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In September...

- **Sunday, September 5**
10:00AM - Worship
- **Sunday, September 12 - FALL SCHEDULE RETURNS**
10:30AM - Worship
Sacrament of
Holy Baptism
- **Tuesday, September 14 -**
CHURCH COUNCIL 7PM
- **Sunday, September 19 -**
10:30AM - Worship
- **Sunday, September 26 -**
PASTOR DEALS FINAL SERVICE
10:30AM
Holy Communion
Special Litany of
Farewell and Godspeed

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**September
2021**

"Thanksgiving, Faith, and Hope"

(Some words from St. Paul to the Philippian Church)

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now... for all of you share in God's grace with me... And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight... having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God." (Philippians 1:3-5, 9-11)

I am writing this newsletter article, realizing that I have only 6 weeks left as your pastor. For 26 years we have been partners in God's mission, based at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham. We have worshipped, learned, served and fellowshiped together. I have been privileged to be present at your baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, and Weddings. I have also been privileged to share with you at difficult times of sickness, death and grief.

As your pastor, I have been blessed to be a part of our growth in faith - through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Bible Study and with the Care-a-Lot Pre-school. We have been challenged, like every community of faith, by events which may have tempted us to lose faith - financial concerns, worries about the need for more volunteers, storms and floods, COVID-19, and disagreements among us. But God's Holy Spirit has kept us in the faith, reassured us, and called on us to greater faithfulness.

This congregation has prayed for one another and the world, cared for and loved neighbors in need both near and far. We have fed the hungry, helped the homeless & reached out to the victims of disaster.

(Pastors report cont.)

We have valued every person - child or adult, person of color, newcomer who has come to join us, those with different cultural backgrounds. We have learned that all persons are beloved children of God.

For 26 years of my life, all of you connected to ELCD have also been connected to me, your brother in the faith. Many have asked me: What are you going to do in retirement? Or, Do you think you will miss being a pastor? I have thought about those questions. I don't yet fully know the answers. I do believe that God's Holy Spirit will be present with Donna and me in retirement. God will reveal to us opportunities for service as we move ahead. One thing is sure! We will continue to pray for each of you and your ministry as a congregation.

Yes, Donna and I will now be retired pastors. But we will still be guided by Thanksgiving, Faith and Hope. We will trust that a loving God will sustain us. I will trust and believe that ELCD will remain a congregation nurtured and strengthened by Thanksgiving, Faith and Hope. God will continue to accomplish yet un-imagined things through your continued ministry. I love all of you and am so grateful for the time I was able to share with you.

~ *Pastor David Deal*

From Church Council:

Since pastor Dave sent his letter about his upcoming retirement, I am sure everyone has concerns and questions. The members of the church council want to assure you that we are gathering information regarding assignment of a new pastor. We will do our best to keep you informed as we move forward in the months ahead.

As a first step, the council met with Pastor Erika Wesch, Dean of Upper Bucks Conference last Monday. She is our point of contact and will be a resource as we go through this process. She explained that there is a sequence of steps and while I won't go into every step now, the council will keep you apprised of everything that is happening. Pastor Wesch spent a long time talking with us about the process and answering our questions. She supplied a manual that outlines the entire process.

	SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS		SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES		SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS
5	Bruce Crouse, Brielle Reiman				
7	Jim Miller				
9	Joanne Ziegenfuss			10	Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams
12	Bob Fox, Barb Naska				
14	Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePortillo	14	Karen & Hans Rilling (58)		
15	Laura Pyne			17	Hunter Aquino
				20	Michael Altemus
		21	Nancy & Frank Moskella (47)	21	Makenzie Naska
22	Don Seipt (93)				
24	Katie Aquino, Mary Ellen Jonczyk	24	Rachael & Joel Roney (10)		
25	Mike Rhine	26	Tanya & Ben Naska (22)		
27	Jack Pyne			27	Nancy Moskella
28	Maggie Fischer				
				30	Barbara Altemus

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

- FINAL SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE - September 5 - 10:00AM
 - FALL SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP BEGINS - September 12 -10:30AM
- At the September 12 Worship Service:
- OLIVIA DAWN FROELICH and DANE CHARLES REIMAN
- will be baptized (both infants)
- FINAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING with Pastor Deal will be on Tuesday, September 14 - 7:00 PM
 - Sunday, September 26 - 10:30AM
- Pastor Deal's final service to preach and lead worship. Several lay leaders from ELCD will participate in the service. Holy Communion will be celebrated. And a special time of Farwell and Godspeed will be a part of worship.
- Pastor Deal's retirement begins after this service.
- Pastor Deal has lined up Supply Preachers for the month of October, as follows:
- October 3 - Rev. Karen Sease

10 - Rev. Marcia Bell

17 - Rev. James Heckman

24 - Rev. James Heckman

31 - REFORMATION DAY - Rev. James Heckman

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF DURHAM
JUNE 2021 INCOME & EXPENSE & TRANSFERS

FUND DESCRIPTION	6/1/2021	INCOME	TRANSFERS	EXPENSE	TOTAL
	BALANCES FORWARD				
GENERAL OPERATING FUND	17,982.79	7,594.95	-	(9,391.68)	16,186.06
MISSION SUPPORT	2,482.00	5.00	-	-	2,487.00
GOOD NEIGHBOR OUTREACH FUND	6,716.88	245.00	-	-	6,961.88
MONTHLY OUTREACH	650.00	890.00	-	-	1,540.00
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	2,949.00	100.00	-	-	3,049.00
BUILDING FUND	33,088.40	934.93	-	-	34,023.33
MEMORIAL FUND	6,526.00	-	-	-	6,526.00
WELCA - OUTREACH FUND	302.03	120.00	-	-	422.03
LIBRARY FUND	541.02	-	-	-	541.02
KATHY HLAVATY - SCHLRSP FUND	2,168.59	-	-	-	2,168.59
CARE-A-LOT PROGRAM FUND	3,052.84	0.25	-	-	3,053.09
TOTAL OF FUNDS AT BANK	76,459.55	9,890.13	-	(9,391.68)	76,958.00
JANNEY -HOLLAND - STUDENT LOAN FUND	5,487.69	-	-	-	5,487.69
JANNEY FUNDS - FIXED INCOME	201,404.38	196.76	-	-	201,601.14
JANNEY FUNDS - D. SHAEFFER	589,671.77	12,219.64	-	-	601,891.41
JANNEY FUNDS - ELCOD INVSTMT	622,070.90	30,016.52	-	-	652,087.42
MISSION INVESTMENT FUND	33,777.36	185.73	-	-	33,963.09
THRIVENT FINANCIAL FUND	89,181.13	1,723.05	-	-	90,904.18
TOTAL OF INVESTMENT FUNDS	1,541,593.23	44,341.70	-	-	1,585,934.93
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	1,618,052.78	54,231.83	-	(9,391.68)	1,662,892.93
YTD PRIMARY CHECKING ACCOUNT	76,958.00	BANK RECONCILED			
YEAR TO DATE JANNEY FUNDS	1,455,579.97	RECONCILED			
YEAR TO DATE MISSION INVSTMT	33,963.09	RECONCILED			
YEAR TO DATE THRIVENT FUNDS	90,904.18	RECONCILED			

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF DURHAM
JULY 2021 INCOME & EXPENSE & TRANSFERS

FUND DESCRIPTION	7/1/2021	INCOME	TRANSFERS	EXPENSE	TOTAL
BALANCES FORWARD					
GENERAL OPERATING FUND	16,186.06	7,497.30	-	(12,410.07)	11,273.29
MISSION SUPPORT	2,487.00	1,067.00	-	(2,287.00)	1,267.00
GOOD NEIGHBOR OUTREACH FUND	6,961.88	275.00	-	-	7,236.88
MONTHLY OUTREACH	1,540.00	1,025.00	-	(1,540.00)	1,025.00
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	3,049.00	-	-	-	3,049.00
BUILDING FUND	34,023.33	1,054.93	-	(250.00)	34,828.26
MEMORIAL FUND	6,526.00	-	-	-	6,526.00
WELCA - OUTREACH FUND	422.03	10.00	-	-	432.03
LIBRARY FUND	541.02	-	-	-	541.02
KATHY HLA VATY - SCHLRSP FUND	2,168.59	-	-	-	2,168.59
CARE-A-LOT PROGRAM FUND	3,053.09	0.26	-	-	3,053.35
TOTAL OF FUNDS AT BANK	76,958.00	10,929.49	-	(16,487.07)	71,400.42
JANNEY -HOLLAND - STUDENT LOAN FUND	5,487.69	-	-	-	5,487.69
JANNEY FUNDS - FIXED INCOME	201,601.14	-	-	-	201,601.14
JANNEY FUNDS - D. SHAEFFER	601,891.41	-	-	-	601,891.41
JANNEY FUNDS - ELCOD INVSTMT	652,087.42	-	-	-	652,087.42
MISSION INVESTMENT FUND	33,963.09	-	-	-	33,963.09
THRIVENT FINANCIAL FUND	90,904.18	-	-	-	90,904.18
TOTAL OF INVESTMENT FUNDS	1,585,934.93	-	-	-	1,585,934.93
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	1,662,892.93	10,929.49	-	(16,487.07)	1,657,335.35

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YEAR TO DATE MISSION INVSTMT	33,963.09	RECONCILED
YEAR TO DATE THRIVENT FUNDS	90,904.18	RECONCILED

A Few things we know right now:

Pastor Dave will preach his last sermon on September 26. After that day he will be required to sever all pastoral connections to the congregation. The purpose of this is to enable the congregation to establish a normal and healthy relationship with the next pastor. Someone from the council will be a point of contact and there will be pastors available for emergencies.

Thanks to Pastor Dave, we have pastors scheduled for the month of October and several Sundays in November and December. He will be leaving a list of persons that the council can use to schedule speakers for additional Sundays.

We spoke at length with Pastor Wesch about the qualities we admired in Pastor Dave and she will take this information back to the Synod Council to help find an interim pastor. When this person has been selected the process will begin in earnest.

Let me say this will be a lengthy process that will take months, perhaps more than a year. We will need you, the congregation, to help by serving on committees and compiling necessary information for the Synod. We ask that you watch your email for information (For those without email, we will continue to snail mail you) and announcements will be made at church services as well. We all know that there is no replacing Pastor Dave, but with everyone working together and with God's help we will get through this change.

-Becky Praster

PRAYER

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty & George Kreitz; Dot Peterman; Silas Rodenbach; Hal Taylor; Carolyn Williams; and Joanne and 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; Gabriella Froehlich; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Kathy J.; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jean Kaki; Lauren Keebler; 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; Rocco Vonelli; and Linda Wilson

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

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)

WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULED IN SEPTEMBER....

LECTORS: September 5 - Linda Sauter
September 12, 19, & 26 - TBD

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS (Readers, Worship Assistants)!
Linda Sauter will be the New lector coordinator: She will be working to schedule a lay reader for every Sunday. A Sign-up sheet has been posted in narthex. But you can also call her to volunteer at 610-733-1277 or Email: davlins@epix.net

ALTAR GUILD for September: Nancy Moskella and Serena Ashmore

COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM for September: Tom Gaun, Dianna Streletz & Kathy Hlavaty

ACOLYTES: We have an acolyte coordinator who will begin seeking acolytes (youth/children) for each Sunday, beginning in September. **Sara Aquino** will be the acolyte coordinator. Please contact her if your child is willing to acolyte!
Cell phone: 610-349-0736 Email: jnsaquino@rcn.com

SPECIAL DESIGNATION OF SEPTEMBER

"Outreach" offering to "Lutheran Disaster Response"

"Lutheran Disaster Response" has a mission to share hope and healing with disaster survivors in the United States and around the world. In 2020, Lutheran Disaster Response was working in 53 countries, including the United States. First came COVID-19. Families in rural Guatemala were isolated in their homes, and getting food was difficult without going into town and risking exposure to COVID-19. Then came the hurricanes, one after another. Crops were destroyed, homes lost and spirits broken. With everything going on in the world, would anyone be there for you? For millions of people across Central America, the road to recovery will be long, but theirs is not an isolated recovery. They are not alone because of "Lutheran Disaster Response."

In the last 18 months, Lutheran Disaster Response has expended 35% more in resources than it received through gifts and grants. COVID-19 continues, another earthquake has struck Haiti, Fred and Grace and Henri have left flooding and devastation in the U.S., and terribly destructive wildfires have destroyed trees and lives and property in the Western U.S.

Generous support from donors like us will help Lutheran Disaster Response continue to respond to all kinds of disasters around the United States and the world. Please make a generous donation to LDR using the marked "Outreach" envelope in your September envelope packet. This is one more important way for us to follow the biblical command to "Love our neighbors as ourselves."



WELCA

WELCA will meet on Wednesday September 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. If the weather is nice, we will meet outside; if the weather is not conducive to that we will meet upstairs in the sanctuary. Please wear your masks.

We are going to plan out our year with particular emphasis on how we can help during this time of transition, so your help and presence would be very much appreciated.

If anyone would like to go out for lunch after the meeting, we can eat and talk.

The Southeast Pa. Synodical Board of WELCA is, **weather permitting**, planning an outside social gathering on Saturday September 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale (1000 W. Main St. Lansdale). It will be under a tent. Masks will be worn, but the restrooms in the church will be available. I will be attending this, and will be happy to take along anyone who would like a day out.

There will be no business meeting, but the Board would like to bring us up to date on what they've been doing, and also hear what we've been doing.

The Board will supply bottled beverages and wrapped snacks; if we want to lunch together, we will need to bring our lunch. We are also asked to bring paper towels as an in-kind offering; they will be given to the local food bank.

Outreach

Food ministry: Thanks to everyone who donated to our two local food banks in July and August. Mark Harwick had a neat experience delivering the July supplies to Easton. He had a large package of toilet paper. They were so pleased to see it as they were almost out. It is a great feeling to know we are helping people in need. Thank you. We will continue to collect personal care items and cleaning supplies in September.

Lutheran Disaster Response: Our September Outreach offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response. This is a small way we can help all those who have been afflicted by floods, fires, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes; *and* we still have Covid. It is almost unbelievable the amount of devastation our world is experiencing.

-Helen Dungan