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# 2024



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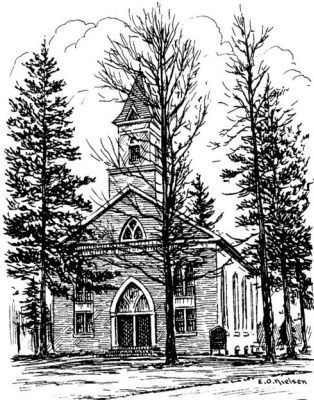
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## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### Carole Ulmer

We celebrate Carole this November as our first Member of the Month and one of our longest beloved members. She was originally brought to Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham at seven years old by a kind neighbor after her father's passing and has been here on Sundays ever since. She said "This was our home" about her years attending with her husband. When asked what God feels like to her Carole replied, "Beautiful, the earth and all that is in it. The beauty of all that God has created". Carole finds joy in looking around our area at the beauty of God's creations. Her favorite hymn is "In the Garden". She prays for peace in the world and people in the Holy lands. Carole's birthday is July 24th. Please join me in appreciating Carole and send her an extra smile when you see her in church this month!





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NOVEMBER  
2024

## *Pastor's Message:*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

While Linda and I had a very enjoyable time away, taking vacation the end of September and the beginning of October is not the ideal time for a Pastor to be away from the flock. My "Liturgical Clock" is out of sync. I no sooner return than we are celebrating Reformation Sunday (the last Sunday in October) and then we are into November which is full of activities as we move toward the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. I'm not sure if I will be ready for it all.

While I'm not sure I'll be fully ready for all the activities which November brings, I am sure that I will be ready and welcoming Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, in part because there aren't any extra worship demands on the day. And of course, it is the joy of having the whole family gathered from near and far for the weekend - the eating, laughter and general good time. But finally, I look forward to Thanksgiving for its intrinsic meaning - **THANKFULNESS**. Once again, as I reflect on my life, there is much for which to be thankful. But not just my life. I think we all have much for which to be thankful.

First off, we can all be thankful that the election is over and that there will be no more political commercials. Hopefully we can be thankful for a turning down of the "heat" in our nation and begin once again to care for each other as fellow children of God regardless of who you voted for.

Second, I am very thankful for the movement we see in the PALM conversations. I am very aware that I am quickly coming to the end of my first year of the three-year contract and the sense of urgency that brings to the issue of finding my replacement, but also an understanding of the scope of that new pastor's position in PALM. While much more work needs to be done, we are heading in the right direction.

Third, we can all be very thankful for the powerful Spirit of God which continues to show itself here at Durham. I am very excited about the renewed energy in our Christian Education efforts and the ability to reach out to new families with worship opportunities like Messy Church.

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Finally, my thankfulness is reflected in the people whom God has blessed to surround me in my life. Certainly, my wife Linda, our sons Eric and Justin and their wives, Stephanie and Cassey, and our two grandchildren, James and Julie. But the circle of people with which God has blessed me extends to those of the Durham Family. I am so thankful to be here with you and not only as your pastor, but as a part of the Durham family. I will continue to count my blessings.

I pray that this November may be a time of thankfulness and joy for you. May you and your loved ones gather and share the many blessings which God has bestowed upon us.

I look forward to seeing you all in worship.

Your servant in Christ.

Pastor Jim Heckman  
Pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham



## Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

### Crop Walk Update:

We had beautiful weather, and everyone had a good time. We had 16 folks involved in planning and running the walk, and 14 walkers. We collected \$1,915 online and \$535 in cash/checks for a total of \$2,450 raised toward our goal of \$3,000. Thanks to the awesome PALM team who made this happen!



### Upcoming Cluster Events:

Nov 2: 4-7pm St Lukes Spaghetti Dinner

Nov 3: 4-5:30pm Confirmation Benefit  
Spaghetti dinner at Trinity

Every Tuesday at 10am How to Read the  
Bible at Trinity

Nov. 15: 8pm Lenape Chamber Orchestra  
Baroque Fest at Upper Tinicum

Nov. 16: 5-7pm Messy Church/PALM  
Thanksgiving dinner at Durham

Nov. 19: 4-7pm Community Soup Supper  
at St. Lukes Ferndale

NOTE: These dates are also in  
the

November calendar of events

### Living Nativity:

December 14, 2024

5pm and 7pm

At Trinity Lutheran Church  
Pleasant Valley

#### How you can help:

- **Actors (no speaking)-  
Mary Joseph and  
Shepherds**
- **Choir Members**
- **Clean up and Set up of  
stage area**
- **Baking cookies**



## PRAYER LIST



### For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Mary Crouse; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Bethany Michl; Ed Xander; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

### For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Paula Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Leon Errico; Nora Fallon; Fred Foerster; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; Rev. Bradley Gow; Penni Griffith; Andrew Hales; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Rev. David Lisner; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Cindy Oswald; Lucia Otero; Jim Pavlica; 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; Kenneth Hager; 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](mailto:joanmammana@icloud.com)

## October 2024 Worship Assistants

October				
Altar Guild		Serena Ashmore and Bea von Watzdorf		
Counting Team		Karen Beerer & Cathy Mueller		
Date	Greeter	Acolyte	Lector	Head Usher
11/3	Williams Family	Leo G	Bea Von Watzdorf	Ben Williams
11/10	O'Brian Family (Lilly)			Ben & Josephine
11/17	O'Brian Family (Lilly)			
11/24				
12/1			Josephine Williams	Lilly O'Brian

### We need more Worship Assistants!

Please Notice This



Currently you can sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For the future we would love to have a list of members who are willing and able be worship assistants and counters! Please consider contacting Kat to add your name to this list! If there is a job you would like to learn how to do, we can help with that too. :) We appreciate you and want you to be a part of our services.

[evangel@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:evangel@durhamlutheran.org) to be added to the list.

# 1/2 November Events

Friday, November 1	9:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God
Saturday, November 2	11:00 AM 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM	Celebration of Life Rev. Dr. William Scholl Quakertown Cluster Pork&Sauerkraut Dinner St. John's Spinnerstown Spaghetti Dinner St. Luke's Ferndale
<b>Sunday, November 3</b> All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends	9:15 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Adult Sunday school in the library. <b>Communion Worship</b> Confirmation Benefit Spaghetti Dinner @Trinity Lutheran Pleasant Valley
Monday, November 4	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Happy Birthday Pastor Jim! Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, November 5	10:00 AM	How to Read the Bible at Trinity Pleasant Valley
Wednesday, November 6	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, November 7	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM 7:00 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's PALM Strategic Groups Meeting @ Trinity
Friday, November 8	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God
<b>Sunday, November 10</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 5:00PM-7:00 PM	Adult Sunday school in the library. <b>Communion Worship</b> Confirmation Class @ Trinity Pleasant Valley
Monday, November 11 Veteran's Day	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, November 12	10:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00PM	How to Read the Bible at Trinity Pleasant Valley Christian Education Meeting @ Church Office Monthly Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 13	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, November 14	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, November 15	9:30 - 10:30 AM 8:00 PM	Guardians for God Lenape Chamber Orchestra Baroque Fest at Upper Tinicum
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# November Events Cont'd

<b>Saturday, November 16</b>	<b>5:00 PM-7:00 PM</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Messy Church @ Durham</b> <b>Worship @ St. Peter's, Riegelsville</b>
<b>Sunday, November 17</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 AM <b>10:00 AM</b>	Adult Sunday school in the library <b>Communion Worship</b>
Monday, November 18	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Office Hours- Dec Newsletter Articles Due !
Tuesday, November 19	10:00 AM	How to Read the Bible at Trinity Pleasant Valley
Wednesday, November 20	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, November 21	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, November 22	9:30 - 10:30 AM	Guardians for God
<b>Sunday, November 24</b> Christ the King	9:15 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 5:00 - 7:30 PM	Adult Sunday School in Library <b>Communion Worship</b> Confirmation Class @ Durham
Tuesday, November 26	10:00 AM	How to Read the Bible at Trinity Pleasant Valley
Wednesday, November 27	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, November 28 THANKSGIVING		No Office hours

## SAVE THE DATE

December 1 – Beginning of Advent (Blessing of the Altar Guild)

December 8 - WELCA Congregational Christmas covered dish after Sunday Service

December 14 - 5pm and 7 pm Living Nativity at Trinity Lutheran Pleasant Valley

December 15- Light Lunch after Service followed by Caroling and poinsettia delivery to homebound

December 24- 10am-12 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MESSY CHURCH

### 2025

Upper Bucks Conference Annual Assembly March 9, 2025 2-4pm

Iron Pigs Game April 27, 2025 1-3pm

**CONFIRMATION and YOUTH RETREAT!!! Cross Roads Camp and Retreat**  
**Friday Jan 3-Sunday Jan 5, 2025**

Open to all youth Confirmation age and up! Friends are welcome!

Cost for Confirmands: \$50 Cost for friends: \$130







## Christian Education

### GUARDIANS FOR GOD STORYTIME

Fridays 9:30-10:30am

November is the last month this program is running on Fridays until after the new year! Please invite anyone with children who might also enjoy or feel free to come read a story!



### MESSY CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who has enjoyed or helped with Messy Church! We had a lot of fun in October with guessing baby pictures, appreciating what each generation has taught us and making craft kits for kids who are displaced from their homes after the hurricanes. We are excited to announce on November 16th from 5-7pm we will be inviting the other PALM congregations to experience Messy Church and enjoy a Thanksgiving potluck meal with us! Please sign up to bring a dish in the narthex!



### CARE-A-LOT PRESCHOOL

This month has been very FUN for the children of Care-A-Lot! Their first field trip to Traugers farm, their visit from Palisades Regional Fire Company and Halloween parade and party were just some of the highlights of the month. Special thanks to the Roney Family, Trauger's Market and our wonderful Teachers for their help making these events possible!



## Outreach



**Food banks:** Thanks to all who contributed to our window sill collections this month, and to Miriam Anderson and Mark Harwick for delivering our September donations.

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 November will be given to Samaritan's Purse to help those affected by the recent devastating storms.

Helen Dungan



WELCA met Friday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Our program was led by Kathy Hlavaty and dealt with God's gift of grace and how we can share that gift with others.

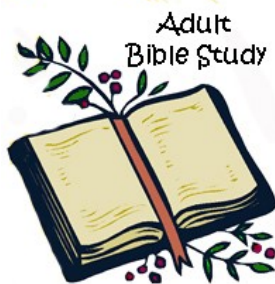
We discussed future plans. Our "November" meeting will be held **October 28** in the church kitchen. Our program is to clean and organize it. We are meeting early so the kitchen will be ready for the funeral on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We would like to host a congregational Christmas covered dish after church on Sunday December 8th. We thought this would help get us geared up for the holiday. WELCA will provide rolls, beverages and paper products, we ask you to bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

After church on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup>, we are taking poinsettias to our homebound members; we also want to sing some carols with them. We invite all of you to join us especially those who have good voices! There will be a light lunch in the fellowship hall before we leave.

Helen Dungan

## Bible Study



The Adult Bible study meets from 1-3 o'clock on **Thursdays** at the home of Kathy and Joe Hlavaty. We are studying the book of Luke, and invite you to join us.

Helen Dungan

## Adult Sunday School

We are trying something new. We will be reviewing and discussing Sunday's Gospel lesson. We thought this would be a way to help us get more from the pastor's sermons. We meet at 9:15 for 30 minutes in the church library. If you get to church early, join us.

Helen Dungan



## Something to Celebrate!



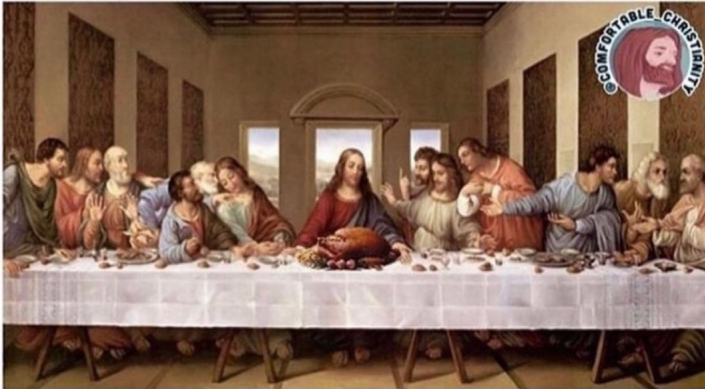
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4	Mary Couse, Rev. James Heckman		
6			Grace Litzenberger
8	Serena Ashmore		
9	Lynn Gaun		
10	Martin Luther, Nicholas Phillips		
12	Tom Gaun, Mark Harwick, Matthew Mueller, Cathy Mueller		
19	Hans Rilling	Miriam & Ken Anderson (41)	
21	Ken Anderson		
22			Bob Fox
23	Faye Gadwell		Addyson Mammana
24	Chase Aquino		Paula Eck
25	Dan Froehlich	Cathy & Chris Mueller	Helen Dungan, Cheryl Eck
27			
28			
29			Bruce Crouse
30			Kathy Hlavaty

# FUN PAGE

Jesus: u should carve the turkey, Judas.

Judas: ok but why me?

Jesus: ehh, I figured u like to stab things in the back



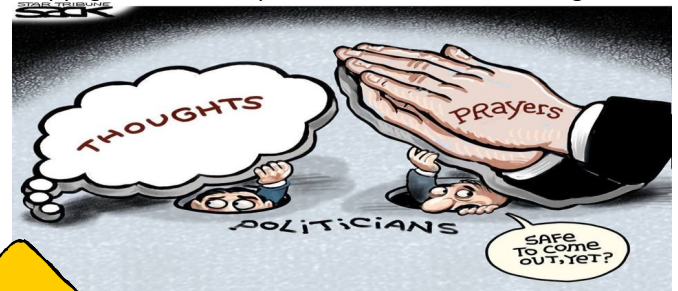
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## Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

Luke 19



Help Zacchaeus climb down from the tree so he can meet Jesus!



Bible Activity Sheet by biblegateway.com

FUN  
AHEAD

## THANKSGIVING DINNER DISCUSSION

- 1.) What gave you the most joy this past year?
- 2.) What are some truths about God that give you eternal reasons for rejoicing?
- 3.) What challenging experience has ended up changing your life for the better?
- 4.) The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to be thankful in all circumstances. How do you think we can do this even in the really difficult times?
- 5.) The Bible says in Romans 2:4 that God's kindness leads us to repentance. Where have you seen God's kindness manifested in your life?
- 6.) How different would your Thanksgiving be if Jesus came and sat at your table?



# MESSY CHURCH

Saturday November 16  
5:00 PM- 7:00 PM



LIFE IS MESSY, CHURCH CAN BE TOO!

Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner,  
Games, Crafts and Fellowship  
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham



821 Durham Rd  
Durham, PA 18039

ALL ARE WELCOME AND WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!



This is a FREE EVENT!! Fun for all ages. We hope to provide an enjoyable opportunity for families to experience Church and the love of God in a new way!

Contact Kat for more info or to sign up to bring a dish, [evangel@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:evangel@durhamlutheran.org)