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Church of Durham*

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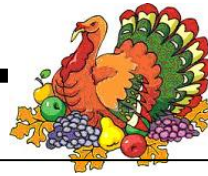
In November ...

- **November 4** - Bishop Burkat preaches
November 4 - Daylight Savings Time ENDS -Fall Back
- **November 6** - Election Day
- **November 7-9** Pastor at Bishop's Convocation
- **November 11** - Veterans' Day - Youth Sunday, Baptism
- **November 18** - Community Thanksgiving Service - 7 PM at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley
- **November 22** - Thanksgiving
- **December 1** - 2-7 PM - Community Holiday Dinner

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November 2012

Celebrating All The Saints:

2000 years since Jesus came, 200 years at Evangelical Lutheran Church

"They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation." (Psalm 24:5)

On November 4, 2012, All Saints Sunday, we remember loved ones who have been laid in the tomb, but raised to live eternally with Christ. We remember eight generations of saints who have worshipped and served Christ here at Evangelical Lutheran, Durham. We remember the saints of 2012. (That's us, Folks!). And we remember the saints of all times and all places, all the men, women, and children who have been baptized, washed in the blood of the Lamb, and made new.

We celebrate and remember God's saints because they were such great stewards of God's grace while among us. The church in which we worship was built because of the sacrificial giving of those who have gone before. There is something about the saints - they know everything is about God, not about them - so that even as we commemorate and remember them, they are pointing away from themselves and toward the one who is all in all for them, God. They have modeled faith for me and you.

We have been made saints, too, to live out our baptism in joy and faithfulness. On November 4, 2012, here at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham, we will gather for the 200th time at the victory table of communion to feast with the God who has redeemed us and swallowed up death forever. We will gather with our Bishop as children of God and Saints of God.

~ Pastor David Deal

200th Anniversary Service

Holy Communion - All Saints

Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 10:30 AM

Preacher: Bishop Claire Burkat, SEPA Synod, ELCA

Special music, candles, and prayers

Remembrance of the Saints recently departed and
over the last 200 years

Fellowship and food after worship

Council Corner

Some of you have been asking how our investments are doing. The portion of the Dorothea Shaffer gift that has been invested is beginning to do pretty well, as the stock market is holding its own. However, more than half the money is not yet invested, only earning interest, and most of you know how paltry that is these days. Probably the main reason stocks are holding up is that there is simply no other sensible place to invest at the moment.

The Finance Committee does not want to risk too much of the money in stocks, but the bond market is a terrible investment currently because of the artificially low interest rates the Federal Reserve is maintaining. I assume this is to avoid further depressing the economy and to allow the government to continue to borrow 40% of everything it spends without drowning in interest payments. More specific information on our finances will be available at the Congregational Budget Meeting on December 9th.

The well permit has finally come from the Board of Health so drilling should be starting in the next few days. Once we have a well, a lot of trenching will be needed to connect the water to the church. Maybe we'll have clean water for the Bishop's visit on November 4th, but we may be temporarily less scenic as a consequence.

Bishop Burkat will be preaching at our All Saints Day service as the culminating event of the 200th Anniversary celebration, so please make a special effort to be there. I sincerely believe you'll be glad you did.

Those who attended the recent Oscar Hammerstein Sing-a-Long were certainly glad they came. Thank you so much, Lynn, for bringing Jessie Barth to us and for all your hard work this year.

Val McGinn
Council President

Next Council Meeting: November 13th at 6:30
Council Assignments for November: Beth Ross and George Kreitz

Memorial Gifts - Dot Peterman

Memorial Gifts to the Congregation in memory of Clarence Fox in the amount of \$730 were received from: Jim & Lois Altemose, Harold & Gladys Nicholas, Jim & Arlene Freeh, Wayne & Cheryl Mesko, Robert Michener, Roy C. Fox, Sr., James & Kathleen Michener, Maynard & Minnie King, Dorothy Peterman, and Leo & Betty Fox.



Many thanks to Dot Peterman, who sends thank you notes for these memorial contributions to the donors on behalf of the Congregation.

Seaman's Church Institute: The cluster is collecting socks and work gloves for merchant seamen who come into the port of Philadelphia. Pastor Rex, from St Luke, Ferndale, is one of the chaplains who provides pastoral care there. Donations will be given to Pastor Rex at the next Cluster meeting on November 4th.

Food donations: In November we will be collecting **Cereal and Canned fruit** for the two food banks, but *anything* you want to donate will be appreciated. A big thank you to all who donated **food baskets** this past month. This is such a nice way to commemorate a special event or memorialize a loved one; flowers fade . food feeds. Again this Thanksgiving / Advent season please consider donating a food basket. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Just sign up, add your dedication, and either buy groceries or delegate the task to me. This is one way we can show God's love and our love for our neighbors in need.

Christmas Ingathering: Another way we can show God's love is by participating in the Synod's Christmas Ingathering. I have the names of 15 children in foster care for whom we can be Santa (gifts cost around \$25). The names will be available in church (or call me.) We will also be making gift packs for residents in area institutions. Our gifts usually go to residents of Norristown State Hospital. The institutional gift packages include the following items:

a heavy plastic comb	1 tube of toothpaste (not Pepsodent)
a plastic bottle of shampoo	1 toothbrush
1 wash cloth	a small packet of tissues
2 pencils	2 pens
box of 20 note cards and envelopes	

The items should be assembled in a clear plastic bag and have a bow on it. If you like, you can include a personal note or Christmas card with the name and address of our church - no personal names or addresses. All gifts will be taken to Little Zion Lutheran Church for pickup on Sunday, December 2nd.

Durham Day: We gave out free cupcakes at Durham Day, showed off our anniversary pictures, and invited folks to our Rodgers and Hammerstein sing-along

We had an amazingly moving and informative discussion on being there for those who are dying. Lois Altemose shared some insights and experiences: She talked about hospice, had an example of a prayer shawl, and said there are no magic words, but they are needed. Your presence, even if all you say is hi, and hold their hand, shows you care. There was a lot of discussion from those present as so many have or are going through the loss of a loved one.



by Helen Dungan

Our November meeting is Thursday November 8th at 1:30 PM. The topic is 'Remembering and Giving Thanks' - a combination of All Saints and Thanksgiving. How do we remember those who have died? There were some really moving examples shared during our October meeting. So we will remember those who have gone before us, but also those who are present in our lives. Then we will have a brief time of giving thanks especially for the people who enrich our lives.

Program Leader: Helen Dungan; **Hostess:** Gladys Nicholas.

A special thank offering will be received to help the work of the national Women of the ELCA.

Worship Assistants

Novem-ber	4*	11	18*	25*
Acolyte	Clayton Leichter and Katie Aquino	Alaina Apgar	Jack Pyne	Austin Apgar
Communion Assistants	Beth Ross, George Kreitz, Clayton Leichter		Beth Ross, George Kreitz, & Jack Pyne	Beth Ross, George Kreitz, and Austin Apgar
Greeter(s)	Evelyn & Bob Newcomb	Jim & Jayne Miller	The Adam Philipps Family	Lynn & Tim Leichter
Lector	Mark Harwick	Youth Sunday	Beth Ross	Ken Anderson
Counters	George Kreitz and Beth Ross			
Head Usher	Nancy Moskella			
Altar Guild	Serena Ashmore and Barb Naska			

	November Birthdays		November Anniversaries
3	Robert Newcomb	1	Norma & Silas Rodenbach (60th!!!)
4	Mary Crouse and Laura Dewalt		
8	Serena Ashmore		
9	Lynn Gaun		
10	Nicholas Philipps		
12	Tom Gaun, Mark Harwick, Cathy Mueller, and Matthew Mueller		
18	Chad Harrison		
19	Hans Rilling	19	Miriam & Ken Anderson (29th)
21	Ken Anderson		
23	Faye Litzenberger		
24	Chase Aquino	25	Cathy and Chris Mueller (12th)

Change of Address ...

Karen Rilling, an associate member, friend and very active participant in our congregation for several years, has moved along with her husband, Hans, back closer to family. We miss her! Her new address:

Karen and Hans Rilling
760 S. Settlers Circle
Warrington, PA 18976

200th Anniversary Report

Our Oscar Hammerstein Sing-A-Long On October 13th was a huge success. About 25 people from our congregation and another 25 from the far-reaching community attended. Many raved about the good time they had that evening. I wish to thank everyone who helped to make that evening a success. A big thank you to Gerry Seipt, who gave flowers from her garden, and to Nancy Moskella for arranging them. A special thanks also to the following people for supplying goodies to serve for refreshments; Althea Crouse, Esther Crouse, Nancy Moskella, Helen Dungan, Barb Naska, Val McGinn, Norma Fox, Gerry Seipt, Kathy Hlavaty and myself. A great big thank you to Ann Wong for creating the beautiful posters used to advertise our event. Many people complimented them, including Jessie Barth and Carol Lindsey, who were the entertainment that evening. Our gratitude also goes out to our own Carolyn Williams for her expertise in the field of music as she accompanied everyone in our singing. A surprise for the evening was when eight ladies from the audience were chosen to be fitted with nun costumes and to perform "Maria" from the Sound of Music, followed by several men from the audience, including our own pastor to sing "There is Nothing Like a Dame". It was an evening of fun and laughter!

The decorations on the altar and windowsills were given to the church by Barbara Altemose as well as the Trauger family and Nancy Moskella. The decorations gave our church a very festive look. It was a very busy evening for me, so if by chance I have overlooked anyone, please accept my apologies.

Our next celebration event will be held on Sunday November 4th, on All Saints Sunday. Bishop Burkat will visit us and preach the sermon that day, followed by a small finger food reception in the fellowship hall downstairs. Donations of food for this event are needed. If you can help in any way please contact me at (610) 749-0217 or see me after church. Thanks.

Lynn Gaun
200th Anniversary Chairperson

PS - If you would like to order a copy of the 200th anniversary group photo of our church and congregation, please contact Lynn Gaun ASAP.

Community Holiday Dinner - Joe Hlavaty

Don't forget - the First Annual Community Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Riegelsville Fire House. Volunteer worksheets are posted on the exit doors in the church narthex for jobs on either Friday, November 30, 2012 (Prep Day) or Saturday December 1, 2012). Please consider donating an hour or two of your holiday time for a very worthwhile cause. It'll make you warm and fuzzy inside!!!!

Seatings are hourly from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Tickets will be available in the narthex for the dinner on Sunday, November 3, 2012 and on every succeeding Sunday in November. The deadline for our congregational participant count is Sunday November 25, 2012. *Let's hope the Good Lord provides us with a beautiful day for this beautiful event!*



Christian Education Update - Lynn Gaun

Our Sunday School is doing well and the children seem excited to be part of the Sunday worship once a month. Carolyn has encouraged them to sing and share their talents with the congregation.

The new Family Youth Group has begun with a good turn out so far. If all goes well, we may once again have a thriving youth group here at Durham Church. We are encouraging our children to bring a friend with them to Youth Group. A big thank-you goes out to Ben and Tanya Naska for running these events as well as to the many parents whose cooperation is involved.

The Christmas season will soon be upon us and we can use some extra hands to help with the children's Christmas Program. If you can help, please call Lynn Gaun (610-749-0217) or speak to Pastor Deal or Carolyn Williams. THANK YOU!

Palisades Lutheran Cluster Update

Community Health Ministry: Pastor Deal provided the names of seven homebound members to visit. Gale Garey will contact nurses to begin the visits.

Habitat for Humanity: Pastor Deal announced that Bucks County Habitat for Humanity is hoping to build a "faith" house in Sellersville; the house would be built by the 350 churches in Bucks County. Each church will be asked to contribute money and volunteers. All ages can be involved in the ground breaking and moving-in ceremonies; but only volunteers 16 years old and older can actually work on the site.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please lift up in prayer the following:

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Bob Erceg, Leo Fox, Johnny Hesser, Michael Kempf, Elfriede Marschewski, Cheryl Mesko, Bob Newcomb, and David Sauter.

For Those In Service to our Country: Corporal Michael Hesser, Sergeant Jamie Newcomb (US Army Reserves, Kuwait). Specialist Blake Rodd (Afghanistan), and Corporal Nicholas Squartino (USMC).

For Healing of Friends and Family: Al Borse, Melissa Carafa, Ronald Christman, Sr., Kenneth Crouse, London Dally, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, Bryant Hlavaty, Karen Hlavaty, Roni Klingbeil, Carolyn Litzenberger, Dawn Margeson, Pearl Musser, Glen Newcomb, Ken Newcomb, James Rillera, Bill Schnable, Joanne Seipt, Alex Senft, Lewis Snyder, Alex Ulrey, and Vernon Wehrung.

For those who are Homebound: Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Betty Kiefer, Marcella Krager, Jean Haas, Lillian Melchior, and Norma Rodenbach.

For the Grieving: The families of Charlene Higgins, Pat Butler, Clarence Fox, Evelyn Peterman, Virginia Fisher, Gloria Phillipps, Gene Gribbin, Alexa Bailey, Clarence Berger, Mildred Seifert, and Irene Fox.



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 18th - 7:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley

Sponsored by: Trinity Lutheran, Trinity UCC, Christ Lutheran, Salem United Methodist, and Evangelical Lutheran

Preacher: Pastor Denise Fry, Trinity UCC

Special Joint Choir Music

**Community
Thanksgiving
Worship**



Offering: Non-perishable food will be gathered for local food pantries and a monetary offering will go to the same.

Fellowship: A light social will follow - worshippers are invited to bring small snacks to share

CARE-A-LOT NEWS

In November at Care-A-Lot, we will be talking about how we are "Wild About Weather". We will continue to discuss our fall changes as well as talk about all of the seasons and changes in weather such as tornadoes, blizzards, floods, etc. In Science, the Leopards will examine why different weather extremes occur. We will also learn about our senses of hearing and sight. We will



Care-A-Lot

have our vision screened by the Bucks County Association for the Blind. We will be learning some sign language. Pastor Dave will talk to the children about being thankful. Our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on November 20th. This is especially fun for the children because they help to prepare our breakfast feast and serve their families along with putting on a small show. We will be having our school pictures taken this month. In Math, we will learn about sorting with colors, animals and toys.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

November Highlights

Sunday, November 4 at 10:30 AM -200th Anniversary - All Saints' Sunday Celebration

- Preacher - Bishop Claire Burkat, SEPA Synod-ELCA
- Special Remembrance of recently departed Saints and all Christ's Saints from 200 years ago until today
- Fellowship and food downstairs after worship

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - Set your clocks back one hour!

Thursday, November 8th at 1:30 - PM - Annual Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Program:

"Remembering and Giving Thanks" led by Helen Dungan

Sunday, November 11 - Veteran's Day

Worship at 10:30 AM
Veteran's Day Display
Children/Youth Sunday - Special singing
Baptism of Nora Elizabeth Johnson



Sunday, November 18th at 7:00 PM - Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by Lutheran, UCC, and Methodist congregations of Durham and Springfield Township, held at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley

Saturday, December 1st from 2:00 to 7:00 PM - First Annual Community Dinner at the Riegelsville Fire Company. An ecumenical outreach to the community sponsored by Evangelical Lutheran; St. John UCC, Riegelsville; St. Lawrence RC Church of Riegelsville; and St. Peter's Lutheran, Riegelsville. Free tickets will be available after worship on Sundays in November, or call Joe Hlavaty at 610-258-4574.

November offering for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal ---

In your 2012 Offering Envelopes box, you will find a special "Thanksgiving" envelope. Please give generously to end world hunger.



If you don't have an envelope box, place your special offering, marked for "World Hunger" in a plain white envelope and put it in the Offering plate some time in November.

For more information about the work of ELCA World Hunger Appeal, visit <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/ELCA-World-Hunger.aspx>.



United Way Donor Choice -- The United Way number for Lutheran Charities is #00390. If you choose to designate a specific social ministry agency, the numbers are : Artman #00514; KenCrest #00839; Lutheran Children & Family Services #04024; Lutheran Settlement House #00079; Manatawny Manor #00390; Mary J. Drexel Home #00617; Paul's Run #02628; Silver Springs-Martin Luther School #03544.

NOVEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
4 All Saints Sunday - 200th Anniversary DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Bishop Claire Burkat Preaching -- Holy Communion Fellowship after worship	5 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office	6 ELECTION DAY NO Preschool	7 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Pastor @ Bishop's Convo- cation 6:30 PM Choir	1 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 7 PM Acts Bible Discussion Group	2 Pastor at Parsonage Office	3 Pastor's Day Off
11 Veterans Day 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Children/Youth Sunday Holy Baptism	12 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 7 PM Community Dinner Meeting	13 9 AM-12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Pastor at UBC Rostered Leaders 6:30 PM Church Council	14 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 6:30 PM Choir	15 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 7 PM Acts Bible Discussion Group	16 Pastor at Parsonage Office	17 Pastor's Day Off
18 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion 7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley	19 10 AM -noon Pastor at Parsonage Office	20 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Pastor at UBC Bible Study	21 NO Preschool	22  THANKSGIVING	23 Church Office CLOSED	24 Pastor's Day Off
25 Christ the King 9:00 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM Holy Communion	26 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office	27 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Pastor at UBC Bible Study	28 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 6:30 PM Choir	29 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM -noon Pastor in Church Office 7 PM Acts Bible Discussion Group	30 Pastor at Parsonage Office	December 1 Community Holiday Dinner at Riegelsville Fire Co.

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