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**This Summer ...**

JUNE:

- **June 3** - Church Council at 7 PM
- **June 5** - Last Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 PM
- **June 9**- Day of Pentecost - Wear RED
- **June 10** - WELCA Lunch at Olive Garden
- **June 16 - Summer Worship Schedule begins - 10 AM**
- Also on **June 16** - The Holy Trinity, Church Music Sunday, Father's Day, and CWS Tool Sunday
- June 23-28 - God's Good Creation VBS

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*"Living Our Mission as Christ's Disciples"*

Two thousand years ago, after Pentecost, Jesus; followers were called and commissioned to take the Good News out into the world - not by their own power, but with the help of the Holy Spirt, the Spirit of Jesus himself. There's no telling to whom disciples then or us now will be sent. We could be called to share with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, even strangers. There may be different ways for each of us to bear witness to the Good News. But we are all called by our baptism to extend the mission of Jesus.

All summer we will be exploring teachings, parables, and miracles of Jesus to help us find our mission. Every Sunday morning at worship will be a new adventure and a new challenge for us. It may not be easy to follow Jesus faithfully But we never do it alone. The Spirit's presence and power will always be with us, just as it was with Peter and Paul, Mary Magdalene, Tabitha and Lydia and Timothy long ago.

***Let's live our mission willingly - together!***

*~ Pastor David Deal*

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***Announcing a change at Communion!***

Gluten-free crackers will be offered instead of bread at Communion for those who need a gluten-free alternative. We will begin officially offering crackers in a separate container on Sunday, June 9th. We have at least one person who has asked for gluten-free. Please inform Pastor Deal or the Altar Guild if you need the gluten-free crackers.

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**SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 16!**

Worship will begin at 10:00 AM instead of 10:30. We have air conditioning. And we will offer Lemonade on the Lawn each week immediately after worship.

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**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN** Our Summer hospitality will begin on Sunday, June 2, with refreshments and fellowships offered immediately after the worship service. Usually the setup is outside on the lawn, by the front ramps. In case of inclement weather, refreshments will be served in the Narthex. Scott Gaun is hosting our June 2 Lemonade on the Lawn and will post a sign-up sheet for others willing to volunteer through Labor Day weekend. **Please take a turn!** All that's required is cool liquid refreshment, like lemonade, and finger foods such as cookies, brownies, crackers & cheese, fruit, etc.



Helen Dungan

Our May meeting was held Friday morning May 17<sup>th</sup>. We read through our purpose statement and the areas of emphasis that Churchwide had designated during the 2017 triennial.

Our purpose statement reads: As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts,

support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

We felt we were engaging in ministry and action, but maybe needed to do more in the growing in faith part. As a result we are hoping to do a Breakfast Bible Study (we talked about holding this at Perkins) this summer using the summer study from WELCA's Gather magazine.

Our discussion of the three areas of emphasis were really interesting. These areas are:

- Affirm the need for clean and potable water and be encouraged to act upon it by raising awareness and /or offering tangible support to the people of Flint, Michigan.
- Support the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by stating clearly that it condemns all forms of corporal punishment of children.
- Recognize domestic abuse and violence as a serious issue in our communities and our churches; and that Women of the ELCA educate themselves about the signs of domestic abuse and violence and the services available in the community

Becky Praster shared her experiences living in developing countries and Bonne Pyne de Portillo shared her experiences as a medical volunteer in Honduras. They both said we in this country have no idea what the rest of the world is like.

During our very brief business meeting, we decided to have our traditional luncheon at the Olive Garden on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> – for those who wish to carpool, we will meet at the church at 12:30. For those who wish to go directly to Olive Garden, be there by 1:00. The Olive Garden is off route 248 in Easton; address is 50 Kunkle Dr, Easton, PA 18045.



Helen Dungan

**Food ministry:** Thanks to everyone who donated women's personal care items and food in May. We will collect men's personal care items in June, to commemorate Father's Day.  
**Food baskets:** On April 28<sup>th</sup> Ed Xander put a food basket on the altar in memory of his wife Nancy Jean. On May 12th, WELCA put a basket on the altar with women's personal care items; it was in memory and honor of the mothers in our congregation. The money used was from the soup supper. On

May 26 an anonymous food basket was given for Memorial Day in honor of those who gave their lives in service to our country.

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# EVANGEL



**2019**



Memorial gifts in memory of Evelyn H. Newcomb in the amount of \$675 were received from: Rev. Stanley and Carol Trout; Loretta Hammerstone and family; Althea Crouse; Dot Peterman; Barbara and Ben Naska; William and Karen Lore; Peggy, Kathy, and Christine Ryker; Helen Dungan; Cheryl and Wayne Mesko; and Don and Gerry Seipt.

Memorial gifts in memory of Joann Thaler in the Amount of \$175 were received from Barbara and Ben Naska, Cheryl and Wayne Mesko, Norma Fox, and Don and Gerry Seipt.  
 Memorial gifts in memory of Norma Rodenbach in the amount of \$150 were received from the Saucon Valley Lions Club; Dorothy Peterman; Esther Crouse; and Don and Gerry Seipt.

### HIGHLIGHTS for June and July

- Sunday, June 9 at 9:15 AM** - Day of Pentecost (50 days after Easter) We hear about how the Church's Mission began. Worship begins at 10:30 AM.
- Monday, June 10** - WELCA lunch at Olive Garden - carpool from church 12:30, eat at 1:00 PM
- Thursday, June 13 at 7 PM** - Palisades HS Baccalaureate Service at St. Luke, Ferndale. Reception to follow.
- Sunday, June 16** - Summer worship schedule begins. Worship starts at 10 AM instead of 10:30. Remember, we have Air Conditioning! June 16 will also be Church Music Sunday as well as our Father's Day Tool Sunday, in partnership with Church World Service.
- Sunday, June 23 - Thursday, June 27** - God's Good Creation Vacation Bible School. Registration will be held at 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 23. VBS will run from 6:15 to 8:30 each night. We will learn about animals and about how the sustain families through our ELCA World Hunger Appeal.
- Adult Small Group** is being organized again. If you are interested in studying the Bible and our faith, please meet briefly with Pastor Deal during Lemonade on the Lawn on Sunday, June 9th, right after worship.
- A Lutheran Listening Post** is being organized leading up to the 2020 election. This discussion group will be about issues, not candidates and parties, and how our Christian faith informs us on those issues. Speak to Pastor Deal if you are interested in such a group. More details will be available soon.

**Every Sunday in June and July**  
 - Lemonade on the Lawn after worship - please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

June 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:45 AM Synod WELCA Gathering - The Water of Life						
<b>2</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM Holy Communion Noon - Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>3</b> 7 PM Church Council	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>9</b> Day of Pentecost - Everybody wear RED 10:30 AM Festival Holy Communion Noon - Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>10</b> 1 PM WELCA Lunch at Olive Garden	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Palisades HS Baccalaureate - 7PM at St. Luke, Ferndale	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>16</b> The Holy Trinity - Father's Day - CWS Tool Sunday - SUMMER WORSHIP TIME BEGINS 10:00 AM Holy Communion 11:00 AM - Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>23</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter 10 AM Summer Worship 11 AM - Lemonade on the Lawn	<b>24</b> 6:15-8:30 VBS	<b>25</b> 6:15-8:30 VBS	<b>26</b> 6:15-8:30 VBS	<b>27</b> 6:15-8:30 Closing Night!	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Pastor's Day Off
God's Good Creation VBS begins! 6:15 to 8:30 PM Sunday - Thursday Registration: Sunday at 6 PM						
<b>30</b> 10 AM Summer Worship 11AM Lemonade on the Lawn						

# VBS 2019

**2019 Vacation Bible School - right here at Durham!**

**Sunday, June 23 - Thursday, June 27**

Registration is Sunday, June 23 at 6:00 PM.

**VBS runs nightly from 6:15 PM to 8:30 PM.**

This year's theme, "God's Good Creation," is about the Bible, food and animals (goats, bees, chicks, and fish) and features animals, games, snacks, crafts, music, and more!



**God's Good Creation**

**We could use your help! We need donations of:**

- drink boxes and small water bottles
- stuffed animals: goats, bees, chicks, or fish OR large pictures of those animals
- cash donations toward T-shirts, refreshments, or craft supplies
- **YOU!!!** Would you like to help with registration, games, snacks, crafts, shepherding groups of children? Please speak to Pastor Deal immediately.

## CELEBRATIONS

	June Birthdays		June Anniversaries		June Baptisms
1	David Pyne			2	Matthew Crouse
2	Emma, Ali, and Charlotte Humphreys	10	Lynn & Tom Gaun (24)	3	Gerry Seipt
6	Kerri Rhine	11	Lynn & Tim Lechliter (31)	4	Kathy Haney
8	Makenzie Naska	12	Kerri & Mike Rhine (15)	11	Betty Kreitz, Chase Aquino
16	Althea Crouse (85), Lisa Crouse			17	Sarah Hlavaty
18	Gary Leidich			21	Bethany Michl, Beth Snyder
				22	Luke Snyder, Scott Lehr
25	Hunter Frey	25	Mary & Don Crouse (36) Donna & David Deal (42)	24	Esther Crouse
27	Barbara Altemus, Dane Reiman			27	Donald A. Seipt, Caitlyn Pyne, Max Kempf
29	Ben F. Naska, Izbella Grzymala			29	Ken Eck, Sarah Antoni

	July Birthdays		July Wedding Anniversaries		Baptismal Anniversaries
3	Linda Sauter, Brandon Rodd			1	Gladys Nicholas
4	Becca Anderson			2	Alyse Mesko
8	Helen Ballek (92)				
11	Donna Deal, Sarah Deal	6	Virginia & Ken Hager (56)		
12	Dave Helfrich			7	Norma Fox
13	Linda Czeck				
16	Jim Humphreys, Kristy-Lee Reiman	20	Beth & Luke Snyder (5)		
23	Jocelyn Frey	21	Serena & Brian Ashmore (29)		
24	Beatrix von Watzdorf				
30	Corinne Ashmore, Mary Erceg	22	Cleo & Ken Eck (58)	21	Dawn Durns, Ben T. Naska
31	Adam Phillipps	28	Karen & Jim Beerer (29)	23	Ryan Fox

**June Worship Assistants**

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Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Grace Litzenberger	Addyson Mammana	Nicholas Phillipps	Hunter Aquino	Samantha Mueller
Greeter(s)	Becky Praster	Bea Von W. Leo G.	Kathy & Joe Hlavaty	Ken & Miriam Anderson	Linda & David Sauter
Lay Worship Assistant/Lector	Scott Gaun	TBA	Choir Members	Val McGinn	Linda Sauter
Council Communion	Mark Harwick, Serena Ashmore, Matthew Mueller		Mark Harwick, Serena Ashmore, Matthew Mueller		
Counters	Mark Harwick, Serena Ashmore, Matthew Mueller				
Head Usher	Lois and Jim Altermose				
Altar Guild	Barb Naska and Nancy Moskella				

\* indicates that Communion will be served.

**July Worship Assistants**

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Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Addyson Mammana	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller	Samantha Mueller
Greeter(s)				
Lay Worship Assistant/Lector	Mark Harwick	TBA	TBA	TBA
Council Communion Assistants	Serena Ashmore, Scott Gaun		Serena Ashmore, Scott Gaun	
Counters	Serena Ashmore and Scott Gaun			
Head Usher	Tom Gaun			
Altar Guild	Mark Harwick, Beth Snyder			

**PRAYER**



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!!!*

**THANK YOU ...** A big Thank You to everyone who made a donation to the Care-A-Lot Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund. Your donations will help needy families to attend our Preschool program. This is a wonderful mission of Durham's Church. ~ Linda Reinbold, Care-A-Lot Preschool Director

**Congratulations!** to Pastor Donna Deal, who will be retiring from active ministry in a few weeks. Pastor Donna is looking forward to a peaceful, quiet summer!