



"We Have No Mission But to Serve"

"If anyone wants to follow me (Jesus), he/she must take up their cross and follow me (in service)."

We are reminded in November every year of the countless reasons for gratitude to our God. And we are reminded every Lord's Day of God's Great Good Gift of Grace for us in Christ Jesus. Jesus has gifted us with baptism and brought us together in his church. But he has not just brought us together for ourselves. We are not the Church to serve ourselves, but to serve the world. From what we've been given, we are sent to share.

With that in mind, I want to direct your thoughts and hearts this November to our "Mission Support" offerings. There are four of these special envelopes in your offering envelope packet, one for each quarter. Every dollar from this special offering goes beyond our walls to serve the needs of the greater church and the world.

Last year, members of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham joined with 10,000 congregations in the United States and Caribbean to give nearly \$50 million to the ELCA. Here are just some of the ways those dollars were spent: to plant and support 340 new congregations; to grow the Lutheran Church around the world; to send 220 missionaries to more than 40 countries; to support the work of 8 seminaries and 26 colleges and universities; to address social issues and work for justice ... and more. About 50% of what we give in Mission Support stays in our SEPA Synod to support mission in a five-county area.

Now, here's my challenge to you! I have given almost \$1,000 to Mission Support in 2016. The congregation budgeted \$6,655 for Mission Support. As of September, total Mission Support offerings were about 50% of what we budgeted. I believe that we can meet and far surpass that \$6,655 figure. If you make a special gift to Mission Support before the end of the year, we could easily go beyond \$10,000.

As we give thanks for so much in November, especially the New Life we've been given through Jesus Christ, we are moved to respond, moved to give nearby and to the world through Mission Support. Prayerfully consider what you can give in November and December. I am honored to be your service partner.

~Pastor David Deal

In November ...

Sunday, November 6- All

Saints Sunday

Monday, November 7 - 6:30

PM - Church Council

Tuesday, November 8- Elec-

tion Day

Friday, November 11 - Veter-

ans' Day

Saturday, November 12 - Up-

per Bucks Conference

Church Leaders Breakfast

Tuesday, November 15 - Fi-

nance & Investment @ 7:30

Tuesday, November 22- 6 PM

Community Thanksgiving

Dinner and Worship

Sunday, November 27 -

Advent Begins

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Council Corner—

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:



Wow! Can you believe it is November already! November is the month of “Thanksgiving.” I urge everyone to reach out to those who are less fortunate or are going through a difficult time as we approach the holiday season. Just a simple visit, a phone call or a greeting card can bring smiles to those who are struggling. As you read this newsletter, you will find many ways you can help by reaching out and touching someone’s life to let them know you are there and that you care. For example, WELCA will be packing Thanksgiving boxes/baskets at their November meeting. Read more about it under WELCA. Community Dinner which is held in December – bake for their bake sale, help prepare and serve the day of the dinner, enjoy a delicious dinner and in return make a donation to the food bank. Make a donation to the Good Neighbor Fund or Lutheran Charities. Help our Care-A-Lot preschool by donating every time you shop at Giant Food Markets. Read more about this fundraiser in the October newsletter or talk to Cheryl Mesko (council liaison) or Linda Reinbold (head teacher). Join us when we go caroling in December to our shut-ins. Not only does it bring a smile to our shut-ins, but it is a time of great fellowship for those who participate. I can go on and on with the many ways you can reach out to those who need a helping hand or to let them know someone cares. A lot of us are good about attending church every Sunday morning, but I’m asking each and every one of us to join us and be an active and committed member of your church community.

Some highlights of our October Council meeting:

Tables: We will be purchasing 9 eight-foot Lifetime tables at \$79.88 each from Costco replacing the ones in the Sunday School room. We will be taking the old ones from the Sunday School room outside to be stored in the shed to be used for events like the picnic. The tables would be light weight and in better condition than the ones that were used on Rally Day.

Sound system – we have now met with four different companies for the sound system. Chilcote Audio from Barto, PA; Entertainment Services Group/ City Entertainment Systems from Allentown, PA; Mike Abbott referred to us by Cheryl Mesko and Patrick Callahan of Sawyers Control from Hampton NJ. Patrick is a member of St. Peter’s Riegelsville who installed their sound system and also upgraded the sound system at St. Luke’s Ferndale. We are waiting to receive all of the estimates. At our November meeting, council will be making a decision on the sound system so we can move forward and have it in place by the Children’s Christmas program. This is our goal!

Palisades Cluster - Helen Dungan

Youth: It was suggested that youth activities might be better handled on the conference level. Pastor Zuber, of Upper Tinicum, wondered if there would be interest either as a youth or family event in disk golf. A member of his congregation is a pro and volunteered to teach and perhaps start a league up. If you would be interested in this, speak to Pastor. Pastor Deal said they still wished to do something with youth on Martin Luther King's birthday – a trip to the Welcome Church in Philadelphia is one option that is under consideration.

Reformation 500: Pastor Rasmussen reported the Conference planning committee had their first meeting. Two program ideas are being considered. One would be a hymn sing which might occur around Pentecost. They will form subcommittees to begin making more detailed plans.

Upper Bucks: The Conference's lay learning event "Fear to Faithfulness" will be held January 28th at Keller's Church; Dr. Richard Steward will be the key note speaker. There will be discussion time following his presentation. Workshops will be available in the afternoon; the first one is dealing with Luther and stewardship. Others are still being planned. It includes lunch.

Cluster purpose: The bulk of our discussion dealt with what the cluster is and why are we meeting. What is our purpose? We first gathered some 15 years ago to work together on evangelism. Then the floods came, and we became active in aiding our neighbors. We have done important work over these years, but we never got back to our original purpose – joint evangelism. As we discussed this a number of ideas and comments were shared.

To unchain ourselves from what & how we have always done things. We are all losing members and volunteers to help with our ministries; and this is not just us, other volunteer organizations like the American Legion are experiencing the same situation – even the athletic organizations.

At one time everybody went to church, now it is a foreign language to many. This is our challenge, to bring the word of God to those who do not know Him.

Are we as a cluster trying to do things which would be better done on the conference side? Ex.

Youth activities

The Bible Church has its youth group meeting at the Middle School; can we piggy back on that. Lutheran Brotherhood came up with a list of 40 assets which help youth deal with peer pressure.

Being part of a faith community is one of them. How do we help them? We discussed being more involved with PAC (Partners in Action for Community).

We decide one concrete thing we can and will do is work together on baccalaureate.

We have a number of struggling churches in our area; more and more cannot afford a full time pastor. What opportunities for sharing are here?

Our next meeting is January 8th at Christ Lutheran, Springtown at 2:00. We are deeply interested in any concerns or suggestions that you have. Please join the discussion.

November Worship Assistants	6 *	13	20 *	27 *
Youth Acolyte/ Communion Assistant	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller	Hunter Aquino	Alivia Humphreys
Greeter(s)	Ben Naska, Sr.	Althea Crouse	Nancy Moskella	Addyson Mammana and Sam Rhine
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Mark Harwick	TBA	TBA	TBA
Council Communion Assistants	Barb Naska Serena Ashmore		Barb Naska Serena Ashmore	Barb Naska Serena Ashmore
Counters	Barb Naska and Serena Ashmore			
Altar Guild	Linda Sauter, Cheryl Mesko			
Head Usher	Mark Harwick & Dot Peterman * Indicates Holy Communion will be served			

	NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS		NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES		NOVEMBER BAPTISMS
4	Mary Crouse, Laura DeWalt	1	Silas & Norma Rodenbach (64)	6	Grace Litzenberger
8	Serena Ashmore				
9	Lynn Gaun				
10	MARTIN LUTHER Nicholas Phillipps, Brendan Snyder				
12	Mark Harwick, Matthew Mueller, Cathy Mueller, Tom Gaun			16	Marion Kempf
18	Chad Harrison				
19	Hans Rilling	19	Miriam & Ken Anderson (33)	22	Bob Fox
21	Ken Anderson			24	Paula Eck
23	Faye Gadwell			25	Helen Dungan, Cheryl Eck
24	Chase Aquino			29	Bruce Crouse, Dean Litzen- berger
25	Dan Froehlich	25	Cathy & Chris Mueller (16)	30	Kathy Hlavaty, Jordyn Trauger



In November, we welcome the Pilgrims, Native Americans and turkeys. Our special celebration for Thanksgiving will be "Thanksgiving Theme Day". The day will begin with making a centerpiece craft for our Thanksgiving table. We'll then move to a game station where we will play popcorn relay, a bean bag corn game and then pumpkin relay. We will finish with a food station where they will make turkey cookies for our feast. They will then put on their pilgrim or Native American costumes they made and sit down to eat our feast, prepared by our volunteer parents and Mrs. McGinn. The parents and families will then arrive at 11:30 for our story time and song fest presentation. It will be a "full and fun day".

The Giant A+ School Rewards program is now available to all of the school and church families. An explanation sheet was given out at church. You may go to the website provided, type in the Care-A-Lot ID#40438 and then register your 11 digit rewards number. If you would like me to register your number for you, there was a smaller sheet attached that you can complete and return to the Care-A-Lot mailbox or put in the offering plate. Please encourage your family and friends to register their rewards number for the school. The more numbers we register, the more money that will go into the Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund at the end of the program. Thank you in advance for your help.

Thanks to Rachael Roney and the Care-A-Lot children for decorating the wooden tree in our stairway for the season.

We'd like to share the new Care-A-Lot Alma Mater that the children have been learning:

(sung to the tune of Jingle Bells)

Care-A-Lot, Care-A-Lot, You're the place for me.

Learn and Play, Fun and Friends, How happy we will be-ee!

Care-A-Lot, Care-A-Lot, We all love you so.

For three days of the week, You're the place to go!!

Care-A-Lot wishes you a thankful and blessed Thanksgiving.

~ Linda Reinbold



During our October meeting we viewed and discussed the NOOMA video "Matthew;" it was very moving. The narrator was reliving the loss of a young friend in a car accident. As he shared his grief, he said we need to allow ourselves to grieve, but not to become bitter. The meeting was sparsely attended; but the video was so good, we are thinking about repeating it in January.

Helen Dungan

Our November meeting will be held Monday, November 21st at 1:30 PM. Bonnie de Portillo will lead us in devotions on giving thanks. We will receive our Thankofferings. Then we will pack and deliver Thanksgiving food baskets for some of our neighbors in need. If you know of someone who could use this gift, please let Barbara Naska know. All recipients will be anonymous.

Upper Bucks Conference WELCA Fall Gathering

Date: Saturday, November 5th **Time:** 9:00 **Place:** Little Zion, Telford

Theme: The first two of Martin Luther's 95 theses contained his central idea, that God intended believers to seek repentance and that faith alone, and not deeds, would lead to salvation.

Scripture: Matthew 4:17 – *From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."*

Program: Lets Meet Martin and learn more about his life and his teaching.

In Kind gifts: Bring items to make up Lutheran Disaster Response personal care kits.

Offering: will also go to Lutheran Disaster Response

Special Thanksgiving Offering!

During the month of November, offerings received from your special "Thanksgiving" envelope in your envelope packet will be designated for ELCA World Hunger Appeal. These funds will go to lessen hunger in the US and throughout the world. Some of the funds will also go to Disaster Response, as in the case of Hurricane Matthew.

Information has already been provided on special contributions after Hurricane Matthew to Lutheran Disaster Response.

If you do not have an envelope packet or a special Disaster Response envelope, simply make a check payable to evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham and write "ELCA World Hunger" of Matthew Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. You can bring or mail your check to the church.

Ministry with the Homeless Begins in November !

AHUB (Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks) offers shelter to homeless men or women, beginning November 15 and continuing through April 15, 2017. The shelter is located at the Masonic Lodge, on Broad St. - Rt. 313 in Quakertown. Whenever the temperature or wind chill drops below 26 degrees, the doors are opened in the evening for a meal and a safe night's sleep.

AHUB is always seeking new volunteer drivers, hosts, overnight hosts, and more. Volunteers must attend training sessions at the Lodge. If you would like to volunteer, or have questions, contact Pastor Deal at 610-346-8314.

You are invited to join the Williams Township Veterans Day Ceremony -
Friday, November 11 at 11:00 AM
At the Veterans Memorial
Williams Township Municipal Building
655 Cider Press Road in Williams Township

Citizens from Williams Township and surrounding areas have gathered since 2008 to memorialize our Fallen Heroes and to thank our Living Veterans.

PLEASE JOIN US



Veterans Day - Friday, November 11, 2016
Veterans of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham



Edward J. Ballek (Deceased) Sergeant, US Army, 148th Combat Engineer Battalion, 1943-45

Edward Crouse (Diseased) Born: September 29, 1924 Died: June 5, 1996
Inducted into the Army on 12/28/48. Basic training at Camp Pickett, Virginia with COA 514th ABN Infantry Regiment. Completed 3/4/49. Transferred to Army reserves for 5 years. Honorable discharge 12/21/54 as a private from Battery C, 75th gun battalion (AAA cannoneer). Discharged from Fort Meade, Maryland.

Ron Everitt -Specialist E-4, US Army, 1970-72

Leo P. Fox - US Navy, Ship's Cook Class 3, 1944-46

Scott Gaun - US Air Force, 1984-1988, Senior Airman.

Gene Gribbin (Diseased) - Sergeant, US Army, 1950-52

Michael Hesser - Sargeant, US Marine Corps - 2010-2014

David H. Holland (deceased) US Marine Corps, killed in action 1967

John Luther (deceased) - Private, US Army 351st Infantry, 88th Division, killed in action, Italy 1944

Wayne Mesko - Staff Sergeant, US Air Force, 99th Bomb Wing 1966-70

Robert J. Newcomb - Corporal, US Army, Medical Technician, 1951-53

Harold E. Nicholas (Diseased) Corporal, US Army, 2nd Armored Division, Medium Tank Battalion, 1951-53

David Pyne - Petty Officer 2nd Class E-4 US Navy, USS Gettysburg, 1994-98

Blake Rodd - Specialist, US Army, 2010-2014

Silas Rodenbach - US Army, 1952-54

Christopher S. Seifert (deceased) -Captain, US Army, 101st Airborne Division, killed in action 2003

Hal Taylor - Lieutenant, US Navy, Field Intelligence, 1966-69

Edward H. Xander - Corporal, US Marine Corps, 1955-59

FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

The 5th Annual Community Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Riegelsville Fire house. This event is hosted by the four congregations in the area and the fire company to bring the community and families in need together for a free dinner to anyone in the Riegelsville and Durham communities. Take out meals will also be available.



Last year the dinner served 525 sit down plus 100 take-out meals delivered to those unable to come to the firehouse. Left over prepared food was delivered to Safe Harbor in Easton to feed the people who seek shelter there.

In preparation for this event, we need your help! There will be bake sales at the Riegelsville Fire Company Breakfast on November 20 to raise funds to buy the food needed for the dinner. Contributions for the bake sale should be delivered to the Riegelsville Firehouse beginning at 7:30 AM.

There will be additional opportunities to assist with aspects of this important project closer to the date of the dinner. Information will be provided in the newsletter and/or bulletin. Tickets as well as more information will be available from Joe Hlavaty (610-258-4574) or Lois Altemose (610-346-7241).

OUTREACH - Helen Dungan

Food donations: Thanks to those who contributed to our collection of Thanksgiving foods for the food banks. In December we will collect personal care items, e.g. soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

Durham's Community Day: Was held on Saturday October 8th from 1-4. Linda Reinbold was there representing Care-A-Lot. It was sparsely attended; rain was forecast which may have contributed to this. We would like to see if we could help make this a better affair next year.

Christmas giving: As you all know, we have been hit with some very destructive weather and Lutheran Disaster Relief is one of the organizations which is and will be helping. One thing they give refugees who are dislocated from their homes is a personal care kit. We will be collecting these instead of institution kits this Christmas in order to help them replenish their supply.

Each kit contains:

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging (Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.)
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging • 1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

---Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

We are also collecting Christmas presents for families in our area who are needing some help. If you'd like to help in this ministry, speak to Lynn Gaun. **We will dedicate our gifts on Sunday, December 4th.**

Christmas Caroling: Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 18th to go caroling to our shut-in members.

Worship Highlights for November

Sunday, November 6 - All Saints' Sunday - 10:30 AM - Festival Celebration of Holy Communion - Remembrance/Celebration of All the Saints. Special Remembrance of: Betty Kiefer, Judy Barron, Nancy Fox, and Myron Kressman. Special candles, prayers, ringing of bells, inside and outside.

Sunday, November 13 - 10:30 AMM - Special Remembrance Recognition of Veterans at Worship.

Sunday, November 20 - 10:30 AM - Christ the King Celebration - Last Sunday of Church Year - Year of Luke.

Tuesday, November 22 - Community Thanksgiving Gathering, hosted by Trinity UCC, Pleasant Valley with Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley; Salem UMC, Springtown; Christ Lutheran, Springtown; and ELC of Durham. 6:00 PM Community Dinner, 7:00 PM Worship with special music, special offerings

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday in Advent - 10:30 AM - Communion - A new Church Year begins - Year of Matthew.

Have you signed up yet for the A+ School Rewards Program to support our Care-A-Lot Preschool? If not, there are forms on the table in the Narthex.



Please share with your friends and family!

There is an **ALTAR GUILD MEETING** scheduled for November 13th immediately after worship. Anyone who cannot make this meeting, please let Barb Naska know at 610-847-5853. Thank you!

Altar Guild for November: Linda Sauter & Cheryl Mesko



If your workplace engages in a **United Way** campaign, please remember that **Lutheran Charities** is a participating agency. Your pledge and your gifts will be personally acknowledged and highly valued and appreciated.

Our number is #390. THANK YOU!



Council Corner Continued ...

Air conditioning – Again we are moving right along. Dave Sauter has been getting estimates and finding out all the information and details involved with installation. Dave joined us at our October meeting with three estimates from Good, INC. Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning from Souderton, PA; Cooper Mechanical from Ottsville, PA; and Hannabery HVAC from Allentown, PA. Council approved a motion to proceed with Hannabery HVAC as they were the ones that installed the air conditioning downstairs in the social room. More information and details need to be worked out before Council can move forward. Any questions can be directed to Dave.

Guttering and down spouting – Dave Sauter talked about the water issue that we have when we experience heavy rains with water coming down the stairway in the social room. Dave presented Council with a quote from R.D. Yerger to install new seamless white aluminum .032 gauge gutter on rear of building, add a new downspout to right side of building, and reuse existing downspout on left end. Materials & Labor \$1450.00. Install new Leaf Relief gutter guards add \$592.00 for a total of \$2050.00. No motion was made at our October meeting. Council tabled this until our November meeting.

We are looking for new pictures to update our web site. If you have any, please talk to Barb or see that Ann Wong receives them. Digital format is preferable. Council also discussed doing a new Pictorial directory in the fall of 2017. Look for more information on this in the newsletters.


Next Council Meeting: November 7th - 6:30 p.m. (dinner supplied by Mike Rhine)

Agenda Items due to Barb by Friday, November 4th – Reports in mailboxes by Sunday, November 6th

Council duties for November: Barb Naska & Serena Ashmore

God's Blessings, Barb Naska, Council President

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM	2 Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Choir	3 Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM	4	5 Pastor's Day Off
2 All Saints Sunday 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Festival Communion - Celebration of Saints 5:30 PM Confirmation @ ELCD	7 6:30 PM Church Council	8 Election Day Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM	9 Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Choir	10 Martin Luther's Birthday Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM	11 Veterans' Day 11 AM Ceremo- ny @ Williams Township Mu- nicipal Building	12 Upper Bucks Con- ference Breakfast 9-11:30 @ Christ, Pipersville
13 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship - Remember- ing our Veterans ALTAR GUILD meeting after wor- ship	14	15 AHUB/Code Blue Begins Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM 7:30 PM Finance and Investment	16 Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Choir	17 Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM	18	19 Pastor's Day Off
20 Christ the King 7:30 AM Bake Sale at Riegelsville Firehouse 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion	21	22 NO Care-A-Lot 6 PM Community Thanksgiving Din- ner & Worship @ Trinity UCC	23 NO Care-A-Lot	24  thanksgiving	25	26 Pastor's Day Off
27 Year of Matthew begins - ADVENT 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Communion	28	29 Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM	30 St. Andre Apostle Care-A-Lot 9 AM - 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Choir			

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