

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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OCTOBER
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Pastor's Message:

How quickly September has come and gone and what a packed month it was. We shook off the last of the summer slowdown, we reengaged the Care-A-Lot program with a full compliment of 12 children and we welcomed them back with a special service on the 17th. We hosted a PALM picnic on the 10th, which although the weather was against us and the attendance lighter than hoped, those present had a wonderful time. We also experience the blessing of congregational love as we gathered to celebrate Betty Krietz's life and support George and family. The Council meeting had a full agenda which had an air of excitement about the future of Durham (more of that later). We also started up our Adult Bible Study group which meets during the week. We have started with the book of Romans. Our joint Confirmation Program with St. Peter's, Trinity, St. Luke's and Durham, is again up and running. This year we have 5 young people from Durham joining with 1 each from Trinity and St. Luke's. The Worship & Music Committee met, and we proposed several changes to our worship life (more on that later) including changing our Choir rehearsal schedule.

I think you get the picture - THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE AT DURHAM! And we are not slowing down in October. Here we go!

First, beginning on October 1st our time of worship will be **10:00 AM**. Also, the first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday, and we have chosen it to be the perfect Sunday to introduce a new liturgical setting. I don't know about you, but I sometimes get bored with singing the same liturgy music every week, so we are going to learn a new one - Setting 7. This setting happens to have a Latino flavor, and it is very easy to sing, with a little rhythm and tempo. I think you will learn to love it.

The first of October will also be the day that we will have a special congregational meeting following the service. The purpose of this meeting is the single purpose of reaffirming the congregation's MSP (Mission Profile) which was first approved one year ago and sent to the Synod for posting on the ELCA website. Unfortunately, the current rule in the ELCA is that an MSP must be renewed each year, which means that effective the end of September, Durham will not have an MSP profile on line. Now while that is frustrating, it may be a hidden blessing; like not being able to sell your house and changing realtors and relisting. Unfortunately, the current rule in the ELCA is that an MSP must be renewed each year, which means that effective the end of September, Durham will not have an MSP profile on line. Now while that is frustrating, it may be a hidden blessing; like not being able to sell your house and changing realtors and relisting. It makes it look like a new listing and hopefully gain new interest. It also is providing the church with the opportunity to update the profile with a salary figure which will be in keeping with the new Synod guidelines. Come to the meeting where this will all be explained in greater detail.

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Pastor's Message (Continued from page 2):

The second big change in October is regarding my weekly scheduling. Basically, my Wednesday and Thursday schedule is flipped. Beginning in October, my schedule will be Wednesday office hours from 10 AM to 1:00 PM with 11:00 time with Care-A-Lot. I will be doing home visits in the afternoon. Then on Thursday's, my day will start with Choir Rehearsal at 10:00 AM followed by office hours from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with Chat & Chew at Noon. Then at 1:00 PM I will be off to the Bible Study until 3:00 PM (to which you all are invited to join).

The third highlight in October will be in our worship. We will be celebrating two baptisms on October 8th and 15th respectively. And then on October 29th we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with a very special look at Martin Luther and his impact on the reformation. Also on that day, PALM will be reviving the CROP Walk program. We will be joining with folks from across Palisades to walk the Delaware Canal tow path from St. Peter's to Trauger's and back. This will be from 1 to 4 that afternoon. Both my wife and I plan to walk, and I pray that you may join us, but if you can't walk, at least you can help by making a donation (see later in newsletter for more info).

The fourth item to call to your attention is the continuing conversations which we are having with the congregations of PALM (Durham, St. Luke's, St. Peter's, Trinity and Upper Tinicum). We are entering a new phase of conversations. The end of September the pastors, Council presidents and Vice Presidents from all five congregations will be meeting to discuss how we might move forward in mutual ministry and support. Where this conversation might lead, only God knows.

Finally, the council has been working on a number of issues regarding the building. You are obviously aware of the floor covering change in the sanctuary. You hopefully have also seen the box in the Narthex where you can voice your opinion. Also, the council recognizes the issue of accessibility to the bathroom facilities. While we are currently looking into replacing the stair glide, they have also set up a building committee to begin the process of looking at a building program which would address several issues which currently handicap the ministry at Durham: access to fellowship space, handicapped bathrooms, additional meeting space in the church, a separate pastor's office and a larger narthex. This is obviously a more long-term process, but one which we feel is necessary for the future ministry of Durham. I am sure that the first question on people's minds when I say "building" is how do we pay for it? Thankfully there is already a significant amount in the endowment fund designated for building and we have recently received word of a very generous donation which is designated to be added to that fund. According to **my very rough** calculations, I believe we will have almost a million for such a project.

Although you have not yet found your pastor for the future, I am very happy to say, that you have not simply marked time. Durham continues to show itself to be a thriving place for ministry, and I am honored to continue to be with you on this journey as long as God has need for me here.

Remember, if you wish to discuss anything I write or say, please contact me by phone/text at 267-664-3160, email at bridgepastor.ELD@gmail.com, or come have lunch with me during Chat & Chew and Wednesdays.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim Heckman



**Attention - Please attend the Congregational Meeting
October 1st immediately after worship
To approve Ministry Site Profile updates for 2023**

October Calendar

Sunday, October 1 (communion)	10:00 AM After worship	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman Congregational Meeting
Tuesday, October 3	12:00 PM 7:00 Pm	Prime Timers lunch @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley PALM meeting @ St. Peter's
Wednesday, October 4	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM	Office hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Thursday, October 5	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, October 8	10:00 AM 5:00 to 7:30 PM	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman (Porter) Connor Jose Ebram Baptism Confirmation Class @ Durham
Tuesday, October 10	7:00 PM	Church Council meeting
Wednesday, October 11	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM	Office hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Friday, October 13	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting
Thursday, October 12	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, October 15 (communion)	10:00 AM	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman Olivia Noelle Frenk Baptism
Monday, October 16	7:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Crop Walk Planning @St. Peter's
Tuesday, October 17	7:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 18	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM 12:30 PM	Office hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Care-A-Lot Board meeting
Thursday, October 19	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 7:00 PM -8:30 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Care-A-Lot Board Meeting Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's Crop Walk Planning @ St. Peter's
Friday, October 20	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting in Sanctuary



October Calendar - Continued

Sunday, October 22	10:00 AM 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman Confirmation @ Trinity
Wednesday, October 25	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM	Office hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Thursday, October 26	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, October 29 Reformation Sunday (communion)	10:00 AM 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman CROP Walk @ St. Peter's
Wednesday, November 1	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM	Office hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Thursday, November 2	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's

Outreach

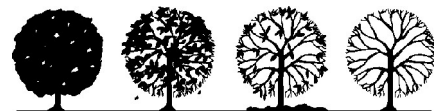


Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our window sill collections this month. Both food banks are still in need of personal care items and diapers. In fact, they both requested we make these items

our ongoing priority. However, all donations are welcome.

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 Outreach envelopes for October will be given to Lutheran Disaster Relief to help those affected by floods.



Fall Schedule

REMINDER, SUNDAY WORSHIP
IS NOW AT 10:00 AM



Riegelsville Fire Dept. will visit us on the 11th for Fire Prevention Week.

We are taking a class trip to Trauger's on the 17th

Halloween Parade on October 31st at 11 am

It has been a fun and busy start to the school. All 12 kids are loving school !

Women of the ELCA

WELCA had a brief meeting on Sunday Sept. 24th after church. We discussed Durham Days. Lynn Gaun will create a handout about our church. We will have coloring sheets and crayons for the children; and we are giving away our collection of Spark books.

We will have our next meeting on *Friday Oct. 20 at 10:00* in the church sanctuary. At that time, we will share our experience at Durham Days and at the SEPA WELCA retreat. We will also catch up on what is happening in WELCA on the synodical and churchwide level. There's a lot going on. We will discuss what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA Gather magazine.

We particularly want to draw your attention to a spiritual retreat WELCA is sponsoring on October 14, 2023 at the United Lutheran Seminary in Mount Airy. Its aim of the retreat is to give us a chance to quiet down and draw nearer to God. The retreat is open to **all women** over the age of 15 – you do not have to be a WELCA member to attend. Reverend Leslie Richard will lead us.



Bible Study Beginning in October, the Adult Bible study will meet at 1 o'clock on **Thursdays** at the home of Kathy and Joe Hlavaty. We are studying the book of Romans which was written by Paul to a church he had never visited, so it is more a general overview of his theology than a discussion of specific issues affecting an individual congregation.

Helen Dungan



Williams Township will be holding their Veterans Day ceremony Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 AM at the Williams Township Municipal building Veteran's Memorial.

Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc. supports the Drug Enforcement Agency's National **Medication Take Back Day** to keep our youth safe, protect the environment, and promote healthy behavior in the community. Medication Take Back Day is a bi-annual event that provides community members with a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused, unneeded or expired medications. Our next county-wide event day is **October 28th from 10am to 2pm**.

- Wehrung's Home Center - 7711 Easton Rd. Ottsville, PA 18942
- SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP - Springfield Elementary School 1950 Route 212 Quakertown, PA 18951



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Estate Planning Event with Ashley Bell Han

Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church - 107 W Lincoln Ave, Telford, PA 18969

Learn the basics of estate planning – what you may need now and how to best plan for the future. Estate Planning is the one area of law that will affect everyone! We will explore why it is important to have an updated estate plan, the different options in estate planning, and the intersection of estate planning and long-term care planning.

Ashley Bell Han is a lifelong Lutheran and has been an attorney for over 20 years. She completed her Certificate in Estate Planning at Temple University's law school in 2022 and is an Associate Attorney at HighPoint Law Firm in Chalfont practicing exclusively in the area of estate planning. She enjoys working with individuals and families to help them best plan for their futures.



Saturday, October 21st - Sunday, October 22nd at Christ Lutheran Church in Oreland, we will have an overnight event for youth leaders and their groups who are attending (or considering attending) the 24 **ELCA Youth Gathering!** Join us for fun, fellowship, and information!



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

Joanne & David Antoni; Brian Ashmore; Esther Crouse; Frank Erceg; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Wes Simmons; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenschuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Davis; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Fred Foerster; Sharon Fogelman; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Cindy Gilligan; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Ashton Hales; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Shawn Stadt; Pat Stangil; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Kelly Walsh; Henry Wong and Scotty Yurconis.

For those who are Homebound:

Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Stan Aagaard; Michael Barats; Joann Gary; Betty Kreitz; Lani Schlegel; Don Seipt; Marilyn Seipt; Hal Taylor; Ann Valent

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: PrayerChain@durhamlutheran.org

October 2023 Worship Assistants

Head Usher	
Altar Guild	Val McGinn & Bea Von Watzdorf
Communion / Counting Team	Barb Naska & Dave Sauter

Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Lector
10/1		Kris Simmons	Kris Simmons
10/8		Frank & Joan Mammana	Pat Zion
10/15		Joe & Kathy Hlavaty	Val Mc Ginn
10/22		Leo Grzelkowski & Bea von Watzdorf	Bea von Watzdorf
10/29			Linda Sauter



Something to Celebrate!

October			
	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
1	Ed Haney, Jessica Lehr, Scott Lehr, Jeremy Roney		Barbara Naska
2	Justin Apgar		
5	Connor Aquino, Silas Rodenbach (91)		
6	Virginia Hager		Joan Mammana
7	Lois Altemose		
13		Lisa & Bruce Crouse (33)	
15		Val & Paul McGinn (29)	Sharon Streletz
16	Chris Roberts		
18	Karen Bolesta		
19	Joanne Antoni		
20	Lee Ann Kressman	Linda & David Sauter (42)	
21	Ed Xander		
22		Diane & Steve DeWalt (40)	
23			Pastor David Deal
25	Cheryl Mesko		Jim Nicholas, Silas Rodenbach
30	Benjamin J. Naska		
31	Nicole Crouse		Adam Mesko



PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 29TH, 2023



Registration Opens @ 1:00 pm

Starts and ends at
St. Peter's Lutheran Church at
720 Edgewood Rd, Riegelsville,
PA 18077

Walk as far as you want:

Location	Each Way (Miles)	Round Trip (Miles)
Durham Aqueduct (Routes 212 & 611)	1.25	2.5
Trauger's Farm(Island Rd.)	2.25	4.5

25% of donations go to support
The Lord's Pantry in Ottsville.
75% goes to feed the hungry around
the world.

Scan to
register or
donate:



For more information:

Phone: 610-346-8500

Email: cropwalkcoordinator@durhamlutheran.org

Website: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/riegelsvillepa>

Sponsored by the Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

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 September 30 th	12-4pm
Sunday October 1 st	12-4pm
Monday October 2 nd	1-4pm

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 October 5 th	9am-5pm
Friday October 6 th	9am-5pm
Saturday October 7 th	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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SEAFARERS BRING US GOODS AND PRODUCE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

They work hard, 24/7, in all weather, and their lives can be lonely and dangerous.

**PLEASE HELP US THANK THEM DURING THE HOLIDAYS
WITH A DITTY BAG FULL OF GIFTS OF APPRECIATION!**



WISH LIST FOR DITTY BAGS

(FULL SIZES, PLEASE, FOR TOILETRIES)

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| • Hats and scarves in dark colors | • Toothbrush, toothpaste |
| • Work socks, work gloves | • Deodorant |
| • ChapStick | • Shampoo |
| • Nail clippers | • Comb |
| • Razors | • Pens & writing paper |
| • Shaving cream | • Mini-sewing kit |
| • Playing cards, puzzles | • Hard or boxed candy, gum, cough drops |
| • Hand lotion | |

If possible, we need items at our office by November 15, 2023, although we appreciate them throughout the holidays, and all year!

****NEW LOCATION****

1321 Intrepid Ave., Suite 310,
Philadelphia, PA 19112.

Please call Rebecca Pierson
at 215-940-9900 to alert us if
you are dropping off items
for Ditty Bags.



If you are preparing ditty bags to be delivered to us already filled, please pack 7-10 items per bag.

Contact hpierson@sciphiladelphia.org with any questions, or to make a financial contribution.

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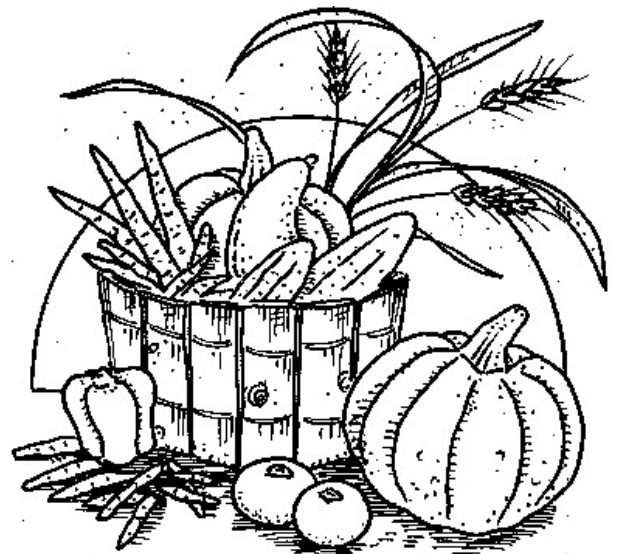
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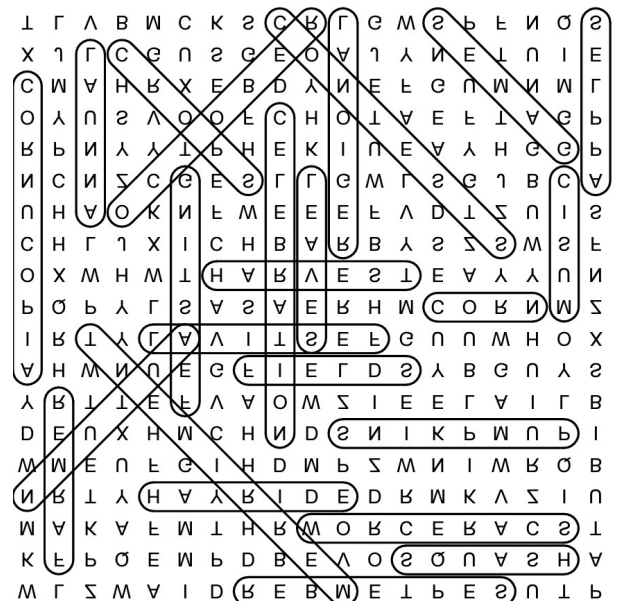
DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

ANNUAL
APPLES
AUTUMN
CELEBRATION
CONTESTS
CORN
CORNUCOPIA
CROPS
FARMER
FEASTING
FESTIVAL
FIELDS
GAMES
HARVEST

Harvest Festival Word Search



To cheat on the word search, flip this upside down:



HAYRIDE
LEAVES
MERRIMENT
MUSIC
OCTOBER
PUMPKINS
REGIONAL
SCARECROW
SEPTEMBER
SQUASH



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