



“Lutheran Charities—Together We Do More”

Our SEPA Synod and Church Council have designated October 2016 as “Lutheran Charities Appeal Month.” Here at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham, we are asking you to make a special sacrificial gift toward the ministries represented by this appeal.

Lutheran Charities is a partnership of Lutheran Social Ministry Organizations serving over 100,000 children, families, and seniors in our region. Organizations represented in the appeal include: Lutheran Settlement House in Philadelphia; Ken Crest Centers (developmental disabilities) in Plymouth Meeting; Artman Lutheran Home in Ambler; Silver Springs-Martin Luther School (for children who have experienced abuse and neglect in their families) in Plymouth Meeting, and more.

With your help, Lutheran Charities supports all ages and kinds of folks in our community who are in need of healing and hope. This appeal needs ELC of Durham to join many congregations on this mission, because together we do more! Barbara Stechert, the lay director of the appeal, will be with us at worship on October 9 to give a Temple Talk.

How can we participate as a congregation? The Church Council has approved the designation of the Good Neighbor Fund special envelope for October to go toward the Lutheran Charities Appeal. If you don't have an envelope packet but would like to contribute, write a check payable to ELC of Durham, with Lutheran Charities /Good Neighbors in the memo line.

As Jesus said, “... whenever you have done it for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have done it for me.” With our gifts we are together “God's Work,” and we are changing lives.

~Pastor David Deal

*** See inside on page 8 for more information about Lutheran Charities!**

In October ...

Sunday, October 2 - World-wide Communion

Saturday, October 8 Durham Community Day

Sunday, October 9- New Members, Lutheran Charities Appeal & Confirmation

October 17-19 - Bishop's Convocation

Saturday, October 22 - SleepOUT 4 Homelessness

Tuesday, October 25 - Finance Committee @ 7:30

Monday, October 31- Reformation Day/Halloween

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Council Corner—

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:



Council met on Monday, September 12, with dinner provided by Beth Ross and Cathy Mueller. Barb thanked everyone involved with Rally Day, with special thanks to non-Council members, Mark Harwick, Victoria, Adam, & Nicholas Philipps. Council agreed that inviting First Responders to our worship service and then having them stay for the picnic and fellowship was a big success and could be done each year. In light of the poor condition of the tables that were used for the picnic, Council voted to purchase 9 new eight-foot tables to replace the ones in the Sunday School room. The tables currently in the Sunday School room will be taken outside to the shed to be used for events like the picnic. Council members will be getting prices from Costco, B.J.'s, and Sam's Club.

Lynn Gaun reported that our Sunday school got off to a great start. Nine children attended class and had fun destroying a Piñata filled with candy and little trinkets supplied by Lynn. Thank you, Lynn, for making the first day of Sunday school a memorable one.

Council agreed to reach out to the Thomas Poynton Family with a "Thinking of You Basket" and agreed if the time comes that the family needs financial help, a donation from the "Good Neighbor Fund" would be appropriate.

Mike Rhine reported for the Property Committee that the large tree near the playground which was hit by lightning needs to be taken down. All lightning-related repairs in the office have been completed, including replacement of the printer/fax machine, Ann's computer, and some parts in the copier. Also, the new phone system is now in place. The playground area has been weeded and mulched ready for the children. All florescent light bulbs that were blown out have been replaced with new ones. Some future items that the Property Committee will be dealing with are: 1) sound system; 2) air conditioning; 3) front of the church (wood repair, power washing & painting); and 4) cleaning the lights in the kitchen before the first Soup Supper. This committee is always busy and can always use extra hands when there are projects to be done. If you can help, please talk to Mike Rhine or any Council member.

Memorial donations for Nancy Fox and Myron Kressman are still being received. Council would like to thank Dot Peterman for seeing that Thank-You notes are sent out for all memorial donations the church receives.

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Helen Dungan

Our September meeting was held at the Olive Garden, where we enjoyed a nice lunch and one another's company. We also had a full business meeting.

- Meetings: We decided to meet on the third Monday of the month at 1:30 PM. Our next meeting will be October 17th and Barb Naska will be hostess. For our program we will watch and discuss the NOOMA video "Matthew," which asks the question – **"How do we deal with the pain we suffer when we lose someone we love?"**

- Ingathering: We will collect Personal Care Kits for Lutheran Disaster Relief this November. Each kit includes:
 - * 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 and 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.

Since Lutheran Family Services is not collecting for foster children this year, Lynn Gaun will attempt to identify local children in need of some Christmas cheer. If you would like to recommend someone, please speak to Lynn Gaun. Recipients will be anonymous.

- Thanksgiving: We would like to Thanksgiving dinners to families in our community that need some help. We will collect food in October and assemble the meals at our November meeting. If you are aware of someone who could use this kind of help, please notify Lynn Gaun or Barbara Naska. Recipients will be anonymous.
- Our Christmas covered dish dinner will be held on December 11th. Please plan to share some fellowship and good food together (with you providing the good food!) WELCA will provide beverages, rolls, etc. and set up.
- Soup: January seems a long time away, but it is fast approaching. We decided to raise the prices of our quarts of soup from \$6.00 to \$7.00 as this seems more in line with what is being charged commercially. We will also raise the cost of adult eat in meals to \$7.00. We are keeping children 5 and under free; and youth at \$3.00. However, we raised the upper age for youth tickets to 16. So 17 and up \$7; 6-16 \$3.00; 5 and under free.

October Worship Assistants	2 *	9	16 *	23	30 *
Youth Acolyte/ Communion Assistant	Conner Aquino	Emma Humphreys	Samantha Mueller	Grace Litzenberger	Jack Pyne
Greeter(s)	Ed Xander	Virginia Hager	Dave & Linda Sauter	Betty Fox	Althea Crouse
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Beth Snyder	Cathy Mueller &	Barb Naska	Joe Hlavaty	Tom Gaun
Council Communion Assistants	Helen Dungan Cheryl Mesko		Helen Dungan Cheryl Mesko		Helen Dungan Cheryl Mesko
Counters	Helen Dungan, Cheryl Mesko, Ken Anderson, Barb Naska				
Altar Guild	Betty Fox and Val McGinn				
Head Usher	Althea Crouse * Indicates Holy Communion will be served				

	OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS		OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES		OCTOBER BAPTISMS
1	Ed Haney, Jessica Lehr, Scott Lehr			1	Barb Naska
2	Austin Apgar				
5	David Deal, Conner Aquino, Silas Rodenbach (85)	5	JoAnn and Jack Thaler (53)		
6	Virginia Hager			6	Robert Crouse, Joan Mammana
7	Lois Altemose	13	Bruce and Lisa Crouse (26)		
		15	Val and Paul McGinn (22)	15	Sharron Streletz
18	Karen Bolesta				
20	LeeAnn Kressman	20	Linda and David Sauter (35)	22	Nicholas Litzenberger
21	Ed Xander	22	Diane and Steve DeWalt (33)	23	David Deal
25	Cheryl Mesko			25	Jim Nicholas, Silas Rodenbach
30	Benjamin J. Naska			30	Jessica Fisher Johnson
31	Nicole Crouse			31	Adam Mesko



Classes have begun after a successful Orientation and Open House. Highlights for October will be a Field Trip to Trauger's Farm, a visit from the Riegelsville Fire Department, and resuming the monthly visits with Miss Becky from the Riegelsville Library. Pumpkins and scarecrows will be all around us as Fall begins. We'll be making special masks for our Halloween Parade and learning many songs to share with the invited family members

at our Halloween celebration.

We have been very fortunate to welcome Val McGinn as our Grandmother Helper. She has graciously volunteered to come in more than one day a week until we secure additional Grandparent Helpers. If you know anyone who might be interested in volunteering one day a week, please contact me at 484-894-0585 or talk to Val.

I'd like to again thank the members of the congregation for the donation of supplies for the school. Your generosity is overwhelming and the students, staff and parents say "THANK YOU". Many members of the congregation, including Kathy Hlavaty, have stopped by over the summer and shared words of encouragement. I'd also like to thank Cheryl Mesko, Care-A-Lot's liaison to Church Council, for all of her help with the preschool.

Care-A-Lot will be participating in a fundraiser for the Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund. The Giant A+ School Rewards Program earns cash for the school and it costs you nothing and doesn't affect your gas or reward points. The program runs from October through the end of March and all you have to do is sign up your 11-digit Bonuscard Number, last name and telephone number with us. We will be sending out a sign-up form in the bulletin and also have extra forms available on the narthex tables. The school will earn 1% of the total amount you spend during that time period and a check is sent to the school. It's one of the easiest fundraisers to do. The extra forms can be given to family and friends to help out the scholarship fund. The more we sign up, the more we'll get. Please look for the forms that will be out sometime in October. After I get the completed forms, I will enter the information into Care-A-Lot's specific site on the Rewards site. If you have any question please contact me. Thank you in advance.

~ Linda Reinbold

CHILDREN'S CHORUS **Come and join us, kids of all ages!**

This year, during the month of October, Jill Williams will be starting up a Children's Chorus. Kids of all ages are welcome to join. Rehearsals will take place during Sunday School for the entire month of October. The last week-end of the month, we will be singing in church! We look forward to singing together! Questions? Call Jill at 610-346-1665.



Palisades Lutheran Cluster - Helen Dungan

The next **Palisades Lutheran Cluster meeting is Sunday, October 9, 2016, 3 PM at Durham.** The main topic will be our future. We want to look at the Cluster and rethink our purpose, programs, meeting schedules, etc. What can we do to support our churches? **We would appreciate it if everyone who has been active in Cluster events would attend and give us your input.**

Bear Creek: We reviewed Bear Creek Day Camp which was held at Trinity, Pleasant Valley this year. There were 18 campers; we need more to break even. One area that Pastor Rasmussen felt needed improvement was publicity. It will be held at Trinity again in 2017.

Code Blue: Code Blue changed their schedule and will operate from November 15 through April 15th. Training for volunteers is October 16th and October 23rd. New volunteer's training begins at 3:00; all volunteers meet together at 5. They are looking for 8 more volunteers to cover the night shifts. They are thinking about day programs which would be helpful to their clients.

Upper Bucks: The Conference breakfast for church officers will be held November 12th at Christ, Pipersville, from 9-11:30. They are also considering including Youth Leaders in the gathering.

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 also be 2 or 3 workshops. The emphasis is on stewardship.

Memorial Gifts - Dot Peterman

Gifts in memory of Nancy Fox in the amount of \$965 were received from: Wayne and Cheryl Mesko; Mary Dungan; Gladys Nicholas; Richard Ellis; Fred & Mimi Foerster; Donald & Mary Crouse; Arlene Pursell; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gerstenberg; Kenneth & Virginia Hager; Leo and Betty Fox; Paul & Valerie McGinn; Ed & Kathy Haney; Evelyn Newcomb; Dorothy Peterman; RuthAnn & Richard Sigfried; Forrest and Carol Fox; Kathryn Whitehead; and Don & Gerry Seipt.



Memorial gifts in memory of Judith Barron in the amount of \$525 were received from: June & Dave Griffith, Kim & Mark Hausman; Barbara and Fred Sassman; Helen Dungan; Jim & Lois Altemose; Wayne & Cheryl Mesko; and Donald & Helen Cohen.

Gifts in memory of Betty (Alice) Kiefer were received from Helen Dungan and Dorothy Peterman.

THANK YOU ...

Althea Crouse would like to sincerely thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, and calls during her health problems, especially Pastor Dave for his visits. Althea says, "Knowing people care sure does lift your spirits!" and she sends God's blessings to all.

George and Betty Kreitz would like to thank everyone for their prayers during George's recovery. George especially appreciated the visits from members of the Congregation.



Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine NOT Recommended This Year

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices has voted that the live attenuated influenza vaccine (aka “nasal spray flu vaccine”) should not be used during the 2016-2017 flu season. This committee is a panel of experts that advises the CDC and American Pediatric Association. Their vote is based on data showing poor or lower effectiveness of the nasal spray flu vaccine from 2013 – 2016. FluMist was estimated to prevent the flu in only about 3% of flu cases, whereas the flu shots had a greater rate of success.



It is recommended that children receive their annual flu vaccine with either the inactivated influenza vaccine or the recombinant vaccine for everyone six months and older. The method of administration would be the needle vaccine. The traditional flu shot is effective and recommended to prevent influenza and decrease the risks of complications.

Paul Offit, M.D., director of the Vaccine Education Center at CHOP, stated that over the past three years the nasal spray has dramatically underperformed flu shots. He says scientists and doctors are investigating the reason for the decline in effectiveness of this vaccine and is hopeful a nasal spray vaccine will again be available in the future. www.vaccine.chop.edu

God Bless You,
Mary Hurley, RN



Saturday, October 22, 2016 in Souderton, PA is the night we SleepOut 4 Hunger and Homelessness!

This event is open to confirmation youth, their friends, and other young people who are interested. Mark your calendars as we fight back against hunger and homelessness here in our local Bucks County Community. Over 250 participants are expected. They will gather to learn, experience, and help those struggling with food insecurity and homelessness.

Some of our youth who are participating may ask you for a contribution to help end homelessness. For more information, call 215-723-5430 or visit <http://keystoneopportunity.org/sleep-out-for-homelessness/>

FIFTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER - Lois Altemose

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 churches in the area and the fire company to benefit families in need at the holiday season.



This is free dinner to anyone in the Riegelsville and Durham communities. Families who may have physical or financial concerns are encouraged to attend. Take out meals will also be available. Last year the dinner served 525 at 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, your help is needed. There will be bake sales at the Riegelsville Fire Company Breakfasts in October and November to raise funds to buy the food needed for the dinner. Contributions for the bake sales should be delivered to the Riegelsville Firehouse between 8:00 and 10:00 AM on October 16th and November 20th.

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.

For additional information, contact Joe Hlavaty (610-258-4574) or Lois Altemose (610-346-7241).



We Can't Do it Without YOU! When you are involved with Lutheran Charities you are a part of something bigger than yourself – part of something greater than you can even imagine. Every life touched, every child given a future, every family given hope...it's all because of YOU!!! With YOUR help, all of these amazing things happen. And without your help, they won't. Whether you have been a faithful supporter of Lutheran Charities for years, or are considering donating for the first time – know that YOU are the heroes of this work. Without faithful Lutherans like you and all those who believe in this

sacred mission these people's lives will be very different. This work, serving 100,000 people in our area – made possible by you – is a bold living witness to the Body of Christ, of our strength as God's people to change the world. Lutheran Charities supports dozens of Lutheran ministries and programs across Southeastern PA that touch the lives of over 100,000 of the most vulnerable people among us every single year. That's roughly 1 out of every 49 people.

This is our legacy as Lutherans. This is our story.

“Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.” -Martin Luther

On Sunday, October 9, Barbara Stechert from Lutheran Charities Appeal will be with us to give a Temple talk and answer questions. We have chosen to support the Lutheran Charities Appeal by using the October Good Neighbor Fund special envelope in your packet. Every dollar collected from this special envelope will go to the support of Lutheran Charities Appeal.

October Highlights

Saturday, October 8 - Durham Community Day, 1-4 PM - Come and meet our neighbors down by the historic mill and post office. Look for our congregation's table sharing info about our church and preschool. If you can spend an hour or so representing ELC of Durham, speak to Pastor Deal or Helen Dungan.

Sunday, October 9 at 10:30 AM - New Members will be received. There is one family who will be received into membership, and more are welcome! If you would like to become a member of this community of faith, or would like to know more about it, contact Pastor Deal (610-346-8314).

Sunday, October 9 - 3 PM - The Palisades Cluster of Lutheran Churches will hold its bi-monthly meeting here at Durham. Helen Dungan (Cluster Secretary) and Pastor Deal invite anyone from the congregation to come and participate as we vision and plan for ministry together.

Monday, October 17 - Wednesday, October 19 - 2016 Bishop's Convocation for SEPA Synod

Pastor Deal will attend the Bishop's Convocation at the Bear Creek Resort and Conference Center in Macungie. This year's theme is "Crossing Bridges - Interfaith Relationships in a Pluralistic World." Representatives of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam will lead in dialog, listening, and discovering opportunities to work together. The Convocation begins just after lunch on Monday and concludes in the early afternoon on Wednesday.

Confirmation Ministry - A new model of Confirmation ministry has begun this fall. Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley, is joining ELC of Durham in what we are affectionately calling "Reset!" Pastors Deal and Rasmussen are working and planning together.

We expect at least eight youth from the two congregations to be involved. Parents will also be participating. We'll meet every other week at 5:30 PM for a meal, prayer, life-sharing, journaling, games, DVD's, and a Bible emphasis. There will also be a

retreat in February 2017, including confirmation youth from several other Upper Bucks Conference congregations. Please pray for this vital new spiritual venture with youth. Pray for Pastors Deal and Rasmussen and for the participants from our congregation: Grace Litzenberger; Alivia, Charlotte, and Emma Humphreys; Conner Aquino; and Nicholas Phillipps.



OUTREACH - Helen Dungan

Food bank: We will collect Thanksgiving feast food – e.g. stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, etc. – whatever goes with turkey. Some of this will hopefully be used to create Thanksgiving dinners to distribute in our community. So if you get a free turkey and won't use it, talk to Lynn Gaun or Barb Naska.

Food baskets: On September 11th Barbara and Ben Naska presented a food basket in honor of Barbara's birthday. On September 25th for Harvest Home, Helen and Mary Dungan presented a food basket in memory of Myron Kressman in recognition of his support of our food ministries.

Durham Day: On Saturday October 8th from 1-4, we will be sharing information about our church and preschool with members of our community. We need volunteers to sit at our table and chat with those who stop by. Please come.

Council Corner *Continued* ...

A BIG SHOUT OUT to Fred Foerster for all the grounds work that he so quietly does which makes our church look charming, inviting and beautiful. Fred took our sign to Marlin Guigley in Emmaus, who donated his time and workmanship in constructing a durable, framed signboard for the sign "*Durham Union Church Yard/Cemetery est. 1812*". Thank you notes were sent out to Mr. Guigley and to Mr. Foerster by Council. **"OUR HANDS, GOD'S WORK.** Thank You, Gentlemen!

God's Blessings, Barb Naska, your Council President

Next Council Meeting: October 10th – 6:30 p.m. (Lynn Gaun & Cheryl Mesko)

Agenda Items due to Barb by Friday, October 7th – Reports in mailboxes by Sunday, Oct. 9th.

Council duties for October are: Helen Dungan & Cheryl Mesko

(Ken Anderson counting 10/2 & 10/9) (Barb Naska counting 10/16, 10/23,/ 10/30)

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Office Hours: Pastor: M, W, TH mornings Secretary: T, TH afternoons OR By Appointment						1 Pastor's Day Off
	3	4 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM	5 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Choir	6 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM	7	8 Durham Community Day
9 <i>Lutheran Charities Appeal</i> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM – Worship, New Members/ Temple Talk 11:00 AM Coffee Hour 5:30 PM Confirmation here at Durham	10 <i>Columbus Day</i> 6:30 PM – Church Council	11 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM	12 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Choir	13 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM	14	15 Pastor's Day Off
16 <i>Time after Pentecost</i> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM – Communion 5:30 PM Confirmation	17	18 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM	19 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Choir	20 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM	21	22 Sleep OUT 4 Homelessness
		<i>Pastor at Bishop's Convocation</i>				
23 <i>Time after Pentecost</i> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM – Worship	24	25 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM 7:30 PM Finance Committee Budget Meeting	26 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM 6:30 PM Choir	27 Care-A-Lot 9 AM – 12:30 PM	28	29 Pastor's Day Off
30 <i>Reformation Sunday</i> 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM – Holy Communion (special surprise)	31 <i>Reformation Day</i> Halloween					

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DURHAM Community Day



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