

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham
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DECEMBER
2023

Congregational Meeting

December 10, 2023

There will be a congregational meeting immediately after the worship service on December 10 followed by a covered dish dinner. This meeting will be for the following proposed agenda items:

1. Convert Pastor Heckman from part time bridge pastor to 3/4 time pastor for a 3 year contract.
2. Approve the 2024 Budget (see page 6-7).
3. Replace the chair lift and carpet on the stairs to the Fellowship hall.

Please be sure to attend this important meeting, as **your** participation is vital!

Pastor's Message:

Dear Evangel Family,

For the last two years, I have been blessed to be the Bridge Pastor at Durham. First starting in October 2021 as a supply preacher, preaching here at least twice a month. Then in March of 2022, I officially became your Bridge Pastor and together we began our journey of eager anticipation, awaiting the Spirit's action to send you a new permanent pastor. And wait we did. What quickly became clear was that Durham's vacancy would not be filled. While this was disappointing to some, it was a blessing for me because I got to continue working with you. I came to appreciate your openness, welcoming nature, and generosity. I discovered a congregation that was not willing to just sit around and wait – you wanted to be about growing your ministry, and I was excited to help you along the way, within the limits of being the Bridge Pastor. By this past summer, when word came that there was a possible candidate, I found myself with mixed emotions: while I certainly wanted what was best for Durham, I was also saddened to think that I might be ending my relationship with you. Alas, that person was not the right one and so we again went into waiting mode.

While waiting, the other consistent element was the repeated expressed wishes that I might become your permanent pastor. While I was always flattered, I also know that full time for me was neither possible nor desirable. Yet I found myself saying to my wife, "if there was a way for me to serve part-time, I would consider it." The reality was that I am not the answer for Durham as long-term, full-time pastor, so I found myself being content enjoying our time together, secretly hoping that it would go on for a while.

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Pastor's Message (Continued from page 2):

Then something happened. At the end of the Council Meeting in October, one of the members asked, "Pastor, what is the difference between a Bridge Pastor and a part-time pastor?" I answered the question reminding all that a Bridge Pastor was only there to keep you together, kind of a marking time, until the new pastor arrives. By definition, a Bridge Pastor is to be short-term, and it is not the Bridge's job to institute new programs which a new pastor might not appreciate. Also, a Bridge does not devote a lot of time getting to know the specifics of the congregation. I am here for Council guidance, leading worship, and pastoral care. While a part-time pastor is a pastor in full, only being limited to the number of hours negotiated with the church. This means that a clear list of pastoral duties needs to be established and prioritized.

As I drove home that night, I kept thinking about that question and wondering what would be the best for Durham? As I reflected on the situation here, I recognized that several circumstances had changed since my arrival. Most notably our relationship with PALM and the new initiative within PALM about doing joint ministry in the future which may indeed involve shared pastoral services. It seemed to me to be even more challenging to get a new pastor right now not knowing if, in a couple of years, the pastoral profile in PALM may be cause for change. I know as a pastor, that is probably not a circumstance I would want to enter. Then it struck me! What if I regularized my relationship with the Durham congregation, I could help provide a stable period of time for the church to work with PALM through the questions of shared ministry/pastoral support and also provide a ministry platform allowing Durham to move forward with issues like building and mission development. It would also allow time for you to determine if you really need a full-time pastor and can you really afford one.

There were some obvious questions about such a change since it is normally a no-no for a Bridge to regularize a call at the same congregation. Also, I had to inquire as to what impact this kind of change would have on my standing as a retired pastor and possible taxes or other financial penalties I might face. It also clearly had to get the OK from the Bishop's office. So, after hours of conversation with my wife and many more hours in prayer, I still felt encouraged and called by the Spirit to pursue the process.

To try and make this long story shorter, I found there were no issues with my retirement status nor any significant tax or other financial issues. My wife was and is very supportive of the idea, and the Bishop approved the plan with enthusiasm. The only directive from the Bishop was, due to the logistical challenge for me to change my status from retired to regular call status, the Bishop's recommended that we make it a contracted relationship rather than a regularized call. So, on October 29th, there was a special council meeting called with the Dean, Rev. Erika Wesch overseeing the discussion. What was proposed was: beginning January 1, 2024 I would become your pastor, serving part-time (3/4 time = approximately 30 hours a week) for a term of 3 years.

After a number of meetings and financial considerations, this plan was approved to go forward. Now there is just one last step to take, and that will be Sunday, December 10th when you, the people of Evangelical Durham, will have to vote to approve the contract as well as approve the 2024 budget which reflects the funding for said contract. At that meeting there will be a lot more information shared about the specifics of the changes to my duties, the financial implications, and explanations regarding the impact to the future calling of a pastor. Assuming it is approved, your mission profile will be pulled down and you will no longer be considered as being vacant.

I was tempted to begin my letter with: "I have some good news and some bad news." Then to share that I would no longer be your Bridge Pastor effective December 31, 2023. And that beginning January 1, 2024, I would be your new pastor. I will have to leave it up to you as to which statement is good news and which is bad news.

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Pastor's Message (Continued from page 4):

Almost every Sunday since I have been here, I have tried to include in the Prayer of the Church a petition that God's Spirit shines upon Durham and sends the right pastor for the next period of your ministry life. While I initially thought that was someone else, I believe that the Spirit was always working, and it took this long for me to listen to what God had in mind for the needed pastoral guidance here at Durham for the next several years. I truly believe this is what is best for Evangelical Durham and a blessing for me.

I'm sure that there are many questions, concerns and issues which will need to be addressed and I look forward to doing that with you. One thing that will not change is your accessibility to you. The increase in my hours will mostly take place on Tuesdays, still leaving my Mondays and Fridays off. My phone will not change, and although my email will change, its connection to me will not. I will continue to eat lunch at church on most Wednesdays and Thursdays and always welcome lunch companions.

While I look forward to being your pastor, I also know that the three years will fly by and the work we will need to do together to enable you to be ready to move on will be significant. We will have a lot of work to do, but I also know that we will have a lot of love, joy and fun doing it together.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. James T. Heckman

Pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham(?)



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; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; 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:

Rev. Dennis Durasoff

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

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday in Advent (Communion)	10:00 AM After Worship	Worship Advent family wreath making event
Monday, December 4	7:00 PM	Palm Meeting @ St. Luke's, Ferndale
Wednesday, December 6	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Thursday, December 7	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday in Advent (Communion)	10:00 AM After Worship	Worship Congregational Meeting – 2024 Budget Approval
Monday, December 11	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 13	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, December 14	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Saturday, December 16	9:00 AM 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Decorate the church for Christmas <i>PALM Live Nativity @ Durham</i>
Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday in Advent (Communion)	10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Shut in Holiday Service & fellowship
Wednesday, December 20	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 12:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Office Hours Care -A-Lot Visit Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Thursday, December 21	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday in Advent Christmas Eve (Communion)	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Sunday Worship The Nativity of our Lord Guest Preacher, Joseph of Nazareth
Wednesday December 27 & Thursday December 28		Office closed for the Holiday No Bible Study
Sunday, December 31 First Sunday of Christmas	10:00 AM	Service of Lessons & Carols

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

2024 BUDGET

		Total as of October 31, 2023	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
INCOME:				
CHECKING		\$0.00		
Regular		\$80,437.00	\$105,000.00	\$102,000.00
Loose Offering		\$2,185.75	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
Holiday Offering		\$1,535.00	\$8,000.00	\$5,000.00
Flowers		\$374.00		\$375.00
INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS				\$44,200.00
PARSONAGE SALE PROCEEDS				\$20,000.00
Bank Interest				
TOTAL INCOME		\$84,531.75		\$174,075.00
EXPENSE:		\$0.00		
PASTOR SALARY		\$0.00		\$17,462.00
Pastor Housing		\$37,682.02	\$53,320.00	\$50,000.00
Social Security Allowance		\$0.00	\$4,308.00	\$0.00
Pension		\$0.00	\$7,275.00	\$8,096.00
Med/Diab/etc		\$0.00	\$22,934.00	\$11,782.00
Church Secretary		\$4,171.50	\$5,700.00	\$5,840.00
Bookkeeper		\$4,625.00	\$6,300.00	\$6,615.00
Organist		\$10,251.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,351.00
Sextons (Cleaners)		\$3,450.78	\$4,700.00	\$4,831.00
EMPLOYER TAXES		\$0.00		
Payroll Taxes		\$1,376.17	\$2,300.00	\$2,500.00
Payroll Fee		\$557.41	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00
Mileage Reimbursement		\$105.60	\$1,300.00	\$1,200.00
Staff Christmas Gift		\$0.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE		\$0.00		
Office Supplies		\$676.52	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00
PO Box Rental		\$40.00		\$40.00
Copier		\$1,219.30		\$1,500.00
Phone		\$277.21		\$380.00
Advertising		\$69.06		\$100.00
Computer Expense		\$455.00		\$500.00
Internet		\$651.08		\$888.00
Auditor/Accountant		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Legal Fee		\$0.00		\$0.00
Finance and Stewardship		\$549.40	\$500.00	\$350.00
Website Renewals		\$0.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Bank Fee		\$13.77	\$60.00	\$15.00

Misc Expense		\$616.60		\$0.00
PROPERTY UTILITIES		\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$8,000.00
Church Electric		\$1,902.70		
Church Fuel		\$3,252.14		
INSURANCE		\$0.00		
Insurance Package		\$2,202.50	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00
Workman's Comp		\$551.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
MAINTENANCE		\$0.00		
Maintenance (Snow Plowing, etc)		\$607.08		\$1,000.00
Lawn Care		\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Church Repairs		\$1,758.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
WORSHIP EXPENSE		\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,000.00
Bulletins		\$0.00		
Offering Envelopes		\$378.85		
Communion Supplies		\$74.94		
Devotionals		\$501.10	\$700.00	
Guest Minister		\$800.00	\$800.00	\$2,250.00
Miscellaneous - Worship		\$927.56	\$700.00	\$500.00
EDUCATION		\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,000.00
Adult Bible Study		\$0.00	\$200.00	
Confirmation		\$507.66		
Sunday School		\$0.00	\$500.00	
Youth Ministry		\$0.00	\$500.00	
Supplies		\$70.26	\$100.00	
MUSIC		\$0.00	\$100.00	
Substitute Organist		\$875.00	\$750.00	\$1,600.00
Copyright Licensing		\$290.00		
Organ Maintenance		\$530.00	\$350.00	
Piano Maintenance		\$0.00	\$350.00	
Music Supplies		\$0.00	\$100.00	
FELLOWSHIP		\$0.00		
Kitchen Supplies		\$0.00		
MEETINGS/SEMINARS		\$0.00		
Misc Seminars		\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,000.00
Synod Assembly Attendees		\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
REIMBURSED FUNDS		\$0.00		
Flowers		\$488.05	\$400.00	\$400.00
MISCELLANEOUS		\$0.00		
Local Support		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Misc. Donations-Fire Co		\$250.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Mission		\$2,305.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00 *
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$0.00		\$174,150.00



WELCA met on Friday November 17th. Our program was to review what WELCA is doing.

The Churchwide organization is emphasizing two commitments: antiracism and raising up healthy women and girls. They noted the strong racism against Native Americans in the West. Our triennial convention and gathering was in Phoenix and that was a major topic of the meetings. Becky Praster was recently in Phoenix, and said she could attest that racism against Native Americans was much worse.

They are also sponsoring two events:

GATHER ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: TOPSY-TURVY ADVENT

This fun, spirit-filled Advent devotional event will take place Sunday, December 3 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will be hosted by the Rev. Hannah Hawkinson, who is the church author of the 2023 Advent devotional. For more information and to register see: [topsy-turvy-advent](#)

A VIRTUAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Blue Christmas Service will a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. Brief readings. Quiet and reflective music. Prayers. All are welcome. The service takes place at 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2023. For more information and to register see [a-virtual-blue-christmas-service](#).

Our Synodical Women's Organization is planning on arranging a truck to take our donations of quilts, and kits to the warehouse in Maryland on the Saturday of the Synod Convention. This was our practice prior to covid, and they are trying to offer this service again. We talked about making health kits for Lutheran Disaster Relief, but postponed action until the new year. After our meeting and lunch, three of us went to visit with Norma Fox at Neshaminy Manor.

Upcoming events a Durham:

- Dec. 3rd after church we will have the opportunity to make paper Advent wreaths and learn about the symbolism of the candles. Bring 4 toilet paper and one paper towel roll, and if you have it handy, some Elmer's glue. *Don't forget to bring the children / grandchildren!*
- Dec. 10th after the budget meeting, WELCA will host a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall. We will supply rolls and butter and beverages; we ask everyone to bring a covered dish and / or a dessert. After the meal, those who are participating in the live nativity will go to the sheds to practice; the rest of us will clean up.
- Dec. 16th the live nativity will take place with two shows, one at 5 PM and one at 7 PM. There will be cookies and hot chocolate served; we are asked to bake cookies for the event. There will be a light meal served between the shows for those participating. Available WELCA members are asked to clean up after the meal.
- Dec. 17th there will be a special service at 2 o'clock when we will have the opportunity to worship with our shut-in members. We will have light refreshments afterwards, and are asked to bake cookies. Because our shut-ins are coming to us, we will not be going caroling. We will have poinsettias to give to our shut-ins at the service.
- Jan. 19, '24 we will be making and selling vegetable beef, vegetable and cream of potato soup for take-out. We will begin preparing vegetables around 9 am, and begin selling soup around 4 pm. We will finish at 7 pm.

Helen Dungan

Bible Study

The **Adult Bible study** is meeting at 1:00 pm on **Thursdays** at the home of Kathy and Joe Hlavaty. We are studying the book of James. This is a very short book, so it would be a good opportunity to try us out!

Adult Sunday School: Meets in the Church Library from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM each Sunday. 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).

Outreach

The December envelope proceeds will go to the *AHUB* homeless shelter in Quakertown.

Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our food collection in November. **Please all who come to worship in person, bring something to share.** We are collecting personal care items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, and shaving cream.

You can also sign up to donate a food basket in memory or honor of a loved one.

Christmas gifts: Lynn Gaun requests the names of anyone you know in our community who can use some help this Christmas. She traditionally gets gift cards to Giant and Walmart, so parents in particular can shop for what they need.

Caroling: We will **not** be going caroling this year as we are having an afternoon worship service on Dec. 17th at 2:00 pm for our shut-in members. This will give us all an opportunity to worship together and have a snack after the service.

Helen Dungan

December 2023 Worship Assistants

Altar Guild			Barb Naska, Mark Harwick & Suzanne Mauer		
Communion / Counting Team			Bea von Watzdorf & Mark Harwick		
Date	Service	Greeter(s)	Lector	Head Usher	Acolyte
12/3/2023	1 Advent		Becky Praster		Nate Roberts
12/10/2023	2 Advent	Josephine Williams	Joe Hlavaty	Ben Williams (helper)	Colton Wagner
12/17/2023	3 Advent 10:00 AM	Leo Grzelkowski & Bea Von Watzdorf	Bea Von Watzdorf	Miriam Anderson	Leo Grzelkowski
12/24/2023	2:00 PM Shut in service		Linda Sauter		
12/24/2023	4 Advent 10 AM Worship	Karen Beerer	Karen Beerer		
12/24/2023	Christmas Eve	Miriam Anderson	Mark Harwick		Landon Helfrich
12/31/2023	Lessons and Carols	Linda Sauter	Linda Sauter		

We need Worship Assistants!

Reminder, there is a sign up for ushers on the bulletin board, please sign up there, or send an email with the role and date to evangel@durhamlutheran.org to be added to the list.

Care-A-Lot News:

We wish everyone a healthy and joyful holiday from Care-A-Lot! Here are some pictures from our "Let's be THANKFUL" sing-along:



Something to Celebrate!

December	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
2	Clayton Leichter		
4			Rowan Froehlich
6		Bethany & Joshua Michl (6)	Brian Ashmore Sr.
8		Dianna & Peter Streletz (32)	Brendan Snyder
9			Lois Altemose
10			Jocelyn Frey, Hunter Frey
11			Alex Crouse
14	Victoria Philipps, Benjamin Williams		Lee Ann Kressman
19	Bob Starling		Ken Anderson
20	Val McGinn	Kathy & Joe Hlavaty (48)	
23	Scott Gaun, Clayton Helfrich, Porter Genthner	Cheryl & Wayne Mesko (46)	Coraline Trauger
29	Leo Grzelkowski	Jayne & Jim Miller (54)	Matthew Mueller
30	George Kreitz	Laura & Dave Helfrich (16)	



Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

Crop Walk Report: It was a rainy day, but we still had about 17 walkers plus 7 volunteers working the tables. Upper Tinicum led the way with \$837 in Donations, followed by Durham with \$550, St. Lukes with \$355, Trinity with \$275, St. Peters with \$115 and \$90 donated by the Lord's Pantry team. Our grand total was \$2,222.

Live Nativity: The live Nativity returns to Durham again the year on 12/16 at 5:00 and 7:00 PM! We have lots to do and need your help! We need people to volunteer for the following:

1. Distribute posters.
2. Actors (most are non-speaking parts. No auditions necessary) Looking for shepherds, angels, wise men, etc.
3. Help with scenery, lighting, parking, etc.
4. Cameraman with Portable 1080p Wi-Fi camera.
5. Prepare and serve Cookies and Hot Chocolate.
6. Clean up after the event.

Rehearsal is on Sunday, December 10 at 1:00pm after the covered dish dinner

Contact Lynn Gaun or Kathy Hlavaty to sign up to help. Let's make this a great holiday event again this year!

St. Luke's - Is having Advent services every Wednesday in Advent at 7:00 PM..

St Peter's - Will hold an informal Saturday service at 5:00 PM on 12/16. They are also sponsoring wreaths for Wreaths across America. There will be a memorial service on December 16 at 12:00 PM. Go to <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/171585/Overview/?relatedId=0> to sponsor a wreath.

Trinity - On December 5th at 10:00 PM, 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.

The **Reverse Advent Calendar** food collection will return for Advent this year, the goal is for each church to beat their collection from last year. See Page 12 for the full details. We will have a celebration dinner at St. Peter's on February 14, 2024

Upper Bucks (Koinonia) Conference

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE IRON PIGS – JUNE 23 @ 1:35 PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. TICKETS are \$30 EACH, payment is due by May 1st. Each church is limited to 20 seats and sign-up is first come first served. If we have more than 20 signed up, the remaining people will go on a waiting list.

There will be a **Meal Packing** event at 1:00 PM on 1/14/24 @ Little Zion.



2023 Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries Reverse Advent Calendar

Let's help fill the shelves of the local food banks this holiday season. We have created this calendar based on requested items in high need from The Lord's Pantry and ProJeCt Easton Food Pantries. Some items are more expensive than others - we have added a choice of items for each day so you can choose your budget. Please fill your bags/boxes and bring them to church on Christmas Eve so that we can deliver on or before January 5th.

We will plan to deliver all donations by January

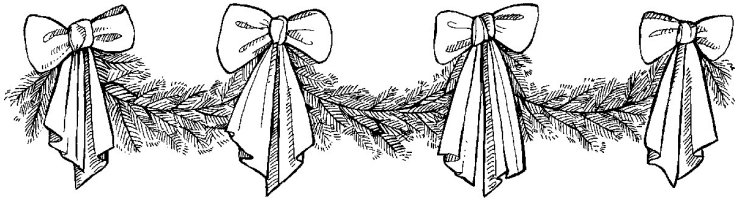
Day 1 Chunky Soup* OR Depends for Women, Size Large	Day 2 Spam OR Infant Wipes	Day 3 Mustard* OR Newborn Diapers	Day 4 Ketchup* OR Corned Beef	Day 5 Canned Fruit OR Any Kind of Spices *	Day 6 Jelly in a Squeeze Bottle OR Toilet Paper
Day 7 Graham Crackers OR Shelf Stable Milk	Day 8 Peanut Butter* OR Chicken in Cans or Pouches	Day 9 Spaghetti Noodles OR Tuna in Cans or Pouches	Day 10 Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce* OR Shampoo	Day 11 Salad Dressing* OR Laundry Detergent	Day 12 A Box of Macaroni/Pasta OR Protein/Granola Bars
Day 13 Complete Pancake Mix OR Mayonnaise*	Day 14 Baking Powder OR Size 1 or 2 Diapers	Day 15 Canned Corn OR Feminine Hygiene Products	Day 16 Applesauce* OR Men's 2 in 1 Shampoo	Day 17 Baking Soda OR Size 3 or 4 Diapers	Day 18 Syrup* OR Honey*
Day 19 A Roll of Paper Towels OR Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	Day 20 Salt OR Boost/Ensure	Day 21 Green Beans OR Dish Soap	Day 22 Pepper OR Size 5 or 6 Diapers	Day 23 Cereal OR Body Wash	Day 24 Sugar OR Men's & Women's Deodorant

*Please no glass bottles/containers

Christmas Gift Ideas

CHRISTMAS CARD BOARD.

The Bulletin board to the right on the way into the church will be set up for Christmas cards. If you would like to save a little postage, write a card to the congregation family and add it to the board.



So much darkness. Offer whatever light you can.

Advent Food Basket



1ST CORINTHIANS 13

(A Christmas Version)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozen of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on those I love the most, I have missed the point.

..In other words,

Love stops the cooking to hug a child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.

But the gift of love will endure.



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When your gingerbread house fails, add a dinosaur!

According to my chocolate advent calendar, there are only 3 days til Christmas

I just put 1 minute of sleep on my Amazon wish list, it's currently unavailable.

The only thing toddlers like more than Santa, is running and hiding when they actually see a Santa.

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Christmas Flowers

It is time to order Poinsettias to decorate our chancel for Christmas. Orders will be taken until December 11. You can place your check and completed order form in Victoria Phillipps mailbox located in the back of the church, or you can order by mail. Send your check and completed order form to: Victoria Phillipps, 100 Meadows Lane, Riegelsville, PA 18077. Make checks payable to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham. Please make sure to include your name, phone number and in honor of or in memory of in the space provided below. The flowers will be in the church on the 24th and can be taken home after Xmas Eve service. Any questions, please contact Victoria at 610-346-1996

Name:			Phone Number:	
Quantity	Plant Description	Price	Total Amount	In Honor/In Memory of
	Red Poinsettia	\$8.00		
	White Poinsettia	\$8.00		
	Grand Total			

