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**August  
2021**

**"The Bread of Life will always sustain us!"**

The scriptural word of God for the last Sunday in July and the first two Sundays of August in 2021 is focused on "bread" — on how 5 small loaves of bread and 2 small fishes were able to feed more than 5,000 people with leftovers — on how our human fears of not having enough are overmatched by God's abundance of blessing and mercy. In John 6, Jesus own disciples were skeptical of Jesus' command to feed so many people. Then, they and the crowd gathered by the sea witnessed a miracle of God's abundance.

I now have a little less than 2 months left in my shared ministry with you. I am grateful for the more than 25 years we have been in partnership. It is now natural that some will question the congregations ability to function at least for a while — without a called pastor. The question might be asked: Does Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham have enough to be faithful in feeding God's people with the Gospel? While some fear and skepticism is not unusual, the answer to that question from the God who made and baptized and called us all is clear. YOU HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH! You have an abundance of time and talent and treasure to gather for worship, learn together, and serve. This congregation is truly blessed with the leadership of Church Council and other congregational leaders. You will be accompanied into the future by Upper Bucks Conference and Synodical partners. This congregation is much stronger than any of us even know. God will continue to abundantly feed you, and you will be able to share that abundance with congregation, community and world. Jesus, the BREAD OF LIFE, will be the constant source of physical and spiritual food. So, please face the future with faith. My prayers will be constant for you.

~ *Pastor David Deal*

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**2021**

**In August...**

- **Sunday, August 1** - 10:00AM - Worship
- **Thursday, August 5** - 2:30PM - Small Group
- **Sunday, August 8** - 10:00AM - Worship
- **Monday, August 9** - CHURCH COUNCIL meets with UBC Dean – 7PM
- **Tuesday, August 10** - 6:30PM Church Council
- **Thursday, August 12** - 2:30PM - Small Group
- **Sunday, August 15** - MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD 10:00AM— Holy Communion Preacher— Rev. Donna T Deal
- **Thursday, August 19** - 2:30PM - Small Group
- **Sunday, August 22** - 10:00AM - Worship
- **Sunday, August 29** - 10:00AM - Worship

## **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 2021**

- SUMMER WORSHIP celebrated every Sunday at 10AM On-line and In-person (Facebook & YouTube)
- ADULT SMALL GROUP will continue to meet Thursday afternoons at 2:30PM
- SPECIAL SUNDAY– August 15– MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD.  
Rev. Donna T Deal will be the preacher for the day– Holy Communion will be celebrated. Worship begins at 10:00AM




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## **WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULED IN AUGUST....**

LECTORS: August 1 - Bob Starling

August 15 - Bea von Watzdorf

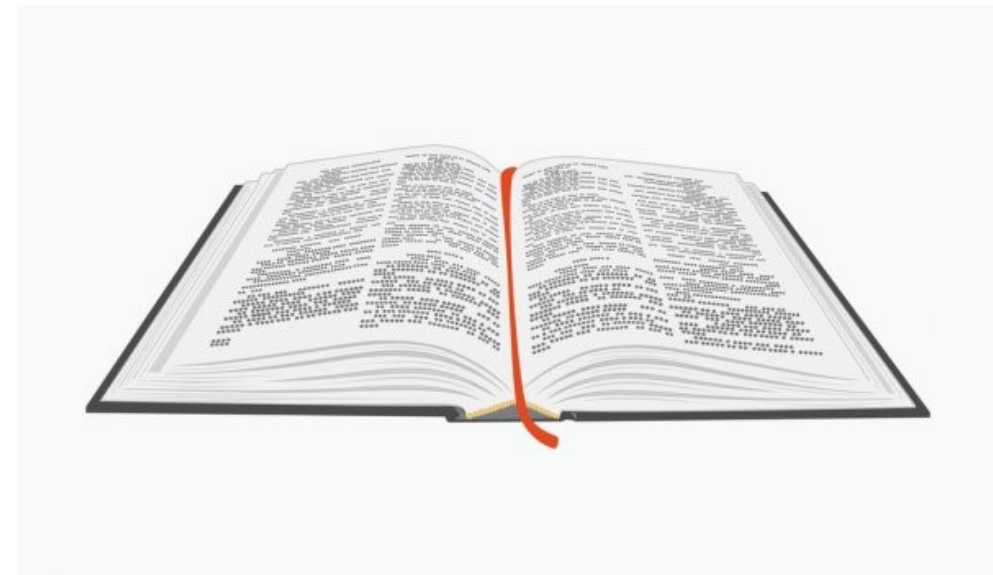
August 29 - Maggie Fischer

— still seeking lectors for August 8 and 22 ...

ALTAR GUILD : Beth Snyder

COUNCIL TEAM : Mark Harwick and Val McGinn

Still seeking ACOLYTES (children or youth) to take care of candles each Sunday. Please contact Pastor Deal ASAP if you can serve on a particular Sunday.





## WELCA

WELCA will not be meeting in August. We hope to resume our regular schedule in September. The Synod Board is hoping to have a social gathering for WELCA members in September to give us a chance to reconnect with one another. More information will be in the September Newsletter.

## Outreach

We will continue to collect food, personal care items, and cleaning items for the 2 food banks in August. Thanks to all who contributed.

-Helen Dungan



## PRAYER

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams and Joanne & Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Harry & Terry Bachart; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Karen Bolesta; Kelly Bordelon; Phyllis Boyer; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Kathy J.; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Chelsea Marley; Pat Merkhams; Clint O'Connor; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Ron Steele; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

**For those who are Homebound:** Cleo and Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe.

**For the Grieving:** The families of Brian Ashmore, Jr; Craig Hartzell; Dean Litzenberger; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; The Rhine Family; Randy Rilling; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; 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; 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 Skyler and Chad Harrison and their newborn son, Robert Blake Harrison, in your prayers. Robert was born June 22, 2021.

(Great-Grandparents are Barb and Ben Naska)

	AUGUST BIRTHDAYS		AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES		AUGUST BAPTISMS
3	Peter Streletz				
				5	Rita Mesko
7	Joan Mammana				
8	Paul McGinn, Alex Crouse				
10	Addyson Mammana, Jacob Roney				
				15	Sarah Deal
19	Karen Beerer				
				23	Peter Streletz
24	Kendall Beerer				
				28	Adam Phillipps
29	David Sauter, Landon Frey			29	Mary Erceg
30	Helen Dungan, Lynn Leichliter				
		31	Kathy and Ed Haney		

**TRANSITION PLANS RELATING TO  
PASTOR DEAL'S FALL RETIREMENT  
ARE MOVING ALONG:**

- SUNDAY SUPPLY PREACHERS for the 5 Sundays in October are being scheduled by Pastor Deal.
- CHURCH COUNCIL will meet with Upper Bucks Conference Dean, Pastor Erika Wesch, on August 9 at 7:00 PM. At this meeting, an exit interview will be conducted with Pastor Deal. Then the Dean will begin to let the Council know about next steps after Pastor Deal retires.
- A WORSHIP AND MUSIC TEAM has been recruited to plan worship, bulletins, etc. when the pastor is gone.
- CHURCH COUNCIL is reviewing with Pastor Deal a list of duties that the Council and/or Congregation will assume after the pastor's retirement.

**Another Reminder.....**

Pastor Deal end his time with ELCD at the end of September 2021. His last Sunday to preach and lead worship will be September 26 (at 10:30 AM — we will have switched back to our Fall Worship hour.)