

This June ...

- **Saturday, June 6** at 4 PM
Drive-by 100th birthday salute to Marjorie Snyder
- **Sunday, June 7** - Facebook Live Worship at 10:30 AM
- **Tuesday, June 9** - VVBS - Virtual Vacation Bible School on Facebook Live at 10 AM
- **Friday, June 12**- Palisades HS Virtual Graduation 6 PM
- **Sunday, June 14** - Facebook Live Worship at 10:30 AM
- **Tuesday, June 16** - VVBS - Virtual Vacation Bible School on Facebook Live at 10 AM
- **Sunday, June 21** - Facebook Live Worship at 10:30 AM
- **Tuesday, June 23**- VVBS on Facebook Live @ 10 AM
- **SUNDAY - June 28** - Facebook Live Worship 10:30 AM

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"Adjusting to a New Normal for God's Church"

After nearly three months of being asked to stay at home, we are now thinking of the future. Our worship, fellowship, Christian Education, and church administration have all been radically changed. How long will it be like this and what will it be like when we return to our church buildings? It seems everything has changed - and we usually don't like change.

A reminder - the Church of Jesus Christ has constantly changed since the 1st Century. The Church has faced opposition, persecution, and countless historical changes in the world, In the beginning and for several centuries, there were NO church buildings in which to worship. Christian disciples met in homes - imagine that! Then there were challenges of conflict both within and outside of the church - like diseases, the Crusades, a Reformation, splits and divisions, and the list goes on and on.

Still, the Church of Jesus Christ has endured. And it continues now. This pandemic has taught us several new things that need to continue, even after we come back to our buildings.

1. Frequent communication and connection with each other is must! By social media, email, telephone, etc. we must reach out to each other.
2. Our new Virtual Worship Services are reaching many more people than just those who show up on a Sunday morning. I believe we will need to do both in the future - services in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings that are broadcast simultaneously.
3. We have learned something new about "loving one another" because of this pandemic. It's not just about "me" - its about "us." I wear my mask to protect "you." This neighbor love needs to extend in new ways to the poor, the hungry, the immigrant, the nursing home resident, the abused, the isolated. The Church's mission will expand.

We have always been the Church. We are the Church today. And we will be the Church in the future - in surprising new ways!

~ Pastor David Deal

SUMMER WORSHIP & STUDY RESOURCES

Especially for those without internet access

Below are the readings for each Sunday in June:

June 7 - The Holy Trinity

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Questions and Reflections: How does God impact our lives as “Three” - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? How are we called to worship God in three persons.

Themes: Witness, Love, Service

June 14 - Pentecost Season - Season of the Church

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

Psalm 100

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Questions and Reflections: Israel is called by God at Mt. Sinai to serve as “priests for the nations.” How about us today? Aren’t we called to continue the mission of peace by our words and deeds?

Themes: LOVE, Unity, Peace, Healing

June 21 - Pentecost Season - Season of the Church

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 69:7-18

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Questions and Reflections: God’s people through history have faced challenges, opposition, even persecution for being faithful. Why??? Because God’s ways will clash with sin and the world, However, Jesus tells us, do not fear! The truth will win out and God will be with us.

June 28 - Pentecost Season - Season of the Church

First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

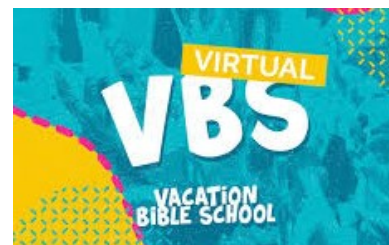
Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

Questions and Reflections: When we seek to serve God faithfully, we encounter roadblocks such as sin, opposition, evil. After all, we too are sinners. But we are also God’s baptized children. No matter what, God has set us free from the power of sin and death. We can try to carry out our baptismal service to the world.

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS for June

- Facebook Live broadcasts of the worship service will continue every Sunday morning at 10:30, whether from the Deals' dining room, or with a small team in our sanctuary. To watch the live broadcasts or videos of the worship services, visit www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran. You DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT to watch our worship services.
- We tried our first broadcast from inside the church building on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 31, with the help of Carolyn Williams and Ken Anderson. We will not be in the sanctuary every Sunday, but will try to be there about twice a month. We will let you know when it's time for you to come back to the building for worship, either indoors or outdoors.
- Virtual Vacation Bible School will take place this summer on Facebook Live every Tuesday morning at 10 AM, starting on June 9th. Pastor Dave will have music, stories, suggested family activities at home and "Flat Jesus!" Tune in to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/durhamlutheran) at 10 AM on June 9 to see what Flat Jesus is all about!



Return to In-Person Worship

When will we be able to return to in-person worship on the top of the hill on Durham Road? We don't know the exact answer to that yet. We have just reached the Yellow Phase and Governor Wolf has not yet indicated when Bucks County will reach the Green Phase.

The Church Council voted at its May Council Meeting not to open the building back up until after the Green Phase begins, in order to give us time to prepare for opening safely. The Council is now working on all the plans that need to be made. These plans include:

- Would it be wise to have outdoor services?
- Masks will be required.
- Social Distancing and separation will be required in the sanctuary and outside.
 - No congregational or choir singing can happen for awhile, because singing spreads droplets at a much wider range than simply speaking.
 - No touching, sharing of the Peace, offering, or Communion are just a few of our challenges.
 - We must have ample sanitizer wipes, towels, masks, and other physical equipment to help maintain sanitary conditions in the church building.
 - In our planning, we are following the advice of health professionals, the Wisconsin Council of Churches published guidelines, and advice from our own ELCA.





Gerry Seipt passed away on Memorial Day at the age of 92. Because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, a Memorial Service has not yet been held. If you would like, you may send contributions to the church in memory of Gerry to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham, PO Box 100, Durham, PA 18039, with "Gerry Seipt" written on the memo line.

A Note from Gerry's Family:

Don Seipt, the Seipt, Hlavaty and Aquino Families extend our sincere appreciation for the prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy received in recent weeks. Your love and support have helped immensely.

Sincerely,
Don Seipt and Family

SOUP

WELCA conferred by email and phone and approved taking some money from our accounts to round up our donations. The following is the final amounts we donated.

The Lord's Pantry Ottsville	\$1350
Project Easton food bank -	\$1350
Church World Hunger -	\$ 725
Northampton County Meals on Wheels	\$ 375
Total	\$3800



WELCA will not be meeting in June. Normally we have our luncheon in June, but that is not likely to happen at all. We will try to meet in July and August, in keeping with the safety guidelines.

Helen Dungan

Our May Outreach donations are being sent to The Lords Pantry and Project Easton. Our June Outreach donations are being targeted for the Lutheran Church's Coronavirus assistance campaign. This will help both supply help to the victims, but also help to churches which have been adversely affected.



Drive-By 100th Birthday Celebration for Marjorie Snyder

At 4 PM on Saturday, June 6, you are invited to drive by Snyder Funeral Home in Riegelsville, lower your windows, and WAVE your 100th birthday greetings to Marjorie Snyder. For the best position, go north on 611, then turn left onto Maple Lane, Turn left again on Fairview. At the stop sign, turn left again onto Ash Lane and you will be at the Funeral home. If you'd like to send a birthday card, the address is Marjorie Snyder, c/o Diane Gerlach, 10 Brookside Rd., Wallingford, PA 19086.

CELEBRATIONS

	June Birthdays		June Anniversaries		June Baptisms
1	David Pyne			2	Matthew Crouse
2	Emma, Ali, and Charlotte Humphreys	10	Lynn & Tom Gaun (25)		
6	Kerri Rhine	11	Lynn & Tim Leichliter (32)	4	Kathy Haney
8	Makenzie Naska	12	Kerri & Mike Rhine (16)	11	Betty Kreitz, Chase Aquino
16	Althea Crouse (86), Lisa Crouse			17	Sarah Aquino
18	Gary Leidich			21	Bethany Michl, Beth Snyder
				22	Luke Snyder, Scott Lehr
25	Hunter Frey	25	Mary & Don Crouse (37) Donna & David Deal (43)	24	Esther Crouse
27	Barbara Altemus, Dane Reiman			27	Donald A. Seipt, Caitlyn Pyne
29	Ben F. Naska, Izbella Grzymala			29	Ken Eck, Sarah Antoni

Palisades High School will hold a “Virtual” Commencement on Friday, June 12, beginning at 5:30 PM. You can watch the ceremony on the PHS Cable Channel, #261 on Service Electric Cable TV. Our own Carolyn Williams will be providing music for the broadcast.

CONGRATULATIONS to two very special PHS graduates from our Community of Faith, **Austin Apgar and Jack Pyne**. Although he is 18, **Jack Pyne** doesn’t yet know what he wants to do with his life. But after his part-time job as a dish-washer at Bowman’s North, he knows what he doesn't want to do! Depending on what happens with the Coronavirus situation, he would like to take an apprenticeship in heating and cooling. Whatever he decides to be, we know he’ll be good at it! Jack has always had a strong interest in history and art. He loves movies, even documentaries, and he’d probably make a great critic of film editor. At church, Jack has volunteered at our church Soup Suppers and has never missed a day helping with VBS!

Austin was a member of the Palisades Marching Band as well as Concert Band, Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, and Indoor Percussion. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a Link Crew Leader. Austin received the Musantry Family "Pay It Forward" Scholarship, the Technical Department - Application in Engineering & Design Award, the American Legion Military Commitment Certificate of Commendation, the United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Music Excellence, and the Wellness & Fitness Department - Outstanding Achievement Award. Austin enlisted in the United States Army on October 23, 2019. He will be heading to Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC in July 2020. Then he will report to Fort Lee in Virginia for his Advanced Individual Training. He plans on pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering while serving his country!

Pastoral Letter from Rev. David M. Deal

Dear People of God – Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

June 2, 2020

Today when I awakened, I was filled with heaviness, sadness, turmoil, anger. Today happens to be the day of the Pennsylvania Primary Election. But my state of mind has nothing to do with politics. Instead, it has to do with division, danger, chaos!

You and I find ourselves three months into an international pandemic that has killed more than 105,000 Americans, and hundreds of thousands of our neighbors around the world as well. We cry and grieve with those who have been stricken or died. We pray for those who have lost jobs and income and look for ways to help them. We identify with all who have been emotionally stressed by “stay at home” orders, who may feel alone and depressed.

My disturbed feelings this morning are also related to the racial division in our nation as a result of the brutal police killing of **George Floyd**. This killing, the latest in a series of deaths of African-Americans at the hands of police, has led to despair, confusion, and rage. The injustice of Floyd’s killing has led to legitimate peaceful protests seeking radical reform to our criminal justice system in more than 100 American cities in all 50 states. There have also been many instances of illegitimate, selfish, senseless looting and vandalism of American businesses. Some who looted may have been using the protests as cover for their criminal activity. Some may have been recruited by social media to incite unrest and violence. Others may have given in to the rage born of centuries of unjust and unequal treatment. The result has been danger to the protestors, danger to the police, danger to innocent American citizens. The result has been national **chaos!**

As people of God, we need to be reminded that we worship not a God of chaos, but a God of peace and harmony. Our God is not a God of sickness, but a God of healing. Our God is not a God of killing, but a God of love. But here we are --- shocked, stunned, caught in national chaos. And the reason I awakened this morning angry and enraged was what the President of the United States said and did early yesterday evening.

First, the President announced from the Rose Garden that he was willing to use the military to stop the demonstrations and protests. This is not only against the law, but contrary to American tradition. Protest has been a part of our national story for more than 200 years, since the Boston Tea Party. The President criticized governors and mayors, calling them weak, when they are working as best they can to bring about order in their states or cities as peacefully as possible. Instead of offering to cooperate with them to end the chaos, he simply distanced himself from those political leaders, when it is important for all to work together to end the violence and vandalism.

Then the President, with very little warning, walked across the street, surrounded by Secret Service agents and members of his Administration. He went to historic St. John's Episcopal Church, where presidents have worshiped and prayed for more than a century. This church building had just lost its nursery in a fire and was closed. The Episcopal Rector and the Episcopal Bishop of Washington, DC, Rev. Mariann Budde, had not been contacted, and no warning and thus no permission had been given for an appearance at the church. The President simply walked in front of the church Parish House, stood next to the sign listing the names of the clergy, held up a Bible – UPSIDE DOWN – and stood for a photo-op. He neither prayed nor read from the Bible. He just stood for a moment and had his picture taken. Then, he walked back to the White House.

Unfortunately, in order for him to go to St. John's Church uninvited, law enforcement - including the National Guard, Secret Service, and Arlington County police - beat back the peaceful protestors and used gas canisters to force them away from the church. This included pastors on the church patio who were providing food for the protestors, and volunteers who were providing first aid. I join with Bishop Budde in her rage. This was an act of blasphemy – a moral and spiritual outrage. These actions do not demonstrate any spirit of leadership by the President, and they fail to reflect the values of the Kingdom of God – respect, love, non-violence, justice. Instead, his actions portray the world's sinful values of selfishness, brute force, and violence to human souls.

These are just some of the thoughts and feelings filling me as I awakened today. I am fearful. I am ashamed of our national leadership. I search for an appropriate response as a Christian, a disciple of Jesus Christ. I found some solace and reassurance in the very Bible the President held up so callously. I would like to share a passage with you today – from St. Paul's 8th chapter of the Letter to the Romans, verses 31 and 37-39:

The living Word of God begins:

“What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor RULERS, nor things present [COVID-19 pandemic, national division, racism], nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.”

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we have been formed into Christ's Church by love. Jesus has shown us the values of the Kingdom of God – respect, compassion, unity, peace, non-violence, justice. Sinners though we are, let us all strive to live up to these values by our words and our actions. This may be the most difficult time any of us have ever experienced. Yet God will lead us through, for WE ARE THE CHURCH.

Yours in Christian Love,
Reverend David M. Deal

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Johnny Hesser; George Kreitz; Dean Litzenberger; Alison Rhine and Family; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; and Carolyn Williams.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Marci Boettger; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Frannie Brooks; Jorge Ann Brown; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crown; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Oswin Gaun; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Randy Hack; Douglas Harris; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Alex Kaki; Jean Kaki; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Kara Kline; Aleena Lang; Joanne Dehel Lavin; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Mike Manfra; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Janet Murray; Jeff Musnung; Steven Neff; Kyle Newman; Clint O'Connor; LeeAnn Overdorff; David Parker; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Sarah Rhine; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Laurel Sheetz; Gary Shollenberger; Donna Storm; Alex Trebek; Alex Ulrey; Rudolf von Watzdorf; Michelle Woodruff; 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 Gerry Seipt; Manfred Marschewski; and Helen Ballek.



For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; Linda Sauter, and Sharron Streletz.

Carolyn Williams Retires from Palisades HS

After 23 years of teaching at Palisades High School, Carolyn Williams is retiring. Carolyn began playing the organ at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham in 1994, and began teaching at PHS in 1997. While there, she directed 23 musicals, advised the Fall Play, directed the Madrigal Singers, and Concert Choir, initiated the guitar classes at the high school, and had the pleasure of working with lots of incredible students, many of whom represented Palisades at numerous honors choirs, including All-State and All-Eastern. She helped put together the Baccalaureate Service for many graduating classes. Carolyn brought great competency, creativity, energy and compassion to her work. And the kids loved her. We are so fortunate that she will continue to play the organ and direct the choir at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham!

Congratulations



JUNE OUTREACH ENVELOPES

The Church Council has voted to designate the June Outreach Envelope contributions to the ELCA COVID-19 Response Fund. To donate, you can mail your June Outreach Envelope to the church, or you can donate online at <https://community.elca.org/advanced-donation-form/covid-19-response-fund> . **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONTINUING SUPPORT!!!**

Dear partner in ministry,

Weeks may have passed since you last walked in the doors of your congregation and worshiped, face-to-face, with your community of faith. To be sure, being the body of Christ looks and feels differently than it ever has before.

Despite all of this, we are called to be church — together. The ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) looks different now, but it has not stopped. Nor have the needs of our communities and the world. Our church and its leaders continue to minister to its members, to those who are hurting and searching for peace, and to those in need.

The congregations and ministries of this church rely on your weekly offerings and gifts. Without in-person worship services for many weeks or even months, the financial impact could be devastating.

Please continue to give to your congregation and give regularly. Your congregation and its leaders continue to minister to your community of faith. This ministry relies on your weekly offerings. Find out how you can continue your pledge or regular offering though online giving, automatic monthly giving or mail.

I know that, for many of us, this is a time of uncertainty and financial hardship. However, for those of you who are in a position to do more, the needs are great.

In the United States, unemployment has soared. We are already seeing rising demands on our food pantries, homeless shelters and social services. Around the world, millions of people living in poverty are facing this pandemic without reliable access to sanitation and health care.

With congregations and ministries across the country, and a network of companion churches and partners in over 70 countries around the world, we anticipate this crisis will affect us all. Your gifts to the ELCA's COVID-19 Response Fund will provide funds to the ministries of the ELCA most in need and best positioned to help. This includes our congregations as well as local and churchwide ministries capable of reaching and assisting those in need. **If you are able, please help with a gift today.**

I have been reflecting on the words of Peter: "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1 Peter 4:10). Now is a time when we need one another. Now is a time to live and act as faithful people of God.

Be of good courage, dear church, and remember that Christ is with us now and always.

In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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