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**In October...**

- **Sunday, October 2-**  
Worship at 10:30 AM
- **Sunday, October 9-**  
Worship at 10:30 AM
- **Tuesday, October 11 -**  
Finance Committee  
Meeting 7pm
- **Sunday, October 16-**  
Worship at 10:30 AM
- **Sunday, October 23 -**  
Worship at 10:30 AM
- **Monday, October 24-**  
Council Meeting 7pm
- **Sunday, October 30-**  
Worship at 10:30 AM

# EVANGEL



**October  
2022**

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,

As I write this letter it is the first day of fall and only three months until Christmas. Time flies when your having fun. And boy did we have fun last Sunday (September 18<sup>th</sup>) with the dedication of the new playground equipment, the church picnic, and welcoming a number of the families from the newly reopened Care-a-lot Program. We were truly blessed with a perfect day, the energy of the children was invigorating, and the food was abundant and delicious. I want to thank those who help put this wonderful day together, shared the food and of course, I want to thank God for all the blessings.

I also want to thank the congregation for your amazing response to the "God's Work, Our Hands" project on September 11<sup>th</sup>, when we joined with Trinity, Pleasant Valley, St. Peter's, Riegelsville, and St. Luke's, Ferndale as we gathered the clean-up materials to fill 16 buckets which were delivered and may already be in use. With relatively short notice, you came through. If you are still interested in supporting clean-up, Lutheran Disaster Fund (Lutheran World Relief) does welcome financial support. You can do so by going on the website at [donate.lwr.org](https://donate.lwr.org).

But now it is time to turn our attention to what lies ahead.

# EVANGEL



# 2022

The long Season of Pentecost is drawing to a close and with it comes three Sunday's of note.

First is Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is celebrated as World Communion Sunday. This is the Sunday when all Christian denominations celebrate the Lord's Supper in recognition that all our sisters and brothers in Christ are all sharing this meal around the world. I love the image of one long communion meal going on across the globe for the entire day. Hope you will be a part of it.

Second, is the last Sunday in October, the 30<sup>th</sup>. The last Sunday of October is celebrated as Reformation Sunday – the day we remember and celebrate the leadership and courage of Martin Luther who's desire to have open discussions about some issues going on in the church at that time, caused a ripple effect which lead to the founding of the Lutheran Church. In honor of this tradition, not only will we be celebrating Holy Communion, but after worship, I will be hosting a special Forum entitled: **“How do we as Lutherans express our faith in the politics of our world today?”** This is obviously a timely topic as election day will only be a little over a week away, and it is obviously a “HOT” topic. THIS WILL NOT BE A FORUM TO CONVINCE YOU WHO TO VOTE FOR! Rather, it will be a time to address the question of how do we live out the Lutheran Doctrine of “In but not Of the world”. The forum will be held following the worship. All are invited to attend. All I ask is that you bring an open mind and a willingness to listen to each other. If you have any questions, please contact me.

The Third Sunday doesn't actually fall in October, but the first Sunday in November. That is All Saints' Sunday which falls on the first Sunday of November each year, this year's date being November 6<sup>th</sup>. I mention it this month because I will need your help to be ready for it. We will be doing things a little different. In years past, a memorial list of those who died since last All Saints' Day were read and candles lit. We are doing that again this year, but we are also adding something which is a tradition that I have celebrated in my previous congregations. That is, we not only recognize those who have died in the last year (I call them the Omega Saints), but we also celebrate those who began their saintly journey since last year by being Baptized. These I call the Alpha Saints. This is where I need your help. While anyone who was baptized or died here at Evangelical Durham automatically go on the list, we also want to invite you to add to the list with the name of people you know who were Baptized or entered into life eternal **since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

## 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.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER**

- ACOLYTES for October-  
Oct. 2 - Leo Grzelkowski  
9 - Addyson Mammana  
16 - TBD  
23 - Nicholas Phillip  
30- Chase Aquino
  
- LECTORS for October-  
Oct. 2 - Cathy Mueller  
9 - Bonnie DePortillo  
16 - Beth Snyder  
23 - Karen Beerer  
30- Val McGinn
  
- ALTAR GUILD for October- Barbara Naska and Serena Ashmore
  
- COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM for October- TBD

**PRAYERS**

**Please lift up in prayer the following ...**

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:** Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Bethany Naska; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:** Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Aiden Benoure; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Bill Corrigan; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson;; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Becky; Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Donna Storm; Jeffrey Tapler; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

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

**For the grieving:** Mary Ellen Jonczyk

	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 (32)		
		15	Val & Paul McGinn (28)	15	Sharon Streletz
16	Chris Roberts				
18	Karen Bolesta				
19	Joanne Antoni				
20	Lee Ann Kressman	20	Linda & David Sauter (41)	23	Pastor David Deal
21	Ed Xander	22	Diane & Steve DeWalt (39)	25	Jim Nicholas, Silas Rodenbach
25	Cheryl Mesko				
30	Benjamin J. Naska			30	Jessica (Fisher) Johnson
31	Nicole Crouse			31	Adam Mesko

What I ask is that you write down the **full name of the person, indicate if it was a death or a baptism and indicate the** date and then turn them into me. You can put them in the offering plate, hand them to me, or mail them in. It doesn’t matter how, I just need to have the information by Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. One other exciting element to this celebration will be the actual Baptism of Julia Ann Michl. It will be a service you will not want to miss.

In closing, there is two other items which I need to share. In January, Beth Snyder will be leaving and so we will be looking for a new treasurer. However, the council recognizes the scope of this task is such that we need someone with financial background to help. So we are looking to hire a bookkeeper. Also, we are looking for a new secretary as Jessica is unable to provide the “in office” hours we require. She has graciously agreed to keep working with us while we look for a replacement. The bottom line is: if you know of anyone who has bookkeeping experience or secretarial skills and is looking for part-time work, please pass the name along to a Council member ASAP. These are important positions, and we are looking to fill them so that you will be all set when a new pastor arrives.

OK, that’s enough. Thanks for reading the whole thing. See you in Church.

Blessings,

Pastor Jim

## Bible Study

The Adult Bible study meets on **Wednesdays** from **1:00-3:00** at the home of **Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty**. We are studying the Gospel of John.

Please feel free to join us.

Helen Dungan

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## Care-A-Lot Newsletter Article for October ,2022

We are happy to announce that our Care-A-Lot Preschool reopened the doors to 9 preschoolers on Tuesday, September 13th. Mrs. Lisa Miller is the new Lead Teacher in our preschool. Mrs. Miller brings many years of experience to our program and is proud to be a part of such a beloved church and school. We are excited to reopen our preschool and have the smiling faces of our little learners with us!

## Council Members (council@durhamlutheran.org)

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## ~ A Quilt of Hope ~

To remind us of those who continue to struggle with the war in Ukraine today, the Quilters of St. John's have made this beautiful quilt. The quilt depicts the colors of the Ukrainian flag and the sunflower, the National flower of Ukraine. The sunflower has become a symbol of hope and peace.







**SOUP --** We will be making Harvest (Vegetarian) Vegetable Soup on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> to sell at Durham Days on October 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Schedule:

**Friday** October 14<sup>th</sup> meet at church at 10:00 am. Clean and chop vegetables, and make soup.

Go out for lunch while soup cools 😊  
Jar cooled soup.

**Saturday** October 15<sup>th</sup> meet at church 12:30  
Take soup to the Mill and set up our table.

We will display the quilt made to honor Ukraine at the mill unless the weather is bad, in which case we will display it at the church, and invite people to go up to see it.

All proceeds and any donations received will go to Samaritan's Purse to help Ukrainians.

Any leftovers will be available for sale on Sunday after church. FYI – many of the vegetables are from our gardens.



## WELCA

**WELCA** will have a brief meeting after church on Sunday Oct. 2, 2022 to plan for our soup making and selling.

## Outreach

**Food banks:** Thanks to all who contributed to our food collection in August, and a special thanks for the food basket donated by Lois & Jim Altemose. We will continue to collect for food for the Upper Bucks Food Bank as they are very low on food. **Please all who come in person, bring something to share.** You can also sign up to donate a book basket

**God's work our hands:** Thanks to all who contributed to our clean up buckets and all who went to St Luke's Ferndale to participate in the assembling and blessing of them.

**Outreach envelope:** Our Outreach envelopes for October have been designated for World Hunger.

**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).

Thank you,  
Helen Dungan