

*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham*

*~The church on the hill, lighting the
way to God's love.~*

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In February ...

Sunday, February 4 - Scout

Sunday, Souper Bowl of
Caring and Church Council

Tuesdays, February 6 & 13 -

Adult Small Group 2-3:30
PM

Friday, February 9- Sunday,

February 11 - Confirmation
Retreat

Monday, February 12 - @

10:30 AM - WELCA

Wednesday, February 14 -

Ash Wednesday, Services at
1:00 and 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 21-

Soup Supper

Thursday, February 22- Mid-

week Lenten Series-Durham

Friday, February 23- Movie

Night -"Moses Prince of
Egypt"

Sunday, February 25- Annual

Congregational Meeting
and Joint Confirmation at TLC

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EVANGEL



February 2018

"From Division to Repentance to Restoration "

The forty days of Lent are about to begin on February 14. Traditionally, Lent has been a time for repentance, self-denial, and preparation for God's great gift of salvation, dispensed from a cross and an empty tomb. This year, I would like to suggest to you a slightly different way to look at this time.

Division! Division - within us, around us, all over the world - keeps us from being the people God created us to be. We are prevented from enjoying the connected, united community God intended for us. Division breaks us apart inside and erects barriers between us and God, and between us and our neighbors.

Where does all this division come from? Our own self-centeredness and self-righteousness, a desire to go it alone, without God, a fear of people and ideas that are different—all these things divide us. The Bible would call all this "sin."

The Lenten Season gives us an opportunity to be open and honest about this division. We will look inside ourselves to confess our personal sin and division. We will look at the national, political, racial, cultural, and religious division in the world that is breaking our hearts. And we begin the saving process of renewal to restore ourselves to God, to one another, and to the world.

Being split, divided, apart doesn't feel good. Being forgiven and reunited brings us great joy. I pray that you as an individual and we as a community of faith will God to "un-divide" us. This is not an easy job. That's why Jesus had to suffer and die on a cross. This is God's will and mission for us.

~Pastor David Deal

*Please Come and Worship and Be Part of Our Lenten Journey
Of REPENTANCE and RESTORATION in 2018*

Ash Wednesday - February 14 (Valentine's Day)

1:00 PM Spoken Service of Communion/Ashes

*7:30 PM Communion with full liturgy of music
along with Imposition of Ashes*

*Lenten Mid-Week Thursday Series—This year's theme for our shared
Thursday evening sessions is "Making Sense of the Cross."*

Council Corner—

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT:



Overall, I felt we had a great 2017 as a congregation, and experienced several milestones. While we saw our overall membership grow, and celebrated the joy of multiple baptisms, we also felt the sadness and loss as several of our beloved members passed away. We celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation throughout the year, and used the occasion to reflect more deeply on our Lutheran heritage.

With the start of the new year, we will be holding our annual congregational meeting on February 25th with March 4th as our snow date. The meeting will be slightly later this year due to Pastor Deal's attendance at a youth retreat, as well as some scheduling conflicts with President's Day weekend. We will use the gathering of members at our annual meeting to complete some of our MAP (Mission Assessment Profile) assessment surveys, for those that are not able to complete them via the internet. As mentioned last year, the MAP assessment will help us to quantify the current state of our congregation and aid us in our long-term planning and growth.

I look forward to a great 2018 in worship and stewardship.

In Faith,
Mike

Our January soup supper was cancelled because of the weather.

Our next SOUP SUPPER IS WEDNESDAY Feb 21th. We will make vegetable beef soup. Our second soup will depend on whether we have a soup supper in March.



There was a busy work crew on Monday, January 15th cooking the beef bones and beef, peeling the onions, and processing more broccoli for our cream of broccoli soup. A big thanks to Trauger's for the broccoli. Thanks to Mark Harwick, Dot Peterman, Miriam and Ken Anderson, Althea Crouse and Val McGinn for their work. On Thursday, a work crew chopped the onions and celery and froze it. Thanks to Val McGinn, Dot Peterman and Mark Harwick. Mark also took all the broth and returnable vegetables to Trauger's. They will keep the broth in their freezer until February.

In February, we will again need lots of help preparing our soups - the Wednesday crew to help prepare the soups, set up & take down, jar and serve. Please mark your calendars and share your time and talents with us.

~ Helen Dungan



Helen Dungan

On **Sunday December 10th**, we hosted our annual Christmas covered dish dinner.

Our January meeting; was cancelled because of the weather. We had a brief meeting after church on January 14th to plan for the January soup supper.

Our **February** meeting is Monday, February 12th at 10:30 AM. Our program will be viewing and discussing the Nooma video *Flame: "What's up with the word love?"* Our business meeting will focus on the February soup supper.

Christmas gifts: Thanks to Lynn Gaun for organizing this and to all who participated. We gave \$100 Giant gift cards to eight families as well as gifts to 10 children. *(See below)*



Helen Dungan

Shut in ministry: We went caroling on Dec. 17th to the shut-in members of our congregation: Leo and Betty Fox, Cleo and Ken Eck, Norma Rodenbach, and Evelyn Newcomb.

Food ministry: Thanks to all who contributed to our collection of soup and other food items for the local food banks.

Souper Bowl of Caring: We will be collecting soup and and/or money for the two food pantries. We will continue to collect soup and crackers through the month of February.

Food baskets: The following altar food baskets were given in the month of December, 2018: On December 17, given in memory of Myron (Pappy) Kressman by his grandsons, Landon, Clayton, Jacob, Joshua, and Jeremy. On the morning of December 24, given in honor of Gerry Seipt's 90th birthday by her family. The Christmas Eve Food Basket was given by Lois and Jim Altemose in memory of loved ones.



Christmas Gift THANK YOU

I personally want to thank everyone who helped to make our "Christmas gift giving" a huge success. Because of our congregation's generous and heartfelt giving we were able to make the holidays brighter for eight needy families in our surrounding areas. We gave each family \$100 worth of food gift cards and a small fruit gift basket. With your generosity we were also able to give 10 children gifts valued at \$25 each. I am sure it made their Christmas better. This mission proved that we are a church with a big heart!

I also want to thank the people in our congregation who helped me deliver these gifts. I am sure that they experienced the same kind of gratitude from these families as I did. As a congregation we were doing the work that God asks us to do, to bring hope to those less fortunate. Thank you all for a job well done!

May you and your families be blessed in this New Year. Love Always, Lynn Gaun

February Worship Assistants

	4	11	14 * Ash Wednesday	18 *	25 *
Youth Acolyte/ Communion Assistant	Nicholas Philipps	Matthew Mueller	Conner Aquino	Samantha Mueller	Hunter Aquino
Greeter(s)	Mark Harwick	Lee Ann Kressman & Grandsons		Ed Xander	Bea Von Watzdorf & Leo
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Naska Family	Beth Snyder		TBA	TBA
Council Communion Assistants			Val McGinn Cathy Mueller	Val McGinn Cathy Mueller	Val McGinn Cathy Mueller
Counters	Val McGinn Cathy Mueller				
Head Usher	Robert Fox * Indicates Communion will be served.				
Altar Guild	Beth & Luke Snyder, Bea Von Watzdorf				

	February Birthdays		February Anniversaries		February Baptisms
2	Amanda Frey				
3	Sam Rhine			3	Dale Leidich
5	Laura Helfrich			4	Laura DeWalt
7	Dianna Streletz			5	Mike Rhine
8	Diane DeWalt			9	Andrea Fox; Serena Ashmore
10	Wayne Mesko			12	Haley Rodd
12	Steven Streletz	15	Betty & George Kreitz (60)	19	Kathleen Miller
13	Miriam Anderson			22	Benjamin Williams
15	Norma Fox (87) Norma Rodenbach (85)	21		26	Tom Gaun, Doug Litzenberger
16	Kathy Haney	23	Victoria & Adam Phillipps (16)	28	Nicole Crouse
17	Betty Kreitz (79)				
20	Esther Crouse (84)				
21	Caitlin Pyne				
24	Frank Moskella				
27	Tanya Naska				
28	Grace Litzenberger, Rowan Froehlich				



February is a month for “Loving One Another”—our Christian theme for this month. We share our love every day by caring and sharing with our friends, parents and teachers. We’ll be learning about how to write and send a letter by using our Valentine cards as letters and mailing them to our classmates in our special school mailbox. We’ll also have a party on Valentine’s Day.

We’ll start out our month with learning the legend of Punxatawny Phil and checking to see if he sees his shadow. Miss Becky, from Riegelsville Library, will be visiting us on February 15th and sharing stories and a book with each child to keep for the month. We’ll learn about Chinese New Year and their celebrations. We’re planning a Field Trip on February 21st with information forthcoming. We’ll end our month with a Red/White/Blue Parade and song fest to celebrate President’s Day. Parents and family with view our parade. As you can see this is a busy month. The School Board and School will be having a “BAKE SALE” fundraiser on Friday, February 23rd at Riegelsville Fire House’s Fish Dinner. We’ll have delicious “goodies” for sale and information about the school and an on-going video presentation. Come and have a great meal and purchase some baked goods to help the school.

Care-A-Lot registration for the 2018-2019 School Year begins this month. The School Board and Church Council have approved several changes for next year. 1) Both the Preschool and the Pre-K Class will meet from 9:00-12 noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This will cause less disruption during the day and if parents have a child in both classes, it will be easier for pick-up. Tuition for both classes for next year will be \$175 per month.

2) Starting in the 2018-2019 School Year, Care-A-Lot will no longer be closed if Palisades School District has a two-hour delay. On those days, Care-A-Lot will have class from 10-12 noon. This new policy will result in fewer “Closed” days.

Registration Forms for 2018-2019 will be available on the table in the narthex. If you know anyone who has a child from 3 years to 5 years, please have them call me at 484-894-0585 and plan a visit to the school. They can view the school activities and children in the daily program. Thank you for helping Care-A-Lot to grow.

*“Sharing Love With Everyone, Not Only In
February, But Throughout The Year”*

~ Linda Reinbold

- ♦ The Pastor and Staff of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham would like to thank the Congregation for your generous gift at Christmas. We are all blessed to be part of such a caring church family. ~ Pastor Dave, Carolyn, Ann, and Dianna
- ♦ Gerry Seipt wishes to thank the Durham congregation for the recent card shower on her 90th birthday. the response was heart-warming. She has been blessed by God with 90 wonderful years, a loving family, and army of friends. God is good. Thanks!

~Gerry Seipt :-)



ALTAR GUILD

Our next Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for March 11 immediately following worship. Thank you to Bea von Watzdorf, who will be serving on Altar Guild be assigned to the months of February and September which were the two months that our dear Betty was scheduled.



-Barbara Naska



Don't forget to bring cans of soup throughout February in celebration of the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 4.

Highlights in February

- **Sunday, February 4 - Souper Bowl of Caring & Scout Sunday**

Bring soup and other canned food to the service. Boy and Girl Scouts and leaders will be present to celebrate the special vocation of service scouting offers to children and youth. Also, Girl Scout Cookies will be available for purchase after the service.

- **Friday, February 9- Sunday, February 11 - Crossroads Camp Retreat**

Pastor Deal will accompany our Confirmation youth.

- **February 14 - 2018 Season of Lent begins, Ash Wednesday,**

Services at 1 & 7:30 PM.



- **Wednesday, February 21 - Soup Supper - 4:00 - 6:30 PM**

Soups: Cream of Broccoli and Chicken Noodle. Eat-in or Take out - Special prices for families!

- **Thursday, February 22 - "Making Sense of the Cross" Lenten Mid Week Worship, here at Evangelical Lutheran.**

- **Friday, February 23 at 4 PM - Bake Sale at the Riegelsville Fire House to benefit Care-A-Lot Preschool.**

- **Sunday, February 25 - Annual Congregational Meeting after worship**

OPIOIDS

We've all been reading or hearing about the Opioid crisis exploding throughout our country. For each of us, the consumer, the patient, or the caregiver, it is important that we know how to use medications safely. Prescription pain relievers (narcotics / opioids), antidepressants, and stimulants are safe and effective when used correctly for specific medical conditions and under a healthcare provider's supervision. But when they are not used correctly, they can cause serious side effects and can lead to abuse, addiction, and even death.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse states "misuse of prescription drugs means taking a medication in a manner or a dose other than prescribed, even if for a legitimate medical complaint such as pain or to induce euphoria (to get high)." The three classes of medications most commonly misused are: 1. Opioids – used to treat pain 2. Central Nervous System (CNS) medications: antidepressants, sedation/ tranquilizers for anxiety and sleep disorders , and 3. Stimulants – used to treat Attention Deficit Disorders.

The safety of using these medications with other substances needs to be monitored for side effects. Misuse of prescription drugs affect many, but certain populations such as youth, older adults, and women seem to be at a particular risk. Pregnant women taking these drugs increase the baby's risk of developing birth defects or a dependence on the drugs. Healthcare providers, pharmacists, and patients all can play a role in identifying and preventing misuse of prescription drugs.

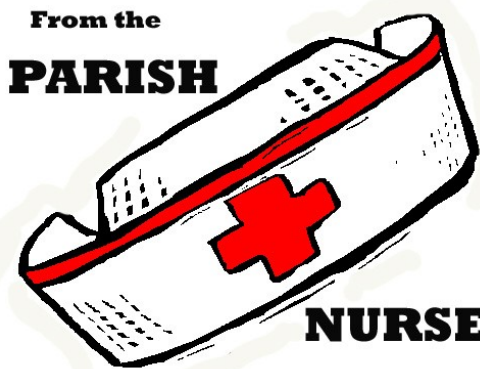
Researchers are exploring alternative treatment approaches to conditions such as pain management, anxiety, and sleep disorders. We, the consumer, have to be knowledgeable of drug interactions, side effects, and possibilities for misuse. Websites such as: Partnership for Drug Free Kids and www.drugabuse.gov are excellent resources.

God Bless You, Mary Hurley, RN

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From the
PARISH



NURSE



Help Wanted!

Volunteer(s) are needed to conduct annual review/audit of financial records for the church. Will take 2-4 hours. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, contact Ken Anderson, Financial Secretary for more details (financialsecretary@durhamlutheran.org) .

Bake Sale

for

CARE-A-Lot Preschool

Friday, February 23 at 4:00 PM

at the

Riegelsville Fire House



PRAYER



RED CROSS



BLOOD DRIVE

February 21, 2018 | 02:00 PM- 07:00 PM

Prosperity Lodge 567 F&AM

520 Easton Road

Riegelsville, PA 18077

You can register at 1-800-redcross

Or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter zip code 18077

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

SPECIAL MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday, February 23, 2018 at 6:30 PM

"MOSES - Prince of Egypt"

Popcorn and drinks will be available.

All ages are invited!

Our Spark Sunday School has been studying parts of the Moses story from their Bibles. This fabulous animated movie helps put it all together.

Kids, Parents, and other interested adults are all invited to come!



Palisades Cluster
MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES

Making Sense *of* the Cross

by David Lose

Thursdays Evenings during Lent

February 22 and March 1, 8, 15, and 22 -- 6:30-8:00 PM

Beginning with a light supper at 6:30 PM

Program to begin between 7:00 and 7:15 PM

"Making Sense of the Cross" invites us to 'listen in' on an open conversation about the cross. As we view some brief DV snippets each week, we will be encouraged to think about and experience the cross and its meaning for our lives. The cross may challenge us, present difficult questions for us, change some of the pre-conceptions of our faith.

But hopefully, in the end, you will be able to find words of grace and renewal in response to what Jesus did on the cross.

Host Churches

February 22 - Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

March 1 - Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley

March 8 - St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ferndale

March 15 - Christ Lutheran Church, Springtown

March 22 - St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Riegelsville

Chapter 1: A Man Hanging on a Tree

Chapter 2: Portraits and Perspectives

Chapter 3: Ransom and Victory


Chapter 4: Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice

Chapter 5: Example and Encouragement

Chapter 6: Event and Experience



February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	2	3 Pastor's Day Off
						
4 Souper Bowl of Caring - Scout Sunday 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship Noon – Church Council Meeting Bring Soup and \$\$\$ for the Hungry!	5	6 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 2-3:30 PM Small Group	7 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir	8 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	9 <i>Confirmation Retreat</i>	10
11 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship – Guest Preacher – Rev. Susan Sohnin <i>Confirmation Retreat</i>	12 10:30 AM - WELCA	13 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 2-3:30 PM Small Group	14 Ash Wednesday <i>Valentine's Day</i> Worship at 1 PM and 7:30 PM ♥ LENT BEGINS	15 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	16	17 Pastor's Day Off
18 First Sunday in Lent 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship	19 President's Day	20 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	21 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 4-6:30 Soup Supper 6:30 PM Choir	22 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Series at Durham	23 MOVIE NIGHT 6:30 PM "Moses Prince of Egypt"	24 Pastor's Day Off
25 Second Sunday in Lent 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship Annual Congregation Meeting 5:30 PM Confirmation at Trinity	26	27 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	28 9 AM–12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6:30 PM Choir			
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Pastor: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 AM - 12 PM Secretary: Tuesdays and Fridays 2 PM - 6 PM						

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