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"The Church- Celebrating Lent in a Worldwide Pandemic"

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, February 17, is the beginning of Lent in 2021. Like everything else that has challenged Christ's Church since March of 2020, where and how we observe this holy Lenten season will have to be different. And yet, the meaning and opportunity of Lent will not be that different. During Lent, the church gives us opportunities to repent and be forgiven, a chance to remember and renew our baptisms, a time to strengthen our relationship to Jesus and his mission. Usually, we have gathered in church buildings for worship rituals during Lent. This year we will be gathering virtually to confess, to hear God's word, and to respond in faithfulness. An Ash Wednesday Service (in a different form), Midweek Lenten gatherings (via Zoom), Holy Communion from the church parking lot-- these will be new ways to observe Lent. Yet, God's grace, forgiveness, and power will still come to us. I look forward to living Lent with you in new ways in 2021. (Check out the "Ministry Highlights" page for more details.)

~ *Pastor David Deal*

In February...

- **Sunday, February 7 -**
Sunday Worship
- **Sunday, February 14-**
TRANSFIGURATION
Sunday Worship
- **Monday, February 15 -**
Council Meeting 7pm
- **ASH WEDNESDAY**
February 17 -
7 PM Ecumenical
Zoom Virtual Worship
- **Sunday, February 21 -**
First Sunday in Lent
Sunday Worship
- **Wednesday, February 24**
7 PM Ecumenical
Zoom Virtual Worship
- **Sunday, February 28 -**
Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday Worship

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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

- Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17, congregations in the area, including ELC of Durham, will share a Zoom Midweek worship experience. This experience will begin at 7 PM each Wednesday- Feb. 17 & 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24th. The pastors of each participating congregation will send you a link to the Zoom meeting closer to Ash Wednesday. If you don't have access to Zoom, you will be given a phone number which will give you access to worship.
- LENTEN HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE- Sunday, March 7, from the church parking lot- 10:30 AM. Drive to the parking lot where you will be given Communion Supplies (small bags) and a bulletin for the service. The service will be broadcast from inside the church sanctuary to your radio. As we deliver supplies to your car, we will tell you what FM Radio channel to which you need to tune.
- ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, March 21, at 11:15 AM, after worship. We may or may not be in-person yet. If not, we will make it possible to have a virtual meeting. We will E-MAIL, or mail a Bulletin of Reports to everyone. Keep in touch for more details from the Church Council.



HE LOVED US FIRST

Council Corner

Hello all from council! So it's a new year and council has a few projects we are working on. First we are working on the congregational budget meeting and the where, when and how we will conduct it. Second, property committee is working on estimates for building improvements, which will hopefully be done by the meeting so we can present them to the congregation. Once again if you have any questions or concerns for council please don't hesitate in contacting us. Peace and God bless!



Memorial Gifts

Two Gifts were given to the church in the memory of Gerry Seipt in the amount of \$100.

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Faye Gadwell; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams; Joanne Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Reta Bieber; Jason Bigley; Julia Bizon; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crown; De Lorenzo family; Helen Eby; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Bob Helm; Kathy J.; Paige Jipner; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Jane Kemmerer; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Aleena Lang; Macey Litz; Barbara Lynch; Chelsea Marley; Warren & Pat Merkham; Andrea Miller; Clint O'Connor; Jeff Petruno; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Letitia Reidinger; Randy Rilling; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Gary Shollenberger; Erma Starling, Donna Storm; Yolanda Taube; Russ Trauger; Alex Ulrey; Linda Willson; and Michelle Woodruff. ALSO, Laura, Kelly, Charlie D, Charlie L., and Jane.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo and Ken Eck.

For the Grieving: The families of Leah Kneebone; Duane Lehr; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; Sarah Rhine; Gerry Seipt; and Rudolf von Watzdorf.

For those in Health Care: Including Sara Aquino, Debbie Angstadt; Kendell Beerer, Mary Crouse, Sara Deal Den Herder, Mary Erceg; Faye Gadwell; Morgan Litz; Tanya Naska; Kristi Lee Reiman; and Sharron Streletz.

Essential Food Workers: Bethany Michl, Trauger's Farm

Essential Postal Workers: Andrea Fox and Dawn Margeson

New Baby: Please keep Brittany and Dan Froehlich and their newborn daughter, Olivia Dawn Froehlich, in your prayers. Olivia was born December 4, 2020.



WELCA

WELCA will not be meeting in February. We hope to meet as soon as the church is open again.

The Board of the Southeastern Pa WELCA has been meeting virtually. There will be no gathering for members until it is deemed safe. One of the projects that was planned for 2020 was honoring our women pastors as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ordination of White women, and the 40th anniversary of the ordination of Black women in the Lutheran Church. The original plans were to distribute certificates to all the women pastors at the 2020 convention and to make a donation in their honor to the United Lutheran Seminary. As there was no 2020 gathering, the certificates were mailed to all the women pastors in our synod.

Churchwide WELCA has postponed their gathering until September 2023, but they cannot wait that long to elect board members and officers. They need to have a business meeting (as does our synod) and will try to do this virtually.

Helen Dungan



Outreach

Of Outreach collection for January and February will go to support our two local food banks - Project Easton and The Lord's Pantry, Ottsville. I miss seeing us collecting food on the window sills and in food baskets. Hopefully we will be able to do this again soon. Meanwhile a big thank you to all who are money contributing to our hunger causes. The need is great.

Helen Dungan

	February BIRTHDAYS		February ANNIVERSARIES		February BAPTISMS
2	Amanda Frey				
3	Sam Rhine			3	Dale Leidich
				4	Laura DeWalt
5	Laura Helfrich			5	Mike Rhine
7	Dianna Streletz				
8	Diane DeWalt				
				9	Anderson Fox, Serena Ashmore
10	Wayne Mesko				
12	Steven Streletz			12	Haley Rodd
13	Miriam Anderson				
15	Norma Fox ("90")	15	Betty & George Kreitz (63)		
16	Kathy Haney				
17	Betty Kreitz (82)				
				19	Kathleen Miller
20	Esther Crouse (87)				
21	Caitlin Pyne				
				22	Benjamin Miller
		23	Victoria & Adam Phillipps (19)		
24	Frank Moskella, Jim Beerer				
				26	Tom Gaun, Doug Litzenberger
27	Tanya Naska				
28	Grace Litzenberger, Rowan Froehlich			28	Nicole Crouse
29	Becky Harrison				