

**September 2023
Readings**

Sept. 3
**Time after Pentecost
Year A**
First Reading
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm
Psalm 26:1-8
Second Reading
Romans 12:9-21
Gospel
Matthew 16:21-28

Sept. 10
**Time after Pentecost
Year A**
First Reading
Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm
Psalm 119:33-40
Second Reading
Romans 13:8-14
Gospel
Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 17
**Time after Pentecost
Year A**
First Reading
Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm
Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13
Second Reading
Romans 14:1-12
Gospel
Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 24
**Time after Pentecost
Year A**
First Reading
Jonah 3:10 - 4:11
Psalm
Psalm 145:1-8
Second Reading
Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel
Matthew 20:1-16



PONDERABLES FROM ZACHARY FETTER - SEPTEMBER 2023

Matthew 11:28–30: Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. When I read the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 11 verse 28 to 30 I am always thinking about how much we as people do in everyday life. Don't we carry heavy burdens almost all the time? I know I myself was doing a lot before I graduated high school. At one point during the year I was still in school, doing my job as office administrator, bowling in high school, bowling in a league, council meetings, and choir practices. I was doing a lot! Isn't that why we as Lutherans take a Sunday to rest from our work? It says in the fourth commandment "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." We are told to rest on a Sunday because God rested on the seventh day. In today's society it is very hard to find rest. For example, you find many businesses not closed on a Sunday anymore. In our lives we need to make sure that we get plenty of rest in order to get our work done for the next day. In Matthew 11 verse 28 Jesus Christ is telling us to come to him and that he will give us rest. Isn't that why we come to church on a Sunday morning? This is so we can listen to Christ as he guides us. Rest is important not just for our physical selves, but also our mental state. Getting that rest is very important. In Matthew 11 verse 29 Christ is telling us to do his will and to let him guide our lives. Remember if you find yourself having a rough or busy time in your life just remember that God is always with us. As we read in Hebrews God will never leave or forsake us. Come to the Lord, learn from him, and he will find rest for our souls.

Grace and Peace,
Zachary Fetter





FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

Many thanks to the following members and friends of Jerusalem Church who enriched our worship over the summer months with their musical gifts: Ken Craley, Zachary Fetter, Jessica Kistler, Cheri Kurtz, Brooke Maharg, Jeanine Schreiber, Patti Stripling, and John David Wissler. A note of appreciation is also extended to Ross Ellison and Sharon Levering for serving as guest organists on August 20 and August 27. All of their offerings deeply enhanced our liturgies, and as a congregation, we very much appreciate their service to God and His church!

Our Jerusalem Choir will begin rehearsals for the 2023-2024 season on Thursday evening, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft. If you have considered volunteering your time and talent to sing in the choir, now is the perfect opportunity to join and make an important contribution to our congregation's worship life. All voice parts are most welcome! For additional information, please speak with Roger Kurtz or feel free to contact him by phone (626-1527) or email (rogerk@dejazzd.com).

Mark your calendars now for the two events that will comprise our 2023-2024 Music at Jerusalem Concert Series. Two Rivers Chamber Music String Quartet will perform on Sunday, November 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., and The Lancaster Chamber Singers will present a concert on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Audio and video recordings of both groups can be heard/seen at their respective websites: tworiverschambermusic.com and lancasterchambersingers.org.

Founded by identical twin brothers Michael and Matthew Polonchak in 2013, Two Rivers Chamber Music String Quartet has quickly become one of the most sought-after chamber music ensembles in the Mid-Atlantic region. The quartet maintains an active schedule presenting full-length concerts and performing for wedding ceremonies and receptions in the greater Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. areas. Their varied and enjoyable programming draws upon both classical repertoire and arrangements of popular music. The Lancaster Chamber Singers, directed by Jay W. Risser, has played a major role in quality performances of choral masterpieces in central Pennsylvania since the ensemble's founding in 1978. Consisting of 35 to 40 auditioned vocalists, the group performs primarily in Lancaster County and its immediate surroundings, and has also appeared at venues such as the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Longwood Gardens, and Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, where the ensemble presented a concert to help celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. As a church, we are extremely grateful for the generosity of those members and friends of the congregation who have served as patrons for our concerts during past seasons. Since the series is not subsidized through our church budget, voluntary contributions have permitted us to offer concerts of great music free of admission charge year after year. If you would like to assist in continuing this important community outreach, please return the bottom portion of this page with your donation to the church office or give to Roger Kurtz by Sunday, November 12th to ensure acknowledgement in the November 19th program. Checks may be made payable to the "Jerusalem Church Music Ministry Fund." All gifts, large or small, are most appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support!



Music at Jerusalem Concert Series

Yes, I would like to help sponsor the Music at Jerusalem Series. My contribution is enclosed.

Please list my name/our names in the program as _____.

September Worship Leaders

| | Altar Guild | Assisting Minister/Lector | Ushers | Acolyte | Zoom Monitor |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| Sept. 3 | Brenda Fetter | Zachary Fetter | Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr. | | |
| Sept. 10 | Emma Miller | Brenda Fetter | Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr. | | |
| Sept. 17 Service at Brickerville | | | | | |
| Sept. 24 | Jean Slaymaker | | Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr. | | |

HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS

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

Pleasant View
Retirement Community
544 North Penryn Rd.
Manheim, PA 17545
717-627-8815
Birthday: September 24

Doris Witwer

Viva Senior Living
150 Kempton Ave., Room 252
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717-901-6026
Birthday: February 20

September Food Bank Suggestions:

- mini meals (canned ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.)
- rice (plain white, brown, or flavored)
- instant mashed potatoes



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

Thank you to J.D. Wissler for compiling the donor information for the plaques regarding the restoration of the stained glass windows. And thank you to Charles Sweigart for the ordering, the pickup and the installation of the plaques. The plaques have been placed on the windows adjacent to the landing where you enter the church sanctuary.

“ God's Work. Our Hands” Sunday celebrating 10 years on Sunday Sept. 10, congregations of the ELCA will join together for the ELCA’s 10th annual day of service. themed “ God’s Work. Our Hands.”

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Please join us at 9:30 am to pack school and personal care kits to be send to those in need through Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to all who contributed supplies, cash and prayers toward this effort!

September, 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
|  | |  | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Time after Pentecost 10:30 am Holy Communion | 4 Labor Day  | 5 | 6 Read A Book Day | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Time after Pentecost God's Work Our Hand's Sunday 9:30 am Packing School Kits and Healthcare Kits 10:30 am Holy Communion Grandparents Day | 11 Patriot Day  | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 October Newsletter Deadline | 16 Rothsville Community Day Rosh Hashanah |
| 17 Time after Pentecost Polka Mass Service 10 am at Brickerville United Lutheran Church Luncheon to follow service | 18 | 19 7 pm Council Meeting | 20 | 21 International Day of Peace | 22 | 23 First Day of Fall |
| 24 Time after Pentecost Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion | 25 Yom Kippur | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 National Coffee Day | 30 |

PRAYER CONCERNS



Christine and Andy Anderson, Barry Becker, Nate and Crystal, Pam Cramer, Kim Cravens, Dean DeWitt, Spencer Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Joy McCurdy, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Greg Summers, Mary Valimont, Neal Vital, Tracey Whitney, and Doris Witwer. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, the people of Turkey, the people of Syria, and the people of Maui, Hawaii.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 - Patti Stripling | 16 - Devon Whitney |
| 7 - Bonnie Votano | 23 - Brian Burkholder |
| 10 - Jeanine Schreiber | 24 - Norma Rhoads |
| 12 - Judy Frantz | 24 - Amanda Carson |
| 16 - Emma Miller | 25 - Spencer Ehrhart |

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jean & Spencer Ehrhart 9/2/89
 Dean & Tamara Dewitt 9/18/87
 Christopher & Charlotte Scheid 9/28/13



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Rich Schreiber 9/1/61 | Joel Mearig 9/16/73 |
| Brad Clubb 9/7/61 | Michael Fetter 9/16/73 |
| Ken Craley 9/12/41 | Charles Sweigart 9/23/51 |



Property Committee Update

1. Thanks to Junior Gabers & Mel Ravegum for new doorbell instillation
2. Caution signs placed at high step into old bathrooms
3. Portico damaged by unknown vehicle..repaired by M&E Roofing
4. Otis Elevator corrected the deficiencies found by insurance inspector
5. Replacement of Nave fans tabled for now
6. Replacement battery and Pads ordered for AED..Thanks to Scott Barr
7. Junior Gabers researching height signage for the Portico
8. Thanks to Emma/Larrie/ Ken /Brenda for weeding
9. Solution applied to parking lot macadam cracks to control weeds/grass
10. Red caution tape reapplied at uneven main entrance pavement

Adult Forum will be starting back again on Sunday, September 24 at 9 am. We will be using the Augsburg Adult Bible Studies. Here is the schedule for September and October.

- Sept. 24 - Repentance and Renewal
- Oct. 1 - God Restores a Sinner
- Oct. 8 - Present and Future
- Oct. 15 - A New Beginning
- Oct. 22 - Rebellion and Judgement
- Oct. 29 - Another Strong Warning



In the *Life of St. Francis* by St. Bonaventure, he positions what was Francis' most famous story of preaching to birds. He has the story occurring right at the point in Francis' life where Francis is struggling with a deep personal dilemma: Should he retire from the world and devote himself entirely to prayer or should he continue traveling about as a preacher of the gospel?

To answer this question, St. Francis sends brothers to seek the advice of two of his most trusted colleagues: Brother Sylvester and the holy virgin Lady Clare and her sisters. The word comes back very quickly from both Sylvester and Clare that it is their clear judgment that God wants Francis to keep proclaiming the good news of God's saving love. No sooner does Francis hear their response than he immediately stands up, and in the words of St. Bonaventure, "without the slightest delay he takes to the roads, to carry out the divine command with great fervour."

Francis' Sermon to the Birds

The typical reader at this juncture, I believe, would expect St. Bonaventure to portray Francis as rushing off to the nearest village or marketplace to begin preaching the gospel to the people gathered there. But where does Francis actually go? Francis' very next stop, according to Bonaventure, is this, "He came to a spot where a large flock of birds of various kinds had come together. When God's saint saw them, he quickly ran to the spot and greeted them as if they were endowed with reason.

"He went right up to them and solicitously urged them to listen to the word of God, saying, 'O birds, my brothers and sisters, you have a great obligation to praise your Creator, who clothed you in feathers and gave you wings to fly with, provided you with pure air and cares for you without any worry on your part.'....The birds showed their joy in a remarkable fashion: They began to stretch their necks, extend their wings, open their beaks and gaze at him attentively.

"He went through their midst with amazing fervour of spirit, brushing against them with his tunic. Yet none of them moved from the spot until the man of God made the sign of the cross and gave them permission to leave; then they all flew away together. His companions waiting on the road saw all these things. When he returned to them, that pure and simple man began to accuse himself of negligence because he had not preached to the birds before. (www.franciscanmedia.org/franciscan-spirit-blog)

21st annual Rothsville Community Day Saturday September 16th - 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Kick Off Rabbit Run/Walk at 9:30 with registration at 9:00

Jerusalem children's games/activities 9:00 - 10:30

Helicopter Candy Drop 10:45

Phredd McNaughton child friendly entertainment 11:30

DK,s duo jugglers 1:00

Barrel Train, Contest Games, Free Food and Pie Eating contest also included during the day

Enjoyable day for all who attend!

Have you volunteered to help with children's activities?

Contact Ken Craley - Thank You!

Polka Mass Service at BULC on September 17 Service starting at 10:00 am. With a luncheon to follow in the social hall. Hamburger barbeque, Hotdogs, drinks, and eating utensils to be supplied. Alphabet letters A-M bring a side or salad. Alphabet letters N-Z bring a dessert. Bingo will be played. If you wish to participate, please bring a white elephant gift. Pastor Viking Dietrich, our new interim pastor will be present and preaching. Come and meet and greet Pastor Dietrich and our friends from BULC.

Attention All Members:

Please review the current church directory and if any changes are needed to phone numbers and if addresses, emails, etc. Please inform our church administrator.

Both councils have met with Deacon Marsha Roscoe and Pastor Viking Dietrich and both have agreed to accept Pastor Viking Dietrich as our next interim pastor. The contract has been signed by both congregations and was sent to Deacon Marsha Roscoe. Pastor Dietrich is to be arriving in Pennsylvania the second week of September. His first service with BULC and Jerusalem will be Sunday, Sept 17 at 10 am at BULC with a picnic lunch to follow in their social hall.

Council has decided to collect money for the Maui Hawaii Wild Fire Disaster and this will take place during the month of September. Red envelopes will be available in the rear of the church for your donations. If you wish to pay by check, please make your checks payable to Jerusalem

Lutheran Church. Thank you for all your help in this very needy cause.

Barry Becker is currently in rehabilitation Room 41 at Maple Farms (Address: 604 Oak St Akron, PA 17501) and their phone number is 717-859-1191.

JERUSALEM LUTHERAN

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 20, 2023

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

Present: Pastor Yeiser, Andy Anderson, Christine Anderson, Scott Barr, Jill Clubb, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Larrie Miller, Floss Morgan, Patti Stripling

Absent: Joyce Burkholder, Mike Fetter, Beth Smith, Rene Amey

Guests: Roger Kurtz, Charlie Sweigert

Devotions were led by: Pastor Yeiser

Meeting Led By: Brenda Fetter

Recognitions:

1. Those who helped with the door hangers and the community meal
2. Those who help with Sunday services
3. Those who helped with the annual picnic
4. Brenda Fetter and Jean Slaymaker for help with the bulletins
5. Janet Craley for researching the heat pump
6. Those who helped with the pizza celebration for Pastor Yeiser
7. Deb Carson and Emma Miller for making hats for Seafarer’s International
8. Charlie Sweigert for helping to usher
9. Janice Styer for maintaining the prayer list

Reports:

Pastor’s Report: the Pastor’s written report was read and discussed. Pastor Yeiser offered that the strengths of our congregation are our Worship service and outreach. He recommends the following: that we begin collecting and lifting the offering during our service; that better warning signs be placed at the doors at the back of the sanctuary and at the step at the downstairs bathrooms across from the office; and that the size of the council be decreased from 12 to 9.

Secretary’s Report: the Secretary’s written report was read and discussed. A motion to accept the report was made by Patti Stripling; seconded by Andy Anderson; motion passed

Treasurer’s Report: Larrie Miller reported that our Truist accounts were moved to accounts earning 3%. The Treasurer’s report was read and discussed. A motion was made by Jill Clubb to accept the report subject to audit; seconded by Christine Anderson; the motion passed.

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Charlie Sweigert discussed the status of a plaque for the restoration of the stained glass windows. Brenda Fetter will follow up on this with members of the ad hoc committee for the window restoration
2. ZOOM account: discussion took place on whether to continue. A motion to renew the account was made by Jill Clubb; Patti Stripling seconded the motion; the motion passed.
3. Discussion took place regarding a continued cooperative ministry with Brickerville United Lutheran Church. JELC and BULC councils both have to approve the continuation, paperwork is then filed with the synod, then the proposal is presented to each congregation with each congregation voting on the proposal. If both congregations approve, a joint call committee is convened to call a pastor. Discussion took place. Zach Fetter made a motion to continue a cooperative ministry with Brickerville; Andy Anderson seconded the motion; the motion passed.
4. Jill Clubb presented her Report from the Synod Assembly. The Generosity Appeal this year is for the Hope Academy, a school for underprivileged girls in Guatemala. Christine Anderson made a motion to send \$250. to the Hope Academy; Patti Stripling seconded the motion; the motion passed.
5. The July council meeting was cancelled

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: to resume in the fall

Worship and Music: no report

Cemetery: no report

Memorial: Jean Slaymaker and Larrie Miller working on getting information on the computer

Property: Haller fixed the leak, wood underneath is ok

Service: Collecting items for LWR kits; 30 people were served at the first community meal; \$1,100. Raised in the Bake Sale auction

Finance: see Treasurer's report

Stewardship: no report

Reminder Dates: June 25th- celebration for Zach
July 17th- Community Meal

Next Meeting: August 15, 2023

Announcements/Correspondence:

Thank you from Seafarer's International for hats

Thank you from LOVE, Inc. for contribution

Zach Fetter: vacation July 29-August 5

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Patti Stripling; seconded by Zach Fetter: motion passed

Respectfully Submitted

Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 16, 2023

Brief Council Meeting to approve BULC Polka Mass start time from
10:30 am to 10am

Present: Rene Amey, Joyce Burkholder, Scott Barr, Brenda Fetter, Mike
Fetter, Zach Fetter, Florence Morgan.

Council updated that synod states now it will be later in the Fall until we
have another interim pastor.

Polka Mass at BULC on September 17, 2023 at 10am. Need to change
our start time. Rene Amey made a motion to change our worship start
time to 10am on September 17, 2023 at BULC to join in the Polka Mass.

Florence Morgan seconded and the motion was approved.

A question was asked if Deacon Marsha Roscoe can meet with us at our
next council meeting in August? Deacon Marsha will be contacted and
asked to join us.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Brenda Fetter, Council President

JELC

July 23, 2023

Brief Council Meeting to confirm if contract of Pastor Viking is doable.

Present: Rene Amey, Andy Anderson, Christine Anderson, Scott Barr, Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Zach Fetter, Larrie Miller, Florence Morgan, Patti Stripling.

Discussion took place regarding Pastor Viking Dietrich. He is from Pennsylvania and is now in Germany doing mission work. He is a first career minister and age wise in late 50's. To be here 10 months from September 15 to July 15, 2024. Will meet via Zoom with him and Deacon Marsha Roscoe on Tuesday, August 15 at 7pm. Patti Stripling made a motion to accept the proposed contract of Viking Dietrich as next interim pastor. Rene Amey seconded and the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Fetter, Council President

JELC

August 6, 2023

Brief Council Meeting to approve sanctuary ceiling fans replacement.

Present: Rene Amey, Andy Anderson, Chrystine Anderson, Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Zach Fetter, Larrie Miller, Floss Morgan

Guest: Janet Craley

Agenda:

1. Chain with height sign on both sides of portico. Estimate from Encore Commercial is a cost of \$592 (does not include labor) – Discussion took place. Junior Gabers would install.
2. Replacement of Brown Sanctuary Ceiling Fans. Have estimate from R.S. Martin Electrical Services with a cost of \$3150. Fans would only push air down with variable speeds. Discussion took place. Janet Craley to check on permit fees and inspection fees. Florence Morgan made a motion to replace sanctuary ceiling fans at a cost of \$4000. Andy Anderson seconded and the motion was approved. On hold to discuss at September council meeting.
3. Member asked about return to using the large wafers for communion. Discussion took place. Will check cost of items and use up current supply of small wafers.

Respectfully Submitted

Brenda Fetter, Council President

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please call the church office at 717-626-8972 or Brenda Fetter 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.

BULC'S Annual



*Church
Picnic*

Sunday, September 17, 2023

10:00—Polka Mass

11:00— Church Picnic, BULC Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a combined congregational picnic with Jerusalem following our annual Polka Mass featuring the Heidelberg Brass band BBQ, hotdogs, drinks and place settings will be provided.

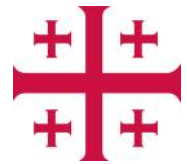
Members with last names:

A-M please bring a side or a salad

N-Z please bring a dessert

All are welcome

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

Beth Smith, *Treasurer*

Zachary Fetter, *Office Administrator*

Joan C. Dull, *Sexton*

Congregation, *Ministers*