

In May...

- **Sunday, May 6** - Care-A-Lot Sunday
- **Friday -Saturday, May 5 & 6** - SEPA Annual Assembly
- **Saturday, May 12** 9 AM - Noon- Confirmation Event at TLC, Pleasant Valley
- **Monday, May 14** at 10:30 WELCA
- **Sunday, May 20** Pentecost - Confirmation - Last Day of Sunday School
- **Thursday, May 24**- Care-A-Lot Graduation
- **Sunday, May 27** - Memorial Day Ceremonies

Coming in June

- **Sunday, June 3** - 9:15 AM Special Tea/Brunch
- **Sunday, June 10** - Church Music Sunday
- **Sunday, June 17** - Summer schedule begins-worship at 10 AM

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"Living Our Baptism"

OK, Christ died on the cross. Christ is arisen! Alleluia! Now what? God has given Christ to save us from the devil, our sin, all evil, and death. We are promised new life. But what does that life look like?

Let's look at the First Reading for the Day of Pentecost, May 20th this year, "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly ... (wind, divided tongues as of fire, praise in different languages ... all heaven breaks out). And everyone was speaking in their own language about God's deeds of power ... All were filled with the Holy Spirit..."

This is the beginning of what new life looks like. Jesus' disciples, all God's people, declare the Good News of the power of God is words and actions. Acts 2 continues, "... everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Two thousand years after Jesus first came, this is what our life as his disciples looks like. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out God's saving mission through all the world. We have been baptized into Christ. Now it's time to live our Baptism, strengthened by God's Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we're just not sure how to do that. We are timid about what to say, how to approach people who do not know Jesus. 21st century Christians, especially in the Western world, are really struggling with this. We see evidence of our struggles in the decline of membership and attendance in many congregations, including our own. So, where's the magic bullet that can show as how to be more effective? I don't know where that magic bullet is. But this I do know.

On Sunday, May 20, the day of Pentecost in 2018, we will hear powerful words directed to the church. We will confirm two wonderful young people. And we will declare what our words and actions could be. In the Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation rite, disciples are called to:

- *Live among God's faithful people;*
- *Hear the word of God and share in the Lords' Supper;*
- *Proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;*
- *Serve all people, following the example of Jesus;*
- *Strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Amen.*

This is our guide. This is our mission post-Easter. Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit to awaken in your people today these gifts of discipleship.

~ **Pastor David Deal**

Be here on the Day of Pentecost, May 20, at 10:30 to receive God's blessing and power and support our two confirmands, Conner Aquino and Grace Litzenberger. And don't forget, when it finally warms up, we can worship in the sanctuary in air-conditioned comfort!

MAY HIGHLIGHTS



May 4-5 SEPA Synod Annual Assembly at Franconia Mennonite Church, with the election of a new Synod Bishop.

Sunday, May 6 Care-A-Lot Sunday - Our Care-A-Lot kids, parents, and teachers will join us at 10:30 AM for singing, excitement, and worship as we celebrate our God and God's ministry in our Preschool. This service is especially designed for children of all ages! There will be a time of refreshment/fellowship after the service.

Sunday, May 13 Seventh and Last Sunday of Easter Season, Mother's Day - at 10:30 AM we will celebrate the Risen Lord. Join him at the Communion Table and celebrate his Ascension.

Sunday, May 20 Day of Pentecost (50 days after Easter)
9 AM - Spark Sunday School celebration at the close of this school year
10:30 AM - Holy Communion and Rite of Confirmation for Conner Aquino and Grace Litzenberger. Special music, readings, and a reception after the service. **RED** will be everywhere - wear **red** if you can!

Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 PM - Care-A-Lot Graduation!

Sunday, May 27th The Holy Trinity - Memorial Day Weekend - NO Sunday School
10:30 AM - Worship
11:30 AM - Lemonade on the Lawn
Noon - Ceremony in Durham Cemetery honoring those who have died and served our country.
6:00 PM - Program honoring fallen heroes and living veterans at the Williams Township Municipal Campus at 655 Cider Press Rd.

Coming up in JUNE ...

- **Sunday, June 3** at 9:15 AM Special Tea/Brunch for mothers, fathers, and families downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, followed by worship at 10:30.
- **Sunday, June 10** - Church Music Sunday
- **Sunday, June 17** - Father's Day - **Summer schedule begins - worship at 10 AM**
- **June 24-28** - Vacation Bible School - "Pandamania" - for ages three and above. See registration form on page 6. St. Peter's, Riegelsville will join us this year.



Outreach

Helen Dungan

Food ministry: Thanks to everyone who donated food in April. As May is when we remember our mothers, we will collect women's personal care items. (We will do the men in June.)

Food baskets: On April 29th Ed Xander donated a food basket in memory of his wife Nancy Jean on the 8th anniversary of her death.

Our April meeting was the Upper Bucks Women of the ELCA's Spring Gathering. The topic was human trafficking; both sexual and domestic. The speaker, Karen Kutzner, is program director from The Well, an organization that works with local women who have affected by sex trafficking. In her remarks, she talked about where kids were accosted - the mall and social media for example; and the need to educate them as to what to look out for. This is something parents also need to be conscious of. It was a troubling and informative session.



Helen Dungan

May meeting is Monday May 14th at 10:30 in the church fellowship hall. As many of our group did not attend the April Gathering, we are going to summarize some of what we learned. If there is interest, we may go to Worthwhile Wear's thrift shop which supports this ministry to those affected by human trafficking. The main order of business is giving away our soup profits.

Biennial Convention of Southeastern PA WELCA will be held Saturday June 2, 2018 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 46 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, Pa. Registration is at 9:00 am. The theme is Marys and Marthas – celebrating the diversity of our spiritual gifts. Registration fee: \$25.00, includes lunch.



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod 31st Annual Assembly May 4-5 2018 at Franconia Mennonite Church "COME, HOLY SPIRIT"

Pray for Pastor Deal, Mark Harwick, and Beth Snyder, along with hundreds of other voting members of synod congregations as we elect a new bishop and conduct other important business of the church.

May Worship Assistants

* Indicates Communion	6	13 *	20 *	27
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Grace Litzenberger	Matthew Mueller	Hunter Aquino	Nicholas Phillipps
Greeter(s)	Althea Crouse	Ed Xander	The Aquino Family	Luke Snyder
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Care-A-Lot Preschool	Kerri Rhine	Special Readings	Beth Snyder
Council Communion Assistants		Serena Ashmore, Cathy Mueller	Serena Ashmore and George Kreitz	
Counters	Serena Ashmore Cathy Mueller	Serena Ashmore Cathy Mueller	Serena Ashmore George Kreitz	Scott Gaun Mark Harwick
Head Usher	Lois and Jim Altemose			
Altar Guild	Cheryl Mesko , Beth and Luke Snyder			

	May Birthdays		May Anniversaries		May Baptisms
1	Tim Leichliter				
2	Frank Erceg			3	Kelvin DeWalt
4	Sara Aquino	7	LeeAnn & Myron Kressman (39th)		
5	Hunter Aquino	9	Barb & Ben Naska (46th)	8	Leo Fox, Sr.
				9	Bryant Hlavaty, Donald V. Seipt
13	Chris Mueller			10	Patricia Zion
14	Luke Snyder				
15	Beth Snyder			12	Jack Pyne
21	Joe Aquino			13	Katie Aquino
23	Bethany Michl	25	Sara & Joe Aquino	18	Frank Erceg
24	Brian Ashmore, Sr.	26	Kristy Lee and Dane Reiman (6th)	21	Jim Altemose
25	Joel Roney	27	Maggie Fischer & Bob Starling (40th)	22	Dianna Streletz

CARE-A-LOT NEWS



Care-A-Lot

May marks the end of another school year at Care-A-Lot. We have a very full calendar of activities planned for this month.

Starting off the month will be Care-A-Lot Sunday on Sunday, May 6th. The children will be singing several songs and participating in the Children's Service. The church will continue their annual tradition of accepting

donations to the Care-A-Lot "Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund".

Other activities scheduled for this month include "Crazy Hat Day", "Favorite T-Shirt Day" and Vision Screening from the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. We have a special "Thank-You" planned for Miss Becky from the Riegelsville Library.

We'll end our year with a Graduation Ceremony in the Church Sanctuary at 6:30pm on May 24th. The children will be singing some of their favorite songs and viewing a DVD of the year's activities. We'll then go downstairs for refreshments. Our last day of school will be Wednesday, May 23rd.

We're looking for additional students for next year and would appreciate you sharing our information with anyone who is looking for a great preschool. I would be happy to speak with them about our program and schedule a visit. I can be reached at 484-894-0585. Thank you for your help.

~Linda Reinbold

From the Church Office

After this month's newsletter (May 2018) we will be trying something a little bit different. We will send a newsletter out every TWO months, instead of every month as we've done most often in the past. This will conserve paper, as well as the time of our volunteers. You can expect to receive a newsletter in your e-mail, in the snail mail, or at church for these months:

June/July

August/September

October/November

December/January

February/March

As usual, all the important news and events will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. We will also do a weekly e-mail with reminders of upcoming events. For those who want to submit something for the newsletter, **the deadline is the 15th of the month BEFORE the newsletter comes out.** If you have questions or suggestions, please email or call the Church Office. Thank you!

~Ann



VBS PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

Sunday, June 24- Thursday, June 28

6:30-8:30 PM each evening

(REGISTRATION: Sunday, June 24 from 6:00 - 6:20 pm)

~ one per child ~

Child's Name: _____ Girl / Boy (circle one)

Child's Age: ____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Last School Grade completed: _____

Names of parent(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Parent/Caregiver Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to Child: _____


Allergies, other Medical conditions, other special needs:

Home Church: _____ (if any)

I give my permission for my child to take part in VBS, which is conducted by Evangelical Lutheran Church through their employees and volunteers acting on their behalf.

PANDA MANIA
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May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	2 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	3 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	4 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">SEPA Synod Annual Assembly</div>	5
6 Sixth Sunday of Easter CARE-A-LOT SUNDAY 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Worship, Fellowship, and Refreshments	7	8 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	9 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	10 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	11	12 9 AM - Noon Upper Bucks Confirmation Event @ TLC
13 Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 9 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Holy Communion - Celebrating Ascension	14 10:30 AM WELCA	15 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	16 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	17 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	18	19 Pastor's Day OFF
20 Day of Pentecost 9 AM Christian Education - Spark Sunday School Celebration 10:30 AM Holy Communion - Rite of Confirmation - Fellowship afterwards	21	22 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	23 9 AM– 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Last Regular day of Preschool	24 6:30 PM Care-A-Lot Graduation	25	26 Pastor's Day OFF
27 Trinity Sunday NO Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Memorial Day Ceremony at Durham Cemetery after worship 6 PM Williams Township Memorial Ceremony	28 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 	29	30	31		

MEMORIAL DAY
Remember those who served

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