

*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham*

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

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In January ...

- **Sunday, January 5** -
Sunday School Re-
sumes; Feast of Epiph-
any
- **Care-A-Lot** resumes
- **Wednesday, January
15** - Soup Supper

Coming in February ...

- **Sunday, February 2** -
Souper Bowl of Caring
- **Wednesday, February
26** - Ash Wednesday

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January 2020

"God's Light and Glory revealed to all People and all Nations"

The Feast of Epiphany (officially January 6) concludes the Christmas Season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ - newborn, child, young man, and Savior. In the texts that we will use for readings on January 5, 2020 - Isaiah and Ephesians - that glory is proclaimed not just for Israel, but for all nations and all people. The light of the star proclaims God's glory to the Magi and guides them to young Jesus. God's light and glory are revealed from the heavens at Jesus' baptism. God's light and glory are revealed to us: unbelievably naming us children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. Now, we are sent out to be beacons of that light and glory of Christ sharing the Good News of God's love to **all** people.

In the first month of a New Year, January 2020, come to worship and celebrate EPIPHANY - God's Light and Glory revealed to us and everyone.

Blessed New Year!

~ *Pastor David Deal*



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HIGHLIGHTS FOR JANUARY 2020

- January 5 - Sunday School resumes at 9 AM
Feast of Epiphany celebrated with Communion at 10:30 AM
- January 7 - Care-A-Lot Preschool resumes their normal schedule
- January 12 - We celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord at 10:30 AM
- January 15 - First Soup Supper is scheduled, weather permitting, from 4-6:30 PM. Our proceeds celebrate God's Light and Glory by feeding the hungry. Sponsored by WELCA

Looking ahead ...

February 2 - Souper Sunday of Caring - we will collect food and dollars for the food pantries we support.

January Worship Assistants

	5*	12	19 *	26
Youth Acolyte & Communion Asst.	Matthew Mueller	Nicholas Phillipps	Conner Aquino	Addyson Mammana
Greeter(s)	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lay Worship Assistant/ Lector	Scott Gaun	Cathy Mueller	Tom Gaun	Serena Ashmore
Council Communion Assistants	Val McGinn, Serena Ashmore		Val McGinn, Serena Ashmore	
Counters	Val McGinn, Serena Ashmore			
Head Usher	TBA			
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson and Beth Snyder			
* Indicates Communion will be served				

	January Birthdays			January Baptisms
		8	6	Kaitlin Jensen
5	Joe Hlavaty		9	Faye Gadwell, Conner Aquino
12	Landon Helfrich		10	Austin Apgar. Joanne Apgar, Erika Trauger
			26	George Kreitz
15	Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty		27	Joe Hlavaty, Chris Apgar, Scott Apgar
16	Jim Altemose (81st)		28	Kenneth Crouse
18	Rachel (Crouse) McAlister		29	Mark Harwick
25	Audrey Bolesta			
26	Cora Gadwell, Paige Reiman			
30	Carolyn Williams			
31	Rachael Roney. Sharron Streletz			
Other January baptisms, exact date unknown: Victoria Phillipps, Peter Miller				



Helen Dungan

On **Sunday December 8th**, we hosted our annual Christmas covered dish dinner, and enjoyed good food and conversation.

Our **January** meeting will be **Saturday January 18th**. We will be making new Chrismons for our Christmas trees, and anyone who would like to make a Chrismon Is invited to come. Barb Naska will be our instructor.

We will have a brief meeting after church on **Sunday, January 5th** to plan for the January Soup Supper.

Date: Wednesday January 15th **Time:** 4:00 to 6:30 PM

Soups: Vegetable Beef and Potato.

Prices

Take-Out Quart of Soup - \$7.00 (if you can, please bring your own container.)

Eat In (includes soup, bread, beverage and dessert) - **\$7.00** for adults; **\$3.00** for kids 6-16; 5 and under free



Please join us at 9:00 AM on **Wednesday** morning to chat, peel potatoes, chop vegetables and prepare the soups. We have BASKETS of potatoes to peel as well as other vegetables which means there will be lots of opportunity to chat. We also have tables to set up and take down, bread and desserts to bake, pots and dishes to wash, and soup to serve, There is plenty of work and we need lots of helpers. From around 3:30 to 6:30, we need volunteers to help with serving and dishwashing; and around 6:30 we need helpers to take down the tables and put the chairs away.

On Monday we will be cooking bones for the beef broth; help is needed around 5 PM for straining the broth, and washing pots. If you can help Monday evening, please let Helen Dungan or Mark Harwick know.

And remember, ***ALL proceeds are donated to hunger causes.***



HAPPY NEW YEAR



In January we will welcome 2020 with many great “Theme Days”. There will be **Pajama Day** where everyone, including staff, will wear their pajamas to school; **Teddy Bear Day** where everyone will bring in their favorite furry bear friend and they will enter a bear cave; **Dinosaur Week** where we will learn about the extinct giant creatures and **Mr. Yuk Day** where we will learn that if you see a Mr. Yuk sticker , stay away---it’s a poison.

Our theme with Pastor Dave for January is “Tolerance and Diversity”.

We will have Parent-Teacher Conferences on the morning of January 15th, from 9:00-12:00 , with no regular classes on that day. We’ll hold our conferences on the stage area while the members of Durham prepare for the “Soup Supper”. We’ll have evening Parent-Teacher Conferences on January 16th from 5:30-8:00 in the school area. We will have classes on that day. We’ll end our month with guessing if the groundhog will see his shadow or will it be gloomy out.

Wishing Everyone A Happy New Year!!

Linda Reinbold

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...



Helen Dungan

Christmas gifts: Thanks to Lynn Gaun for organizing our giving and to all who participated. We gave Giant gift cards for \$100 to 9 families as well as gifts to 6 children. We also gave small fruit baskets to each family, which were donated by WELCA. The baskets were made up by Laura Helfrich from Trauger's Market. Trauger's gave us a nice discount so that we could do this. Lynn wants to thank everyone for their generosity; you helped make Christmas special for these families. We also thank everyone who made a personal care kit; we collected 19 kits. These will be taken to the Synod Convention in May and shipped from there to LWR's warehouse in New Windsor, Md.

Shut in ministry: We will be caroling to the shut-in members of our congregation on Sunday Dec.23rd, weather permitting. We will be visiting Elfriede Marschewski and Reta Bieber at Phoebe Richland, and Cleo and Ken Eck.

Food ministry: Thanks to all who contributed personal care items to our December collection.

Souper Bowl of Caring: We will be collecting soup, crackers and/or money for the two food pantries. We will continue to collect soup and crackers through the month of February, but celebrate Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2020.

Food baskets Please consider putting a food basket on the altar to celebrate or commemorate someone in your life.

2020 Offering Envelope Packets -- New OUTREACH Offering

A few changes have been made to streamline your giving and the Council's recording of your gifts. Some envelopes have been deleted, notably the "initial" and monthly "Communion" envelopes. An important addition is a monthly "Outreach" envelope. Each month we will announce what the Outreach offering for that month has been designated for. The Outreach offering would go toward things like Food Pantries, ELCA World Hunger, Care-A-Lot Preschool, Church world Service Blankets or Tools, and more.

For January 2020, your Outreach envelope will be used for AHUB - Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks. AHUB operates a Code Blue Shelter at the former Masonic Lodge in Quakertown, which is open on nights in November through March when the temperature drops below 26°. Your gift supports a part-time coordinator, supplies for the homeless and the volunteer staff, and more.

Please be generous with your January OUTREACH envelope!!!

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