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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FEBRUARY 23RD

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after the worship service on February 23, 2025. On the agenda for the Feb. 23rd meeting will be approval of the amount of the proposed building fund expenditure for a new Annex as well as its overall design, a review of committee

reports, and the approval of the December Congregational Meeting minutes. Please note that an informational session will be held after service on Sunday Feb. 9, 2025, during which plans of the proposed Annex, committee reports and minutes will be shared for review before the congregational meeting on the 23rd. Your participation in the meeting is very important; questions are welcome and appreciated as we navigate this process and care for this Church and our congregational needs. During the month of January, we will continue to provide information on this process and provide a format for asking questions.



January 25th Communion Education Class: PALM program and we will meet at St. Luke's, Ferndale on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 to noon. This class is open to anyone who has not yet received any communion instructions regardless if they currently receive communion or not. If you have someone who wishes to attend, please let the pastor or the office know by the end of the year. There is no cost for this class. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend with their child although this is not required.



MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Tom and Lynn Gaun

Please join me in appreciating our members of the month; Tom and Lynn Gaun! November birthdays for them both, Tom on the 9th of and Lynn on the 12th. God had a plan for

this power couple when he sent them to our ELC of Durham in the 1970s-80s. Since then Tom and Lynn have been very active members of the church. Between the two of them they have been on: property committee, choir, hospitality committee, council, Christian education and bible study. Tom found great joy in teaching Sunday school and Lynn enjoys spending time with her immediate family and church family. Lynn prays for peace and anyone hurting in any way. Tom prays for Christ to come again and for this world to get its act together. Tom has many favorite hymns but especially loves " Christ the same" and "On Eagles Wings". Lynn's favorite hymn is "In the Garden". To Tom and Lynn, God feels like a best friend, someone you can turn to whenever you need. ELC of Durham is blessed to have Tom and Lynn as friends in Christ who we can turn to whenever we need.



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Pastor's Message:

Dear sisters and brother in Christ,

This is the time of year when we tend to look both backward and forward. If you are interested in my reflections on the past year, you will have to wait until the Pastor's Report in the Bulletin of Reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 23rd. That leaves me with looking forward to 2025.

JANUARY 2025

As I look ahead, my primary thought is that this will be the second of my three-year contract to serve as your pastor and as such it is a critical year of planning for what the pastoral leadership will look like going into 2026-27 and beyond. While I have enjoyed the past three years with you here at Durham (and I anticipate more of the same in the next two years), I also am recognizing the limitations which being in my 70's is to being the pastor you need and deserve as you look to move forward in the ministry of Jesus Christ here in Durham and the surrounding Palisades community.

While Durham is showing nice signs of growth and wonderful spirit, it is also clear that the demands of calling a full-time pastor alone will bring with it substantial financial concerns. We are not alone in this situation, which is why, for the last three years, the six Lutheran congregations serving in the Palisades School District have come together to join forces as <u>Palisades Area L</u>utheran <u>M</u>inistries. I believe that forming a PALM Parish will not only be able to provide the necessary pastoral leadership, but also free up monies for additional service programs and projects which will help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Over the last years PALM has made significant progress working together in programs such as Confirmation Classes, First Communion Classes, Vacation Bible School and Live Nativity; we have also shared a joint service at the lake, and we enjoyed the first of what hopefully will become a regular PALM Pulpit exchange. The good news is that we have moved beyond just planning events together to investigating how we might formally come together as Parish. Early in 2025 all the churches will be addressing the question of what kind of services are required from a pastor. This will hopefully lead us to developing a plan for how to call future pastors. This is something I hope will take shape by this time next year so that Durham will be able to put together a call proposal to be sent out early in 2026. Nothing would make me happier than for the church to call a new pastor before the end of 2026. I would be delighted to retire early. This will obviously take a lot of work on

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the part of the PALM leadership group as well as discerning the support of each congregation as we move forward.

Another exciting event for 2025 will be the move forward in building an addition to the church. This is something which the church has thought about for decades, but now it can be a reality. As I mentioned in my letter back in October, a building committee has been formed and has been working with an architect to come up with plans for what we are calling the Annex. It will be a building connected to the main church by a hallway into the narthex. In the addition there will be two new bathrooms, a new pastor's office and an administrative assistant's office, and a gathering space for educational events and other gatherings. The floor plan and proposal will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on Sunday, February 23rd following worship. The plans will be available in January and a guestion box will be available for you to share your questions. Then on Sunday, February 9th, following worship, there will be a congregation forum where the program will be presented in detail, and all questions will be addressed. I hope you will mark both these dates on your calendar and plan to attend and participate. Remember the only bad question is an unasked one. I'm sure the primary guestion is funding. The good news is that due to the generosity of Schafer beguest, and the smart investment of the funds, there is enough to cover the project. More on this at the meetings.

I am also looking forward to the continued growth of our outreach to young families. Last summer's Wednesday Sundae Program and the beginning of Messy Church are both events which have reached out to some new families. I hope that the congregation continues to support these programs with your time and talents.

Finally, a closing personal note. 2025 will also mark the 45th anniversary of my ordination. Time flies when you're having fun.

Let us join in praying that 2025 brings continued blessings and presence of God's spirit as we face both the joys and challenges of ministry together here in Durham.

A Blessed New Year to all!

Your servant in Christ.

Pastor Jim Heckman



We want to thank all the carolers who came to our home before Christmas to deliver a poinsettia and some gifts. They brought the

spirit of the holiday into our hearts to sing songs. It was wonderful to see everyone in person even though we see you all on Sunday mornings via video. It is much appreciated.

Love you all, Cheryl and Wayne Mesko.



ELC of Durham

Our Average Sunday attendance for 2024

Stands at 46 people in person and 14 virtual.

In the new year, please invite a friend to church and commit to helping the growth of our church family.





| 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 9:15 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM | Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship Undecorating Church |
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| 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM | l č |
| | Admin Office Hours |
| 7:00 PM | Council Meeting |
| 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Office Hours |
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| 10:00 AM | WELCA Meeting |
| 9:15 AM 10:00 AM After Worship 5:00PM-7:00PM | Adult Sunday school in the library Communion Worship Christian Education Meeting Confirmation Class @ St. Peter's Rie- gelsville |
| 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM | Admin Office Hours |
| 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 12:30 PM | Office Hours Care-A-Lot Board Meeting |
| 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM 7:30 PM | Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's Upper Bucks Conference Executive Com- mittee |
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| 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM | Messy Church Admin Office Hours |
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January 2025 Worship Assistants

| Altar Guild | | Barbara Naska and LeeAnn Kressman | | |
|---------------|---------|-----------------------------------|------------|--|
| Counting Team | | Pat Zion and Bea vonWatzdorf | | |
| Date | Greeter | Acolyte | Head Usher | |
| 1/5 | | | | |
| 1/12 | | | | |
| 1/19 | | | | |
| 1/26 | | | | |

2025

SAVE THE DATE

Winter Mental Health Series - More details coming soon

February 8th Confirmation Retreat day at Christ Pipersville

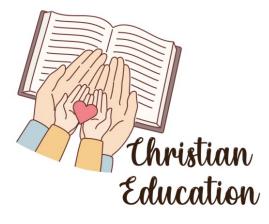
Congregational Meeting February 23, 2025 After service

Reverse Advent Calendar Covered Dish at St. Lukes February 23, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church is looking into planning a Family Game Night- stay tuned for more info

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

Iron Pigs Game April 27, 2025 1-3pm



NEXT CHRISTIAN ED MEETING SUNDAY JANUARY 12th AFTER WORSHIP

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We would love to have you!

CARE-A-LOT PRESCHOOL

Care-A-Lot students and teachers were all smiles in December with festive crafts, Christmas songs and fun Christmas stories read by Pastor Jim. Our Parent's Night Out was a big success raising \$170 for the Care-A-Lot fund and the children had a great time an parents were very happy asking when we will do this again! Thank you to our volunteers Kris Simmons, Val McGinn, Kat Wagner and Pastor Jim who all helped with this event.



COMMUNION+CONFIRMATION

Communion Education Class at St Luke Ferndale Jan 25th 9am-12pm Confirmands continue to work hard in confirmation class. Please keep in mind that some of these children will be welcomed as members of our churches after confirmation this June. In the coming months please show them how much they mean to our church family when you see them at church!



when you see them at church.

Our Messy Church events are evolving to meet the needs of our congregation in this season. We are adapting our schedules and trying to host daytime events for those who don't like to drive at night. The Christ-centered but alternative nature of Messy church compared to a regular worship service is what allows us to be creative and allow everyone to experience Church in a different way. Our most recent Messy Church on Dec. 22 focused on the journey of

MESSY CHURCH

Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and attendees enjoyed a little friendly competition. Our upcoming



Messy Church session will be on Martin Luther King Jr. Day January 20, 2025 from 11am-1pm.



Women ELCA

On Dec. 8th , WELCA hosted our Christmas covered dish dinner. I want to thank Lynn Gaun who oversaw the preparations. It was nice to sit and chat with one another as we feasted.

Our next meeting will be Friday Jan. 10, 2024 at 10:00 am in the church. The program will be a Bible study taken from our WELCA Gather Magazine dealing with the weather – "[God] causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." Matthew 5:45. We will discuss soup preparations, and plan the coming year's activities. After our meeting those who wish will have lunch together. Helen Dungan

CAROLING: We went caroling to our home bound members after church on Sunday Dec. 15th . We delivered poinsettias and sang with Cleo Eck, Ed Xander, Silas Rodenbach, Jim Altemose, Frank Mammana, Virginia Hager & amp; Althea Crouse, and Cheryl Mesko. I want to thank Cathy Mueller, who put our route together and was one of the drivers; I want to thank Kathy Hlavaty who brought the poinsettias and other gifts for each of those we visited. I want to give a big thank you to George Kreitz who accompanied us on his harmonica, and to Tom Gaun, our only choir member, who tried to lead us in our singing. (We made a joyful

noise.) Thanks to our singers; we all got great pleasure from bringing some music and laughter to our homebound

members.

Helen Dungan





Soup: Saturday Jan. 25, 2025 we will be making vegetable beef, vegetable and cream of potato soup. It will be take-out only. We will begin preparing vegetables around 9 am, and begin selling soup around 4-6 pm. Price \$10 per quart. Changing to Saturday will hopefully make it easier for more folks to volunteer to help prepare the soup. Helen Dungan

Bible Study :The Adult Bible study meets on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 at the home of Kathy and Joe Hlavaty. We will resume meeting on January 9, 2025. We will continue our study of the Gospel of St. Luke. We invite you to join us. Helen Dungan



Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our collection for the food banks in December, and to all who participated in the Reverse Advent Calendar collection. I also want to thank Miriam and Ken Anderson and Mark Harwick for their help throughout the past year in taking our donations to the Upper Bucks (Lord's Pantry) and Easton (Project Easton) food banks. Please all who come to worship in person, bring something to share. We will continue to collect personal care items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant,

and cleaning products such as detergent, but ALL donations are appreciated.

Food baskets: You can also sign up to donate a basket in memory or honor of a loved one. Thanks to Lee Ann Kressman for her basket on 12/22 given in celebration of Clayton Helfrich's seventeenth birthday.

Outreach envelope: Our Outreach envelopes for January have been designated to go to Samaritan's Purse to help those devastated by the storms which have been afflicting us.

Christmas gifts: A big thank you to Lynn Gaun for buying gifts for those in our community who can use some help this Christmas. We have given gifts to seven families this year.



Prayer list: If you want to add someone to the prayer list or correct or update it, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417 -6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com.

For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Bethany Michl;; Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and 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; Krista Heyer; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Mary Lily; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Lisa Ridge; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Ruth Sauter; Bart Shaw; 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 Ed Xander.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Norma Fox; Kenneth Hager; Silas Rodenbach

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Thank you Helen for all of the amazing work you do for ELC Durham and our community!



| January | BIRTHDAYS | ANNIVERSARIES | BAPTISMS |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 5 | Joe Hlavaty | | |
| 9 | | | Faye Gadwell, Conner Aquino |
| 10 | | | Austin Apgar, Joanne Apgar, Erika Trauger |
| 12 | Landon Helfrich | | |
| 15 | Don Crouse, Kathy Hlavaty | | |
| 16 | Jim Altemose (86 th) | | |
| 18 | Rachel McAlister | | |
| 25 | Audrey Bolesta | | |
| 26 | Cora Gadwell, Paige Reiman | | George Kreitz |
| 27 | | | Joe Hlavaty, Chris Apgar, Scott Apgar |
| 28 | | | Kenneth Crouse |
| 29 | | | Mark Harwick |
| 30 | Carolyn Williams | | |
| 31 | Rachael Roney, Shar- ron Streletz | | |

Does anyone get married in January?



Online Giving Now Available

Reach out to Ken Anderson

councilsecretary@durhamluthran.org

610-349-4391 for more information.

Evangelical Durham introduces new Online giving options.

As announced in the December Newsletter, We have partnered with Vanco Services to add the ability to make contributions or donations online. This new option now available for you to use.

Vanco Services provides a secure way to make a payment using your bank account or credit card . This information is processed only on Vanco Services' secure system which is verified by GeoTrust, Inc. Vanco Services is a PCI (Payment Card Industry) Level 1 compliant service provider which means all transactions are handled in accordance with the most rigorous security standards. None of your banking or credit card information is passed onto the church.

This feature is available to anyone with internet access, and can be accessed from our web site, or by downloading the "Vanco Faith" application from your phone's app store. We can accept direct debit payments from a checking or savings account using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). We also accept donations by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, and Discover).

Please note that there is a nominal fee from the credit card company or bank, and from Vanco for their services. You have the option of making a small donation to help defray the cost if you desire.

This new tool has the following advantages: For you:

•No longer need to use envelopes, all the most used giving categories are available online.

•You can set up automatic giving on a schedule with Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly frequencies as options, and you can revise or cancel the schedule and amount whenever you need.

•All online contributions are automatically included on your annual giving statements.

•Uses the same secure, proven technology that we have been using for Simply Giving for the past 20+ years. If you use Simply Giving, you can choose to switch to Vanco Faith, or stay with Simply Giving, whichever you prefer.

•Vanco services are PCI Compliant, which ensures that your contributions are safe, secure, and that the church does not receive or store bank and credit card information.

For the Church:

Reduced burden on offering counters for processing envelopes and deposits after each service.
Reduced overhead for the Financial Secretary, since all online contribution are automatically deposited to the church account, and posted directly your statement in our church's software.

•Reduced opportunity for reconciliation error in processing contributions.

•Make it easier for non-member contributors to make donations for memorials, etc.

Use the links below for information on ways to use Vanco Giving:

General App information: Vanco-FAQ

Church donation web site page : <u>durhamlutheran.org/about/donations/</u>

Apple iPhone App : <u>Apple Phone App</u>

Android App : <u>Android Phone App</u>

Reasons to use online giving : Vanco Giving Reasons





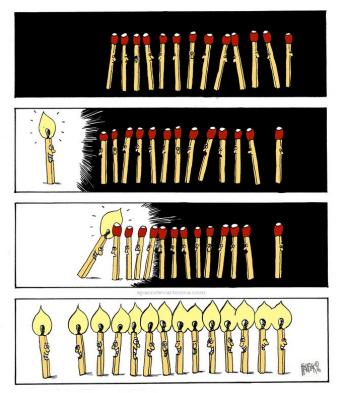


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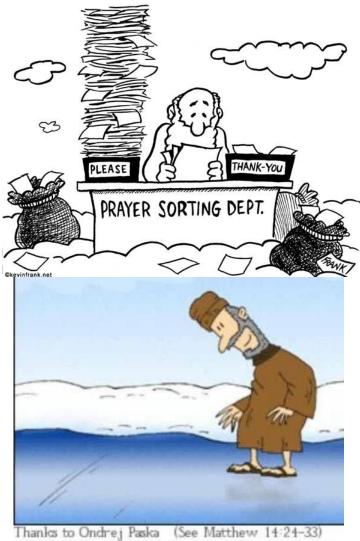




BE A LIGHT TO THE WORLD



LET'S START TODAY'S SERVICE OFF WITH OUR ANNUAL POST-HOLIDAY BREATHING EXERCISES



PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER



I don't call them New Year's

Resolutions,

I prefer the term, "Casual promises to myself that I'm under no legal obligation to fulfill."

Funny Random Quote

- 1. Read the Bible Daily
- 2. Attend church regularly
- 3. Be more involved at church
- 4. Boldly witness to other people, Evangelize (tell people about Jesus)
- 5. Worry less, let God have control and know He is in control

6. Listen to more Christian music

7. Be more aware of how others hear the words you speak.

- 8. Pray more.
- 9. Listen to what God might be calling you to do in your life and act on it.
- 10. Recognize daily the gifts God has given you and be thankful.

Stewardship Committee Update:

WHAT are your gifts?

What things do you most enjoy doing?

WHAT specialized skills and resources can you offer?

WHERE do you feel a passion to serve?

Where do you see a need for action?



The below is directly from the elca.org website regarding stewardship: (https://www.elca.org/our-work/ congregations-and-synods/stewardship)

As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

How do we respond to God's call to serve and love our neighbors? We faithfully steward the gifts God has so abundantly given to us. Although some think of stewardship as only a financial response to God's love, stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is about how we use all that God has entrusted to our care — our time, our talents and our treasures — to love God and our neighbors, both inside and outside of the church walls and our homes.

Our stewardship committee here at Durham is gathering your interest and talents through **'A Fellowship of Stewards**" questionnaire. These questionnaires are available for you to complete and turn into the basket on the table in the entrance area.

Please complete and turn these back by Sunday, January **12**th. Once all the interests are gathered, the committee heads will receive the specific names and start to reach out to you in February.

Thank you,

Stewardship Committee

Trinity Lutheran Church of Pleasant Valley 2170 Route 212 Coopersburg, PA 18036 Services: 9am Sunday

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham 821 Durham Rd Durham, PA 18039 Services: 10am Sunday

Christ Lutheran Church of Pipersville 353 E Dark Hollow Rd 470 Church Hill Rd Pipersville, PA 18947 Services: 9:30am Sunday

St. Luke Lutheran Church of Ferndale Kintnersville, PA 18930 Services: 10am Sunday

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Riegelsville 305 Delaware Rd Riegelsville, PA 18077 Services: 10:15am Sunday

Upper Tinicum Lutheran Church 188 Upper Tinicum Church Rd. Upper Black Eddy, PA 18972 Services: 10AM Sunday

PALM Live Nativity

On Saturday, Dec 14th, the PALM group held the annual Live Nativity at Trinity Lutheran in Coopersburg. Thank you to Lynn Guan for helping with the costumes/cookies donations, Tom Guan and Paster Heckman for singing in the chorus, Samantha Mueller who was played Gabriel (the main angel) and ALL of you who came out to watch and support the event. Even though the temperatures were frigid, the event was a success with groups attending both showings.



PALM Leadership Group

Early in 2024, the PALM Leadership committee originally consisted of the Pastors and Congregation Council Presidents and Vice Presidents. Mid- 2024, it was expanded to include all Congregation Council members. Our council members at Durham have been involved in the PALM leadership group as we work to help form a possible future PALM parish. The group met several times during 2024 to discuss what it might look like to share our resources utilizing a more formalized structure. As part of the learning process, we had a presentation from Pastor Coleman, currently serving a parish in Telford. He was previously part of a parish with multiple congregations in Erie. After his presentation the group formed committees to start to work on possibilities for PALM. The committees include program, rostered staff, mission, administrative staff, and finance. This is not in anticipation of any church closing, but instead of how we can to work better together and to serve the PALM community better.

In 2025, we will continue to meet as a PALM leadership group and share back with you as we go through this process. If you would like to be involved or have any specific questions, please reach out to any council member!

The PALM mission is to promote collaborative ministry and to share the Good News of God's love. Thank you Cathy Mueller



Don't Forget to bring in your Reverse Advent Donations by SUNDAY JANUARY 5th

2024 Pal isades Area Lu theran Ministries Revers e Advent Calendar

Let's help fill the shelves of the local food banks again this holiday season. This year we have created a category of need for each week of giving. Another new alternative this year is to donate \$25 gift cards (Giant, Wal-Mart, Target) in lieu of shopping. Gift cards are given directly to families in need to obtain essential household items that are not stocked in the pantry. A \$25 gift per week is appreciated, but please choose the level of giving that is best suited to your budget. You can also mix and match food boxes and gift cards. Please fill your bags/boxes and bring them to your church by the end of the year. We will deliver all donations in January and will have a celebration dinner at St. Lukes Ferndale on 2/23/25 at 5 pm.

Please No Glass or Breakable Bottles/Containers

Week 1: FOT the Little Offes

| Disposable Diapers | Baby Formula | Grape & Apple Juice | Baby Shampoo | Jello & Pudding Packs | Individual Snack Crackers |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR |
| Baby Wipes | Infant Cereal | Juice Boxes | Baby Powder | Gatorade | Peanut Butter |

Week 2: For Dinner

| Canned Meats | Pasta Sauce | Coffee & | Canned Fish | Canned | Cake, Dessert |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| (Chicken, Ham, Beef) | | Tea Bags | (Tuna & Salmon) | Vegetables | & Brownie Mixes |
| AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR |
| Chunky Soups | Pasta | Cereal/Oatmeal | Rice/Noodles | Canned Fruit | Packaged Cookies |

Week 3: For the Kitchen

| Paper Towels | Salt & | Spices | Liquid Hand | Disinfectant | Ketchup & |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|
| | Pepper | (Onion, Garlic, | Soap | Wipes | Mustard |
| | | Parsley, etc.) | | | |
| AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR |
| | | | | | |
| Napkins | Sugar | Ollive/Veg. Oil | Dish Detergent | Hand Sanitizer | BBQ Sauce |
| | | | | | |

Week 4: Personal Care

| Shampoo | Laundry Detergent | Toilet Paper | Toothbrush & Toothpaste | Shaving Cream/ Men's Deodorant | Band-Aids |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR | AND/OR |
| Conditioner | Bar Soap | Tissues | Mouth Wash | Women's Deodorant | Feminine Products |

MESSY CHURCH

Monday-January 20, 2025

Martin Luther King Jr. Day 11AM-1PM Games, Crafts and Fellowship

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

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