Rod and Gun Club.

Sunday, August 26 - 10 AM - Backpack Blessings Sunday - Special worship - all kids from age 3 through middle school are urged to attend with their parents - bring your backpacks!

Sunday, September 9 - Regular Schedule Resumes! ELCA National Day of Service! 9 AM is Christian Education, 10:30 AM is our worship hour, then our Annual Church Picnic follows worship. The service activities at St. Andrew's in Perkasio or at Little Zion in Telford will begin at 2:30 PM. These year there is a variety of activities to volunteer for!

Saturday, September 22 - Installation of new Bishop of the Southeast PA Synod, Rev. Patricia Davenport. See page for details.

Sunday, September 30 - Harvest Home Sunday

All of these and MORE opportunities to participate in God's GRACE!!!



Memorial Gifts

Gifts to the church in memory of Leo Fox were given by: Gerry & Don Seipt, Ginny & Larry Lippincott, Gary M. Kunsman; Deborah & William Filer, Susan & Thomas Brunner, Richard Bartsch, Forrest D. Fox, Carol & Carl Shotwell, Helen Dungan, Joan & Frank Mamma, Evelyn Newcomb, Ed Xander, Mrs. D. Lyle, Diane and Greg Hammerstone (Loretta & Tim Hammerstone, Jennifer & Christopher), Gladys Hagenbuch, Sandra Fenstermacher, Norma Fox, and Brier Mountain Enterprises. Gifts in memory of Betty & Leo Fox were received from Fran Chavar and Barbara & Ben Naska.

Memorial gifts in memory of William H. Seifert were received from Helen & Tom Seifert, Deborah and Ernie Angstadt, and Gladys Nicholas.



Please excuse any spelling errors.

From the PARISH NURSE ...

With the hot weather we've been experiencing, the following is a prevention guide from the CDC on dealing with extreme heat. The body normally cools itself by sweating, but several factors may affect the body's ability to cool itself. When the humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Other conditions related to risk include age, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, poor circulation, sunburn, mental illness, prescription drugs, and alcohol use. Those at the highest risk for heat related sickness are the very young, the elderly, the mentally ill, and those with chronic diseases. People with heart disease or high blood pressure, or who take certain medications or have poor circulation are also affected by extreme heat. Air-conditioning is the number one protective factor against heat sicknesses. Even a few hours in air-conditioning can help the body stay cooler when once again exposed to the heat.



During hot weather one needs to increase their fluid intake, regardless of activity level. Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink. If you are limited to the amount of fluid you drink or if on a water pill, ask your doctor how much you should drink when the weather is hot. Do not drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar – these actually cause loss of fluid.

Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body and they are necessary for the body to function properly. Salts and minerals must be replaced. A sports drink, such as Gatorade, can replace them. Once again, check with your doctor if you are on a salt restricted diet.

Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen. Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose fitting clothing. Sunburn affects the body's ability to cool itself and causes a loss of fluid. Schedule outdoor activities to morning or evening hours. Rest in shaded areas, to give the body a chance to cool.

The CDC recommends drinking cool, non-alcoholic or non-sugary, fluids each hour. Wear wide-brimmed hats, sunglasses, and use sunscreen of SF of 15 or higher when out in the sun. Reapply the sunscreen every 30 minutes or as directed.



God Bless You,
Mary Hurley, RN
www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heat-guide.asp

Women and Justice - Helen Dungan

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Task Force on Women and Justice has issued their draft statement and are requesting responses to it. The main thrust of the document is looking at patriarchy and sexism and how it effects our society and our church. We have placed some written copies of the draft statement in the narthex, and would like to have a discussion of it with anyone (Male or Female) who is interested. If you would like to learn more about it, discuss it, or comment on it, please let me know and we will set up a meeting time that fits our schedules. Comments must be received by September 30, 2018; the document will be revised and submitted to the 2019 Churchwide Assembly for approval.



Food ministry: Thanks to everyone who donated personal care items and paper products to our June and July collections.

We will collect school supplies in August as preparation for God's Work Our Hands day of service. These will be assembled into

School Kits. Items being collected throughout the Upper Bucks Conference are: Backpack (no wheels), Plastic Folders w/pockets & Fasteners, Glue Sticks, Ticonderoga #2 Pencils, Pencil Boxes, Pink Erasers, Red Ink Pens, Crayons (24 count), Washable Markers, Black Expo Markers, Multicolor Expo Markers, Whiteboard Erasers, Colored Pencils, Highlighters, Child-sized Scissors, Watercolor Set w/ brush, Index Cards (3x5), Index Cards (4x6), 3-Ring Binder w/pockets, Spiral Notebooks (3-Subject), Composition Books, Ear Buds, Calculator, Antibacterial Wipes, and Tissues.

We will collect canned **fruit** in September, but as we will be celebrating Harvest Home all food is welcome. ProJeCt of Easton was asking for cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta and canned fruit; The Lord's Pantry was asking for canned fruit.

Harvest Home will be held on Sunday September 30th; we will have envelopes to donate money to the two food banks, and we will collect nonperishable food items to place on the altar.

Gods Work our Hands: The National Day of Service is September 9th. We will assist in packing food and school kits at St Andrew's in Perkasee. There are other opportunities to serve on that day. More details are on page

Food baskets: On May 27th, Barb and Ben Naska donated a food basket in honor of their daughter Bethany's birthday. On June 17th, Helen Dungan donated a food basket in memory of her father, William Dungan. On July 15th, Helen Dungan and Patricia Zion donated a food basket in memory of Mary Dungan.

Thanks to everyone who responded to our survey. We got lots of helpful suggestions. (I will email copies of the responses to those who are interested.) One result is we are going to schedule some of our meetings on the weekend to make them more available.

Our first meeting is Saturday September 15th and is open to everyone – men women and children. It will be a tour of the Easton food bank with an explanation of how it is run; who they serve, what their volunteers do, what constraints they have – this will help us understand what is involved in this ministry to which we contribute.

Program: Tour of Easton Food Bank

Attendees: Everyone who is interested is invited

Date: Saturday September 15th

Time: The tour is at 11 for those who wish to carpool, we will meet at the church at 10:30

Place: The food bank is in the rear of St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Its address is 320 Ferry Street, Easton Pa, 18042. There is parking behind the church.

We will not have a formal meeting in August, but will be housecleaning the kitchen and all are invited to help with this "fun" activity. A time has not yet been set.



**You are invited to celebrate
the installation of**

The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport

**as Bishop of the
Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod**

Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 2 p.m.

New Covenant Church of Philadelphia
7500 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19119

ELCA Pastors and Deacons and Clergy of other traditions
are invited to vest and should arrive by 1:15 p.m.
The color of the day is red.

August Worship Assistants

	5 *	12	19 *	26
Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Hunter Aquino	Grace Litzenberger	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller
Greeter(s)	Helen Dungan	Dot Peterman	Joan Mammana	Barb & Ben Naska
Lay Worship Assistant/Lector	Grace Nicholas	Scott Gaun	Linda Sauter	Kerri Rhine
Council Communion	Serena Ashmore Val McGinn		Serena Ashmore Val McGinn	
Counters	Serena Ashmore, Val McGinn		* Indicates Communion will be served.	
Head Usher	Linda Sauter			
Altar Guild	Mark Harwick & Mary Crouse			

September Worship Assistants

	2 *	9	16 *	23	30
Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Samantha Mueller	Conner Aquino	Hunter Aquino	Grace Litzenberger	Addyson Mammana
Greeter(s)	Ed Xander	Virginia Hager	Althea Crouse	TBA	TBA
Lay Worship Assistant/Lector	Tom Gaun	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Council Communion Assistants	TBA		TBA		
Counters	TBA		* Indicates Communion will be served.		
Head Usher	Joe Hlavaty				
Altar Guild	Barb Naska & Bea vonWatzdorf				

Attention!

All kids and parents ... preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and middle school ...

Sunday, August 26
Backpack Blessings Sunday
At 10:00 AM



Bring your backpack - as we will give you luggage tags for your backpack. All parents will receive tear-off notes to put in your child's backpack over the course of the school year. Theme for 2018 - from Matthew 5 (The Beatitudes) "Blessed are You."

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following:



UPDATE on Puerto Rican Family Resettlement

Two loads of household donations for families from Puer-to Rico being resettled by Lutheran Disaster Response have been taken from Upper Bucks churches to the distri-bution center. Gift cards are being distributed directly through Julia Menzo at Lutheran Disaster Response. Of the \$1,410 in gift cards sent by the Upper Bucks Conference, \$545 worth were donated by Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham!

The Conference has been told that at least another 32 families are coming and will need resettlement assistance. So, if you would like to donate items for bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, and other miscellaneous items, we will be sure they get to the distribution center. We will also continue to collect gift cards. Please contact Ken Anderson with any questions.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

Care-A-Lot News



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. September and the beginning of school will be upon us soon. We are continuing to seek additional students for the 2018-2019 school year through our Facebook page, tear-off advertisements and word of mouth. If anyone sees an additional place to put an advertisement, please let me know.

We’re blessed that Val McGinn will be returning as our volunteer Teacher Assistant and we look forward to working with our Parent Helpers again this year.

This summer I’m continuing to clean out and organize areas of the school. I’m also working on improving the look of the entrance and the school. As of now, we only have a Preschool 3-year-old class. We may be small but that won’t dampen our enthusiasm. September will be a time of “Apples”, “Making Friends”. “A-B-C” and our theme with Pastor Dave---“Friendships”.

Each August, the members of Durham have been very generous in donating items needed form 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’ll 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 like 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. If anyone is interested in being a “Grandparent Helper”, all you need is your volunteer clearances and we provide the fun.

Looking ahead: Our Parent/Student Orientations will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th and Wednesday, September 5th from 9:00 to 12:00. We will have our Parent Information Open House on Thursday evening at 7PM. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 11th.

I welcome any questions and suggestions from the congregation.

Linda Reinbold

From the Financial Secretary ...

Please keep your church 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.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

	August BIRTHDAYS		August ANNIVERSARIES		August BAPTISMS
3	Peter Streletz			5	Rita Mesko
4	Manfred Marschewski (84th)			15	Sarah Deal
7	Joan Mammana			17	Helen Ballek
8	Paul McGinn, Alex Crouse			23	Peter Streletz
10	Elfriede Marschewski (85th), Addyson Mammana, Jacob Roney			28	Adam Phillipps
29	David Sauter, Landon Frey			29	Mary Erceg
30	Lynn Lechliter, Helen Dungan	31	Kathy & Ed Haney		

	September BIRTHDAYS		September ANNIVERSARIES		September BAPTISMS
5	Bruce Crouse, Brielle Reiman				
7	Jim Miller				
9	Joanne Ziegenfuss			10	Ben F. Naska
12	Bob Fox, Barb Naska				
14	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	14	Karen & Hans Rilling (55th)		
15	Laura Pyne			17	Hunter Aquino
				20	Michael Altemus
		21	Nancy & Frank Moskella (44)	21	Makenzie Naska
22	Don Seipt (90)				
24	Katie Aquino, Mary Ellen Jonczyk		Rachael & Joel Roney (7th)		
25	Mike Rhine	26	Tanya & Ben Naska (19th)		
27	Jack Pyne			27	Nancy Moskella
28	Maggie Fischer			29	Rory, Billy McMullen
30	Roger Wolfe			30	Barbara Altemus

Adult Sunday School - Helen Dungan

Beginning in September, the adult Sunday School class will be studying the Gospel of John. The class meets in the back of the church; all are welcome to attend.





God's Work - Our Hands - ELCA National Day of Service

Sunday, September 9, 2018 - 2:30 PM Service Activities Begin

We join with millions of other Lutheran Christians in our commitment to service in Jesus's name.

SITE ONE - St. Andrew's Lutheran Church 20 Dill Avenue, Perkasio - Gather in Sanctuary at 2:30 PM

ACTIVITIES:

- **Packaging 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger**
Our cost is \$9,900 (\$.33 per meal) We’re asking for donations of \$500 from each participating congregation. They will take Thrivent Gift Cards! (2 cards = \$500!)
Set-up time: 1pm-2:30pm; Meal packaging time: 3-5pm; Clean-up time: 5-6pm
(If you can bring a shop vacs &/or vacuum for clean-up, it would be appreciated!)
- **Health Care Kits for Uganda**
Participants will assemble kits. Everything you need will be provided.
- **Collect & Sort School Supplies for Local Children**
Participants will sort supplies & make a plan for delivery.
Donations of school supplies appreciated! See the list on page 3, but other supplies are OK.
- **Cookies for First Responders**
Participants will package cookies & make a plan for delivery.
Donations of HOMEMADE Cookies are certainly welcome!
- **Creation Care Activity at Lake Nockamixon**
Participants will meet at St. Andrew’s to carpool to Nockamixon for planting &/or park clean up.
- **Handmade Prayer Cards for local Code Blue Shelters**
- **Homemade Bookmarks for local Elementary School Teachers**
Participants will color and write short messages of encouragement on the cards & bookmarks.

SITE TWO - Little Zion Lutheran Church, 267 Morwood Road, Telford - Gather in Sanctuary at 2:30 PM

ACTIVITY:

- **Knotting Quilts for Lutheran World Relief**
Participants will knot quilts.
No experience needed – if you can tie a knot, you can help!

Please watch the Narthex for sign-up sheets for the various activities.

Give the Gift of Life

Check out the **Red Cross Blood Drive** in memory of Nancy Fox at the Springtown Rod and Gun Club from 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, August 4. You don’t need to make and appointment in advance, just come and give!

If you do want to make an appointment, visit <https://redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=18039> and click on the red arrow.

If you have any questions, contact Norma Fox at 215-421-8553.



There is a blood shortage and an emergency need for donors. The Red Cross says that all blood donors will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email through August 30.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

September 30, 2018

On Sunday, September 30, please bring canned goods to place in the church windows. These items will be evenly distributed to the two food pantries which the congregation supports all year:

- ⇒ The Lord's Pantry, at St. John the Baptist RC Church in Ottsville
- ⇒ Project of Easton, at St. John Lutheran Church in Easton.

We will also collect money donations to be split evenly between the two pantries. Use the "Harvest Home" special envelope in your offering packet. Make your check payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham, with "Harvest Home" in the memo line.

