

Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham

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

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In September ...

- **Sunday, September 1** -
Last summer Sunday -
Holy Communion at 10AM
- **Sunday, September 8** -
FALL SCHEDULE: Sunday
School at 9, Worship at
10:30, then Church Picnic,
then "God's Work, Our
Hands" service activities
- **Sunday, September 15**- at
5:30 PM Confirmation
Kickoff at St. Peter's
- **Monday, September 16** -
at 7 PM Church Council
- **Friday, September 20** - at
11 AM - WELCA
- **Sunday, September 22** -
DRATT Teen Youth Group
kickoff 5:30 PM here at
Durham
- **Sunday, September 30** -
Harvest Home Sunday

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EVANGEL



September
2019

"A Fall of Service, Compassion, and Concern"

Our Lord Jesus calls us to follow him in so many ways. He calls us to **forgive** as we have been forgiven, to **serve** as we have been served by our God, to pray for **healing** as God heals us, and to offer **support** and **encouragement** as God has strengthened us. Through our faithful following, the presence and promises of Jesus will never grow faint against any experiences of life.

We will begin this fall with several experiences and opportunities for service, compassion, and concern:

Sunday, September 8 - ELCA National Day of Service (see p. for details)

Sunday, September 22 - New Youth Group for post-confirmation and teens (see below).

Sunday, September 29 - Harvest Home Sunday - We bring in food and \$\$\$ to help feed hungry neighbors.

Saturday, October 5 - First ever Blessing of Animals and Pets at 11 AM, outside if weather permits. Bring your animals and pets to this short service.

Sunday, October 20 - Healing Service - to bring prayers, hope, encouragement to so many in our worshipping community dealing with illness, injury, or depression.

The promises that Scripture will proclaim to us on fall Sundays will assures us that, while following Jesus may not always be easy, we will never have to walk alone. Jesus is with us! And that's why we can accept our baptismal call to follow him.

~ *Pastor David Deal*

D.R.A.T.Ts!

(Durham, Riegelsville, & Trinity Teens)

Putting God into Our Worries, Hopes, and Dreams

1st Sundays: Confirmation

3rd Sundays: Food, Fun, and Faith

from 5:30 to 8:00 PM with a meal (\$4 suggested donation for food)

5:30 games :: 6:00 meal :: 6:30 faith activities :: 7:30 games

2nd, 4th, or 5th Weekends:

Service Projects, Lock-Ins, and Off-Site Activities



Church Council Wants to Hear from You!

Durham's Church Council is happy to listen and wants to hear from you. Have a question or concern? Maybe an opinion or suggestion: We welcome the chance to talk and get feedback from you!

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FALL MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Sunday, September 8** - God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. 9 AM Christian Education, 10:30 AM Worship, 11:45 AM Picnic, and 1 PM onward Service opportunities (see p.)
- Sunday, September 15** - Joint Confirmation Program (with St. Peter's, Riegelsville and Trinity, Pleasant Valley) begins at 5:30 PM at St. Peter's.
- Sunday, September 22** - **D.R.A.T.T.** (Durham, Riegelsville and Trinity Teens) new Youth Group begins at 5:30 PM here at Durham.
- Sunday, September 29** - Harvest Home Sunday - Bring canned goods and non-perishable foods for the food pantries we support. Use you 'Harvest Home' offering envelope to make a monetary donation which will also be shared with the food pantries.
- Saturday, October 5** - Blessing of the Animals will take place at 11 AM outside of the horse sheds. Bring your pets and animals to this short service.
- Saturday, October 20** - During this Healing Service we will be using special readings, music, prayers and a laying on of hands for healing.

CARE-A-Lot News



Our Parent/Student Orientations will be scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3rd and 4th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and we'll have our Parent Information Open House on Thursday evening, September 5th, at 7 PM. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 10th.

I can't wait for the year to start.
Linda Reinbold

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September 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Holy Communion - Prayers for all types of labor	2 Church Office Closed Labor Day	3 9 AM - Noon Care-A-Lot Parent/Student Orientation	4 9 AM - Noon Care-A-Lot Parent/Student Orientation	5 7 PM Care-A-Lot Preschool Open House	6	7 Pastor's Day Off
8 Fall Schedule Begins 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Picnic 2:30 PM God's Work Our Hands Service Activities	9 7 PM Church Council Meeting	10 First day of Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	11 Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	12 Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	13	14 Pastor's Day Off
15 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM Confirmation kick-off at St. Peter's, Riegelsville	16	17 Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	18 Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	19 Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	20 WELCA 11 AM	21 Pastor's Day Off
22 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship 5:30 PM D.R.A.T.T. Teen Youth Group kicks off at ELC of Durham	23	24 Care-A-Lot Preschool FIELD TRIP	25 Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	26 Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	27	28 Pastor's Day Off
29 Harvest Home 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship - Bring food and \$\$\$ for our hungry neighbors	30					



Esther: Part three of the Bible study on the book of Esther will be held Wednesday, September 4th at 10:00 AM at Kathy Hlavaty's home. This is a breakfast gathering and **men** are invited. A big thank you to Kathy for hosting our August meeting.

September meeting: Will be held on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the church fellowship hall. Helen Dungan, Barb Naska, and Becky Praster will report on the synodical gathering of WELCA which dealt with the **Water of Life**. We will be highlighting the remarks of Hope Grosse who spoke on the water problems in our area. The release of chemicals, PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), into the ground from military bases and its impact on residents, particularly of the Warrington and Warminster areas, has been in the news. She cautioned us that this chemical is not included in normal water tests; and strongly suggested everyone install a **reverse osmosis water filter**. After the meeting, those who wish to will adjourn for lunch.

Outreach

Food ministry: Thanks to everyone who baby care products for Easton Food Bank and paper products for Upper Bucks in July and August. We will celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday September 29, 2019 and will collect food for this event all month.



Join us for
"God's work. Our hands."



Sunday, September 8, 2019 starting at 2:30pm

The Upper Bucks Conference is hosting this Day of Service at:

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church - 20 Dill Ave., Perkasie

Little Zion Lutheran Church - 267 Morwood Rd., Telford

Jerusalem Lutheran Church - 733 Ridge Rd., Sellersville

Service Activities at St. Andrews:

- Packaging 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger (*Set-up time: 1 PM-2:30 PM*) (Clean-up time – shop vacs & vacuums are appreciated!)
- Cookies for First Responders - (*Donations of HOMEMADE Cookies are certainly welcome!*)
- Prayer Cards for local Code Blue Shelters
- RamPack Backpack Notes of Encouragement (for Pennridge Elementary Schools)
- Creation Care (meet at St. Andrew's to carpool to do clean up at local parks)
- Birthday Bags (Donations of cake mix, icing, plates, napkins, candles, etc. welcome!)

Service Activity at Little Zion: Knotting Quilts for Lutheran World Relief (No experience needed – just able to tie a knot!)

Service Activity at Jerusalem: Bingo with Special Needs People

September Worship Assistants

	1 *	8	15*	22	29
Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Addyson Mammana	Conner Aquino	Hunter Aquino	Grace Litzenberger	Nicholas Phillipps
Greeter(s)	Ed Xander	Virginia Hager	Pat Zion	Becky Praster	TBA
Lay Worship Assistant/Lector	Joe Hlavaty	Mark Harwick	TBA	Linda Sauter	Bonnie Pyne de Portillo
Council Communion Assistants	Cathy Mueller, Serena Ashmore		Cathy Mueller, Serena Ashmore		
Counters	Cathy Mueller, Serena Ashmore		* Indicates Communion will be served.		
Head Usher	Stan Czek				
Altar Guild	Barb Naska & Val McGinn				

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

	September BIRTHDAYS		September ANNIVERSARIES		September BAPTISMS
5	Bruce Crouse, Brielle Reiman				
7	Jim Miller				
9	Stan Czek, Joanne Ziegenfuss			10	Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
12	Bob Fox, Barb Naska				
14	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	14	Karen & Hans Rilling (56th)		
15	Laura Pyne			17	Hunter Aquino
				20	Michael Altemus
		21	Nancy & Frank Moskella (45)	21	Makenzie Naska
22	Don Seipt (91)				
24	Katie Aquino, Mary Ellen Jonczyk		Rachael & Joel Roney (8th)		
25	Mike Rhine	26	Tanya & Ben Naska (20th)		
27	Jack Pyne			27	Nancy Moskella
28	Maggie Fischer			29	Rory, Billy McMullen
30	Roger Wolfe			30	Barbara Altemus

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following:



FREE FLU SHOTS

for Bucks County residents 3 years and older while supplies last.

For more information please contact the Bucks County Department of Health at 215-345-3318 or visit www.buckscounty.org/health

OR

www.facebook.com/buckshealthdept/

Quakertown: 261 California Rd. - Sept. 14, 2019; 10 AM- 3 PM
Doylestown: 1282 Almshouse Rd - Sept. 28, 2019; 10 AM- 3 PM
Levittown: 7321 New Falls Rd - Sept. 14, 2019; 10 AM - 3 PM