



VICAR'S PONDERABLES – FEBRUARY, 2025

A Note from the Vicar

“This is what GOD says, the God who builds a road right through the ocean, who carves a path through pounding waves, The God who summons horses and chariots and armies—they lie down and then can’t get up; they’re snuffed out like so many candles: **“Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new.** It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands. Wild animals will say ‘Thank you!’ —the coyotes and the buzzards— Because I provided water in the desert, rivers through the sunbaked earth, drinking water for **the people I chose, the people I made especially for myself, a people custom-made to praise me.** (Isaiah 43:16-21 The Message)

The year ends, and another begins. It is that time when we find ourselves reflecting on and re-establishing our goals, priorities, and habits in hope of positive results. The words of Isaiah 43 serve as encouragement as we live into being members of the family of faith. Doing the work God has called us to do.

We must *be alert, be present*, recognizing God is about to do something *brand-new*. New is scary. It causes anxiety, fear, defensiveness, and requires work. However, when we surrender our selfish desires and admit that God is fully in control, it becomes easy to see His faithfulness to us. God chose us, He made us especially for himself. Holding onto *what has happened* and *going over old history* is selfish and hinders us from experiencing the fullness of God’s plan. Why would anyone want that?

We are *a people custom-made to praise* God. As we continue learning together, let us recognize each day, where we see God at work in ourselves, our homes, in His church, and in our community. Let our daily recognition be a form of praise to the God who is guiding and leading us to a deeper understanding of the *new* work He is calling us toward.

Faith, love, grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

Vicar Philip

SEMINARY SCHOOLING

Vicar Philip Supeck will be at the United Lutheran Seminary Gettysburg starting Tuesday, February 4 to Sunday, February 9. Rev. Peter Rustico will be our supply pastor on Sunday, February 9th. If there are any emergencies during this time, please contact the church office: 717-626-8972, or Zachary Fetter’s cell phone: 717-572-5799, The Office Administrator is in Tuesday 10am to 5pm and Thursday 10am to 6pm.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

The following hymns, anthems and organ voluntaries have been chosen for our worship together during the month of February:

Music for February 2, 2025 (Presentation of Our Lord)

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on "Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf"* – Johann Sebastian Bach

Gathering Hymn #553: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

Hymn of the Day #417: *In His Temple Now Behold Him* REGENT SQUARE

Anthem: *Nunc Dimittis* – Frank Henry Shera

Communion Hymn #737: *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* REPTON

Sending Hymn #313: *O Lord, Now Let Your Servant* KUORTANE

Postlude: *Chorale Prelude on "Mit Fried und Freud ich far dahin"* – Johann Sebastian Bach

Music for February 9, 2025 (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)

Prelude: *Adagio in E Major* – Frank Bridge

Gathering Hymn #413: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* NICEA

Hymn of the Day #584: *The Son of God, Our Christ* SURSUM CORDA

Anthem: *A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester* – Leonard J. White

Communion Hymn #696: *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* GALILEE

Sending Hymn #575: *In Christ Called to Baptize* ST. DENIO

Postlude: *Bell Symphony* – Henry Purcell

Music for February 16, 2025 (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany)

Prelude: *Voluntary in E Minor* – John Stanley

Gathering Hymn #434: *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

Hymn of the Day: *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit* BEACH SPRING

Anthem: *Blessed, How Blessed* – David M. Cherwien

Communion Hymn #476: *Thee We Adore, O Savior* ADORO TE DEVOTE

Sending Hymn #802: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* LASST UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN

Postlude: *Tuba Tune in D Major* – Craig Sellar Lang

Music for February 23, 2025 (Seventh Sunday after Epiphany)

Prelude: *Prelude in G Major* – Felix Mendelssohn

Gathering Hymn #559: *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright* Alternate Tune: TALLIS' CANON

Hymn of the Day #605: *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* DETROIT

Anthem: *Commit Thy Way unto the Lord* – Henry Gerike

Communion Hymn #716: *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace* BEATUS VIR

Sending Hymn #603: *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken* MERTON

Postlude: *Fugue in G Major* – Felix Mendelssohn

February Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
Feb. 2	Emma Miller	Major Tawny Cowen-Zanders	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
Feb. 9	Brenda Fetter	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
Feb. 16		Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
Feb. 23	Jean Slaymaker	Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		

HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS

Norma Rhoads

2646 Camp Road
Manheim, PA 17545
717-626-8117
Birthday: September 24

Doris Witwer

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

Adult Forum Schedule February

We are using the Augsburg Fortress Adult Bible Studies.

Everyone is welcome to join at 9 am.

Feb. 2 - The Crown of Creation

Feb. 9 - Joy in Forgiveness

Feb. 16 - Let All the Peoples Praise God

Feb. 23 - Embrace Wisdom

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 appointment with him.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL

If inclement weather is in forecast, the respective council presidents of both congregations will discuss on Saturday and make a determination if the Sunday worship service should be cancelled and do this by 6:00pm Saturday evening. A group text message and email will be sent by Zachary Fetter. Phone calls will be made to members who only have land lines. Please call or text Zach at 717-572-5799 prior to venturing out if you are unsure.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

1. All ornamental pear trees have been trimmed.
2. Old unusable safe has been removed from church by Brian & Joyce Burkholder. Thank you.

SHARED MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Shared Ministry Committee will have a meeting on Tuesday, February 11th. The meeting will be 6pm at JELC.

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank

February Food Bank Suggestions:

- Canned fruit
- Juice for children (no prune or tomato, please)
- Oatmeal



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

February, 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Men's Bible Study 9am St Paul's Penryn
2 Presentation of Our Lord Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:45 am Holy Communion Groundhog Day	3	4 Vicar Philip's Seminary Schooling Tuesday, February 4 to Sunday, February 9	5	6 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	7	8
9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	10	11 Shared Ministry Committee Meeting 6pm at JELC	12	13 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	14 Valentine's Day 	15 March Newsletter Deadline
16 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion Congregational Meeting following worship	17 President's Day Council Meeting 7pm	18	19	20 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	21	22
23 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30am Holy Communion	24	25	26	27 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	28	



PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us pray for: Chrystine and Andy Anderson, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Jean Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Andrea Reynolds, Norma Rhoads, Joe Stoyanovich, Toby Sweigart, and Doris Witwer. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, the people of Turkey, the people of Syria, 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 6- Lindsay Volker | 20- Doris Witwer |
| 10- Kelly Smith | 21- Aaron Stripling |
| 13- Amanda Nafe | 26- Joyce Burkholder |
| 16 - Ross Clubb | 26- Kala Stripling Wolfe |
| 19- Chad Morgan | 27- Linda Nafe |



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

Elaine Mensch 2/7/37
Grant Clubb 2/15/98



Dear Jerusalem Members,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift you gave to me! I greatly appreciate it!

God bless all of you in 2025!

Grace and Peace,
Zachary Fetter

CABIN FEVER GATHERING

March 8 Cabin Fever, featuring Deacon Chelle Huth as speaker. See page 7 for event information. See Brenda Fetter for more information or questions.

Dear Members of Jerusalem Church,

Thank you for the very generous Christmas bonus. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated! Best wishes to you and your loved ones for much happiness and good health in 2025. - Roger Kurtz

Members of Jerusalem,
Thank you for the Christmas gift. I hope you all have a great 2025.

Thanks again,
Joan Dull

Dear Jerusalem Family,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift! I feel very honored to serve as your treasurer!

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy 2025 with many blessings!

God Bless you!

Beth

FEBRUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At our February Congregational meeting we will be electing a new 2025 nominating committee. The current members are Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter and Larrie Miller and they are ineligible for 2025. Rene Amey and Mike Fetter who are going off of council have agreed to this serve on this committee. We need at least one more or two to serve. Please prayerfully consider serving on this committee.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JELC Congregational Meeting to approve annual report will take place on February 16, 2025 following worship.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The 2024 Annual Report's are available to pick up in the narthex. All members please remember to bring your copy to the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 16.

BULC EVENTS

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Feb. 21 5pm until sold out, \$10/ meal Benefit Spaghetti Supper will be held in BULC's fellowship hall. Invite friends, family and neighbors to become informed on human trafficking in Lancaster Co. and beyond. Brad Ortenzi, Lancaster Co. representative will be presenting information on ZOE International, a human trafficking International rescue organization. ZOE will receive a portion of the proceeds.

DAY OF QUILTING AT BULC

March 15 9-2 lunch provided Community Day of Quilting for LWR

GIFT OF YEARS & LEPRECHAUN LUNCH AT BULC

March 17 10-11:30 Gift of Years followed by a Leprechaun Lunch, aka potato bar potato reservation required

February 2
Presentation of Our Lord
Year C
First Reading
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm
Psalm 84
Second Reading
Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel
Luke 2:22-40



FEBRUARY 2025 READINGS

February 9
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Year C
First Reading
Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Psalm
Psalm 138
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel
Luke 5:1-11

February 16
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Year C
First Reading
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm
Psalm 1
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel
Luke 6:17-26

February 23
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Year C
First Reading
Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Gospel
Luke 6:27-38

Just Love: Cabin Fever Gathering

Theme: Bold Women Renew Daily
Date: Saturday March 8, 2025
Registration: 9:00-9:30 (refreshments upon arrival)
Time: 9:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.



Place: Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 863 Lewisberry Rd,
Lewisberry, PA
Church is handicap accessible.

Cost: \$10.00 SPECIAL for this event – thanks to a Grant

Scripture: Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will".

Offering: Support "New Life for Girls", Dover, PA—paper products as toilet paper, tissues, and paper plates are welcome as monetary donations.

Contact for questions: Linda Hiney, 717-575-9531
Email: lindahiney331@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: Feb. 26, 2025

"New Life for Girls" is an organization for girls/women over 18 yrs of age and located in Dover, PA, York County. Their mission is to provide a safe environment for girls struggling with addiction, eating disorders, or sexual abuse. The residential program introduces them to a new way of living, helps them deal with life's challenges, and prepares them to reenter society through multiple resources including counseling, job skills, and GED classes.

To Register:

Send \$10.00 check to Treasurer, Chris Todd, 3910 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109
Make check payable to: **Women of the ELCA LS SWO**

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Email address: _____

Home Congregation: _____ City: _____

Cost includes lunch. **Please see biography for Chelle Huth, our speaker for the "Cabin Fever Gathering" event, on the top of page 5.**

**JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

Present: Vicar Philip Supeck, Brenda Fetter, JD Wissler, Floss Morgan, Ken Craley, Scott Barr, Rene Amey, Jeanine Schreiber, Dave Carson, Brad Clubb, Jill Clubb, Beth Smith, Patti Stripling

Guests: Janet Craley, Jean Slaymaker, Larrie Miller, Zach Fetter

Devotions: Led by Vicar Philip

Recognitions:

Thank you to Larrie and Emma Miller, Jean Slaymaker, and Brenda Fetter for purchasing and installing new draperies in the Social Hall

Thank you to the Finance Committee for preparing the 2025 budget

Thank you to Janet Craley, Brenda Fetter and Mike Fetter for trimming the holly bushes

Thank you to all who helped to decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex for Christmas. Thanks to Joyce and Brian Burkholder for setting up the tree and for bringing the decorations to the sanctuary

Thank you to Rene Amey for placing the lighted garland around the altar rail

Thank you to the outgoing Council members for their hard work and dedication during their respective tenures: Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Joyce Burkholder and Rene Amey

Congratulations to the newly elected Council members: JD Wissler, Jeanine Schreiber, Brad Clubb, Ken Craley and Dave Carson

Reports:

Secretary: the minutes from the November 12, 2024 Council Meeting were distributed and discussed. Brad Clubb made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Dave Carson seconded the motion; the motion was accepted

Treasurer: the November 2024 Treasurer's Report was distributed and discussed. Beth Smith reported that \$970 was collected in the Thanksgiving envelopes to benefit the victims of the Newport Commons fire. JD Wissler made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report subject to audit; Patti Stripling seconded the motion; the motion was accepted

Vicar: the November 2024 Vicar's Report was distributed and discussed. Vicar Philip will be on vacation from 12/12 through 12/17.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: will be using Worship and Wisdom for Living (Psalms, Proverbs). Patti Stripling will be the Council Liason for 2025

Music and Worship: next meeting January 9, 2025. JD Wissler will be the Council Liason for 2025

Cemetery: it is still unknown who owns the pallets, but it was determined that they are Jerusalem's property. Brad Clubb will remove them. Floss Morgan will be the council Liason for 2025

Finance: see Treasurer's Report

Memorial: no report. Ken Craley will be the Council Liason for 2025

Property: Brad Clubb will be the Council Liason for 2025

1. Trash removal: Good's Disposal has provided very good service, but they are more expensive than another service. Janet Craley has concerns with Whitetail, which submitted the cheapest price as they are located out of this area. JD Wissler made a motion to continue trash removal services with Good's Disposal; Rene Amey seconded the motion the motion passed
2. Tree Trimming: two proposals were received to prune trees to decrease size, clean up and remove dead wood for eight trees. Martin's Tree Service submitted a price of \$1300 +/- \$200 depending on the amount of debris to haul away; Doug's Tree Service submitted a proposal of \$2250. Patti Stripling made a motion to accept the Martin Tree Service Proposal; Brad Clubb seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Service: six bags with grocery store gift cards and treats were prepared and given out to families through the Lititz Warwick Community Chest; and Advent Tree to support ELCA Good Gifts was set up in the Narthex. Jill Clubb will be the Council Liaison for 2025

Stewardship: Jeff Schreiber is willing to do events throughout the year to promote Stewardship

Mutual Ministry: no report. Jeanine Schreiber will be the Council Liaison for 2025

Home Communion Extenders: visits will be made to Norma Rhoads and Doris Witwer this month

Shared Ministry: Jean Slaymaker distributed the report from the 12/1/24 meeting of the Shared Ministry. The report was discussed. Vicar Philip's supervisors from the Synod were present at the meeting and encouraged us to understand that the Vicar is still learning and that we need to be flexible with his availability as he also has commitments to his studies. Deacon Chelle Huth, Vicar's seminary supervisor, will do a Temple talk in January.

Audit : per the Constitution, this committee should consist of three voting members from the congregations and should be elected by Council to serve three year terms

Nominating: should consist of outgoing Council members and voting members of the Congregation

Old Business:

1. Constitution Update: the changes submitted to Synod have been approved with some grammatical corrections. Two items to be considered in the future are changing the quorum required at meetings to a percentage of the voting members rather than 25 members and changing the number of Council members from 8-12 presently to 6-10.
2. Inclement Weather Procedure: the respective Council Presidents will speak on Saturday with a decision on whether to cancel services made by 6:00 pm Saturday evening. If the service is cancelled, the Office Administrator will send out a group text and phone calls will be made to members who only have land lines

New Business:

1. Election of 2025 Council Members: President: JD Wissler; Vice President: Patti Stripling; Secretary: Jill Clubb. Ken Craley made a motion to accept this slate of officers; Brad Clubb seconded the motion; the motion passed.
2. Council Liaisons to Committees: see Committee Reports above
3. Janet Craley, current chair of the Property Committee, submitted a letter relinquishing her duties as Property Committee Chair effective January 1, 2025. She is willing to train her replacement. Mike Fetter, Mel Ravegum and Scott Barr are the current members of the the committee; Brad Clubb expressed an interest in joining the committee.
4. Annual Meeting: 2/16/2025

Reminder Dates:

December 12: Advent Soup and Study at BULC 11:30 am

December 15: Christmas Caroling following Worship

December 19: Advent Soup and Study at JELC 6:00pm

December 24: Christmas Eve Service at BULC 4:00pm; Christmas Eve Service at JELC 7:00pm followed by Social

December 29: Lessons and Carols Service at JELC 10:30am

Announcements/Correspondence:

Thank You from Warwick Hub for contribution

Next Meeting: 1/20/2025

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Floss Morgan; Brad Clubb seconded the motion; the motion passed

Respectfully Submitted
Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

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Zachary Fetter, *Office Administrator*

Joan C. Dull, *Sexton*

Congregation, *Ministers*