

Big News in April

- Don't forget - Maundy Thursday Service (4/1) is at Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. 212 in Pleasant Valley at 7:30 PM
- April 4 - Easter Services at 6:30 and 10:30 AM
- April 11 - New Church Council members will be installed
- Sunday, April 18- First Holy Communion
- April 24 - Helping Hands Day

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The New Day the Lord has Made

Pastor David Deal

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

We hear and repeat these words often at Sunday and other worship services. Of course, God has made every day. But **Sunday** - Sunday is the special day that God has made. And **Easter Sunday - EASTER DAY** - is the great day of days God has made. Our words are louder and fuller with faith and joy. For on the day of Resurrection = Easter Day - God raised from the dead the one who was put to death by execution, "by hanging him on a tree." Jesus, the Son of God, died for each and every one of us and for every single human being. In fact, Jesus died and was raised for the whole creation.

This day, this Sunday, this Easter Day begins a new life, a new creation. Sin and evil, violence and war, guilt and shame, and death have been overshadowed by the Resurrection of God's Son - for us!

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Christ is risen! Alleluia! You are invited to join the community of rejoicing on April 1, 2, and 4 of this year. *(see schedule below)*

You are invited to gather with the church for the THREE DAYS - days of Sacrifice, Redemption, and Resurrection

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy or Holy Thursday
7:30 PM Joint Service of Holy Communion with Trinity, Pleasant Valley, at Trinity
(Trinity Lutheran Church, on Rt. 212, west of Springtown)
The service will include readings, prayer, foot-washing, joint choir music, and the Sacrament of the Altar.

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday
7:30 PM Joint Service of Holy Communion with Trinity, Pleasant Valley, at
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Durham
The service will include Passion Reading from John's Gospel, Bidding Prayer, joint choir music, and Meditation on the Cross.

NOTE: The offering for Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be cash or check offering for Haiti Earthquake Relief

Easter Sunday, April 4 - Resurrection of Our Lord -
6:30 AM Sunrise Service - candles, special readings from the Vigil of Easter, and Communion

7:30 AM Easter Breakfast (not a Continental)
10:30 AM Festival Service of Holy Communion with leadership by the choir, children's sermon, and Sacrament of the Altar

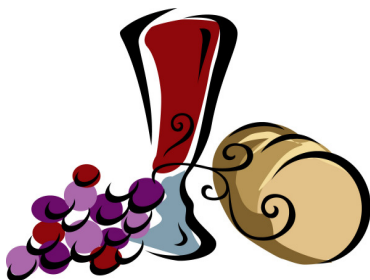


Congregational Highlights in April

- April 1 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 PM at Trinity, Pleasant Valley
- April 2 Good Friday Service of Lessons and Prayer at Durham at 7:30 PM
- April 4 - Easter Day worship at 6:30 AM Sunrise Communion and 10:30 AM Festival Communion, with an Easter Breakfast at 7:30 AM. No Sunday School on Easter!
- Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 PM - Finance Committee meeting
- April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter - our Church Council is installed at 10:30 worship
- Tuesday, April 13 at 7:30 PM - Church Council Meeting
- Sunday, April 18 - First Holy Communion at 10:30 worship
- Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM - Care-A-Lot School Board Meeting
- Saturday, April 24 - Helping Hands Day for youth, starting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton
- Saturday, April 24 - Upper Bucks Conference WELCA Spring gathering at Christ, Trumbauersville

Looking ahead:

- Sunday, May 2 - Care-A-Lot Sunday - Celebrating or ministry to and with the preschool children and their families



"SHED FOR YOU..."

Council Corner

Having a few days to think about my position as your new Council President, there was one question I kept asking myself. What will be some of the hurdles, challenges, joys and celebrations we at Durham will face this year? In the past three years serving on church council, I witnessed many things happening here at Durham. With God's guidance and our past-president, Lynn Gaun, and other council members and you at Durham, we took each challenge that came down the road and handled it. We learned to work together, sometimes learning to agree to disagree, but in the end things were accomplished and our church grew and became stronger. We had the steeple repair, roof repairs, new windows, offering the sacrament of Holy Communion more, growing Sunday School, introducing the Sparks Bible to the Care-a-lot and Sunday School children and many more positive and exciting accomplishments. Remember when we began talking about replacing the windows – the #1 concern was how we are going to pay for them. Ken Anderson reported at our council meeting that 83% of our goal has been reached. This is the Holy Spirit working here at Durham and you, our caring members.

So, getting back to my original question. I guess the scary part is what are the challenges and hurdles going to be. God knows what the future holds for us at Durham and if we all continue to work together and look to God for guidance and strength, he promises us he will not give us more than what we can handle and he will always be there with us. I look forward to our joys and celebrations outnumbering our challenges and hurdles.

I pray that we work together with all our groups here at Durham and continue to move forward in a positive and open minded direction and to remember our main reason for being here is to spread God's word (Matthew 28:19-20) and to love one another (John 13:34-35). Also, let us remember in prayer the nine children that will be taking their First Holy Communion on April 18, the youth of our congregation and our Care-a-lot children and their families. They are the future of the Christian church.

Your sister in Christ,
Barb Naska

Council Highlights from March Council Meeting:

1. We welcomed Sue Kehler on Council. Sue will be our liaison for Care-A-Lot.
2. Val McGinn agreed to serve a 3-year term on Council.
3. For the month of February there was no borrowing of money from other accounts to pay bills.
4. Labor Law Notices will be posted downstairs in the church.
5. Nine children will be making their First Holy Communion on April 18th.
6. We have met 83% of our goal for the window fund.
7. Prospective care taker for the property connected to church parsonage. Guidelines need to be set in place.

New officers for 2010-2011 are as follows:

President – Barbara Naska	Treasurer – Benjamin F. Naska
Vice-President – Norma Fox	Financial Secretary – Ken Anderson
Secretary – Beth Ross	

Please pray for all our congregational leaders as we press ahead with God's mission.

Happenings in the Life of the CHURCH ...

Outreach - Helen Dungan

Prayer Ministry: There will be a prayer breakfast on Saturday May 1 from 9-11 in the church fellowship hall. All members of the prayer chain are asked to attend as well as any member of the congregation who is interested. We will update our pray list and pray for each person on it.

Food Ministry: Please continue to support our local food banks either by bringing individual donations of food or donating a food basket for the altar. The need is great.

Evangelism: Those who attended Pastor Moss session on People Spots will be meeting to review his suggestions and to evaluate our progress in instituting them. The cluster is investigating a follow up with additional ideas and help; but first we need a self evaluation and maybe some goal setting.



** Missing **

Have you seen the church's food processor? It was last used at the beef roast. Also missing is one of our 30 quart soup pots. If you have seen either, please let Helen Dungan or Lynn Gaun know.



During our March meeting we distributed the funds raised by the soup suppers and decided to again sponsor **Blanket Sunday** on Mothers' Day and **Tool Sunday** on Fathers' Day. Money collected will go to Church World Service to help victims of disasters. Please consider honoring your Mother or Father while helping someone in distress. Because they buy in quantity, Church World Service can purchase a blanket for \$5.00; but any donation is appreciated.

WELCA ~ Helen Dungan



Barbara Naska is leading our April program dealing with **Foods in the Bible**; she and Helen Dungan will be offering some samples as refreshments. **Be brave and join us!**

Upper Bucks Women of the ELCA will meet on Saturday April 24th at Christ Lutheran Church Trumbauersville. Registration begins at 8:30, breakfast will begin at 9:00. Our program is a hymn sing so if you enjoy singing, please join us for a fun morning. We are collecting materials for health kits as part of the program (the recent disasters have really depleted supplies). An offering will be taken which will be split between the Quakertown food pantry and WELCA.

Health kits include:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels),
- One washcloth,
- One wide-tooth comb,
- One nail clipper (not emery board),
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper),
- One toothbrush (in original packaging),
- Six standard size Band-Aids®

January soup receipts	-- \$1,147.25
February soup receipts	-- \$1,045.05
Total soup receipts	-- \$2192.30
Donations for Haiti relief	-- \$81
WELCA rounded up the figure to	-- \$2300

which was distributed as follows:

- Lord's Pantry (Upper Bucks Food Bank) \$600
- ProJeCt Easton Food Bank \$600
- World Hunger Appeal \$500
- Riegelsville Meals on Wheels \$200



Soup Suppers

Palisades Cluster News - Helen Dungan

Bear Creek Day Camp is coming June 28-July 2. The camp is for students who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade. We discussed logistics including housing for the counselors, costs, advertising, and subsidizing families with more than one camper.

Parish Nurse – implementation work continues; a presentation is being developed which will be presented to each congregation hopefully this summer; and grant opportunities are being investigated. The goal is to be up and running by January 1, 2011.

Evangelism: The bulk of the meeting was a lively discussion of our outreach to unchurched members of our communities. There was consensus that we are not doing a good job; a sense that Lutherans are not good at sharing their faith or inviting their friends or neighbors to join them at church; that training in witnessing is needed. There was also concern that to do this we need to be open to change; and that is a problem for many (if not all) of us.

We are going to continue this discussion and look into more training and help. We also want to look at part two of our evangelism goal – to energize our individual faith lives. We will continue the discussion at our next meeting to be held on 6:30 May 16th at Christ Springtown.

Lutheran Night at the Phillies

Attention all Phillies Phans! Lutheran night at the Phillies is scheduled for Friday night, June 4, at 7:05 when the two-time NL champs take the field against San Diego.

A portion of the cost of each ticket will be donated to support Synod youth ministries. Please use the order form below to ensure that we get credit for your purchase.

Hurry, the deadline is May 4th. Speak to Pastor Deal if you are interested in carpooling or riding a bus sponsored by another Lutheran church in this area..



Phillies vs. Padres June 4, 2010 @ 7:05 PM	Pavilion @ \$33 (206-211)	Terrace Deck @\$26 (412-429)	Processing & Handling Fee \$6.00 per order	Total Amount Enclosed
Number of Tickets			\$6.00	

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GROUP NAME _____

Clip and mail this form to:
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 E-mail: luthnix@phillies.com

	1 (Maundy Thursday - at Trinity, P.V.)	2 (Good Friday, at Durham)	4 <u>6:30 AM</u> 10:30 AM	11	18	25
Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant			Corinne Ashmore	Michaela Segreaves	Morgan Segreaves	Sharron Streletz
Greeter(s)		Esther & Bob Crouse	<u>Miriam Anderson</u> Kim & Doug Litzenberger	Gene Gribbin	Virginia Hager	Cathy Mueller
Lector(s)	Tom Gaun	Several from Durham, several from Trinity	<u>Mark Harwick</u> TBA	TBA	Gladys Nicholas	Jayne Miller
Council Communion Assistants			Ken Anderson, Norma Fox, Sue Kehler,	Norma Fox Sue Kehler	Norma Fox, Sue Kehler	Norma Fox, Sue Kehler
Altar Guild	Barb Naska and Beth Ross					
Head Usher	Althea Crouse					
Counters	Ken Anderson and Norma Fox, Sue Kehler					

	April Birthdays		April Anniversaries
8	Bob Erceg	6	Clarence and Norma Fox (52nd)
		9	Manfred and Elfriede Marschewski (55th)
13	Phyllis Lanshe	16	Frank and Joan Mammana (44th)
	Ben Naska (senior)		
19	Matthew Crouse		
20	Karen Rilling		
21	Jayne Miller		
25	Harold Nicholas		

God of reconciliation, we pray for people around the world who face conflict and violence on a daily basis. In the midst of instability, insecurity, and the perpetual risk of injury and death, we ask that you would strengthen them. Bring peace to their regions and bring reconciliation between enemies. With you all things are possible, and in this truth we hope for shalom. Let it be, Lord. Amen.



Please speak to the pastor before the service if you have someone you would like him to lift up in prayer. To place someone on the Prayer List, call the Church Office. For urgent prayer needs, start the Prayer Chain by calling Virginia Hager. Please make updates to Prayer List in the Narthex on the condition of anyone you've placed on the list. If you are on the Prayer List and are ready to be removed, please let us know!



THANK-YOU . . .

Norma Fox would like to thank Pastor and all her friends for the many acts of kindness since her fall on Thursday, March 4th:

- the Angels who were at the scene and held her hand, got ice, and called 911
- the Angels who showed up at her door with casseroles after she arrived home from the hospital
- the many prayers, cards, and telephone calls that helped keep her in spiritual faith
- and the Angels who spent time with Clarence while she was in the hospital or having tests so her mind could be at peace. Norma writes, "We love you all and May God bless you always as He has blessed us."





Care-A-Lot News

April is almost here and the Care-A-Lot children will be returning from their spring break to a busy month. We will gather for our weekly Church Chat this month, to listen to Pastor's lessons about Easter, "The Empty Tomb" and "Jesus is Alive and

Always with us".

April is also tool month. We will be learning about the origin of tools, from the wheel and pulley to tools of today. Also this month we will be celebrating Earth Day. We will learn about ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle, and will be cleaning up our own corner of the earth at Care-A-Lot on community day.

Mark your calendars as our communities will be getting together for our annual event entitled "Care-A-Lot Sunday." Care-A-Lot Sunday will be May 2 this year, and it will be here before you know it! All Care-A-Lot children and families are invited, and we are looking forward to sharing a very special service together. The children will also sing a few songs for the congregation.

Happy spring,

Love, Mrs. Heinemann, Mrs. Hower, Mrs. Prudish

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FINANCIAL NEWS

January 2010 Treasurer Report

	January	YTD 2010
Total Income	\$9,041.72	\$9,041.72
Total Expense	\$9,099.02	\$9,099.02
Net Shortfall	\$ (57.30)	\$ (57.30)
Loans	\$ 0	\$ 0
<i>(from Improvement Fund into General Fund)</i>		

February 2010 Treasurer Report

	February	YTD 2010
Total Income	\$7,797.81	\$7,797.81
Total Expense	\$8,665.41	\$8,665.41
Net Shortfall	\$ (867.60)	\$ (867.60)
Loans	\$ 0	\$ 0
<i>(from Improvement Fund into General Fund)</i>		



How about another group outing to see the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs? Our first group had a blast last year—with more than 30 attending. 20 are needed for a special group rate of \$9 per ticket, which includes a \$2 per ticket credit toward concessions or souvenirs. We haven't picked a date yet.

Please contact Ben Naska at 610-346-9395 or by e-mail at bnaska@yahoo.com to let him know if you're interested. Iron Pigs games are a very family-friendly outing for all ages.

**Welcome to the Lord's Table - First Holy Communion - April 18, 2010 –
for Alaina Apgar, Austin Apgar, Jocelyn Frey, Matthew Mueller, Aubrey Segreaves, and Scott Segreaves**

First Holy Communion is the moment when a promise and gift granted at Baptism is re-given in a new way. The essence of first communion is to participate in the sharing of the bread (the Body of Christ) and the cup (the Blood of Christ) at Christ's table of grace. On April 18, we will celebrate this profound spiritual experience with the nine young people listed above and their families. When they were baptized, God made them a part of the family we call the church. As they grew, they learned about their heavenly Father and what it means to be a part of this family. They learned to love others from Jesus, who loved everyone so much that he gave his life for us on the cross. They have learned how in sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again on that first Easter Day. They have also learned how eating the bread and drinking the wine makes us one with him and brings us closer to each other. These nine sisters and brothers in Christ have expressed their desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's table. We pray that they and all of us may remain faithful to Christ and to his holy Church, finding joy and strength in his body and blood, signs of his love for the world.



A hymn by Miriam Therese Winter

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.
O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more and all but love will cease.

Journeys Through Grief

Grief is a dynamic process of learning how to live, feel and heal in the midst of loss or death. Often when we have suffered a significant loss of another person, we may feel stuck in our grief journey. No one should have to face grief alone. Lutheran Congregational Services offers a six-week series of workshops, in which you will learn about the stages of grief and explore the feelings you may have about the loss of a loved one you have encountered in your own life.

**Tuesdays, 10:30 A.M. - Noon, April 13 through May 18
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
610 Berwick Street, Easton PA 18042**

Registration is required, although there is no fee to participate thanks to the generosity of Ashton Funeral Home, Inc., Finegan Funeral Home, and Strunk Funeral Home, Inc. To Register, fill out the form below, or visit http://www.lutherancongregationalervices.org/register_event.php?eventId=236&eventTypeId=5

Registration for 'Journeys Through Grief Seminar' (St. Paul's, Easton)

NOTE: There is no fee associated with this program.

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

For more information, or to send your registration form, contact:
Pastor Kerry W. Smart—Lutheran Congregational Service
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April 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM Festival Service of Holy Communion</p>	<p>5 No Preschool</p>	<p>6 9—11:30 AM Care-A-Lot Green Turtles 10 AM Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>7 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 7 PM Choir 7PM Finance Cttee.</p>	<p>8 9—11:30 AM Care-A-Lot Green Turtles</p>	<p>9 9 AM—12 noon Care-A-Lot Community Day</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM WELCA – Foods of the Bible</p>
<p>11 Second Sunday of Easter 9:15 AM Spark Sunday School Confirmation 10:30 Holy Communion</p>	<p>12 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales</p>	<p>13 9—11:30 AM Care-A-Lot Green Turtles 7:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>14 9 AM -12:30 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales 7 PM Choir</p>	<p>15 9—11:30 AM Care-A-Lot Green Turtles</p>	<p>16 9 AM—12 noon Care-A-Lot Community Day</p>	<p>17</p>
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