



## SEPTEMBER 2025

### VICAR'S AVAILABILITY

#### **Beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2025**

Sundays - Worship at BULC 8:30 AM/JELC 10:30 AM

Mondays/Wednesdays - BULC - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Tuesdays/Thursdays - JELC - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Fridays/Saturdays - Off

Please call Vicar Philip at 717.725.3429 to schedule an appointment.

### **LUNCH WITH THE VICAR AT LUTHER ACRES LITITZ**

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 - 11:30 AM - Katy's Grill

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 - 11:30 AM - Katy's Grill

Wednesday, November 26, 2025 - 11:30 AM - Katy's Grill

Wednesday, December 31, 2025 - 11:30 AM - The Round

All are invited to attend. Please confirm your attendance with Vicar Philip the Sunday prior to each lunch.

### **VICAR'S UPCOMING SEMINARY SCHEDULE**

October 14-19, 2025: 3.80 Congregational Studies in Context

March 10-15, 2026: 3.90 Worship

June 21 (Afternoon)-28, 2026: 2.40 History of Christianity; 3.50 Pastoral Care and Formation; 1.00 Intro to Scripture.



# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

**Roger L. Kurtz**

With summer drawing to a close and autumn beginning later this month, we have looked forward in years past to the start of a new choir season in September. The Music & Worship Committee discussed the future of our Jerusalem Choir at its meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>, given membership is in a state of transition. Because a weekly commitment on the part of some singers is not possible at this time, we will attempt to assemble a choir to sing on festival Sundays this fall (Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday). Your understanding and support of this new venture will be greatly appreciated as we adapt to new ways of utilizing our current resources for the purpose of offering God our sung praise and prayer in this place.

As we experience both a change of seasons and a change in how we continue our music ministry in the future, may the following words of “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (*ELW* #733) provide worthy food for thought in the days ahead:

*1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)*

*3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)*

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Mark your calendars now for the fall event of our 2025-2026 Music at Jerusalem Concert Series. Duo Harpyn, featuring Flutist Lois Herbine and Harpist Rong Tan, will present a recital in our nave on Sunday afternoon, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Details regarding the upcoming series will be shared in the October *Jerusalem Journal*.

## September Worship Leaders

	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Assisting Minister/Lector</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>Sept. 14</b>	Jean Slaymaker	Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.	Joyce Burkholder
<b>Sept. 21</b>		Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.	Joyce Burkholder
<b>Sept. 28</b>		Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.	Joyce Burkholder

### **OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR OUT OF THE OFFICE**

Zachary Fetter will be out of the church office Monday, September 1, through Friday, September 5, 2025. If you need to contact Zach, please email, call, or text him at 717-572-5799.

### **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE WITH BULC**

There will be a Combined Worship Service on Sunday, September 7, 2025, at 10:00am at Brickerville United Lutheran Church. NO Service will be at Jerusalem that day. There will be a luncheon following the service in BULC'S Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, chicken drumsticks and drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for those who plan on attending the luncheon.

Members with Last names A-M, please bring a side or salad.

Members with Last names N-Z, please bring a dessert or fruit.

This special Sunday is a call for us to serve our community. Following worship and lunch at BULC, we will visit the Neffsville Nursing Home, delivering personal care items and visiting with the residents. We will collect the following items during August:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Tissues

Please plan to join us on September 7th.

### **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!*

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**10:00 am Combined Service at BULC on Sunday, September 7, 2025.**

**October Newsletter Deadline on Monday, September 15, 2025.**

**Council Meeting 7 pm on Monday, September 15, 2025.**

**Rothsville Community Day on Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 10 am to 3 pm.**

**Lunch with the Vicar 11:30 am at Katy's Grill Luther Acres Lititz on Wednesday, September 24, 2025.**

September 7  
**13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Year C**  
First Reading  
Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm  
Psalm 1  
Second Reading  
Philemon 1-21  
Gospel  
Luke 14:25-33

September 21  
**15th Sunday after Pentecost  
Year C**  
First Reading  
Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm  
Psalm 113  
Second Reading  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Gospel  
Luke 16:1-13

## **SEPTEMBER 2025 READINGS**



September 14  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Year C**  
First Reading  
Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm  
Psalm 51:1-10  
Second Reading  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Gospel  
Luke 15:1-10

September 28  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Year C**  
First Reading  
Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm  
Psalm 146  
Second Reading  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Gospel  
Luke 16:19-31

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania has many events planned for the Fall and Winter Seasons. Check the bulletin board in the narthex for these events.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us pray for: Chrystine and Andy Anderson, Sharron Bauer, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Beth Craley, Jean Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Cody Leisey, Hunter Leisey, Andrea Reynolds, Jeanine and Jeff Schreiber, the Schreiber and Wissler families, 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, wildfires and weather events.

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

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



### SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jean & Spencer Ehrhart 9/2/89

Christopher & Charlotte Scheid 9/28/13



### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

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
Lindsay Volker 9/12/82	



### ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE

Zachary Fetter will be back leading Adult Forum starting September 28 at 9am. We will be discussing the Gospel Readings from Luke. All are welcome to join us!

Here is the schedule and chapters we will be looking at:

9/28 – Luke 16:1-13

10/5 – No Adult Forum

10/12 – Luke 16:19-31





## ROTHSVILLE COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Time: 9:30 am Rabbit Run/Walk

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Jerusalem's Children's Activities and Games

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please contact Sue Fetter at 717-344-2564 if you are interested in helping.

Additional games, activities, food and entertainment throughout the day closing with pie eating contest at 2:00 pm



## SEPTEMBER PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

1. Carbon monoxide alarm installed in first floor office hallway.
2. On July 23 Leelands Slate Roof repair here and replaced 6 pieces of slate to the main church roof. Large bell rope was greased as well as bell attachment and ropes were checked. They reported ropes and bells are in great shape. The bell rope is reinforced.

Question asked: How often should bells and ropes be checked and their response was annually if bell is rung regularly and or intermittently.

Thank you,  
Brenda Fetter

## PICTURES FROM 2025 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY



**JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 16, 2025**

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

**Present:** Vicar Philip Supeck, JD Wissler, Jeanine Schreiber, Brad Clubb, Beth Smith, Floss Morgan, Scott Barr, Patti Stripling, Jill Clubb

**Absent:** Ken Craley

**Guests:** Brenda Fetter, Zach Fetter

**Devotions:** led by Vicar Philip Supeck

**Recognitions:**

1. Thank you to Patti Stripling, Council VP for leading the special congregational meeting in JD Wissler's absence
2. Thank you to those who helped to hang Community Meal door hangers in Rothsville: Zach Fetter, Brenda Fetter, Kathy Schreiber, Jill Clubb, Brad Clubb
3. Thank you to those who helped with the Community Meal: Floss Morgan, Zach Fetter, Brenda Fetter, Deb and Dave Carson, Larrie and Emma Miller, Joyce Burkholder, Jean Slaymaker, Brad and Jill Clubb
4. Thank you to Zach Fetter and Cheri Kurtz for changing the banners for special days
5. Thank you to Brenda Fetter, Zach Fetter and Vicar Philip Supeck for attending the Synod Assembly

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** The Secretary's Report from May 19, 2025 was distributed and discussed. Brad Clubb made a motion to accept the May 19, 2025 Secretary's Report; Patti Stripling seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.

**Treasurer:** The May 31, 2025 Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. Beth Smith, Treasurer reported a deficit of \$2,838.89. She cites decreased contributions as a factor. An announcement regarding this deficit will be placed in the bulletin. Patti Stripling made a motion to accept the May 31, 2025 Treasurer's Report subject to audit; Dave Carson seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.

**Vicar:** The Vicar's May report was distributed and discussed. Vicar Philip noted his 2026 Seminary dates

**Committee Reports:**

**Sunday School:** Adult Forum was finished at the end of May and will resume in September. Thank you to all who participated. Fellowship at 9:00am each Sunday will continue through the summer

**Worship and Music:** no report

**Cemetery:** discussed repairs to the shed and repairs to the driveway

**Finance:** see Treasurer's Report

**Memorial:** no report

**Property:** see Old Business and New Business

**Service:** Community Meal #2 is July 21<sup>st</sup>; collecting for LWR School Kits in July

**Stewardship:** no report

**Mutual Ministry:** no report

**Shared Ministry:** no report

#### **Old Business:**

1. Roof Repair: The quote from M&E Roofing to replace the Sunday School roof was approved at a special congregational meeting on June 8, 2025. M&E Roofing has placed JELC on its schedule. Work to be completed in 2-3 months due to roofer's backlog.
2. First Responder's Day: discussion took place on how to honor our first responders. A special service will take place on November 2, 2025 ; possibly a small token will be given. The other churches in Rothsville will be invited. JD Wissler to take this to Music and Worship.

#### **New Business:**

1. Zach Fetter obtained quotes for a new office computer, stating that the Microsoft 10 version currently on the computer will no longer be supported after October 2025. Hoffman Computer Associates provided a quote of \$925 plus installation of approx \$300; a similar unit from Best Buy would be \$1281.99 without installation. Brad Clubb made a motion to accept the quote from Hoffman Computer Associates to replace and install a new office computer at a cost of approximately \$1500; Patti Stripling seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.
2. Brenda Fetter from the Property Committee met with Leland Slate Roof Repair. Leland quoted \$1,797.46 to replace approx 8 slate tiles plus perform bell maintenance. The Carpenter fund would be used to pay for these repairs. Dave Carson made a motion to accept the proposal from Leland Slate Roof to replace slate roof tiles and to perform bell maintenance at a cost of \$1,797.46; Brad Clubb seconded the motion; the motion passed.
3. Vicar Philip Supeck brought a request from Camp Kirkenwald to replace five Coleman stoves that are used to cook meals with the campers. The cost is approximately \$150 each. The Youth Ministry fund could be used to fund the cost of the the stoves. Jeanine Schreiber made a motion to fund the purchase of five Coleman stoves for Camp Kirkenwald at a cost of approximately \$750; Brad Clubb seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.

**Reminder Dates:** Community Meal #2 is July 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm

**Announcements/Correspondence:** a thank you note was received from the ELCA for the donation to Lutheran Disaster Relief



**Next Meeting:** July 21, 2025 7:00pm

**Adjournment:** the meeting was closed with the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted

Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

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**Absent:** Scott Barr, Beth Smith

**Guest:** Jean Slaymaker

**Devotions:** led by Vicar Philip Supeck

**New Business:**

1. Executive Council Restructure: with the passing of JD Wissler, a new council president must be elected. Discussion took place. Vicar Philip Supeck made a motion to nominate Patti Stripling for council president; Floss Morgan seconded the motion; the motion was accepted. With the election of Patti Stripling as council president, a new vice president will be elected at the August meeting.
2. Congregational Meeting: a congregational meeting needs to be held to discuss and vote on the changes to the constitution. This meeting date has been set for August 24, 2025 with electronic and paper copies of the constitution available for review.
3. Addendum to Letter of Agreement for Theological Education for Emerging Ministries Executed on June 20, 2024: this addendum is a yearly update to our agreement with Vicar Philip Supeck, updating salary and benefits. This addendum was reviewed and discussed. Brad Clubb made a motion to accept this addendum; Jeanine Schreiber seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.
4. Pip Ravegum Bequest: Pip Ravegum bequest \$2000 to Jerusalem Lutheran Church. Floss Morgan made a motion to use this bequest to fund the recent IT upgrades to the office computer system; Dave Carson seconded the motion: the motion was accepted.
5. Churchwide Assembly Expenses for Zach Fetter: Zach Fetter will be attending the Churchwide Assembly in Arizona from July 27- August 1, 2025 as the Male Young Adult Representative for the Lower Susquehanna Synod. The Synod covers the flights, but not food or hotel expenses. Vicar Philip Supeck made a motion to cover Churchwide Assembly expenses for Zach Fetter up to \$1000; Brad Clubb seconded the motion; the motion was accepted. The Youth Ministry and Seminary Education Fund will be used to finance these expenses.
6. Shared Ministry: Jean Slaymaker presented information from the Shared Ministry Committee concerning the Christmas Eve service. The committee proposes one Christmas Eve Service for 2025, to be held at BULC at 7:00 pm, with the location alternating each year. Discussion took place regarding who would lead the music and choir- this will be determined at a later date. Jeanine Schreiber made a motion to have a combined Christmas Eve Service on December 24, 2025 at Brickerville United Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm; Floss Morgan seconded the motion; the motion was accepted.

7. Carry On Jerusalem- A Vision of Hope for Our Future: Vicar Philip Supeck was contacted earlier this year by Pastor Rob Myallis from St Paul Lutheran Church, Lititz regarding an opportunity to build a small chapel at the St. Paul location where Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church could continue to worship together without the burden of our current church building. The concept is for a Jerusalem Memorial Chapel. The Executive Committee met with Pastor Myallis in May to tour the St. Paul campus and to discuss this vision. There are many unanswered questions, but the full council decided to meet with Pastor Myallis at St. Paul's to further discuss this option to continue our ministry. This meeting will be scheduled for August or September.

**Next Council Meeting:** August 18, 2025

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

Respectfully Submitted  
Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

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## September 2025



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**Vicar Philip's Availability:**

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

**Church Office Hours: Tuesday 10am to 5pm and Thursday 10am to 6pm**

**Philip J. Supeck, *Vicar***

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

**Beth Smith, *Treasurer***

**Zachary Fetter, *Office Administrator***

**Joan C. Dull, *Sexton***

**Congregation, *Ministers***