

*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham*

*~The church on the hill, lighting the way
to God's love.~*

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In March...

- **Sunday, March 3** -
Upper Bucks Conference Spring Assembly
- **Wednesday, March 6** -
Ash Wednesday worship at 1 and 7:30 PM
- **Sunday, March 10** -
First Sunday of Lent,
Daylight Savings Time begins
- **Thursday, March 14**- at
6:15 PM Lenten Midweek Series at Durham
- **Thursday, March 21**
Lenten Midweek Series at St. Peter's Riegelsville
- **Monday, March 25**- at
7 PM Upper Bucks Conference Meet the Bishop at Christ Lutheran, Trumbauersville
- **Wednesday, March 27** -
Soup Supper 4-6:30 PM
- **Thursday, March 28** -
Lenten Midweek Series at Salem UMC, Springtown

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MARCH 2019

***"Evangelical Lutheran Durham - Stable, Connected -
But Called to Risk More for our Lord"***

At the Annual Congregational Meeting held on February 24, 2019, we were able to receive a report for the MAPS (Mission Assessment Profile Survey) that fifty or more of you filled out last year. Basically, this is what the survey told us:

- We are a committed congregation.
- We are connected - we like each other.
- We are stable because of history (206 years) and generational ties.
- We are financially stable.
- Faith is important to us - and not just on Sunday.
- We are willing to give of our money, time, and talents to do the work of the church.
- We trust our congregational leaders and each other.

This is just some of what our survey revealed.

Specifically, in 2018, this is a snapshot of our ministry together. We grew in membership and giving - three new child members and 6 new adults. Two of our youth were confirmed. Two of our children received their First Holy Communion. Our Sunday School enrollment increased to 20 children. Our service and giving to others both near and far continued to increase. We ARE a functioning community of faith, ministering well together.

But, the survey revealed another important challenge for us, and really for all churches in the 21st century. The world, the culture, and religious life has changed drastically, especially in the last 30 or 40 years. Some of you answered survey questions indicating our risk to reach out to the world with God's Good News in new ways. Change is always a challenge for human beings. And it will be a challenge for us. I think we are willing to take the risks to go where God may be calling us **now!!!** 2019 is only the beginning of our new faithfulness. We will be talking about new ways of ministry for the next several years.

Let's get started as we approach this Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 6, with services at 1 PM and 7:30 PM. During the 40 days of Lent, God can renew us through Confession, Worship, and Prayer.

~ Pastor David Deal



Lenten Services of Reflection and Healing

Mark the Lenten season with an oasis of quiet and space for healing and restoration on Thursdays during Lent. The community meal is at 6:15 PM; Worship starts at 7:00 PM. A different local church will host each week and focus on a new subject.

Thursday, March 14	Healing at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham
Thursday, March 21	Prayer Stations at St. Peter's, Riegelsville
Thursday, March 28	Renewal and Rededication at Salem UMC, Springtown
Thursday, April 4	Confession and Reconciliation at St. Luke's, Ferndale
Thursday, April 11	Prayer Around the Cross at Trinity, Pleasant Valley

A free will offering will be collected to benefit ELCA World Hunger 40 Days of Hunger campaign.

Attention: Thrivent Members

You have until March 31, 2019 to designate your Choice Dollars to a favorite charity. Please consider **Care-A-Lot Preschool** as your recipient. The students and teachers appreciate your kind consideration in advance. Contact your Thrivent Representative or Kathy Hlavaty with any questions/concerns.

SOUP SUPPER



**Soup
Supper**

Our February Soup Supper was re-scheduled to **WEDNESDAY March 27st** from 4 -6:30 PM The soups are still Cream of broccoli and Chicken noodle. Eat-In or Take-Out.

**Daylight saving time 2019 begins at 2:00 AM on MARCH 10
and will end at 2:00 AM on NOVEMBER 3!!!**





Helen Dungan

Souper Bowl of Caring: Thanks to all who contributed; our window sills were full! Altogether, 34 bags of groceries were collected, or about 150 items.

Food baskets: On February 17th a food basket was placed on the altar by Helen Dungan in honor of Esther Crouse's 85th birthday.

Please consider putting a food basket on the altar this Lenten season. We normally try to donate food baskets rather than flowers during Lent.

Food banks: We will be collecting **personal care items** for the food banks in March.

SOUP

Our February SOUP SUPPER WAS BEEN POSTPONED TO WEDNESDAY March 27st due to the threat of inclement weather. **Soups are still Cream of broccoli and Chicken noodle.**

We will again need a Wednesday crew to help prepare the soups, set up & take down, jar and serve. On Monday March 25th we will need a day crew to pot watch and a night crew to work on the broth. Please mark your calendars and share your time and talents with us.



Helen Dungan

Our March meeting will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Pleasant Valley, on Saturday March 30th beginning at 1:00 pm. Our program's theme is *Created in God's Image*. We want to celebrate the gifts women, both clergy and lay, bring to the ministry of the church, and look at what their challenges are. Our speaker is Pastor Suzanne Spaulding, from St Luke's who served as a lay missionary before going to seminary and becoming an ordained minister.

The Southeastern Pa Synodical board of the Women of the ELCA is doing a special **fund raiser to raise money for the people in Flint Michigan**. We found that the Southeastern Michigan Synod is our sister synod; and that the churches in Flint are supplying bottled water to residents who still have problems. There will be an empty water bottle in the narthex; we are asking that each Sunday in Lent, you donate enough money to buy a bottle of water (or a six pack). The money will be taken to our gathering on June 1st, blessed and sent to Flint.



March Worship Assistants

	3*	6*	10*	17*	24*	31*
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Matthew Mueller	Samantha Mueller	Grace Litzenberger	Conner Aquino	Nicholas Phillipps	Addyson Mammana
Greeter(s)	Ed Xander	Lynn Gaun	Bea von Watzdorf	Sara Aquino	Victoria Phillipps	Frank Mammana
Lay Worship Assistant	Mark Harwick		Bea von Watzdorf	Kerri Rhine	Joe Hlavaty	TBA
Council Communion Assistants	Scott Gaun Mike Rhine	Scott Gaun Mike Rhine	Cathy Mueller Mike Rhine	Cathy Mueller Mike Rhine	Cathy Mueller Mike Rhine	Cathy Mueller Mike Rhine
Counters	Scott Gaun, Cathy Mueller, Mike Rhine					
Head Usher	Bob Fox					
Altar Guild	Mark Harwick, Val McGinn					
* Indicates Communion will be served						

	March Birthdays		March Baptisms
4	Amanda Harrison	1	Mike Rhine
6	Gladys Nicholas ((85)	4	Norma Rodenbach
7	Kenneth Crouse		
8	Alaina Apgar	8	Karen Bolesta
		12	Blake Rodd
11	Brittany Froehlich, Ella Rose Michl		
15	Samantha Mueller	17	Don Crouse
		23	Rachael Roney
		25	Althea Crouse
		28	Clayton Lechlitter
30	Tom Praster	29	Steven Streletz

The Upper Bucks Conference welcomes Bishop Patricia Davenport!



Monday, March 25th 7:00 - 8:30pm

**At Christ's Lutheran Church
1 Luther Lane
Trumbauersville 18970
215-536-3193**

All Upper Bucks Lutheran Church members are encouraged to attend.

The Agenda Includes: Getting to know our new Bishop and a Time for Questions and Answers

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Spring Gathering -- Upper Bucks Women of the ELCA

SATURDAY, March 30, 2019

Trinity Lutheran. Pleasant Valley -- 2170 Route 212 Coopersburg, PA 18036

Registration: 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall ,where light refreshments will be available.

Theme: Created in God's Image

Scripture: "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

Program: In 2020 we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Lutheran Church. We would like to celebrate the gifts women, both clergy and lay, have brought to the ministry of the church, and look at what their challenges are. Our speaker is Pastor Suzanne Spaulding, who served as a lay missionary before going to seminary and becoming an ordained minister.

In-Kind gifts – We will be collecting gently used adult and children's clothing or shoes for Worthwhile Wear's thrift shop.



CARE - A - LOT

Care-A-Lot News

In March we will be seeing the arrival of leprechauns. We will be wearing green and hunting for the elusive leprechaun, hoping to find a pot of gold.

We will have our vision screened by the Bucks County Association for the Blind and the Visually Impaired. The group's goal is to catch vision issues early in young children. We appreciate their program and donations were made to help defray the cost of the program for the future.

On March 28th, there will be NO regular class as we will be attending the play "Peter Pan" at DeSales University. The children are looking forward to this child-centered presentation.

With the arrival of Spring at the end of the month, we are looking forward to warmer weather and the opportunity to visit the playground again.

Reminder that March is the final month for Giant A+ Rewards.

Registration for 2017-2018 has begun for our Preschool (3-4 year old) and Pre-K (4-5 year old) Classes. Registration forms, Information Booklets and Business Cards are available on the table in the narthex. For additional information and to schedule a visit contact Linda Reinbold at 484-894-0585.

PRAYER

March 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Pastor's Day Off
3 Transfiguration 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2-4 PM Upper Bucks Conference Assembly- St. Paul, Telford	4	5 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	6 Ash Wednesday 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool Worship: @1 PM Spoken, @ 7:30 PM with Choir	7 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	8	9 Pastor's Day Off
10 Season of Lent 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM Confirmation at TLC	11	12 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	13 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool 6:30 PM Choir	14 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool Midweek Lenten Series 6:15 @ Durham	15	16 Pastor's Day Off
17 Second Sunday of Lent 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion	18	19 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	20 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool 6:30 PM Choir	21 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool Midweek Lenten Series 6:15 @ Riegelsville	22	23 Pastor's Day Off
24 Third Sunday of Lent 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM Confirmation at Durham	25 Meet the Bishop at 7 PM Christ, Trumbauersville	26 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	27 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool 6:30 PM Choir	28 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool Midweek Lenten Series 6:15 @ Salem UMC, Springtown	29	30 Upper Bucks WELCA Spring Gathering 1 PM at TLC, Pleasant Valley
31 Fourth Sunday of Lent 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion						

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