

### In May...

- **Friday -Saturday, May 3 & 4** - SEPA Annual Assembly
- **Sunday, May 5**- Care-A-Lot Sunday
- **Sunday, May 12** - Mother's Day/Blanket Sunday
- **Friday, May 17** at 11 AM - WELCA
- **Sunday, May 19** Last Day of Sunday School
- **Thursday, May 23**- Care-A-Lot Graduation
- **Sunday, May 26** - Memorial Day Ceremonies

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## "Easter is Forever"

### Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

And Jesus is not just risen one Sunday, nearly 2000 years ago. And he is not just risen on April 21, when we observed Easter Day in 2019. For us, who confess our Easter Faith as Christians, "He is risen forever." Our lives have been changed. The world has been changed.

In fact, the Christian Church does not just mark one day or one week for Easter each year, but 50 days and seven Sundays. We will be shouting "Alleluia" and waving "Alleluias" into June. During this time, we will ask, with the help of the New Testament, a series of powerful questions. How do we know God? How can we be sure God is still with us, after the resurrection and before Christ comes again?

Well, we know God through the embodied love of Jesus: His forgiveness, peace, body and blood. And we are assured that God is still with us through the Spirit.

To help us with these questions, the Scriptures tell us a series of Resurrection Stories to increase our faith in the risen Christ:

- "Peace" announced by Jesus *twice* to a locked room of disciples
- A Fish Breakfast and declaration of love
- A story about sheep and the Good Shepherd
- Jesus' giving his disciples then and now a new commandment
- Jesus and his Father's promise never to let us go.

We get to hear over and over again the amazing significance of the Resurrection. And we are assured that because God always loves us, we also can love. Don't miss a single week of the Easter Season! Your life and your faith will be enriched here in a faith community of Easter brothers and sisters.

~Pastor David Deal

### SEPA SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2019: Building Beloved Community

The 2019 Synod Assembly will meet Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4, at Franconia Mennonite Church with the theme "Building Beloved Community." The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Nicole D. Diroff, associate director of Interfaith Philadelphia. A number of learning opportunities will explore various aspects of the beloved community theme, including "Equipping Leaders for Kingdom Building," "Advocacy: How to Make your Voice Heard in the Public Square," "The Five Gifts of Discipleship: A Guide for Living our Faith in Daily Life," and more. Our congregation will be represented by Helen Dungan, Tom Gaun, and Pastor Deal.



## HIGHLIGHTS

**May 3-4** SEPA Synod Annual Assembly at Franconia Mennonite Church, Tom Gaun, Helen Dungan, and Pastor Deal will attend.

**Sunday, May 5** Care-A-Lot Sunday - Our Care-A-Lot kids, parents, and teachers will join us at 10:30 AM for singing, excitement, and worship as we celebrate our God and God's ministry in our Preschool. This service is especially designed for children of all ages! There will be a time of refreshment/fellowship after the service.

**Sunday, May 12** Mother's Day/CWS Blanket Sunday - at 10:30 AM

**Sunday May 19 -** Last Day of Sunday School - Celebration

**Thursday, May 23** at 6:30 PM - Care-A-Lot Graduation!

**Sunday, May 26** Memorial Day Weekend - NO Sunday School  
10:30 AM - Worship  
11:30 AM - Lemonade on the Lawn  
Noon - Ceremony in Durham Cemetery honoring those who have died and served our country.  
6:00 PM - Program honoring fallen heroes and living veterans at the Williams Township Municipal Campus at 655 Cider Press Rd.

**Thursday, May 30** - Ascension Day

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**Coming up in JUNE ...**

- **Sunday, June 9** Day of Pentecost (50 days after Easter) **RED** will be everywhere - wear **red** if you can!
- **Sunday, June 16, 2019** The Holy Trinity - Father's Day/CWS Tool Sunday



**Food ministry:** We will collect women's personal care items for the food banks in honor of Mother's Day. We will do the same for men in June as we celebrate Father's Day.

## Outreach

Helen Dungan

**Food baskets:** On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Rhine family donated a food basket in honor of Sam's baptismal anniversary. On April 28<sup>th</sup> Ed Xander donated a food basket in memory of his wife Nancy Jean on the anniversary of her death.

**Hymning:** A small group of us visited Helen Ballek and Ken and Cleo Eck. Singing with them and giving them an Easter flower and some Easter treats.



Helen Dungan

**Soup:** Our April meeting was canceled. Rather than wait until our May meeting, we met briefly after church to distribute our soup funds.

The money was given as follows:

The Lord's Pantry (Ottsville, PA) - \$1,000.00

ProJeCt Easton food bank - \$1,000.00

Church World Hunger - \$1,000.00

Upper Bucks Meals on Wheels - \$375.00

Northampton County Meals on Wheels - \$375.00

We will use the remaining \$126.00 to put food baskets on the altar for Mothers' and Fathers' Day.



**Blanket Sunday** will be celebrated on Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>, but we will accept donations all month. This is an opportunity to make a donation to Church World Service to buy blankets which they give to victims of disasters. Please consider making a donation in your mother's name; you will be honoring her and helping someone in distress. In June we will also be collecting money for tools on Father's Day/CWS Tool Sunday.

**May meeting** is Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in the church fellowship hall. Our topic is Women of the ELCA, here at Durham and across the country. We will read and discuss our mission statement, and evaluate what we are doing, could be doing, should maybe stop doing. This would be a great opportunity for all women in the congregation to learn more about WELCA and its ministries.

**Biennial Gathering of Southeastern PA WELCA** will be held Saturday, June 1 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale. Registration is at 8:45 AM. The theme is Water of Life. Our opening speaker, Trudy Phillips, will talk about how our waterways flow, and our impact upon them. We will also have speakers from the newly formed Buxmont Coalition for Safer Water whose vision is for us to have clean and safe drinking water, free from PFAS and other toxic chemicals. Both of the women who founded this lived across from the Willow Grove Naval Base when they were young. We will also have updated information on Flint's situation. Registration fee: \$25.00, and includes lunch.



## May Worship Assistants

<b>* Indicates Communion</b>	<b>5 Care-A-Lot Sunday</b>	<b>12 * Mother's Day</b>	<b>19* Last Day of Sunday School</b>	<b>26 Memorial Day Weekend</b>
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Samantha Mueller	Hunter Aquino	Matthew Mueller	Nicholas Phillipps
Greeter(s)	Rachael Roney	Katie & Conner Aquino	Cathy Mueller	Bob Fox
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Care-A-Lot Preschool	Maggie Fischer	Bob Starling	Scott Gaun
Council Communion Assistants	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Counters	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Head Usher	Help Wanted!			
Altar Guild	Serena Ashmore and Beth Snyder			

	<b>May Birthdays</b>		<b>May Anniversaries</b>		<b>May Baptisms</b>
1	Tim Leichliter				
2	Frank Erceg			3	Kelvin DeWalt
4	Sara Aquino	7	Becky & Tom Praster (42nd)		
5	Hunter Aquino	9	Barb & Ben Naska (49th)	8	Leo Fox, Sr.
				9	Bryant Hlavaty, Donald V. Seipt
13	Chris Mueller			10	Patricia Zion
14	Luke Snyder				
15	Beth Snyder			12	Jack Pyne
21	Joe Aquino			13	Katie Aquino
23	Bethany Michl	25	Sara & Joe Aquino	18	Frank Erceg
24	Brian Ashmore, Sr.	26	Kristy Lee and Dane Reiman (7th)	21	Jim Altemose
25	Joel Roney	27	Maggie Fischer & Bob Starling (41th) Linda & Stan Czeck (21st)	22	Dianna Streletz



## CARE-A-LOT NEWS

May marks the end of another school year at Care-A-Lot. We have a very full calendar of activities planned for this month. Starting off the month will be Care-A-Lot Sunday on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The children will be singing several songs and participating in the Children's Service. The church will continue their annual tradition of accepting donations to the Care-A-Lot "Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund".

Other activities scheduled for this month include "Crazy Hat Day" and a field trip to Seipt's Dairy Farm. Thanks to Kathy and Joe Hlavaty for scheduling this visit. We'll have an "End-Of-The-Year" party on our last class day. We have a special "Thank-You" planned for Miss Becky from the Riegelsville Library. Pastor Dave will visit us on Wednesdays and talk with the children about our May theme of "What Is A Family".

We'll end our year with a Graduation Ceremony in the Church Sanctuary at 6:30pm on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The children will be singing some of their favorite songs, viewing a DVD of the year's activities and receiving their Preschool Class diplomas. We'll then go downstairs for refreshments. Our last day of school will be Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We're looking for additional students for next year and would appreciate you sharing our information with anyone who is looking for a great preschool. I would be happy to speak with them about our program and schedule a visit. I can be reached at 484-894-0585. Thank you for your help.

~Linda Reinbold

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## PRAYER



## Donations for Flint

As part of our local WELCA's preparation for the Biennial Gathering of SEPA WELCA , we are collecting money to buy water for people in Flint, Michigan. Salem Lutheran Church in Flint is distributing bottled water for drinking and cooking. There is a water bottle on the table in the narthex where you can donate to help them with this ministry.

~Helen Dungan



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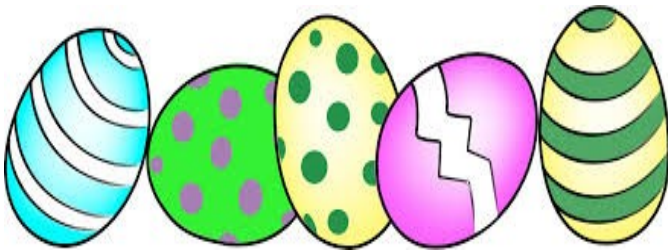
## EASTER EGG HUNT THANK YOU!!!

The 2019 Easter Egg Hunt was another wonderful success. Even though it rained that morning, the sun and wind dried the grass and 600 eggs filled the lawn.

All the donations from the congregation, enabled every child to take home baskets with games and toys. There were 38 kids and another 30 adults, so we had a nice crowd. The only one missing was the Easter Bunny, who spent the holiday in the hospital!

Many thanks to all our volunteers who helped to make it a fun day for everyone.

~Cheryl Mesko and Lynn Gaun



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## MEMORIAL DAY 2019

Honor our fallen service members on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. The Legionnaires of Riegelsville Post 950 will form at the Durham Cemetery on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 11:45 AM. They will march into the cemetery at noon and hold a ceremony and Rifle Salute with Taps to honor their fallen comrades who paid the ultimate price. The ceremony will be held inside the church in case of rain. Note that this is the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion.



There will also be a ceremony honoring fallen heroes and living veterans in Williams Township on Sunday, May 26 at 6:00 PM. The program will be held at the Veterans Memorial on the campus of the Williams Township Municipal Building, 655 Cider Press Rd. in Williams Township. Veterans and current recruits from the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard will be recognized during the program. If you know of any living veteran of Williams Township who was not included in last year's program, please inform Linda Heindel (610-253-8951).

## 2019 EASTER FLOWERS



*THANK YOU to the following people who participated in purchasing Easter Plants this year. The flowers always make our altar and our church look beautiful for this holy occasion. Special thanks to Victoria Phillipps for organizing our Holiday Plant Sales.*

*~ The Altar Guild*

Member	In Memory Of	In Honor Of
Virginia and Kenneth Hager	Our son, Dale K. Hager	
Valerie McGinn	Sue Kehler	
Helen Dungan	Mary and William Dungan	
Ed Xander	Nancy Jean Xander	
Pastor David Deal	Evelyn Newcomb, JoAnn Thaler and Norma Rodenbach	
Linda and Stan Czeck	Our parents	
Tanya and Ben Naska	Loved ones	
Martine King	My parents and girlfriends	
Becky Praster	Alice and Samuel Harman	
The Phillipps Family	Gloria Phillipps and Stephanie Palmieri	
Kathy and Joe Hlavaty	Parents, Wanda and Joe Hlavaty	Parents, Gerry and Don Seipt
Barb and Ben Naska	Loved ones	Our children and grandchildren
Faye and Tim Gadwell	Grammy Nicholas and Grammy Fetzer	Grace and Cora Brielle & Paige Reiman Rowan & Danny Froehlich
Cheryl and Wayne Mesko		Our children and grandchildren
Beth Snyder		Our Lord and Savior

## May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool 6:30 PM Choir	<b>2</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">SEPA Synod Assembly</div>
<b>5 Third Sunday of Easter - Care-A-Lot Sunday</b> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship 5:30 PM Confirmation at TLC	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	<b>8</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool 6:30 PM Choir	<b>9</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>12 Fourth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day</b> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	<b>15</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool 6:30 PM Choir	<b>16</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>19 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 9 AM Christian Education - Last Day of Sunday School Celebration 10:30 AM Worship 5:30 PM Confirmation at Durham	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool	<b>22</b> 9 AM - Noon Care-A lot Preschool Prep for Graduation 6:30 PM Choir	<b>23</b> 6:30-8:30 PM Care-A lot Graduation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>26 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> 10:30 AM Holy Communion Honoring Veterans Past and Present at Memorial Day Ceremonies	<b>27</b> Memorial Day Holiday	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Choir	<b>30</b> Ascension Day	<b>31</b>	



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