

## In April

- **Thursday, April 4** -  
Midweek Lenten Sup -  
per & Worship at Ferndale
- **Sunday, April 7** -  
Confirmation at Trinity
- **Thursday, April 11** - Last  
Lenten Midweek at Trinity
- **Saturday, April 13** - Easter  
Egg Hunt @ 10 AM sharp
- **Sunday, April 14** -  
Palm Sunday
- **Sunday, April 21** - Easter  
6:30 AM Sunrise, 7:30  
Breakfast, 10:30 Festival  
Communion
- **Sunday, April 28** - Church  
Council meeting at noon

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## "Riding through the Three-Day Tunnel"

"Four year-old Sally will tell you, every time she sees a cross: 'Look, God died.' When she visits museums and churches where she knows there are crucifixes, she will say, 'I want to go see. I want to see how God died.' It is startling and a little alarming for the adults around her to hear. Very young kids, though, think and talk about death even if they haven't seen or experienced it. Their understanding of what death is, their emotional affect when they talk about it, and the way they cope when it happens in their family, is different for them than it is for adults."

Sally has heard the good news that Jesus rose from the dead. It's hard to say if that truth is as concrete to her as the image of Christ on the cross. Sally is just thinking about the fact that God died. God is with us, Immanuel, in life and in death.

God is always with us. God is pretty much the best train-riding companion ever as we, along with Sally, make our way through that tunnel from death to new life, darkness to light. Soon (April 18-21), we will ride that tunnel along with Jesus. It is a shared experience of Jesus' final acts, his death, and his resurrection.

Holy and innocent, Jesus is executed on the cross by religious and Roman powers. On that cross with him were human sin, disease, disablement, depression, despair, cruelty, intolerance, division, and so much more. All those hung in darkness for about three hours until he died. ... But wait! There was more. Light breaks out on Sunday - new life, joy and hope. Let us all gather together for this year's tunnel ride.

~ **Pastor David Deal**

**April 14 - Palm/Passion Sunday** - 10:30 AM - Distribution of Palms, reading of Jesus' Passion from the Gospel of Luke, Holy Communion.

**April 18 - Maundy/Holy Thursday** - 7 PM We host TLC, Pleasant Valley with a joint choir, symbol of radical service, stripping of the altar, Holy Communion.

**April 19 - Good Friday** - 7 PM - Trinity hosts us for worship with joint choir, candles, shadows, quiet, prayer, the Cross.

**April 20 - the Great Vigil of Easter** - 7 PM - Trinity hosts this service with a plethora of Christian experiences, featuring the confirmation classes of TLC, Durham, and Riegelsville. Candles, splashing, singing Holy Communion, food and O.T. stories!

**April 21 - Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day** - The tunnel ride is over!

6:30 AM Sunrise Service of Holy Communion with candles, new light, Spring Flowers  
7:30 AM - Easter Breakfast

10:30 AM Festival Easter Service with Alleluias galore, festive choir, Joyous Resurrection Feast of Holy Communion

## New Council Members! Officers Elected for 2019-20!

We welcome Tom Gaun, and Youth Representative Matthew Mueller to Church Council. The following folks have accepted positions on Church Council:

Scott Gaun	President
Val McGinn	Vice-President
Cathy Mueller	Secretary
Beth Snyder	Treasurer
Kathy Hlavaty	Financial Secretary



The rest of the Council members are Serena Ashmore and Mark Harwick. We will officially welcome and install all of them during worship soon.

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**COMING IN MAY:** The SEPA **Synod Assembly** will take place on **Mary 3-4**. Tom Gaun and Helen Dungan will attend as voting lay members, along with Pastor Deal.



**Sunday, May 5** - the first Sunday in May, will be **Care-A-Lot Sunday**, when we celebrate our Preschool and the Preschool children.

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**News from the Church Office:** Change is in the air! As of Tuesday, March 26, our **church email** is being hosted FREE by Google. This transition has been a complicated process, but was completed with lots of help from Ken Anderson. Emails from [evangel@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:evangel@durhamlutheran.org) might look a little different now. Also, if you sent an email to the Church Office during the week of March 25 and did not hear back, your email may have been lost during migration. Please send it again!

Another change will be in the **secretary's office hours**. I will be moving back to Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, instead of Tuesdays and Fridays. As always, you can reach me any time by text message or email.

Lastly, **the new pictorial directory is coming!** Because of the automated process they use, the proofs they sent us had many errors, so we've had to resubmit everything. Hopefully we will have the directories in the next few weeks. Thanks for your patience!!! In the meantime, I can email you a digital copy without pictures. Just email the Church Office to let me know you would like one.



We had a wonderful response for Souper Bowl of Caring; I did not count items; but we had **34 bags** to take to the two food banks. Thanks to Mark Harwick and Val McGinn who transported all those bags and to all who helped load their cars, and a big thanks to all who contributed

soup and other food. I also thank all who contributed to our March collection of personal care items and food.

During April we will collect **canned fruit**.

**Hymning:** We hope to go hymning to our shut-in members on Palm Sunday. We will have lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship, then go share the hymns of the season.

## Soup Report

This has been another challenging winter as far as our Soup Suppers went. We had to re-schedule our February supper to the March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**March Statistics:** We sold 116 quarts of broccoli, 117 quarts of chicken noodle (some left to sell.) and served 24 eat-ins. Our proceeds, including donations is approximately \$2,000.

**Special Thanks** to **Thrivent** who through their new action team project gave us another debit card with **\$250** to help with expenses. They also donated more t-shirts for us to wear while we were serving. We also thank Jim Nicholas for his generous donation.

**We honored** our founder Esther Crouse and onion lady Gladys Nicholas for their long time work with the soup; and we welcomed some new workers, Sara Aquino, Linda Czech, Brittainy Froehlich, and Deb Reiman.

**Thanks to all who helped:** to our chefs Mark Harwick, who made the chicken noodle, and Miriam Anderson and Kathy Hlavaty (under the direction of Esther Crouse), who made batches of broccoli soup. Thanks to our bread bakers and dessert providers: Joanne Antoni, Miriam Anderson, Helen Dungan, Kathy Hlavaty, and Cheryl Mesko. Thanks to who helped with the peeling and chopping, setting up and taking down, serving, washing pots and dishes: Joanne Antoni, Sara Aquino, Althea Crouse, Esther Crouse, Linda Czech, Brittainy Froehlich, Lynn and Tom Gaun, Joe Hlavaty, George Kreitz, Val McGinn, Nancy Moskella, Barb and Ben Naska, Gladys Nicholas, Dot Peterman, Caitlin Pyne, and Deb Reiman.

**We were blessed to have so much help when many of our usual volunteers were unavailable.**

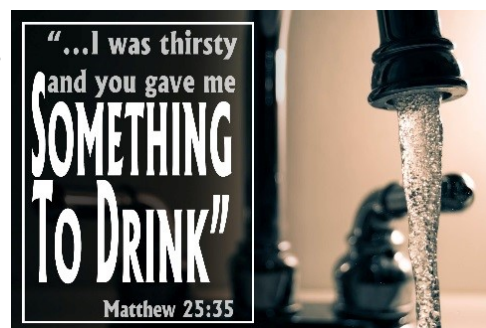


Helen Dungan

Our March meeting is the Upper Bucks Conference gathering at Trinity, Pleasant Valley on Saturday Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM. Our theme is Created in God's image, and our focus is equality of men and women particularly in the church.

Our April meeting will be Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Our program is going to be shut-in visitation. Also, we will distribute our soup funds, and review how things went. Anyone is invited to join us; one idea for change in our soup suppers was changing from Wednesdays to Saturdays. The logistics and implications of this need to be reviewed.

**Biennial Convention of Southeastern PA WELCA** will be held Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church, in Lansdale. Registration is at 8:45 AM. The theme is Water of Life – we will be discussing the issue of clean water in our world today. The main speaker will do an overview; then we will look at the local issues and the ongoing issues of Flint Michigan. Registration fee: \$25.00, includes lunch.



## April Worship Assistants

* Indicates Communion	7*	14* Palm Sunday	18* Holy Thursday	21* Easter Sunday	28*
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Nicholas Phillipps	Matthew Mueller	Hunter Aquino	Grace Litzenberger	Addyson Mammana
Greeter(s)	The Rhine Family	Bea von Watzdorf and Leo	TBA	TBA	Linda & Stan Czeck
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Barbara Naska	Congregation	TBA	TBA	TBA
Council Communion Assistants	Kathy Hlavaty, Scott Gaun	Kathy Hlavaty, Scott Gaun	Kathy Hlavaty, Scott Gaun	Kathy Hlavaty, Scott Gaun	Kathy Hlavaty, Scott Gaun
Counters	Kathy Hlavaty, Scott Gaun				
Head Usher					
Altar Guild	Mary Crouse, Cheryl Mesko , Barba Naska				

	April Birthdays		April Anniversaries		April Baptisms
7	Tom Praster				
12	Barbara Altemus	9	Elfriede & Manfred Marschewski (64th)	1	Hal Taylor
13	Phyllis Lanshe, Kevin Bolesta, Ben Naska, Sr.	12	Barbara and Mike Altemus (32nd)	3	Rachel Crouse, Sam Rhine
14	Joshua Roney	16	Joan and Frank Mammana (52nd)	4	Dave Helfrich
19	Matthew Crouse			6	Chris Fox, Ben J. Naska
				8	Samantha Mueller
20	Karen Rilling			9	Diane DeWalt
21	Jayne Miller, Chris Apgar			10	Becca Anderson
26	Robert Ziegenfuss			18	Laura Helfrich
27	Nancy Moskella			19	Cleo Eck
28	Frank Mammana, Tim Gadwell			24	Landon Helfrich
30	Alison and Emerson Rhine			27	Clayton Helfrich, Landon Frey, Izbella Grzymala
				40	Ella Rose Michl
			* Also baptized in April, exact date unknown: Nicholas Phillipps		

## Care-A-Lot News



CARE -A-LOT

We don't know if there will be April showers this month, but there will be a shower of activities and events at Care-A-Lot.

We'll be celebrating Easter with visits from Pastor Dave who will tell us the Easter story. We'll also be decorating eggs that the bunny will be hiding in the church along with the Easter Baskets they made.

We'll be celebrating "Earth Day" on the 23<sup>rd</sup> by coming up with ways to save our planet.

We'll have our second Parent/Teacher Conference for the school year on Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup>. We'll be having our conferences in the day and also in the evening.

We're looking forward to Care-A-Lot Sunday on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We're practicing our songs and can't wait to share them with the congregation.

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

~ Linda Reinbold

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## PRAYER







**FAITH NIGHT at the IRON PIGS/COCA COLA PARK** - Ben Naska would like to put together a group to go to the Faith Night game at the Iron Pigs. The date is **Wednesday, May 22, for a 7:05 game** against Syracuse. There will be a pre-game faith-based Concert on the lawn, as well as a player Testimonial.

To get the \$11 field level group tickets, **we MUST have a group of 20 people**. Included in the tickets are \$2 ballpark credit and our group's name on the VideoBoard.

If you are interested in going, **please contact Ben Naska ASAP** ([bnaska@yahoo.com](mailto:bnaska@yahoo.com) )

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

Easter flowers beautify the sanctuary in celebration of Easter.

If you would like to order flowers, you can place your check and order form in the offering plate, or mail them to Victoria Phillipps (100 Meadows Lane, Riegelsville 18077). **The deadline to order flower is Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday).** Any questions, contact Victoria.

Name and Phone Number:		
_____		_____
# of Mums	X \$7	Total \$ for Mums
_____		_____
# of Tulips	X \$6	Total \$ for Tulips
_____		_____
# of Lilies	X \$7	Total \$ for Lilies
_____		_____
# of Daffodils	X \$8	Total \$ for Daffodils
_____		_____
Total # of Plants		Total \$ for Order
In Honor or In Memory of:		
(Please circle one)		



**Getting ready for the Easter Egg Hunt -**  
**Donations of wrapped candy with NO NUTS,** as well as stuffed animals, toys, art supplies, and other Dollar Store prizes are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt.  
**Please have your donations to church by Sunday, April 7.**



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