

**In March...**

- **Sunday, March 1** - Upper Bucks Conference Spring Assembly
- **Thursday, March 5** - First Midweek Lenten meeting at 6 PM at Trinity Lutheran in Pleasant Valley
- **Sunday, March 8** Daylight Savings Time begins
- **Thursday, March 12**- at 6 PM Lenten Midweek Series at Durham
- **Thursday, March 19** -6 PM Lenten Midweek Series at St. Peter's Riegelsville
- Sunday, March 22 after worship WELCA lunch & meeting
- **Thursday, March 28** - 6 PM Lenten Midweek Series at Salem UMC, Springtown
- **Monday, March 30** at 7 PM Church Council

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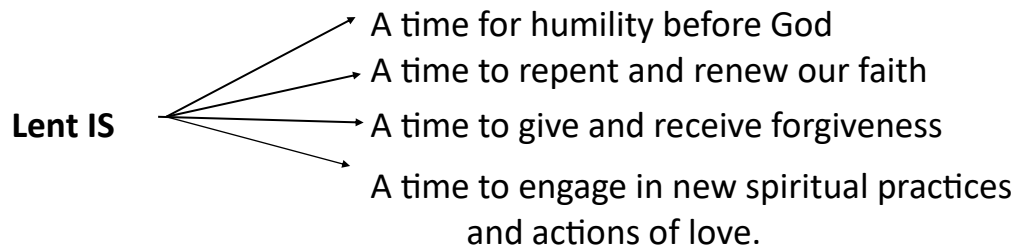


**The Opportunity of Lent for all God's People**

*"Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." (Joel 2:13)*

Every year, the Church is given 40 days of Lent to grow in faith - to be more deeply connected to God and to each other. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, special worship, prayer, devotional, and educational opportunities are available to us here in the congregation and with neighboring congregations,

Yet, over the years, the central emphases of Lent have been muddled.

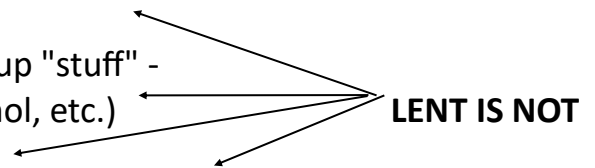


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A brief time in the year to give up "stuff" - like meat, desserts, alcohol, etc.)

A time to show off our piety.

A time to separate ourselves from our fellow humans who aren't into Lent.



For 40 days, including the month of March, we have the opportunity to accept and give thanks for God's amazing grace, especially through the life and death of Christ our Savior. Please join with us each week as we grow together. A special Lenten Devotional entitled, from "Suffering to Salvation" is available free for everyone in the church narthex.

Please join 5 or 6 congregations in the area every Thursday at 6 PM as we engage in dialog around "Reclaiming Jesus" The full schedule for this series can be found on page and on our website.

On Holy Thursday, April 9, at 7 PM, we will worship with Trinity Lutheran in Pleasant Valley, at Trinity. The focus of this Holy Week Worship opportunity is service. On Good Friday, April 10, ELC of Durham will host a special worship service at 7 PM, focusing on Christ's amazing act of love for the world on the cross.

*~ Pastor David Deal*



## **ANNOUNCING Mid-Week Lenten Series for 2020 -**

**“Reclaiming Jesus: Faith in a Time of Crisis”** on Thursday evenings. Come at 6 PM for a Light Supper, then Devotions/Dialog will begin at 6:45. The schedule is:

March 5 @ Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley - “Made in God’s Image and Likeness”

March 12 @ ELC of Durham - “We are One Body”

March 19 @ St. Peter’s - “To Protect and Seek Justice”

March 26 @ Salem UMC - “Truth is Morally Central to our Personal and Public Lives”

April 2 @ a place TBA - “Go Into All Nations Making Disciples”

### **Upper Bucks Conference Spring Assembly**

**Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM At Trinity Lutheran Church, Quakertown**

#### **Agenda:**

- Election of a new Dean    -Adoption of a Budget
- Reports of the Clusters

**ELC of Durham will be represented at the Assembly by Ken Anderson, Beth Snyder, and Pastor David Deal.**

**Daylight saving time 2020 begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, MARCH 8 and will end at 2:00 AM on Sunday, NOVEMBER 1!**



**The monthly Outreach envelope in March is going to Lutheran Disaster Response. Thank you for giving!**



Helen Dungan

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** Thanks to all who contributed; our window sills were full! As I write this, we haven't emptied them yet, so I cannot give you a count.

**Food baskets:** On February 23rd a food basket was placed on the altar by Virginia Hager in memory of her son Dale Hager. 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 **paper products** for the food banks in March.

**Prayer ministry:** There will be a meeting for members of the prayer chain and anyone else who is interested on **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM**. We would like to update the prayer list. We ask everyone who has asked for prayers or placed a name on our prayer list to give an update to Joan Mammana. If she doesn't hear from you, the name will be removed.



## Soup Supper

Our February soup supper was a great success! We ran out of broccoli soup and only had a few jars of chicken noodle left. We sold 258 quarts of soup - 143 quarts of chicken noodle & 115 quarts of cream of broccoli. 35 Adults and youth sat down and ate. The profit was \$2,082, which will be distributed to local food banks and world hunger causes.

**Special Thanks:** We want to give special thanks to

- **Thrivent** who through their new action team project gave us a debit card with **\$250** to help with expenses. This program is designed to involve Thrivent members as they lead volunteer projects and it paid the majority of our expenses.

- **Donations:** Thanks to Dot Peterman and Don Seipt, who each donated 10 gallons of milk.

**Our shopper:** Mark Harwick did almost all our shopping and really shopped for good prices

- **Our bakers and dessert providers:** Miriam Anderson, Helen Dungan, Lynn Gaun and Barb Naska for their donations of desserts and bread.

- **The Monday crew:** Miriam Anderson, Helen Dungan, Mark Harwick Kathy and Joe Hlavaty, Val McGinn, Dot Peterman and Pat Zion. These folks made the chicken broth, deboned the chicken, peeled the onions, chopped the broccoli, strained and cooled the broth, and then cleaned up.

- **The chief chefs,** Mark Harwick (chicken noodle soup) and the broccoli crew – Miriam Anderson, Diane DeWalt, Kathy Hlavaty, and Nancy Moskella.

- **The Wednesday workers who** chopped carrots, celery and parsley in the morning, set up and watched over the soup in the afternoon, and jarred, served, washed dishes and pots, and took down the tables and cleaned up in the evening: Miriam Anderson, Esther Crouse, Linda Czeck, Pastor Deal, Helen Dungan, Lynn Gaun, Kathy and Joe Hlavaty, Joan and Frank Mammana, Valerie McGinn, Barbara Naska and Ben Naska, Ben Naska (son), Gladys Nicholas, Dot Peterman, Becky Praster, Bonnie Pyne de Portillo, and Caitlin Pyne; with a special thanks to Samantha Mueller and her two friends Avery Errico and Sophia Bandi, who served our eat-in customers and raised the standard of service way above where it was.

**We are truly blessed to have such wonderful helpers.**

## March Worship Assistants

	1*	8*	15*	22*	29*
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Samantha Mueller	Ben Naska	Conner Aquino	Nicholas Phillipps	Addyson Mammana
Greeter(s)	Bea von Watzdorf & Leo Grzelkowski	Kathy & Joe Hlavaty	TBA	Jill & Drew Williams	TBA
Lay Worship Assistant	The Mueller Family	Joe Hlavaty	Linda Sauter	Scott Gaun	TBA
Council Communion Assistants	Mark Harwick Val McGinn	Mark Harwick Val McGinn	Mark Harwick Val McGinn	Mark Harwick Val McGinn	Mark Harwick Val McGinn
Counters	Mark Harwick, Val McGinn				
Head Usher	Bob Fox				
Altar Guild	Dot Peterman and Beth Snyder				
* Communion will be served every Sunday this month.					

	March Birthdays		March Baptisms
2	Michael Altemus	1	Mike Rhine
4	Amanda Harrison		
6	Gladys Nicholas ((86)		
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 Lechliter
30	Tom Praster	29	Steven Streletz

## Highlights of the Annual Congregational Meeting held on 2/23/2020

- Minutes from the previous year and the Financial Report for 2019 were all approved.
- Elections - Mark Harwick, Scott Gaun, and Val McGinn were re-elected to a 2nd 3-year term on Church Council. Matthew Mueller was elected to a 2nd 1-year term as Youth Council Member. Ken Anderson and Becky Praster were elected as voting members to the 2020 Synod Assembly on May 1 and 2.
- Congregational President Scott Gaun set goals for the new year to address the need to paint and install new windows on the outside of the church, and to follow up on the results of the 2018 MAPS survey.
- Pastor David Deal introduced the start of new teams to get involved in Worship, Education, Property, Youth, etc. in anticipation of his retirement at the end of 2021.
- Kudos were given to Mark Harwick for his work in organizing the installation of our new church doors, and to Ken Anderson, who has worked with the Finance Committee on developing a new system.



Helen Dungan

**February Meeting:** We had a long business meeting reviewing our January Soup Supper and planning our February Soup Supper. As part of our devotions we wrote some encouraging notes to members of our congregation; this led into a discussion of the length of the prayer list. We did not work with our old minute books, but will at a later date. Lynn Gaun took them home with her; and hopes to have our help writing a summary of what each contains.

**Our March meeting** will be held after church on **Sunday March 22, 2020**. We will be hosting a light luncheon, and invite all members (male and female, young and old) to attend. Our speaker is Becky Praster. She and her husband worked for the State Department in some interesting and dangerous places. She will be sharing some of her experiences and explaining how the department works.

## Spring Gathering -- Upper Bucks Women of the ELCA

The topic for this year's Gather is "Women Serving." We will meet at St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church address: 25 East Church Street Sellersville, PA 18960. Registration is from 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. with breakfast following. The Bible text is 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40. Our speaker / leader is Reverend Marcia Bell, Director of Mobility, SE PA ELCA Synod office. We will share how we are serving; what has changed over the past years; and the current challenges - both as individuals and as organizations. In Kind Gifts and Offering Disbursement to be announced.



## Care-A-Lot News

In March we will be welcoming “Spring”. We will also be wearing the green and hunting for the leprechaun and his pot of gold. Pastor Dave will be sharing our Christian theme of “God’s Creatures” with the children on Wednesdays.

We’ll be going on a Field Trip this month to DeSales University to see the children’s play, “The Jungle Book”. In their special theater, the children get to sit on the floor right next to the actors and what’s going on. They love it!

We’ll also have two “Special Days” this month. The first is “Silly Sock Day” where we’ll see who wears the silliest socks. The second is “Number Day” where everyone should wear as many numbers as they can. We’ll count all the numbers and see what our total is. Maybe we can get to the number 100.

March is the final month for collecting Giant A+ Rewards. Many thanks to everyone who participated. When we get the total, we’ll share it with you.

**Registration for 2020-2021** has begun for our Preschool (3-4 year olds) and Pre-K (4-5 year olds) classes. Registration forms and Information pamphlets are available on the narthex table—share them with your family and friends. For additional information and to schedule a visit please contact Linda Reinbold at 484-894-0585. Scheduling a visit is the best way to see the school and the children in session.

## PRAYER Please lift up in prayer the following ...

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Debbie Christman; Esther Crouse; Ken Eck; Mary Erceg; Norma Fox; Tom Gaun; Virginia Hager; Johnny Hesser; George Kreitz; Dean Litzenberger; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Don Seipt; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Chuck Bates; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Marci Boettger; Kelly Bordelon; Jade Bowlby; Frannie Brooks; Melissa Carafa; Jimmy Carter; Josie Crown; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Michelle Froehlich; Ken Garey; Oswin Gaun; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Lou Hayden; Bernadette Heljenick; Bob Helm; Clarence Hoover; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Alex Kaki; Elaine Keller; Martine King; Kara Kline; Aleena Lang; Joanne Lavin; Barbara Lynch; Mike Manfra; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Janet Murray; Jeff Musnung; Kyle Newman; Clint O’Connor; Agapoula (Pipitsa) Papageorgiou; David Parker; Barbara Pavlica; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Dennis Raike; Sarah Rhine; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Alex Trebek; Alex Ulrey; Rudolf von Watzdorf; Bill Walsh; and Sandra Zimmerman. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D., Charlie L., and Jane.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo and Ken Eck; and Elfriede Marschewski.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Manfred Marschewski and Helen Ballek.

# MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> First Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Communion 2-4 PM Upper Bucks Conf. Spring Assembly 5:30 PM Confirmation @ St. Peter's	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>4</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>5</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 - noon 6 PM Midweek Lenten Series at Trinity, Pleasant Valley	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastor's Day OFF
<b>8</b> Second Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Communion	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>11</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>12</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 - Noon 6 PM Midweek Lenten Series at Durham	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastor's Day OFF
<b>15</b> Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Communion 5:30 PM DRATT Youth Group at Trinity	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>18</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>19</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 - Noon 6 PM Midweek Lenten Series at St. Peter's	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Pastor's Day OFF
<b>22</b> Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Communion Noon - WELCA Luncheon and meeting with Guest Speaker Becky Praster	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>25</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>26</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 - Noon 6 PM Midweek Lenten Series at Salem UMC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pastor's Day OFF
<b>29</b> Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Communion	<b>30</b> 7 PM Church Council	<b>31</b> Care-A-Lot Preschool 9 AM - Noon	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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