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This Summer ...

JUNE:

- June 3 - Congregational Brunch
- June 10 - Church Music Sunday
- June 11 - WELCA
- June 17 - Summer Worship Schedule begins - 10 AM
- June 24-28 - VBS
- June 27-July 1 - National Youth Gathering

July:

- July 20-21 Rehearsal & Wedding

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NOTE: From now on, the Evangel newsletter will be published every 2 MONTHS, instead of every month. Important info will be emailed or in the Sunday bulletin.

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**June - July
2018**

"Sent Out with Power to ????"

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ has ascended! Christ's followers have received power from on high. We have received power to participate in God's saving work on the world. But what does that work look like?

The call - the command from Jesus to all of us is clear: You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised ... Then Jesus blessed them" (Jesus said this at the time of his Ascension, Luke 24:48-50.)

Now that Jesus has redeemed the world and us by his death and resurrection, now that he has graced us with the presence and power of his Holy Spirit, he is commissioning us to go - preach - baptize - forgive - serve - in his holy name. Jesus' call is clear. Yet, since the first century into the 21st century, the practical ways of obeying our Lord have been confusing and difficult.

We doubt our gifts and abilities to be disciples. We are overwhelmed by all of the priorities of our daily lives. And we are afraid because of the seeming lack of reception by the world for the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The Easter Season and Day of Pentecost are now past. It is the Season of Pentecost - the Season of the Church - the Season of Christian mission. And yet, we falter. We are not always faithful. Much of the time, the life of the Church looks like a tiny speck on the world's wide lens. Do we give up: Do we close in on ourselves inside our safe church buildings? Or do we dare to be the "witnesses" Jesus believes we can be?

I invite you to join me every Sunday morning from now into the fall, as we listen to what Jesus has said, and watch what our lord has done; especially how he related to people like us, so that we can gain some very valuable insight into how we can be faithful. At every summer worship service, I will offer all of us a "Mission Moment" - a very specific way we can reach out to people who may not know Jesus or don't know him very well. Together, we can strengthen each other, always in the presence of Jesus, always guided and encouraged by his Holy Spirit. So, come when you can this summer. Come and be strengthened to _____ !!!

~ Pastor David Deal

SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 17!

Worship will begin at 10:00 AM instead of 10:30. We have air conditioning. And we will offer Lemonade on the Lawn each week for fellowship immediately after worship.



Helen Dungan

Our May meeting was held Saturday morning May 19th. Our main order of business was dividing the proceeds from our soup suppers. The report is below. We also discussed branching out to causes beyond hunger as recipients for our donations; but we decided to continue to make hunger our focus.

We had a brief discussion about Worthwhile Wear, the local organization which is dealing with human trafficking in our county and around the world. We decided to make this the topic of our September meeting, and try to go to their Thrift Store in Pipersville – perhaps volunteer there.

We then discussed what topics we wanted as programs for our meetings, the frequency of meetings, and the potential for other service projects for the women of our congregation. We would like your feedback on this. One suggestion was meeting every other month and using mail, e- and snail, to keep in touch between meetings. There is a brief questionnaire at the end of this article which we would like you to fill out.

We decided to have our traditional luncheon at the Olive Garden on Monday June 11th – for those who wish to carpool, we will meet at the church at 12:30. For those who wish to go directly to Olive Garden, be there by 1:00. The Olive Garden is off route 248 in Easton; address is 50 Kunkle Dr, Easton, PA 18045.

Soup Report

We thank everyone who helped with the soup suppers. Because of the weather, we did not sell as much soup as usual, but we had many generous donations and we decided to up the money to be donated to \$3600. This was divided as follows:

- ProJeCt food bank -- \$1000
- Lord’s Pantry food bank -- \$1000
- World Hunger -- \$1000
- Riegelsville Meals on Wheels -- \$300
- Northampton County Meals on Wheels -- \$300



Memorial gifts to the church in memory of William H. Seifert in the amount of \$250 were received from :
Tom and Helen Seifert
Deborah and Ernie Angstadt
Gladys Nicholas

PRAYER Please lift up in prayer the following:



ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING June 27-July 1 in Houston, TX

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

This summer, Matthew Mueller will join members of his team from Trinity Lutheran in Pleasant Valley at the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston. Through this experience, the hope is that all involved will grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Please pray for Matthew and our TLC friends as they embark on this exciting venture.

The theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, “This Changes Everything” is based on Ephesians 2:8 “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” With the gift of grace, undeserved and freely given, comes the idea that we are a church where *all* are imperfect and incomplete, yet we each belong in – and have an important place in – God’s masterpiece. The cross at the center of our logo is the focus – it is God’s grace, through Christ’s life, death and resurrection, that changes everything for all people.





Care-A-Lot News

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. Your contributions will help needy students attend Care-A-Lot next year.

As this school year draws to a close, we're looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year. We currently have 4 students already signed up for next year and 2 more who we are waiting for their registration to be sent in. We'll continue to look for additional students during the summer. We need at least 7 students to make our budget. I'll be at the school working over the summer organizing our game shelves and giving tours of the school to interested families. 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.

For the past two summers, the members of Durham have been very generous in purchasing items needed from our "Supply Wish List". I will be putting out a new list in the narthex, for this school year, by the end of July. There will also be a plastic tote in the narthex to place your donated items. Many thanks to those who will be donating items.

Wishing everyone a Fun and Safe Summer!!

~Linda Reinbold



Please keep us in mind this summer as your family travels on vacation. The church's expenses continue throughout the whole year. So if you can't be with us in person, please consider mailing your offering envelope in to church.

*You can't spell Sunday with U.
You can't spell Church without U.
You can't spell Budget without U.
You can't spell Success without U.
The church needs U!!!*

Food ministry: Thanks to everyone who donated women's personal care items and food in May. **We will collect men's personal care items in June, to commemorate Father's Day; and children's items in July and August.**



Food baskets: On May 6th, Helen Dungan donated a food basket in remembrance of her mother Mary Dungan's 101st birthday. On May 20th, Lois and Jim Altemose donated a food basket in honor of Bob Litzenberger, and Faye and Tim Gadwell donated a food basket in honor of Grace Helen's confirmation.

HIGHLIGHTS for June and July

Sunday, June 3 at 9:15 AM - Congregational Brunch for mothers/fathers/kids/everyone! Downstairs in the Fellowship Hall before worship.

Thursday, June 7 at 7 PM - Palisades HS Baccalaureate Service at St. Luke, Ferndale. Reception to follow.

Monday, June 11 - WELCA lunch at Olive Garden - carpool from church 12:30, eat at 1:00 PM

Sunday, June 17 - Summer worship schedule begins. Worship starts at 10 AM instead of 10:30. Remember, we have Air Conditioning!

Sunday, June 17 - Bake Sale at Riegelsville Fire House to support the Annual Community Dinner, which is held on the first Saturday in December. This will be the only Bake Sale this year. If you can, please provide a baked good for this sale. Please take your donation to the Riegelsville Fire House between 7 and 8:30 AM. If you need someone to take your donation over for you, or if you have any questions, please contact Lois Altemose or Joe Hlavaty.

Saturday, July 21 at 3 PM - Wedding of Laura Ballek (Helen Ballek's granddaughter) and Evan Cole.

Sunday, June 24 - Thursday, June 28 - Pandamania VBS - see flyer on page 5 for more info.

Wednesday, June 27 - Sunday, July 1 - ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston - "This Changes Everything." See page 9 for more info.

Every Sunday in June and July

- Lemonade on the Lawn after worship - please sign up on the sheet in the narthex
- Adult Small Group for summer - after Lemonade on the Lawn. (Possibly mid-week as well.)

Saturday, August 4 - Red Cross Nancy Fox Memorial Blood Drive at the Springtown Rod and Gun Club. More details to come.



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.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Please return by June 3!



CELEBRATIONS

	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 Lechliter	11	Betty Kreitz, Chase Aquino
8	Makenzie Naska	12	Kerri & Mike Rhine	17	Sarah Hlavaty
16	Althea Crouse, Lisa Crouse				
18	Gary Leidich			21	Bethany Michl, Beth Snyder
20	Leo Fox			22	Luke Snyder, Scott Lehr
25	Hunter Frey	25	Mary & Don Crouse Donna & David Deal	24	Esther Crouse
27	Barbara Altemus, Dane Reiman			27	Donald A. Seipt, Caitlyn
29	Ben F. Naska, Izbella Grzymala			29	Ken Eck, Sarah Antoni
	July Birthdays		July Wedding Anniversaries		Baptismal Anniversaries
3	Linda Sauter, Brandon Rodd			1	Gladys Nicholas
4	Becca Anderson			2	Alyse Mesko
8	Helen Ballek				
11	Donna Deal, Sarah Deal	6	Virginia & Ken Hager		
12	Dave Helfrich			7	Norma Fox
16	Jim Humphreys, Kristy-Lee Reiman	20	Beth & Luke Snyder		
23	Jocelyn Frey	21	Serena & Brian Ashmore		
30	Corinne Ashmore, Mary Erceg	22	Cleo & Ken Eck	21	Dawn Durns, Ben T. Nas-ka
31	Adam Phillipps	28	Karen & Jim Beerer	23	Ryan Fox

June Worship Assistants

	3 *	10	17 *	24
Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Matthew Mueller	Samantha Mueller	Conner Aquino	Hunter Aquino
Greeter(s)	Serena Ashmore	Linda Sauter	Ben Naska	Beatrix Von Watzdorf and Leo
Lay Worship Assistant/Lector	Barb Naska	Linda Sauter	Tom Gaun	Bonnie Pyne de Portillo
Council Communion	Serena Ashmore & Mark Harwick		Serena Ashmore & Mark Harwick	
Counters	Serena Ashmore and Mark Harwick			
Head Usher	Ben T. Naska			
Altar Guild	Nancy Moskella and Barb Naska			

* indicates that Communion will be served.

July Worship Assistants

	1 *	8	15 *	22	29
Youth Acolyte / Communion Assistant	Grace Litzenberger	Nicholas Philipps	Matthew Mueller	Samantha Mueller	Conner Aquino
Greeter(s)	Linda & David Sauter	Jayne Miller	Gladys Nicholas	Cheryl Mesko	Barb & Ben Naska
Lay Worship Assistant/Lector	Val McGinn	Scott Gaun	Ken Anderson	Carolyn Williams	Joe Hlavaty
Council Communion	Mark Harwick and Kathy Hlavaty		Mark Harwick and Kathy Hlavaty		
Counters	Mark Harwick and Kathy Hlavaty				
Head Usher	Tom Gaun				
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson and Dot Peterman				

June 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Pastor's Day Off
3 Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 AM Congregational Brunch 10:00 AM Communion Lemonade on the Lawn Church Council	4	5	6 2:00 PM Adult Small Group 6:30 PM Choir	7 7 PM Palisades HS Baccalaureate Service at St. Luke, Ferndale	8	9 Pastor's Day Off
10 Church Music Sunday 10:30 AM - Worship with Special Music Lemonade on the Lawn	11 WELCA Olive Garden Lunch Carpool @ 12:30 Lunch at 1 PM	12	13 2:00 PM Adult Small Group	14	15	16 Pastor's Day Off
17 Father's Day Summer Worship Schedule begins!!! 10 AM - Holy Communion Lemonade on the Lawn 11:30 AM Adult Small Group	18	19	20 2:00 PM Adult Small Group	21	22	23 Pastor's Day Off
24 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10 AM - Holy Communion Lemonade on the Lawn 11:30 AM Adult Small Group 6 PM Registration Pandamania VBS 6:30-8:30 Pandamania VBS	25 6:30 - 8:30 PM VBS	26 6:30 - 8:30 PM VBS	27 6:30 - 8:30 PM VBS	28 6:30 - 8:30 PM VBS	29	30
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Every Sunday in July - 10 AM Worship/Communion, followed by Lemonade on the Lawn, and Adult Small Group at 11:30. July 20 - Wedding Rehearsal and July 21 at 3 PM - Wedding of Laura Ballek and Evan Cole. Coming on August 4 - Special Red Cross Blood Drive in memory of Nancy Fox.						
July 1						
HOUSTON Houston!						