

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday:

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Thursday 12:00-3:00 PM

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Worship in February...

**5th @10:30 AM - Fifth Sun-
day after Epiphany**

**12th @10:30 AM - Sixth
Sunday after Epiphany**

**19th @10:30 AM - Transfig-
uration of Our Lord**

**22nd @7:00 PM - Ash
Wednesday**

**26nd @10:30 AM - First
Sunday in Lent**



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FEBRUARY
2023

Pastor's Message:

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,

The first month of 2023 has flown by, and it is once again time to check in with you. January started on a good note with a wonderful service of worship on January 1st. A celebration of joy and hope is exactly the tone which we face here at Durham in 2023. While we all are moving forward knowing that a new pastor is hoped for, the important thing is that we are moving forward with optimism and anticipation.

2022 ended on a high note with your wonderful response to the Reverse Advent Calendar. We raised over 1,000 lbs. of food, and along with the other congregations in PALM (Palisades Area Lutheran Ministry) there were over 2,000 lbs. collected and donated to a number of food banks in the area. We were able to help dozens of families to have a more hopeful 2023.

Speaking of PALM, we continue to have a very exciting relationship with our sister congregations. The Live Nativity was a great success and the shared Confirmation Classes continues to be a joy. We will continue our work together with a celebration dinner hosted for us at Trinity, Pleasant Valley for winning the Reverse Advent gathering. It will be at 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 26th. Also, there is planning started for a joint VBS July 17-21 at Trinity, a PALM Picnic on Sunday, July 23rd and a combined group of youth for the 2024 national youth gathering in New Orleans. It is my hope that this relationship will continue and grow.

As February is now upon us, we turn our focus to the celebration of Lent and our preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday, begins our journey. The date is February 22nd. We are returning to a pre-Covid tradition here at Durham by offering a 1:00 pm spoken service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes. We will also be offering a regular service of Holy Communion with Ashes at 7:00 PM.

Have you ever wondered where the ashes for Ash Wednesday come from? Well, come and join us for a congregational Pot Luck Supper on Tuesday, February 21st. This is known as Shrove Tuesday, or Donut Day and is considered the last big celebration before the rigors of Lent. This year after supper, I will be showing how we take old palms (usually from the previous Palm Sunday) to make the Ashes. There is only one problem, we didn't save the palms from last year so I will need your help. If you have old palms hanging on memorial pictures or if you have old palm crosses, please bring them with you so we can use them to make the ashes we need. This should be a time of "family" celebration. Please plan on joining us, you only need a dish to share, old palms (if you have them), and joy and love to share with the Durham Family.

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Pastor's Message—Continued:

We will not be alone on our Lenten journey. Once again we will be joining with the other four churches of PALM for our mid-week Lenten supper/devotions. Every Wednesday in March we will join for soup suppers at 5:30 pm and then devotions at 6:15 pm. Each church's devotions will be different and presented by the home pastor. See the exact locations on the flyer included further on in the newsletter. Durham will be hosting the last Wednesday of March.

Finally, Lent concludes with Holy Week. Sunday, April 2nd is Palm/Passion Sunday and we will be starting our service with the blessing of the Palms. Then on Thursday, April 6th, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday with a joint service with Trinity, Pleasant Valley. It will be here at Durham at 7:00 pm and will focus of Jesus washing of the disciples' feet. We will conclude the week on Good Friday, April 7th with a joint service of Tenebrae held at Trinity at 7:00 pm. A powerful and moving service which you will not want to miss. Of course, that brings us to the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord/Easter Day, Sunday, April 9th.

As you can clearly see, our calendars are full and things are happening here at Durham. It continues to be my honor to serve as your Bridge Pastor and I look forward to walking the Lenten Road with you this year. Besides all the activities, we all need to continue to be active in our prayers for God's guidance in the process of finding the right full time pastor to lead you in the years ahead. In the meantime, I look forward to sharing God's ministry with you.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Jim



Worship Schedule for February

HEAD USHER- Mark Harwick

ALTAR GUILD - Mark Harwick & Bea Von Watzdorf

COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM - Mark Harwick & Val McGinn

Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Lector
2/5	TBD	Mark Harwick	Linda Sauter
2/12	Addyson Mammana	Scott Gaun	Scott Gaun
2/19	Chase Aquino	Joe & Kathy Hlavaty	Joe Hlavaty
Ash Wednesday 2/22 1PM 7:PM	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	Linda Sauter Tom Gaun
2/26	Samantha Mueller		Masrk Harwick

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sunday, February 5, 2022	10:30 AM 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Confirmation class @ St' Luke's <i>Reminder Annual reports</i> <i>are due <u>TODAY.</u></i>
Friday, February 10, 2023	10:00 AM	WELCA meeting
Sunday, February 12, 2023	10:30	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Souper bowl Sunday, Bring Soup!
Monday, February 13, 2023	7:00 PM	Church Council
Friday, February 17, 2023	3:00 - 7:00 PM	Soup Supper – Chicken Noodle
Sunday, February 19, 2023	10:30 AM After Church 5:00 PM-7:30 PM	Sunday after Epiphany 2023 Annual Meeting Confirmation class @ Durham
Tuesday, February 21, 2023	6:30 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pot Luck Supper in the Fellowship hall. Bring old palms.
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Spoken service Ash Wednesday Regular service
Sunday February 26, 2023	10:30 AM 5:00 PM	First Sunday in Lent Reverse Advent Calendar celebra- tion dinner @ Trinity Pleasant Val- ley

Bible Study

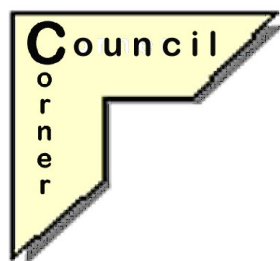


The Adult Bible study resumes meeting on **Wednesdays** from **1:00-3:00** at the home of **Joe and Kathy Hlavaty**. We are studying the Gospel of John. Please feel free to join us.

Care-A-Lot



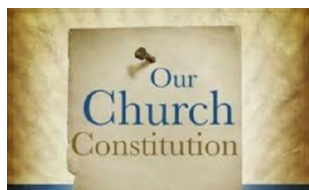
Students of Care-A-Lot are praying for snow to play in this month and wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day



Council and Staff Updates Help Wanted

We have 4 openings for Council Members for March 2023 - February 2026 terms. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve at this pivotal time on our history.

Congregation Constitution Update



Although it has been “only” 13 years since we last updated our church’s constitution, we will be updating it again this year. We are looking for a few volunteers to work in this update. This will require a commitment of 1-2 hour per month for about 6 months.

The goal is to have this ready for approval in the 2024 congregational meeting. Please see Ken Anderson for more information.

Council Members (council@durhamlutheran.org)

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President - Scott Gaun	President@durhamlutheran.org	215-262-4170
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PRAYERS

PRAYER



Please lift up in prayer the following:

For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Michael Altemus; Esther Crouse, Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Linda Sauter; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler;

CONCERNS

Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Cecelia Kukuchka; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Dr. Larry Rakowski; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; 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:

Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt

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.



Something to Celebrate!

February			
	Birthdays	Anniversaries	Baptisms
2	Amanda Frey		
3	Sam Rhine		Dale Leidich
4			Laura DeWalt
5	Laura Helfrich		Mike Rhine
7	Dianna Streletz		
8	Diane DeWalt		
9			Anderson Fox, Serena Ashmore
10	Wayne Mesko		
12	Steven Streletz		Haley Rodd
13	Miriam Anderson		
15	Norma Fox	Betty & George Kreitz (65)	
16	Kathy Haney		
17	Betty Kreitz		
19			Kathleen Miller
20	Esther Crouse		
21	Caitlin Pyne		
22			Benjamin Miller
23		Victoria & Adam Phillips (21)	
24	Frank Moskella, Jim Beerer		
26			Tom Gaun, Doug Litzenberger
27	Tanya Naska		
28	Grace Litzenberger, Rowan Froehlich		Nicole Crouse
29	Becky Harrison		



SOUP



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We made 144 quarts of cream of broccoli soup (that's 47 batches) and we sold it all. Mark Harwick got a donation from Shop Rite in Phillipsburg of \$100.00 to support our project. This paid for the milk, flour and white pepper. We thank them for their generous gift. We purchased our other supplies through Trauger's, and that bill has not been received yet. We deposited \$1,152 in the bank; this includes some extra monetary donations.



Chicken Noodle On February 17th we will be making chicken noodle soup. We need volunteers to chop the vegetables and chicken, to make the soup, to jar the

soup, to sell the soup, and to clean up. We will begin at 9:00 am Friday. Soup will be available for purchase from 3-7 p.m.

Women of the ELCA

WELCA will meet on Friday February 10th at 10:00 am at the church. Our main order of business will be any planning necessary for our soup sales. The program will be about Meals on Wheels.

Helen Dungan



Food banks: In February we celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring by collection soup for our local food banks. We are going to expand the collection to include crackers, and if you feel generous maybe some peanut butter for the crackers.

You can also sign up to donate a food basket in memory or honor of a loved one. You can either buy the food yourself and put it in the basket on the altar or speak to Lynn Gaun if you want someone to shop for you.



Shrove Tuesday

We are having a Shrove Tuesday Pot luck dinner at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, February 21, the day before Ash Wednesday. Last chance for something indulgent before Lent. Also we will be making ashes for Ash Wednesday, so if you have any (dry) palms at home, bring them along.

Partners In Ministry

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

(PALM)

Reverse Advent Calendar - Durham Lutheran collected 36 boxes and distributed 535 pounds to Project in Easton and 559 pounds to The Lord's Pantry in Ottsville for a total of **1,094 pounds. We won the contest!!!**

An addition 40 Boxes for approximately 1,000 pounds was collected and distributed to other nearby Food Pantries as follows:

- Ferndale – 0
- St. Peter's – 2 (should have been 3 but one went to Upper Tinicum)
- Upper Tinicum – 13
- Trinity PV – 25
- Durham – 36

That is 76 boxes total!! The food banks are indeed the big winners here.

There will be a celebration pot luck dinner on **February 26 at 5:00 PM** at Trinity Pleasant Valley.

Diane Marshall from Upper Tinicum will coordinate the dinner preparations. Please use the sign-up sheet the Narthex to indicate that you are planning to go. Sign ups are due in by February 19. Hope to see you there!



Lenten Mid-Week Services

We will be having Lenten Midweek devotions and light soup supper at a different Church each Wednesday in March, See the attached flyer on page 10 for more details

VBS Planning

PALM is looking into a joint VBS for the cluster at Trinity, Pleasant Valley. Betsy Nilsen is looking into curricula and will schedule a working session shortly.

Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference

Annual Assembly

Mark your calendar, the Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference Annual Meeting will be on March 5, 2023 From 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM at St. Andrew's in Perkasie. We will need to send one Male and One female delegate. We will have additional details available as we get closer to the date.



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Annual Assembly

Will be held May 5-6 this year. We will need to send one male and one female delegate. This will be an in-person event this year. We will have additional details available as we get closer to the date.

“JOURNEY OF FAITH”

PALISADES AREA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

MID-WEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS



Schedule:

5:30 PM Soup Supper

6:15 PM Devotion

Date	Theme	Location
March 1 th	Perseverance with Endurance	Trinity Lutheran Church 2170 Route 212, Pleasant Valley (Coopersburg) 610-346-7282
March 8 th	Inheritance of Faith	St. Peter's Lutheran Church 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville 610-749-0830
March 15 th	Faithful in Prayer	Upper Tincum Lutheran Church 188 Upper Tincum Church Road, Upper Black Eddy 610-294-9391
March 22 nd	Striving for Justice	St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church 470 Church Hill Road, Ferndale 610-847-5630
March 29 th	Dying and Rising with Christ	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham 821 Durham Road, Durham 610-346-8500



Please call the church if you need directions.

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND OR TWO.