

**Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Durham**

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to God's love.~

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This Summer

- Care-A-Lot Graduations - June 2 & 3
- June 4 - Lutheran Night at the Phillies
- June 19 - "Amazing Grace" Potluck Dinner and a Movie
- June 20 - Happy Fathers' Day!
- June 28- July 2 - Bear Creek Day Camp at St. Peter's
- July 18-22 - RENEW Vacation Bible School
- July 25-31 - Pastor Deal's first VACATION week
- August 7 - Annual Beef Roast in memory of George Fox
- August 22-23 - Pastor's 2nd vacation week

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EVANGEL Summer 2010

200+ by 2010 - Gospel Hospitality!

Pastor David Deal

"Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together ... praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved." (Acts 2:46-27, Today's English Version)

In case you weren't in worship on May 9th and missed my sermon, I issued a vision and a challenge to all of us at the end of the sermon. My vision was that this congregation might receive 200 or more new members by the end of our 200th anniversary year of 2012. I was inspired with that vision while reading about Paul's experience with Lydia and her family as recorded in Acts 16:9-15 - go to your Bible and read this passage! The Holy Spirit led Paul to the strange new territory of Phillippi in Macedonia (Greece) to share with Gentiles the Good News of Jesus Christ's saving grace for the world. Even though it was beyond his comfort zone, Paul and a few other early missionaries went. They met some women, including Lydia, who were open to hearing the Gospel. Lydia invited Paul and the others into her home where she fed them. She in her turn was fed by the Good News. Lydia asked that Paul baptize her and her entire household.

The Church of Christ continued to grow. It grew because of what I call 'Gospel Hospitality.' Gospel hospitality goes way beyond showing kindness and welcome to close family and friends. It involves shaking hand with strangers, offering our ears and our hearts to those who may be ready to hear the Gospel.

I said that if all of us took 'gospel hospitality' to heart, we could reach at least 200 new people by the end of 2012. That is my vision, now for the challenge. We all must be willing to allow God to take us beyond our comfort zones to those who have not heard or are not active in Christ's Church. You might be thinking, "How do I do that?" Let me keep it simple, with two simple instructions.

1. When you're at worship and you see a visitor or someone you don't know well, don't just stay in the same pew with the same people you've been comfortable with for months or years. Reach out your hand and heart to the new folks, helping them to feel comfortable. Then take some time to listen to their story of faith as you share yours.
2. Every one of us is involved in a web of relationships that is connected to scores or hundreds of people every week. That web includes immediate and extended family, neighbors, friends, employer and employees, club members, etc. it is probably safe to say that most of these folks you come into contact with every week are not active in a community of faith. Here's what I suggest you do. Talk with those in your web and find out if they have a church family. Invite them to worship with you, to "come and see" the Jesus of the Bible, of worship, of Holy Communion, and of Christian fellowship.

Imagine this - if every one of the 100+ active members of Evangelical, Durham reached out to just two new folks in the next two years, this congregation could receive 200+ new members. Is that crazy?

I'll be talking more with you about this in sermons, conversations, and future newsletter articles. Will you catch this vision with me? There is nothing more important we can do as disciples of the risen Lord than to extend this "Gospel Hospitality."

~ Pastor David Deal

From your Church Council
President -



- everyone who came out on April 24th to help clean out and organize the shed at the church. Job well done!

- Cheryl Mesko for overseeing all the little important details for Confirmation - the bulletin board display and pictures of our confirmands. Also to Val McGinn, Sue Kehler and Cheryl Mesko for organizing and hosting the reception for our newly confirmed sisters and brother in Christ.



Sunday, June 13
7:00 PM at
St. John the Baptist
RC Church
Route 412, Ottsville
Reception to follow

**Evangelical Lutheran
on the internet -**

visit our website:
www.durhamlutheran.org

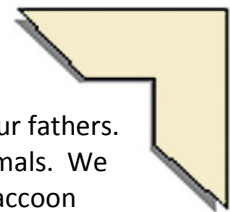
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Council Corner



A Father's Love - June is a month we honor and celebrate our fathers. I grew up on a farm in Williams Township with a lot of different animals. We had sheep, goats, cows, horses, pigs, chickens, rabbits and even a raccoon along with dogs and many, many cats. My father not only worked the farm full-time, he also had a full-time job at Bethlehem Steel in the Iron Foundry.

God took my father home to rest at a young age of 57. We had just visited my mother and father two days prior to celebrate their wedding anniversary and the last image I have of dad is him lying on his sofa in the dining room bouncing on his tummy my nine month old son. He was so proud of his grandson. My father was a quiet but stern man. He was a hard worker and provided well for his family. He was someone that did not show his love outwardly but we knew he loved us because he was always there for us.

Our heavenly Father's love is always there for us too! His love is unconditional and is always there even though at times we question as did Philip in *John 14:8* - *Philip said to (Jesus) "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."* Jesus said to him, *"Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"* We, as Christians, need to take and share God's unconditional love out into the world everyday. Let others know about this love that our Heavenly Father has for all of us by showing it in our everyday living, words, and actions. *John 14:12* *Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. John 14:15-17* *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (the Holy Spirit), to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.* Live everyday as God would like us to live as his faithful children.

Please pray for our four young people who just made their confirmation - Corrine Ashmore, Michaela Seagreaves, Sharron Streletz, and Steven Streletz. Congratulations to all our graduates from Kindergarten to College. Happy Fathers Day to all of our fathers, and a Safe and Happy Summer to all!

Your sister in Christ,
Barb Naska

Missing Church Keys

If you should have a church key in your possession with any of these numbers on it, please contact Barbara Naska (610-847-5853). Missing numbers are #1, #13, #14, #15, #19 and #23. Keys are numbered with a 206 on one side and another number between 1 thru 30 on the other side. It is a large key with a blue top that cannot be duplicated. This is why it is important that these keys are located. If you should have one of these missing keys, please call Barb or let one of your council members know. Thank you.



Summer Worship Highlights

Church Music Sunday, the last day of the regular worship schedule, will be June 6 at 10:30 AM. Our dedicated choir will sing several special numbers in our worship that day. The service will be followed by Lemonade on the Lawn.

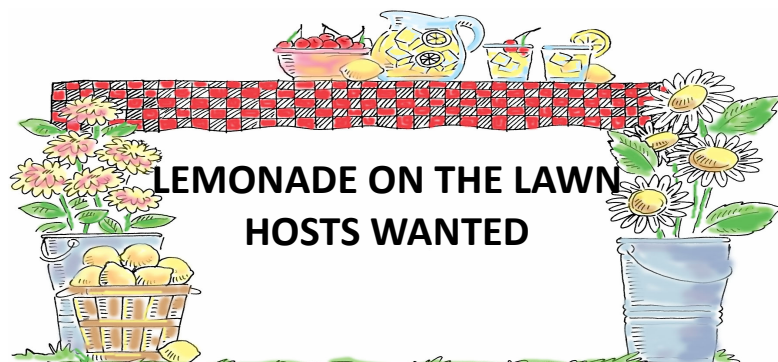
Summer Worship - The worship time changes to 9:30 AM on June 13th, and continues at 9:30 through September 5th. During these summer Sundays, Holy Communion will be celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. On all other Sundays we will use the Service of the Word.

Choose your Favorite Hymns - On June 6th forms will be distributed for you to list your favorite hymns. The most popular ones will be included in worship throughout the summer.

Preaching from Paul - Pastor Deal will preach each Sunday from the group of Second Readings - Galatians, Colossians, and Hebrews. Themes will include persecution and suffering, freedom, faith and grace, the law, the fruits of the spirit, forgiveness and gentleness, our new self, and mutual love.

Summer Small Group - Beginning Sunday, June 13th, we will meet on Sunday mornings right after Lemonade on the Lawn in the air-conditioned Fellowship Hall. Our subject will be the Book of Acts, an informal Bible Study that relates the message of the early church to our day.

We are looking for Lemonade on the Lawn hosts every Sunday from June 6th to September 5th. Weather-permitting, we will gather outside by the main church doors. Hosts bring a cool drink and light snack. A sign-up sheet for hosting is on the bulletin board in the narthex.



Congratulations! to Rachel Crouse, who graduated from Kutztown University on Saturday, May 8, 2010 with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. This summer she begins her coursework for a Masters Degree in Social Work from Marywood University (Lehigh Valley Campus). She will receive this degree in May of 2011! Rachel will also be doing therapeutic support work through the Valley Youth House in Allentown.

Congratulations to Rachel Crouse from her Durham Church Family!

Bear Creek Day Camp Summer 2010 - Keeping the Earth



Bear Creek Day Camp is an action-packed week-long adventure held right here in Riegelsville! Children who have completed grades K-5 will experience daily Bible Study, games, arts & crafts, environmental education, singing, and worship. This exciting and fun day camp program helps campers grow in their understanding of God, self, creation, and community.

Date: June 28 - July 2, 2010

Time: 9 AM to 3 PM daily

Location: St. Peter's Lutheran Church
305 Delaware Road, Riegelsville



for more information, contact Pastor Deborah Dawson
610-749-0830 or stpeterschurch@verizon.net

Bear Creek Day Camp Registration Forms are available in the Narthex,
or on our church website www.durhamlutheran.org



Care-A-Lot Preschool Night at Dairy Queen



TUESDAY, JUNE 1st from 5-8 PM
at the DQ located on 25th Street in Easton

Come on out and have some good food and ice cream - 10-25% of sales will go to the Kathy Hlavaty Scholarship Fund at Care-A-Lot Preschool.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

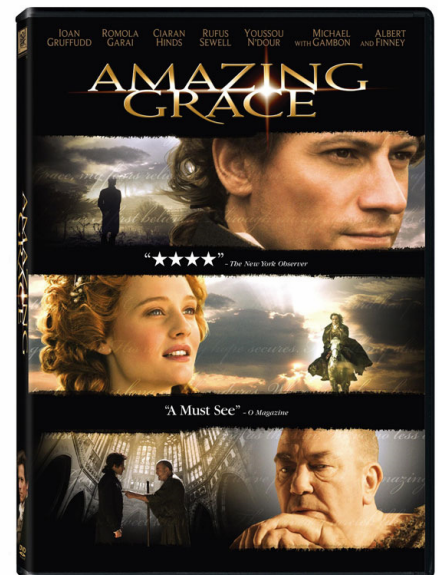
SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT -- "AMAZING GRACE"

Saturday, June 12 - Pot-luck Dinner at 6:00 PM, movie at 7:00 PM

"Amazing Grace" is a powerful movie of faith and fortitude, dealing with the injustice of slavery. The movie is recommended for high school age kids and adults. We'll begin the evening with a Potluck Supper. If you plan to come, please call or e-mail the Church Office so we can set you a place!

FREE DRIVE IN MOVIES AT CHRIST'S LUTHERAN in TRUMBAUERSVILLE

On Friday evenings in the summer, starting on June 11, Christ Lutheran Church, at One Luther Lane in Trumbauersville, will host a free drive-in movie. The movies start at dusk, and include such recent hits as 'The Blind Side,' 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs,' 'Julie and Julia,' and 'Up.' Check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or call Christ's Church Office at 215-536-3193.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

RENEW - The Green VBS
Sunday, July 18 - Thursday, July 22
6:30 - 8:30 PM at St. Peter's, Riegelsville

This year's VBS theme is "Renew" and focuses on Jesus' Parable of the Sower. It is an ecological Bible School, focusing on the care of the earth and recycling.

VBS is for all kids age 3 and above - Teenagers can help out! Registration forms are available in the Narthex and on our website, www.durhamlutheran.org.

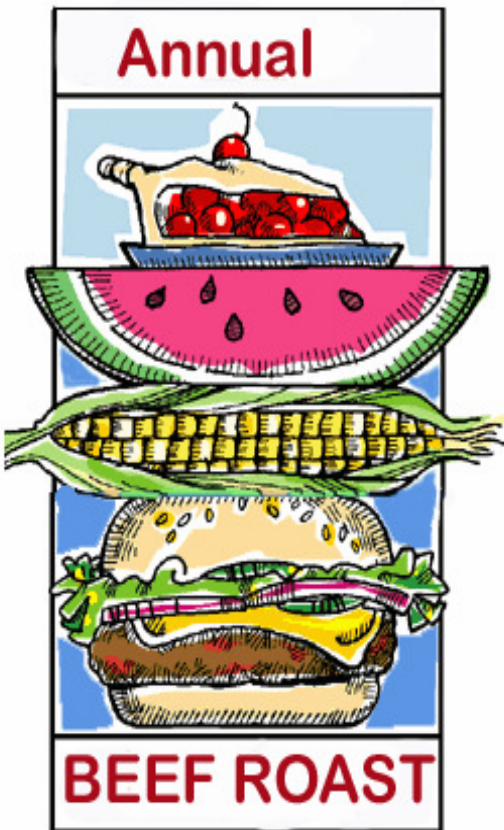


Summer Prayer Study - Helen Dungan is planning a three part study this summer entitled **Pray Always**. We will discuss the importance of persisting in our prayers and patiently waiting for God in prayer, and will seek to discover the power that is available to us as believers through the power of prayer. The three parts are:



- Part 1: Persistence in Prayer will be Wednesday June 16th at 7:00
- Part 2: Waiting with patience and hope will be Wednesday June 30th at 7:00
- Part 3: Power will be Wednesday July 14th at 7:00.

All members of the congregation (and their friends) are invited to attend; but I especially ask members of the prayer chain to try to come.



SAVE THE DATE -- Saturday, August 7 @ 5:30 PM

This year's Beef Roast will be held in memory of George H. Fox at the Springtown Rod and Gun Club. David and Linda Sauter will organize and coordinate the event this year.

As usual, lots of help will be needed to put on this locally popular and eagerly-awaited event. If you can help with

- publicity
- shopping
- desserts
- food prep
- serving
- clean-up

please let Linda and David know! **THANK YOU!!!**

SUMMER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

NOTE: All lectors TBA - You will be contacted by Pastor Deal over the summer with plenty of advanced notice if you are needed as a lector.

JUNE	6	13	20	27
Youth Acolyte & * Communion Assistant	* Sharron Streletz	Michaela Segreaves	* Steven Streletz	Alaina Apgar
Greeter(s)	Valerie & Paul McGinn	Virginia Hager	The Pyne Family	Betty Fox
Council Communion Assistants & Counters	David Sauter Beth Ross		David Sauter Beth Ross	
Altar Guild	Barb Naska and Serena Ashmore			
Head Usher	George Kreitz			

JULY	4	11	18	25
Youth Acolyte & * Communion Assistant	* Michaela Segreaves	Morgan Segreaves	* Sharron Streletz	Steven Streletz
Greeter(s)	Don & Gerry Seipt	Evelyn & Bob Newcomb	Valerie & Paul McGinn	Gladys Nicholas
Council Communion Assistants & Counters	George Kreitz Val McGinn		George Kreitz Val McGinn	
Altar Guild	Miriam Anderson and Beth Ross			
Head Usher	Ken Anderson			

AUGUST	1	8	15	22	29
Youth Acolyte & *Communion Assistant	*Alaina Apgar	Corrine Ashmore	*Michaela Segreaves	Sharron Streletz	Morgan Segreaves
Greeter(s)	Don & Gerry Seipt	The Ashmore Family	Joann Thaler	Joan Mammana	Manfred & Elfriede Marschewski
Council Communion Assistants & Counters	Barb Naska Norma Fox		Barb Naska Norma Fox		
Altar Guild	Barb Naska and Betty Fox				
Head Usher	Sue Kehler				

	Summer Birthdays		Summer Anniversaries
JUNE		JUNE	
3	Evelyn Newcomb	10	Tom and Lynn Gaun (15th)
8	Makenzie Naska	11	Scott and Lisa Segreaves (16th) Tim and Lynn Leichliter (22nd)
16	Althea Crouse Lisa Crouse	25	David and Donna Deal (33rd) Don and Mary Crouse (27th)
20	Leo Fox - 84th		
25	Hunter Frey		
29	Ben F. Naska Izabella Grzymala		
JULY		JULY	
3	Linda Sauter Lillian Melchior (91st)	6	Virginia and Ken Hager (47th)
4	Becca Anderson	21	Serena and Brian Ashmore (20th)
8	Helen Ballek (83rd)	24	Pastor David Deal's 33rd anniversary of ordination
11	Donna Deal Sara Deal		
12	Dave Helfrich		
17	Clarence Berger (87th)		
23	Jocelyn Frey Scott Segreaves (Sr.)		
28	Hal Roe		
29	Mildred Seifert (93rd)		
30	Corinne Ashmore		
AUGUST		AUGUST	
3	Peter Streletz	31	Kathy and Ed Haney
4	Manfred Marschewski		
7	Joan Mammana		
8	Paul McGinn		
10	Elfriede Marschewski		
15	Betty Fox (80th) Madlyn Chasar (89th)		
16	Judy Barron		
19	Lisa Segreaves		
29	Landon Frey David Sauter		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.
31	Lynn Leichliter Helen Dungan		

At the Prayer Breakfast on May 1, the members of the Prayer Chain discussed ways of making our prayers and our Prayer Chain more effective. The Prayer Chain was re-organized to be sure that all members receive prayer requests in a timely manner. The Pastor and Virginia Hager, Prayer Chain Coordinator, ask that if you request prayers for someone, please provide an update on that person on a regular basis (at least monthly). If your name is on our Prayer List, please let the Pastor, Virginia, or Ann know if you are ready to be removed from the list. We also revised and updated the prayer list.

PRAYER



If the name of someone for whom you have requested prayers has been removed and you would like them returned to the list, please notify the Pastor, Virginia, or Ann. If you would like to become part of the Prayer Chain, please contact Virginia Hager. All are welcome - as it says in James 5:16, *"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."*

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of prayer

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THANK-YOU . . .

- **Mary Dungan** would like to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes on her birthday.
- **The family of George and Irene Fox** would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during their gallbladder surgeries, and especially thank you to Pastor Dave for his dedicated visits. They would also like to extend their thanks to their church family for their cards and prayers on the passing of George. They thank the ladies who put together the lovely luncheon. They appreciate so much the effort by Pastor Dave on George's funeral service and the celebration of his life; so many compliments have come his way on the beautiful service.
- Cleo Eck would like to give a big thank you to Pastor Dave for his visits and prayers, thanks to the prayer chain for their prayers, and to everyone else who called or sent condolences on her Mom's death.



At our May meeting we discussed the issues of hunger and the inequality of our food supply; that 30% of Americans are overweight while people around the world are dying from hunger.



~ Helen Dungan

Esther Crouse shared some of the programs that Lutheran service agencies are doing; including introducing new crop ideas to family farmers who are now growing vegetables and selling their excess; she mentioned building a road so poor farmers could actually get their produce to a spot where there were customers to buy it. We talked about the need to help people improve their farming practices; but also the needs of those who have no land.

We also looked at what we do here at Durham and ways we could do more. The Biblical text underlying this discussion was from 1st John: 17-18: ***How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*** This is a powerful call to help even if it means sacrificing some of our extras to help those who lack the bare necessities.

Here is a challenge for us to try: Next time you treat yourself to a special treat (an ice cream cone or candy bar or whatever), add the price of it to your benevolence envelopes. Or the next time you buy treats (ice cream, or donuts or whatever) at the grocery store, spend as much as it costs on some food for the food banks. ***Show that God's love abides in you by your caring actions.***

During our business meeting we tried to agree on a place and time for our June meeting (traditionally we go out for lunch). The date Tuesday June 15th was agreed upon. Time and place are still under discussion; watch the bulletin.

All women of the congregation are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.

FINANCIAL NEWS

April 2010 Treasurer Report

	April	YTD 2010
Total Income	\$9,917.97	\$35,214.41
Total Expense	\$8,653.67	\$36,761.28
Net Shortfall	\$1,264.30	\$ (1,546.87)
Loans	\$ -	\$ -

(from Improvement Fund into General Fund)



Outreach

Food: There is a critical need for food at both food banks. **As you shop for groceries each week, please add an item to share.** There is a basket in the narthex for your donations. **If each of us brought 1 jar of jelly or 1 jar peanut butter or a can of soup or tomato sauce, we could be a big help in reducing hunger right here in the Lehigh Valley.** Please consider sponsoring a food basket this summer; a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Friendly Visitors: We will be having a lunch meeting after church this summer. Time and date have yet to be determined.

~ Helen Dungan



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In Advent, I invited you to dwell in words from Paul's letter to the Romans:

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. Romans 5:1–2a

This spring, as we gather for the 2010 synod assemblies, we are standing together in God's grace, but we are not standing still. Through God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is fully engaged in the mission of proclaiming Christ and caring for the world that God so deeply loves.

This journey together in Christ does not lead us away from difficulties: neither the earthshaking tragedy in Haiti, nor the discernment, disagreements and decisions of congregations and individuals, nor economic hardship in a global recession, nor any of the other challenges we encounter in communities and households.

Instead, in the midst of it all, God meets us in a renewing word:

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
2 Corinthians 5:17–18

This word, read during the Lenten season, renews both our identity and our calling. God has given us the grace to stand and to serve in a place filled with promise and opportunity. As the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, God's Holy Spirit is being poured out so that hope abounds and love fills our hearts (Romans 5:4–5).

Trusting that God's new creation is made evident in and through us, we rejoice that:

- Directors for evangelical mission are prepared, based in synods and ready to serve so that all ELCA congregations are growing as evangelical centers for mission.
- Synod-based partners in evangelical worship are being identified to assist congregations as we seek to be an evangelizing church centered in the means of grace.
- The ELCA's priority for developing new congregations continues. In 2009, 32 new congregations were planted, many in ethnic-specific or multicultural communities, among people living in poverty, and in urban areas. Camino de Vida, a new congregation under development in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a joint new start with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Mission Developer Jaime Guillermo Yela welcomed more than 400 people for the first worship service in December 2009.
- Leadership is the focus for young adults of African Descent who, in response to "Elisha's Call," are identifying at least 100 new young adult leaders within their communities.
- Creativity abounds through the Book of Faith Initiative as congregations and colleges gather around Scripture in coffee shops and pubs, in homes and in dorm rooms. In one congregation, confirmation students receive Bibles in which their parents, mentors, sponsors and pastors have already marked their favorite passages.
- Social media is playing a vital new role in connecting people to this church. The ELCA News Service transmits releases in real-time via Twitter (twitter.com/elcanews). More than 13,000 fans on the ELCA Facebook page (facebook.com/Lutherans) share stories, encouragement and prayers online. The Book of Faith site (www.bookoffaith.ning.com) has welcomed more than 3,300 participants into a conversation about the first language of faith.
- Generosity marks the ELCA's response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. In the first five weeks, ELCA members gave nearly \$5.3 million dollars, and more contributions continue to flow in. Lutheran Disaster Response works with our partners, The Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran World Relief, to meet urgent needs, including shelter, medicine, drinking water, food, sanitation and psychosocial assistance, in a commitment that will continue for years to come. Mission support, the portion of a member's financial offering that a congregation shares with its synod and the churchwide organization, provides the infrastructure that makes it possible for this church to apply 100 percent of every designated gift to disaster response.

Living in the hope of the risen Christ who is making all things new, we are moving forward in mission and are supported and encouraged by your synod's fervent prayers, generous financial support and evangelical missional imagination. I give thanks to God for your service in the mission and ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and for the time and resources you share with your congregation, synod and churchwide ministries. As we stand together in God's grace, it is my prayer that God's work will be served with our hands.

In God's grace,

Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"(Jesus) looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'" – Luke 21

In our lives, one very important scriptural value is generosity in response to all that God has given us. By highlighting a widow's offering Christ notes the importance of contributing out of poverty and out of abundance. He affirms our interconnectedness; everyone's gift, large or small, is necessary to the good of the whole.

We live this interconnection in our ELCA, one interdependent church with three primary expressions – congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization. Woven together, we share each other's joys and pain.

I know that this past year was financially difficult for many congregations and for some of you personally. That pain has been shared throughout the whole church. At the ELCA, some programs were ended and 40 staff positions were cut last year. The Synod, like our congregations and the ELCA, will continue to do more with less.

When we closed our books for 2009, the total partnership support from SEPA congregations was \$266,344 less than anticipated. While we are very grateful that 43% of our churches increased or maintained their partnership support in 2009, 47% of our congregations reduced their support of the Synod and the larger Church, and 10% of the congregations did not send in a gift in any amount. **This shortfall places partnership support at the same amount received in 1985.**

This is the context in which we will gather in Assembly to approve the 2011 budget on Saturday morning. I want to share with you some of the decisions behind the 2011 budget and our 2010-spending plan (reduced significantly from the budget approved last year).

- We have planned for partnership support for 2010 and 2011 to remain near 2009 levels, although we hope that giving will recover as the recession eases.
- We have left two full-time positions unfilled, leaving us with 25% fewer staff than in 2000.
- We have made reductions in all non-essential spending and travel.
- Grants and contributions to synodical agencies and institutions have been reduced by 10%.

Even with these economies, we expect to end 2010 with a deficit. But we are hopeful that together we can close this gap. We plan to stay the course as long as possible so that we do not have to make potentially damaging staffing cuts that will hamper our missional focus. Additional partnership support is essential and will allow us to navigate these difficult waters together.

It is important to note that partnership support currently provides:

- A. Grants and resources
- B. New mission plants
- C. Congregational renewal for mission
- D. Assistance to urban congregations
- E. Communications, youth and young adult ministry
- F. Equipping events
- G. Ecumenical activities
- H. Support to our seminary, seminarians, and camp
- I. Congregational access to expertise and experience from the gifted and faithful people who serve our congregations, synods and Churchwide organization
- J. Global and national Lutheran witness.

Sadly, these activities will have to be curtailed with the current reduction in partnership support.

The Synod Council, staff and I want you to know that prayerful discernment went into the budget proposal, so that you may consider it in the same manner. As in Jesus' time, we all contribute to the treasury. We will pray for the work we do in God's name together.

The Synod Council, the Synod Staff, the Deans and the Congregational Presidents and Vice Presidents and I pray for the health and well being of the Church of God in all her expressions. May our risen Lord continue to bless you in your proclamation and service in His name.

Claire S. Burkat

With and in Christ,



Report on the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod Annual Assembly - May 7 & 8, 2010

For two days, at the Franconia Mennonite Church in Telford, 600 clergy, associates in ministry, deaconesses, and lay leaders of all ages gathered to consider the mission of our synod. We worshipped and we heard reports. We celebrated the joy of God's amazing work on the territory of the SEPA Synod. And we talked about our challenges - chiefly now financial challenges for congregations, the Synod, and the ELCA.

Highlights included the opening Communion Service on Friday morning with the Bishop preaching and presiding. We were all also stirred by two Bible Studies led by Dr. Rolf Jacobson, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. His studies demonstrated to us the inbreaking of God's Living Word from Scripture into our lives. Yet that Word is not intended only to touch us and transform our beliefs. The Word intends to outpour through us into the world around us.

There were also elections to the Synod Council, other synod committees, and to the next ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Significant discussion took place regarding deficit spending by the Synod. Staff, programs, and other expenses have been cut about 10%; yet the Synod still finished with a deficit last fiscal year of nearly \$300,000. This was troubling to all of us in attendance. But the Bishop reminded us that we are all called to be Christ's Church in the world with whatever resources of money, time, and talent we have.

It is always both a humbling and exhilarating experience to attend this annual assembly. I realize how much broader the reach of the church is than just our local congregation. I enjoyed the time with the other attendees from our congregation, Lynn and Tom Gaun. I urge you to read the letters from our SEPA Synod Bishop Claire Burkat and from the presiding Bishop of the ELCA Mark S. Hanson, both of which are included in this newsletter (see pp. 10-11).

~ Pastor David Deal

NOTE: Complete coverage of the SEPA Annual Assembly, including the Bishop's sermon, photos, and video is available on the SEPA Synod website: <http://www.ministrylink.org/about-us/assembly2010/>

Benevolence, also known as mission support or partnership support, is represented by those four quarterly yellow envelopes in your 2010 offering envelope box. we can do more, brothers and sisters of Christ at Evangelical Lutheran. I hope you read the two letters from our synodical and ELCA Bishops on pages 10 and 11. If you do, you will learn how much the church is doing beyond our mission here at Durham. You will also learn that congregations are only giving to "Benevolence" the same number of dollars in 2010 that they gave in 1985. Could any of us live today in 2010 with the same income we had 25 years ago?

Benevolence

Each congregation of the Synod is challenged to do more. And we must look to ourselves. In 2009 we sent less than one-half the dollars we had sent in 2007 for "Benevolence." The leaders of our Synod made personal pledges of over \$11,000 over and above what they are already giving in offerings to their home congregations. We believe that God will move us to give lots more as well.

Last year we sent less than \$5,000 to the Synod. If you faithfully use YOUR yellow envelopes, we can give well beyond that \$5,000. Let us do our part for God's mission work everywhere!



Information about days off, summer schedule, etc.

1. Pastor's Day Off - Pastor Deal's normal day off is Saturday, unless there is a wedding or funeral. The pastor requests that you please respect his day off except in case of an emergency. If there is an event or another reason why the pastor has to work on Saturday, he will take another day off, usually a Monday or Friday.
2. How can I reach the pastor? Calling Pastor Deal's home office number, 610-346-8314, is the best way to reach him. During a busy week, there are some days when we don't get into the Church Office to check messages. The Pastor's home office answering machine is checked regularly throughout each day.
3. Should I bother the pastor? If it's an emergency, it's never a bother! Please contact Pastor Deal if you are going to be in the hospital, even just for a day or two, especially since hospitals no longer automatically call your pastor because of privacy laws. The pastor wants to know if you are in the hospital!
4. Church Secretary's Hours - The church secretary position is part time, based on 10 hours in an average week. Most of these hours Ann spends working at home. You should feel free to call her there (610-346-6020), especially during the summer when time spent in the Church Office is minimal. Please try not to call outside of regular business hours (9-5) unless it is an emergency. Ann's normal Church Office hours are on Thursdays from noon to 4:00 PM, but it is always a good idea to call before coming into the Office.
5. Summer Vacation - Pastor Dave and Pastor Donna are both taking vacation days the last full week in July and the last full week in August. Supply preachers will lead worship on July 25 and August 22. Ann will be on vacation from July 21 through July 28. If there is something you need while both the pastor and church secretary are away (July 25-28) please contact Barbara Naska (610-847-5853) or another Church Council member.
6. E-Mail and our Website - Since Pastor Deal does not use e-mail, any e-mail sent to the church address (evangel@durhamlutheran.org) is read by the church secretary. So, if there is something confidential you would like to share with the pastor, the best way to do so is by telephone. Periodically, we send out a group e-mail to inform the congregation about special events. If you are not on our e-mail list but would like to be, please e-mail the Church Office (evangel@durhamlutheran.org). The goal of our website, www.durhamlutheran.org, is to serve both as our public face in the community and as a means of communication among our members. If there is anything you would like posted on the website, please e-mail the Church Office. We are always looking for news, pictures, and events to post.
7. We ask for your patience and tolerance as we work out a schedule for cleaning the church while Norma is under the weather. If you can help out, please give Norma or Lynn Gaun a call.

THANK YOU!!!



Our constitution states that active church members must have at least one record of financial contribution and one record of communion annually. It isn't necessary to fill out a communion card each time you receive - once a year is fine!

June 2, 2010 at 6PM

Care-A-Lot Blue
Whales Graduation



June 3 at 9:30 AM

Care-A-Lot green
Turtles Graduation

CARE - A - LOT

Best wishes to Care-A-Lot teacher Kathy Heineman, who is moving on after preschool graduation. Check out the September Newsletter for info on Care-A-Lot 10/11!

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING _
Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM
The half hour from 7 to 7:30 at
June's Church Council meeting
will be a presentation from
Mary Hurley on Parish Nursing. Anyone who is in-
terested in Parish Nursing is invited to come for this
presentation.



Saturday, July 24 - Wedding of Fawn Blanco and
Jason Wolfe at 1:00 PM

Saturday, August 21 - Wedding of Katy Miller and
Steve Palmer

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DURHAM NIGHT AT THE IRON PIGS

A night of family fun!



Rochester Red Wings at Lehigh Valley IronPigs

Wednesday, June 30

Game @ 7:05 PM -- Gates Open @ 6:05 PM

COST \$9.00 PERSON - ORDER FORM BELOW

*Children 2 and under do not need a ticket if they sit on an adult's lap
(PARKING ADDITONAL \$3.00 PAID AT GATE)

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

TICKETS _____ @ \$9.00 each = Total Enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Ben Naska. Place this order form with payment in envelope marked Iron Pigs and put in offering plate. Or you may mail it directly to: Ben Naska 870 Durham Road Riegelsville PA 18077.

Tickets will be mailed back to you and are first come, first served. 30 tickets are available.



A Prayer for Our Troops submitted by Cheryl Mesko

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

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A Poem for our Memorial Garden written by Lynn Gaun



God's Garden



For although you are gone to a faraway place, knowing God's with you brings a smile to my face.

I know you're in heaven looking down from above, and enjoying "God's Garden" that's filled with His Love.

Though your memory lingers deep in my heart ...and my soul aches deeply since we are apart,
and the daily thoughts of our days gone still bring teardrops to me eyes.

But knowing God loves me and is always near, helps me to go on and dries up my tears.

I know when I visit this solitude place that some time I'll join you at the end of my days.

Till then I'll remember special times together during both sunny days and also stormy weather.

This garden on earth is small to compare with "God's Garden" in heaven when we all will be there.

His love will surround us and loved ones we'll meet, and the circle of life will then be complete.

HUMOR

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand. The guests in the front pews responded with ripples of laughter. Even the pastor smiled broadly. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride gave him back his credit card.

Smith climbed to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asked the Lord,

'God, what does a million years mean to you?'

The Lord replied, 'A minute.'

Smith asked, 'And what does a million dollars mean to you?'

The Lord replied, 'A penny.'

Smith asked, 'Can I have a penny?'

The Lord replied, 'In a minute.'

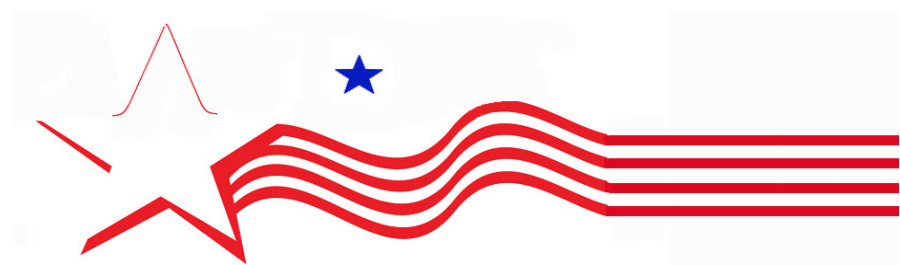
JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9 AM - noon Care-A-Lot's final Community Day	2 6 PM Care-A-Lot Blue Whales Graduation	3 9:30 AM Care-A- Lot Green Turtles Graduation	4 Lutheran Night at the <i>Phillies</i>	5 Pastor's Day Off
6 Church Music Sunday 10:30 AM Communion 11:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	7	8 7 PM Church Council Meeting - Parish Nurse Presentation	9	10 Barnabas, Apostle	11	12 6 PM Potluck Dinner and Movie - "Amazing Grace"
13 Summer Worship Schedule begins! 9:30 AM Service of the Word 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn 7:00 PM Palisades HS Class of 2010 Baccalaureate Svc. at St. John the Baptist RC Church in Ottsville	14	15	16	17	18	19 11 AM Memorial Service for Marjorie Boyer
20 Fathers' Day 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	21	22	23	24 Nativity of John the Baptist	25	26 Pastor's Day Off
27 9:30 AM Service of the Word 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	28	29	30	Bear Creek Day Camp at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville; 9 AM to 3 PM Monday-Friday. See page 4 for details.		

July 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Pastor's Day Off
	Bear Creek Day Camp at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville; 9 AM to 3 PM Monday-Friday. See page 4 for details.					
4 Independence Day 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	5	6	7	8	9	10 Pastor's Day Off
11 9:30 AM Service of the Word 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	12	13	14	15	16	17 Pastor's Day Off
18 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	19	20	21	22	23	24 1 PM wedding of Fawn Blanco and Jason Wolfe
	RENEW - Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville Evenings from 6:30 to 8:30, Registration starts at 6 PM on Sunday					
25 9:30 AM Service of the Word 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	26 James, Apostle	27	28	29	30	31
Pastor Deal will be on vacation all week						

August 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Holy Communion 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	2	3	4	5	6	7 5:30 PM Annual Beef Roast in Memory of George Fox @ Springtown Rod & Gun Club
8 9:30 AM Service of the Word 10:30 AM Lemonade on the Lawn	9	10	11	12	13	14 Pastor's Day Off
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