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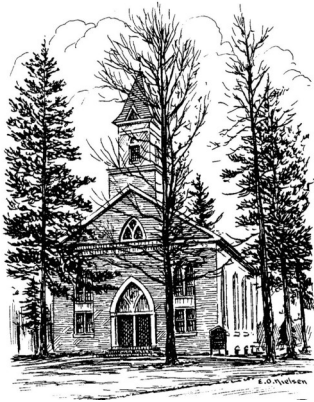
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# 2025



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Wednesday:

10:00 AM-2:00 PM

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10:00 AM -1:00 PM

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610-346-8500

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# EVANGEL

APRIL 2025

### Pastor's Message:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As the disciples approached Jerusalem, their excitement grew. After three years of living with Jesus, hearing his teachings, and witnessing miracles, they felt the time was right for the new kingdom to arrive. Expectations were high.

On Palm Sunday, events seemed to be unfolding as the disciples had anticipated. The crowds were vocal, chanting "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Palms were being waved, and the atmosphere was energetic. They had had it with the Roman rule, and everyone seemed ready for a change and a new life pattern. Now all they needed was Jesus to claim his rightful place. Or so they thought.

How quickly things changed. Jesus was in the temple everyday teaching and preaching and while he clearly touched the heart and soul of many, he also upset and angered the religious establishment. Add to this the fact that Jesus never made his pitch - to call for ousting the Romans and taking his rightful throne the natives were getting restless. Finally, Judas could wait no longer, he decided to try and force Jesus' hand.

On one hand, Judas' action did not result in Jesus becoming the ruler of Jerusalem as some disciples had hoped. On the other hand, it initiated a sequence of events that led to Jesus' crucifixion, where he was placed on a cross with a crown of thorns rather than a golden crown, and instead of hearing shouts of hosanna, there were cries of "crucify him."

We like the disciples, find ourselves getting more excited as we get closer to Easter. Like the disciples, we get excited about what we think ought to happen at Easter. Easter outfits, egg hunts, parades, Easter bunnies and candy filled baskets are not what Easter is all about. It is about an empty tomb and the amazing, good news that Jesus is risen from the dead. This is a message of hope that we need in a seemingly hopeless world.

As modern-day disciples, our mission is to share and celebrate this unexpected, life-saving news with others. Each April we begin with April Fools' Day. Let us make sure that no one is fooled this April thinking Easter is only about the candy and the costumes. Instead let us focus our efforts on proclaiming the good news and inviting folks to come with you to worship to hear the message and experience the warmth of God's love and blessing.

I look forward to raising my voice with all of yours this Easter so that all in Durham may hear and be made to feel welcome.

See you all in church.

Your servant in Christ.

Pastor Jim Heckman



APRIL 13, 2025

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately after the worship service on Palm Sunday April 13, 2025. On the agenda for the April 13th meeting will be approval of the amount of building fund expenditure on the building project. To facilitate your decision making process, the proposed annex building plans will be placed in the narthex for your review starting March 16th with a question box. Please include your name with any submitted questions so we can make sure the correct information reaches you! Additionally, an informational session will be held after service on Sunday March 30, 2025 during which plans of the proposed addition and funding will be explained. The building committee has worked diligently on this project and council remains dedicated to the transparency of this project. 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.



PALM PASSION SUNDAY: April 13th 10AM at ELC of Durham

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 17th Seder Supper at 5pm, Service at 7pm at Trinity Lutheran Pleasant Valley.

GOOD FRIDAY: April 18th 3pm Stations of the Cross at St. Luke Fern-dale, 7pm Passion of John Service at ELC of Durham

Saturday April 19th: 11AM-1PM Easter around the world Messy Church at ELC of Durham, 2-4PM Easter Egg Hunt at St. Luke Fern-dale

EASTER: Sunday April 20th 6:30AM Sunrise Service at Sky Island Upper Tinicum and 10AM Festival of Holy Communion at ELC Durham



Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

Saturday

April 12th

10 AM

# easter egg hunt

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Durham PA

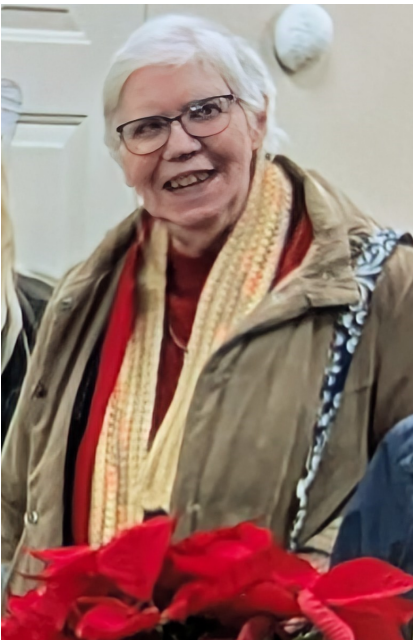
*Come join the fun!*

If you would like to  
donate Easter basket  
items to this event  
please see Lynn Gaun



## MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Helen Dungan



Helen Dungan was born on August 31st and our congregation was blessed with her presence over 45 years ago when she moved across the street from Jim and Lois Altemose and they invited her to join them at church! Many of us know Helen and her infectious love of the Lord, she says to her God feels like "a loving father" and that she can picture Jesus's protective robe draped over her at His feet. Helen loves all the hymns we sing but when asked her favorite, "Amazing Grace" came to mind. If you know Helen, you have probably tasted her delicious brownies and eating chocolate is what would bring her Joy if she had not given it up for lent! When Helen prays she prays for her family and church family as well as those on our prayer chain list. Helen is a retired librarian from Lafayette College and is passionate about helping the church supply the local food banks. In honor of her being the member of the month in April and for all that she does for the church, please consider bringing an extra donation for the foodbanks and bring a smile to her face when she sees the windowsills full!



# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, April 2	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM <b>6:00-7:30PM</b>	Office Hours Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal <b>Lenten Soup Supper St. Luke Ferndale</b>
Thursday, April 3	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
<b>Sunday, April 6</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent	9:15 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> After Worship	Adult Sunday school in the library. <b>Communion Worship</b> Youth Choir Practice
Monday, April 7	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, April 8	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 9	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM <b>6:00-7:30PM</b>	Office Hours Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal <b>Lenten Soup Supper Trinity Pleasant Valley</b>
Thursday, April 10	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, April 11	10:00 AM	WELCA Meeting
Saturday, April 12	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt @ Durham
<b>Sunday, April 13</b> Palm Passion Sunday	9:15 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> After Worship 5:00PM-7:00PM	Adult Sunday school in the library <b>Communion Worship</b> Congregational Meeting and Youth Choir Practice Confirmation Class @ Durham
Monday, April 14	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, April 16	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM 1:30 PM	Office Hours Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal Christian Education Meeting
Thursday, April 17	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM 5:00 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's Seder Supper @ Trinity-Reservations Req'd <b>Maundy Thursday Communion Service @Trinity</b>
Friday, April 18	10:00 AM 3:00 PM <b>7:00 PM</b>	WELCA Meeting Stations of the Cross @St. Luke Ferndale <b>Good Friday Passion of John Service @Durham</b>
<b>Saturday, April 19</b>	<b>11:00 AM-1:00 PM</b> 2:00 PM	<b>Messy Church</b> Easter Egg Hunt at St Luke Ferndale
<b>Sunday, April 20</b> Easter	9:15 AM <b>6:30 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	Adult Sunday School in Library <b>Sunrise Service @Sky Island Upper Tinicum</b> <b>Festival of Holy Communion Worship @Durham</b>



# APRIL CALENDAR CONT'D



Monday, April 21	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, April 23	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM	Admin Office Hours Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 24	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 Leaders Meeting @Durham
<b>Sunday, April 27</b> Second Sunday of Easter	9:15 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 1:35 PM 5:00- 7:00 PM	Adult Sunday school in the library <b>Communion Worship</b> IRON PIGS GAME Confirmation Class @ St Luke Ferndale
Monday, April 28	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, April 30	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Office Hours Mid-week Choir Rehearsal VBS Meeting @ Trinity

## April 2025 Worship Assistants

Altar Guild	Val McGinn and Barb Naska
Communion Team	Dealer's Choice
Counting Team	Scott Gaun Cathy Meuller

Date	Greeter	Acolyte	Lector	Head Usher
4/6		Oaklee Wagner		
4/13	O'Brien Girls	Josephine W.		Ben W. (w/Help)
4/18 GF	Miriam Anderson			
4/20	O'Brien Girls	Josephine W.		Ben W. (w/Help)
4/27				

We would LOVE to see our Worship assistant list FULL of members interested in helping at Church! Please sign up in the narthex!





WELCA's March meeting was cancelled. **We will be distributing our soup funds at our April meeting** which will be held Friday April 11, 2025 at 10 a.m. at the church. All are invited to attend.

Our program will be the Gather Bible study on Psalm 22 where David cries out "My God Why Have You Forsaken Me."

We ask your help in collecting **Personal Care Kits**, which will be delivered to the Synod Convention on Friday May 30, 2025. See attached instructions

Helen Dungan

## PERSONAL CARE KITS

### SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ☐ **ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ☐ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ☐ **ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging\*
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ☐ **ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

### HOW TO PACK YOUR PERSONAL CARE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



### Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible study meets on **Thursdays** from **1:00-3:00 at the home of Kathy and Joe Hlavaty**. We are beginning to study the book of Malachi, the last book of the Old Testament. We invite you to join us.

Helen Dungan



# Outreach



**Food banks:** Thanks to all who contributed to our collection for the food banks in March.

**The Lords's Pantry** has requested: coffee, chunky soups, cake mixes, and condiments such as pickles and salad dressings.

**Project Easton** is requesting spaghetti and pancake mix. They also minister to the homeless in Easton, and request travel size personal care items. (Because these people live out of their backpacks, they cannot handle large size containers.) Project Easton makes up kits of needed items to give to them.

**All donations are appreciated!**

**Food baskets:** If you have someone you want to remember or honor, this is a wonderful way to do it. You can do the shopping yourself or delegate the task to Helen Dungan. We ask for a \$20 minimum.

**Outreach envelope:** Our Outreach envelopes for April have been designated to go to Care-a-lot Preschool scholarship fund.

Helen Dungan



**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](mailto:joanmammana@icloud.com).

**For Healing of those in our Congregation:**

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Joanne 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; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Nancy Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Baree Lee Goodman; Jason Gourley; 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; Stacy Mechum; Nancy Morris; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Lisa Ridge; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; 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; Jayne Miller.

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

Fred Foerster; Norma Fox ;Kenneth Hager; Frank Mammana; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss



## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

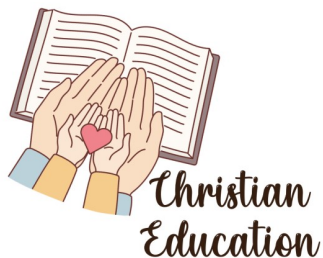
Eucharistic Visitors are members of the congregation who trained to bring the communion meal from worship to ill and homebound members of their congregation who are unable to attend service.

Lutheran Congregational Service's training ministry engages learners in the Biblical and theological background of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and teaches potential Eucharistic Visitors about visitation and administration of the sacrament.

**Saturday, May 17, 2025 | 9:30AM-4:00PM**

St. Michael's Lutheran Church 25 E Church St, Sellersville, PA 18960

To register for training, please complete the online form and submit the \$30.00 fee per person. If you prefer to register or pay another way, contact Julia Frank at [jfrank@libertylutheran.org](mailto:jfrank@libertylutheran.org). Registration must be completed by the Monday before the Saturday session you plan to attend.



Our Christian Education Committee remains passionate about educating our congregation and community about the Word of God. Messy Church Easter(4/19/25 11am-1pm) will teach us about Easter traditions around the world. Exciting conversations about Vacation Bible School and our Wednesday Sundae program this summer are already in the works! If you like working with children and would like to volunteer at these events please see Kat! Next Meeting April 16th at 1:30pm



Our Care-A-Lot students are enjoying pre-school. Our wonderful teachers plan educational and fun activities for them weekly. We welcomed a new friend to the class last month and are currently accepting enrollment in the 2025-26 academic year!

**DON'T FORGET!**

**Online  Giving**



Online Giving is EASY and available through the church website or the Vanco Mobile App! See Ken Anderson if you need help getting this set up on your phone! One time gifts, recurring gifts or deposits toward outreach programs can all be made with just a few clicks within the app! More information can be found on the flyers in the pews and narthex.



April	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
3			Rachel McCallister, Sam Rhine
4			Dave Helfrich
6			Chris Fox, Ben J. Naska
7	Becky Praster		
8			Samantha Mueller
9			Diane De Walt
12		Barbara & Mike Altemus(39)	
13	Ben Naska, Sr.		
14	Joshua Roney		
16	John Wagner		
18			Laura Helfrich
19	Matthew Crouse Fred Foerster		Cleo Eck
20	Karen Rilling		
21	Jayne Miller		
22			Landon Helfrich
25	Wes Simmons		
24	Priscilla Genthner		
27	Nancy Moskella		Clayton Helfrich, Landon Frey
28	Tim Gadwell		
29	Ben Naska, Jr,		
30	Alison and Emerson Rhine		Ella Rose Michl





## Easter Flowers Order Form

The 2024 prices of Easter flowers are as follows:

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



Name and Phone Number:		
_____	X \$8	_____
# 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, April 13<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)*. Any questions, contact Victoria .



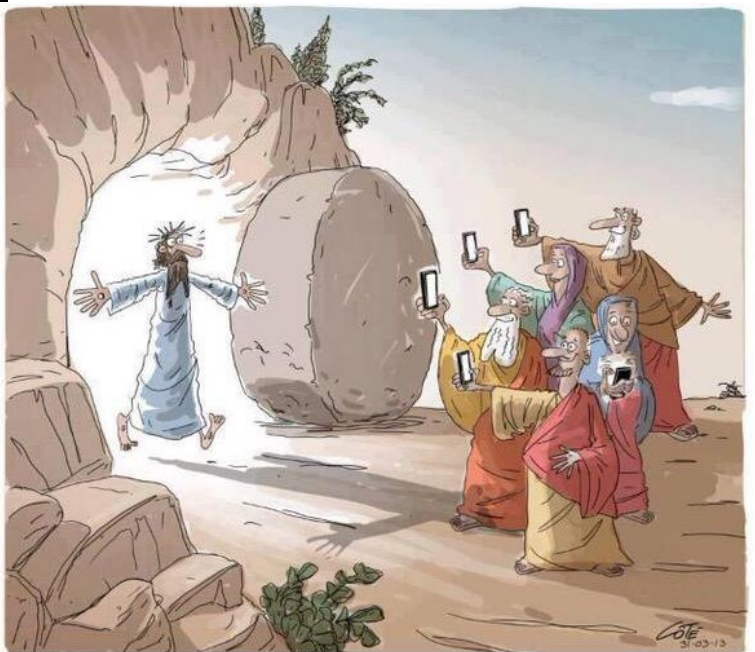


# FUN PAGE

## AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha

IF I COULD INSERT  
THE VIDEO OF ME  
AND THE KIDS APRIL  
FOOLS-ING JOHN  
THAT THE WASHING  
MACHINE BROKE  
AND FLOODED THE  
HOUSE,  
I WOULD.





# EASTER



## FAMILY MESSY CHURCH

Please join us for a day of fun and fellowship while we learn about Easter celebrations around the world!

Saturday April 19, 2025

11AM-1PM

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham

821 Durham Rd. Durham PA

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

We will share lunch together, please email to sign up to bring a dish or dessert.

[Evangel@durhamlutheran.org](mailto:Evangel@durhamlutheran.org)





**PALM**

*Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries*

## EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY APRIL 19TH, 2025 2 TO 4**  
**EGG HUNT, EGG GAMES, & EGG CRAFTS!**

**EVERYONE WELCOME! COMMUNITY EVENT**

**ALL AGES  
WELCOME**

**BAKE SALE  
SILENT AUCTION  
GIFT BASKETS  
& MORE!**



**ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
470 CHURCH HILL RD.  
KINTNERSVILLE, PA 18930

## Lenten

**SOUP SUPPERS**



**MARCH 12**  
St. Peter's Riegelsville  
305 Delaware Rd  
Riegelsville, PA

**MARCH 19**  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of Durham  
821 Durham Rd  
Durham, PA

**MARCH 26**  
Upper Tinicum  
Lutheran Church  
188 Upper Tinicum  
Church Rd  
Upper Black Eddy, PA

**APRIL 2**  
St. Luke Lutheran Church  
470 Church Hill Rd  
Ferndale, PA

**APRIL 9**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
2170 Route 212  
Coopersburg, PA

*All suppers will be from 6 - 7:30 pm*

**26**  
APRIL

**CHRIST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

## CPR CLASS

**10am  
-1pm**



A CPR class is being offered at Christ Lutheran Church. Class includes child/adult CPR & AED training and an Emergency Care and Safety Institute (ECSI) card. Cost is \$26 per person (cash or check payable to Christ Lutheran Church) and due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Class is limited to 20 people on a first come, first serve basis and cost is refundable only if your spot can be filled by someone on the waiting list.

353 E DARK HOLLOW ROAD, PIPERSVILLE, PA 18947

**PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (215-766-8730) OR  
EMAIL ([CHRISTPIPERSVILLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CHRISTPIPERSVILLE@GMAIL.COM))  
TO CHECK AVAILABILITY  
AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT**

## JOIN US FOR A SEDER MEAL

**APRIL 17, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**BEFORE THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE  
WHICH BEGINS AT 7:00PM**

SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30 PEOPLE. PLEASE SIGN  
UP IN THE NARTHEX OR EMAIL  
[OFFICE@TRINITYPV.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@TRINITYPV.ORG) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2170 ROUTE 212  
COOPERSBURG, PA 18036

The PALM mission is to promote collaborative ministry and to share the Good News of God's love.  
**PALM MEETINGS: PALM LEADERS 4/24 at 7pm at Durham**

**VBS PLANNING 4/30/25 at 7PM at Trinity**



# Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Gathering At The Gate Advocacy Event & Demonstration

April 8-9, 2025

Washington, D.C.

Join with fellow Lutherans and others for demonstrations and advocacy visits in our nation's capital.



**LUTHERAN DAY  
WITH THE  
IRONPIGS™**

**SUNDAY,  
APRIL 27**

GAME AT 1:35 PM  
GATES OPEN AT 12:35 PM

**Tickets  
\$30 EACH**

Checks Payable to: ELC of Durham

**Ticket includes:**  
2 1/2 hour all-you-can-eat buffet  
Unlimited soft drinks  
Seating with fellow Lutherans

Coca-Cola Park  
1050 Iron Pigs Way  
Allentown, PA 18109



## Lutheran Nights at the Phillies 2025

Three great games to  
choose from!

<https://www.mlb.com/phillies/tickets/specials/lutheran>

- Saturday, April 19 vs. the Miami Marlins at 1:05 p.m.
- Saturday, May 17 vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates at 6:05 p.m.
- Monday, August 18 vs. the Seattle Mariners at 6:45 p.m.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Vacation Bible School

Trinity Lutheran Pleasant Valley

July 14-18th from 9am-12pm

