

# *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham*

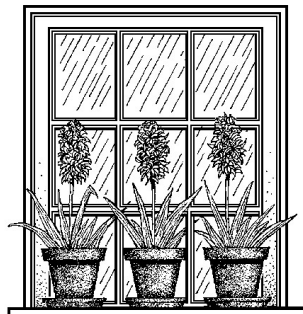
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Pastor's Office Hours:

Wednesday:

10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Thursday 12:00-3:00 PM

Ken Anderson, Secretary  
610-346-8500

**Worship in March...**

**1<sup>st</sup> 5:30 PM Soup Supper &  
Lenten devotions @  
Trinity**

**5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM - Second  
Sunday in Lent**

**8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM Soup Supper &  
Lenten devotions @ St.  
Peter's**

**12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM - Third Sun-  
day in Lent**

**15<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM Soup Supper  
& Lenten devotions @  
Upper Tinicum**

**19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM - Fourth Sun-  
day in Lent**

**22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 PM Soup Supper  
& Lenten devotions @  
St Luke's**

**26<sup>th</sup> @10:30 AM - Fifth Sun-  
day in Lent**

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MARCH  
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## *Pastor's Message:*

Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I have to begin this letter by apologizing to you for the newsletter being a little later than we would normally like. IT IS MY FAULT NOT KEN'S. I have been so wrapped up with the added activities getting ready for Lent, that I forgot about my letter until this morning when Ken asked me if I had emailed it yet? I had to confess to him that I had completely forgotten about it. Consequently, I am making Ken's life more challenging. Sorry Ken.

What I can tell you is that I am very excited about this year's Lenten Journey with you here at Durham. While Lent carries a tone of solemnity, devotion and reflection, we here at Durham fully embraced the pre-Lenten practice of celebration prior to the journey. On Shrove Tuesday (Donut Day or Fastnacht) February 21<sup>st</sup>, over 30 revelers gathered for a delicious potluck supper and I did a demonstration of making the ashes from last year's palms. These ashes are what worshippers will(did) receive at the Ash Wednesday Services. I also had the opportunity to share them with our Care-a-lot children. We learned about palm trees and some of the fruits they bear (including a sampling of Fig Newtons), I shared with them the symbolism of the ashen cross by placing it on their hands. I also reminded them that just as the image of death represented by the ash cross could be washed away with soap and water, that our death is washed away in the water of Baptism. Finally, we talked about the children's game "Ring Around the Rosie". We sang it several times and each time popped up with great joy and laughter showing death that it could not keep us down.

There was something wonderful about my seeing this Ash Wednesday through the eyes of the children for the first time. It was a reminder that each of us needs to come to our Lenten journey with the same child-like eyes of wonder and openness. Yes, its true that Lent probably isn't anyone's favorite Christian season, yet it is the heart of what makes Easter so beloved.

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### *Pastor's Message—Continued:*

This year our journey we are not walking alone. We are walking side by side with our sisters and brothers from PALM (Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries). Every Wednesday in March, we will be traveling from church to church for a fellowship meal of soup and bread, then a time of devotion focused on our journey of faith. Each week the home pastor will lead the devotions. I am hopeful that Durham will have a very healthy representation. (Check the flyers in the newsletter for the particulars)

I also want to remind you that your Lenten devotions can include Bible Study by joining us on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm at the home of Kathy & Joe Hlavaty's. You are also encouraged to gather at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings to share in an open forum centered around "Living a Christian Life in the Mist of our World."

Before you know it, March will have come and gone, and we will be standing at the beginning of Holy Week with Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and concluding with Easter Sunday. Please keep watch for specific times for these activities.

While all this is going on, don't forget to keep your Call Committee and New Council in your prayers. Both these groups are filled with devoted children of God who are giving of their time and talents, and guided by the Holy Spirit, are endeavoring to guide Durham's ministry into the future.

Exciting things are happening here at Durham and I look forward to sharing these times with you. See you in Church.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim Heckman



Join Pastor Jim for a "Chat & Chew" lunch every Thursday @ 12:30 PM in the Church of-fice.



Bear Creek is now open for Summer Camp registration. Check out the poster and brochures in the Narthex, or on their website at <https://bearcreekcamp.org/>

Don't forget to change your clocks Saturday night March 11!



March 20th. Is the First day of Spring. Time to get the garden ready!

# Worship Schedule for March

HEAD USHER-

ALTAR GUILD - Miriam Anderson & Val McGinn

COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM - Cathy Mueller & Barb Naska

Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Lector
3/5	Samantha Mueller	Linda Sauter	Becky Praster
3/12	Landon Helfrich		Val McGinn
3/19	TBD		Lois Altemose
3/26	Addyson Mammana		Scott Gaun

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Trinity Lutheran Church Pleasant Valley	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Bible study @ Hlavaty's Soup Supper Lenten devotions <i>Perseverance with Endurance</i>
<b>Sunday, March 5, 2023</b> <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	9:30 AM <b>10:30 AM</b> 2:00 PM	Adult Forum – Current events <b>Worship</b> Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference Annual Assembly
Wednesday, March 8, 2023 St. Peter's Riegelsville	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Bible study @ Hlavaty's Soup Supper Lenten devotions <i>Inheritance of Faith</i>
Friday, March 10, 2023	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting
<b>Sunday, March 12, 2023</b> <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Daylight Savings - Spring Forward!</i>	9:30 AM <b>10:30 AM</b> After Worship	Adult Forum – Current events <b>Worship</b> New Member Orientation
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 Upper Tinicum Upper Black Eddy	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Bible study @ Hlavaty's Soup Supper Lenten devotions <i>Faithful in Prayer</i>
Friday, March 17, 2023 Vegetable Soup Sale	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Soup Preparation Soup Sales
<b>Sunday, March 19, 2023</b> <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	9:30 AM <b>10:30 AM</b> 5:00 PM-7:30 PM	Adult Forum – Current events <b>Worship, Reception of New Members</b> Confirmation class @ Durham
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 St. Luke's Ferndale	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Bible study @ Hlavaty's Soup Supper Lenten devotions <i>Striving for Justice</i>
<b>Sunday March 26, 2023</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	9:30 AM <b>10:30 AM</b>	Adult Forum – Current events <b>Worship</b>
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Evangelical Durham	1:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:15 PM	Bible study @ Hlavaty's Soup Supper Lenten devotions <i>Dying and Rising with Christ</i>

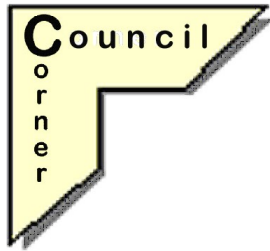
# Bible Study



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.

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## Council and Staff Updates

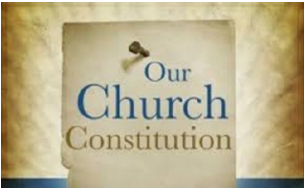


Thanks go to outgoing Council Members Scott Gaun, Mark Harwick, Val McGinn and Beth Snyder. Please also welcome new council members Karen Beerer, Dave Sauter and Bea von Watzdorf.

Please welcome our new Bookkeeper, Jo Ann Klingbeil-Emery. Some of you may know her from St Luke's. Her email is [bookkeeper@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:bookkeeper@durhamlutheran.org)

The Council will reorganize at it's next meeting on Monday, March 13th @ 7:00pm

## Congregation Constitution Update



Thanks to Linda Sauter and Cathy Muller for volunteering to be part of the constitution update team along with Pr. Jim Heckman and Ken Anderson.

### Council Members ([council@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:council@durhamlutheran.org))

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# PRAYERS

## PRAYER



## CONCERNS

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

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Esther Crouse; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Virginia Hager; George Kreitz; Joan Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Donnie Pyne; Ed Xander; 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; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foer-

ster; Gerry Foran; Anna Gachev-Friedel; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Cecelia Kukuchka; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Jennifer Phelps; Tom Ross; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; and Henry Wong.

**For those who are Homebound:**

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Betty Kreitz; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

**For families and friends grieving the loss of:**

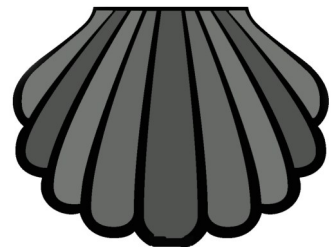
Wanda Altemose; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Robert Newcomb; Lisa Pezzino; Donald Seipt; Linda Wilson

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).



# Something to Celebrate!

March			
Day	Birthdays	Anniversaries	Baptisms
1			Mike Rhine
2	Michael Altemus		
4	Amanda Harrison		
6	Gladys Nicholas (87)		
7	Kenneth Crouse		
8	Alaina Apgar		Karen Bolesta
9		Clayton & Darby Leichliter (1)	
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		



## February Soup



We made 129 quarts of Chicken Noodle and we sold it all. We deposited \$1,240 in the bank; this includes an extra \$10 in monetary donations.

## March Vegetable Soup



On March 17<sup>th</sup> we will be making vegetable Soup . We need volunteers to chop the vegetables , 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.



## WELCA

WELCA will meet on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the church.

## Food banks:

We will be collecting for our local food banks. 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 contact Lynn Gaun if you want someone to shop for you.



## Outreach Envelope

This Month's collection will go to Worthwhile Wear (who donates for human trafficking programs), see [worthwhilewear.org](http://worthwhilewear.org) for mor information

Helen Dungan



## Partners In Ministry

### Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM)

#### 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

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 Perkasio. Pr Jim, Ken Anderson, Joe Hlavaty, and Linda Sauter will be attending.

#### SEPA Synod Annual Assembly



2023 Synod Assembly  
May 5-6  
Franconia Mennonite Church

Will be held in-person at Franconia Mennonite Church on 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.



ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY  
EASTER EGG  
HUNT

RAIN OR  
SHINE

- CANDY -



SATURDAY,  
APRIL 8

10:00 AM  
SHARP

BRING YOUR  
OWN BASKET

Our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup> and will begin promptly at 10 AM. We ask that the children bring their own baskets. It will be held rain or shine. Let's hope this nice weather continues!

We are asking the congregation to please donate prizes as we like all of the children to go home with a prize. We also ask for donations of small wrapped candy that will fit inside a plastic egg. As in the past our congregation has been very generous and we appreciate all that you do for our children and the children of the community.

If you have a grandchild or family member or even a neighbor who has small children be sure to invite them to come. *Hope to see you there!*



*Enrollment is open for the  
2023-2024 Preschool year!*

Contact us at:

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Phone: 610-360-5756



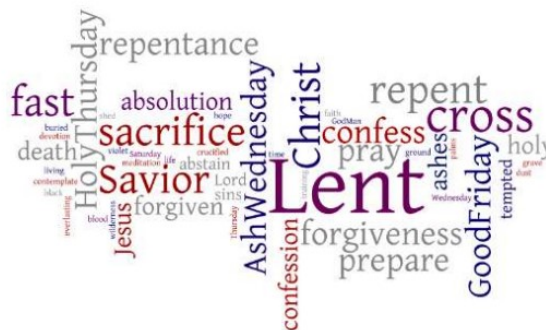
Students of Care-A-Lot hope the Leprechaun brings everyone love , luck and happiness this month



PALISADES AREA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES  
MID-WEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS



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



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# Easter Flowers Order Form



The 2023 prices of Easter flowers are as follows:

Mums – random colors	\$9
Tulips – random colors	\$9
Lilies – white	\$8
Daffodils	\$8

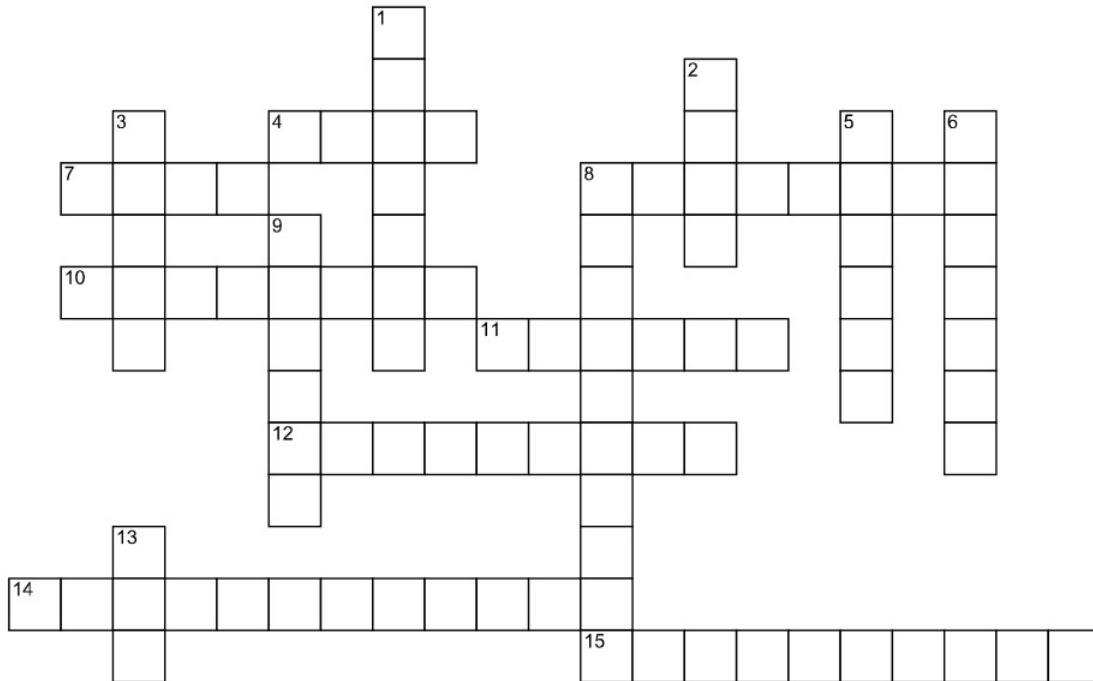
Name and Phone Number:

_____	X \$9	_____
# of Mums		Total \$ for Mums
_____	X \$9	_____
# of Tulips		Total \$ for Tulips
_____	X \$8	_____
# of Lilies		Total \$ for Lilies
_____	X \$8	_____
# of Daffodils		Total \$ for Daffodils
_____		_____
Total # of Plants		Total \$ for Order
In Honor or In Memory of: (Please circle one)		

Place your check and order form in the offering plate, or mail to Victoria Phillipps (100 Meadows Lane, Riegelsville 18077). The deadline to order flower is Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday). Any questions, contact Victoria .



# Lenten Crossword



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## ACROSS

- 4 Catholics don't eat this on Fridays during Lent.
- 7 The Last Supper was on \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday
- 8 We don't say or sing this during Lent in the church.
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ of the Cross
- 11 Jesus prayed for 40 days here
- 12 This sacrament started during the Last Supper
- 14 We spend Lent preparing for Jesus' death and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15 The day Jesus died (two words)

## DOWN

- 1 During Lent, we should spend more time doing this.
- 2 A week before Easter is \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday.
- 3 There are \_\_\_\_\_ days in Lent.
- 5 Palm \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 When you go without food
- 8 During Lent, we give to the poor.
- 9 The Liturgical color of Lent
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday