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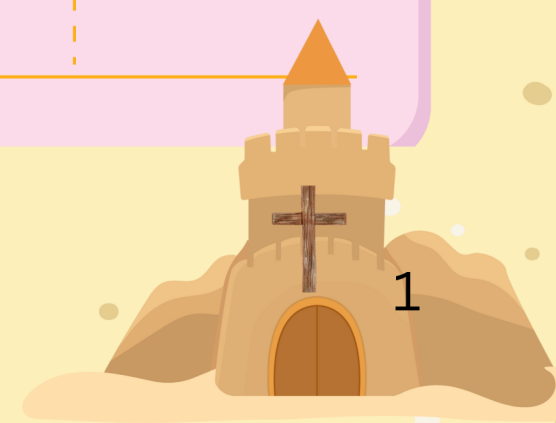
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Together
We Can!



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Cleo Eck; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Bethany Michl; Barbara Naska; Joanne Ziegenfuss

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; 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; Krista Heyer; Penny Houck; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Martine King; Tim Koplin; Jim McAnally; Charleigh McCade; Letitia McCrea; Connor McDevitt; Patrick McNaulty; Stacy Mechum; Nancy Morris; Bradley Mundt; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Leslie Patience; Jennifer Phelps; Dennis Phillipps; Adrienne Rozzi; Connie Rugen; Tammy Sassman; Paul Sauter; Laurel Sheetz; Holly Snyder; Donna Storm; Edward Thaler; Russ Trauger; Joe V.; Kelly Walsh; Jacqueline Ward; Dean Erika Wesch; Henry Wong; Wayne Yeisley; Barbara Yob.

For those who are Homebound: James Altemose; Jayne Miller.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

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

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Member of the Month

Ken Anderson



Ken was born on November 21, 1955 and has been a member at ELC of Durham for the past 29 years. As so many people have reported since I started the member of the month column, Ken and Miriam tried several different churches in the area and found Durham to be the most welcoming- and believe it still is. To Ken, God feels like courage in crisis, triumph over tragedy and peace in solitude. Ken finds joy in the power of the Spirit in music, hiking in the woods, sunrise/sunset walks at the beach. There are so many hymns that Ken loves but he mentioned “Earth and all Stars” and “Wayfaring Stranger” as two of his favorites. Ken prays for wisdom, patience and humility.

So many of us recognize Ken as a dedicated member. Currently, a faithful member of council, financial secretary, tech wizard, master of the livestream, music and worship committee, as well as involvement in Creation care and Cropwalk and more. He is the kind of guy who does more for the church than we ever see or know. He says he still doesn’t know what he wants to be when he grows up but from what I see, he is a devoted man of God and we are all blessed to have him as a member of our congregation.

Pastor's Message

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Over the last several weeks, I have been doing a lot of reflection on the family. This was due to a couple of things. First, I officiated at the marriage of my nephew on Father's Day. Like in many families, this wedding meant the divorced parents of the groom needed to put past differences aside to allow for the joy and celebration of their son's marriage. I was also reminded of something you often hear said at funerals, "we need to get together more than at just times like this." This statement has at its heart an understanding that we miss out on each other's lives because we get too wrapped up and distracted by other things and consequently, we miss out on sharing and growing those very important family ties.

The other thing which has weighed on my heart regarding family is the standing of our family here at Durham Lutheran. It has come to my attention that a group of folks had stopped worshipping here at Durham due to some issues of disagreement over actions taken by the congregation (the vote to build the Annex) and myself (some "political" statements).

As in any family, it would be wonderful if every member of the family always agreed with every other member of the family, but that is neither likely nor even healthy. Different views and opinions are what help us grow. The challenge is how do we share those differences with each other in a way that facilitates the growth and support of the family? I know from personal experience the pain and loss which comes from a broken relationship with my brother which I cannot even begin to try and rebuild because of his unwillingness to respond or reach out to my sister or myself.

On an even deeper level, my concern extends to those who have chosen to absent themselves from worship and what that is doing to their personal relationship with God. The function of the church family is not just to keep each other happy, but to grow the family of God by proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ to the community in which we are all called to live.

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Pastor's Message Cont'd...

While I am concerned, I am not without hope. I am mindful of two Biblical stories where families were separated and yet in the end were able to reconnect and be reconciled. I would encourage you to read the stories of Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:19–33:17) and Joseph and his 11 brothers (Genesis 37 – 39-46). One other story which speaks about a broken family is the story in Luke 15:11-32, which we call the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Like the other two stories, human sin creates division, but love tries to overcome it. The difference in the parable is that we aren't sure what happened to the relationship between the older and younger brother. Were they able to talk and overcome their differences? I believe that if they were able to talk, they did overcome their differences. This is my same prayer for us.

We are all now into the summer, and that means time away, schools closed, and a chance to spend time with family and friends. It is a time of refreshment, renewal, and reflection. While I am always open to having conversations with anyone at any time, I am thinking that come September, we can set up a couple of conversation events to openly talk about issues of concern for the family of Durham. One will be an update on the building project, and another will be focused on living as a Lutheran in the midst of our current American condition. I think we can also have a third one, which would center on other topics, including an update on the current standing of the ELCA and the future of the Church. This last forum will be particularly important as you all begin the process of discerning my replacement at the end of 2026.

While my heart will always be a part of the Durham family, the reality is that I will be leaving soon and that means the next 18 months are really important. My prayer is that we may use this time to make Durham the strongest and healthiest it can be for whomever you welcome as your new family member. In both Corinthians and Galatians, Paul talks about the church being the body of Christ and he reminds us that all parts of the body are necessary to have the healthy and whole body. If we have missing parts, then we are a handicapped church and we cannot fully live up to our true mission to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the community of Durham. I pray this be a healing summer for us all, and that come September, we will stand together stronger, ready to face the challenges that await us.

Your servant in Christ.

Pastor Jim Heckman

Worship Assistants

Altar Guild	July- Val McGinn & Bea von Watzdorf August- Suzanne Mauer & Mark Harwick			
Counting Team	July- Mark Harwick August- Karen Beerer, Linda Sauter, Val McGinn			
Date	Greeters	Lector	Head Usher	Acolyte
Jul 6, 2025	Nancy Moskella	Kat Wagner	Mark Harwick	Colton W.
Jul 13, 2025	Mark Harwick	Linda Sauter	Mark Harwick	
Jul 20, 2025	Diana Streletz	Maggie	Mark Harwick	
Jul 27, 2025	Kathy + Joe Hlavaty	Joe Hlavaty	Mark Harwick	
Aug 3, 2025	Mark Harwick	Elizabeth Roberts		
Aug 10, 2025		Mark Harwick	Mark Harwick	
Aug 17, 2025	PALM	UNITY	SERVICE	NOCKAMIXON
Aug 24, 2025		Bob S.		
Aug 31, 2025				



Lemonade on the Lawn

7/6 Linda+David Sauter

7/ 13 Miriam Anderson

7/20 Diana Streletz

7/27 Kathy+ Joe Hlavaty

8/3 George Krietz



Church Calendar of Events- JULY

Wednesday, July 2	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Office Hours
Thursday, July 3	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Sunday, July 6 4th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM After Worship	Communion Worship VBS Meeting @ St. Luke Ferndale
Monday, July 7	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Tuesday, July 8	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 9	1:00 PM 6:30-7:30 PM	VBS Teacher Training @ Trinity Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 10	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM	Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Sunday, July 13 5th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM 11:00 AM- ANYTIME	Communion Worship @Durham Full Set Up for VBS @ Trinity
Monday, July 14- Friday July 18	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	VBS @ Trinity
Tuesday, July 15	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, July 16	6:30-7:30pm	Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 17	7:00 PM	PALM Meeting @ Ferndale
Sunday, July 20 6th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship
Monday, July 21	1:00PM -3:00 PM	Office Hours
Wednesday, July 23	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 6:30-7:30 PM	Pastor Office Hours Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 24	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM	Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim
Sunday, July 27 7th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship
Tuesday, July 29	1:00-3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours Pastor's Vacation Starts
Wednesday, July 30	6:30-7:30	Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, July 31	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Admin Office Hours

Your Current Church Council

Cathy Mueller(President)
 Jack Pyne(Treasurer)
 Ken Anderson(Financial Secretary)
 Pat Zion

Bea von Watzdorf (Vice President)
 Elizabeth Roberts(Council Secretary)
 Rev. James Heckman (Pastor)
 Kathryn Wagner

Church Calendar of Events- AUGUST

Saturday, August 2		St. Peter's Riegelsville 175th Celebration at Riegelsville Borough Park
Sunday, August 3 8th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship Rev. David Luther
Monday, August 4	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, August 6	6:30-7:30 PM	Wednesday Sundaes
Thursday, August 7	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Admin Office hours
Sunday, August 10 9th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship Rev. David Luther
Monday, August 11	1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, August 13	6:30-7:30pm	Last Wednesday Sundaes!
Thursday, August 14	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Admin Office hours
Sunday, August 17 PALM UNITY SERVICE @ PARK	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Breakfast at the Park! PALM UNITY SERVICE @ NOCKAMIXON PARK
Monday, August 18	1:00PM -3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Thursday, August 21	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Sunday, August 24 11th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship Pastor Jim Returns!
Monday, August 25	1:00-3:00 PM	Admin Office Hours
Wednesday, August 27	10:00 AM- 2:00 PM	Pastor Office Hours
Thursday, August 28	10:00 AM- 1:00 PM	Office Hours
Sunday, August 31 12th Sunday After Pentecost	10:00 AM	Communion Worship

Upcoming Events:

- Confirmation Class- will start again in September. If you have a rising 6th Grade student and would like for them to start confirmation classes please get in touch with the church office
- Communion Preparation Class- Saturday, October 18th from 1pm-4pm at St. Peter's Rieglesville. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

**SOMETHING TO ADD TO
THE CALENDAR?
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
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celebrate

July	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
1			Gladys Nicholas
3	Linda Sauter		
8	Kathryn Wagner		
12	David Helfrich		
16	Kristy-Lee Reiman		
19	Joe Erceg		
21	Benjamin T. Naska	Serena & Brian Ashmore (35)	Ben T. Naska
23			Ryan Fox
24	Suzanne Mauer Carole Ulmer (93) Bea von Watzdorf		
28		Karen & Jim Beerer (35)	
30	Mary Erceg		
31	Adam Phillipps		
August	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	BAPTISMS
3	Peter Streletz		
7	Joan Mammana (79)		
8	Paul McGinn, Alex Crouse		
10	Addyson Mammana, Jacob Roney, Oaklee Wagner		
13		Bethany & Joshua Michl (8)	
19	Karen Beerer		
23			Peter Streletz
24	Kendall Beerer		
28			Adam Phillipps
29	David Sauter		Mary Erceg
30	Helen Dungan, Lynn Leichliter		
31		Kathy and Ed Haney	



WELCA



Our June meeting was held at the Olive Garden, and we were joined by Kandyce Fisher. We had a wonderful time catching up with one another. We will not meet during the summer. Our next meeting will be September 12, 2025.

Helen Dungan

Food banks: Thanks to all who contributed to our June food collections and extra thanks for the food basket on the altar.

Outreach

Please note, we do not deliver the food to the food banks until after this newsletter is written, so requests are a month behind. We will update you on any new or special needs when we deliver the June and July collections.

The Lord's Pantry requested laundry detergent as this is something that is not supplied by the agency which delivers their food. They always have a need for coffee and we will continue to collect cake mixes, chunky chicken noodle soup and condiments for them.

Project Easton requested boxes of cereal, and can use boxes of pancake mix, canned peaches, chicken noodle soup, and snack bars (like granola, breakfast bars, crackers etc.). They also continue to collect small size personal care items. These last are given out to homeless people. If you are traveling, please bring the hotel's little containers of shampoo and soap back home for them.

Please all who come to worship in person, 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 July and August will be split between the two foodbanks. Summer usually sees a decrease in donations, so we try to fill in.

Helen Dungan

Bible Study

We will resume our Bible study on Thursday September 4, 2025.

Helen Dungan



Fresh cut flowers welcomed for the Altar!

If you grow flowers in your garden and would like to bring some to decorate the church, we have vases in the sacristy and would love to see your flowers in them any Sunday this summer!



Christian Education- Wednesday Sundaes



**NOTHIN' BETTER THAN
GOD AND ICECREAM**

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH OF DURHAM
**WEDNESDAY
SUNDAES**

Every Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm
June 18-August 13

Sign up to help posted
in the Narthex

**SPREAD
the
WORD**



We are so thankful to those of you who have signed up to help with Wednesday Sundaes. Your commitment to our church and sharing ministry means SO much to our congregation and me(Kat)!

SIGN UP

July 2nd: PEACE- Tom and Lynn Gaun

July 9th: PATIENCE- Kris Simmons

July 16th: KINDNESS- Kathy and Joe Hlavaty

July 23rd: GOODNESS- Pastor Jim

July 30th: SELF CONTROL-????

August 6th: GENTLENESS-????

August 13th: FAITHFULNESS- Kat W.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS



Daytime VBS

Hosted by PALM

at Trinity Lutheran

Wednesday, July 9 at 1 PM – Teacher Training ****PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE**** All volunteers are strongly encouraged to attend this important training session.

Sunday, July 13 starting at 11 AM (or as early as you can!) –All-Hands-on-Deck Decorating Day Let's transform the space and bring VBS to life!

VBS at Trinity is supporting "Tails of Valor" in Coopersburg PA as their service project.

Tails of Valor® is dedicated to providing rehabilitation through non-medicinal therapies for those Veterans, Law Enforcement and Emergency Personnel diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Evening VBS

Hosted by PALM

at St. Luke Ferndale

Sunday, July 6th After St. Luke Ferndale's service Planning meeting

VBS



PALISADES AREA
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

PALM

Regular church services will
be closed to support the
PALM Unity Service.

Heartfelt Thank you to everyone who completed our
survey several weeks ago! Your input helped consider
the wishes of each PALM congregation as we continue
to review the cooperation of the PALM churches.

Sunday, August 17th

***PALM UNITY
SERVICE***

AT NOCKAMIXON PARK!

**FEATURING BISHOP
BRYAN PENMAN**



BREAKFAST---SERVICE---LUNCH

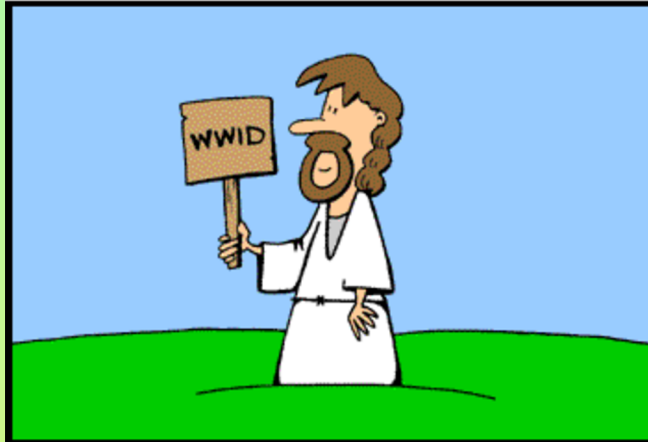
**9AM
PROVIDED BY
PALM**

**10AM
LAKE NOCKAMIXON
PAVILLION 1**

**BRING YOUR
OWN
LUNCH!**



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Bible



Family Match

MATCH THESE POPULAR BIBLE PERSONS WITH THEIR PARENTS. MOST CORRECT ANSWERS WINS

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ 1. KING DAVID | A. ZACHARIAS AND ELIZABETH |
| _____ 2. JOHN THE BAPTIST | B. MANOAH |
| _____ 3. ESTHER | C. TERAH |
| _____ 4. SAMSON | D. MARY AND JOSEPH |
| _____ 5. ABRAHAM | E. ADAM AND EVE |
| _____ 6. JOSEPH | F. LABAN |
| _____ 7. JACOB | G. JACOB AND RACHEL |
| _____ 8. BATHSHEBA | H. ELKANAH AND HANNAH |
| _____ 9. JESUS CHRIST | I. ISAAC AND REBEKAH |
| _____ 10. RACHEL | J. ELIAM |
| _____ 11. MARY | K. JOACHIM AND ANNE |
| _____ 12. KING SOLOMON | L. ZEBEDEE AND SALOME |
| _____ 13. SAMUEL | M. ABIHAIL |
| _____ 14. CAIN | N. JESSE AND NITZEVET |
| _____ 15. JOHN | O. KING DAVID AND BATHSHEBA |

JOKES:

1.) What kind of car would Jesus drive?

2.) What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?



Joke Answers

1.) A Christler

2.) Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Joy

V	Z	E	H	P	W	F	V	D	K
X	U	X	A	E	L	A	U	G	H
S	J	S	P	A	E	P	C	S	R
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J	Y	I	Y	E	A	O	N	E	J
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Y	Z	X	F	P	F	H	X	T	K

Peaceful	Content	Delight	Rejoice
Joyful	Jesus	Enjoy	Happy
Laugh	Smile	Joy	