

In May...

- **Sunday, May 1** -
- Care-A-Lot Sunday
- **Friday -Saturday, May 6 & 7** - SEPA Spring Assembly
- **Sunday, May 10** - Palisades Lutheran Cluster
- **Sunday, May 15** Pentecost - Confirmation
- **Monday, May 16**- 6:30 PM Church Council
- **Tuesday, May 17** WELCA to Olive Garden at 11:30
- **Sunday, May 22** - Last Day of Sunday School
- **Thursday, May 26** - Care-A-Lot Graduation
- **Sunday, May 29** - Summer Schedule Begins

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"Pentecost and the Spirit"

What does Pentecost and the Spirit have to do with me?

It was 50 days after Christ's Resurrection (what we now observe as the Festival of Pentecost). People flocked to Jerusalem to celebrate a spring festival of growth and new life. And then it happened ... all heck broke loose ... a sound like the rush of a violent wind, tongues of fire resting on each one of Jesus' followers, speaking in languages the speakers didn't even know, and ending with thousands of folks wanting to be baptized.

This event is fantastic, unbelievable, and possibly detached from the lives we Christians live today. This is unfortunate, because the impact of Pentecost has been felt ever since. Even if you don't know or feel it, you've probably been touched by the power of the Holy Spirit. Scripture, prayer, Christian ancestors, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, the fellowship and encouragement of the communities of faith to which you have belonged, all have helped in small or great ways to grow your FAITH. Sometimes the Spirit is loud and spectacular as on the first day of Pentecost. Sometimes the Spirit is quite like a "still, small voice."

On Pentecost 2016, May 15, we gather to retell and hear the story of the Spirit's entrance into the life of the church past, present, and future. On May 15, we will pray, and sing, and commune and encourage one another at the Spirit's prompting. Or, as Martin Luther put it in the Small Catechism, in his explanation of the third article of the Apostles' Creed:

"... the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith..."

Let us all be present on Pentecost Day this year to be enlightened and maybe even surprised. Wear red (the color of the day). It's a day to celebrate!

~ Pastor David Deal

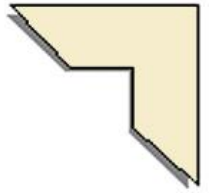
An Exciting Spring of Worship and More

- May 1 - Care-A-Lot Sunday - Celebrate Children - 10:30 AM Worship
- May 8 - 7th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day - 10:30 AM Worship
- May 15 - Pentecost - Confirmation of Matthew Mueller and Makenzie Naska
- May 22 - Holy Trinity - 9 AM Spark Sunday School closes for Spring
- May 29 - Summer Schedule begins - Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM - Memorial Day tributes after worship
- June 5 - Church Music Sunday - Worship at 9:30 AM - great music & singing

Council Corner

From your Council President ...

Council members met on Monday, April 4th. After devotions from Pastor Deal, President Barbara Naska expressed her concern about the time frame of Council



meetings. She suggested to shorten the time of reading and going over reports at the meeting, the Treasurer's report, Financial Secretary's report, and the Secretary's minutes should be completed and in all Council members mailboxes the Sunday before the Council meeting.

Anything that needs to be put on the agenda for the meeting, Barb would like by the Friday before the meeting. When the meeting is called order at 7 PM, we will strictly deal with the church's business and leave the discussion of our personal problems and current affairs for the dinner time between 6:30-7:00. After this was said and members had no questions, with the full agenda to deal with, our meeting was adjourned at 8:35 that evening.

Some of the highlights of the meeting were: Benevolence envelopes still not received by some members. Ken is working on it.

WELCA will be taking action to de-clutter the church. WELCA will be working with certain individuals and groups (Sunday School, Care-A-Lot, Altair Guild, Property, etc.) to clean out and rid of old items that are no longer being used.

Confirmation of Makenzie Naska and Matthew Mueller to be held on May 15th. Be in church that day to congratulate these young people, and don't forget to wear red.

The last Sunday for Sunday School 2015-1016 will be May 22nd. Our summer worship schedule begins on May 29th at 9:30 AM.

Cheryl Mesko, Lynn Gaun, and Cathy Mueller will be looking at and getting prices for new robes for acolytes and confirmands, which will be purchased sometime in the near future.

Care-A-Lot Sunday will be May 1st. Please come out and meet our Care-A-Lot families during church and social time afterwards. Our Council liaison for Care-A-Lot is Cheryl Mesko.

Our first Coffee Hour was held on April 17th and Lemonade on the Lawn begins May 15th. Thank you to Linda Sauter for organizing our Coffee Hours.

Vacation Bible School is set for June 13-16. A planning meeting is scheduled for April 30 at 10:00 AM. Two outings are planned for our Family/Youth - Safe Harbor Outing on May 22 and the Iron Pigs game scheduled for June 12. Anyang who will be volunteering and working with youth but does not have the necessary child abuse clearances, please contact Val McGinn.

Council liaison for Property Committee is Mike Rhine. His first project is working with David Helfrich to fix and repair the playground equipment. We were notified by Care-A-Lot that there are some sharp edges that need to be addressed and fixed where the poles are concreted in the ground.

Council is still working on getting a third estimate on a sound system for the worship area. Hopefully this is something that will be decided on and installed sometime this summer.

Our Annual Beef Roast will be held on Saturday, August 6. Mark your calendars now! Co-chairs are Linda & David Sauter and Val McGinn. Anyone interested in helping, please speak to Linda, Dave, or Val.

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Outreach **Food ministry:** Thanks to all who contributed to our April collection of cereal. We will be collecting jelly and drinks (coffee, tea, and juices) in May.

Helen Dungan

Food baskets: A food basket was presented on April 10th by Barbara Naska in honor of Ben's 70th birthday. A food basket was presented on April 17th by Joan and Frank Mammana in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Our April meeting was very productive. We packed up unused dishes for the Riegelsville Fire House (thanks to the Roneys for arranging this) and we gave cups and saucers to the Alpha Diner (thanks to Dot Peterman for arranging this.) While one crew was packing up the dishes, Lynn Gaun arranged and tidied the snack and paper cupboards. Thanks to all who helped (I think we were all tired when we were done, but felt we had accomplished something.)



Helen Dungan

We discovered a crockpot which we think was left from a covered dish gathering. It is 3 quart, white with a border design along the bottom. It is on the counter in the kitchen. If this is yours, would you please claim it.

The Upper Bucks conference gathering was very interesting as our speaker spoke both of the training volunteers and clients go through (the Bridges out of Poverty mind set) and some of the services of the Bucks County Opportunity Council; she shared some heartwarming stories. Attendance was not great, because of the snow! And we had the briefest business meeting ever for the same reason.

Our May meeting will be held Tuesday May 17th; it will be our annual Olive Garden luncheon. We will dine at noon; and those who wish to carpool may meet at the church at 11:30.

We are having our luncheon in May instead of June because our June meeting will be another de-clutter clean up opportunity. We are scheduling this on June 27th after Care-a-lot, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School are finished. We will again be working on the kitchen; all food items in the kitchen should be labeled or removed by then.

Please feel free to join us either in May for fun and fellowship or in June for more de-cluttering / cleaning.

Blanket Sunday will be celebrated on Mother's Day May 8th (but we will accept donations all month.) This is an opportunity to make a donation to Church World Service to buy blankets which they give to victims of disasters. Please consider making a donation in your mother's name; you will be honoring her and helping someone in distress. (Note: we will also be collecting money for tools on Father's Day.)

Council Corner Continued ... As you can see, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham is a very busy little church. Come out, get involved, and join the fun!

God's Blessings, Barb Naska, Council President

Next Council meeting will be Monday, May 16th at 6:30 PM with dinner hosted by Pastor Dave, Barb (salad) and Beth (dessert) and 7:00 PM Call to Order. Agenda items due to Barb by Friday, May 13th. Reports in mailboxes by Sunday, May 15th. **Council Assignments for May:** Lynn Gaun and Beth Snyder.

May Worship Assistants

* Indicates Communion	1	8*	15*	22	29
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Nicholas Phillipps	Conner Aquino	Alivia Humphreys	Samantha Mueller	Jack Pyne
Greeter(s)	Frank Mammana	Virginia Hager	Jim and Jayne Miller	Althea Crouse	Addyson Mammana & Sam Rhine
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Care-A-Lot Preschool	Maggie Fischer	Confirmands	Bob Starling	Gladys Nicholas
Council Communion Assistants		Lynn Gaun Beth Snyder	Lynn Gaun Beth Snyder		
Counters	Lynn Gaun and Beth Snyder				
Head Usher	Althea Crouse				
Altar Guild	Cheryl Mesko and Linda Sauter				

	May Birthdays		May Anniversaries		May Baptisms
1	Tim Lechliter				
2	Frank Erceg			3	Kelvin DeWalt
4	Sara Aquino	7	LeeAnn & Myron Kressman (39th)		
5	Mary Dungan (100!) Hunter Aquino	9	Barb & Ben Naska (46th)	8	Leo Fox, Sr.
				9	Bryant Hlavaty, Donald V. Seipt
13	Chris Mueller			10	Patricia Zion
14	Luke Snyder				
15	Beth Snyder			12	Jack Pyne
21	Joe Aquino			13	Katie Aquino
23	Bethany Michl			18	Frank Erceg
24	Brian Ashmore, Sr.	25	Sara & Joe Aquino	21	Jim Altemose
25	Joel Roney	27	Maggie Fischer & Bob Starling (38th)	22	Dianna Streletz



Summer schedule will begin early this year, on Sunday, May 29, 2016., when worship will begin at 9:30 AM instead of 10:30. This earlier hour will continue through Labor Day Weekend in September.

Sunday School will take a break for the Summer. Our last Spark session will be on May 22 at 9 AM.

Along with our Summer Worship Schedule goes our ever popular Lemonade on the Lawn fellowship time after summer worship. A sign-up sheet for the summer is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Two families have already stepped forward to host May 29 and June 5. All that's required to host is a cool beverage and finger-food snack.

Memorial Weekend Tributes

to men and women who have served our nation:

Sunday, May 29 -

12 Noon - The Legionnaires of Riegelsville Post 950 will form at the Durham Cemetery for Rifle Salute/Taps/Prayers and Remembrance. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held inside the church.



12:30 PM A Memorial Parade will form at the Riegelsville Fire house, to include the Palisades HS Marching Band, Prayers of Commemoration, a Memorial Wreath, continuing to the WWI Monument and concluding at Riegelsville Cemetery. In case of rain, the Memorial Service will be held inside the Riegelsville Fire House. Refreshments will be served at the Riegelsville Legion Home after the parade.

6:00 PM Williams Township Veterans' Memorial Committee welcomes the entire community to share in honoring fallen heroes at the Williams Township Municipal Campus, 655 Cider Press Road in Williams Township. The Wilson Area HS Band will play, and there will be prayers and addresses.



Families of the Palisades Cluster of Lutheran Churches will be attending a Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs game at 1:35 PM on Sunday, June 12. You can download a ticket reservation from our website (<http://durhamlutheran.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2016-Iron-Pigs-Flyer2.pdf>) or pick one up in the narthex of the church.

Please contact Ben Naska ASAP if you plan to attend!



Care-A-Lot News

May will be a very busy, fun-filled month at preschool. Not only will we continue with our regular routines of instruction, but we will also be preparing for our end of year programs and celebrations. Our final day of preschool for the year is **May 26th**. Our preschool class will have their end of year program at 9:30 AM. The Fish class will sing some songs and demonstrate a few things they have learned this year. Afterwards, the parents, students and teachers will enjoy a breakfast reception. Later that evening, beginning at 6:30 PM, our pre-k students also known as the Owl class will graduate from Care-A-Lot. They too will sing and show their families things they have learned this year before receiving their diplomas. After the program, all will participate in the graduation reception. We are so looking forward to the summer and all the fun we will have, but we will be sad to say good bye to our graduates!

Before May 26 though, we have a lot planned for our classes. In Math we will review our numbers and continue to make number sentences. Our pre-k class is well on its way with basic addition and subtraction. Our letter identification continues and we will expand on our pre-reading skills by focusing on letter sounds. In Science we will introduce Animal Habitats. We will discuss what a habitat is and the different habitats that exist in the world. The students will learn that different animals have homes or habitats in different places. Much like people, animals live, eat, sleep and grow in different ways and in different places. We will explore the jungle, desert, ocean, forest, mountains, savannah, arctic tundra and rainforest. We will read books about animal homes and will complete activities and crafts that support our science theme.

Our students are in for a real treat on **May 3rd** when **Zoo America** visits Care-A-Lot. This traveling zoo will show us 4 different types of animals and will present information about these animals. We cannot wait for this exciting experience!

Our Christian theme is, *We Are All One Family*. Pastor Dave will discuss how we all belong to God's family. We are special and unique, each one of us with different talents. We come together as members of the family to share in our Father's love!

Love, Mrs. Pason, Mrs. Errico and Mrs. Hoffman

Care-A-Lot Sunday - May 1, 2016 Special Worship for Children

At this annual celebration, we recognize the continuing legacy of our decades-old Care-A-Lot Pre-school. We thank our teachers, Andrea Errico, Melissa Hoffman, and Judi Pason. We welcome all the children and their families. The children will be sharing special music with all of us. After this brief and informal child-friendly service, we will gather for fellowship and refreshments, either outside if weather permits, or downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Please help us continue this fantastic ministry for children - guiding them intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually - by making a contribution to the Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund, which supplements tuition for families in need. Checks should be made out to ELC of Durham, with "Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund in the memo line.



You are invited to Friday Night Dinner and a Movie at the Naska's -
99 Brownstone Road, Ottsville, PA 18942, 610-847-5853.

The scheduled dates are all at 6:00 PM:

May 20, June 24, July 29, and August 26



Be Present for a PENTECOST Celebration

Sunday, May 15, 2006

Everybody wear RED!!!



The celebration will begin with worship at 10:30 AM. Our 2016 Confirmands, Matthew Mueller and Makenzie Naska will take a major role in the service. After the sermon, the Rite of Confirmation will be conferred on them, which means they will affirm their Baptism as adult disciples in the church. Holy Communion will be offered to all.

After worship, Cheryl Mesko (our annual Confirmation ceremony organizer) will host a special reception for Matthew and Makenzie, outside if the weather permits, or else downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

PENTECOST is a great festival of the Church, where we all recognize the work of the Holy Spirit in our faith and life.

PRAYER

Palisades Lutheran Cluster - Helen Dungan

Bear Creek Day Camp: Will run from July 5-8, 2016 (four days) at Trinity Lutheran Church Pleasant Valley - **location change**. The cost is \$60 (scholarships are available). The camp runs from 9 to 3; but there is interest at Trinity in having the times more friendly to working families. If you would be interested in expanded hours, please speak to Pastor Tyler Rasmussen at Trinity

Joint Youth Group: The Iron Pigs game on June 12th is open to everyone. The game is at 1:30; tickets \$10 includes \$2 towards food. They are still trying to schedule a service trip to Safe Harbor which has many volunteer groups in on the weekends; so scheduling is an issue. The youth would be providing dinner and serving it. The Conference mission trip to Knoxville Tennessee is on for July 10-15; registration is closed. Trinity has youth going.

CROP Walk: Pastor Rasmussen will not be organizing this in 2016; so we are looking for someone to act as coordinator. We also talked about moving it to the walking trail in Hellertown. But that would be up to the planning committee.

Code Blue: Linda Frey reported they closed at the end of March (and reopened April 9th.) As of the end of March, they had 29 different guests; the oldest was 78. They were mostly men. The Leo Club donated snack bags for the guests which were much appreciated (they even sent thank you notes to them.) There were 92 different volunteers which help to ease volunteer overload. They would like to add another 10 or 12; they particularly need overnight volunteers. There are 2 shifts each night; and each shift has a male and a female volunteer; there is also a site coordinator who is in charge. Volunteers need background checks.

Reformation 500: The conference has a committee charged with planning an event; they are looking at the Lutheran Home in Telford (which will have a gym available by then) or the Quakertown park as the venue. Pastor Rasmussen is on the committee and will keep us updated.

Next Cluster meeting: August 21st at Trinity at 3:00.



May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 <i>Care-A-Lot Sunday</i> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Children's Worship Fellowship to follow 12:45 PM Annual Congrega-</p>	<p>2 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>3 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>4 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>5 <i>Ascension Day - National Day of Prayer</i> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>6 29th Annual SEPA Synod Assembly</p>	<p>7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>
<p>8 <i>Mothers' Day</i> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	<p>9 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>10 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>11 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>12 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>
<p>15 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion - Rite of Confirmation and Reception - Everybody wear RED</p>	<p>16 6:30 PM - Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot WELCA to Olive Garden @ 11:30</p>	<p>18 9 AM - 12:30 PM Table Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>19 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>20 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>
<p>22 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9 AM Spark Sunday School closing Celebration Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>25 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>26 Last Day of Care-A-Lot AM - 4 yr olds PM - 5 YO Graduation</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 <i>NO Sunday School</i> 9:30 AM Worship Lemonade on the Lawn Memorial Day Ceremonies</p>	<p>30 <i>Memorial Day</i> Church Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p>				

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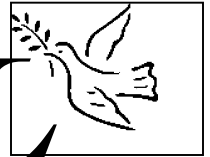
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