

In April ...

- ◆ **April 7** - Upper Bucks Conference Spring Assembly
- ◆ **April 9** - Church Council Meeting
- ◆ **April 11** WELCA meeting
- ◆ **April 16** Finance Committee
- ◆ **April 28** - Care-A-Lot Sunday

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The Resurrection Changes Us

When the women came to the tomb the first day of the week, they expected to find a body. They brought spices to put on Jesus' body since they couldn't do so on the day he was crucified. Instead of finding a body, they heard this: *"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."* (Luke 24:5)

And then everything was different. Everything was changed. Their lives would never be the same again. Difficulties, disease, sin, and even death would never be the enemies they once were. Love and life have triumphed. It is resurrection time.

We confess in faith with the women, "He lives!" And because he lives, our lives are being changed - transformed., Our choices, our use of time, talent, and possessions, our relationship with all other human beings are changed. Love replaces hate. Forgiveness replaces resentment. Healing replaces disease. Hope replaces despair,. Because he lives, we live in whole new ways.

When the women heard that Jesus had been raised and believed, they rushed to tell the eleven of Jesus' disciples, who were still paralyzed by fear, disappointment, and grief. So often we are afraid to believe the Easter Good News and even more afraid to share it with others. It's time for us to acknowledge the changes Christ has made in us. Share the Easter message with a family member, friend, neighbor, stranger, someone who is ill, someone who is grieving, someone who is struggling in any way.

That is our mission. We have been changed. We have been made new, because He lives.

~ Pastor David Deal

Care-A-Lot Sunday - April 28, 2013

10:30 AM Worship - Come to support our Preschool, the staff, the children, and their families. The Preschool will host a Bake Sale and Basket Bingo that Sunday. Proceeds will go to the "Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship fund" Give an extra contribution to that fund-use a "Good Neighbor" envelope (mark for Care-A-Lot) - checks payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church.

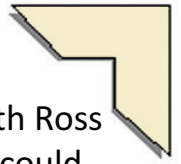
See you on

April 28th!



Care-A-Lot

Council Corner



Council officers remain the same as last year with one notable exception. Beth Ross has agreed to take on the position of Treasurer and was quickly elected [before she could change her mind] by grateful fellow council members. Although he will have to train Beth, hopefully this will make Ben Naska's life a little easier eventually, and will improve communication with financial matters. Thanks for your patience, Ben.

Another big thank you goes to Manfred Marschewski for donating several highly visible traffic cones to enhance safety at our events, just in time for the Easter Egg Hunt.

As mentioned last month, Care-a-Lot's scholarship fund has been severely depleted as more families need help to afford pre-school tuition. Since this is an important part of our outreach, we are asking for donations from the congregation. Mark any envelope "CAL Scholarship Fund"; if using a check, make it payable to the church but note "CAL Scholarship Fund" in the memo section. On CAL Sunday, April 28th, all loose offering will go to the scholarship fund. Also, please patronize the basket raffles that the pre-school families are organizing this month to help the fund.

Val McGinn,
Church Council President

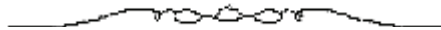
Council Officers for 2013: Val McGinn, President; Lynn Gaun, Vice President; Helen Dungan, Secretary; Beth Ross, Treasurer

Next Council Meeting: April 9th at 6:30

Council Assignments for April: Val McGinn and Beth Ross

Communion Record Cards ...

Worshippers sometimes fill out Communion Record cards and place them in the offering plate. It is not necessary to fill out a card if you attend and commune regularly. In fact, if you only fill out one card a year, that is OK!



Handicapped Accessible ...

We are accessible in several areas. Our new ramps make it possible for wheelchair accessibility to the worship space. We have an inspected and workable chairlift which will convey people downstairs to the Fellowship Hall and the bathrooms downstairs, which are fully accessible. The Church Council is seriously investigating the possibility of adding an accessible bathroom upstairs - stay tuned ...

Large-print binders of worship liturgy and hymns are available every Sunday. They are located the rear of the sanctuary, right next to the regular bulletins.



by Helen Dungan

During our March meeting, Barbara Naska shared the life story of Deborah, a judge during the time between Joshua and King Saul. She was a woman of strength who guided her people in a victorious battle against their foe. Barbara also talked about another Deborah in the Bible, Rachel's nurse, a compassionate and caring woman who was mourned as one of the family at her death.

During our business meeting we voted to round the soup profits up to \$2350, and distributed the money as follows:

Lord's Pantry (Upper Bucks Food Bank) - \$600	ProJeCt Easton Food Bank - \$600
Riegelsville Meals on Wheels - \$300	Northampton Co. Meals on Wheels - \$100
World Hunger Appeal - \$600	Good neighbor food needs - \$150 *
<i>(* We kept & targeted this for any emergency food needs which might come up this year)</i>	
Total \$2350	

Our Next meeting: Thursday April 11, 2013, at 1:30 in the church fellowship hall. Topic: **Feminine Faces of Faith: Hannah – Integrity.** Leader: Pastor Deal; Hostess: Geraldine Seipt.

Upper Bucks Conference of WELCA Spring Gathering will meet Saturday April 27, 2013 at St Andrew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Perkasio. Registration begins at 8:30 with breakfast at 9:00. The Biblical text for the gathering is Psalm 121: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

While the devotions will speak about God as our help, the program will focus more on us as God's helpers.

Congregation showing obvious signs of getting younger ...

More young families and children ... we are dreaming about organizing new ways of learning and fellowship for young parents and their children. For example, new small groups for parents or social outings for couples and families. If you have an interest in helping us get started, speak to Pastor Deal or E-mail the Church Office.

Attention Families and Children - those who have finished Kindergarten this Spring, all the way up to Middle School - **BEAR CREEK DAY CAMP**



Once again this year, the Palisades Lutheran Cluster is sponsoring the Bear Creek Day Camp from June 24-28, 9 AM to 3 PM at St. Peter's in Riegelsville. The Day Camp features outdoor activities, singing, games, worship and Bible learning, crafts, a cookout - and more. Activities are all led by trained college-aged counselors. The expected cost for the week is \$85 per child, with scholarship help available. Speak to Pastor Deal NOW if you're interested.

April Worship Assistants

April	7*	14*	21*	28
Acolyte	Alaina Apgar	Austin Apgar	Matthew Mueller	Katie Aquino
Communion Assistants	Beth Ross, Val McGinn, George Kreitz, Alaina Apgar	Beth Ross, Val McGinn, George Kreitz, Austin Apgar	Beth Ross, Val McGinn, George Kreitz, Matthew Mueller	Beth Ross, George Kreitz, and Austin Apgar
Greeter(s)	Esther and Bob Crouse	Cheryl Mesko	Helen Ballek	Betty Kreitz
Lector	Alaina Apgar	Mark Harwick	Helen Dungan	
Counters	Val McGinn and Beth Ross		* Indicates that Communion will be served.	
Head Usher	Ben Naska (Senior)			
Altar Guild	Betty Fox and Barb Naska			

	April Birthdays		April Anniversaries
8	Harold G. Deal - 90th (Pastor Deal's father)	9	Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski -58th
13	Phyllis Lanshe Ben Naska (Senior)		
19	Matthew Crouse	16	Joan and Frank Mammana - 47th
20	Karen Rilling		
21	Jayne Miller Chris Apgar		
25	Harold Nicholas - 83rd		
27	Nancy Moskella		
28	Frank Mammana		

Outreach - Helen Dungan

Thanks to our singers who shared the music of Holy Week with some of our shut in members at Saucon Manor, and with Lillian Melchior and a group of her fellow residents in Easton. We shared hymns about the cross and Jesus' death; then sang the triumphant songs of his resurrection.

Food ministry: Thanks to everyone who donated jelly to our March food drive. We will collect **jelly again** for the food banks during the month of April.

Food baskets: Thank you to the family of Esther and Bob Crouse for presenting an altar food basket in honor of their anniversary.

Palisades Lutheran Cluster Report - Helen Dungan

Bear Creek: We have had good reports from parents of our campers; but some of them are outgrowing the camp's age limitations. We decided to expand the age group for the next year. Camp will be held June 24-June 28 2013 at St Peter's Riegelsville. Cost per camper will be \$85.00; scholarships will be available.

Ascension Sunday: Services will be held at St Luke's Ferndale on Thursday May 9, 2013 at 7:30. There will be a cluster wide choir; with participation from cluster pastors and lay members.

Meals on Wheels: The Cluster voted to subsidize the Upper Bucks Meals on Wheels, which runs from St. Peters, Riegelsville, with \$500 per year.

Parish Nurse Ministry: Mary Fontenot has been coordinating requests for visits; but we are seriously lacking nurses, one has been doing all visits. There were a number of nurses trained in this ministry, but we were so slow getting it started that they lost interest. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please speak to Pastor or contact Mary at Mary45@frontier.com.

Disaster recovery efforts: We established a committee to help Linda Frey evaluate requests for funds for long term disaster relief. Most of the work can be done via email. There is a third position available on this committee (if interested speak to Helen Dungan).

Cross Walk: Stephen Spry announced that St Luke's will be holding a cross walk on Good Friday beginning at 10:00. They will be carrying the cross along the road through Lake Nockamixon Park and stopping along the walk for readings and prayer. This is a good activity for youth; it ends with a pizza lunch.

Announcements: St Luke's is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year. Bishop Burkat will be at worship May 19, 2013; there will be a picnic on Aug. 4, 2013, and a joint worship service with St Luke's UCC on Oct. 13, 2013 that will include an organ recital.

Evangelism: We discussed ways we are trying to communicate with those in our community, and decided to dedicate our next meeting to this topic, Each church will share what they are doing; how it is working; plans they are working on. If possible, the communications folks are being asked to attend and share. Next meeting is April 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at St Luke's, Ferndale.

Soup Report

Soup sold:

104 quarts of Cream of broccoli

107 quarts of chicken noodle

Eat ins:

Adults – 34

Children 6-12 - 2 Children 5 & under – 3

Profits:

February 1206.50

January \$1141.79

Total \$2348.29



CARE-A-LOT NEWS

Spring is finally here! We hope you're enjoying it. Pastor Dave will be teaching the children about renewal and growth as we continue to celebrate spring and the changes it brings.



Care-A-Lot

In Math, we will be doing number sentences. In Science, we will be talking about the Solar System, Earth and Earth Day, as well as flowers and plants. The Leopards will also continue their turns being the scientist. Each one gets to be in charge of what we do in science. They get to bring in an experiment to try with the class. We will be seeing Charlie and the Chocolate Factory this month since we could not go in March.

We will be having our annual Care-A-Lot Sunday on April 28th. At that time, we will also be having a basket raffle to help replenish our Scholarship Fund. We have quite a few families that needed assistance this year so we would like to build our fund back up for future families. Please plan to attend our Church service and enjoy fellowship with the children following the service. We will display the baskets prior to that day in the back of church .

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

If you have a name to add to our prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana at 610-258-5717, or speak to Pastor Deal.

Please lift up in prayer the following:

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Leo Fox, Kenneth Hager, Johnny Hesser, Michael Kempf, Elfriede Marschewski, Bob Newcomb, and Peter Streletz.

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

For Healing of Friends and Family: Al Borse, Mildred Burdge, Ronald Christman, Sr., London Dally, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, Ellen Encke, Nora Fallon, Damon and Rachel Gaun, Lisa Harris, Bryant Hlavaty, Karen Hlavaty, Debra Johnson, Roni Klingbeil, Justine Kozel, Carolyn Litzenberger, Eugene Makowski, Pearl Musser, Glen Newcomb, Bill Schnable, Alex Senft, Lewis Snyder, Dorothy, Fred, and Jody Swain, Alex Ulrey, and Joan Walsh.

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 Bob Erceg, Gerald Ulmer, Frank Stokes, Joanne Seipt, Ken Newcomb, Pat Butler, Clarence Fox, Virginia Fisher, Gloria Phillipps, and Gene Gribbin.





Thank you to all who purchased Easter flowers to help make our church look beautiful for this holy Easter Season. Please remember to take the plants home with you after the service

~The Altar Guild

Member	In Memory of	In Honor of
Betty & George Kreitz	Loved Ones	Our Children, Grandchildren, & Great Grandchildren
Tanya & Ben Naska		Our Parents & Children
Helen & Mary Dungan	William Dungan & Robert Allebach	
Serena & Brian Ashmore		
Barbara & Benjamin Naska	Loved Ones	Our Children & Grandchildren
Pat Zion	Clara & Benjamin Patten	
Valerie McGinn	Sue Kehler	
Betty & Leo Fox	Our daughter, Nancy L. Hart	
Beth Ross	Loved Ones	
Edward Xander	Nancy Jean Xander	
Pastor David Deal		To the Glory of God
Helen G. Ballek & Family	Edward J. Ballek & Loved Ones	
Cheryl & Wayne Mesko	Loved Ones	
Robert & Joanne Ziegenfuss	Marion & Ken Ziegenfuss, Sr.	
Mary Erceg	Robert John & Mary Ann Erceg	
Gerry & Don Seipt		Our Family
Kathy & Joe Hlavaty	Our Father, Joseph Hlavaty, Our Mother, Wanda Hlavaty	Our Parents, Gerry & Don Seipt, Our Children & Grandchildren
Lynn, Clayton & Tim Leichliter	My Godfather- Uncle Kenneth	Our Parents & Grandparents, My Brother, Glenn
Evelyn & Bob Newcomb	Our Brother, Kenneth Newcomb	Our Son, Glenn
Nicholas Phillipps	Grammy	
Victoria & Adam Phillipps	Pearl Galuppo, Stephanie Palmieri, Libbie Phillipps, Matthew Marchese, Victoria Smith	
Norma Fox & Family	Ruth Ann, Clarence & Loved Ones	