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In July...

- **Sunday, July 3-**
Worship at 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, July 10-**
Worship at 10:00 AM
- **Tuesday, July 12 -**
Council Meeting 7pm
- **Sunday, July 17-**
Worship at 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, July 24 -**
Worship at 10:00 AM
- **Sunday, July 31-**
Worship at 10:00 AM

EVANGEL



**July
2022**

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,

As I have just spent a fair amount of time of time thinking about my last 44 years with my wife, I realized that while the vast majority of those days, months and years we have spent together have been wonderful, joyful and meaningful, I do also have to acknowledge that there have been some very challenging, painful and sad days. But I also recognized that living through those hard times together actually help make our relationship stronger and deeper.

I'm sure that this is not a unique experience, but it did get me thinking about how we might best approach living in our world right now where we are clearly in one of those challenging, painful, and sad times. I am reminded of the story of Paul and Silas who were thrown into prison in Corinth after having been striped and beaten (Acts 16:16-34). As they are sitting in prison, they did not become discouraged or resentful, nor give up hope. Rather they preached, prayed, and sang so that the other prisoners and guards could hear them.

Then when God caused the earthquake to set them free, but they didn't run because they know that the jailer would suffer for it. So they stayed and changed the jailer's life and that of his family. But the impact of their actions didn't stop there. I'm sure that the jailer told everyone he knows about what God had done for them.

Today, I often feel like we have been imprisoned and beaten down by inflation, gun violence, pandemic, political partisanship, the rejection of truth as a principle, and war inflicted on people simply because some individual doesn't want to give up their power. In such a time, one might be tempted to give up and become depressed and hopeless.

However, as Christians we have the example of Paul who clearly demonstrates that there is another choice – to keep telling our story, praying, and singing. This is a pattern of Christian behavior which we need to embrace and actively engage.

EVANGEL



2022

One of my favorite sayings of late is: “When the power of love overcomes the love of power, then we will know true peace.” As disciples of Jesus Christ, it is up to us to loudly tell the story of Christ love in our life so that others may hear and know it in theirs. To do so does involve some risk, for there are those who will simply call us crazy or even want to throw us into prison, yet sing on we must.

Blessings,
Pastor Jim

Nicholas W. Phillipps graduated with honors on June 11, 2022 from Plumstead Christian School. He has attended Plumstead since the second grade. In addition to receiving academic honors, Nicholas was awarded the Athletic Achievement Award for earning 12 varsity letters by participating in varsity soccer, basketball and baseball for all 4 years of high school. He was also awarded the Outstanding Christian Athlete Award which is given in acknowledgement of academics, athletic ability and Christian character. Nicholas was awarded 7 Bicentennial League Awards and 6 school awards during his time at PCS. He also achieved the rare feat of scoring 1,000 career points in basketball - something only 6 other boys have done in the 74 year history of the school. In 2021 Nicholas earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Nicholas earned a scholarship from, and will be attending, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in the fall where he will study Aeronautical Science. His goal is to become a commercial airline pilot. He is currently working towards his private pilot's license which he will earn this summer before he leaves for school in August.

**CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATE!**



PRAYER

Please lift up in prayer the following ...
For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Barbara Naska; Steven Streletz; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Alice Cicatiello; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Lisa & Dave DeLorenzo; Chris Fear; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; 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; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; and Linda Wilson.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Summer Schedule - 10:00 AM Worship
- Congregational Meeting will held on July 10th after worship to vote on the MSP
- The altar flowers for July 10th are given by the von Watzdorf - Grzelkowski family in memory of Rudolf von Watzdorf
- Lemonade on the Lawn will be held this summer on the following dates:
July 10th, July 24th, August 7th and August 21st. There is a sign up sheet located in the Narthex



Care-A-Lot Newsletter Article for June,2022

We currently have 9 children registered for Care-a-Lot. They will start preschool on Tuesday, September 13th. If you know of any families with young children looking for a preschool, we still have room for up to 3 more students. You may have noticed that the new playground equipment has been installed. We will dedicate it during the church picnic on September 18th, and invite Care-aLot families to attend. We are so grateful to our custodian, Dianna Streletz, and her family who worked so hard to accomplish this. Again, thank you to everyone who donated to the playground fund. A special thanks goes to the Beerer family, who generously volunteered to pay the balance of the cost over what had been collected.



2022
Vacation
Bible
School

Trinity Lutheran Church • Durham Lutheran Church • St. Peter’s Lutheran Church

Join us for Vacation Bible School! Our theme is “Weird Animals: Where Jesus’ Love is One-of-a-Kind.” Kids will participate in creative crafts, play untamed games, have surprising adventures, learn incredible music, enjoy lip-smacking snacks, and meet new friends. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, the kids will learn that Jesus loves them unconditionally, and will be inspired to love others the same way.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2710 Rt. 212, Coopersburg, PA 18036 (Pleasant Valley) July 25-29 from 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM. A closing program will be held at noon on Sunday, July 31, followed by a community picnic. Classes are planned for children ages 4 through 6th grade. There will also be a 3 year old parent/child program.

Registration is going on now. Sign up even if you cannot join us every night. Just fill out the form below and return it to the address above or email to office@trinitypv.org. Responses greatly appreciated by July 13, 2022. Any questions? – Feel free to call 610-346-7282.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Name_____ Birth Date_____

Last School Grade Completed_____

Any Known Allergies or Medical Concerns_____

Names of Parent(s)_____

Address_____

Email Address_____ Home Phone_____

Number where you can be reached during VBS_____

Siblings Attending VBS_____

Name of Home Church_____

How did you find out about our VBS?_____

	JULY BIRTHDAYS		JULY ANNIVERSARIES		JULY BAPTISMS
				1	Gladys Nicholas
				2	Alyse Mesko Hale
3	Linda Sauter, Brandon Rodd				
4	Becca Anderson				
		6	Virginia & Ken Hager (58)		
				7	Norma Fox
11	Donna Deal & Sarah Deal				
12	David Helfrich				
16	Kristy-Lee Reiman				
19	Joe Erceg				
		20	Beth & Luke Snyder (8)		
21	Benjamin T. Naska	21	Serena & Brian Ashmore (32)	21	Ben T. Naska
		22	Cleo & Ken Eck (61)	22	Dorothy Peterman
23	Jocelyn Frey			23	Ryan Fox
24	Bea von Watzdorf	28	Karen & Jim Beerer (32)		

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

- ACOLYTES for July-
July 3 - TBD
10 - Leo Grzelkowski
17 - TBD
24 - TBD
31- TBD
- LECTORS for July-
June 3 - Beth Snyder
10 - Bea VonWatzdorf
17 - Bob Starling
24 - Val McGinn
31- Mark Harwick
- ALTAR GUILD for July- Beth Snyder and Serena Ashmore
- COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM for July- Val McGinn and Mark Harwick



Community Vacation Bible School

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Take a Walk on the Wild Side!

New friends, amazing experiments, untamed games,
lip-smacking snacks, surprising adventures, incredible music

Located at Trinity Lutheran Church
2170 Route 212, Coopersburg, PA 18036

July 25 – 29, 2022

6:30 PM to 8:45 PM

Closing Program & Picnic – Sunday, July 31, 2022 at noon

Classes for children ages 4 through 6th grade

Plus a 3 Year Old Parent/Child Class

For more information call 610-346-7282

Or visit www.facebook.com/trinitypv



WELCA



WELCA met in June to plan out programs for the coming year. We also had our traditional luncheon at the Olive Garden for the first time in **three** years. We enjoyed both the food and the time to visit and chat with one another. We will have a July meeting to work on decorating the Christmas we cut out in May. Date – Tuesday July 19th at 10 a.m. If you have any artistic ability, please come and share it with us. All genders and ages are invited. Please mark your calendars – **Sunday Sept. 25th** after church, Becky Prasner will share some of her experiences serving in the Foreign Service with her husband. She has lived in a number of countries including Afghanistan. We will serve refreshments after church, so you don't starve during her presentation.

Outreach

Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our collection for our foodbanks in June. We had both food and personal care items to give to them.

We will be collecting personal care items in July. For men, women and babies.

Food baskets: A special thanks to the Helfrich and Kressman family who donated food baskets in honor of Landon Helfrich's first communion on June 5th and in honor of Clayton David Helfrich's confirmation on June 12th.

Blanket Sunday: Memorial gifts for Mother's Day were given by Helen Dungan in memory of her mother Mary Dungan and **Barbara and Ben Naska in memory of their mothers, Mary Ellen Hoover and Julia E. Naska.**

Outreach envelope: Our Outreach envelopes for July and August will go to our two local food banks

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

Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Sunday School class meets in the church library at 9:15. We are doing a Bible study on angels. Anyone who is interested is invited to join us.

Bible Study

The Adult Bible study will finish its meetings on July 7th. We will resume in the fall. We meet from 2:00-4:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty. We'll finish reading and discussing the book of Mark.

- Helen Dungan

Carolyn is seeking summer musicians to supply offertory music each Sunday which started June 19 and will go until September 2. There will be a sign-up calendar in the narthex, or you can email Carolyn at curly130@gmail.com to reserve a spot. Student musicians are encouraged to take this opportunity to perform during the summer



EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF DURHAM
MAY 2022 INCOME & EXPENSE & TRANSFERS

FUND DESCRIPTION	5/1/2022	INCOME	TRANSFERS	EXPENSE	TOTAL
BALANCES FORWARD					
GENERAL OPERATING FUND	17,047.08	8,643.23	-	(7,202.75)	18,487.56
MISSION SUPPORT	1,232.00	-	-	-	1,232.00
GOOD NEIGHBOR OUTREACH FUND	6,350.18	315.00	-	-	6,665.18
MONTHLY OUTREACH	-	645.00	-	-	645.00
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	(508.50)	5,671.00	-	(5,162.50)	-
BUILDING FUND	65,153.11	484.93	-	-	65,638.04
MEMORIAL FUND	6,901.00	-	-	-	6,901.00
WELCA - OUTREACH FUND	1,712.03	32.45	-	(1,000.00)	744.48
LIBRARY FUND	541.02	-	-	-	541.02
KATHY HLA VATY - SCHLRSP FUND	3,188.59	-	-	-	3,188.59
CARE-A-LOT PROGRAM FUND	3,928.07	55.17	-	-	3,983.24
TOTAL OF FUNDS AT BANK	105,544.58	15,846.78	-	(13,365.25)	108,026.11
		GAIN	TRANSFER	LOSS	BALANCE
JANNEY -HOLLAND - STUDENT LOAN FUND	5,487.69	-	-	-	5,487.69
JANNEY FUNDS - FIXED INCOME	201,076.76	-	-	-	201,076.76
JANNEY FUNDS - D. SHAEFFER	639,797.48	-	-	-	639,797.48
JANNEY FUNDS - ELCOD INVSTMT	691,704.04	-	-	-	691,704.04
MISSION INVESTMENT FUND	34,536.92	-	-	-	34,536.92
THRIVENT FINANCIAL FUND	85,362.11	-	-	-	85,362.11
TOTAL OF INVESTMENT FUNDS	1,657,965.00	-	-	-	1,657,965.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	1,763,509.58	15,846.78	-	(13,365.25)	1,765,991.11

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