



In September ...

- **Tuesday, September 6** - Funeral for Mildred Seifert
- **Tuesday & Wednesday, September 6 & 7** - Care-A-Lot Welcomes Students
- **Saturday, September 10**—Transformational Ministry
- **Sunday, September 11** - **RALLY DAY** - Fall Worship Schedule - Sunday School at 9 AM, Worship at 10:30
- **Sunday, September 11**- Service of Peace and Prayer @ 3 PM
- **Sunday, September 18**, Special Congregational Meeting to discuss the Parking Lot
- **Tuesday, September 20** - WELCA at 5 PM

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Transformation

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

Dear friends in Christ. Transformation is our baptismal calling. As we have grown in our baptism, the Holy Spirit has been leading the renewing of our minds, leading us away from self-centered pursuits and attitudes toward God's good and perfect will.

You are invited to make yourself available for transformation as a fall of mission begins. Our Sunday School children resume their renewal in the third year of our very popular Spark Bible Story Sunday School program. All of us can be renewed by God's grace and challenge at weekly Sunday worship. Through Word and Sacrament we are filled and sent out to share. September 4th worship will begin at 9:30 AM with Holy Communion. September 11 begins our regular schedule with worship at 10:30 AM.

I also want to share with you a new thing - a new opportunity for renewal and transformation offered to our congregation. It is the Transformational Ministry Process, coordinated by the Evangelical Outreach Team of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA. I and a few members of Evangelical, Durham will meet at St. Luke's Lutheran, Ferndale to begin the process. The goal of Transformation Ministry is to support and encourage the vitality and growth God desires for each and everyone of us and for every faith community.

Are we willing to be renewed? To be changed? To be transformed? I truly believe this is what God wants for us as we approach our 200th year of existence. If you are curious, are interested in renewal and transformation, it's not too late to be part of the September 10 training. Speak to Pastor Deal for details.

St. Paul wrote in Romans 1:8, "I thank God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world." This is our mission. I pray that we are up to it!

~ Pastor David Deal



Mark your Calendar for a Special Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, September 18th, immediately following the 10:30 AM worship service, there will be a special congregational meeting to discuss repairs and/or expansion of our parking area. Information will be presented by the Property Committee and Church Council, and the congregation will be asked to vote on how to proceed. The meeting will be brief; all voting members of the congregation are urged to attend!

THANK YOU ...

To my fellow worshipers at Durham Lutheran Church: Many thanks are extended to all of you for your cards, phone calls, letters, and prayers during my recent hospitalization. Not only did you lift my spirits, you also reminded me of how fortunate I am to have such caring and thoughtfulness within the Durham Community. During my illness, Pastor Dave visited me on many occasions and offered prayer and comfort. He is special person and we should all give thanks for his guidance. Again, your thoughts and prayers were well received"

Jim Beerer

Cleo and Ken Eck would like to thank everyone for all the anniversary cards they received. They enjoyed all the different congratulations from the people from Church.

Palisades Cluster News:

- ◆ This is a reminder of the Community Health Ministry (parish nurse) meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Church, 4050 Durham Road, Ottsville. Please plan to attend the September 13th meeting and give an update on your parish nurse activities.

WHAT: Palisades Lutheran Cluster Meeting

WHEN: Sunday, September 18, 6:30 PM

WHERE: Christ Lutheran Church, Main Street, Springtown

WHO: Members and Friends of the Seven Lutheran Cluster Churches

Agenda includes: Report on Transformational Ministry Module No. 1; LYRA update; Designate 2011 Ascension Day offering (\$114.00) ; Springfield Township Community Day (September 24, 2011)

Council Corner

From your Council President ...

While we managed to get through the summer without any emergency meetings, council members have still been pretty busy. The parsonage got new locks and an interior paint job. New doors in the sacristy and library mean no more barring the doors after services. Unexpected recurrence of flooding in Fellowship Hall was resolved [special thanks to George Kreitz] just in time for Vacation Bible School. Despite the rain, Pandamania and the Beef Roast went well, thanks to the hard work of too many people to count, let alone name. My deepest thanks to all of you.

We'll be signing up appointments for the photo directory every Sunday this month. The photos will be taken on October 6th and 7th from 2pm to 9:20pm and Saturday, October 8th from 9:30 am to 5:10 pm. Every participant gets a free directory and a \$25 credit toward a photo package, which can be used to get one of several options at no cost to you. Packages should be ready in plenty of time for Christmas cards or gifts to grandparents. Please try to participate so we can see all of your smiling faces. I've heard from some of you that you're not looking forward to having your picture taken. However, Barb Naska and I will just keep hounding you, so you might as well surrender gracefully. We also need some activity photos, so if you have good shots from Beef Roasts, Soup Suppers, etc., please get them to me or Barb, labeled so we can return them. We also could use a really good picture of the church for the cover. Remember that this is part of our 200th Anniversary celebration, so we want it to be really great.

There will be a brief meeting after church on the 18th to get some feedback about the parking lot condition and how you want council to proceed. Please try to attend.

~ Val McGinn

Next council meeting September 13th at 6:30 for pizza

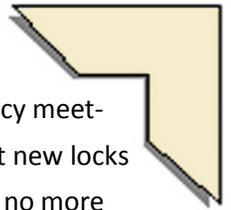
Council assignments for October: George Kreitz and Val McGinn.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed

We are Looking for volunteers who would be interested in serving on the Altar Guild. The duties of an Altar Guild member include being assigned 2 to 3 months throughout the year with another Altar Guild member to prepare for communion, filling of altar candles with oil, changing of the paraments for the different church seasons, overseeing the appearance of the church for services, and attending two meetings per year. Altar Guild members are also available to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas and Easter holidays.



Anyone interested, please speak to Barbara Naska or an Altar Guild member (Miriam Anderson, Serena Ashmore, Mary Crouse, Betty Fox, Beth Ross, Nancy Moskella, Dot Peterman, Linda or David Sauter. Thank you.



The September meeting of Women of the ELCA will be held on **Tuesday September 20st at 5:00 p.m.** at the Dungan's. We will begin with devotions and a time of remembrance of Irene Fox. Bring your stories, pictures, and/ or any of her recipes. Lynn Gaun will update us on the current planning session for our anniversary celebration. Then we will share supper together.



Husbands are invited, but will probably (and happily) meet in the kitchen while the women are meeting in the dining room. **All women** of the congregation (and any of your husbands) are invited to join us. In order to have enough food, we are asking for an RSVP on this meeting. Let any officer (Helen Dungan, Gladys Nicholas, Barb Naska or Cleo Eck) know if you can attend

All women are invited to attend the **Fall Gathering of the Upper Bucks WELCA**

Date: **Saturday Oct 1, 2011**

Time: Begins with registration 8:45-9:15 and ends with **lunch** starting around 11

Place: **St John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Richlandtown**

Theme: **Hospitality** ("I was a stranger and you welcomed me" Mathew 25:35)

The program will focus on being a welcoming church,

Outreach - Helen Dungan

Food banks: Our September food items are **cereal and jelly**. Thanks to everyone who donated food over the summer – especially Vacation Bible School students and helpers who donated five very heavy bags of groceries.

Food baskets: Thank you to all who donated food baskets during the summer. Altar flowers are lovely – but flowers fade, food feeds. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one in this way.

Evangelism: We will be participating in the first training session in the Transformational Ministry Process on Saturday Sept 10, 2011 beginning at 8:30 at St Luke's Ferndale. The purpose of this training is to help us be open to the work of the Holy Spirit within us, to grow spiritually – both as individuals and as a congregation – and to share our faith with our neighbors. We ask you to prayerfully consider attending.

Lyra - Лира *LYRA - Russian Vocal Ensemble of St. Petersburg - CONCERT*

The Palisades Cluster of Lutheran Churches is sponsoring a concert by Lyra, a Russian *a cappella* singing group who will perform at Palisades High School on Thursday October 13, 2011 at 7:00.

The first half of the program will be music from the Russian Orthodox Church; the second half Russian folk songs.

We are looking for host families to house the singers. This would be a golden opportunity to practice hospitality to a stranger ("I was a stranger and you welcomed me"). If you have room, and are able, please speak to Helen Dungan.

September Worship Assistants

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Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Clayton Leichter	Corinne Ashmore	Alaina Apgar	Katie Aquino
Greeter(s)	Althea Crouse	Cleo and Ken Eck	Betty Fox	Karen Rilling
Lector(s)	TBA	TBA	Val McGinn	Ben Naska
Council Communion Assistants	Helen Dungan and Joe Hlavaty		Helen Dungan and Joe Hlavaty	
Counters	Helen Dungan and Joe Hlavaty			
Head Usher	Althea Crouse			
Altar Guild	Betty Fox and Dot Peterman * Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.			

	September Birthdays		September Anniversaries
5	Bruce Crouse		
7	Bob Crouse (80th) Jim Miller		
12	Bob Fox Barbara Naska		
14	Dorothy Peterman	14	Karen and Hans Rilling (48th)
22	Don Seipt (83rd)	21	Nancy and Frank Moskella (37th)
		23	Bob and Nancy Fox (44th)
		26	Ben and Tanya Naska (12th)

Congratulations to Corporal Michael Hesser!

Lance Corporal Michael R. Hesser was meritoriously promoted to a Corporal of Marines on the second day of September, 2011, due to his high sense of initiative and discipline in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marines. *This is a promotion earned by Michael ahead of schedule because of his hard work! Oo-Rah!*

Funeral Services for Mildred Seifert

Mildred Seifert died on Tuesday, August 30th. Her funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 6th at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham. There will be a viewing beginning at noon and the funeral will begin at 1:00 PM.

Care-A-Lot News



CARE -A-LOT

Welcome to our new friends and welcome back to our old ones! September starts another year of fun and learning. We will be starting our school year off with two "welcome" days for our curious monkeys (preschool class) and our curious cats (Pre-K class) on September 6th and 7th, respectively, from 9:00-10:00 am. We will meet with the children and tell their parents all about the upcoming year. Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 13th. Our theme this year is "All About Me and My Curiosity".

Our science theme this month is "I am Curious about Colors" so we will review primary colors and learn how to make secondary colors. We will also learn everyone's favorite color. We will also focus on Getting to Know Each Other since we have some new friends in both classes. In Math, we will go over numbers 1-10 and higher for those who know them. Pastor Dave will meet with both classes and teach the children about Friends and Sharing using the Spark Bible.

As always, anyone is welcome to come and visit with the children, perhaps to read to them or play with them. They love visitors and love showing what they know!

Love, Mrs. Hower, Mrs. Naska and Mrs. Pason

PRAYER

Please speak to the pastor before the service if you have someone you would like him to lift up in prayer. To place someone on the Prayer List, call the Church Office. For urgent prayer needs, start the Prayer Chain by calling Virginia Hager.

Please make updates to Prayer List in the Narthex on the condition of anyone you've placed on the list. If you are on the Prayer List and are ready to be removed, please let us know!

Please keep in your prayers:

FOR HEALING: Jim Beerer, Leo Fox, Johnny Hesser, Bryant Hlavaty, Michael Kempf, George Kreitz, Kim Litzenberger, Elfriede Marschewski, Barbara Naska, Bob Newcomb, and Silas Rodenbach.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Lance Corporal Michael Hesser (USMC, Camp Lejeune), Private Nicholas Squartino (USMC, Okinawa), Private Blake Rodd (US Army, Afghanistan), Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves), Ensign Randall Reichenbach (US Navy, USS Preble, deployed to Japan), and Sergeant Jimmy Apgar (US Army, Ft. Richardson, Alaska).

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Susan Ackerman, Ruth Anderson, Alexa Bailey, Al Boorse, Sophia Capus, Jack Conrad, London Dalley, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, George Gallop, Elaine Gawronski, Betty Helm, Betsy Kressler, Phyllis Monesmith, Dave Morrell, Elfriede Newcomb, David Spiegel, Alex Ulrey, Vincent Viscomi, & Jane Wong.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND: Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Virginia Fisher, Clarence Fox, Jean Haas, Betty Kiefer, Marcella Krager, Lillian Melchior, and Evelyn Peterman.

FOR THE GRIEVING: The families of Mildred Seifert., Clarence Berger, Mary Wolfinger, Irene Fox, Dorothy Metzgar, Betty Hahn, Sue Kehler, Sharon Walker, and Betty Kirkpatrick.



~ SEPTEMBER Worship and Learning Highlights ~

Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 PM. As we plan a new year of music ministry, Carolyn invites and welcomes new voices to join us in service and fellowship. ***You don't have to be able to read music!*** Just sing to and praise the Lord.

Care-A-Lot Preschool begins for the Fall:

- September 6 and 7, from 9:00 to 10:00 AM, there will be a welcome for the two new classes. This year, the preschool class is the Curious Monkeys, and the pre-K class is the Curious Cats.
- September 13, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM is the first day of Preschool. Classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
- There are still some openings in both age groups. You can call the Church Office at 610-346-8500 to leave a message if you're interested.

Spark Sunday School will fire up and be back again on Sunday, September 11, starting at 9:00 AM. Spark is for children ages 3-11, and any interested youth and adult helpers. The Sparks Bible Story curriculum features Bible stories, drama, games, crafts, snacks, and animated movies. A whole new set of Bible stories will be explored during the Fall, Winter, and Spring of 2011-2012.

The Wedding of Rachael Kressman and Joel Roney will take place on Saturday, September 24th at 2:05 PM here are Durham. Marriage is a precious gift of God, intended for the joy and mutual strength of those who enter it. Marriage is also a human estate, with vows publicly witnessed. Let us surround Rachael and Joel with our presence at their wedding and with our prayers of blessing and intercession.

Remembering September 11, 2001

Observing the anniversary in our community

A service of Prayer and Healing on the 10-year anniversary of 9/11

All are invited to a combined worship service with St. Peter's Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

Sunday, September 11, 2011 at 3:00 PM



Pandamania VBS Report - Pandamania - Where God is Wild about You! was the theme of Vacation Bible School held from August 14-18. Thirty-three children and 23 youth and adults participated in this wild swing through the Bamboo Tree Forest, always accompanied by God's love. Jointly sponsored with St. Peter's Lutheran, Riegelsville, we sang, listened, played, ate, crafted, and served. There were two mission offerings: An offering of canned goods for local food pantries, and a Kid-to-Kid money offering to send backpacks and Bibles to kids in Latin America.

A very big, special "WOOO" and thank you to our adult and youth Bamboo Crew Leaders: Alaina Apgar, Pastor Deal, Tom Gaun, Lynn Gaun, Jessica Lehr, Betty Kreitz, Clayton Leichter, Kim Litzenberger, Doug Litzenberger, Nick Litzenberger, Joan Mammans, Cathy Mueller, Val McFinn, Nancy Moskella, Ben Naska, Tanya Naska, Ben Naska, Barbara Naska, Laura Pyne, Dianna Streletz, Sharron Streletz, and Carolyn Williams.

ANNOUNCING ... A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

As part of our 250th Anniversary celebration, we're going to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. We are asking each member and family to participate! All you need to do is have your picture taken by the professional photographer and meet with a portrait consultant at the church. **For the first four weeks of September, we will be making appointments at the church after worship. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.** The photos will be taken on October 6th and 7th from 2 PM to 9:20 PM and Saturday, October 8th from 9:30 AM to 5:10 PM.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free church directory and a \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate, no purchase necessary.
- You will only need to come to the church once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to purchase portraits and frames on the same day of photography. All portraits come with a 100% unconditional guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

If you have questions, please contact Val McGinn or Barbara Naska, who are putting the Directory together. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new pictorial directory just won't be complete without you!



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial gifts to the congregation in memory of **Sue Kehler** in the amount of \$325 were received from Gerry & Don Seipt, Richard Hersh, Bob & EWvelyn Newcomb, Helen Duncan, and Clarence & Norma Fox.

A memorial gift in memory of **Betty Hahn** was received by the church from Helen Dungan.

A gift in memory of **George P. Grossett** from his wife Elizabeth Grossett was received in the amount of 1,000.



A total of \$2,020 was received as a gift to the congregation in memory of **Dorothy Metzgar** from Kathryn Gutshall, Janet & Charles Martin, Catherine Van Ness, Jayne & im Miller, Richard & Lora Marzuoli, Mary & Donald Crouse, Ann Venneri & Joanne Waterman, Elda Jane Peil, John T. Eisenhard, Carol & Charles Finn, Karl & Marcia Kline, Gerry & Don Seipt, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Hunsicker, Vincent & Lorraine Menna, Marianne Brady, the Estate of Dorothy Metzgar, and Dorothy Peterman.

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