



***“Christ has Saved Us! We are Made New! ...
Now What Does that Mean?”***

The Easter Season will end on June 4 with the Day of Pentecost. We will have heard on multiple Sundays about how Jesus’ resurrection transformed the lives of men and women and gave impetus to the formation of the Christian church. Easter promises PEACE—FREEDOM FROM FEAR — FORGIVENESS — NEW LIFE — ETERNAL LIFE. That sounds awesome, but now what? What does that mean for you and me, followers of Jesus in 2017, as we struggle to live as Christ has directed us?

Well, that’s what we’re going to focus on this summer and early fall, leading up to October 31, 2017, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. I will be connecting the Sunday scripture readings to many of the reformers’ themes, like grace, righteousness, priesthood of all believers, vocation, and more. I will make a special effort to apply those themes to the struggles **you** face with family, work, stress, and the world today.

Also, materials will be ordered and distributed for young children, older children, youth, and adults which will help to bring the Reformation alive. There will be pop-up and sticker books, comic books, an updated version of Luther’s “Small Catechism” for every family, and more.

I know many of you will be away on vacation and not present every Sunday, but we will try to make every Sunday you are here worthwhile for your faith journey. And don’t forget—we have air-conditioning for the first time, and the ever-popular Lemonade on the Lawn. Summer worship is at 10 AM this summer, beginning on June 11. Christ is risen! And we are being transformed!

In June ...

- **Sunday, June 4**— Pentecost —Confirmation
- **Monday, June 5** - at 7 PM— Church Council
- **Saturday, June 10** - Matthew Crouse Wedding
- **Sunday, June 11** - Summer Worship Schedule Begins— **worship at 10 AM**
- **M-F June 12-16 Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM**
- **Tuesday, June 13 at noon** - WELCA
- **Sunday, June 18**—Church Music Sunday
- **June 27-29** - Bear Creek Day Camp at Trinity Lutheran in Pleasant Valley
- **Friday, June 30** - Iron Pigs

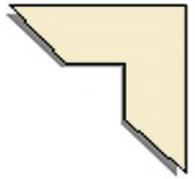
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June 4, 2017—A SPECIAL DAY INDEED!!!

The Day of Pentecost—Festival of the Church and
The Day of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism for
NICHOLAS PHILLIPPS.

Nicholas will help lead worship in some special ways. After worship, a special reception in Nicholas’ honor will be held either downstairs or outside, depending on the weather.

Council Corner *From your Council President ...*

Congregation,

We had a very productive council meeting on May 16th and were fortunate to have Bob Fisher, Assistant to the Bishop for Mission Interpretation/Director of Communication, join us. Bob presented to us the Forward Together in Faith capital campaign, which focuses on helping local congregations adapt to the changing religious times in our region/country. This will occur through four major focus areas of support to congregations and their leaders: Innovation, Networking, Communication, and Equipping. Bishop Burkat has asked that we consider a three year commitment of \$6,000 - \$9,000. The council has accepted this call, and more will be discussed in the coming months during worship.

Additionally, we hope to use some of the assistance from this program to help guide our congregation through the coming years, by better understanding the needs of our congregation and how to best communicate within our congregation, as well as outreach for continued growth. More to come on this as we progress through the summer months.

In Faith,

Mike Rhine

Next Church Council Meeting: Monday, June 5 at 7 PM.

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...



Outreach ~ Helen Dungan

Food ministry: Thanks to all who contributed canned meats for the food banks during May – this is something they can always use.. During the summer, we will be collecting cleaning supplies and personal care items. This at the request of the Upper Bucks food bank; they told me that these are expensive and not covered by food stamps.

Food Baskets: Thanks to all who contributed a food basket on the altar this Lenten / Easter season. On March 26, 2017, a basket was given by Dot Peterman in memory of Ron Peterman, and her parents Ruth and Charles Eliassen. On April 2nd, a basket was given by Barbara and Ben Naska in honor of their new granddaughter, Ella May Michl. On April 9th, a basket was given by Helen Dungan, in memory of her cousin, David Patten. April 30th, a basket was given by Miriam Anderson in memory of Pearl Musser and a basket was given by Ed Xander in memory of Nancy Jean Xander. On May 7th a basket was given by Helen Dungan in honor of Mary Dungan's 101st birthday.

The May meeting of WELCA was rescheduled for Tuesday May 23rd with the program being our continuing attempts to declutter. We want to thank Val and Paul McGinn, Jim Altemose and Dave Sauter for their work in the sheds decluttering project.



Our June meeting is a luncheon at Hellertown Crossroads Hotel (1443 Main St, Hellertown, PA 18055) on Tuesday June 13 at 12. We can carpool from the church at 11:30. We will schedule on-going decluttering sessions through the summer at that meeting.

Helen Dungan

Palisades Cluster News—Helen Dungan

Bear Creek Day Camp: Day Camp will use different format this year, which will hopefully make the camp available to more families. Camp will be held for three days, Tuesday, June 27 through Thursday, June 29, and will run from 8 AM to 5 PM. Each day will have 2 full programs; on the extra “day” they will do something special. They will seek volunteers to open the church at 7:30 and close it at 6:30. The camp is for children who have finished kindergarten through those who have finished fifth grade. Older youth can act as helpers. Cost for each camper is \$75. There will be four counselors. We can have up to 40 campers before requiring an additional counselor. Closing will be Thursday evening. Speak to Pastor Dave if interested.

Baccalaureate: The Palisades High School Baccalaureate will be held on Thursday June 1st at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ferndale. The Cluster is providing refreshments following the service. We are looking for contributions for the refreshments, please speak to Barbara Naska if you can help.

Vacation Bible Schools: Durham is having their VBS from June 12- June 16, 2017. The theme is Trading Places. Trinity will have theirs from July 17 to July 21, 2017.

Shared Ministry: St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ferndale and St Luke's United Church of Christ, Ottsville are working on a shared ministry plan. Paper work is being finalized; then both congregations will have to approve it. Pastor Suzanne Spaulding would pastor both congregations. As we are no longer only Lutheran churches in the cluster, we tentatively decided to just call ourselves the Palisades Cluster of Churches.

June Worship Assistants

	4*	11	18*	25
Youth Acolyte / Communion Assis- tant	Matthew Mueller	Samantha Mueller	TBA	Hunter Aquino
Greeter(s)	Ed Xander	Val McGinn	Althea Crouse	Gladys Nicholas
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Nicholas Phillipps	Cathy Mueller	Tom Gaun	Linda Sauter
Council Communion Assistants	Mark Harwick and Val McGinn		Mark Harwick and Val McGinn	
Counters	Mark Harwick and Val McGinn		* Indicates Communion will be served.	
Head Usher	Althea Crouse			
Altar Guild	Val McGinn and Barb Naska			

	June Birthdays		June Anniversaries		June Baptisms
1	David Pyne			2	Matthew Crouse
2	Emma, Ali, and Charlotte Humphreys			3	Gerry Seipt
3	Evelyn Newcomb	10	Lynn & Tom Gaun	4	Kathy Haney
6	Kerri Rhine	11	Lynn & Tim Lechlitter	11	Betty Kreitz, Chase Aquino
8	Makenzie Naska	12	Kerri & Mike Rhine	17	Sarah Hlavaty
16	Althea Crouse, Lisa Crouse			18	Gary Leidich
20	Leo Fox			21	Bethany Michl, Beth Snyder
				22	Luke Snyder, Scott Lehr
25	Hunter Frey	25	Mary & Don Crouse Donna & David Deal	24	Esther Crouse
29	Ben F. Naska, Izbella Grzymala			27	Donald A. Seipt, Caitlyn Pyne, Max Kempf
				29	Ken Eck, Sarah Antoni

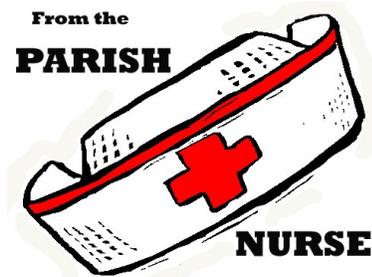


Mary Dungan would like to thank the Congregation for all the birthday cards she received on the occasion of her 101st birthday.

Ann Wong would like to thank the Congregation for all the encouragement, prayers, and cards received on the occasion of her knee surgery.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Underage drinking is a serious health problem in the United States. Alcohol is the most widely used substance of abuse among young people and poses an enormous health and safety risk. The consequences of underage drinking affect everyone regardless of age or drinking status. The effects, such as aggressive behavior, injuries, violence, and death have become a national concern. The NIH states that by age 15, 33% of teens have had a least one drink and by age 18, it was at 60%. Also, in 2015 seven point seven (7.7) million young people, ages 12 – 20, reported drinking beyond just a “few sips” in the past month.



How much is a drink? In the US, a standard drink contains about 14 grams of alcohol. In 12 ounces of beer, there is 5% alcohol. In 5 ounces of wine there is 12% and 40% in 1.5 ounces of whiskey. Binge drinking is also a problem in the 12–20 year old age group. Although girls do binge drink, boys tend to binge more than girls. In the boys’ group binge drinking for 9–13 year olds is 3 drinks, for 14–15 years old it is 4 drinks, and for 16–17 year olds binge drinking is 5 drinks. In the girls group ages 9–17, 3 drinks constitutes binge drinking. As teens get older, they also tend to drink more. It has been reported that more young people use alcohol than cigarettes or marijuana.

The CDC and Prevention Center report alcohol has been a factor in the deaths of more young people under 21 years old every year. Some of these statics are:

- *1,580 vehicular crashes
- *1,269 homicides
- *245 alcohol poisoning
- *492 suicides.

Alcohol use also increases the risk of physical and sexual assault. It also increases alcohol problems later in life, and interferes with brain development. Stress, peer pressure, and easy access to alcohol puts young people at risk for abuse. The CDC and Prevention Center stress intervention by parents, schools, and our legal system. Zero tolerance laws such as adults being responsible for serving minors (Parents Who Host, Lose the Most), supervising their social events, and the schools’ educational programs on alcohol.

~ Mary Hurley, RN (www.niaaa.nih.gov)

Spring Worship Statistics

	Christian Education	Worship
Sunday, April 23	19	75
Sunday, April 30	12	75
Palm Sunday, May 9	26	82
Holy Thursday, May 13		55
Easter Sunday Worship		36 (Sunrise) 100 (Festival)
Sunday, May 7	22	97
Sunday, May 14	22	74

Congratulations to our GRADUATES!



Clayton Leichliter, son of Lynn and Tim Leichliter, will graduate from Palisades High School on June 2. During his senior year, Clayton participated in a co-op program, working with his father. Clayton will work at Leichliter & Son Well and Pump Service as a partner with his father.

Audrey Bolesta, granddaughter of Althea Crouse, will graduate on June 11 from Emmaus High School. In high school, Audrey was a member of the National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, and the FBLA. She also participated in Track and Cross Country and served as youth representative on her Church Council. Audrey will be attending California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, where she will study architecture.

Sharron Streletz, daughter of Dianna and Peter Streletz, graduated on May 25 from Northampton Community College with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Sharron plans to teach full time in the fall.

Laura DeWalt, granddaughter of Esther Crouse, will graduate from the University of Kentucky Medical School with her M.D. Happily for her grandmother, Laura will be doing her residency at Lancaster General.

June Highlights

Summer Worship Schedule begins on Sunday, June 11, the Holy Trinity. Worship will begin at 10 AM this summer, one-half hour later than in previous summers. Remember, we have air-conditioning now!

Lemonade on the Lawn will be held all summer, beginning June 11. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Lemonade on the Lawn hosts bring a cold drink and some light finger food, and we set up a table outside (weather permitting).

Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16, with registration at 5:30 PM on Monday, June 12. Nightly VBS will run 6-8 PM. See details on page 8

Bear Creek Day Camp will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasant Valley for three days from Tuesday, June 27 through Thursday, June 29. These longer hours are to accommodate working parents, Day Camp is for children who have completed kindergarten through those who have completed fifth grade. Call Pastor Deal ASAP if you're interested. More details are on page 9.

Iron Pigs Family Outing will be on Friday, June 30, with a 7:05 game start time. The \$11 ticket price includes \$2 credit for concessions. See Ben Naska for details.

Summer Bible Study will begin on June 11 from 9 AM to 9:45 AM. We will be looking at Bible passages and Reformation themes during this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, trying to update the relevance of those themes for our own day.



Care-A-Lot

As I write this we are getting ready for our Graduation Program. The children will be singing for the families and we'll be presenting a DVD to each family of highlights during the year. We'll be previewing the DVD at Graduation. This year has gone by too quickly. We have had a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter and fun. The children have loved their time with Pastor Dave. He has shared the love of Jesus with them in so many ways. We have made many wonderful memories that will last a lifetime.

I was very proud of the children's singing for Care-A-Lot Sunday. I'd like to thank the members of Durham Church for their generous contributions to the Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund. The contributions have helped a student for this year and the remainder will be placed in the Fund to help anyone in need next year.

As this school year draws to a close, we're looking forward to the 2017-2018 school year. We have 4 returning students and have signed up 2 more. We'll continue to look for additional students during the summer. I'll be at the school working on categorizing our Library and cleaning out the files during the summer. During your summer activities, if you see or know someone who is in need of a terrific preschool, please give them my phone number (484-894-0585) and I'd be happy to meet with them at the school and share information about our program.

Wishing everyone a Fun and Safe Summer!!

Linda Reinbold



Congratulations to Nicholas Phillipps, who will be confirmed on June 4, 2017. Nicholas is the son of Victoria and Adam Phillipps and is a 7th grade student at Plumstead Christian School. He is a straight A student and has earned high honors or honors every quarter since he started at Plumstead in 2nd grade. He is currently completing his 5th straight year of perfect attendance.

Nicholas is a strong athlete who is enjoying his role as a pitcher and second baseman for the school baseball team. He also plays basketball in the winter, and soccer and flag football in the fall. He recently earned the Leadership Award for the school basketball team and the Coach's Award for the baseball team. Nicholas is a member of boy scout Troop 27 in Riegelsville and is working his way to

become an Eagle Scout.

In his free time he loves to play in the yard with his friends or his dog, Buddy. His future plans are to become a commercial airline pilot and fly an Airbus A380, currently the world's largest passenger airplane.

Trading Places

VBS 2017

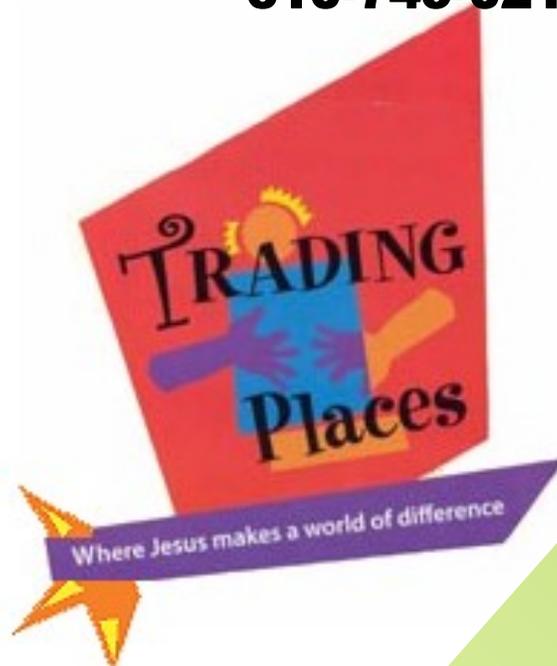
Get your passports and visas ready!
You're in for one great adventure!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16
6:00—8:00 PM

At
Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham
821 Durham Road, Durham

Call Lynn Gaun
for more information -
610-749-0217



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DATE:

Tues, June 27 thru Thurs, June 29

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(extra pickup / dropoff hours by arrangement)

LOCATION:

Trinity Lutheran Church

2170 PA-212, Coopersburg, PA 18036

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June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7 PM Palisades HS Baccalaureate at St. Luke, Ferndale	2 Palisades HS Commencement	3
4 Day of Pentecost 10:30 AM Holy Communion – Rite of Confirmation/ Affirmation of Baptism for Nicholas Phillipps Reception to follow	5 7 PM Church Council	6	7 6:30 PM <i>Choir</i>	8 Wedding Rehearsal	9	10 3 PM Wedding of Matthew Crouse & Danielle Gardner
11 The Holy Trinity – Summer Worship Time 10 AM Worship 11 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	12 VBS Begins 5:30 PM Registration VBS 6-8 PM	13 Noon - WELCA VBS 6-8 PM	14 VBS 6-8 PM	15 VBS 6-8 PM	16 VBS 6-8 PM	17
18 Father's Day – Church Music Sunday 10 AM Communion 11 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10 AM Worship	26	27 Bear Creek Day Camp 8-5 @ TLC	28 Bear Creek Day Camp 8-5 @ TLC	29 Bear Creek Day Camp 8-5 @ TLC	30 Iron Pigs Outing - 7:05 PM	
Church Office Hours		REMEMBER – Summer Worship will be in AIR-CONDITIONED COMFORT!				
Pastor: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 AM – 12 Noon						
Secretary: Tuesday & Friday 4-6 PM, starting June 13						

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