



## ***Guided by God's Word - For 200 Years***

### ***Our Vision:***

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

### ***Our Mission:***

As a community of faith, **firmly rooted in the love** of God through Jesus Christ, we are called to:

- WORSHIP      God in praise and thanksgiving
- SUPPORT      one another in faith and fellowship
- INVITE        others to receive the joyous new life God offers to all
- CARE         for the real human needs of our neighbors, both near and far.

For 200 years and today, the disciples of Jesus Christ who have participated in Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham have been “.. firmly rooted in the love of God through Jesus Christ.” Without God's love and grace, we are powerless. We are unable to worship, support, invite, or care for one another and for our neighbors in the world. Of course, our faithfulness has been imperfect. We would have reached 100's and even 1000's more people with God's love. We could have been more powerful in our reflection of God's love from atop Durham hill.

That is not God's fault. Our own preoccupation, fear, and sinfulness have gotten in the way. And yet, so many people have been touched by healing and hope through us. As we boldly go into the future, the strength of our ministry will come from our strong roots in the love of God. We must know that God has always loved us, forgiven us, accepted us, and had miraculous plans for us.

It is during this blessed Lenten season that we powerfully hear of the extent to which God has gone to love us. In our baptism, we are rooted in Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection.

**Please come and receive God's grace bountifully shared with us in word and Holy Communion** at our March Sunday Worship and at our Thursday evening cluster Lenten series.

~ Pastor David M. Deal

<b>Holy Thursday - April 5, 2012</b>	<b>Good Friday, April 6, 2012</b>	<b>Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012</b>
Joint worship at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley, at 7:30 PM. Holy Communion, Joint Choir, prayer, and stripping of the altar.	We host Trinity for a service of silence, quiet hymns, and the scriptural word that “Jesus died on the cross that we might live.”	6:30 AM Sunrise Service of the First Easter Light - with Holy Communion 7:30 AM - Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM Easter Festival Service of Holy Communion

### **In March ...**

- **Thursday, March 8**  
Durham hosts Cluster Lenten Service
- **Thursday, March 8** - at 1:30 - WELCA
- **Tuesday, March 13-**  
6:30PM Council Meeting
- **Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29** - at 6:30 PM - Cluster Midweek Lenten Supper and Worship series
- **Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 AM** - Community Easter Egg Hunt

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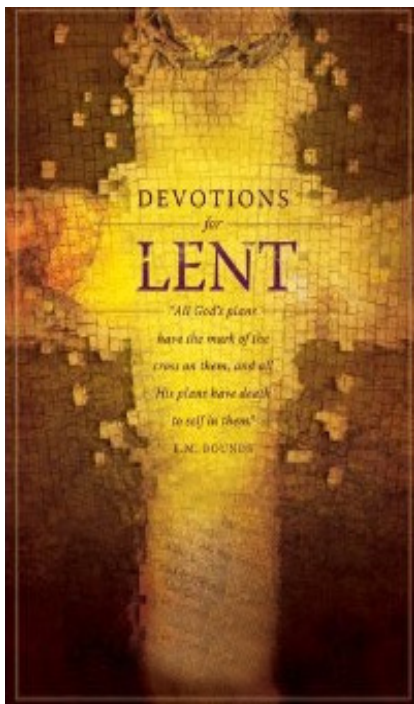
## Lenten Devotions on the Worldwide Web

Various members of the Goshen College Community contribute to a blog of Lenten and Advent Devotions that can be found at <http://blog.goshen.edu/devotions/>

Each devotion has a scripture reading, and then the blogger's thoughts about that reading. The quality of these devotions is consistently high.

Rev. Patrick Johnson, pastor of Frenchtown Presbyterian church and professor of homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary, has a series of weekly Lenten meditations, which focus on the Communion Meal.

This blog can be found at [http://fpc.frenchtownpres.org/?page\\_id=2557](http://fpc.frenchtownpres.org/?page_id=2557)



## Council Corner

Our council members for 2012-13 remain the same as last year: Pastor Deal, Helen Dungan, Lynn Gaun, Joseph Hlavaty, George Kreitz, Valerie McGinn, Barbara Naska, Beth Ross, and David Sauter. Dave and George have completed one term but graciously agreed to serve another 3 year sentence - uh, term. How would this 155 year old building survive without its property committee?

Stability is a good thing and we have a dedicated, hard working, cohesive group on council. We're still short a member though, and we'd love to have you. Another heart and mind and pair of hands could help to make our community of faith the best that it can be. If you have any interest in joining us, either this year or in the future, speak with anyone listed above to find out what's involved. Our meetings are currently on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7p.m., but we usually gather at 6:30 for a light supper and fellowship. We still don't have a treasurer on council but thank God for Ben Naska and Ken Anderson who keep doing the jobs no one else wants.

The Annual Congregation Dinner Meeting was delicious, well attended, and productive. We'll publish the minutes in next month's Evangel so you can read them and perhaps note needed corrections in a more timely manner.

Have a blessed and introspective Lent as we begin to prepare our hearts for the sorrow of the crucifixion and the joy of Easter.

Val McGinn, Council President

Next council meeting: March 13<sup>th</sup> @6:30

Council assignments for March: George Kreitz and Joe Hlavaty



**Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 10th. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 11th.**

**Food banks:** We will be collecting juice for the two food banks in March. Sign up sheet for food baskets is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please consider donating one for Lent.

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** We donated 268 food items split between the two food banks. We collected \$116 in donations; a check for half was given to the Lord's Pantry and juice was purchased with the second half for the Easton food bank.

A big thank you to all who donated food, especially to Cheryl Mesko for organizing it.

Here is what we have collected for the Souper Bowl over the past nine years:

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
\$150	\$55 and 51 food items	197 food items	\$17.50 and 385 food items	\$30.25 and 624 food items	\$102 and 501 food items	\$124 and 392 food items	\$66.02 and 343 food items	\$116 and 268 food items



by Helen Dungan

## WELCA

Pastor Deal led us in a study of Romans 8 – how God is with us even when we aren't aware of his presence.

During our business meeting we went over the January soup supper, and planned for the February one.

Our next meeting is Thursday March 8, 2012 at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The program is dealing with hospitality and will be lead by Gladys Nicholas. Light refreshments will be served by Altheas Crouse. Our main order of business will be giving away the proceeds of the soup supper. **All are invited to attend (particularly everyone who helped with the project).**

## Palisades Cluster of Lutheran Churches

The next meeting of the Cluster is Sunday March 25, 2012 at 6:00 at St Luke's Ferndale. Some activities taking place in cluster churches include:

**March 17, 2012 - The Great Valley Steel Drums Ensemble** will perform Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 353 E Dark Hollow Rd, Pipersville, PA. 18947. Donation: \$15(children 12 & under free). This includes dessert and beverage. For information or tickets in advance call 215-766-8730 or 215-297-5268.

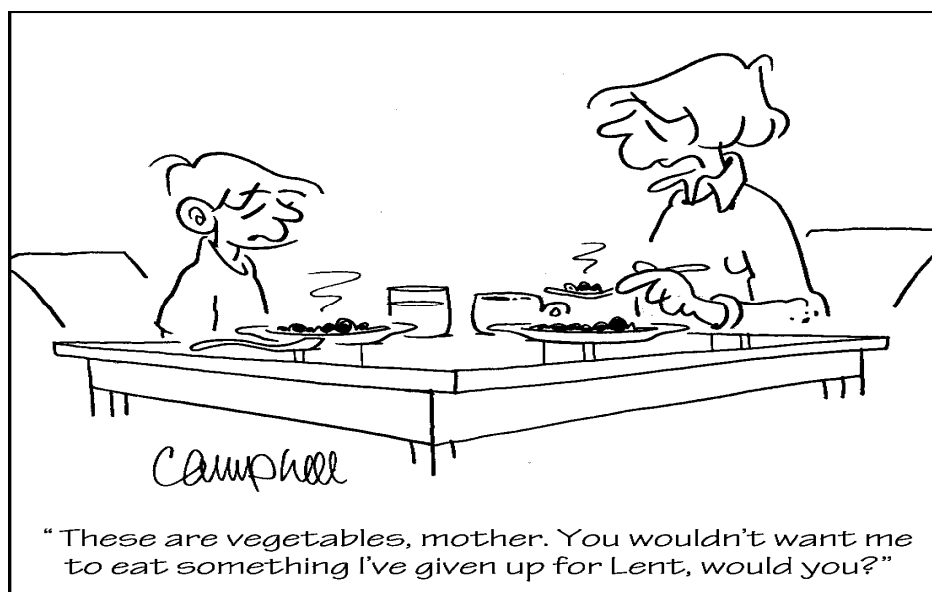
**March 18, 2012 - God and Angels on the Lewis and Clark Trail** will be presented by Gordon Thomas Ward at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 470 Church Hill Road, Kintnersville, PA 18930 on Sunday, March 18, 2 to 4 PM. This inspirational presentation by the author of *Life on the Shoulder* discusses how his travels along the Lewis and Clark Trail altered his life and made his faith a permanent reality to him.

**April 6, 2012 - Cross Walk on Good Friday** see St Luke's. Ferndale's webpage [www.stlukeferndale.com](http://www.stlukeferndale.com) for details.

## February Worship Assistants

	4 *	14*	18*	25*
Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Alaina Apgar	Jack Pyne	Alaina Apgar	Austin Apgar
Greeter(s)	LeeAnn and Myron Kressman	The Mueller Family	Althea Crouse	The Pyne Family
Lector(s)	Linda Sauter	Carolyn Williams	Beth Ross	Alain Apgar
Council Communion Assistants	Joe Hlavaty, George Kreitz	Helen Dungan, Joe Hlavaty, George Kreitz	Helen Dungan, Joe Hlavaty, George Kreitz	Helen Dungan, Joe Hlavaty, George Kreitz
Counters	Joe Hlavaty and George Kreitz		* Asterisk indicates that Holy Communion will be served.	
Head Usher	Linda Sauter			
Altar Guild	Dot Peterman and Linda Sauter			

	March Birthdays		March Anniversaries
4	Amanda Harrison		
6	Gladys Nicholas		
8	Kelvin DeWalt		
		28	Esther and Bob Crouse



## March Highlights

***Announcing the Annual Cluster Midweek Lenten Series “You Shall Love the Lord your God” (Mark 12).*** The five weeks center on how we can love the Lord our God with all our hearts, our souls, our minds, and our strength.

Thursday, March 1 – St. Peter’s Lutheran, Riegelsville

6:30 PM Simple Supper; 7:15 PM Worship - “Hear ...”

Thursday, March 8 – Evangelical Lutheran, Durham

6:30 PM Simple Supper; 7:15 PM Worship - “Heart ...”

Thursday, March 15 – Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley

6:30 PM Simple Supper; 7:15 PM Worship - “Soul ...”

Thursday, March 22 – St. Luke Lutheran, Ferndale

6:30 PM Simple Supper; 7:15 PM Worship - “Mind ...”

Thursday, March 29 – Place to be determined

**Sundays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 - Sundays in Lent** - Special Worship/Confession/Communion/Sermon Series. Focus on God’s covenants made and recorded in the Old Testament and on the Final Covenant through Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, March 8 at 1:30 PM** - WELCA program.

**Sunday, March 11, 2-3:30 PM** - Upper Bucks Conference Spring Assembly at Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Almont. Election of a new Dean!

**Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 PM** - Church Council meeting, preceded by a light supper.

**Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 AM** - Community Easter Egg Hunt right here on the grounds of Evangelical Lutheran, Durham. For all children. Bring your own basket! This year’s event to include the





# Help the hungry this EASTER



## Buck-a-Chick

This spring, join congregations from across the nation by hosting a "Buck-a-Chick" sale. For \$1, members can purchase and decorate a paper chick for themselves or in honor of a friend or family member. Hang the colorful chicks in a prominent spot – like the sanctuary or narthex.

A dollar is all it takes to provide a family living in poverty with a little chick. Soon enough, the chick begins producing eggs. Its eggs make nutritious, protein-rich meals, and can be sold at the marketplace for income – helping a family escape hunger for good.

Mail donations from your congregation to:  
ELCA Good Gifts  
P.O. Box 7076  
Chicago, IL 60676

Make checks payable to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Be sure to put "Buck-a-Chick" in the memo line so that your gifts can be counted among the national total.

[www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts)



**ELCA World Hunger**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



### Join the fun!

ELCA congregations  
have raised more than  
\$85,000 to date!

### Find more ideas.

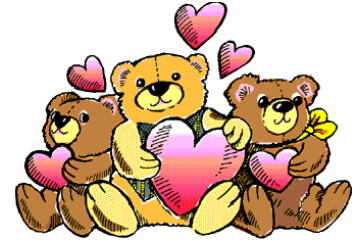
Order the ELCA Good Gifts catalog and the ELCA Good Gifts Fair Planning Guide for more creative fundraising ideas. Visit [resources.elca.org](http://resources.elca.org) or call 800-438-2522 ext. 1205.





# CARE-A-Lot Preschool News

Spring is just around the corner! Although we've had a mild winter so far, we can't wait for spring. This month we are "Curious About Space" so we will be learning about the solar system, as well as day and night, as we talk about the sun, moon, planets and stars.



Care-A-Lot

In Math, we will learn about patterns. Pastor Dave will talk to us about Working Together in our God's Gifts time. We will be taking a field trip to DeSales University to see "Alice in Wonderland". We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

This month, we will hold our Parent/Teacher conferences and our Curious Cats will start registering for Kindergarten. We are also taking registrations for next year, so if you know of anyone who is interested, please have them call so they can come visit our class.

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

## 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:** Rachel Crouse, Bob Erceg, Betty Fox, Clarence Fox, Leo Fox, Johnny Hesser, Bryant Hlavaty, Michael Kempf, Elfriede Marschewski, Barbara Naska, Bob Newcomb, Norma Rodenbach, and Silas Rodenbach.

**FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** Corporal Michael Hesser (USMC, Camp Lejeune), Corporal Nicholas Squartino (USMC, Okinawa), Private Blake Rodd (US Army, Afghanistan), Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves), LTJG Randall Reichenbach (US Navy, USS Preble), and Sergeant Jimmy Apgar (US Army, Afghanistan).

**FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Susan Ackerman, Ruth Anderson, Jimmy Ashmore, Kathy Afflerbach, Al Boorse, Pat Butler, Lindsey Capus, London Dalley, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, Amanda Gaughrin, Betty Helm, Wendy Hendricks, Charlene Higgins, Pearl Emma Howie, Phyllis Monesmith, Dave Morrell, Judy Nelson, Glenn Newcomb, Linda Wolfe Pursell, Alex Rios, Alex Senft, Lewis Snyder, Alex Ulrey, Blake Alexander Valero, Vincent Viscomi, & Jane Wong.

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

**FOR THE GRIEVING:** The families of Evelyn Peterman, Connie Prescott, Virginia Fisher, Gloria Phillipps, Gene Gribbin, Alexa Bailey, Clarence Berger, Mildred Seifert, and Irene Fox.

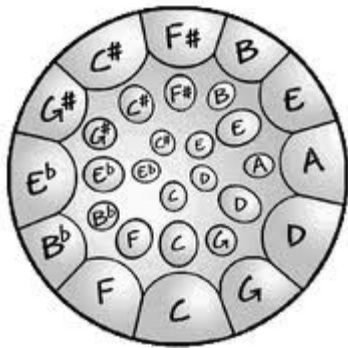


Back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year by popular demand!

# THE GREAT VALLEY STEEL DRUMS ENSEMBLE

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

at 7:00 PM



Christ Lutheran Church

(lower Tinicum)

353 E. Dark Hollow Rd., Pipersville

**DONATION: \$15**

(children 12 and under free)

includes Dessert and Beverage

For information or tickets in advance,

call 215.766.8730

or 215.297.5268





*A Feature Presentaion for  
Youth, Adults and History Buffs*



*God and Angels on the Lewis and Clark Trail*

March 18th 2-4 pm

Presenting Nationally Recognized  
Speaker - Author - Educator Gordon Ward

*St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ferndale PA*

470 Church Hill Road, Kintnersville, PA 18930

610-847-5630 [www.stlukeferndale.com](http://www.stlukeferndale.com)

This free illustrative presentation will detail Gordon's 1,800 mile journey by bicycle, foot and canoe following Lewis & Clark's historic trail.

It will be an inspiring blend of facts and faith.

Refreshments will follow



Durham Lutheran Church  
**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 AM**

**RAIN OR SHINE  
Bring your own Basket!**



# March 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM - Cluster Midweek Lenten Series at St. Peters	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>4</b> Second Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>7</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	<b>8</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot WELCA @ 1:30:30 PM - Durham hosts Cluster Midweek Lenten Series	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>11</b> Third Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM UBC Spring Assembly - Election of new Dean <b>SPRING AHEAD - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Church Council supper meeting	<b>14</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	<b>15</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM - Cluster Midweek Lenten Series at Trinity, Pleasant Valley	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day Pastor's Day Off
<b>18</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>21</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	<b>22</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM - Cluster Midweek Lenten Series at St. Luke Ferndale	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Pastor's Day Off
<b>25</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 6:00 PM - Palisades Cluster meeting at St. Luke, Ferndale	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	<b>28</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	<b>29</b> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM - Cluster Midweek Lenten Series - location TBA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:30 AM - Community Easter Egg Hunt - "Buck-A-Chick"



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