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In March...

- **Wednesday, March 2-**
Ash Wednesday /
Holy Communion
w/ Rev James Heckman
- **Sunday, March 6-**
First Sunday in Lent
w/ Rev James Heckman
- **Sunday, March 13 -**
Second Sunday in Lent
w/ Rev James Heckman
- **Sunday March 20 -**
Third Sunday in Lent
w/ Rev James Heckman
- **Monday, March 21 -**
Council Meeting 7pm
- **Sunday, March 27 -**
Fourth Sunday in Lent
w/ Rev James Heckman

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Forty

During the forty days of Lent, as we prepare spiritually before Easter, we are to set aside time for reflection on Jesus. To consider his suffering, sacrifice, life, death, burial and resurrection. The forty day period of Lent or the number forty in general has a number of special significance's for the church. God made it rain for forty days and nights so Noah had to build an Ark. Moses fasted on Mount Sinai for forty days before he came down with the Commandments in hand. For forty years the Israelite's walked the desert and Jesus ascended into heaven forty days after his death, just to list a few. God doesn't test our faith so that He will know, but so we will know. We all have times of trials, tests, sufferings and we may be wandering in a spiritual wilderness for a time, but rest is coming. The true rest that is coming is found when we place our trust in Jesus Christ. Let this forty days of Lent bring us closer to God and his son Jesus Christ and to believe that the plan they have for us is not only the right one, but the only one.

*Council President,
Scott Gaun*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

- ACOLYTES for March-
 - Mar. 2 - Chase or Sara Aquino (Ash Wednesday)
 - 6 - Addyson Mammana
 - 13 - Leo Grzelkowski
 - 20 - Samantha Mueller
 - 27 - Chase Aquino
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 - LECTORS for March -
 - Mar. 2 - Beth Snyder
 - 6 - Elizabeth Snyder
 - 13 - Bea von Watzdorf
 - 20 - Bonnie de Portillo
 - 27 - Linda Sauter
 - ALTAR GUILD for March- Beth Snyder & Nancy Moskella
 - COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM for March- Mark Harwick & Val McGinn
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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

Transition Team Meeting

The Transition Team had its first meeting with our consultant, Reverend Shirley Guider, on Tuesday, February 8. Reverend Guider gave the team a basic outline of what needs to be done to produce the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) which is used by the synod to pick pastors that would be best suited to the needs of our church.

The team has scheduled three meetings that will involve the congregation. The three meetings will cover the following topics:

Remembering the Past (a history of Evangelical Lutheran Durham) March 20

What We Do (ministries of the congregation and resources that support these activities)

April 24

Focus on the Future (what Evangelical Durham is looking for in a pastor) May 22

All of these sessions will be held immediately after Sunday service. The meetings will be streamed online and people watching on the internet will be able to submit written comments after the meeting. It is important that the congregation supply input during these meetings as this information will be used by the Transition Team when filling out the MSP.

Please think about what you know about Evangelical Durham. Below are some suggestions of the kind of information the team will be looking for from members at the March 20 meeting:

- What are the stories you remember about the different pastors that served the church?
- What were some of the high points/glory days? When were they for you? What made them so positive?
- What were some significant changes you saw?
- What were some of the saddest times/crises for the church/difficult times? When did this occur?
- What are some of the key decisions made in the time you have been coming to Durham? When were they made? Under whose leadership?

What are things you still laugh about?

What are things you still feel bad about?

During the tenure of the pastors you've had, what events were happening in the world that had an affect on the church?

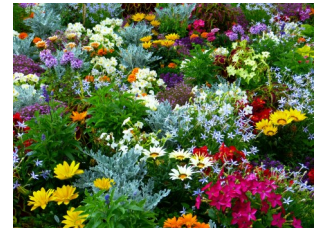
Questions or comment? Reach out to us any time at TransitionCommittee@durhamlutheran.org

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

The Covid lockdowns in March, 2020, and the subsequent requirements to mask and social distance small children, led to the retirement of our dear Linda Reinbold. We finally have a new Head Teacher, Lisa Miller. She and Samantha O'Brien will be holding an Open House on April 28th at 6:30 pm for any interested families with 3-5 year olds. Classes will begin in September, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Outreach envelopes for March will help us replace our splintery old playground equipment. For April, they will replenish our Scholarship fund. Remember that this mission enables us to reach some children that might never otherwise hear the word of God.

Easter Flowers

We are ordering Easter flowers to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. If you are interested in purchasing flowers, look for the order form in the April newsletter. Also forms will be available in church Sunday mornings. Any questions, contact Barbara Naska 610-847-5853 or Vicki Phillipps 610-724-3277.



	March BIRTHDAYS		March BAPTISMS
		1	Mike Rhine
2	Michael Altemus		
4	Amanda Harrison		
6	Gladys Nicholas (87)		
7	Kenneth Crouse		
8	Alaina Apgar	8	Karen Bolesta
11	Brittany Froehlich, Ella Rose Michl		
		12	Blake Rodd
15	Samantha Mueller		
		17	Don Crouse
		23	Rachael Roney
		25	Althea Crouse
		28	Clayton Leichliter
		29	Steven Streletz
30	Tom Praster		



WELCA

We did not meet in February. Our March meeting's program will be a report on the Churchwide Women of the ELCA Leadership Event. This was a three day zoom conference which was dealing with the issues facing our society and especially those that we as Women of the ELCA had voted to emphasize. As a church, Durham has been emphasizing hunger ministries, but we will look at the other issues our organization is concerned about including sexual trafficking, gender violence, and racism. Then evaluate what we are doing and what more we could be doing. Our meeting will be Wednesday Mar. 16, 2022 at 11am. Those who wish will go to lunch together afterwards.

Outreach

Thanks to all who contributed to our collection for our foodbanks.

Outreach envelope: Our Outreach envelopes for January and February went to support our local food banks. Our Outreach envelope for March will

to go toward playground equipment. 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.

Thank you,
Helen Dungan