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*June - July*



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## Pastor's Message:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As I type this letter, Linda and I are in the final stages of planning a very exciting trip to Alaska. This is actually a trip that I have dreamed of since I was a boy and decided that I wanted to visit every state in the union. It became a reality a couple of years ago, when my wife and I made some final decisions regarding our retirements. Summer of 2023 was the time and the actually planning began. Then in March of 2022, I accepted your invitation to be your Bridge Pastor, fully hoping that by June of 2023, you would have another pastor and we could leave for Alaska with no obligations. However, that's not how things have worked out.

Several months ago, when it looked like you would still need my services through the summer, I spoke to the Council regarding our trip. They were 100% in support of our going and assured me that they could handle things in my absence. With their support, our planning continued and has intensified.

That planning now included making sure that Durham had the emergency pastoral care coverage that might be needed. I spoke with my fellow clergy of PALM, and they have graciously agreed to cover Durham during my absence. I am eternally grateful for their help and support. In the event that emergency pastoral care is needed, please contact the Office (Ken Anderson) and he will make the appropriate pastoral contact.

The other coverage I needed to secure was Sunday morning worship. This proved to be a much more difficult task. Finding clergy supply is always challenging, but to find them in the summer is almost impossible. After making a dozen calls, I was only able to secure two clergy to help cover a couple of the weeks. This left me with a dilemma. I took my problem to the Worship & Music committee, and they suggested that I use some lay preachers; in fact, you have done so before and they saw no problem doing so again. So that is what I have done. With their support, I finally have put together a coverage calendar. Following is that schedule (Note the adjusted schedule for communion).

Day	Preacher	Communion (Yes/No)
June 11	Rev. Berntsen	NO
June 18	Thomas Gaun	NO
June 25	Rev. Berntsen	YES
July 2	Music/Hymn Sing Sunday	NO
July 9	Beatrix von Watzdorf	NO
July 16	Linda Sauter	NO
July 23	Rev. Guider	YES
July 30	Pastor Jim	YES

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## Pastor's Message: (continued from page 1)

While I know that there may be a temptation to skip worship because the "regular guy" will not be there, I'm sure that you will find your time at worship fulfilling and important none-the-less. Remember that starting June 4th, worship begins at 9:30 am and we are hoping to have "lemonade on the lawn" each week. Let me take this opportunity to thank not only the three laypersons who are preaching, I want to thank all the laity who help provide the service each week.

While I continue to pray that God send you the new pastor you deserve to shepherd you through the next period of your history, it may be some time for that to become reality. In light of that, let me reassure you that I will be back the end of July and I will continue to joyfully serve as your Bridge Pastor until that call comes. I am fully committed to working with the Church Council to keep Durham moving forward. I anticipate an active and demanding fall.

While I will be away, my thoughts and prayers will be with you. I am not sure that I will always have phone/texting or email capability, but I will be checking when possible. I know that you will be well covered, and you will be there for each other as needed.

See you the end of July.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim Heckman



*Care-A-Lot News:* We still have a few openings for the 2023/2024 school year, brochures are available in the narthex or you can reach out to us at [care-a-lot@durhmlutheran.org](mailto:care-a-lot@durhmlutheran.org) for more information.





## Something to Celebrate!



### **Katie Aquino,**

daughter of Sara and Joe Aquino, graduated from Penn State University on Sunday, May 7, 2023 with a degree in bio behavioral health and a minor in global health. Starting in June, she will be working for Smith and Nephew as a hip and knee replacement consultant in the State College area.

Congratulations Katie! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.



### **Chase Aquino**

is being confirmed on Sunday, June 4, 2023. He was baptized in our church on June 11, 2009. He is the youngest son of Sara and Joe Aquino. He has two older brothers, Conner and Hunter, and an older sister, Katie. Chase's quick wit entertains the whole family.

This spring, Chase will graduate from the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Wilson Area Intermediate School, where he was recently inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Chase's favorite subject is Math.

Chase excels in sports. Currently he plays club and recreational lacrosse and basketball. In addition to sports, Chase enjoys hunting and fishing.

In the summer, Chase mows lawns and occasionally helps his grandparents deliver Meals on Wheels.

## Something to Celebrate!

June	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
1	David Pyne		
2			Matthew Crouse
4			Kathy Haney
6	Kerri Rhine		
8	Makenzie Naska, Nathan Roberts		
10		Lynn & Tom Gaun (28)	
11		Lynn & Tim Leichtler (35)	Betty Kreitz, Chase Aquino
12		Kerri & Mike Rhine (19)	
16	Lisa Crouse, Althea Crouse (89)		
17			Sara Aquino
21			Bethany Michl, Beth Snyder
22			Luke Snyder, Scott Lehr
			Esther Crouse
25	Hunter Frey	Mary & Don Crouse (40), Donna & David Deal (46)	
27	Barbara Altemus, Dane Reiman		Caitlyn Pyne
29	Ben F. Naska		Ken Eck, Sarah Antoni

July	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
1			Gladys Nicholas
2			Alyse Mesko Hale
3	Linda Sauter, Brandon Rodd		
4	Becca Anderson		
6		Virginia & Ken Hager (59)	
7			Norma Fox
11	Donna Deal & Sarah Deal		
12	David Helfrich		
16	Kristy-Lee Reiman		
19	Joe Erceg		
		Beth & Luke Snyder (9)	
21	Benjamin T. Naska	Serena & Brian Ashmore (33)	Ben T. Naska
22		Cleo & Ken Eck (62)	Dorothy Peterman
23	Jocelyn Frey		Ryan Fox
24	Bea von Watzdorf		



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

Barbara Altemus; Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Helen Dungan; Frank Erceg; George Kreitz; Frank Mammana; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Bonnie Pyne dePortillo; Donnie Pyne; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss and Pat Zion.

**For Healing of Friends and Family:**

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Sherri Breithoff; Emma Brown; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Cindy Gilligan; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Joann Gary; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tom MacFarland; Chelsea Marley; Jim McAnally; Sean McNulty; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

**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:**

Stan Aagaard; Ollie Butler; Miriam Deal; Anna Gachev-Friedel; LaDonna Gibbs; Susan Gonzales; Cecelia Kuchka

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).

## June - July 2023 Worship Assistants

	June	July
Head Usher	Mark Harwick	Mark Harwick
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson & Val Mc Ginn	Barb Naska & Dot Peterman
Counting Team	Dave Sauter & Karen Beerer	Mark Harwick & Ken Anderson

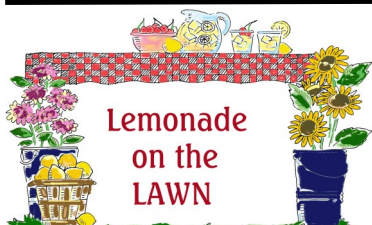
Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Lector
6/4		Bea von Watzdorf & Leo Grzelkowski	Bea von Watzdorf
6/11		Linda Sauter	
6/18		Kristie Simmons	
6/25		Cathy Mueller	
7/2			
7/9			
7/16			
7/23			
7/30			

## June 2023 Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Thursday, June 1	12:00AM-3:00PM 12:30 PM	Office hours. Chat-n-Chew.
<b>Sunday, June 4</b> (Note new time!)	<b>9:30 AM</b>  After Worship	<b>The Holy Trinity Worship</b> Confirmation of Chase Aquino. Reception / Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, June 7	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Office hours Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's.
Thursday, June 8	12:00AM-3:00PM 12:30 PM	Office hours. Chat-n-Chew.
<b>Sunday, June 11</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Rev. Berntsen</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, June 14	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Summer Office hours (No Pr. Jim) Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's.
Friday, June 16	1:00 PM	WELCA annual lunch at Olive Garden.
<b>Sunday, June 18</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Tom Gaun</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, June 21	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Summer Office hours (No Pr. Jim) Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's. (Last session till September)
Saturday, June 24	11:00 AM	Dr. Stanley A. Aagaard memorial service
<b>Sunday, June 25</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Rev. Berntsen</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, June 28	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Summer Office hours (No Pr. Jim)



**Summer Hours start Sunday, June 4**  
**Worship Services start at 9:30 AM.**  
**Church Office hours will be on Wednesdays from**  
**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM** between June 11 and July 30 or  
 by appointment.



We will be having our traditional lemonade on the lawn after worship each Sunday. If you would like to provide a light drink or snack, please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



## July 2023 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
<b>Sunday, July 2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Hymn Sing</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, July 5	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Summer Office hours (No Pr. Jim)
<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Bea von Watzdorf</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, July 12	10:00 AM-1:00 PM 1:00 PM	Church Office hours (No Pr. Jim) Book of Acts bible study @ Hlavaty's.
<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Linda Sauter</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, July 19	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Church Office hours (No Pr. Jim)
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Rev. Guider</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.
Wednesday, July 26	10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Church Office hours (No Pr. Jim)
<b>Sunday, July 30</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b> After Worship	<b>Worship - Pr. Jim</b> Lemonade on the Lawn.

### Places in the Bible Word Search

Antioch	Hebron
Babylon	Jericho
Beersheba	Jerusalem
Bethel	Joppa
Bethlehem	Patmos
Corinth	Philippi
Crete	Ramoth
Cyprus	Samaria
Damascus	Sardis
Ephesus	Shechem
Galilee	Shiloh
Gath	Smyrna
Gezer	Tyre

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M	E	E	G	R	T	H	L	I	C	N	S	H	T	H	K
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## Outreach

**Food banks:** Thanks to all who contributed to our windowsill collection. We will collect food and **Men's** personal care items in June in honor of Father's Day. In July, we will collect food.



**When you come to worship, please, bring something to share.** You can also sign up to donate a food basket in memory or honor of a loved one.

### Outreach Envelope:



Our June Outreach envelopes for June will go to the Church World Service (CWS) Tool Sunday program. The outreach envelope for July will go to local food banks.



**WELCA** met on Friday May 19, 2023, at Helen Dungan's house. Our theme was the joy of weeding. I want to give huge thanks to Miriam and Ken Anderson, Mark Harwick, and Kathy Hlavaty who did the actual pulling, planting, and mulching, and to those who watched and cheered them on. I am blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Our June meeting is our annual lunch at Olive Garden on Friday June 16th. For those who wish to car-pool, we will meet at the church at 12:30. For those who wish to go directly to Olive Garden, be there by 1:00. The Olive Garden is off route 248 in Easton; address is 50 Kunkle Dr, Easton, PA 18045.

On Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>, we are invited to Women's Night Out at Christ Lutheran Church, Ferndale. Time is 5:00; price \$12. There will be music following dinner. PS - the men do the cooking!

WELCA will not meet in July and August.

Helen Dungan

## Bible Study



The Adult Bible study meets on **Wednesdays** from **1:00-3:00** at the home of **Joe and Kathy Hlavaty**. We are studying the book of Acts. We invite you to join us.

## Partners In Ministry

### Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM)



Vacation Bible School will be at Trinity, Pleasant Valley this year, see attached flyer for information.

### Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference & SEPA Synod

**"God's work, Our hands"** Sunday is Sept. 10, reserve the date to participate in service opportunities throughout the Synod in the afternoon.

### Have You Heard of Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program?



The Yellow Dot Program, can be vital in emergency care following a crash when passengers may not be able to communicate. Placing a Yellow Dot decal in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need.

The personal information booklet is to store personal information such as: name, address, telephone number, emergency contact name/number, allergy information, etc.

You can stop by Rep. Staats office @ 10 Third St in Quakertown to pick up your Yellow Dot. Or you can request a kit be mailed to you at <https://www.penndot.pa.gov/TravelInPA/Pages/Yellow-Dot.aspx>

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## SEPA WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING

Join us as we celebrate our Lutheran heritage and history. Our annual gathering will be held Saturday, June 3, 2023. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. Gathering from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Augustus Lutheran Church, 717 West Main Street, Trappe, PA 19426, , the oldest unaltered Lutheran Church in America, and we will have an opportunity to learn more as we visit 'the Old Church'. We will also hear from Amanda Bryant with Gemma Services/Martin Luther School, which was the first Lutheran Orphanage in the Delaware Valley, originally founded as the Lutheran Home in Germantown.

The Southeastern PA Synodical Women's Organization of the ELCA is celebrating firsts, and the remarkable women in our synod!

*You're invited!*

★ Saturday | June 3rd | 9AM TO 3PM  
Augustus Lutheran Church  
717 W. Main Street, Trappe, PA 19426

★ Fee for program and lunch:  
\$30 per person | \$20 for students

★ We are asking attendees to bring an in-kind gift for Gemma Services and the children they serve.

★ See registration form for details.





# JOYFUL NOISE 9 MUSIC FESTIVAL

**SAT • JUNE 17 • 2023**  
**10 AM – 7 PM**

THE PARK AT 4TH ★ UNIVEST PERFORMANCE CENTER ★ QUAKERTOWN

→ **FREE ADMISSION – THANK OFFERING** ←

BENEFITING  
**QUAKERTOWN AREA FOOD PANTRIES**  
BRING A CAN OF FOOD!

★ **MUSIC** ★  
RAFFLES ★ CRAFTS ★ KIDS ACTIVITIES

→ **PERFORMERS** ←

**St. Paul's Joyful Noise Band**  
Uplifting contemporary Christian music

**Senior Fancypants**  
Indie-pop tunes especially for children

**Once Called Saul**  
Quakertown-based Christian rock band

**Craig Thatcher**  
Internationally-known guitar master  
performs with Cliff Starkey  
on keyboard and vocals

**Seasons**  
Vibrant Celtic Nu-Folk

**Denia Shanelle and her band**  
Philadelphia-based contemporary  
Christian artist

**Bob Halligan, Jr.**  
Inspiring and joyous tunes from this nationally-known  
singer/songwriter and leader of Ceilí Pain

**The 307**  
Pennridge-area rock band

**HELP FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

**QUESTIONS?**

Call the office weekdays at **215-536-5789** ★ **STPAULSQTOWN.ORG**



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
**Strawberry Festival & Craft Fair**



Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

11:00am-4:00pm

1565 Sleepy Hollow Road, Quakertown PA 18951

Rain or Shine

The event will include free music and children's games, food, strawberry desserts, a raffle and a bake sale. Crafter applications may be downloaded from the church's website:

[www.stjohnsofspinnerstown.org](http://www.stjohnsofspinnerstown.org). For additional information email [stjohnsspinnerstown@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsspinnerstown@gmail.com) or call Janet at 215-536-8838.

*Climb aboard for...*



*The best week of the summer!*

# **2023 Vacation Bible School**

**July 17-21 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Trinity Lutheran Church - Pleasant Valley**

**2170 Route 212, Coopersburg, PA 18036**

**Call 610-346-7282 to Register**

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games  
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Sponsored by the Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries.