



In September ...

- Wednesday, September 8 -
CHOIR Rehearsals resume at
7 PM. New Members
Welcome!
- Sunday, September 12 -
RALLY DAY - Sunday School
at 9:15, Worship at 10:30
- FLOAT Back into Church -
Ice Cream Floats on Rally
Day!
- Sunday, September 19 @ 6
PM - Evangelism Workshop
at St. Peter's in Riegelsville.
- Tuesday, September 21
WELCA Dinner
- Sunday, September 26 -
Harvest Home

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HOSPITALITY

Pastor David Deal

Hospitality - welcoming - was a central part of Jesus' earthly ministry. He demonstrated it for his disciples by feeding the hungry, healing the sick, reaching out to the outcasts (tax collectors, lepers, Samaritans, and others). In all this, Jesus was extending the new life of the Kingdom of God to all.

As Jesus' followers in a 21st century world that often promotes isolation, loneliness, or rejection, we are called to a ministry of "hospitality." Thus it was that last year the Koinonia Conference (Upper Bucks) of our SEPA Synod, initiated a Hospitality Survey available to all 26 congregations in the conference, of which our congregation is one. Lay volunteers offered to visit a congregation where they were unknown to experience that congregation's hospitality, or lack of same.

On July 25, a Sunday on which I was on vacation and didn't know that we would be visited, a volunteer from Quakertown was our guest at worship. We were evaluated on greeting, our worship service, bulletin and hymnal, music, parking, signs inside the building, accessibility, condition of building, friendliness toward children, and fellowship. In each category, we were rated on a scale of 1-5.

During my vacation week, I picked up a piece of mail from the unexpected visitor. She returned the survey, and to my great joy rated us a 4 or a 5 in every category of hospitality. She concluded that it was a "lovely visit."

I am grateful to the congregation for your hospitality to that visitor and for your hospitality every week. I just thought you all should know that God is extending Jesus' welcome to all visitors through that hospitality.)

Let us continue to do what we are already doing well and improve where we can (parking signs, recycling containers, etc.) But let me place an even greater hospitality challenge before you this fall. Can you extend this hospitality beyond our church doors into your community - work, neighbors, and strangers? That is what Jesus called all his followers to do.

We are to bring friendliness, acceptance, forgiveness, compassion, and more to God's created children wherever we meet them. And when we can, why not invite someone to this worshipping community where they might receive the fullness of God's grace.

I'm glad we have been judged to be doing this "hospitality" thing pretty well. I hope we can grow in our welcoming as God sends us into the future.

On Sunday, September 19 at 6:00 PM at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville, you are invited to an Evangelism workshop to learn more about our call to touch people with the saving hospital of Jesus Christ. We are looking for 3-5 people to represent our congregation. Speak to me or Helen Dungan if you're interested.

Pastor David Deal

Beef Roast Figures:

about 170 people were served
(including unpaid children)

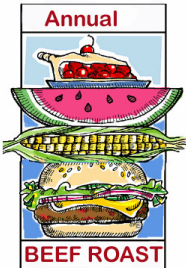
Income:

Ticket sales
(including takeouts) – \$1966
(this includes some donations)
Leftovers -- \$247
Total proceeds -- \$2213

Expenses –

Not reported yet.

This was one of our most successful Beef Roasts ever. It was very well attended on the nicest day weather-wise of the summer. What a great way to remember George Fox who started the Beef Roast tradition so many years ago.



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Council Corner

How was your summer? Was it relaxing? Enjoyable? Or was it just another ordinary summer? Summer is almost over and we will begin to get back to a scheduled routine in our everyday life. Kids will be starting a new year in school, choir members will be gathering on Wednesday evenings to practice music for Sunday worship, Council members will begin meeting every month to handle the business of the church,

WELCA will begin their monthly meetings and of course Sunday School will again return to 9:15 AM and the worship service back to 10:30.

This summer was no ordinary summer here at Durham. Our "Renew" Vacation Bible School was a huge success. What a fun week we had learning about plants, recycling, and taking care of the many resources that God has given us. Thank you to all our volunteers.

We also had a beautiful day for our Beef Roast. Good food, fellowship, an old fashioned hymn sing, and memories of the past as we dedicated this year's Beef Roast to George Fox. Again, a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way especially to Trauger's Farm Market for supplying all of the vegetables for the event and our co-chair people, Dave Sauter and Val McGinn. Job well done!

Mark your calendars – September 12th – Rally Day – "Float Back to Church." Spark Sunday school resumes at 9:15 and worship service will be followed by special fellowship with ice cream floats. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Lamentations 3:22-23 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Our church has been blessed with a substantial donation by an anonymous donor to the building fund to be used for repairs of the church as Council sees fit. Church Council scheduled a meeting in August to discuss the water/mold problem and flooring in the Sunday school/Care-A-Lot room. With the donation we received, Council decided to research the water problem by sealing/capping off drain systems that lead to nowhere and installing a permanent clean out for septic line in the utility room. Carpet will be ripped out and a commercial tile floor will be installed. The rear entryway to the Sunday School/Care-a-Lot room is being permanently enclosed with security doors. We will be addressing the trees in and around the parking lot. We had an arborist look at the trees. He suggested that the Norway Spruce come down and the Larch trees, which are not native to this area, can be salvaged by expanding the bands around the trees to give the roots more air and room to grow and by trimming the trees back away from the church building. After the bands are expanded the parking lot will be patched. Lighting on the steeple has been a continual problem. The lights are very old and need to be replaced. With this donation we will be installing new lights around the steeple. Hopefully by the time you get done reading this article, most, if not all of this work, will be started and at least the floor project will be completed.

Repairs and upkeep of the church building are on-going. We have been blessed and I am a firm believer that God answers our prayers. Council has been very busy addressing these problems and I would like to thank the Property Committee, especially Dave Sauter for his dedication, his time and effort and all of the phone calls keeping me posted on how things are progressing. Last, but definitely not least, a thank you to that anonymous donor. We have been blessed by your gift.

Psalm 126:3 The Lord had done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Next Council Meeting – September 14th @ 7:00 P.M.

Your sister in Christ, Barb Naska

Outreach - Helen Dungan

Harvest home will be celebrated on Sunday September 26th. We will have display stands on the altar for donated food (from your gardens or the grocery store). All food donated and all money contributed in the Harvest Home envelopes will be given to the food banks



Food banks: We are also starting a project of asking everyone to bring in **one food item per month** for the food banks. We realize that the cost of a food basket may be more than many can afford, but 1 food item per person isn't much and will certainly fill a food basket. September's item (as listed on the August wish list from Project Easton) is **CANNED TOMATOES**. We will collect the cans and at the end of the month divide our donations between the two food banks.

Project is also asking for brown paper grocery bags; if you have these would you recycle them to the church.

Food baskets: We also urge you to consider donating a food basket to commemorate a special occasion or to honor or memorialize a loved one. Flowers are beautiful, but they die; food gives life. The cost is \$25 (or whatever more you may want to give) and you can either shop yourself or delegate the shopping to Helen Dungan. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Evangelism: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19. How well are we doing in witness/outreach/evangelism? James Moss, Church Consultants, Harrisburg, will be attending the Palisades Lutheran Cluster meeting on Sunday, **September 19, 6 pm** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville, PA 18077. Pastor Moss led four seminars for the Cluster from 2004 through 2006, and gave our churches a set of goals for 2004-5. The Cluster gathering will include a review of these goals and sharing our outreach ministries. This is a blessed opportunity to learn from each other and Pastor Moss.

The September meeting of Women of the ELCA will be held on **Tuesday, September 21st at 6:00 PM** in the Church Fellowship Hall. It will be a **dinner meeting**, and what a dinner! It is our postponed and now expanded program on foods in the Bible. Come and taste foods you may only have heard about before (there will be enough innocuous food, so you won't starve.) We invite all adventuresome women of the congregation (and any of your adventuresome family and friends) to join us. In order to have enough food, we are asking for an RSVP on this meeting. Please let any officer (Helen Dungan, Gladys Nicholas, Barb Naska or Cleo Eck) know if you can attend.



~ Helen Dungan

On **Friday September 3rd** we are having our annual *clean the church kitchen* meeting. We will meet around 10 AM and finish hopefully around 12. Those who are free will celebrate with lunch together at a local restaurant. Need I say that any woman who is willing to clean is welcome?

PALISADES LUTHERAN CLUSTER

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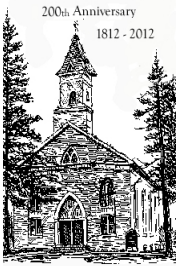
James Moss will also be preaching on Sunday, September 19 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at both the 8:15 and 10:45 am services, and all are welcome to worship.

CELEBRATING THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY --- Veteran's Day 2010

Veteran's Day is always on November 11th and Durham Church always tries to remember the veterans of past wars. This year we will also be recognizing those who are currently serving in our military forces, the veterans of the future. If you have a relative or friend currently in any branch of the armed forces and would like to have our congregation made aware of their service to our country, please send a picture in military uniform, if possible, to: Mrs. Cheryl Mesko, 3109 Funk Mill Road, Riegelsville, Pa. 18077 . Include their name, rank, military branch, current assignment and any other pertinent information. We are planning to celebrate their devotion to duty on Sunday, November 7th.



200th Anniversary Celebration!



As most of you know, we here at Durham Church will be celebrating our 200th anniversary in 2012. Normally it takes several years of planning to put together a great celebration, so I am looking for people who would like to serve on an event planning committee. Even if you feel that you don't have time for a committee, but you have some great ideas for our special event, please contact me. If you would like to be on this committee or have any ideas please write me a note and drop it in the suggestion box that is located on the table at the back of the church. If you need to contact me either see me after church or give me a call at 610-749-0217. Thanks in advance for your input! Love always, Lynn Gaun

Lutheran Disaster Response

OKTOBERFEST LDR 2010!

Support the work Lutheran Disaster Response on October 2nd at the second annual Oktoberfest LDR at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glenside! The event is from 2:00—6:00 p.m. and tickets are \$20 before the event, \$25 at the door. Have children attending? Pay \$10 each for the first two children between 5-21. Additional children in your family come at no cost. Oktoberfest also needs volunteers! Please lend your talents in the kitchen, at the beer tastings or at the games!

For tickets go to "donate now" at www.stpaulsglenside.org and to find out more about volunteering, contact Julia Menzo at 215-424-3741, ext. 203 or via email at jmenzo@libertylutheran.org.

Five Year Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina

"... but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." — Isaiah 40:31

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Sunday August 29th, 2010 marks the five-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina making landfall on the Gulf Coast. Across our country, and even around the world, there will be solemn remembrances as we keep alive the memories of the people and the places that were lost to that terrible storm. The passing of time cannot fully heal, but only lessens, the anguish and grief felt in the days that followed the disaster.

I encourage Lutherans everywhere to take time Sunday August 29th to remember in your worship and prayer all of the people affected by Hurricane Katrina. Please especially remember the pastors and people of the ELCA Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, the ELCA Southeastern Synod, and the LCMS Southern District who have served so faithfully in the five years following Katrina. The ELCA Worship and Liturgical Resources Unit has produced excellent worship resources to assist in these commemorations and has posted examples of prayer vigils created by congregations in the ELCA. To download these resources, visit <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Worship.aspx>.



I also want to encourage you to think about the five years that have passed since Hurricane Katrina. Living in an Easter world of faith and hope, we recognize that it is our response to tragedy, that which follows, that truly defines us. Indeed, on Sunday August 29th 2010 we remember the amazing things that have happened along the Gulf Coast since August 29th, 2005, which cannot be summed up or defined merely by a single day. . . .

. . . In these five years, since August 29, 2005, God has been showing us signs of help, hope and healing in these and many other ways. So let us remember together all of these five years, as we continue to accompany and comfort those who mourn, and in deep gratitude for the many signs of continued recovery.

In Christ,
Rev Kevin Massey, Director – Lutheran Disaster Response

	5	12	19	26
Youth Acolyte & Communion Assistant	Steven Streletz	Alaina Apgar	Corinne Ashmore	Michaela Segreaves
Greeter(s)	Harold Nicholas	Cleo and Ken Eck	Mark Harwick	Althea Crouse
Lector(s)	Joe Hlavaty	Beth Ross	Mark Harwick	Gladys Nicholas
Council Communion Assistants	Ben Naska and Val McGinn	Ben Naska and Barbara Naska	Ben Naska and Norma Fox	Ben Naska and Barbara Naska
Altar Guild	Barb Naska and Betty Fox			
Head Usher	Althea Crouse			
Counters	Ben Naska and Barbara Naska/Val McGinn/Norma Fox			



	September Birthdays		September Anniversaries
5	Bruce Crouse		
7	Bob Crouse (80th)		
8	Michaela Segreaves		
12	Bob Fox		
14	Barbara Naska	14	Karen and Hans Rilling (47th)
		21	Nancy and Frank Moskella (36th)
22	Don Seipt (82nd)		
23	Laurie Makowski	23	Nancy and Bob Fox (43rd)
24	Nancy Fox Mary Ellen Jonczyk Katie Aquino		
			
		26	Ben and Tanya Naska (11th)
		27	Cristina and Peter Kern (2nd)

NOTE: If your birthday or wedding anniversary has somehow been omitted, please contact the Pastor or add your name to the Birthday Calendar on the bulletin board in the narthex. We invite those who are new to our fellowship to add your special days to that calendar.

Congregational Highlights in September

Sunday, September 5 - Labor Day Weekend

9:30 AM - Communion, focus on labor and "vocation"

Sunday, September 12 - RALLY DAY - Float Back to Church - Regular schedule resumes

9:15 AM Sunday School

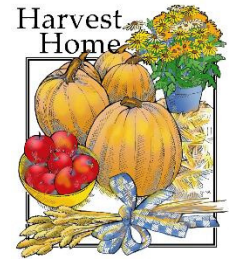
10:30 AM Service of the Word - Blessing of Teachers

11:30 AM Floats Fellowship - Ice Cream Floats outside on the lawn



Sunday September 19 - Sundays after Pentecost

10:30 AM focus on our role as 'managers' of all God has given us:
Our time, talents, and treasures



Sunday, September 26 - HARVEST HOME

10:30 AM Service of the Word.

Bring non-perishable canned goods and other food items for distribution to food pantries in our area.

Memorials

A memorial gift to the congregation in memory of **Dorothy Scholl** was received from Karen and Hans Rilling.

Gifts in memory of **Helen E. Nicholas** in the amount of \$430 were received from: Gerry & Don Seipt, Dorothy Peterman, Betty and Leo Fox, Gladys and Harold Nicholas, S. Grover, Ruth Holena, WELCA, Linda Sherman, Phyllis Lanshe, Cleo and Ken Eck, Verna King, Audrey Andrews, Betty Rinehart, and Lois and Jim Altemose.

Gifts to the congregation in memory of **George Fox** in the amount of \$1505 were received from Shirley and Dave Fenner, Ruth Behm, George and Betty Kreitz, Clarence and Norma Fox & Family, Linda and Paul Miller, John Ravier, Gladys and Harold Nicholas, Carole and Gerald Ulmer, Virginia and Ken Hager, Debra and William Filer, Irene Fleck, Elfriede and Manfred Marschewski, Lois and Jim Altemose, Marie and William Klotz, Roy Fox, Sr., Sandy and Dave Poole, Betty and Leo Fox, Ed Xander, Betty and Ken Helm, Williams Township Sportsmens Club, Sharon and Gerald Kunsman, Gary Kunsman, Janet Davis, Springtown Rod & Gun Club, Forrest Fox, Fran and Joe Chavar, Evelyn and Bob Newcomb, Harer's Hunting Camp, Inc., Dot Peterman, Gerry and Don Seipt, Richard Ellis, Donna and John Will, Joanne and Dave Antoni & Family, Holly and Jim Segletes, James Balliet, Judith and Richard Fox, and David, John, and Mac Slack.

Gifts to the congregation in memory of **Nancy Jean Xander** in the amount of \$1585 were received from Gery and Don Seipt, Betty and Leo Fox, Holly and Jim Segletes, Gladys and Harold Nicholas, Dorothea Gilly and Shirley, Janet, and Dot, Harer's Hunting Camp, Inc., WELCA, Carole and Gerald Ulmer, Joy and Rick Krager & Family, Gary Kunsman, Edward Pflugler, Jean and Tom Tone, David Metz, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Ihle, George Snyder, Edie and Al Comito, Ed Marchand, Sue Kehler, Betty Lou Decker, Ron and Anna Knoble, Dot and Bob Rader, Mueller's Country Store Restaurant, Nancy Hogan, Dr. Clarence and Dora Serfass, Dorothy Peterman, Esther and Bob Crouse, Mary and Tom Senior, Darlene Durns, Kathryn and John Clark, and Sue and Charlie Hermann.





Share the Harvest

a Philabundance program

Have extra vegetables and/or fruit? Carousel Gardens, where Miriam Anderson works, is a Share the Harvest fruit and veggie drop site. Donations for Share the Harvest are collected Saturdays from 8 till noon until the end of September. For information about dropping off your donations, please call Miriam Anderson at 610-724-7779. For more information about Share the Harvest go to www.philabundance.org.

Harvest Home Sunday - September 26

Bring non-perishable canned goods or other food to share at worship. The food will be distributed to 'The Lord's Pantry' in Ottsville and Project Easton.



RALLY DAY - Sunday, September 12

We resume our Fall Sunday Morning Schedule

- 9:15 AM - SPARK Sunday School returns, with exciting new Bible Stories, music, games, crafts, and much, much more!
- 10:30 AM - Service of the Word, with some special surprises
- 11:30 AM - Float Back to Church - Ice Cream Floats (Root Beer, Coke, etc.) We will enjoy our floats out on the lawn, weather permitting.



All parents and grandparents are invited to Sunday School on RALLY DAY!

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!



“¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

FOR HEALING: Clarence Berger, Mary Dungan, Norma Fox, Johnny Hesser, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Sue Kehler, Michael Kempf, and Silas Rodenbach.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Sergeant Jimmy Apgar (US Army, Alaska); Private Michael Hesser (USMC, Camp Lejeune); Ensign Randall Reichenbach (US Navy, USS Preble); Blake Rodd (US Army); Nicholas Squartino, (USMC, Parris Island, SC).



FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alexa Bailey, Vance Bowman, Lena Carafa, John Corliss, Pam D'Angelo, Rev. Harold & Miriam Deal, Virginia Fisher, Ezerett Frack, John Goodbread, Marie Gustafson, David Inscho, Seth Klinger, Carl Lindsay, Frank Mammana, Bob Manship, Uwe Marshchewski, Phyllis Monesmith, Dave Morrell, Carol Mutter, Elfriede Newcomb, Howard Pensack, Chase Pfeiffer, Chelsea Pursell, Ruth Sauter, Laurel Scheetz, Debbie Statler, Jack

Staub, Alex Ulrey, Sharon Walker, Todd Walsh, and Karen Wright.

FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Judy Barron, Ruth Behm, Madlyn Chasar, Virginia Fisher, Clarence Fox, Irene Fox, Jean Haas, Betty Hahn, Marcella Krager, Lillian Melchior, Evelyn Peterman, and Mildred Seifert.

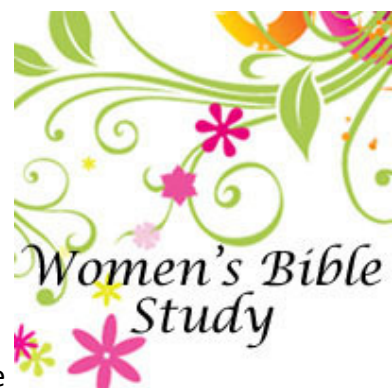
FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND/OR WERE CONFIRMED: Alaina Apgar, Austin Apgar, Corinne Ashmore, Jocelyn Frey, Matthew Mueller, Makenzie Naska, Caitlin Pyne, Jack, Pyne, Aubrey Segreaves, Michaela Segreaves, Scott Segreaves, Sharron Streletz, and Steven Streletz.

FOR JOY AND THANKSGIVING: Congratulations to Katy Miller and Stefan Palmer on their marriage on August 21.

FOR THE GRIEVING: The families of Nancy Jean Xander, Helen E. Nicholas, George Fox, and Dot Scholl.

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. We will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10 AM in the Church Office. This year we will be doing another in the Women of Faith study guide series called "Cultivating Contentment." This is the series we used two years ago, when the topic was "Encouraging Each Other." With the help of this guide and readings from the Bible, we will learn how to overcome frustrating disappointments, delays, and setbacks to find satisfaction in daily living. Copies of the book (\$9.99) are available from Kim Litzenberger if you'd like to pick one up before the first session. Each participant will receive a personalized tote bag to carry your Bible and book to and from Bible Study, so please RSVP to Ann (610-346-6020) to be sure there is a tote bag for you.



Something to think about . . . Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bibles like we treat our cell phones? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several time a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to kids as gifts? What if we used it when we travelled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go... hmm... where is my Bible? Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill. And no dropped calls!

(from our own e-mail maven, Norma Fox)

Care-A-Lot News



Welcome to the 2010-2011 Care-A-Lot school year! We hope you had a great summer! We are excited to begin a new year of making new friends, learning and having fun. Our theme for this year is "Helping Hands". The children in both the Green Turtle and Blue Whale classes will be learning what it means to be a helper at home, in our community, and in the world. We would love to have some Church helpers come to visit our classroom, too. Pastor Dave will be visiting the children on Wednesdays to share "God's Gifts" time with them.

We are very thankful to our Church "helpers" who assisted in replacing our floors to give our classroom a fresh look. As always, we are thankful to all of those who donate anything to Care-A-Lot. However, we would like to extend a special thanks to Sue Kehler, who donates books to us every year and who has allowed us to purchase area rugs and supplies to brighten the classroom.

In September, we will be learning about colors and numbers. We will also talk about friends and sharing as we see our old friends from last year and make some new ones.

We are very pleased to welcome our new teacher's aides, Mrs. Tanya Naska (Green Turtles) and Mrs. Judith Pason (Blue Whales). As always, we look forward to sharing our school year with you.

Love, Mrs. Hower

RENEW - 2010 Vacation Bible School - Bursting with Growth!

Thirty-three children, 10 youth, and 16 adults gathered the week of July 18-22 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville to participate in a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School. This year's title was 'Renew' and the theme featured seeds everywhere. The children planted flowers, vegetables, or fruit seeds every night. Each night we looked at a different aspect of Jesus' parable of the sower who went out to plant seeds -- everywhere -- seeds of God's love. Planting seeds is joyful but challenging. It requires a lot of trust in weather, other conditions, and ultimately our creator.

But, if you were to ask any gardener, they'd tell you that the good soil and growing seeds seldom just happen. They are the result of a gardener's hard work - weeds are meticulously pulled by hand, rocks and stones are painstakingly picked out, and hard dirt is tilled to create easy passageway for a root system. Good soil doesn't make itself good, it is lovingly prepared by its gardener. God does the gardening in creation and in our lives. And as seed of God's love are planted in us, we can be good caretakers of the soil and all its seeds.

All who attended VBS this summer watched God's gardening at work. The children's seeds already sprouted roots after a few days. Even more importantly, the seeds of God's love planted in them began to grow and spread. Rain, thunderstorms, even a power outage could not stop God's growth. A beautiful rainbow one evening was testimony to the message of Jesus' parable.

THANK YOU to Pastor Dawson, volunteers from St. Peter's, and their congregation for hosting VBS this summer. THANK YOU to the many willing volunteers from Durham who were such good spiritual gardeners.



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THE GREEN VBS™

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2010 SEPA Fall Gatherings:

October 10, 17 and 24

Join us for a tasty sampling of delicious morsels of spirituality.

Join fellow Lutherans for a tasting of ways to **form** faith, put faith into **action**, **communicate** your story and **equip** people for discipleship (FACE). The 2010 series of fall conference gatherings feature a full menu of experiences that you can take back to your congregation to kick your discipleship program up a notch or two.

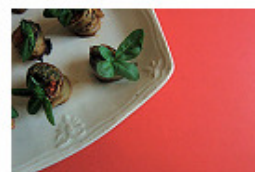


Food, music and fun!

3 opportunities to attend:
Sundays, 3:30-7 pm:
Oct. 10 - St. Luke, Devon
Oct. 17 - [LTSP](#)
Oct. 24 - [Trinity, Lansdale](#)



Appetizers: Each gathering will feature a variety of food, lively music and worship, and an inspiring presentation by Bishop Burkat.



Entrees: The main course of each event will be your choice of 10 samples of ways you can enliven your congregation's ministries. Learn more about the experiences [at our website](#).

Desserts: Each evening will be capped off with more music, a wrap-up from Bishop Burkat and closing prayer.

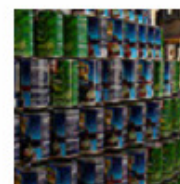


Gather a team from your congregation. There are three events in three locations so you can choose the opportunity that is convenient to your location and schedule. The price of admission is a non-perishable food item that we will donate to a local food bank. All events are open to everyone.



Featured Chef: Bishop Burkat will offer ideas on making sure your congregation offers a balanced spiritual diet to help your members and visitors grow.

Bring a can to share: Each participant is asked to put their faith in action by bringing a non-perishable food item to be shared with a local feeding ministry.



Need info? Contact your pastor or conference dean
OR check our website -- www.ministrylink.org/taste -- for more information and updates!



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
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God's work. Our hands.



- **From Ed Xander:** Many thanks to Pastor Deal and the congregation for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits while Nancy Jean was ill. Special thanks to the ladies who prepared on the funeral luncheon, it was just perfect.
- **From Myron Kressman:** I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and concern during my recent illness. I am back to farming full time, resting a bit more often, and hoping for a full recovery soon. God loves you and so do I.
- **From Althea Crouse:** Thank you to everyone for the many prayers and cards and to Pastor David for his visits and prayers during my surgery and illness. Thank you to everyone for caring. It means so much when you're not feeling well.
- From Frank Mammana: To Pastor Dave, the Prayer Chain, and my Church Family, Sincere thanks for all the prayers and well wishes regarding my farm accident. I felt that your prayers helped speed up my miraculous recovery.

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Pastor Deal	Openings & Community/World Site	Joan Mammana	Preschool
Lynn Gaun	Crafts	Val McGinn	Snacks
Tom Gaun	Shepherd	Ben Naska	Games
Jessica Lehr	Youth Volunteer	Tanya Naska	Preschool
Laura Helfrich	Special Guest Gardener	Barbara Naska	Music & Planting
Betty Kreitz	Snacks/Photographer	Ben Naska (Sr.)	Shepherd
Myron Kressman	Special Guest Farmer	Sharron Streletz	Youth Volunteer
Kim Litzenberger	Self-Activity Site		

A special VBS offering was collected all week to be split evenly between both congregations. The money we receive at Durham will be used as "seed" money to work on recycling or other ways to care for God's good creation as a congregation.

Thanks be to God for an exciting week of growth!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Project Easton food-of-the-month: CANNED TOMATOES</p> 			1	2	3 10AM - WELCA meets to clean the church Kitchen	4 Pastor's Day Off
<p>5 Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 AM - Communion 10:30 AM - Lemonade on the Lawn</p>	6 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (Church Office Closed)	7 9 AM Care-A-Lot Welcome Blue Whales	8 9 AM Care-A-Lot Welcome Green Turtles	9	10	11 Pastor's Day Off
<p>12 RALLY DAY</p>  <p>9:15 AM Spark Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Float Back to Church Fellowship</p>	13	14 Holy Cross Day 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM Ladies Bible Study 7 PM Church Council	15 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	16 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	17	18 Pastor's Day Off
<p>19 9:15 AM - Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM - Worship 6:00 PM - Cluster Evangelism workshop at St. Peter's in Riege Isville</p>	20	21 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 6 PM WELCA Dinner Meeting	22 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	23 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot	24	25 Pastor's Day Off
<p>26 Harvest Home Sunday 9:15 AM - Spark Sunday School 10:30 AM - Worship</p> <p><i>Bring non-perishable food donations!</i></p>	27	28 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 10 AM Ladies Bible Study	29 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot 7 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 9 AM - 12:30 PM Care-A-Lot		

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