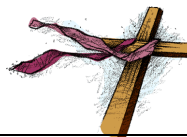


In March...

- **Wednesday, March 1** - Ash Wednesday worship at 1 and 7:30 PM
- **Sunday, March 5** - Upper Bucks Conference Spring Assembly
- **Monday, March 6** at 6:30 PM Church Council
- **Thursday, March 9** - 1:30 PM WELCA 6:15 PM Lenten Midweek Series at TLC
- **Sunday, March 12** - Day-light Savings Time begins
- **Thursday, March 16** - Lenten Midweek Series at St. Luke Ferndale
- **Thursday, March 23** - Lenten Midweek Series at ELC Durham
- **Sunday March 26** - 2 PM Luther 500 Event here
- **Thursday, March 30** - Lenten Midweek Series at St. Peter's Riegelsville

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"No More Special 40 Days"

It's here again - March 1 - the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday - a holy, special time for repentance, renewal, re-commitment. The Church all over the world observes these special 40 days with us as we walk toward Jerusalem - toward the cross - and toward an empty tomb.

These 40 days begin on Ash Wednesday with a solemn call to fasting and repentance. There is no better time than now to return to the Lord. During Lent, we will reflect on the meaning of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. This is part of the process of a new beginning for all of us. God's mercy and forgiveness are making these 40 days so special for us. You will not want to miss the journey on Sundays mornings and Thursday evenings.

Since it is now six months until the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we will be holding some special events during this month of March: 1) A creative series of skits on Reformation themes on Thursday evenings, and 2) a special appearance by a playwright and actor, Steve Seyfried on Sunday, March 26. See page 5 for details.

Ashes, prayer, Holy Communion, and works of love will make our special days together. Let's make it a good Lent for all of us!

~ *Pastor David Deal*

**ASH Wednesday March 1, 1 PM Spoken Service of Holy Communion/Ashes
7:30 PM Holy Communion with Music/Ashes**

Sunday, March 26 - "Lutherland - A Layman's Guide to the Reformation" at 2PM here at ELC Durham featuring Steve Seyfried, playwright and actor.



2017 Lenten Midweek Program- "Grace and Ernest Go to Church:
Lenten Dialogs/Skits on Reformation Themes"

On **Thursdays during Lent** we will gather with folks from nearby churches for a light supper and worship. Supper will begin at 6:15 PM, and worship at 7 PM. Each week, the evening will conclude no later than 8 PM.

Thursday, March 9	TLC, Pleasant Valley
Thursday, March 16	St. Luke, Ferndale
Thursday, March 23	ELC of Durham
Thursday, March 30	St. Peter's, Riegelsville
Thursday, April 6	Christ, Springtown

Council Corner

From your Council President ...

Our Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, February 19, 2017. Unfortunately, even though we had enough members in church



for a quorum, many of you left and did not stay after church for the annual business meeting. Therefore, we did not have a quorum to be able to act on any of the business on the agenda that needed to be taken care of, especially the nomination of Council members. It was decided that we would handle the business of the church before the service on February 26th. As I am writing this, I am praying that we will have our quorum, which is 31, in church that Sunday.

Helen Dungan, Lynn Gaun and myself are leaving Council as we have fulfilled our terms. Therefore, that leaves three Council seats that need to be filled. Thank you Scott Gaun and Val McGinn for volunteering to serve a three-year term. There is still one vacant seat. Anyone interested in serving a three-year term, please speak to a Council member or Pastor. It is a way of serving, learning and being able to contribute to the decisions of the business process of the church. We will nominate and elect new Council members on February 26th. Council will meet and re-organize on Monday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m.

A few things that were discussed at the Annual Congregational Meeting: change of time for summer worship; background checks and clearances for anyone working with the children – speak to Val McGinn if you need to do this; updating our web-site and Facebook; Coffee Hour after church should be upstairs in the back of the church - Linda Sauter will continue to co-ordinate the coffee hour; Lynn Gaun asked for help on Hospitality Committee.

Next Council Meeting: March 6th – 6:30 PM (dinner supplied by Mike Rhine)

Agenda items due to Barb by Friday, March 3rd

Reports in mailboxes by Sunday, March 5th. THANK YOU!

This will be our re-organizational meeting for 2017-2018. Please all Council members be present!

Council duties for March: Helen Dungan & Cathy Mueller

God's Blessings,

Barb Naska, Outgoing Council President



NOAH'S ARK MINUTE as read by Ben Naska on Scout Sunday

Much about life can be learned from Noah's Ark:

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember we're all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. Use the buddy system.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Outreach - Helen Dungan

Souper Bowl of Caring: We collected 232 food items and \$162 in cash. The food and money was split between Lord's Pantry, Upper Bucks Food Bank and ProJeCt Easton

Food Bank. There is still some food dribbling in, so this is not the final figure. **THANK YOU** to all who contributed, and to those who counted, packed, lugged it to the cars, and took it to the food banks. As most of our ministries, this is a multi-person endeavor.

Food baskets: Please consider putting a food basket on the altar this Lenten season. We normally try to donate food baskets rather than flowers during Lent.

Food banks: We will be collecting **baby items – diapers 3-6 & wipes** for the food banks in March. ProJeCt requested this.

DON'T FORGET = Daylight Savings Time begins March 12



Helen Dungan

February Meeting: Our program was a discussion on love - God's love for us and our response in loving one another. We heard the story of the four men who brought their paralyzed friend to Jesus; and when the crowds made it impossible for them to get him in the house, lowered him through the roof. Imagine Jesus looking up and seeing four sweaty faces looking back at him through the hole they had cut - waiting for healing for their friend. That is

love.

During our business meeting, we heard the results of our January soup supper and planned our February one. Then we discussed our ongoing decluttering mission. We decided to tackle the church balcony as our next project. As, unlike the kitchen, this is not our bailiwick, we will need advice and help.

March meeting: We will meet on Thursday March 9th at 1:30 in the church. Our first order of business will be distributing the soup proceeds. All are invited to come and offer your advice. Then we will move to the balcony and begin assessing the storage situation there.

Decluttering: We will begin our project by exploring what is in the balcony. The first step is to separate items we question keeping from those we know we need to keep. For the keepers, we'll look at how things are stored. Is there a better way to store it? Is there a better place to store it? Do we need some bins or shelves?

For items we question, the first thing we need to know is whose is it? Is it still being used? If yes, is there a better place or way to store it?

Eventually, we will remove and recycle items we no longer need. We may need help in getting this stuff down from the balconies. This project will take multiple meetings as decluttering the kitchen did. If you would like to help, we would **love** to have you join us.

March Worship Assistants

* Indicates Communion	1* <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	5*	12*	19 *	26 *
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Matthew Mueller	Grace Litzenberger	Hunter Aquino	Nicholas Philipps	Samantha Mueller
Greeter(s)	Miriam Anderson	Miriam Anderson	Sam Rhine Addyson Mammana	Ben T. Naska	Betty Fox
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector		Mark Harwick	Linda Sauter	Scott Gaun	Bonnie dePortillo
Council Communion Assistants	Helen Dungan Cathy Mueller	Helen Dungan Cathy Mueller	Helen Dungan Cathy Mueller	Helen Dungan Cathy Mueller	Helen Dungan Cathy Mueller
Counters	Cheryl Mesko and Barb Naska				
Head Usher	Mark Harwick * denotes Communion will be served.				
Altar Guild	Mark Harwick and Barb Naska				

	March Birthdays		March Anniversaries		March Baptisms
4	Amanda Harrison			1	Mike Rhine, Jenny Moyer
6	Gladys Nicholas (83rd)			4	Norma Rodenbach
7	Kenneth Crouse				
8	Alaina Apgar			8	Karen Bolesta
10	Wayne Mesko			12	Blake Rodd
11	Brittany Froehlich			15	Evelyn Newcomb
15	Samantha Mueller			17	Don Crouse
				23	Rachael Roney
		28	Esther and Bob Crouse (64th)	25	Althea Crouse
				28	Clayton Leichter
				29	Steven Streletz

JANUARY SOUP

January Statistics: We sold 128 quarts of vegetable, 89 quarts of potato, and 8 quarts of low sodium vegetable. We served 42 adults, 2 youth, and 2 children under 6. Our profit was \$1785.40.

Special Thanks: We want to give special thanks to the Crouse farm folks who donated the beef. We did not have a beef roast this year, so we did not have the leftovers for our soup. They very generously supplied that need.

I also want to thank Jack Pyne who created a new job Porter? Hauler? We're still coming up with a title. He carried many jars of soup up the stairs to people's cars. We missed that service in February.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this project:

- **The Kressmans** for ordering all our vegetable and stock supplies and for donating the cabbage and carrots we used.
- **Springtown Meat** for donating the beef bones.
- **Our bakers:** Miriam Anderson, Helen Dungan, Betty Fox, Dot Peterman, Barbara Naska, and Lynn Gaun for their donations of desserts and bread.
- **The Monday night crew:** Miriam Anderson, Helen Dungan, Mark Harwick, Val McGinn, Dot Peterman and Althea Crouse. These folks make the beef broth, peeled onions, washed jars, strained the broth, and pulled the meat off the bones, and washed pots.
- **The chief chefs,** Mark Harwick (vegetable soup) and Nancy Moskella (potato soup).
- **The Wednesday workers** who peeled potatoes and chopped vegetables in the morning, set up and watched over the soup in the afternoon, and jarred, served, washed dishes and pots, and took down the tables and cleaned up in the evening: Miriam Anderson, Joanne Antoni, Serena Ashmore, Althea Crouse, Helen Dungan, Betty Fox, Faye and Tim Gadwell, Lynn and Tom Gaun, Laura Helfrich, Joe Hlavaty, LeeAnn Kressman, Frank and Joan Mammana, Valerie McGinn, Jayne Miller, Barbara and Ben Naska, Gladys Nicholas, Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne-de Portillo, Jack Pyne, Don and Geri Seipt. And a big thanks to our guest workers – Deborah Angstadt, and Lois Miller. **You folks are great!**



Luther 500
A Layman's Guide
to the
Protestant Reformation
or
What I Learned in Lutherland

A SPECIAL REFORMATION 500 EVENT

"Luther 500 - A Layman's Guide to the Protestant Reformation"

- Presented by Steve Seyfried, a playwright and actor, and member of Christ Lutheran, Oreland
- Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 2:00 PM
- Here at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham
- Featuring stories, photos, and historical insights
- Coffee and snacks
- The performance is approximately one hour.

**Annual
Community
Easter Egg Hunt**

Rain or Shine

- Candy - Prizes -



**Saturday,
April 8**

**10:00 AM
SHARP**

**Bring your
own basket**

Our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8th and will begin promptly at 10 AM. We ask that the children bring their own baskets. It will be held rain or shine. Let's hope this nice weather continues!

I am asking the congregation as usual to please check out the Dollar Store for prizes as we like all of the children to go home with a prize. We also ask for donations of small wrapped candy that will fit inside a plastic egg. As in the past our congregation has been very generous and we appreciate all that you do for our children and the children of the community.

If you have a grandchild or family member or even a neighbor who has small children be sure to invite them to come. Hope to see you there!

SPARK Sunday School

The children of Sunday school look forward each month to the arts and crafts session of the SPARKS Sunday school. Because of this, our supplies deplete quickly. If the congregation could help us out it would be greatly appreciated. The following supplies are what we are in need of.

- 6 rolls of scotch tape
- 2 pkgs. of glue sticks
- 6 pkgs. of Crayola Washable markers
- 4 boxes of glue dots (2- ½" and 2- ¼")
- 1 large pkg. 7oz. drinking cups
- 2 medium bottles of Aleene's TACKY GLUE



Thanks! Lynn Gaun



In March we will be seeing the arrival of leprechauns. We will be wearing green and hunting for the elusive leprechaun, hoping to find a pot of gold.

CARE -A-LOT

We will have our vision screened by the Bucks County Association for the Blind and the Visually Impaired. The group's goal is to catch vision issues early in young children. We appreciate their program and donations were made to help defray the cost of the program for the future.

On March 28th, there will be NO regular class as we will be attending the play "Peter Pan" at DeSales University. The children are looking forward to this child-centered presentation.

With the arrival of Spring at the end of the month, we are looking forward to warmer weather and the opportunity to visit the playground again.

Reminder that March is the final month for Giant A+ Rewards.

Registration for 2017-2018 has begun for our Preschool (3-4 year old) and Pre-K (4-5 year old) Classes. Registration forms, Information Booklets and Business Cards are available on the table in the narthex. For additional information and to schedule a visit contact Linda Reinbold at 484-894-0585.

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...



FEBRUARY SOUP

February statistics: The final figures are not yet in, but profits should exceed \$1700. We ran out of broccoli soup. We froze 6 quarts of chicken noodle for church use.

Thank you to all who donated supplies:

- **Thrivent** who through their new action team project gave us a debit card with \$250 to help with expenses. This program is designed to involve Thrivent members as they lead volunteer projects and it paid the majority of our expenses.
- **The Kressmans** for supplying us with the broccoli and carrots, and getting our other produce and chicken at wholesale prices.
- **Dot Peterman** who bought chicken meat for the soup.
- **Diane DeWalt** who donated toward the milk bill.
- **Don Seipt** who donated the butter bill.


Special Thanks: To Diane DeWalt who not only worked in the morning till her father returned home from the nursing home, but brought her pots and carefully wrote up detailed instructions for making the broccoli soup. The fact that she and her sister Nancy Moskella helped with what was going on in their lives is humbling. We also thank Miriam Anderson who took over for Diane making the broccoli soup, and Debbie Angstadt who assisted her. God has richly blessed us with talented hard working folks to carry on this ministry.

Volunteers:

- **The broccoli team: The broccoli team:** Mark Harwick who picked the broccoli from fields at Trauger's Farm in late fall; Althea Crouse, Helen Dungan, Mark Harwick, and Dot Peterman who cleaned, blanched and froze it for our soup.
- **Our bakers:** Miriam Anderson, Althea Crouse, Helen Dungan, Lynn Gaun, Barbara Naska and Dot Peterman for their donations of cakes and bread. Also to Cheryl Mesko who donated a big fruit tray.
- **The Monday crew,** Miriam Anderson, Althea Crouse, Helen Dungan, Mark Harwick and Dot Peterman who cut cooked the chickens, stayed with the cooking broth during the afternoon (and peeled onions), strained the cooked broth, and washed pots and pans and mopped the floor. A special thanks to Leeann Kressman and Bertie Nicholas who came and cut up the chickens (and demonstrated the art to the rest of the crew.)
- **The chief chefs,** Mark Harwick (chicken noodle soup), Diane DeWalt and Miriam Anderson (cream of broccoli soup).
- **The Wednesday workers** who chopped vegetables in the morning, set up and watched over the soup in the afternoon, and jarred, served, washed dishes and pots, and took down the tables and cleaned up in the evening: Miriam Anderson, Joanne Antoni, Althea Crouse, Diane DeWalt, Helen Dungan, Betty Fox, Lynn and Tom Gaun, Mark Harwick, Joe Hlavaty, Joe Mammana, Val McGinn, Barbara and Ben Naska, Gladys Nicholas, Nancy Moskella, Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne-de Portillo, and Don Seipt. And a big thanks to our guest workers – Deborah Angstadt and Lois Miller.

It is the help that everyone gives that makes this possible. THANK YOU!

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>5 First Sunday in Lent 9 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Communion 2 PM Upper Bucks Conference Spring Assembly</p>			<p>1 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 1 and 7:30 PM Communion</p>	<p>2 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>12 Second Sunday in Lent 9 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Holy Communion 5:30 PM Joint Confirmation at Durham DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</p>	<p>6 6:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>7 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>8 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>9 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 1:30 PM WELCA 6:15 Cluster Midweek at TLC</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>19 Third Sunday in Lent 9 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>15 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>16 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:15 Cluster Midweek at St. Luke Ferndale</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18 Pastor's Day Off</p>
<p>26 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9 AM Christian Ed 10:30 AM Holy Communion 2 PM Luther 500 Event here 5:30 PM Joint Confirmation at TLC</p>	<p>20 First Day of Spring</p>	<p>21 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot</p>	<p>22 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>23 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:15 Cluster Midweek at ELC Durham</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Pastor's Day Off</p>
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<p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Pastor - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 10 AM - Noon Secretary - Tuesday and Friday - 2:00 - 6:00 PM</p>			<p>ALTAR GUILD UPDATE Altar Guild duties have changed for March & April: March will be: Mark Harwick & Cheryl Mesko. April will be: Barb Naska & Luke and Beth Snyder.</p>			

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