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## 2021

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In June...

- Sunday, July 4 -INDEPENDENCE DAY 10:00AM- Worship
- Thursday, July 8 -2:30PM - Small Group
- Sunday, July 11 -10:00AM - Worship
- Monday, July 12 -7PM - Church Council
- Thursday, July 15 -2:30PM - Small Group
- Sunday, July 18 -10:00AM -Holy Communion
- Tuesday, July 20 -7:30PM -Finance Committee
- Thursday, July 22 -2:30PM - Small Group
- Sunday, July 25 -10:00AM - Worship
- Thursday, July 29 -2:30PM - Small Group

Meanwhile, I will spend these final 3 months working with the Council and the entire membership to prepare for a time without a called pastor. I may reach out to YOU to help with a piece of ministry that needs leadership. Our SE Penna Synod and our Upper Buxks Conference Dean, Pastor Erika Wesch, will also walk with the congregation, out lining all the steps ahead. I look forward with gratitude to celebrating these last three months and the past 26 years together. JESUS CHRIST and his church have put us together and he will keep you all together in the future.



### "Pastors retire, but the Church, the Body of Christ, the People of God, continues"

By now, almost all of you reading this article have learned of my upcoming retirement effective the end of September this Fall. We have spent nearly 26 years together serving the Lord. The next 3 months may seem to fly by. Yet, we all have important work to do. Worship, learning, caring and serving will continue after I leave. I know and believe that your gifts of generosity and commitment will propel this congregation well into the future. I cannot tell you when you will have called a new pastor. I can communicate my confidence that you will keep on keeping on.

Your brother in Christ,

~ Pastor David Deal

### **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 2021**

- SUMMER WORSHIP celebrated every Sunday at 10:00AM On-Line (Facebook & YouTube)
- HOLY COMMUNION to be celebrated July 18 at 10:00AM.
- ADULT SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY- Every Thursday afternoon at 2:30PM - If you need more information about Small Group (place, topics, etc.) contact Pastor Deal
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Monday, July 19 Friday, July 23 PLACE: Trinity Lutheran Church, Pleasant Valley (Route 212) TIME: 6:00 - 8:30PM ACTIVITIES: Singing, Parables, Games, Snacks, Crafts, All activities will be held outdoors, rain or shine, in a main worship tent and surrounding activity tents.

### TRANSITION MEETINGS RELATING TO PASTOR DEAL'S **FALL RETIREMENT:**

Church Council will meet July 12 at 7:00PM.

Council will meet with Upper Bucks Conference Dean, Pastor Erika Wesch on August 9 at 7:00PM.

There will probably be an additional Church Council Meeting in August --Yet to be determined.

### PRAYER

### For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Becca Anderson; Joanne & David

Antoni; Althea Crouse; Esther Crouse; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Chris Mueller; Dot Peterman; Ali Rhine; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss. For Healing of Friends and Family: Brian Ashmore, Jr.; 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.; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Martine King; Priscilla Kinter; Chelsea Marley; Pat Merkham; 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; Jayne Miller.

For the Grieving: The families of Dennis Encke; Craig Hartzell; Dean Litzenberger; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; Warren Merkham; Sarah Rhine; Randy Rilling; Gerry Seipt; Gary Shollenberger; 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)



### **WELCA**

Our June meeting was a work session - we worked on tidying the narthex and continued working on the balconies. We will not be meeting in July and August.

### **Outreach**

Thank you for your donations through our Outreach envelopes to Tool Sunday. We will be using our outreach envelopes to collect for the food banks in July.

Personal care items: We are continuing to collect personal care items for our two local food banks in July. You can place your donated items on the window sills. They will be divided between the two food banks at the end of the month. Food baskets: We can now also put food baskets on the altar to honor or to remember a loved one. You can either do the shopping yourself or commission me to do it for you.

-Helen Dungan

### **ATTENTION:**

The Church Offering Evelopes for July - December, 2021 are here! Kathy Hlavaty has been distributing them to persons on Sunday morning and during the week. We will continue to get the packets to everyone who gives. Those that live further away will receive their envelopes via mail. If you have any questions regarding your envelopes, call Kathy Hlavaty at 610-360-6199.

#### EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF DURHAM MAY 2021 INCOME & EXPENSE & TRANSFERS

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GOOD NEIGHBOR OUTREACH FUND	5,981.88	735.00			6,716.88
MONTHLY OUTREACH	2,624.00	650.00	(2,624.00)		650.00
LAYGROUND EQUIPMENT		125.00	2,824.00	<u> </u>	2,949.00
UILDING FUND	32,123.47	<u> </u>			33,288.40
MEMORIAL FUND	6,526.00			<del>_</del>	6,526.00
VELCA - OUTREACH FUND	652.03	<u>50.00</u>	(200.00)	(200.00)	
IBRARY FUND	541.02				541.02
OTALS	67,665.29	16,648.16		(13,075.33)	71,238.12
ATHY HLAVATY - SCHLRSP FUND	2,168.59				2,168.55
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	JULY BIRTHDAYS		JULY ANNIVERSARIES		JULY BAPTISMS
				1	Gladys Nicholas
				2	Alyse Mesko Hale
3	Linda Sauter, Brandon Rodd				
4	Becca Anderson				
		6	Virginia & Ken Hager (#58)		
				7	Norma Fox
11	Donna Deal & Sarah Deal				
12	David Helfrich				
16	Kristy-Lee Reiman				
19	Joe Erceg				
		20	Beth & Luke Snyder (#7)		
21	Benjamin T. Naska	21	Serena & Brian Ashmore (#31)	21	Ben T. Naska
		22	Cleo & Ken Eck (#60)	22	Dorothy Peterman
23	Jocelyn Frey			23	Ryan Fox
		28	Karen & Jim Beerer (#31)		
30	Corinne Ashmore, Mary Erceg				
31	Adam Phillipps				

### **TRANSITION PLANS -- 3 More Months with Pastor Deal**

COUNCIL TEAM for July 2021 is Val McGinn and Mark Harwick ALTAR GUILD for July 2021 is Miriam Anderson and Mark Harwick

We need you to assist in several important ministries going forward!!!!

Worship Planning Volunteers to work with Organist and Church Secretary: Speak to Pastor Deal Now

Scheduling of Acolytes: Speak to Pastor Deal Scheduling of Lectors: Speak to Pastor Deal

Christian Education Team to help coordinate Youth, Sunday School, Confirmation and Vacation Bible School in the future: Speak to Pastor Deal

Help with Property!!! Lots of important projects Coming soon: Speak to Mark Harwick

As you can tell, there are a lot of important parts to our congregation's ministry. Please volunteer now while the Pastor is still here to make for a smoother transition after he leaves at the end of September.