

JERUSALEM JOURNAL

"As followers of Jesus, we serve our neighbors locally and globally."

PASTOR'S PONDERABLES— MAY 2023

From our Interim Pastor's Desk:

May 2023 Readings

May 7
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year A
First Reading
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Second Reading
1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel
John 14:1-14

May 14
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year A
First Reading
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm
Psalm 66:8-20
Second Reading
1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel
John 14:15-21

May 21
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Year A
First Reading
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Second Reading
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Gospel
John 17:1-11

May 28
Day of Pentecost
Year A
First Reading
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel
John 20:19-23

I sure did enjoy our time together during Holy Week. It was good worshipping at Brickerville on Maundy Thursday and then at Jerusalem on Good Friday. I am pleased that folks from both churches attended these special services. Then, of course, after worshipping on Thursday and Friday we rolled out the carpet and enthusiastically worshipped our Lord at both churches on Easter Day, proclaiming that "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!" I am pleased that many of you, along with some visitors, participated in our Easter Day celebration. Indeed, it was a joyous day. Spirits were high and I believe more people may be thinking about returning to worship now that the pandemic is not as widespread and threatening as it was. I would love to see you at either of our churches! However, if you are still concerned about COVID, feel free to wear a mask or to take our services in online.

As we look at our Lent and Easter seasons together, we know that they take us to the core of the central event of the Christian faith - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That unitive event of cross and resurrection is the core of the apostolic preaching; it is also the central event of the church's liturgy. It is set forth in the celebration of Holy Communion and in the daily prayers of morning and evening. Indeed, it is the focus of the entire church year. The forty days of Lent prepare us for it and the fifty days of Easter are a celebration of it ("it" being the mystery of redemption.)

As we reflect on what all is going on here, we recall the famous words of our Lord from John 3:16: "for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." This is an incredible faith proclamation. God does love you and me; and Christ did die on a cross so that our sins could be forgiven, and we could live with God forever. This good news fills our hearts and minds with hope, peace, and joy. It sets the context on how we live our lives as we, who live in trust and hope of the resurrection, serve God as joyful Christians eager to do God's work in this world and to proclaim God's message of love to all.

As this springs moves along, may we experience love, joy, and excitement in our hearts as we worship together and do the Lord's work. This is a challenging time as the pandemic still lingers, natural disasters are occurring, mass shootings are not letting up, and the war in the Ukraine continues. Social and political unrest are also still permeating our society. And, yet, as the body of Christ in the world, we are privileged with the responsibility of sharing God's goodness with all in the world. We do so, trusting that the One who took the sins of the world upon himself and rose as the victorious Lord and Savior for all, is always with us. May we unite together in listening to him. Praise be to God!



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

The following hymns, anthems, and organ voluntaries have been chosen for the month of May as we continue our 50-day Easter celebration:

May 7 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* – Dietrich Buxtehude

Gathering Hymn #389: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

Hymn of the Day #758: *You Are the Way*

Anthem: *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* – Noel Rawsthorne

Communion Hymns #477: *I Received the Living God*

#478: *Father, We Thank Thee*

Sending Hymn #619: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

(stanzas 1, 2, 4, 7 & 8)

Postlude: *Finale on “Duke Street”* – Charles Callahan

May 14 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude: *Trumpet Voluntary* – Henry Heron

Gathering Hymn #449: *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

Hymn of the Day #804: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

Anthem: *If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments* – Thomas Tallis, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Communion Hymns #465: *As the Grains of Wheat*

#613: *Thy Holy Wings*

Sending Hymn #404: *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary* – John Stanley

May 21 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude: *Chorale* – Joseph Jongen

Gathering Hymn #392: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

Hymn of the Day #463: *Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed*

Anthem: *Alleluia* – William Boyce

Communion Hymns #482: *I Come with Joy*

#501: *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus*

Sending Hymn #322: *Oh Love, How Deep*

Postlude: *Fanfare* – Healey Willan

May 28 – Day of Pentecost

Prelude: *Variations on “Veni Creator Spiritus”* – Maurice Duruflé

Gathering Hymn #405: *O Spirit of Life*

Hymn of the Day #577: *Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Anthem: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* – Traditional Plainsong Melody, arr. K. Lee Scott

Communion Hymns #398: *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

#403: *Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*

Sending Hymn #400: *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

Postlude: *Finale (Variations on “Veni Creator Spiritus”)* – Maurice Duruflé

May Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
May 7	Emma Miller	Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		
May 14	Brenda Fetter	Dave Carson	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		
May 21	Jean Slaymaker	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		
May 28			Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		

HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS A call, dropping a card or a visit....

Barry Becker

1160 Pine Hill Road
Lititz, PA 17543
717-626-7665
Birthday: August 14

Lillian Logeman

Ephrata Manor
99 Bethany Rd.
Room #121.
Ephrata, PA 17522
223-264-8805
Birthday: August 31

Norma Rhoads

2646 Camp Road
Manheim, PA 17545
717-627-8815
Birthday: September 24

Doris Witwer

Viva Senior Living
150 Kempton Ave.,
Room 252
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717-901-6447
Birthday: February 20

16th Annual Bake Sale



Sunday, May 21st

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 5/21/23.

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

See you May 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you for your continued support!

In Christian Love,
The Service Committee

May, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 	1	2	3 7pm Choir Practice	4 National Day of Prayer Service @ Brickerville at 12pm	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 Men's Bible Study 9:00 am at Zion Lutheran Church Manheim, PA
7 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion	8	9	10 7pm Choir Practice	11	12	13 Spaghetti Dinner @ Brickerville 4 to 6 p.m.
14 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion Mother's Day	15 June Newsletter Deadline	16 7 pm Council Meeting Election Day	17 7pm Choir Practice	18	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9am Bake Sale Auction 10:30 am Holy Communion	22	23	24 7pm Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

PRAYER CONCERNS



Christine and Andy Anderson, Lynn Beard, Barry Becker, Nate and Crystal, Cheryl Gabers, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Vickie and Jim Salmi, Janice Styer, Greg Summers, Bonnie Trout, Pastor Dennis Trout, Tracy Whitney, Doris Witwer, Neal Vital, and Vivian Aichele. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, and the people of Turkey and Syria.

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 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!

Property Committee Update:

Slate Roof repairs still pending

AED/CPR retraining / certification completed

Nave ceiling fan assessment still pending



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Thank You!

Brenda

March 14, 2023

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church St
Lititz, PA 17543-3036

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your organization's recent gift of \$1,000.00 to Lutheran World Relief! When you love your neighbors with your generous gifts to LWR, you change lives in amazing ways.

For Walaa Ali al Ali, a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon, your love arrived in the form of a beehive. As the primary breadwinner for her family — including her mother, her developmentally disabled brother, a niece and a nephew — she struggled to find work amid Lebanon's economic crisis. Her family was safe from the war in Syria, but they didn't have access to adequate food or basic medical care.

Through LWR, Walaa enrolled in a livelihoods program for refugees and received all the training and supplies she needed to start a business as a beekeeper. With the money she earned, she also planted a vegetable garden to help feed her family. Now she's earning enough to keep her family afloat, and she's even training other women how to produce and sell honey.

Thank you for saving and transforming lives by loving your neighbors like Walaa!

We'd love to show you more examples of your gift in action. Please visit www.lwr.org and sign up to receive the latest updates. If you have any questions, please contact us at 800.597.5972 or lwr@lwr.org.

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)
President and CEO

As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$1,000.00—LWR.

Please retain this letter for tax purposes

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Church Picnic with BULC

will take place on
Sunday, June 4th, 2023

in the Warwick Township Park.



We will have our
Polka Mass

with
The Heidelberg Brass Band

Worship service will start at 10:00 a.m.

A meal will follow worship.

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

Games will be played such as Bingo.

- **If you wish to play Bingo, bring a white elephant gift.**

DON'T FORGET!

Invite your family, neighbors, and friends!

The Millport voting district primary election will take place here at Jerusalem on May 16. Please see sign up sheet in narthex for those wanting to sit with Scott Barr throughout the day.

JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2023

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

Present: Pastor Yeiser, Rene Amey, Andy Anderson, Christine Anderson, Scott Barr, Joyce Burkholder, Jill Clubb, Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Floss Morgan, Beth Smith

Absent: Patti Stripling

Guests: Jeff Schreiber

Devotions were led by: Pastor Yeiser

Meeting Led By: Brenda Fetter, Council President

Recognitions:

1. All who helped with Lenten meals and services
2. Janice Styer for baked goods for Sunday fellowship.

Reports:

Pastor's Report:

A written Pastor's report was distributed to council members and discussed

Secretary's Report: A written Secretary's report from February 21, 2023 was distributed to council members. Zach Fetter made a motion to approve the report ; Floss Morgan seconded the motion; the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Beth Smith noted that there was a large sound system bill paid, and a deposit on roof repairs was made. Also, JELC is making a monthly lump sum payment to BULC for pastoral services.

The March Treasurer's Report was distributed to council members for review. Joyce Burkholder made a motion to accept the report; Mike Fetter seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Old Business:

1. Memorial Fund: Brenda Fetter is looking in to changing from wax candles to oil filled candles. She will she will present this information to the Memorial Committee.
2. Covid Update: discussion took place regarding the Covid 19 measures currently in place during our service. Jeff Schreiber presented information requesting that masks, gloves and tweezers currently used by the Minister and AM be discontinued, that we return to the rail for communion and that we share the peace once again. Brenda Fetter reported that she had already had discussion with the ad hoc Covid committee on this subject, and they are in agreement to resume pre-Covid worship practices. Masks are still encouraged for those members who feel more comfortable wearing them, and communion will be brought out to those members who are unable to come up to the communion rail. These measures will start on April 2. Also, collection plates will be passed starting sometime in April. Mike Fetter made a motion to accept the above changes; Christine Anderson seconded the motion; the motion passed.
3. Water's Edge Ministry. The ad hoc committee and Pastor Yeiser met to discuss. Pastor Yeiser had spoken to Synod regarding Water's Edge's request to use our facility for their service and meals. Synod concurred with Pastor Yeiser that Water's Edge's Pentecostal theology is very different from Jerusalem's theology. Synod agreed this would be confusing to those outside of the congregations. In addition, there are logistical concerns, including the fact that our kitchen is not certified by the state for the meals Water's Edge is proposing.
4. Good Friday Service is at 3:00 pm

New Business:

1. Pastor Yeiser has requested representatives from our congregation for Synod Assembly. Dates: June 2-3, virtual and in person.
2. A volunteer is needed to maintain the prayer list.
3. CPR Training is scheduled for April 1st. Rene Amey made a motion for JELC to pay for our members to receive this training(\$20./person); Joyce Burkholder seconded; the motion passed.
4. Pot Luck lunch with BULC on 5/7; details to follow.
5. Lunch with BULC at the White Swan on April 23.
6. Zoom contract expires in April, JELC to renew.
7. Brenda Fetter requested council volunteers to strip the alter prior to the Good Friday Service, and to replace the items following the service.
8. Bake Sale Auction is 5/21/23 at 9:00 am
9. Pot Pie Meal at BULC on 4/15 4-6 pm
10. Women of North Lancaster Conference meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran in Lititz 10:00 am, there will be a speaker.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: None

Worship and Music: None

Cemetery: None

Memorial: None

Finance: see Treasurer's Report

Service: None

Stewardship: None

Next Meeting: 4/18/2023

Announcements/Correspondence:

1. Thank you from Seafarer's for 58 hats
2. Thank you from Blue Ridge for Valentine's

Reminder Dates:

- 3/22: Lenten Service and Meal at JELC
- 3/29: Lenten Service and Meal at BULC
- 4/2: Palm Sunday
- 4/6: Maundy Thursday: 7:00pm at BULC
- 4/7: Good Friday Service: 3:00pm at JELC
- 4/9: Easter Sunday Service: 10:30am JELC

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Rene Amey; Zach Fetter seconded motion; motion was approved

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

Brickerville United Lutheran Church is having a National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday, May 4 at 12pm. A brief prayer service will be held as we participate in National Day of Prayer. All are welcome.

MEN's BIBLE STUDY: WHEN: Saturday, May 6 at 9:00am WHERE: Zion Lutheran Church 2 South Hazel St, Manheim Enjoy a continental breakfast, lots of coffee and excellent fellowship and discussion. You don't have to be a bible expert to participate, or perhaps you would like to just listen. All men are welcome.

Brickerville United Lutheran Church's RUMMAGE SALE is on Saturday, May 13, 9:00am-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your donated household items, clothes, shoes, small working appliances, dishes, pots, cds, books, baby of children items to the church and place in the nursery. Day of Sale: Piano, crib, puzzles, clothing, household items, baked goods, lunch

Brickerville United Lutheran Church is having a Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, May 13 from 4:00-6:00 pm.

ZOOM WORSHIP - Here is the link for worship each Sunday. The information for Zoom can also be found on the church's website @ www.jerusaluth.org.

Join us via Zoom

at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3126062599pwd=Z3p2RVJ5QUpmamozUG1YcEJPZDVxdz09>

Enter Meeting ID: 312-606-2599 (then press # twice)

Enter Pass Code: Worship23

See reminder dates for Events at Camp Kirchenwald & Nawakwa on Narthex Bulletin Board

Jerusalem is looking for someone to manage our prayer list. Anyone with an interest, please see Pastor Yeiser, or Brenda Fetter, council president.

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

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please call the church office at 717-626-8972 or Pastor Yeiser's number 717-634-4025 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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May, 2023

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Rev. Dr. Daniel M. Yeiser, *Interim Pastor*

Mr. Roger L. Kurtz, *Director of Music*

Beth Smith, *Treasurer*

Zachary Fetter, *Office Administrator*

Joan C. Dull, *Sexton*

Congregation, *Ministers*