



VICAR'S PONDERABLES – MAY, 2025

A Note from the Vicar

In the beginning God created all things and declared, "It is good." As we live and learn through the Eastertide, we will hear how the disciples hid in fear in the days after Jesus' resurrection. Twice we will see Jesus appear in rooms of his disciples hiding behind locked doors. We will see him on the road to Emmaus and along the shore cooking some fish on an open fire. We will learn how the disciples turned their fear and doubt into belief and joy as their faith is renewed by the presence of a resurrected Savior.

Life on this side of the resurrection is not all that different than it was for the disciples all those years ago. We too find ourselves doubting and fearing in times of change and uncertainty. In these spaces, we lose faith and fail to recognize that our Savior is with us. As the days of Eastertide roll by, be encouraged. God's will is perfect and his plan is good! Everything we experience is part of his plan. Every detail of our lives.

We need to be like the disciples, turning our fear and doubt into belief and joy as we recognize the presence of a living God who is always with us so we can declare with him, "It is good."

Love, grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

Vicar Philip



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble to Perform on May 4th

The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble will present a concert in our nave on Sunday, May 4, at 3:00 p.m. Invite your family and friends to attend what promises to be an enjoyable and varied program featuring original compositions, transcriptions of classical literature, and arrangements from a wide array of musical genres. Their spring program entitled “The Storm Shall Pass!” will showcase such works as Jason Krug’s “Resounding Fury,” Cathy Moglebust’s “Thundersnow,” and William Payn’s “Prisms.” The concert will also include the world premiere of a soon-to-be-published original handbell composition by the group’s Associate Artistic Director, Bob Gardner.

Established in 2003, the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble is comprised of auditioned, advanced-level handbell ringers from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Ron Bellamy, a well-known local handbell choir director and solo ringer, the ensemble currently plays on six and one-half octaves of Schulmerich bells. Handchimes and a large number of percussion instruments round out their artistic presentation. A free-will offering will be received during the intermission to help defray expenses and support our ongoing Music at Jerusalem series.

As we continue to celebrate Christ’s resurrection throughout this 50-day season of Easter, a number of musical highlights have been planned for our worship during the month of May. Anthems to be sung by our Jerusalem Choir include “Praise the Lord” by George Frideric Handel (May 4), “The Lord’s My Shepherd” by Marie Pooler (May 11), “I Give You a New Commandment” by Peter Aston (May 18), and “Peace I Leave with You” by Luigi Cherubini (May 25). On May 11, the anthem is based on Psalm 23, the assigned psalm for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”). The texts of the two anthems scheduled for May 18th and 25th are based on verses included in the Holy Gospel readings from the Gospel of John. The following organ voluntaries will be offered as preludes and postludes: “Trumpet Tune in D Major” by David N. Johnson and “Christ lag in Todesbanden” by Johann Sebastian Bach (May 4); “Sheep May Safely Graze” by Johann Sebastian Bach and “Grand Choeur” by Théodore Dubois (May 11); “Trumpet Voluntary” by John Bennett and “Festive Trumpet Tune” by David German (May 18); and “Fugue in C Major” (“Gigue”) by Dietrich Buxtehude and “Fugue” from *Sonata No. 2* by Felix Mendelssohn (May 25).

May Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
May 4	Emma Miller	Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
May 11	Jean Slaymaker	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
May 18		J.D. Wissler	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
May 25	Brenda Fetter	Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		

VICAR PHILIP'S AVAILABILITY AT JELC

Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 4:30pm.
Call him at 717-725-3429 on those dates
if you would like to schedule an ap-
pointment with him.

ADULT FORUM MONTH OF MAY

For the month of May, we will be studying a faith practice
called Living Our Baptism...Five gifts of Discipleship. The
scripture will be on the book of Romans. Forum will be on the
following Sundays: 5/4, 5/11, 5/25. All are welcome to join us
at 9am. Also, feel free to bring your own bible. As always there
will be bibles available at the church.

PRIMARY ELECTION

There will be a Municipal Primary held on Tuesday,
May 20th. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Happy Mother's Day to all you
Mothers in our Congregation!
Enjoy your special day!



18th Annual Bake Sale



Sunday, May 18th

May means the Service Committee's Annual Bake Sale Auction.

A portion of the monies raised will provide 12 families with a bag of groceries at each of our three
Community Meals.

Please bring your favorite dessert for the auction.

The auction will take place before worship on 5/18/25.

If you have any questions, please speak with Joyce Burkholder (717) 733-9569.

See you May 18th at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for your continued support!

In Christian Love,
The Service Committee

May, 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Worship & Music Committee Meeting 5:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	2	3 Men's Bible Study 9am Zion Lutheran Church Manheim
4 Third Sunday of Easter Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion Concert at JELC 3:00pm	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Pictures for Joint Pictorial Directory at BULC 2:00pm - 8:30pm	7	8 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	9	10
11 Fourth Sunday of Easter Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion Mother's Day	12	13	14	15 June Newsletter Deadline	16	17
18 Fifth Sunday of Easter Bake Sale Auction 9:00am 10:30 am Holy Communion	19 Women's Bible Study at BULC 10am Council Meeting 7pm	20 Municipal Primary Election	21	22 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	23	24
25 Sixth Sunday of Easter Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30am Holy Communion	26 Memorial Day 	27	28	29	30	31



PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us pray for: Chrystine and Andy Anderson, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Jean Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Andrea Reynolds, Joe Stoyanovich and Toby Sweigart. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, the people of Israel & Palestine, those affected by recent hurricanes and wildfires.

Please call or email Vicar Philip Supeck if you would like a name added or removed from our prayer list.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1-Byron Miller
5-Zachary Frantz
8-Odel Anderson
9-Dean Carson
10-Brad Clubb
10-Jeff Schreiber
15-Brett Carson
16-Charlotte Scheid
18-Bradley Burkholder
18-Ryan Carson
27-Michael Fetter
30-Alicia Scheid



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rodney & Natalie Rhoads - 5/5/96
Michael & Susan Fetter - 5/11/02
Linda & Robert Nafe - 5/15/93
Odel & Chrystine Anderson - 5/25/58
Joseph & Shelby Hoover - 5/30/98



MAY ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM



Andrew Carson — 5/6/79
Roger Kurtz — 5/11/75
Daniel Volker — 5/11/80
Allison Clubb — 5/17/08
Chase Clubb — 5/17/15

Amanda Nafe — 5/19/94
Amanda Carson — 5/19/85
Laura Bowman — 5/21/67
Judith Frantz — 5/29/89
Rodney Rhoads — 5/30/54

May 4
Third Sunday of Easter
Year C
First Reading
Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm
Psalm 30
Second Reading
Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel
John 21:1-19

MAY 2025 READINGS



May 11
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Year C
First Reading
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm
Psalm 23
Second Reading
Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel
John 10:22-30

May 18
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year C
First Reading
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm
Psalm 148
Second Reading
Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel
John 13:31-35

May 25
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year C
First Reading
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm
Psalm 67
Second Reading
Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5
Gospel
John 14:23-29

**Congratulations to Zachary Fetter
Reading Area Community College ... Class of 2025**



Zachary Fetter will be graduating from Reading Area Community College on Friday, May 9, 2025. He will meet graduation requirements after successful completion of Spring and Summer Classes. He plans to transfer to Alvernia University where he will major in Theology. Wish him great success in his next adventure!

VICAR'S TIME AWAY

Vicar Supeck will be out of the office and unavailable during the following times. To request Pastoral Care during these times, please call the church office or Zachary Fetter at 717-572-5799.

Vacation – Monday, June 9, through Sunday, June 15, 2025

Seminary Week – Monday, June 23, 2025, through Sunday, June 29, 2025



Church Picnic with BULC

will take place on
Sunday, June 1, 2025
starting at 10:00am

The Heidelberg Brass Band will lead
us with the **Polka Mass**.



The Service will take place under the portico - weather permitting

Please bring a lawn chair for the service.

Picnic lunch will follow worship in the social hall.

Hot dogs, barbeque, baked beans and drink will be provided.

Please use the following guideline for attendance.

- Members with last names starting with **A-M**, bring a **dessert**.
- Members with last names starting with **N-Z**, bring a **salad**.
- We would appreciate for each family to **bring your own place settings**.

Games will be played.

If planning to attend, sign up in Narthex.

DON'T FORGET!

Invite your family, neighbors, and friends!

May Food Bank Suggestions:

- **canned fruit**
- **rice - plain white, brown, or flavored.**
- **cold breakfast cereal**



Items can be placed in the box near the elevator on the first floor - thank you!

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Recent wildfires have devastated parts of southern California. In an effort to reach out to our neighbors, we will be collecting money throughout the Easter season. Red envelopes will be available for donations; also, Easter envelope contributions will go toward this effort. Our contribution will be made through Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for your help to this ongoing recovery effort!

BRICKERVILLE EVENTS

"THE GIFT OF YEARS"

Woman's Bible Study held on the 3rd Monday each month thru June. Starts 10am at BULC.

AT THE TABLE - FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS

BULC will be hosting *At the Table*, a series of Family Fellowship nights on Wednesdays July 9 through August 6, 2025. A meal will be served at 6:00 PM followed by a time of small group activities including story time, games, and crafts. Save the date and Invite your family and friends, young and old, to join us as we try something new *At the Table*!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

1. Spring Lawn Care completed by pro lawn.
2. Estimates for cost of a locked fireproof cabinet are still being checked.
3. Non functioning copier from Vicar's office has been disposed of.
4. Thank you for those who completed the CPR course - they were Janet Craley, Zach Fetter and Brenda Fetter. And thank you to Jerusalem for covering the costs of the class.
5. Thank you to Brad and Jill Clubb for supplying and applying mulch around the church.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, June 1, 2025 - Polka Mass - 10:00 AM - JELC

Sunday, July 13, 2025 - Combined Service - 10:00 AM - BULC

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - Combined Service - 10:00 AM - JELC

Sunday, September 7, 2025 - God's Work Our Hands Service - 10:00 AM - BULC

All services will be followed by a Fellowship Luncheon. Please see weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters for more details on these events.

**JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2025**

“As followers of Jesus Christ we serve our neighbors locally and globally”

Present: Vicar Philip Supeck, JD Wissler, Jill Clubb, Brad Clubb, Jeaninine Schreiber, Floss Morgan, Ken Craley, Beth Smith, Patti Stripling

Absent: Scott Barr, Dave Carson

Devotions: Led by Vicar Philip

Recognitions:

1. Brad Clubb for restoration work, pipe replacement and stone replacement/grading at side of church
2. Those who helped with quilt making: Ken and Janet Craley, Brad and Jill Clubb, Joyce Burkholder, Carson family- Dave, Deb, Nicholas and Ryan, Zach Fetter, Brenda Fetter, Larrie and Emma Miller, Jean Slaymaker, Kathy Schreiber
3. Vicar Philip thanked Jill Clubb for her willingness to help with assistance requests from the community
4. Scott Barr for changing batteries and light bulbs as needed
5. Janet Craley, Larrie Miller and Brenda Fetter for going through records in the office and organizing them. Some will be maintained in a locked cabinet.

Reports:

Secretary: The February 17, 2025 Secretary's Report was distributed and discussed. Brad Clubb made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report; Patti Stripling seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.

Treasurer: The February 28, 2025 Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. Jill Clubb made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit; Ken Craley seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.

Vicar: The Vicar's February report was distributed and discussed.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: no report

Worship and Music: no report

Cemetery: a phone meeting was held. Spring clean up is being planned. The shed will need repair work.

Finance: no report

Memorial: no report

Property: A locked safe is needed for some confidential records. Zach Fetter is obtaining pricing.

Service: 11 quilts were completed for Ingathering; satchel items will be collected in April for the Seafarer's International House; Bylaws are in process

Stewardship: no report

Mutual Ministry: no report

Shared Ministry: no report

Old Business:

1. Bylaws are due from all committees in April; a meeting to approve them will take place later this year.

New Business:

1. Renewal CPR is being offered on March 29, 2025 from 9:00-11:00am. Cost is \$50. Patti Stripling made a motion that Jerusalem pay for any members who wish to take this course; Jill Clubb seconded the motion; the motion passed.
2. Weekly record keeping of attendance: Zach will keep a running record each week of attendance.

3. Assistance Request- The Warwick Ministerium requested help to replenish the Warwick HUB Energy Assistance Fund. The fund balance is less than \$400 with continued assistance request being made from the community. A \$250 contribution will be made to the Warwick HUB Energy Assistance Fund.
4. “First Responder’s Day”: Discussion took place to invite our local first responders to a service and meal- possible date is November 2nd. Possible ecumenical service with the other Rothsville churches? Early planning stages.
5. Welcoming/Communion: Training sessions will be held for acolytes, ushers and assisting ministers. Discussion took place on how to greet guests and on how to follow up with guests, and on whether to keep the swinging doors open during the service. A temple talk will take place to address these topics. Vicar Philip states that communion is available to all who attend our services.
6. Lutheran Disaster Response Trip to North Carolina: The local LDR team is planning a disaster relief trip to Arden, North Carolina from April 6 to April 12th to assist with Hurricane Helene clean-up efforts. Beth, Tom, and Kelly Smith and Brad, Jill and Grant Clubb will be among those assisting with this effort. Prayers are requested for the team and for those affected by the hurricane.

Reminder Dates: Lenten Learn: April 2 and April 16 6:00 pm at JELC; April 9 12:00pm at BULC

Announcements/Correspondence: none

Next Meeting: April 21, 2025

Adjournment: Brad Clubb made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Jill Clubb seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.

Respectfully Submitted
Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please call the church office at 717-626-8972 or Vicar Philip Supeck’s phone number 717-725-3429 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you).
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident.
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce).
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school. Important for keeping data base current.

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Beth Smith, Treasurer

Zachary Fetter, Office Administrator

Joan C. Dull, Sexton

Congregation, Ministers