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Pastor's Message:

As I type this letter it is just one week until Halloween, one month until Thanksgiving, and two months until Christmas. Needless to say, these next two months are both my favorites, but also the busiest times of the year. I'm sure the same is true for many of you also, at least the busiest time of the year. Which makes it all the more challenging to fit in just a couple more things to do. However, I want to take this time to remind you of the many activities here at Evangelical Durham which I hope you will decide are worthy of your time and involvement. So here we go.

We start in November with the weekend of November 4th & 5th. On Saturday, November 4, from 10 AM to Noon, we will be hosting the Communion Education Event which is a PALM event for any youth who have not yet had training about Holy Communion. If you know of a child who would benefit from this class, please give me a call right away.

Sunday, November 5th is a very full day. It is All Saints' Sunday, and we will be remembering both the newly minted Saints (those Baptized during the past year) and those who have concluded their Saintly journey here on earth with the lighting of candles. Then following worship, Linda and I will be hosting a showing of our pictures from Alaska. It will begin right after church (approximately 11:30) and run about hour to an hour and a half. A lite lunch is also being shared. Also happening that day at 2:00pm, Pastor Richard Bergen will officially be installed as Pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Ferndale (a sister PALM congregation).

Of course, Tuesday, November 7th is election day. I hope we are all keeping our Council President, Karen Beerer, in our prayers.

Wednesday, November 8th at 8:00 pm, will be the first meeting of the Care-a-Lot 40th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Thursday through Saturday, November 9-11th, Linda and I will be in Somerville, Mass., babysitting our grandchildren. If you are in need pastoral care during that time, please contact the church office.

Sunday, November 12th will be celebrated with the reception of new members. A meeting of the Altar Guild will follow the service.

The following week will include the Council Meeting on Monday, the 13th, the Finance Committee on the 14th, and the PALM Leaders second meeting on Thursday, the 16th. All three of these meetings are important as they will have an impact on the future ministry here at Durham.

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Pastor's Message (Continued from page 2):

Sunday, November 19th there will be a meeting of the Worship & Music Committee following worship. All are welcome and invited.

Of course, it is also the week of Thanksgiving. I know for me, one of the main things I will be giving thanks for this year is the last two years of ministry we have shared and God's continued blessing upon that relationship.

November concludes with the celebration of Christ the King Sunday, the Last Sunday after Pentecost. It marks the end of our liturgical calendar year, and we now prepare to celebrate the beginning of a "new church year" on Sunday, December 3rd which is the First Sunday of Advent. We also turn from the study of Matthew to the Gospel of Mark for the next year.

While it is stating the obvious, December is going to fly by with lots of activities. I do want to draw your attention to several dates and events which I hope you include on your calendars.

While the Council has not yet set the official date, there will be a congregational meeting in early December for the purpose of approving the 2024 budget. I think it will either be the 3rd or the 10th. Whichever, we need YOU there.

The weekend of December 16th and 17th is a full one. First, Durham is again hosting the PALM event of the Live Nativity on the 16th with two shows at 5 & 7 PM. We hope many of you will help out by participating in the event or at the very least, stopping by and bringing a friend or two to see it.

Then on Sunday, December 17th we are introducing a new worship opportunity as part of our Christmas observance. At 2:00 PM, we will be hosting a Christmas Celebration Worship for our shut-in families to which all are welcome. This will be a service of Holy Communion where we will have an opportunity to celebrate with our families who can't normally get out at 10:00 on a Sunday morning.

Finally, Sunday, December 24th we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Advent at 10:00 in the morning, and then at 7:00 PM we have a service of Celebration of The Nativity of Our Lord.

I look forward to sharing this coming holiday season with you. I hope to see you often.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Jim Heckman

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 on Wednesdays at noon.

We need Ushers

Reminder, there is a sign up for ushers on the bulletin board, don't forget to count the attendance in the nave, choir and fellowship hall and put the slip in the Secretary's bin in the Narthex!



November Calendar

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	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<i>NO Choir rehearsal</i> Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Saturday, November 4	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Communion Education Class (PALM) @ Durham
Sunday, November 5 (communion) All Saints Sunday	2:00 AM 10:00 AM After Worship 2:00 PM	Eastern Standard time begins, set clocks back one hour! Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman First Holy Communion The Heckman's Alaska picture show Installation of Pastor Rich Bergen @ St. Luke's
Tuesday, November 7	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	ELECTION DAY - GO VOTE!
Wednesday, November 8	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Care-A-Lot 40th Anniversary Plan- ning meeting @ Durham
Thursday, November 9	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	<i>NO Choir rehearsal</i> <i>NO Office hours</i> Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, November 12	10:00 AM After Worship 5:00 to 7:30 PM	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman Receptions of new members. Altar Guild Meeting Confirmation Class @ Trinity
Monday, November 13	7:00 PM	Church Council meeting
Tuesday, November 14	7:30 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 15	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Live Nativity Planning @ Durham

November Calendar - continued

Thursday, November 16	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's PALM leaders meeting
Friday, November 17	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting
Saturday, November 18	5:00 PM	Saturday Service @ St. Peter's
Sunday, November 19 (communion)	10:00 AM After worship	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman Worship Committee meeting
Monday, November 20	7:00 PM- 8:30 PM	Crop Walk retrospective @St. Peter's
Wednesday, November 22	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
<i>Thursday, November 23</i>		<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Sunday, November 26 Christ the King Sunday (communion)	10:00 AM	Worship - Pr. Jim Heckman
Wednesday, November 29	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 30	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

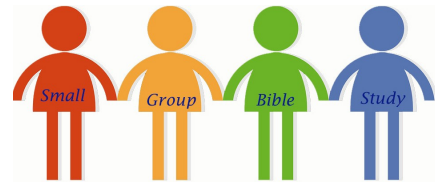


Reminder:

For those of us who are usually on time for worship on Sunday, set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 4.

For those of us who are not usually on time, please set your clocks back 45 minutes.





WELCA Retreat: Bonnie Pyne de Portillo and Helen Dungan attended a retreat at the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia on October 14th. The theme was Gather, Rest, Renew. Pastor Leslie Richard, our leader, focused on keeping the Sabbath and what **rest** means. Bonnie and Helen will be reporting on this at our October meeting. However, we will **not** be resting, but will also be chopping broccoli for our cream of broccoli soup in February.

Covered Dish: In December, following the budget meeting, WELCA will host our annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Please join us for a time of fellowship and good food. We will supply the beverages, rolls & butter; you bring a dish and/or desert to share. The tables will be decorated with poinsettias which will be given to our shut-in members.

January Soup: Just a reminder, we will be making Vegetable and Potato soup for our January soup supper on Friday January 19th. Mark your calendars for a fun morning of peeling and chopping vegetables, and an afternoon and evening of serving and visiting with our guests and customers. More information will be in the January newsletter.

Helen Dungan

Bible Study

The **Adult Bible study** is meeting 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. It is more theological, speaking of the basics of our Christian beliefs.

Adult Sunday School: We are studying the Ten Commandments or Words which is how the term commandments is more accurately translated. Our introductory session was on readings from the Psalms which concentrated on praising and thanking God for the gift of his Word (our commandments).

We meet in the church library before worship from 9 to 9:45 am.

Outreach

The November envelope will go to *Help to Help*, a joint project of Emmanuel church and Rotary in Souderton, who are raising funds to build a school building in Santa Barbara, Honduras.

Save the date:

12/3 - Advent Family event - Make advent calendars or wreaths

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

Trinity Pleasant Valley has re-activated its Prime Timers program pot luck on the first Tuesday of every month at noon in the fellowship hall. This is open to any adult who is available at that time.

On November 7th there will be a speaker from the Allentown Rescue Mission. Please bring socks or toiletries for the Rescue Mission.

On December 5th there will be a presentation on the History of Santa Claus starting with St. Nicholas of Myra. The presentation will be given by Santa George and Mrs. Ann Claus, aka George Grasic and Ann Donley.

St Luke's has resumed soup suppers on the third Tuesday of the month.

The Live Nativity returns to Durham on 12/16 at 5:00 and 7:00 PM

The Reverse Advent food collection will return for Advent this year, the goal is for each church to beat their collection from last year. We will have a celebration dinner at St. Peter's on February 14, 2024

There will be a Meal Packing event on 1/14/24 @ Little Zion.

**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 Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Jason Bigley; Melissa Carafa; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Josephine Gimelson & family; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Sue Kiry; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Jean Pratt; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; The Schutt Family; 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; Sharon Fogelman; 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

November 2023 Worship Assistants

Head Usher	
Altar Guild	Linda Sauter & Becky Praster
Communion / Counting Team	Barb Naska & Cathy Mueller

Date	Acolyte	Greeter	Lector
11/5	Nate Roberts	Bonnie Pyne DePortil-	Elizabeth Roberts
11/12	Ben Roberts	Josephine Williams	Mary Crouse
11/19			Scott Gaun
11/26	Ben Williams	The Williams family	Linda Sauter



Something to Celebrate!

November

	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
4	Mary Couse, Laura De Walt, Rev. James Heck-		
6			Grace Litzenberger
8	Serena Ashmore		
9	Lynn Gaun		
10	Martin Luther, Nicholas Phillips, Brendan Snyder		
12	Tom Gaun, Mark Harwick, Matthew Mueller,		
18	Chad Harrison		
19	Hans Rilling	Miriam & Ken Anderson (40)	
21	Ken Anderson		
22			Bob Fox
23	Faye Gadwell		Addyson Mammana
24	Chase Aquino		Paula Eck
25	Dan Froehlich	Cathy & Chris Mueller	Helen Dungan, Cheryl Eck
29			Bruce Crouse
30			Kathy Hlavaty, Jordyn Trauger

Care-A-Lot News:

Our first class field trip was so beautiful and "fall" fun.
Thank you to Trauger's farm for having us!

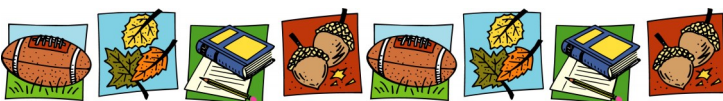
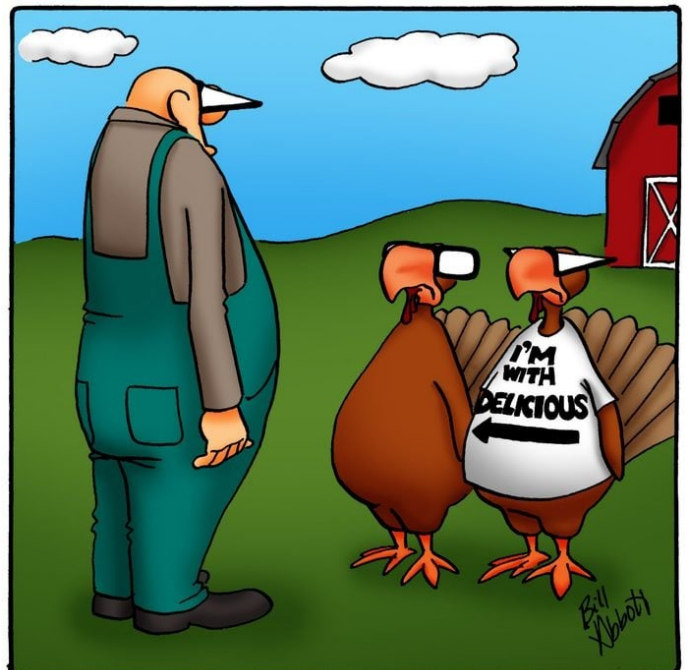
A big THANK YOU to fire fighters Joel Ed for teaching us fire safety and sharing what it is like to be Super-Fire-Fighter-HERO!



Thanksgiving Fun

Some Other things to be Thankful for:

- Elastic waistbands.
- Football - a great way to avoid conversation with your family at Thanksgiving.
- Red wine - pairs well with a crazy family.
- That you are not a turkey.



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