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**EVANGEL**  **March  
2021**

## "From Suffering to Salvation"

During the month of March, as our world transitions from Winter to Spring, as new vaccines and increasing immunity bring us hope for a transition of reconnection to one another, the church transitions through the season of Lent toward Holy Week and Easter-The Day of Resurrection.

This time, ending in April, is truly the center of our church year. The messages from scripture, remembrance of our Baptism, Holy Communion all serve to renew our faith. After nearly a year of Covid-19, this special spiritual time will gift us with hope more than any other time.

Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Yet, he is never truly alone. God his Father will be with him in suffering and death. And after three days an amazing, joyous, eternal surprise is presented to all of us.

Neither sin, nor suffering, nor sickness, nor isolation, nor hopelessness can separate us from the God who gives us salvation and new life.

~ *Pastor David Deal*

### In March...

- **Wednesday, March 3** -  
7PM Midweek Lenten  
Zoom Meeting
- **Sunday, March 7**-  
Third Sunday in Lent  
Sunday Worship
- **Wednesday, March 10** -  
7PM Midweek Lenten  
Zoom Meeting
- **Sunday, March 14** -  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Sunday Worship
- **Monday, March 15** -  
Council Meeting 7pm
- **Wednesday, March 17**-  
7 PM Midweek Lenten  
Zoom Meeting
- **Sunday, March 21**-  
Fifth Sunday In Lent  
Sunday Worship
- **Wednesday, March 24**-  
7 PM Midweek Lenten  
Zoom Meeting
- **Saturday, March 27**-  
10 AM- NOON Pick up  
Palms in church  
parking lot
- **Sunday, March 28**-  
PALM SUNDAY  
Sunday worship & Holy  
Communion Church  
Parking Lot.

# EVANGEL



## March 2021



### **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH 2021**

We as a Church Council have had to be flexible. Thus, you may notice some changes from the February Newsletter.

- Our Wednesday, Mid-week Lenten, 7PM gatherings via zoom will be held on March 3, 10, 17, & 24. Six congregations from Upper Bucks (Lutheran, United Methodist and UCC) are participating.
- Our 10:30AM Sunday Facebook Virtual services will continue every Sunday in March
- NOTE: Our previously scheduled March 7 Parking Lot Communion service had to be rescheduled (see below)
- DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS (Both eco-palms and African Palm Crosses) Come to the church parking lot on Saturday, March 27, between 10AM and NOON, where you will be given both of these types of PALMS
- A VERY SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY!!! Sunday, March 28 Includes: Another opportunity to receive palms at 10:30AM. Parking Lot Worship will be held beginning at 10:30AM (you can hear service and music through your radio) Holy Communion will be celebrated (you will be given a bulletin and Communion supplies in your car). We will also give you extra communion supplies for Holy Thursday Communion from your home.

### **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 2021**

- March 28- Holy Week Begins- Palm Sunday (see previous March highlights)
- April 1- Holy Thursday/ MAUNDY THURSDAY 7PM Worship. Worship will be broadcast from either the sanctuary of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham or Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley. (stay tuned for more details)
- April 2- Good Friday- 7PM Worship. Worship will be broadcast from either the sanctuary of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham or Trinity Lutheran, Pleasant Valley. (stay tuned for more details)
- April 4- EASTER DAY- Resurrection of our Lord. Possible return to inside/in-person worship 10:30AM Festival Worship. Church council will be reaching out to you to see if you would like to return inside April 4. Numbers and social distancing will still have to be managed. If you choose not to attend inside, the worship service will still be broadcast via Facebook Live.

### **Nicholas Phillipps Honored with Eagle Scout Award**

Nicholas Phillipps, a junior at Plumstead Christian School, has been involved with the Boy Scouts since he was in first grade. "I am nearing the end of my Scouting journey and the last piece of the puzzle is to achieve the rank of Eagle," he told the Herald. To earn the rank of Eagle, Scouts are required to complete a service project that benefits the community. "For my project I chose to help my school by repairing the bleachers on the athletic fields. I play soccer, basketball, and baseball so choosing a project that supports the athletic department was a natural fit for me.

"I wanted to give back to the school and my coaches who have mentored me throughout my years on the field and court."

Phillips is a member of Troop 27, Riegelsville. He said 19 members of the troop spent the afternoon volunteering to help complete the project, "We painted the bleachers and put them in beds of wood chips," Phillipps said.

-Article from the Bucks County Herald

Nicholas achieved his Eagle Scout on February 7th 2021.

#### **CARD SHOWER FOR PHYLLIS LANSHE!**

Phyllis just moved from her address in Lititz to a Retirement Community. We don't have a phone # for her at the present time. But we know she'd appreciate some cards of support in her new location.

Address Below:

Phyllis Lanshe

Mount Hope Retirement Community

3026 Mount Hope Rd.

Mannheim, PA 17545

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, April 11, 11:15AM**

(this has been rescheduled from previously announced March 21 date)

The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid fashion. If we return to in-person worship on Sunday, April 4, persons can stay inside following worship for the meeting. We will also set up a way to virtually participate in the meeting (Facebook, etc.) with a Council member monitoring your attendance and comments. The meeting should NOT be a long one. There are 2 major items on the agenda:

- Need to elect new council persons
- Consideration of a major proposal to re-paint, repair outside areas all around church building (12 large windows, 3 smaller upper windows, 3 entranceways, chimney and all cornice.)

A Bulletin of Reports will be e-mailed or mailed to every member/family prior to the meeting.



## 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 and George Kreitz; Dean Litzenberger; Silas Rodenbach; Linda Sauter; the Streletz family; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams and Joanne Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Phyllis Allebach; Brian Ashmore, Jr.; Lynn Bailey; Jason Bigley; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Josie Crown; De Lorenzo family; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Florence Gonzalez; Craig Hartzell; 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 Merkhams; Andrea Miller; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Letitia Reidinger; Randy Rilling; Jill Roland; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Gary Shollenberger; Erma Starling, Donna Storm; Stephen Szalwinski; 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 Reta Bieber; Julia Bizon; Leah Kneebone; Rudolf von Watzdorf; Gerry Seipt; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; Sarah Rhine; and Duane Lehr

**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.

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## WELCA

WELCA will not be meeting in March We hope to meet in April if the church is open again.

-Helen Dungan

	March BIRTHDAYS		March BAPTISMS
		1	Mike Rhine
2	Michael Altemus		
4	Amanda Harrison		
6	Gladys Nicholas (87)		
7	Kenneth Crouse		
8	Alaina Apgar	8	Karen Bolesta
11	Brittany Froehlich, Ella Rose Michl		
		12	Blake Rodd
15	Samantha Mueller		
		17	Don Crouse
		23	Rachael Roney
		25	Althea Crouse
		28	Clayton Leichliter
		29	Steven Streletz
30	Tom Praster		

**"Blessed to be a Blessing"**  
**SPECIAL "Outreach" OFFERING**  
**Designation for March.**

The Church Council at its February meeting voted to designate offerings received in our march "Outreach" envelopes to a SE Penna Synod Appeal called "Blessed to be a blessing." While ELC at Durham has been able to maintain financial stability- thanks to YOUR faithfulness- a number of synod congregations have really struggled to continue their ministry. Our March "Outreach" offerings will be distributed to congregations in need throughout the 5- County area comprising our synod.

There is a very direct biblical precedent to this "Outreach" appeal. In I Corinthians 16: 1-4, St. Paul makes a direct appeal to the Corinthian Church and the churches in Galatia to help the Jerusalem church whose members were struggling with poverty. The synod has reached out to congregations like ours who can help. Please be generous with your "Outreach" gift to help our synodical brothers and sisters in Christ.