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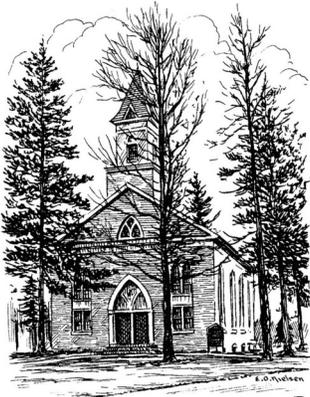
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Pastor's Message:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This letter is a first - it is the first time I am writing it on the road. This is also the first time in my career as a Pastor that I have ever taken a vacation in September/October. While the timing has clearly been mandated by the scheduling of the International Hot-air Balloon Festival (the first full week in October), it is just as clearly one of the worst times in the life of a congregation. Things are just getting started again after the summer break/slow down, and the reality is not lost on me that by the time we get back we will be right up against Reformation Sunday, All Saints' Sunday and then we get only a breath before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Wow!

That being said, I feel confident in going because you, my Durham family, has consistently shown a pattern of care for each other and a generosity of love toward Linda and I. Thank you for that!

I also feel comfortable in going because I know that any pastoral care needed will be provided by my fellow clergy of the PALM group. Here again is one of the great benefits of working together in a parish orientation. I am also very grateful to Pastor Shirley Guider, Pastor David Lutcher and Scott Gaun who will be filling in for me the Sundays I am away. I know that you will greet them each Sunday with the same joy and energy you share with me each week.

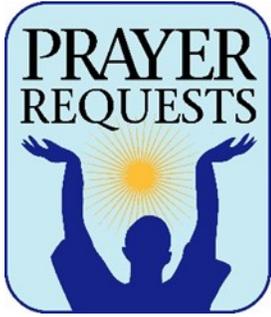
Please know that while I am away, I will be thinking about you and keeping you in my prayers every day. While I am excited for what lies ahead in our trip, I also am sure I will rejoice in getting back in the saddle on Monday, October 21st and celebrating with you on Sunday, October 27th as Reformation Sunday. A quick reminder that Sunday, November 3 we will once again celebrate All Saints' Day as we honor those who have been baptized and have entered into their final rest during the last year (since last year 11/1/23). If you have someone who fits in either category, please get their name, date of baptism or death (please indicate which it is) to Kat ASAP. Also on Sunday, November 3 from 4 to 5:30 there will be a Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the Confirmation Class. This fund-raising dinner will raise money to help pay for the Confirmation Retreat which will be the first weekend in the new year. The tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED AHEAD** of the event as there will only be 100 sold. Each of the four churches will get 25 tickets to start, so get yours early. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for children 4-12 and children 3 and younger are free. Tickets will be available by the time you read this note.

For now then, from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, I bid you a blessed day. See you the end of October with lots of stories and pictures.

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; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Sherri Breithoff; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Barea Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Douglas Schlegel; 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; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller; and Silas Rodenbach.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Lynn Bailey; Norma Fox; Ronald Fox; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Kenneth Eck; Melody Jordan; 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

October 2024 Worship Assistants

October				
Altar Guild	Nancy Moskella & Becky Prastor			
Counting Team	Dave Sauter & Cathy Mueller			
Date	Greeter	Acolyte	Lector	Head Usher
10/6	Scott Gaun		Scott Gaun	
10/13	Ben & Josephine Williams		Joe Hlavaty	Ben & Josephine Williams
10/20				
10/27	Ben & Josephine Williams			Ben & Josephine Williams



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.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday, October 2	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor)
Thursday, October 3	No Office Hours	(No Pastor)
Friday, October 4	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God
Sunday, October 6 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM 10:00 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship- Rev. David Lutcher
Tuesday, October 8	7:00 PM	Monthly Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 9	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor)
Thursday, October 10	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Friday, October 11	9:30 - 10:30 AM 11:00 AM	Guardians for God WELCA @ Church
Sunday, October 13 21 th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM 10:00 AM 5:00PM-7:00 PM	Adult Sunday school in the library. Non- Communion Worship- Scott Gaun Confirmation Class @ St. Peter's Riegelsville
Tuesday, October 15	1:00PM	Christian Education Meeting @ Church Office
Wednesday, October 16	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor)
Thursday, October 17	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Office Hours(No Pastor) Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Friday, October 18	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God
Saturday, October 19	9am-3pm 5:00 PM-7:00 PM 5:00 PM	Love Revolution Launch St. Luke Devon PA Messy Church @ Durham Worship @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville
Sunday, October 20 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM 10:00 AM	Adult Sunday school in the library Communion Worship- Rev. David Lutcher
Tuesday, October 22	7:30PM	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 23	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Hours PALM Meeting @ Upper Tincum
Thursday, October 24	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's
Friday, October 25	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God
Sunday, October 27 23 rd Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM 10:00 AM 5:00 - 7:30 PM	Adult Sunday School in Library Reformation Sunday Communion Worship Confirmation Class @ St. Luke's Ferndale
Wednesday, October 30	10:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, October 31	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By: Kathryn Wagner

Greetings,

Happy Autumn. This is my favorite season! So, it only seemed fitting to fill it with all things Church and Christian Education :) . I love the fall because God shows us how beautiful change can be. As we watch the leaves become more colorful so too we hope to make the Church vibrant with the welcoming presence of the Holy Spirit. The Christian Education fall programs are up and running with that goal in mind! Let me tell you a bit about each of them:

MESSY CHURCH: [Saturday October 19, 2024 5-7pm](#)

Messy Church is an interactive, fun and unique way to experience Church. Our messy church session in September focused on how God created us in his image and gave us the gift of creativity. We celebrated that and shared smiles, conversation and tacos. The event this month will have another focus, YOU! We need each other in our lives. I feel that is why God has brought us together at this church. At Messy Church on Oct 19, we will be celebrating generational learning and how important each generation is to one another. I would love for everyone to bring a copy of a picture of themselves as a young child or baby so we can play a game of guess who is who. The meal that evening will be potluck style, bring a favorite recipe that has been passed down within your family. An attendance and meal sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex. I truly hope you can come and experience how important you are to us here at Durham. Save the date for future messy church Nov. 16 and Dec. 21.



We built a worSHIP!!!

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GUARDIANS FOR GOD STORYTIME Fridays 9:30-10:30am

If anyone enjoys hearing little ones giggle, reach for the sky and praise God at Church this is the event for you! We read Christian books, blow bubbles, sing and dance. There is no shortage of smiles at this program. Please invite anyone with children who might also enjoy or feel free to come read a story!

CARE-A-LOT PRESCHOOL

The 2024-25 school year is off to a great start! The kids are really enjoying pre-school and their wonderful teachers. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies to our classroom. We would also like to extend our greatest appreciation to Miriam Anderson for weeding the playground and the Streletz Family for donating, delivering and spreading a fresh layer of mulch on the playground just in time for the students and our community to play safely! October is an exciting month for our students. They will be venturing out on their first field trip to Trauger's Farm on October 8th and also will be visited by the local fire department this month while they learn all about fire safety!

If you like what we are doing on the Christian Education Committee, we would love to have you! What we really need right now is HELP. Gods work in your hands- the Christian Ed committee is a great place to see the joy Christ can bring to others right before our eyes. If you want to get involved but maybe not ready to join a committee please reach out about volunteer opportunities! We are currently meeting the third Tuesday each month, I'll look forward to seeing you there! :)

**THANK YOU!!!-
MIRIAM ANDERSON AND THE
STRELETZ FAMILY FOR THE
PLAYGROUND WEEDING AND
MULCH INSTALLATION**





Outreach

Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our window sill collections this month, and to Nancy Moskella who donated a food basket in honor of her and Frank's 50th anniversary. Both food banks are still in need of personal care items, cleaning supplies, and diapers. 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 and fires.

Helen Dungan



WELCA met Friday Sept. 13th. Our program was a portion of the August Bible study in Gather magazine which dealt with being a compassionate community. The author used the political

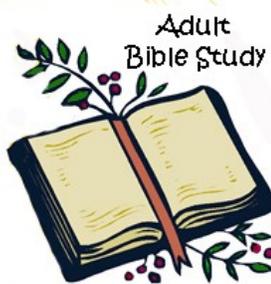
strife we are experiencing as an example.

We discussed Durham Days and decided we would not make soup for it.

On Sunday September 15th, some of us cell phone illiterate folks met after church with Cathy and Samantha Mueller. They showed us how to do the basics on our phones, and gave us a written crib sheet. Mark Harwick introduced us to Siri and the ability to do voice text messaging. A big thank you to our teachers; they were knowledgeable and **patient**.

Our next meeting will be Friday October 18 at 11:00 Kathy Hlavaty will use the Sept issue of Gather Magazine to talk about Grace. Please bring your magazine if you have it. After our meeting, those who are free will have lunch together.

Helen Dungan



Bible Study

The Adult Bible study meets at 1 o'clock on **Thursdays** at the home of Kathy and Joe Hlavaty. We are studying the book of Luke. This is the story of Jesus' ministry written for the gentiles, As Luke was a

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

PALM council members had a productive meeting with Pr. Bill Coleman to hear about his experience with forming a parish. A lot of great information was shared and learned. From that meeting, several subgroups comprised of members of each congregation were formed to develop plans for key parts of the integration process. Those subgroups will come back together next month to share what they organized with all of the PALM Council.

October

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) Kathryn & John Wagner(14)	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
24	Kris Simmons		
25	Cheryl Mesko		Jim Nicholas, Silas Rodenbach
27	Kris Simmons		
28	Colton Wagner		
30	Benjamin J. Naska		
31	Nicole Crouse		Adam Mesko

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SEASONAL BIBLE VERSE MATCH UP

1. _____ WHILE THE EARTH REMAINS, SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, COLD AND HEAT, SUMMER AND WINTER, DAY AND NIGHT, SHALL NOT CEASE.
2. _____ FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, A TIME FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER HEAVEN
3. _____ "THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW; THEREFORE PRAY EARNESTLY TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT LABORERS INTO HIS HARVEST"
4. _____ AND A HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SOWN IN PEACE BY THOSE WHO MAKE PEACE

- A. ECCLESIASTES 3:1
- B. MATTHEW 9: 37-38
- C. GENESIS 8:22
- D. JAMES 3:18



A PUMPKIN PRAYER

DEAR GOD,

CUT OPEN THE TOP OF THE PUMPKIN

OPEN MY MIND SO I CAN LEARN ABOUT YOU

SCOOP OUT THE INSIDE OF THE PUMPKIN

TAKE OUT MY SIN AND FILL ME WITH YOU

CARVE EYES

HELP ME SEE THE GOOD IN THE WORLD AND
BE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

CARVE NOSE

IM SORRY FOR TURNING UP MY NOSE TO ALL
YOU HAVE GIVEN ME.

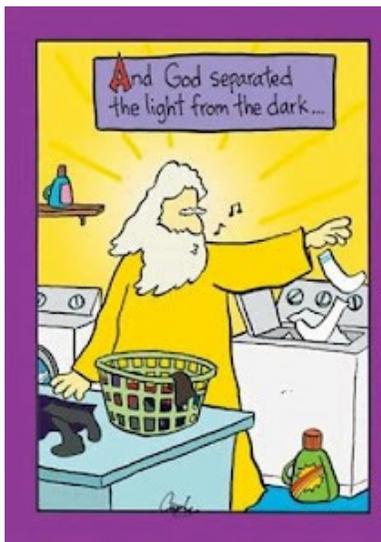
CARVE MOUTH

HELP ME SPEAK WORDS OF TRUTH AND LOVE
EVERYDAY

PLACE CANDLE INSIDE

FILL ME WITH YOUR LIGHT SO I CAN SHINE
FOR OTHERS TO SEE.

AMEN



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Love Revolution Launch/Synod Wide Learning Day October 19, 2024, at St. Luke, Devon

Congregations and their leaders are cordially invited to gather at **St. Luke Lutheran Church, 203 N. Valley Forge Rd., Devon, PA on Saturday, October 19 from 9 am – 3 pm** for a synod wide learning day event that will focus on how we live as God's faithful people.

There is no cost for this event and lunch will be provided.



To Register:

<https://community.ministrylink.org/loverevolution2024>

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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

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 75% goes to feed the hungry around
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Website: <https://events.crop hungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/riegelsvillepa>

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