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"The church on the hill, lighting the way to God's love"

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Pastor's Message:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

April is one of my favorite months of the year. Not just because it is the herald of spring, not just because my sister and mother both celebrate birthdays this month (my mother's would have been 108 on Easter Day), not just because it is the beginning of the baseball season, but because it includes what I believe is the most important week in the life of every Christian - Holy Week. This will be my second Holy Week celebration with you here at Durham, and I look forward to concluding our Lenten journey together.

Our month begins on April 1st with the return of your annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event is not only a wonderful opportunity to invite community families to join us for the hunt, it also provides a chance for us to proclaim the real story behind the egg hunt tradition. The fact that it is April Fool's Day, is emblematic of the reaction of many to the word that the tomb was empty that first Easter morning. But the news was no joke at all. Activities will begin at 10:00 am.

The next day, Sunday, April 2nd, we begin our celebration of Holy Week with Palm/Passion Sunday. It is on this day that we not only remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, but also the inevitable end of the story with the reading of the Passion. Again this year, we will begin our service with the Blessing of the Palms. This is the part of the service when we recall the action of the people along the road who threw palm branches on the road in front of Jesus as he was entering the city as a benevolent king riding on a donkey. Once we have completed our blessing of the palms, we will then turn our focus to the Passion according to St. Matthew. Again this year we will be presenting the Gospel as a reading with volunteers from the congregation reading the parts. If you would like to be a part of the reading, please look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

While it may appear that nothing was happening between Jesus' triumphal entry and his Last Supper, nothing could be further from the truth. Monday was traditionally the day that Jesus turned the tables of the money changers in the temple (their own version of a banking failure). Tuesday and Wednesday he continued to come to temple to teach and pray. All the while, the tension was rising between the Jewish leadership and Jesus. Finally on Thursday, things came to a head and the final acts were taking place. The first on Holy Thursday. This is the day that we celebrate and remember Jesus gathering for a very special last Passover meal with his disciples.

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At this celebrative meal, when the Jews remember God's sending Moses to help set them free from Egypt, a special meal of lamb, matzah, bitter herbs and other symbolic foods; the Jews were reminded of God's promise to set them free by the sacrifice of a lamb's blood which would be a mark over their doors indicating that they were Jews and the angel of death would "pass over" their home. Jesus took this action and redefined it for the salvation of all people. Jesus indicated that he was the true Passover lamb who's blood would be shed for us so that we might all be saved. Not only did Jesus redefine the Passover meal into our Holy Communion, but he also did another dramatic thing - he washed the disciples feet. This was usually the job preformed by a servant and considered the lowliest of jobs. But Jesus wanted to show exactly what his role as suffering servant was all about. On Thursday, April 6th at 7:00pm, our worship will focus on both the washing of the feet and the institution of the Lord's Supper. While we will not be washing feet, worshippers will have an opportunity to wash each other's hands as a parallel rite. The end of the service will be the Stripping of the Altar. This is where we take all the worship paraphernalia away and have only the bare chancel remaining as a reminder of Jesus being stripped on the cross.

As was the case last year, we will again be joined by folks from Trinity Lutheran for this service at Durham and then we will journey to Pleasant Valley on Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm to participate in a Good Friday Tenebrae service. This Service of Light, focuses on the diminishing life of Jesus as he endure his last three hours of suffering on the cross. It is a powerful service which you will not want to miss.

After the quiet Saturday, finally we come to the queen of festivals - Easter Day, The celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. While our service will be at 10:30 am at Church, we have been invited to join the friends and families of Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church for an outdoor sunrise service experience at 6:30 am. This service will be held outside, weather permitting, at Sky Island B & B (see directions on page 6). In between the services Durham will be hosting a continental breakfast at 9:00 am. I hope that you will join us at one or all of these activities.

Beyond Easter, April will continue to be an exciting month. On Sunday, April 16th, Thomas, the Disciple of Jesus Christ, will be the guest preacher. He will be sharing with us how he feels about being called "the doubter".

While the rest of April doesn't appear to be a exciting, one never knows what God will have instore for us. Recommend you plan on not missing a Sunday.

On behalf of my wife, Linda, and myself, we wish you all a very blessed Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim Heckman





Keep in your
PRAYERS

Please lift up in prayer the following:

For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Josh, Bethany, Ella, Barbara, & Julia Michl; Barbara Naska; Bonnie Pyne dePortillo; Donnie Pyne; Anne Valent; 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; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Miriam Deal; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Anna Gachev-Friedel; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tom MacFarland; 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; 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; Ollie Butler; LaDonna Gibbs; Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Cecelia Kukuchka; 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: yakkity-yak7@gmail.com.

April 2023 Worship Assignments

HEAD USHER-

ALTAR GUILD - Barb Naska and Linda Sauter

COUNCIL COUNTING TEAM - Becky Praster and Bea Von Watzdorf

Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Lector
4/2	Leo Grzelkowski		Linda Sauter
4/6			Ken Anderson
4/9	Addyson Mammana	Leo Grzelkowski & Bea Von Watzdorf	Bea Von Watzdorf
4/16	Landon Helfrich		Pat Zion
4/23	Samantha Mueller		Mary Crouse
4/30	Chase Aquino		

April 2023 Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
Saturday, April 1, 2023	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday April 2, 2023 Passion Sunday	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:00-7:30 PM	Adult Bible Study Worship Confirmation Class @ Durham
Wednesday, April 5, 2023	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Office hours Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, April 6, 2023 Maundy Thursday	12:00-3:00 12:30 7:00 PM	Office hours Chat-n-Chew Worship @ Durham
Friday, April 7, 2023 Good Friday Tenebrae	7:00 PM	Worship @ Trinity Pleasant Valley
Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter	6:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunrise Worship @ Sky Island with Upper Tinicum Continental Breakfast @ Durham Easter Worship @ Durham
Monday, April 10, 2023	7:00 PM	Church Council
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	6:00 PM	Church Council
Wednesday, April 12, 2023	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Office hours Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, April 13, 2023	12:00AM-3:00PM 7:00 PM	<i>NO Pastor's office hours or Chat-n-Chew</i> Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM)
Sunday April 16, 2023	10:30 AM	Second Sunday of Easter
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	7:30 PM	Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	<i>NO Pastor's office hours</i> Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, April 20, 2023	12:00AM-3:00PM	<i>NO Pastor's office hours or Chat-n-Chew</i>
Friday, April 21, 2023	10:00AM	WELCA - "It is More Blessed to Give than Receive"
Sunday April 23, 2023	10:30 AM	Third Sunday of Easter <i>Care-a-Lot Sunday & Open house</i>
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Pastor's office hours Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's
Thursday, April 27, 2023	12:00AM-3:00PM	Pastor's office hours & 12:30 Chat-n-Chew
Sunday April 30, 2023	10:30 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter

HE IS NOT HERE;
He is RISEN!

Directions to Sky Island Sunrise Service

If you are heading toward Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church from Durham, you want to make your way to Upper Tinicum Church Road. You can get there via River Road, turn right onto Lodi Hill (Red Cliff) Road and the left onto Upper Tinicum Church Road. Or you can take Chestnut Ridge Road which becomes Upper Tinicum Church Road. As you are coming down the hill you can actually see the church ahead on your left. However, you want to make a left onto Jugtown Hill Road. (If you get to the church you missed the turn - turn around and turn right at the first road - Jugtown Hill Road.) Then after a short block make a left onto Tinby Drive and then a quick right onto Valley View Drive. Follow Valley View Drive until it dead ends at a fence. There should be signs indicating for you to go straight through the gate and then just follow the signs to the worship site. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church.



Something to Celebrate!

<i>April</i>					
	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS
				1	Hal Taylor
				3	Rachel McCallister, Sam Rhine
				4	Dave Helfrich
				6	Chris Fox, Ben J. Naska
7	Becky Praster				
				8	Samantha Mueller
				9	Diane De Walt
				10	Becca Anderson
		12	Barbara & Mike Altemus(37 th)		
13	Phyllis Lanshe, Ben Naska, Sr.				
14	Joshua Roney				
		16	Joan & Frank Mammana (57 th)		
				18	Laura Helfrich
19	Matthew Crouse			19	Cleo Eck
20	Karen Rilling				
21	Jayne Miller,				
				24	Landon Helfrich
26	Robert Ziegenfuss				
27	Nancy Moskella			27	Clayton Helfrich, Landon Frey
28	Frank Mammana (86), Tim Gadwell				
30	Alison and Emerson Rhine			30	Ella Rose Michl

March Vegetable Soup



There were a lot of vegetables to wash, peel and chop. Thanks to all who helped do this. Thanks to Miriam Anderson, our chief chef, and her kitchen helpers. Thanks to all who jarred the soup and to all who washed pots and pans. We had soup leftover, so we donated 13 quarts to Safe Harbor in Easton. We will also be serving it at our Wednesday Lenten Service. There will be more information on our proceeds in the May newsletter.

will meet on Friday April 21, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Our theme is It is More Blessed to Give than Receive. During our business meeting we will *give away* our proceeds from the soup sales, and plan our upcoming events.



Outreach

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 Helen Dungan if you want someone to shop for you.

Outreach Envelope

Our Outreach envelopes for April have been designated for the Care-a-lot Preschool Scholarship Fund.

Helen Dungan



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.

Partners In Ministry

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM)

We are looking into getting together to start up Softball, and resuming the annual Crop Walk this Fall.

Next meeting is April 13 @ 7:00PM Come and join us!

Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference

Save the date! We are looking into Scheduling a trip to Lutheran Night at the Phillies!. The Phils should be exciting this year, fresh off their World Series appearance in 2022. Catch the action and help fund SEPA Synod Youth Programs by buying tickets to Lutheran Night at the Phillies, Saturday, May 20 at 4:05 p.m. against the Chicago Cubs.

SEPA Synod Annual Assembly

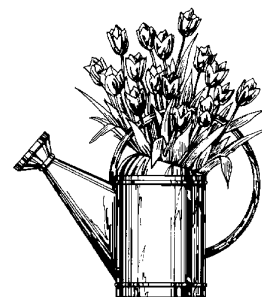
will be held in-person at Franconia Mennonite Church on May 5-6 this year. Helen Dungan and Ken Anderson will be our delegates this year.



2023 Synod Assembly
May 5-6
Franconia Mennonite Church



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/>



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**Care-a-Lot Sunday and Open House is on April 23 @ 10:30!
Come check us out.**

Enrollment is open for the 2023-2024 Preschool year!

Contact us at:

Email: care-a-lot@durhamlutheran.org

Phone: 610-360-5756

COMMUNITY
EASTER EGG
HUNT

RAIN OR SHINE

CANDY
PRIZES



SATURDAY,
APRIL 1

10:00 AM
SHARP

BRING YOUR
OWN BASKET

Our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 1st 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!*



The Council has reorganized in our March meeting. Please see below for an updated directory of Council, Ministry and Staff contact information.

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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 .



Announcing St. Peter's Famous RUMMAGE, SOUP & COOKIE SALE!

305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville PA

Our famous Rummage Sale is just around the corner! It's time to clear out those closets, bake some cookies, make some soup, and volunteer to help with St. Peter's major fundraiser.



Donation Drop-Off Days:

Saturday April 15 th	1-4pm
Sunday April 16 th	12-4pm
Monday April 17 th	12-4pm

All items must be clean, usable and in working order. Please no damaged, soiled or excessively worn items. **NO TVs/computers or accessories, furniture or rugs.**

SALE DAYS:

Thursday April 20 th	9am-5pm
Friday April 21 st	9am-5pm
Saturday April 22 nd	9am-12pm *Bag Day!*

*brown bag day - bags furnished by the church

IF YOU CAN HELP WITH SET-UP, DURING SALE DAYS OR CLEAN-UP, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. ANY AMOUNT OF TIME YOU CAN GIVE WILL BE APPRECIATED!



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