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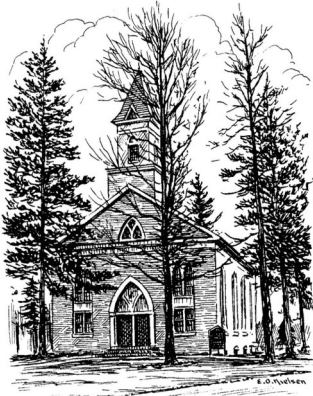
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Pastor's Message:

Dear fellow children of God,

It feels like it was only yesterday that I was sitting and writing my August Newsletter, and here it is halfway through August and time to start writing for September, and there is a lot to cover.

Let me begin by saying what a joy it was to preach from your suggestions during July and August. While it took some extra work, the discussions were very rewarding. I think something similar might be considered in the future. That being said, I am always open to hearing from you regarding questions or issues which might need to be addressed to the whole congregation.

As we look ahead to September, here is a listing of upcoming activities and events of which you need to be aware.

On Tuesday, September 3, the pastors and councils from the six PALM Churches will be meeting with Rev. William Colman, the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Telford. Pastor Colman was a pastor serving in the Erie, PA area which successfully went through the process very similar to what we are attempting in PALM. We are hopeful that his insight will help us discern our next steps.

Thursday, September 5th our Adult Bible Study Group will begin meeting again. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke (which is the Gospel we will be using beginning in Advent). We will be meeting at the Church.

On Saturday, September 14 at 2:00 PM, we will be installing Southeastern Synod's new Bishop, The Rev. Bryan Penman at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral. I will be attending and participating in the procession of Pastors. If anyone is interested in attending, it is open to the public. Maybe a carpool can be arranged. At the very least, keep the new Bishop and our Synod in your prayers.

Tuesday, September 10th, our Care-a-lot program begins it's 41st year. We will be welcoming them back at our worship on Sunday, September 15. I hope to have a full house to make them feel at home.

After a very successful Wednesday Sundae program over the summer, our Christian Education activities continue in the fall. I strongly encourage you to read Kat Wagner's article for all the details. What is especially exciting is the beginning of a new worship opportunity for the whole family. It is called "Messy Church". This program is based upon the fact that for many folks, life is messy so we should make some room for a little messiness our worship opportunities. TH Messy Church Worship will begin in September, on the third Saturday of each month (September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21 and January 18) anyone who is interested is welcome to come and join for an intergeneration fellowship, educational, worship and meal.

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Pastor's Message (Continued from page 2):

This will usually take place in the basement of the church (although September and October may be outside weather permitting). Keep your eyes and ears open for more information.

As you may or may not be aware, a Building Committee was set up and has been working on the issue of still needing a restroom on the first floor. We also recognize that there is inadequate space for the Pastor and the administrative assistant for each to have appropriate office space. After considerable conversation and investigation, we have arrived at the point of contracting with a local architect to come up with a drawing for an annex building that would be built between the current church and the cemetery. It would be connected to the church building by a hallway which would enter the church through the window area in the Narthex where the current mailboxes are located. They hope that the drawings and floorplan will be ready to present to the congregation early in 2025. The wonderful news is that there is currently just under \$800,000 in our endowment funds specifically restricted for just such a project. While this will be a change for Durham, it is one which will help prepare the church for future ministry.

September 22 is the first class for our Confirmation Classes 2024-25 season. This year our PALM Confirmation Program will have 13 or so youth, with 6 of them being from Durham. I am very excited with the upcoming class and the addition of a confirmation retreat the first weekend in January.

Sunday, September 22 will also be Harvest Sunday.

Monday, September 23 will mark the beginning of a four-week vacation for Linda and me while we will be making our way across the country to Albuquerque New Mexico where we will witness the world's largest hot air balloon festival. We are planning on being home sometime around October 17th. While I am away, there will be a couple of Supply pastors filling in. September 29 will be Pastor Shirly Guider, and on October 6 and 20 it will be Pastor David Lutcher. The October 13th service will be covered by the Stewardship Committee. Although we will be back in town before the 20th, Linda and I have been invited back to Temple Lutheran Church where I was the Pastor for 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ years. They will be celebrating the church's 100th Anniversary that Sunday and we have been invited to share in this special service.

My final note is regarding our church staff. Beginning in September, Kat Wagner will be taking over the position of Administrative Assistant for Durham (the secretary role). We are changing the name to help distinguish between the job of the Council Secretary, who will continue to be Ken Anderson, and the parish secretary who produces the weekly bulletins and newsletters. Ken will be training her in September and will continue to be a source of information for Kat as she transitions into the role. I cannot tell you how blessed Durham has been with Ken's work but his intention was always to be a stopgap person, and now we have found whom we believe to be the perfect person to take over. Please take the time to thank Ken for all he has done while serving as secretary and also keep Kat in your prayers as she learns the new job and having to deal with me. I believe we will all be blessed in this transition.

As you can see, things will be hopping around Durham and there is lots to do for all ages. I look forward to the beginning of another school/fall season and believe it will be an exciting one of Durham and the congregations of PALM.

I hope to see you in worship often.

Your servant in Christ.

Pastor Jim Heckman
Pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham





For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Kenneth Hager; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Lynn Bailey; Ron & Kathy Ballek; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Kandyce Fischer; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Cindy Gilligan; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Tom McFarland & Family; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Debbie Schultz; Laurel Sheetz; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Norma Fox; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Phyllis Lanshe; Charles Reiman; Josephine Yeisley

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: joanmammana@icloud.com

September 2024 Worship Assistants

| | | August | | |
|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Altar Guild | | Miriam Anderson & Scott Gaun | | |
| Counting Team | | Bea von Watzdorf & Kat Wagner | | |
| Date | Greeter | Acolyte | Lector | Head Usher |
| 9/1 | Helen Dungan | | Mary Crouse | Mark Harwick |
| 9/8 | | | | |
| 9/15 | Wagner Family | Tucker Wagner | Karen Beerer | |
| 9/22 | | | | |
| 9/29 | Wagner Family | Colton Wagner | Kat Wagner | |

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 to be added to the list.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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| Sunday, September 1 15 th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:15 AM 10:00 AM | Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship |
| Tuesday, September 3 | 7:00 PM | PALM Meeting with PR. Bill Coleman @ Durham |
| Wednesday, September 4 | 10:00 PM - 1:00 PM 4:00 PM | Office Hours PALM Crop Walk Planning @ Durham |
| Thursday, September 5 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Church |
| Friday, September 6 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM | Guardians for God |
| Sunday, September 8 16 th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM | Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship God's Work, Our hands - Meal packing at Little Zion, Telford. |
| Tuesday, September 10 | 9:00 AM 7:00 PM | Care-A-Lot Preschool First day Church Council meeting |
| Wednesday, September 11 | 10:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Office Hours |
| Thursday, September 12 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM | Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Church |
| Friday, September 13 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM 11:00 AM | Guardians for God WELCA @ church |
| Saturday, September 14 | 2:00 PM | Installation of Bishop-Elect Bryan Penman @ Episcopal Cathedral, Phila |
| Sunday, September 15 17 th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:15 AM 10:00 AM After Worship | Communion Worship Care-A-Lot Welcome service WELCA sponsored Cell Phone training |
| Wednesday, September 18 | 10:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Office Hours |
| Thursday, September 19 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM | Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim |
| Friday, September 20 | 9:30 - 10:30 AM | Guardians for God |
| Saturday, September 21 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM 5:00 PM | Messy Church @ Durham Worship @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville |
| Sunday, September 22 18 th Sunday after Pentecost | 9:15 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 - 7:30 PM | Communion Worship Harvest Home Sunday Confirmation Class |
| Monday, September 23 - October 17 | | Pastor's vacation |
| Wednesday, September 25 | 10:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Office Hours (no Pastor) |
| Thursday, September 26 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM | Office hours (no Pastor) Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim |
| Sunday, September 29 1 st Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00 AM | Communion Worship Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Shirley Guider |

Christian Education

By Kathryn Wagner

Dearest Durham Congregation,

As we look towards September, I am so thankful for the season that is ending and the new beginning approaching. When you are reading this, we will have only one Wednesday Sundaes program left on August 28 from 6:30-8pm. I hope you plan to attend. Our lesson theme for the end of our Wednesday Sundaes program is new beginnings and how we can anticipate a future with hope because we know that God is faithful. With that being said, I am very excited to share that the Christian Education Committee has been hard at work developing some new programs set to begin in the coming month.

Guardians for God

First, **Guardians for God** is a toddler story time at church! This program is designed for ages 0-4 and their Moms, Dads, Grandparents or Guardian. It will be a fun and social hour of Christian stories and music every **Friday from 9:30am-10:30am**. I cannot wait to meet the next generation of church babies and their caretakers that I hope to welcome at this program. I appreciate it so much that we can open our doors to the community in this way! Please share the word of this program to any friends or families that might enjoy it. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter. Guardians for God is set to begin **Friday September 6, 2024**, and continue every Friday morning through November 22, 2024. For this program I will be looking for preschool level Christian books and animated / engaging readers!

Messy Church

Second, building on our church programs and hoping to connect all generations at ELC of Durham, the Christian Education would also like to formally announce our **Messy Church** program. This program is planned to be held on **the third Saturday of every month from 5-7pm**. The dates for these sessions are:

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21.

Please save the date and mark your calendars! I truly hope you all plan to attend. Messy Church is a Christ-centered program for all ages. It presents creative ways to celebrate God and his people outside of a traditional service. These evenings will include worship, fellowship, games, a meal, and community service opportunities. Each month will have a theme or focus to be announced at the beginning of the month. The first Messy Church evening on **September 21 from 5-7pm** will have a meal provided by the Church Council and the following sessions will be a potluck style meal. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter to share the word about this program and more information will be released monthly about the focus and plans of each meal.

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Christian Education - (Continued)

Care-a-Lot

And finally, I want to keep in our thoughts and prayers the students, teachers and volunteers of our incoming class of Care-A-lot Pre-school. We have a full class of students this year and I hope for a fun, healthy and enriching year. There is a "wish list" sign up sheet for some needed items for the pre-school in the narthex if anyone is willing to donate one of those items it is greatly appreciated. Some important dates for Care-A-Lot events are:

Orientation on Tuesday August 27 at 10am
First Day of School Tuesday September 10th
Care-A-Lot Sunday Service on September 15th

The Care-A-Lot Sunday Service is special to me because it was at one of these services that I found ELC of Durham to be the Church Home to my family. So please remember that it is our opportunity to show the students' families that we welcome and want to support them and their children to have a blessed school year.

To me, everything the Christian Education Committee is working on really feels like faith in action. The programs are all designed to meet the people where they are in life and show them how God can walk with them. They are fun, interactive and sometimes messy! But such is or can be the way of life, right? If you want to get involved or have any questions about any of our programs, please contact me at 609-224-7057 or Humbleacresfarmpa@gmail.com. Thank you all again for sharing the word, supporting these programs and fostering a welcoming and kind church community.



WELCA will meet on Friday Sept. 13th at 11 am in the church sanctuary. We will look at what we are doing and what we would like to accomplish in the coming year. We will also plan for our Cell Phone training session.

Helen will lead a brief Bible study taken from our WELCA Gather magazine. Then those who are free will have lunch together.

Helen Dungan

Cell Phone – How Do I Use It???

Date: Sunday Sept. 15th

Time: After church – we will have some refreshments first (so you don't starve while working.) WELCA is sponsoring a learning / information session on using your cell phone. Mark Harwick is going to share his "lazy" use of Siri (if you have an Apple phone) or Android Assistant (if you have an Android phone). Samantha Mueller is going to go over basic functions like texting; and what all those icons do. Bring your questions.

Bible Study



The Adult Bible study will resume meeting on **Thursdays** starting on **September 5th** from **1:00-3:00 at the church**. We will be studying the book of Luke.

Helen Dungan

Outreach



Thanks to all who contributed to our August food collections. Each month we collect food, personal care and cleaning items for our two local food pantries: As Durham borders two counties, we support a food bank in each: The Lord's Pantry, St John the Baptist Catholic Church Ottsville for Bucks County residents, and Project Easton's Food Pantry for Northampton County residents.

We will collect personal care and cleaning items this month, but **all** donations are welcome.

Please when you come to church, bring something to share. You can also sign up to donate a food basket in memory or honor of a loved one.

Outreach envelope: Each Sunday you have an envelope designated for contributions to the our church's operating budget (electric, salaries etc.); and each month we have three special envelopes designated for specific needs / ministries of the church; the Building Fund which helps with the upkeep and new needs of our building; the Good Neighbor fund which supplies help to people in our neighborhood who are in need (the names of those helped are not publicized) and Outreach which is given to charities working to help those in need.

This month our Outreach donation is going to **Lutheran Disaster Relief** to help support those hit by the recent floods and fires. Please be generous the needs are great. Thank you.

Helen Dungan

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

PALM council members will be meeting with Pr. Bill Coleman to hear about his experience with forming a parish at 7:00 PM on Tuesday at Durham.

Upper Bucks Conference



There will be a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event for "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday" at Little Zion church on Sunday, September 8 at 1:00 PM, We will be packing 10,000 meals and need 50 volunteers from the Conference. Contact Ken Anderson to register.

SEPA Synod



You are invited to celebrate the installation of

The Rev. Bryan Penman

**as the 6th Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 2 p.m.**

The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral
19 S 38th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

**Presiding Minister: The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Phelps

Followed by a light reception & celebration at the Episcopal Cathedral

Pastors, Deacons and Clergy of all traditions
are invited to vest and should arrive by 1:15 p.m.

Children are welcome in worship and invited to participate in the Procession and the Children's
Message.

Crisis Cleanup Volunteers Needed

Hurricane Debby last month brought heavy rains to much of Pennsylvania. While some counties in northern Pennsylvania were hit especially hard, like Tioga, Potter, and Lycoming Counties, pockets of heavy rains caused flooding for residents all over Pennsylvania.

Anyone who needs help with cleanout should call the Crisis Cleanup Hotline 1-844-965-1386; [more info is here: https://www.pavoad.org/ts-debby-response/](https://www.pavoad.org/ts-debby-response/)

Crisis Cleanup is a partner with Lutheran Disaster Response and Pennsylvania Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. We rely heavily on their tool to manage work flow.

Successful activation of Crisis Cleanup relies on a pool of call center volunteers. We are actively recruiting volunteers to help take calls. Volunteers take calls on their own time and from their own laptop and phone, without making your phone number available to the caller.

If you are interested in supporting the call center, please [contact Julia Frank at Liberty Lutheran: JFrank@libertylutheran.org](mailto:JFrank@libertylutheran.org)

Something to Celebrate!



| September | BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | BAPTISMS |
|-----------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5 | Bruce Crouse, Brielle Reiman | | |
| 7 | Jim Miller | | |
| 9 | Joanne Ziegenfuss | | |
| 10 | | | Ben F. Naska, Annabel Williams |
| 12 | Bob Fox, Barb Naska | | |
| 14 | Dot Peterman, Bonnie Pyne DePor- tillo | Karen & Hans Rilling (61) | |
| 17 | | | Hunter Aquino |
| 20 | | | Michael Altemus |
| 21 | | Nancy & Frank Moskella (50) | Makenzie Naska |
| 24 | Katie Aquino | Rachael & Joel Roney (13) | |
| 26 | | Tanya & Ben Naska (25) | |
| 27 | Jack Pyne | | Nancy Moskella |
| 28 | Maggie Fischer | | |
| 30 | | | Barbara Altemus |

Fun Page

Luke 17:11-19

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

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 FOREIGNER
 GALILEE
 GLORIFYING
 HEALED
 JERUSALEM

JOURNEY
 LEPERS
 LOUD
 MASTER
 NINE
 PITY
 PRIEST
 RAISED

REALIZING
 SAMARIA
 SAMARITAN
 SAVED
 STAND
 TEN
 THANKS
 VILLAGE

VOICE
 VOICES





MESSY CHURCH

COME JOIN US
FOR MEANINGFUL FUN,
MINISTRY AND A MEAL

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3rd Saturday of Every Month

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

5-7pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME AND WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!

This is a FREE EVENT! Meet us at church on the third Saturday of every month to enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun for all ages. Check our Facebook page or website for updated information about each session, potluck style meal, games or service projects. We hope to provide an enjoyable opportunity for families to experience the love of God in the open arms of our church family!





GUARDIANS FOR GOD

CHRISTIAN STORYTIME
FOR YOU AND YOUR LITTLE ONE

Ages 0-4 and their Guardians

EVERY FRIDAY from Sept. 6- Nov. 22

9:30am-10:30am

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WIGGLES WELCOME!

Local Moms, Dads, Grandparents and Guardians come over to our social hour for you and your little in what better place than where are all loved and supported!

We will have songs and stories for the littles to teach them about God and tire them out for you to take them home for a good nap 😊

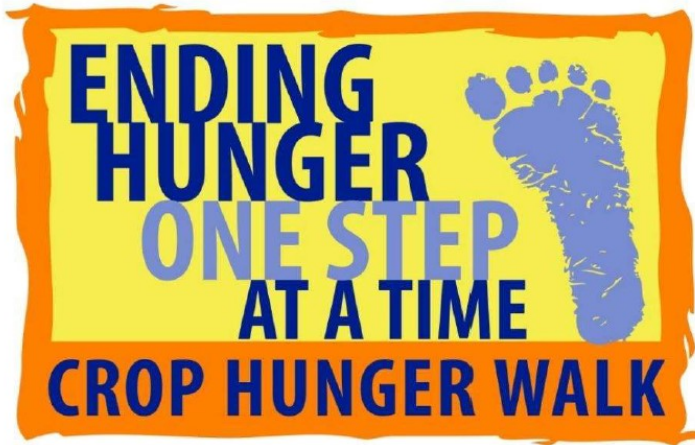
Check our Facebook page for updates or inclement weather announcements

Any Questions? Please call Kat 609-224-7057



PALISADES AREA CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 13TH, 2024



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
Worthwhile Wear
75% goes to feed the hungry around
the world.

Scan the QR code
to register or
donate:



For more information:
Phone: 610-346-8500

Email: cropwalkcoordinator@durhamlutheran.org

Website: <https://events.crop hungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/riegelsvillepa>

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