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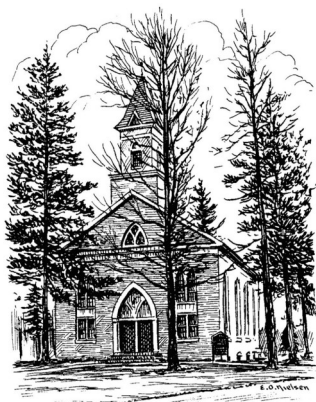
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# EVANGEL



MARCH  
2024

## *Pastor's Message:*

Dear Evangel Family,

When I think about March the word that pops into my mind is HOPE! Spring is just around the corner and the thought of warmer weather, no more snow and the return of buds and flowers blooming fills me with hope. It is those same thoughts which filter into our faith journey during the season of Lent. We know that the ultimate end of our Lenten journey through suffering and penitence is the cross and our recognition of our own brokenness and mortality. Yet we also know that the end of our Lenten path continues through the cross and the grave and into a new life with Christ on Easter morning. It is the knowledge of that end that brings us hope.

This year my hope is also enhanced by the growing spirit which I feel here at Durham. Attendance is up. Giving is up. Participation in activities, especially with our PALM partners fills me with great joy and hope for the future ministry of Jesus Christ in the Palisades community.

The other element of my hope has manifested itself through my home visits. While I have only scratched the surface of the families at Durham, each visit has been wonderful. I am discovering the breadth and depth of the family of Durham. While the stories and histories of each family may be different, there are a number of common themes. First, the love within the Congregation here at Durham. Second, a general sense that they have hope for the future of Durham. Finally, a desire to see the church continue to stretch and grow. My final observation from the visit is that people really love Durham and are willing to show it by being willing to travel to get here. I am coming to realize that many of you choose to drive past not only other churches but also other Lutheran Churches. That is a blessing for Durham.

For me, the most important way to make sure we continue on our path of hope and growth is to stay squarely focus on the source of the love which makes this congregation so strong - that is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is no better way to proceed into the joy of April and new life, then to have walked the path with Jesus through the cross and grave. While much of our Holy Week services and activities are repeated traditions from the past, this year we are adding, what I hope, will be an opportunity to experience Jesus' last supper with his disciples in a new way. On Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 6:30 pm I will be hosting

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a traditional Seder Supper/Service. This meal will include the traditional elements of the Jewish Passover supper which Jesus would have celebrated with his disciples the night before his crucifixion. Through this meal we will experience what it would have been like for Jesus to transform this meal into our Christian Communion. Because of the special nature of the meal, we are limited to only forty-eight participants and reservations are required. I can guarantee you a meaningful experience and some wonderful food. (For those who do not like lamb, roast beef will be offered as a substitute). For those who cannot make the Seder Service, there will be a traditional Service of Holy Communion which will include the stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday we will again join Trinity Lutheran at Pleasant Valley for a Good Friday Litany at 7:00 pm.

On Easter Sunday, we have been invited to join with the other Churches from PALM at a sunrise service at Sky Island in Upper Tinicum. This outside worship with Holy Communion will begin at 6:45 am (sunrise) and I will be bringing the message. There will also be a continental breakfast here at Durham starting at 8:30 to prepare us for our festival service at 10:00.

I am truly excited to make this journey with you as we prepare for an April filled with hope and great expectations. I look forward to sharing the journey with you.

Your servant in Christ.

Pastor Jim Heckman

Pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

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## Holy Week Schedule



Saturday, March 23	10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 24	10:00 am Palm / Passion Sunday
Wednesday, March 27	1:00 pm Seder Supper Preparation
Thursday, March 28	4:00 pm Seder Supper Setup
	5:00 pm Seder Supper Service
	7:00 pm Holy Communion Service with Stripping of the Altar
Friday, March 29	7:00 pm Good Friday Service @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley
Sunday, March 31	6:45 am Sunrise Service, Sky Island, Upper Black Eddy
	8:30 am Continental Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
	10:00am Festival Service of Holy Communion



## PRAYER



## CONCERNS

### For Healing of those in our Congregation:

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

### For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Leon Errico; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Bill Hunt; Lois

James & family; Martine King; Sue Kiry; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Laura Sheetz; Shawn Stadt; Kay Stokes; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Annette von Watzdorf; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Regina Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Rostam Wong Chaffin and Scotty Yurconis.

### For those who are Homebound:

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

### For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox, Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Jean Pratt, Charles Reiman (Brittany Froelich and Dane Reiman's father)



Care-A-Lot

Care-A-Lot is enrolling for the 24-25 school year. Spread the word!

The kids loved celebrating Valentine's Day all together!



## MARCH EVENTS

<b>Sunday, March 3</b> Third Sunday in Lent	<b>10:00 AM</b>  <i>2:00-5:00 PM</i>  5:00 PM	<b>Communion Worship</b> Installation of new Church Council <i>Upper Bucks Conference Annual Assembly @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville</i> Confirmation class @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley
Monday, March 4	7:00 PM	PALM Planning meeting @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley.
Wednesday, March 6	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b>	Choir rehearsal Care -A-Lot Visit Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim <b>Weekly Lenten soup &amp; devotions @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley</b>
Thursday, March 7	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
<b>Sunday, March 10</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent	<b>10:00 AM</b> <i>Daylight Savings</i>	<b>Communion Worship</b> <i>Don't be the one to show up late!</i>
Monday, March 11	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 12	7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School planning @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley
Wednesday, March 13	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b>	Choir rehearsal Care -A-Lot Visit Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim <b>Weekly Lenten soup &amp; devotions @ Upper Tinicum</b>
Thursday, March 14	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's PALM Leaders meeting @ Trinity Pleasant Valley
Friday, March 15	9:00 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Prepare Soup Potluck Lunch Soup Sale

## MARCH EVENTS (CONTINUED)

<b>Sunday, March 17</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent	<b>10:00 AM</b> 5:00 PM	<b>Communion Worship</b> Confirmation class @ Trinity, Pleasant Valley
Wednesday, March 20	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM <b>6:00 PM</b>	Choir rehearsal Care -A-Lot Visit Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim <b>Weekly Lenten soup &amp; devotions @ St. Luke's, Ferndale</b>
Thursday, March 21	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Office hours Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Saturday, March 23	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
<b>Sunday, March 24</b> Palm / Passion Sunday	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Communion Worship</b>
Wednesday, March 27	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 11:15 PM 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 PM	Choir rehearsal Care -A-Lot Visit Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Seder meal preparation
Thursday, March 28	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  4:00 PM <b>5:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	Office hours No Adult Bible Study This week. Set up for Seder Meal <b>Passover Seder meal in the Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Service of Holy Communion &amp; Stripping of the Altar</b>
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Good Friday Service @ Trinity</b>
<b>Sunday, March 31</b> The Resurrection of our Lord / Easter day	<b>6:45 AM</b>  8:30 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunrise Communion Worship @ Sky Island, Upper Black Eddy</b> Continental Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall <b>Festival Communion service</b>



Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 10. Remember to set your clocks *forward* by one hour. Don't be the groggy person who shows up during the Postlude!

### Online Bulletins

Did you know that you can access a pdf of the Bulletin and Newsletter from our web site? Scan the QR code to the right to access the bulletin page from your phone or computer:





**THE UPPER BUCKS WELCA CONFERENCE GATHERING** will be hosted by Durham on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with breakfast at 9:30 am.

Women of the ELCA has been actively working to end Human Trafficking since 2005. Efforts include education about and raising awareness of human trafficking as well as supporting agencies which are working to help victims. Our program will feature a speaker from Worthwhile Wear, a local organization which helps victims who were caught in sexual trafficking. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This is not a fun topic, but it is an important one.

**WELCA** will meet on Friday March 22, 2024 at 10 am at the home of Kathy Hlavaty. We are meeting at Kathy's because our Bible study, Crafted in Christ, uses quilts and quilting as examples, Kathy will be sharing some of her quilts with us. During our business meeting we will *give away* the proceeds from the soup sales. We will also discuss the details for hosting of the Upper Bucks Conference Gathering, and other mission projects.

Thanks to all who helped wash, peel and chop vegetables. A Special thank you to Mark Harwick who did most of our shopping; and to Thrivent who sponsored our endeavors with a check for \$250.00. Thanks also to Trauger's who donated carrots, onions and cabbage; and to Chip, the butcher, who donated the beef. Another big thanks to Miriam Anderson who was the chief organizer for this project, and who also made the vegetable soup. Thanks to Nancy Moskella who made the potato soup and to Mark Harwick who made the vegetable beef. Thanks to all who jarred the soup and to all who washed pots and pans. As you can see, this is a multiple person job! We made over \$1,500. There will be more detailed information on our proceeds in the April newsletter.

Next month, on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be making cream of broccoli soup. Please plan to join us at 9:00 am. In the event of bad weather, we will move the event to March 22nd

**We need jars** – please return or bring in any 1 qt (32 ounce) glass jars.



The Adult Bible study meets on **Thursdays** from **1:00-3:00** at the home of **Kathy & Joe Hlavaty**. We are studying the Book of Genesis. We are much less familiar with the Old Testament than the New Testament, so there are a lot of questions being asked. We invite you to join and learn with us.

Helen Dungan

## Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

**PALM planning meeting** - Monday, March 4., 7:00 PM @ Trinity

**VBS Planning Meeting** - Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM @ Trinity.

**PALM Leaders Meeting** - Thursday, March 14 7:00 PM @Trinity

**Lenten Soup & Devotions** - See Page 10 for details of the Lenten Wednesday night soup suppers and devotions

**Cluster Council working session** - Saturday, May 25, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. All council members from each church in the cluster are invited to a working session facilitated by Rev. Bryan Penman from the Synod Vitality committee.

## Upper Bucks Conference

**Annual Assembly:** The Upper Bucks Conference Annual Assembly is Sunday March 3 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at St. Peter's. Riegelsville. There will be a presentation / Bible study Pr. Lauren Bruno regarding the election for a Bishop. There is an opening for a Palisades Cluster Lay representative on the Conference



**Iron Pigs:** Save the date for the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs game on Sunday, June 23 at 1:35 PM! Tickets are just \$30. per person. We reserved the Picnic Patio, with an unlimited buffet for 2.5 hours and unlimited soft drinks until the middle of the 8th inning (see flyer on Page 9). There is a signup sheet in the Narthex. There may be additional seats available, stay tuned!

## SEPA Synod

The Annual Assembly is May 3-4. Please pray for the assembly as they elect a new Bishop.

## MARCH 2024 Worship Assistants

Altar Guild			Miriam Anderson & Scott Gaun		
Communion / Counting Team			Dave Sauter & Ken Anderson		
Date	Service	Greeter(s)	Lector	Head Usher	Acolyte
3/3	3 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Leo Grzelkowski	Bea von Watzdorf		Colton Wagner
3/10	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Nancy Moskella	Mary Crouse		Landon Helfrich
3/17	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in lent	Wagner Family	Kathryn Wagner	Ben Williams (helper)	Colton Wagner
3/24	Palm / Passion Sunday		Kris Simmons		Landon Helfrich
3/28	Maundy Thursday		Ken Anderson		
3/29	Good Friday	@ Trinity, Pleasant Valley			
3/31	Easter Festival Worship	William Family	Mary Crouse		

## We still need more Worship Assistants!

Reminder, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, please sign up there, or send an email with the role and date to [evangel@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:evangel@durhamlutheran.org) to be added to the list.



## Outreach



**ACHIEVE NOW**

**Outreach envelope:** Did you know that March is National Reading Month? In an effort to help all children learn to read, the March Outreach is for Achieve Now, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping children in Philadelphia learn to read. Achieve Now uses volunteers to work with children throughout the city to provide one-on-one tutoring to help them grow into readers.

**Food banks:** Thanks to all who contributed to our February collection of food and sanitary and personal care items. A special thank you to the Crouse family for the basket donated in honor of Esther Crouse's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We will collect coffee (they always run out), detergent, soap/body wash and shampoo for the Upper Bucks food bank. Project Easton requested jelly in plastic jars, canned corn as they are low on both of these items, and they always can use diapers, size 4, 5, and 6.

**Please all who come to worship in person, bring something to share.** You can also sign up to donate a food basket in memory or honor of a loved one. - Helen Dungan

## Something to Celebrate!

March	Birthdays	Anniversaries	Baptisms
1			Mike Rhine
2	Michael Altemus		
4	Amanda Harrison		
6	Gladys Nicholas (90)		
7	Kenneth Crouse		
8			Karen Bolesta
9		Clayton & Darby Lechlitter (2)	
11	Brittany Froehlich, Ella Rose Michl		Suzane Maurer
15	Samantha Mueller		
17			Don Crouse
23			Rachael Roney
25	Oluchi Ngoka		Althea Crouse
28			Clayton Lechlitter
29			Steven Streletz
30	Tom Praster		

# **“CHANGE”**

## **PALISADES AREA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

### **MID-WEEK LENTEN GATHERINGS**



Schedule:

**6:00 PM Soup Supper ♦ 6:45 PM Devotion**

Date	Theme	Location
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Change of Season	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham 821 Durham Road, Durham 610-346-8500
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Change of Habit	St. Peter's Lutheran Church 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville 610-749-0830
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Change of Circumstances	Trinity Lutheran Church 2170 Route 212, Pleasant Valley (Coopersburg) 610-346-7282
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Change of Heart	Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church 188 Upper Tinicum Church Road, Upper Black Eddy 610-294-9391
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Change of Plans	St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church 470 Church Hill Road, Ferndale 610-847-5630

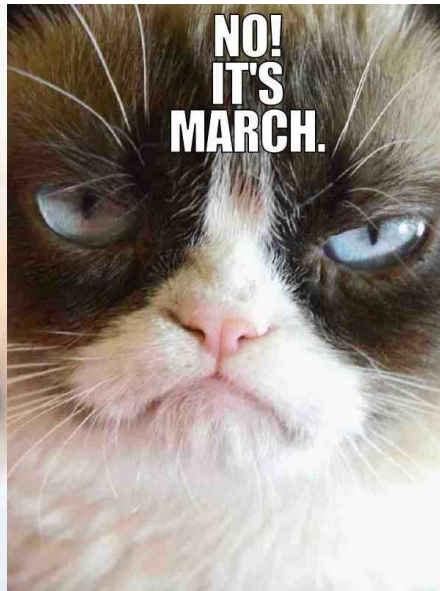


Please call the church if you need directions.

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND OR TWO.**



## Fun Page



### FACT:

Easter egg hunts are proof that kids can find things when they want to.

What did the grandma say to the grandkids at Easter?  
When I was your age, eggs were twice the size and came with a pair of pantyhose.

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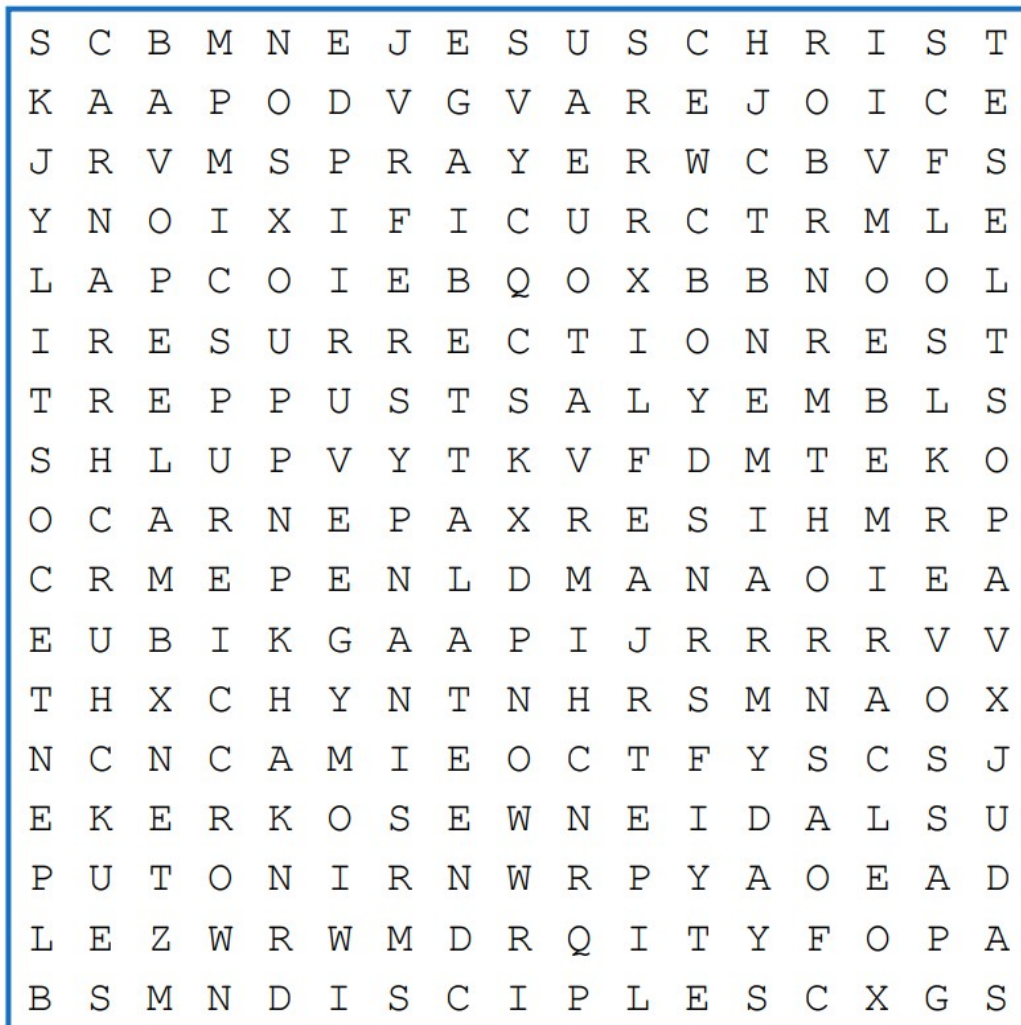




# Easter Story

## WORD SEARCH

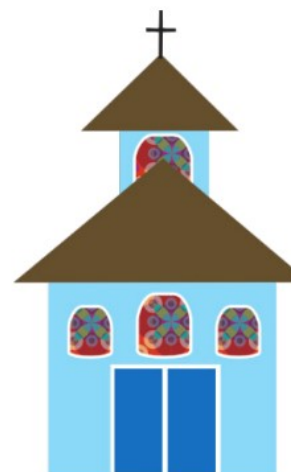
**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



APOSTLES  
BETRAYAL  
CAVE  
CHURCH  
CROSS  
CROWN  
CRUCIFIXION  
DISCIPLES  
FAITH  
GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST  
JUDAS  
LAMB  
LAST SUPPER  
LENT  
MARY  
MIRACLE  
PASSOVER  
PENANCE  
PENTECOST

PRAYER  
REDEMPTION  
REJOICE  
RESURRECTION  
RISEN  
SAVIOR  
SON  
THORNS  
TOMB





# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DURHAM CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

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## Easter Flowers Order Form

The 2024 prices of Easter flowers are as follows:

Mums – random colors	\$7
Tulips – random colors	\$6
Lilies – white	\$8
Daffodils	\$8



Name and Phone Number:

_____	X \$7	_____
# of Mums		Total \$ for Mums
_____	X \$6	_____
# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of or <input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of: (Please check 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, March 24 (Palm Sunday)*. Any questions, contact Victoria .

