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EVANGEL

Got Christ?

During the Epiphany season we celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. From his Baptism in the Jordan River to his first miracle at Cana in Galilee, the enlightenment of Christ is made known to man.

With all that is going on in the world and how much we as a society have removed God from just about everything but the church, wouldn't it be a perfect time for Christ to make his reappearance? Now more than ever we need Christ back in our communities, our schools and our everyday life. The farther we move away from him the worse the world seems to get. What would our world look like if we reinstated Christ back into society? Like the old commercial said, "Milk, it does a body good". Christ, he does a body good! Got Christ?

Scott Gaun

EVANGEL



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In February...

- **Sunday, February 6-**
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion
w/ Rev David Lutcher
- **Sunday, February 13 -**
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
w/ Rev Marcia Bell
- **Sunday February 20 -**
Seventh Sunday after
Epiphany
w/ Kathie Afflerbach
- **Monday February 21 -**
Council Meeting 7PM
- **Sunday, February 27 -**
Transfiguration of our Lord
w/ Rev James Heckman

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

- ACOLYTES for February-
 - Feb. 6 - Samantha Mueller
 - 13 - Chase Aquino
 - 20 - Leo Grezkowski
 - 27 - Addyson Mammana

 - LECTORS for February -
 - Feb. 6 - Val McGinn
 - 13 - Bea von Watzdorf
 - 20 - Mark Harwick
 - 27 - Joe Hlavaty

 - ALTAR GUILD for February - Barb Naska & Bea von Watzdorf
 - COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM for February - Mark Harwick & Barb Naska
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From Carolyn Williams:

I would like to thank the congregation for your prayers and support during these past 2 1/2 years as I have been in treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma. I recently completed my final round of chemo in January 2022, and will continue to be monitored and tested regularly for several years. I want you to know that I attribute the success of my treatments to your prayers and positive messages, cards, etc. You are the most wonderful people, and I am truly blessed to have you all in my life. I also want to thank you for the Christmas bonus that is always so greatly appreciated. God bless you all and keep you safe in 2022.

Music and Worship News:

Music and Worship Committee will meet after church on Sunday, Feb. 20 to discuss Lenten services and Easter week. We will also review current singing guidelines to make a decision when it will be safe for choir to resume rehearsing and singing again.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Current CDC guidelines allow fully vaccinated people to sing indoors with a mask and three feet apart.

Given the unique situation of the Omicron variant, please err on the side of caution. If you are not feeling well or have been in close contact with someone with Covid, please stay at home to keep your fellow singers safe.

Yes, ventilation still matters. Breakthroughs will continue to happen, but good ventilation and filtration can help prevent an infectious person from spreading the virus to others simultaneously across the room. One common factor in major superspreading events: low ventilation rates. High ventilation essentially shrinks the pool of susceptible people in a room.

The Church Council is happy to announce our Interim Consultant, Reverend Doctor Shirley Guider. She will be working with the Transition Team to complete the church profile that the synod will use to help find a pastor that will be a “good fit” for Evangelical Lutheran Church Durham. She will be at church this Sunday, January 30 following the service. She is looking forward to meeting members and answering questions. The following is Reverend Guider’s brief bio.

I want to introduce myself. I will be your interim consultant and will work with you to build a profile of the congregation in preparation for calling your next pastor. With this introductory note I want to do two things: tell you a little about myself and to talk about the first steps in the process. I hope to be with you after worship on Sunday Jan 30th so you can ask questions. I did not grow up in any one area or place. My father spent 30 years in the Air Force and so our family followed him wherever he was stationed. I was born in Tokyo, Japan. Or, as my confirmation class put it when I was 12, I was made in Japan. I comfort myself with the thought that many good things are made in Japan. We moved around a lot as I grew up, though we lived primarily in the Northeast of the U.S. We also had the wonderful experience of living overseas on Okinawa when I was in the 3rd and 4th grade and then in Turkey when I was a teenager. While I may have missed the joy of living in one place all my life, the many unique opportunities and life experiences that came my way because we were overseas more than made up for it. Both Okinawa and Turkey are places of history. As my father always reminded us when we walked the streets of Istanbul, we could have been walking where the crusaders walked. It makes you pause and think.

After college, I followed in my father’s footsteps and entered the Air Force as a 2nd LT. I spent 2 years active duty and 3 in the Air National Guard. I transferred to the guard because I married, and my husband was in the Army. While in the guard, I completed my bachelor’s in nursing. Walter and I moved to Washington D. C. Walter, a captain in the Army, at the Pentagon and I, as a nurse, at George Washington University Hospital. I was there the night that President Regan was shot and brought to the hospital. When I was 28, my first husband died in an accident.

I went to graduate school for nursing, but while I was there, I kept thinking about the ministry. But I wanted to make sure it was a true calling. So, I finished my degree and started to work in my field. I figured that if God really was calling me, it wouldn’t go away. To make a long story short, it didn’t! I found myself talking to the Bishop and the folks at seminary about my sense of call. I was ordained in 1993 and began serving my first parish in Allentown. In the meantime, I met Steve, we were married and bought our house in Center Valley in 1994—a very busy year for me. I have been really blessed to have him in my life.

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After serving two congregations, I felt God’s call to learn and teach. I was awarded my PhD in theology and the practice of ministry with a concentration in pastoral theology in 2014. While pursuing my degree, I completed training and served as an intentional interim for several congregations from 2008-2016. In the meantime, I wrote five articles on the pastoral implications of lectionary passages for *Homiletics*, a preaching journal. As well, I wrote a chapter in *Sensing Sacred* a book that explores the relationship between our senses and God. I retired from ministry in 2020 and am teaching at Moravian University in the School of Nursing. I find that most congregations are anxious about what will happen during an interim. First of all, the ministry of the congregation continues, you will have a bridge pastor to assist with that. This will also be a time of exploration and an opportunity for the congregation to learn about itself and this is where my work with you as the interim consultant will focus. We will look at the heritage of the church—celebrating the ministry of the church over the years; we will examine what Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham is doing now—what are the joys, the strengths of the ministry of this congregation and what are the leading edges, what might need more attention; and finally, we will share the hopes and dreams that you have for this congregation. The first step is to establish a Transition Team. The team will lead and/or facilitate the history event, information gathering, review assessment material, assist in the visioning process and be responsible for, with the help of the congregation, completing the online ministry profile as well as putting together the congregational profile. The team also keeps the council and congregation informed of the process, where we are what needs to be done. Your council has already been working on finding individuals who will serve in this capacity. We will meet soon and begin our time together.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask—my function as the interim consultant is to guide you through this process. I am looking forward to serving the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham as your interim consultant, to learning more about you as children of God, and having conversations about the church, where you are and where you hope to be. My prayer is that this journey together will draw both of us closer to the God who created and calls all of us to service and ministry.

Blessings,

Pastor Shirley Guider

Care-A-Lot Preschool REOPENS THIS FALL! SPREAD THE WORD!

After a 2 year hiatus due to Covid, CAL will be reopening this September. Scott Gaun found us an enthusiastic, experienced young woman with the teaching credentials to take on the Head Teacher position. We are fortunate to have Samantha O'Brien returning as the assistant teacher. There will be an Open House for prospective students and their parents to meet the teachers on April 21st at 6:30 p.m. If you know of any families with 3-5 year olds who might be interested, please let them know. We will also be asking the congregation for assistance by contributing via your Outreach envelopes for a new, safer playground in March, and to the Scholarship fund in April. We are counting on you to be as generous and supportive as you have always been.

LONG OVERDUE THANK YOU

A great big thank you goes out to all the people who volunteered their time to help decorate and undecorate our beautiful church during the Christmas Season. First, I'd like to thank Vicki and Adam Phillipps for taking orders, picking up and delivering all the poinsettias that so beautifully decorated our church on Christmas Eve. Also, for all you members that so graciously purchased flowers. We ordered 40 white and 40 red poinsettias that were placed throughout the chancel. Thank you to Joe Hlavaty, Mark Harwick and Ben Naska for setting up the outside nativity. For many years the haybales have been supplied by the Crouse family. Ben makes a phone call to Ester and the bales magically appear when we need them, and they magically disappear when its time to take down the outside manger scene. Thank you to the Crouse family for doing this. Next, is Miriam and Ken Anderson. They have always supplied us with our advent wreath that adores the advent holder the 4 weeks in advent and this year Miriam and Ken hung a large, beautiful wreath above the outside doors of the church. Their jobs aren't quite done until they set up the two trees in the chancel getting them ready for us to decorate. Again, many thanks to both for getting those trees up and taking them down. Now that the trees are up its time to decorate them and to bring the candles out of storage that we use for the candlelight service. Listed are the names of all the volunteers that came out to help decorate on a Saturday morning and to help dismantle everything on a Thursday morning. Joe & Kathy Hlavaty, Mark Harwick, Becky Praster, Linda Sauter, Dianna Streletz, Carolyn Williams, Bea VonWatzdorf & Leo, Val McGinn, Nancy Moskella and of course my husband Ben. I pray that I did not miss anyone, if I did, I am so sorry. Altar Guild and I thank each one of you and I pray with God's guidance that we continue to work together and support each other as we have done all along in the past. I thank you all again and I love you. Barb Naska, Altar Guild President



WELCA

Lynn Gaun presented a history of our women's organization from its founding in 1883 till the 1960s. It was really a history of the church during this time period. We want to offer her presentation to the entire congregation on this spring when more people would be available. WELCA will not meet in February.

Outreach

Thank you for your donations to our local food-banks. We will continue to offer our Outreach donations to them in February. We will also continue to collect food and cleaning supplies on the windowsills in February.

- Adult Sunday School will not be meeting in February.
- BIBLE Study will pause meeting until February 17th

- Helen Dungan

LAY EUCHARISTIC TRAINING

Kathy and Joe Hlavaty attended a Lay Eucharistic Training Workshop on January 15, 2022. The session was hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church at Pleasant Valley from 9:00 to 5:00 pm. Five congregations sent a total of 18 people. Pastors Brandon Heavner and Bradley Gow were the instructors. Lutheran Congregational Services sponsored the seminar. An array of participant responsibilities were presented either through role playing, instructor explanations and/or demonstrations. The main goal of this event was to extend our Eucharistic Ministry beyond the Sanctuary of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham to all members. The day concluded with a 30 minute church service. The elements were consecrated during this time. Participants were then permitted to take the blessed packets to be used in their respective congregations. Any members of Durham are encouraged to contact Kathy and Joe Hlavaty at 610-360-5756 if you wish to receive the sacraments at home.

February Birthdays	February Anniversaries	February Baptisms
2 Amanda Frey		
3 Sam Rhine		3 Dale Leidich
		4 Laura DeWalt
5 Laura Helfrich		5 Mike Rhine
7 Dianna Streletz		
8 Diane DeWalt		
		9 Anderson Fox, Serena Ashmore
10 Wayne Mesko		
12 Steven Streletz		12 Haley Rodd
13 Miriam Anderson		
15 Norma Fox	15 Betty & George Kreitz (64)	
16 Kathy Haney		
17 Betty Kreitz		
		19 Kathleen Miller
20 Esther Crouse		
21 Caitlin Pyne		
		22 Benjamin Miller
	23 Victoria & Adam Phillips (20)	
24 Frank Moskella, Jim Beerer		
		26 Tom Gaun, Doug Litzenberger
27 Tanya Naska		
28 Grace Litzenberger, Rowan Froehlich		28 Nicole Crouse
29 Becky Harrison		

PRAYER

Please lift the following up in prayer: ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Dot Peterman; Steven Streletz; Carolyn Williams and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Rev. Dennis Durasoff ; Nancy Edelen; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; Clarence Hoover Jr ; George & Lois James; Jesse; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Betty Kreitz ;Chelsea Marley; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Ron Steele; Jesse Stimell; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

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; and Kristi Lee Reiman

Treasurer's Report

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF DURHAM
DECEMBER 2021 INCOME & EXPENSE & TRANSFERS

<u>FUND DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>12/1/2021</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>BALANCES</u> <u>FORWARD</u>				
<u>GENERAL OPERATING FUND</u>	<u>24,860.38</u>	<u>20,662.08</u>	<u>(18,435.48)</u>	<u>(12,935.64)</u>	<u>14,151.34</u>
<u>MISSION SUPPORT</u>	<u>1,727.00</u>	<u>3,072.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,799.00)</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>GOOD NEIGHBOR OUTREACH FUND</u>	<u>6,390.18</u>	<u>675.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,000.00)</u>	<u>5,065.18</u>
<u>MONTHLY OUTREACH</u>	<u>1,090.00</u>	<u>1,850.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,090.00)</u>	<u>1,850.00</u>
<u>PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>3,049.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,049.00</u>
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>39,132.98</u>	<u>2,879.93</u>	<u>18,435.48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,448.39</u>
<u>MEMORIAL FUND</u>	<u>6,526.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,526.00</u>
<u>WELCA - OUTREACH FUND</u>	<u>592.03</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>602.03</u>
<u>LIBRARY FUND</u>	<u>541.02</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>541.02</u>
<u>KATHY HLAVATY - SCHLRSP FUND</u>	<u>2,168.59</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,168.59</u>
<u>CARE-A-LOT PROGRAM FUND</u>	<u>3,054.37</u>	<u>0.13</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,054.50</u>
<u>TOTAL OF FUNDS AT BANK</u>	<u>89,131.55</u>	<u>29,149.14</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(20,824.64)</u>	<u>97,456.05</u>
		<u>GAIN</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
<u>JANNEY -HOLLAND - STUDENT LOAN FUND</u>	<u>5,487.69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,487.69</u>
<u>JANNEY FUNDS - FIXED INCOME</u>	<u>201,517.71</u>	<u>34.28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,551.99</u>
<u>JANNEY FUNDS - D. SHAEFFER</u>	<u>600,885.37</u>	<u>38,908.20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>639,793.57</u>
<u>JANNEY FUNDS - ELCOD INVSTMT</u>	<u>648,683.61</u>	<u>47,456.83</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>696,140.44</u>
<u>MISSION INVESTMENT FUND</u>	<u>34,151.91</u>	<u>191.97</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,343.88</u>
<u>THRIVENT FINANCIAL FUND</u>	<u>90,876.73</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(245.20)</u>	<u>90,631.53</u>
<u>TOTAL OF INVESTMENT FUNDS</u>	<u>1,581,603.02</u>	<u>86,591.28</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(245.20)</u>	<u>1,667,949.10</u>
<u>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</u>	<u>1,670,734.57</u>	<u>115,740.42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,069.84)</u>	<u>1,765,405.15</u>

<u>YEAR TO DATE JANNEY FUNDS</u>	<u>1,537,486.00</u>	<u>RECONCILED</u>
<u>YEAR TO DATE MISSION INVSTMT</u>	<u>34,343.88</u>	<u>RECONCILED</u>
<u>YEAR TO DATE THRIVENT FUNDS</u>	<u>90,631.53</u>	<u>RECONCILED</u>