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**October  
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## ***A Time For Change***

**Well we knew this time was coming and as much as anyone we know that change can be hard. We are so used to having Pastor Dave lead us and teach us God's word. Fortunately for us we have a very strong led congregation and council which will take us where we need to go in the future. As we go through this difficult transition in our ministry together we look back at what Pastor Dave gave us. He nurtured us in the ways of the Lord that we are able to stand without his guidance anymore. Yes, we will eventually replace him I have no doubt but without his leadership I honestly am not sure where we would as a church family be right now, so we thank him from the bottom of our hearts! Romans 8:28 says "We know that in all things God works for the good in those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." It's my belief that we are headed for bigger and better things as God has a plan for ALL of us.**

**Council President- Scott Gaun**

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**2021**

### **In October...**

- **Sunday, October 3 -**  
10:30 AM -  
Holy Communion  
Guest Preacher  
The Rev. Karen Sease
- **Sunday, October 10 -**  
10:30AM - Worship  
Guest Preacher  
The Rev. Marcia Bell
- **Sunday, October 17**  
10:30 AM- Worship  
Guest Preacher  
The Rev. James Heckman
- **Sunday, October 24 -**  
10:30AM - Worship  
Guest Preacher  
The Rev. James Heckamn
- **Sunday, October 31 -**  
10:30AM -  
Holy Communion  
REFORMATION DAY  
Guest Preacher  
The Rev. James Heckman

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

- ACOLYTES for October-
  - Oct. 3 - Ben Naska
  - 10 - Conner Aquino
  - 17 - Leo Grzelkowski
  - 24 - Chase Aquino
  - 31 - Nicholas Phillips
- LECTORS for October -
  - Oct. 3 - Linda Sauter
  - 10 - Val McGinn
  - 17 - Bea VonWatzdorf
  - 24 - Jim Nicholas
  - 31 - Becky Praster
- ALTAR GUILD for October - Barbara Naska and others
- COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM for October - Scott Gaun, Dianna Streletz

## 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; 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; Lauren Keebler; 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; 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.; Robert Harman; Craig Hartzell; Ruth Holena; Dean Litzemberger; Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski; The Rhine Family; Randy Rilling; Gerry Seipt; Lewis Snyder; Alex Ulrey; 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



## WELCA

Our September meeting was held Wednesday Sept. 22, 2012 in the back of the church. Our program was a condensation of the South-eastern Pa. WELCA's program held at Lansdale the previous Saturday. We basically redid their program. One of the items on that program was the "memorials" (issues WELCA wants its members to address and become more aware of). We went over the memorials; and as I had never heard of one of them and neither had anyone else present, we decided our October program would be on Thursday in Black. We also want to do a program on Human Trafficking; we would like to work on making new chrismons as our November program.

Below is the list of memorials:

- continuing to fight human trafficking
- continuing to support solar energy in Liberia
- **supporting and participating in Thursdays in Black**
- encouraging the practice of using reusable bags
- encouraging immigration reform
- engaging in education against school violence and mass shootings
- focusing on unjust treatment of women and girls by providing education and prayers for those who have been victimized and giving voice and support to those who willingly acknowledge such treatment by saying #METOO.

Our next meeting is Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. If any are interested, we will go out for lunch afterwards.

- Helen Dungan

## Outreach

**Foodbank ministry:** Thanks for all the donations on our window sills. Both ProJeCt and the Lord's Pantry foodbanks requested we continue to collect personal hygiene and cleaning products. So, we will continue to put our emphasis there; but ALL donations are gratefully accepted. I could not buy bulk toilet paper when I went shopping; so, I am asking especially for **toilet paper** and other paper products this month. If we can each pick up one roll, it would be a big help. I also want to thank Betty and George Krietz who found bulk toilet paper at Sam's Club; they bought us two large packages. These were added to our September donations.

Our Outreach envelope donations in July and August were split between the two foodbanks. In July we collected \$1,025 and in August we collected \$1300.

**Lutheran Disaster Response:** Council voted to donate our October Outreach envelope donations to Lutheran Disaster Response. Unlike the first responders, they are there for the long haul. Recovering from the devastation of this past year with the Coronavirus, wildfires, tornadoes, flooding, and hurricanes is not going to be a quick fix.

Prayer list: If you want to add someone to the prayer list or correct or update it, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (**610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553**) or by email at: [yakkityyak7@gmail.com](mailto:yakkityyak7@gmail.com). Would you also check the list to see if there are folks you asked us to pray for who are missing; or folks who are feeling better and can be removed. Thank you.

- Helen Dungan

	October BIRTHDAYS		October ANNIVERSARIES		October BAPTISMS
1	Ed Haney, Jessica Lehr Scott Lehr, Jeremy Roney			1	Barbara Naska
2	Justin Apgar				
5	Pastor David Deal, Connor Aquino, Silas Rodenbach (90)			4	Alison & Emerson Rhine
6	Virginia Hager			6	Joan Mammana
7	Lois Altemose	13	Lisa & Bruce Crouse (31)		
		15	Val & Paul McGinn (27)	15	Sharon Streletz
18	Karen Bolesta				
19	Joanne Antoni				
20	Lee Ann Kressman	20	Linda & David Sauter (40)	23	Pastor David Deal
21	Ed Xander	22	Diane & Steve DeWalt (38)	25	Jim Nicholas, Silas Rodenbach
25	Cheryl Mesko				
30	Benjamin J. Naska			30	Jessica (Fisher) Johnson
31	Nicole Crouse			31	Adam Mesko

### SOME FINAL WORDS OF GRATITUDE

From Pastor David Deal:

After 26 years together, we will miss each other as brothers and sisters in Christ and partners in God's ministry here at ELCD. THANK YOU for that amazing surprise retirement dinner and program on September 19. The whole event was so well done, creative, personal, humorous and more. Most of all, the closing event was centered in love. Donna and I will Never forget all the gifts for our retirement journey and the very gracious and generous cash gift.

God bless You, Your Families, and this congregation as you press ahead in faith!

In Christian love,  
Pastor David Deal

P.S. - Our new address, effective October 16, 2021 is:

Donna and David Deal  
Luther Crest - Apt. 447  
800 Hausman Rd.  
Allentown, PA 18104  
Phone: 610-597-6970

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Many thanks for the beautiful Birthday cards and messages that I received on my 93rd from my Durham Church family. You are the greatest. God Bless you all.

- Don Seipt