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In May...

- **Sunday, May 1-**
Third Sunday of Easter
w/ Rev James Heckman
- **Sunday, May 8-**
Fourth Sunday of Easter
w/ Rev James Heckman
- **Sunday, May 15-**
Fifth Sunday of Easter w/
Rev. James Heckman
- **Monday, May 16 -**
Council Meeting 7pm
- **Saturday, May 21-**
First Communion Class
from 9 am to noon.
- **Sunday, May 22 -**
Sixth Sunday of Easter w/
Rev James Heckman
- **Sunday, May 29 -**
Seventh Sunday of Easter
w/ Rev James Heckman

EVANGEL



**May
2022**

A Blessed Easter to all!

As I write this letter, I am still basking in the glow of the meaningful Holy Week I just had the honor of sharing with you, my new (all-be-it temporary) church family. I want to thank all those who helped make this special week a reality, including Carolyn, (your gifted organist), Jessica (who had to wrestle with several special bulletins), the altar guild (who were very busy redecorating the church several times), the lectors, lay assistants, choir voices, and I'm sure there are others who I have forgotten to mention. As you can see, having meaningful worship takes a village. I think many of you would agree with me when I say, that not only was it a powerful and meaningful week of services because of the actions of Jesus, but also because it was the first time in around two years, when we actually had a "normal" service with masks optional, uncovered voices singing and Holy Communion with real bread and wine. You could really feel the positive Spirit moving. I want to thank everyone who attended these services for making it a blessed and meaningful week. However, now is not the time to sit back and relax. If anything, I hope this renewed energy will carry over to the continued ministry here at Durham and there is work to be done. Let me list a number of areas for review. First and foremost, the continuing work of the Transition Team, the direction of Pastor Guider and the work of the congregation at the congregational events. As I mentioned on Easter, these are events when you will be reflecting on your story of ministry to help the Transition Team to prepare the congregational profile which will best describe Durham and attract the best person needed to move the ministry forward. I hope you all will attend the congregational events.

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Second, the education program here at Durham is clearly important. I just attended my first Care-a-lot board meeting, and I was very impressed with the program I see them developing. But it also reminded me that there has been a desire to get the Sunday education program up and running again, but right now it is in desperate need of leadership. I hope some who might have helped lead it in the past might step up to help us get it started again. If you would like to help, please send me an email letting me know your interest. I would hope to have an initial planning meeting sometime in May. Watch the bulletin for a date.

While technically it is a part of the education program, the third item I want to mention is the Confirmation Program. Over the past number of years, Durham has been working with St. Peters and Trinity on preparing youth for Confirmation. Upon my arrival, I have found that three of the four young people from Durham who have been participating in the classes are ready to be confirmed and that will happen here at Durham on Sunday, June 12th. I hope we can have a packed house to celebrate with Addy Manmana, Clayton Helfrich and Ben Naska when they affirm their Baptismal Covenant with God.

My fourth and final item also involves the education program. It has come to my attention that there are a number of young people who would be able to receive their first holy communion, but they need to have a preparation class. In order to solve this problem, I will be holding a First Communion Class for anyone in 1st grade and up who has not yet received their First Communion instruction on Saturday, May 21st from 9 to noon. This will allow the participants of the class to receive their first Communion on Sunday, June 5th (Pentecost Sunday). If you know of someone who needs this class, please email me that name. I need to know how many participants I will have so that I can get the materials ordered in time.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, don't be afraid to email me or stop into the Church office on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 12:15 when I am there, or you can plan to see me before worship (I am there before 10) or after. I look forward to moving forward with you as we continue our journey across the bridge to your new ministry home.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim

PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Norma Fox; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Joan & Frank Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Steven Streletz; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Deb Carmichael; Alice Cicatiello; Bill Corrigan; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Ken Garey; Candie Gimbar; George & Lois James; Virginia Johnson; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Lisa Pezzino; Donnie Pyne; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; David Sebring; Debbie Schultz; 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.



WELCA

During our March meeting we listened to a recording of the Bible study on Esther that was given at the Churchwide Women of the ELCA's Leadership Event. We also went over some of the issues facing our society that WELCA is emphasizing. During this meeting we decided to make a donation to Samaritan's Purse, an organization which is providing medical care to Ukrainians. We decided to ask the congregation to help us, and we want to thank you for your response. I will report the total figure donated in our June newsletter.

Our April meeting will be held on Apr. 30, at 10:00 a.m. We will be cutting out **Chrismons**. We need people to trace the Chrismon onto Styrofoam and folks to cut them out. So, if you don't feel qualified to cut, you can trace! **Anyone** (male or female) who can help is begged to attend. We will be decorating the Chrismons later this summer. Our May meeting will be held on Saturday May 14th at 10:00 am. After devotions we will plan our programs and projects for the coming year.

Outreach

Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our collection for our foodbanks this month, and to Barb and Ben Naska who donated a food basket filled with coffee and jelly. Both food banks were really appreciative for what they received. ProJeCt always has need for jelly; they also always have a need for pasta. The Lord's Pantry always can use soup; so, we are collected soup and crackers for them. We will continue to collect canned meats. Besides canned chicken and fish, other canned meals, like chili or stew would also be a good donation. They are also low on snack foods, chips, pretzels etc.

Outreach envelope: Our Outreach envelopes for May will go to support Blanket Sunday which we traditionally hold on Mother's Day; but we will be collecting all month. The money collected will be given to Church World Service to buy blankets which they give to victims of disasters. We will also be celebrating Father's Day by collecting money for Church World Service to buy tools to help those who are experiencing disasters. If you would like to dedicate your donation in memory or honor of your mother or father, write that information on the outside of your Outreach envelope, and we will put this information in our newsletter.

Outreach Donations:

December 2021 - **AHUB (Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks)- \$1,8050.00**

January 2022 – **Foodbanks - \$2,415.00**

February 2022 – **Foodbanks - \$3,395.00**

March 2022 – **Playground upgrade - \$1505.00**

Care-A-Lot Newsletter Article for May,2022

By the time you read this, we expect to have 9 children registered. School will begin September 13th, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, from 9:15 to 12:15. The next School Board meeting will be on August 24th at 10 am.

We are so grateful to Dianna Streletz and her family's business, PS Construction, for removing the old playground equipment for us. The new equipment has been ordered and should be installed before school starts. Of course, the playground was never intended to be just for Care-A-Lot children but also for the community. Thank you to all who contributed to it, and to all who contributed to the CAL Scholarship fund in your April Outreach envelopes.

Thank You – I would like to recognize these people for their dedication during the month of April.

Lynn Gaun – Thank you for making the beautiful Easter bags that were handed out to the children as they entered the church Easter morning. I am sure they were thrilled to open them to see all the little thoughtful gifts inside. Hopefully we will be able to have our annual Easter Egg Hunt next year.

Altar Guild Members – You are always willing to help when needed. Thank you for preparing our worship area for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Morning services. Altar Guild members do a lot of behind the scene preparation. We have a wonderful group of men and women willing to always step up to the task. Thank you again.

Vicki & Adam Phillips – Thank you again for overseeing the Easter Flowers. Ordering, picking up and delivering the plants to the church on Saturday morning. As always, they were beautiful and made our sanctuary look very festive and joyous on Easter morning.

I thank each and everyone that volunteered their time. GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS. God's Blessings,

- Barb Naska

	MAY BIRTHDAYS		MAY ANNIVERSARIES		MAY BAPTISMS
1	Tim Leichter				
2	Frank Erceg				
				3	Kelvin De Walt
4	Sara Aquino				
5	Hunter Aquino				
		7	Becky and Tom Praster (44)		
		9	Barb and Ben Naska (52)	9	Bryant Hlavaty, Donald V. Seipt
				10	Patricia Zion
				12	Jack Pyne
13	Chris Mueller			13	Katie Aquino
14	Luke Snyder				
15	Beth Snyder				
				18	Frank Erceg
19	Annabel Williams				
				21	Jim Altemose
				22	Dianna Streletz
23	Bethany Michl				
24	Brian Ashmore, Sr.				
25	Joel Roney	25	Sara and Joe Aquino		
		26	Kristy Lee and Dane Reiman (10)		
		27	Maggie Fischer and Bob Starling (44)	31	Leo Grzelkowski

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

- ACOLYTES for May-
 May 1 - TBD
 8 - Leo Grzelkowski
 15 - TBD
 22 - Clayton/Landon Helfrich
 29 - Addyson Mannana

- LECTORS for May-
 May 1 - Karen Beerer
 8 - Tom Gaun
 15 - Mark Harwick
 22 - Joe Hlavaty
 29 - Beth Snyder

- ALTAR GUILD for May- Val McGinn and Bea von Watzdorf
- COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM for May- Barb Naska and Becky Praster

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF DURHAM

OUTREACH 2022	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
SUNDAY OFFERING	\$ 565.00	\$ 2,830.00	\$	1,505.00								
BENEFIT	LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES	LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES	NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	CARE A LOT KATHY HLAVATY SCHOLARSHIP	CWS = BLANKETS	CWS = TOOLS	LOCAL FOOD BANKS	LOCAL FOOD BANKS	ELCA DISASTER RELIEF	ELCA DISASTER RELIEF	ELCA WORLD HUNGER	A.H.U.B.
YTD SUNDAY = \$4900.00												
WELCA			\$	285.00								
BENEFIT			SAMARITAN'S PURSE									
YTD WELCA = \$285.00												

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. Or as Joan is currently in the hospital, Helen Dungan at dunganh@lafayette.edu or by phone at 610-346-8829.

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School class meets in the church library at 9:15. We are finishing our discussion on Jesus' preaching and teaching on God's kingdom / eternal life. We will then decide what we want to study for the remainder of the spring. Anyone who is interested is invited to join us.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible study meets from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty. We are finishing our study of Corinthians and will begin our next study on the book of Acts. We share leading each session's discussion (and we do talk a lot!) Carpooling from the church is available. Call Helen Dungan if you need a ride.

-Helen Dungan

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF DURHAM
MARCH 2022 INCOME & EXPENSE & TRANSFERS

FUND DESCRIPTION	3/1/2022	INCOME	TRANSFERS	EXPENSE	TOTAL
	<u>BALANCES FORWARD</u>				
GENERAL OPERATING FUND	13,756.76	9,895.47	-	(5,716.73)	17,935.50
MISSION SUPPORT	3,357.00	-	-	-	3,357.00
GOOD NEIGHBOR OUTREACH FUND	5,835.18	280.00	-	-	6,115.18
MONTHLY OUTREACH	3,395.00	-	-	(3,395.00)	-
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	3,049.00	1,505.00	-	-	4,554.00
BUILDING FUND	65,198.25	574.93	-	-	65,773.18
MEMORIAL FUND	6,526.00	275.00	-	-	6,801.00
WELCA - OUTREACH FUND	782.03	480.00	-	(360.00)	902.03
LIBRARY FUND	541.02	-	-	-	541.02
KATHY HLAVATY - SCHLRSP FUND	2,168.59	-	-	-	2,168.59
CARE-A-LOT PROGRAM FUND	3,054.63	220.25	-	-	3,274.88
TOTAL OF FUNDS AT BANK	107,663.46	13,230.65	-	(9,471.73)	111,422.38
		<u>GAIN</u>	<u>TRANSFER</u>	<u>LOSS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
JANNEY -HOLLAND - STUDENT LOAN FUND	5,487.69	-	-	-	5,487.69
JANNEY FUNDS - FIXED INCOME	201,551.99	-	-	(475.23)	201,076.76
JANNEY FUNDS - D. SHAEFFER	639,793.57	3.91	-	-	639,797.48
JANNEY FUNDS - ELCOD INVSTMT	696,140.44	-	-	(4,436.40)	691,704.04
MISSION INVESTMENT FUND	34,343.88	193.04	-	-	34,536.92
THRIVENT FINANCIAL FUND	90,631.53	-	-	(5,269.42)	85,362.11
TOTAL OF INVESTMENT FUNDS	1,667,949.10	196.95	-	(10,181.05)	1,657,965.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	1,775,612.56	13,427.60	-	(19,652.78)	1,769,387.38

YEAR TO DATE JANNEY FUNDS	<u>1,532,578.28</u>	RECONCILED
YEAR TO DATE MISSION INVSTMT	<u>34,536.92</u>	RECONCILED
YEAR TO DATE THRIVENT FUNDS	<u>85,362.11</u>	RECONCILED

EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF DURHAM
2022 INCOME & EXPENSE & TRANSFERS YTD

FUND DESCRIPTION	1/1/2022	3/31/2022	3/31/2022	3/31/2022	3/31/2022
	<u>BALANCES FORWARD</u>				
GENERAL OPERATING FUND	14,151.34	23,949.80	-	(20,165.64)	17,935.50
MISSION SUPPORT	-	3,357.00	-	-	3,357.00
GOOD NEIGHBOR OUTREACH FUND	5,065.18	1,050.00	-	-	6,115.18
MONTHLY OUTREACH	1,850.00	3,395.00	-	(5,245.00)	-
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	3,049.00	1,505.00	-	-	4,554.00
BUILDING FUND	60,448.39	5,324.79	-	-	65,773.18
MEMORIAL FUND	6,526.00	275.00	-	-	6,801.00
WELCA - OUTREACH FUND	602.03	660.00	-	(360.00)	902.03
LIBRARY FUND	541.02	-	-	-	541.02
KATHY HLAVATY - SCHLRSP FUND	2,168.59	-	-	-	2,168.59
CARE-A-LOT PROGRAM FUND	3,054.50	220.38	-	-	3,274.88
TOTAL OF FUNDS AT BANK	97,456.05	39,736.97	-	(25,770.64)	111,422.38
		<u>GAINS</u>	<u>TRANSFERS</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
JANNEY -HOLLAND - STUDENT LOAN FUND	5,487.69	-	-	-	5,487.69
JANNEY FUNDS - FIXED INCOME	201,551.99	-	-	(475.23)	201,076.76
JANNEY FUNDS - D. SHAEFFER	639,793.57	3.91	-	-	639,797.48
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MISSION INVESTMENT FUND	34,343.88	193.04	-	-	34,536.92
THRIVENT FINANCIAL FUND	90,631.53	-	-	(5,269.42)	85,362.11
TOTAL OF INVESTMENT FUNDS	1,667,949.10	196.95	-	(10,181.05)	1,657,965.00
GRAND TOTAL OF FUNDS	1,765,405.15	39,933.92	-	(35,951.69)	1,769,387.38

	<u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>3/31/2022</u>	<u>3/31/2022</u>
YEAR TO DATE OPERATING FUNDS	<u>17,935.50</u>	BANK RECONCILED		
YEAR TO DATE LIBRARY FUNDS	<u>541.02</u>	BANK RECONCILED		
YEAR TO DATE WELCA FUNDS	<u>902.03</u>	BANK RECONCILED		

YEAR TO DATE CARE A LOT PRESCHOOL ACCOUNT FUNDS	<u>5,443.47</u>	BANK RECONCILED
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YEAR TO DATE THRIVENT FUNDS	<u>85,362.11</u>	RECONCILED