



**October 2023
Readings**

Oct. 1
**Time after Pentecost
Year A**
First Reading
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm
Psalm 25:1-9
Second Reading
Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel
Matthew 21:23-32

Oct. 8
**Time after Pentecost
Year A**
First Reading
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm
Psalm 80:7-15
Second Reading
Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel
Matthew 21:33-46

Oct. 15
**Time after Pentecost
Year A**
First Reading
Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm
Psalm 23
Second Reading
Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel
Matthew 22:1-14

Oct. 22
**Time after Pentecost
Year A**
First Reading
Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm
Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)
Second Reading
1Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel
Matthew 22:15-22

Oct. 29
**Reformation Sunday
Year A**
First Reading
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm
Psalm 46
Second Reading
Romans 3:19-28
Gospel
John 8:31-36

PASTOR PONDERABLES - OCTOBER 2023

From our Interim Pastor's Desk:

Grace and peace to you,

Let me begin by thanking you for such a warm welcome. I enjoyed my first visits and look forward to visiting with all of you. I am learning about your activities, and I am impressed with your community efforts, many of which are behind the scenes. There is much more to learn. Please contact me to set a date we can meet.

October is here, and as we enjoy the cooler weather, football games, all things pumpkin and soon the change to autumn colors, I would like to lift up some of our October themes in the church. The month begins with the blessing of the quilts. This is a very vivid example at how our hands and our talents become instruments for God's mission in the world. This project at Lutheran World Relief brings aid to thousands of families who are in need of protection from cold weather.

At the end of the month, we will celebrate Reformation in the church. The Lutheran Church has always been proud of its heritage and celebrated the life and work of Martin Luther that led to the 16th century reform of the church's practices. Today, we emphasize the faith and work at all reformers in the church including people like you who search for ways to renew and strengthen the church's witness. As the congregations of Jerusalem and Brickerville, live into a shared ministry, your ideas and vision and participation will be important.

As we watch farmers in the area take in the corn and other crops, the month of October is a time we give thanksgiving for all we have by God's grace, and we reflect on how we can use these gifts for the work of Christ. This is a good time of the year to make personal decisions as to how we will use our time, talents and resources as we participate in the redeeming mission of Christ.

Lastly, let me repeat what I said on our first Sunday together when the congregation's presidents, Paul Fetter and Brenda Fetter, introduced me. Please pray for me and our mutual ministry. Let's also pray for each other's congregations and for one another as we grow in this shared ministry.

Pastor Dietrich



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

The following hymns, anthems, and organ voluntaries have been chosen for our worship during the month of October. Many thanks to Glenn Lehman, who will serve as our guest organist on October 8th.

October 1

- Prelude: *Cantilena (Sonata in D Minor)* – Joseph Rheinberger
- Gathering Hymn #416: *At the Name of Jesus*
- Hymn of the Day #754: *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*
- Anthem: *Teach Me Your Way* – Timothy Shaw
- Communion Hymn #471: *Let Us Break Bread Together*
- Sending Hymn #818: *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*
- Postlude: *Ballet des Matelotz* – Michael Praetorius, arr. Noel Rawsthorne

October 15

- Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on “Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele”* – Paul Manz
- Gathering Hymn #522: *As We Gather at Your Table*
- Hymn of the Day #462: *Now We Join in Celebration*
- Anthem: *This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song* – Richard Shephard
- Communion Hymn #468: *Around You, O Lord Jesus*
- Sending Hymn #547: *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*
- Postlude: *Fugue in G Minor* – Johann Sebastian Bach

October 22

- Prelude: *Petit Prélude* – Joseph Jongen
- Gathering Hymn #871: *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*
- Hymn of the Day #686: *We Give Thee but Thine Own*
- Anthem: *The Lord Is a Mighty God* – Felix Mendelssohn, arr. Olaf Christiansen
- Communion Hymn #685: *Take My Life, That I May Be*
- Sending Hymn #695: *As Saints of Old*
- Postlude: *Menuet (Suite Gothique)* – Léon Boëllmann

October 29 (Reformation Sunday)

- Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on “Ein feste Burg”* – Dietrich Buxtehude
- Gathering Hymn #504: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
- Hymn of the Day #665: *Rise, Shine, You People!*
- Anthem: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* – David Hogan
- Communion Hymn #590: *Salvation unto Us Has Come*
- Sending Hymn #654: *The Church’s One Foundation*
- Postlude: *Chorale Prelude on “Ein feste Burg”* – Max Reger

As announced in last month’s newsletter, the following two events 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. If you would like to become a patron of our series, please return the bottom portion of this page with your donation to the church office or give to Roger Kurtz by November 12th to ensure acknowledgement in the November 19th program. Checks may be made payable to the “Jerusalem Church Music Ministry Fund.” All gifts are most appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support!



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 _____.

October Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
Oct. 1	Jean Slaymaker	J.D. Wissler	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.	Joyce Burkholder	
Oct. 8	Emma Miller	Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.	Zachary Fetter	
Oct. 15	Brenda Fetter	Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.	Mike Fetter	Mike Fetter
Oct. 22	Jean Slaymaker	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
Oct. 29		Dave Carson	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

October Food Bank Suggestions:

- **Ready to eat, chunky-type canned soups**
- **Juice for children**
- **Canned meats (chicken, spam, tuna, etc.)**



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

Property Committee Update

1. Final Completion of Portico Repair pending
2. Replacement AED Pads/Battery received & Installed
3. Proposal for height signage for the Portico is being presented to council
4. New hot water heater installed in Altar Guild Room

Rothsville Community Day Thank You

Expressing my sincere thank you to our small in number, but large in help and spirit, volunteers for Rothsville Community Day.

I can correctly say that we had the most children ever to participate with our activities. The weather was perfect, making the day a grand success.

Brad Clubb, Committee Chairman
Ken Craley, Jerusalem Committee Member

October, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Time after Pentecost Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	2	3 	4	5 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	6	7
8 Time after Pentecost Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	10	11 Finance Meeting	12 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	13 November Newsletter Deadline	14
15 Time after Pentecost Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion Apple Dumpling Orders Due Money Due for Bus Trip to Seafarers	16	17 7 pm Council Meeting	18	19 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	20	21
22 Time after Pentecost Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	23	24	25	26 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	27	28 6-8pm BULC Boo Fire/ & Trunk or Treat in Grove
29 Reformation Sunday Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	30	31 Happy Halloween Trunk or Treat Night 6 pm to 8pm				

PRAYER CONCERNS



Let us pray for: Christine and Andy Anderson, Barry Becker, Nate and Crystal, Pam Cramer, Kim Cravens, the family of Dean Dewitt, Spencer Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Sharon Levering, Lillian Logeman, Joy McCurty, 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.

Please call the church office or Janice Styer if you would like a name added or removed from our prayer list.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



8-Florence Morgan	17- Janet Craley
12-Henry Bowman	18- Chris Scheid
12- Eric Weinhold	22- Gregory Sammet
16- Jan Keller	

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



Roger & Cheri Kurtz 10/8/88

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM



Doris Witwer 10/10/30
Betsy Smith 10/31/93

The Book of Remembrance is now located in the narthex. All Saints Sunday is November 5th. Please add the names of your loved ones if you desire.

Trunk or Treat Night will be held Tuesday, October 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm in our church parking lot. Cars, trunks of cars, hatch backs, and truck beds can be decorated for Halloween. If you care to, bring some candy or other treats to share with our neighboring children. All are welcome to join as we meet and greet our neighbors and friends. See sign up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the narthex. Call Brenda Fetter at 717-283-9947 for any questions.

Thank you,
Brenda Fetter



Bus Trip to Seafarers International

Date: November 9, 2023

Transportation by Elite Coach (26 Passenger)

Cost \$83.00 per person. (Includes gratuity for Bus Driver.)

Subway cost \$3.00

Itinerary:

Leave Jerusalem Lutheran Church Rothsville at 6:30 am

Arrive in NYC at 10:00 am

10:00 am to 11:30 am fill Christmas Satchels at SIH

11:30 am to 1 pm Lunch (pay your own)

1 pm to 2:45 pm – Sight see with Pastor Drege

3 pm Bus will pick up at the World Trade Center

See sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board in Narthex. Money will be due by Oct 15th. If paying by check, make out to Brenda Fetter. All are welcome to join for a very enjoyable day. Thank you.



LWR Ingathering Sunday: October 1, 2023

Thank you to all who contributed time, money, supplies and prayers! Thanks to your generosity, Jerusalem is sending 30 school kits, 20 personal care kits and 16 quilts to Lutheran World Relief to those in need throughout the world! A special thank you to Lois Mearig for creating the gorgeous quilts that will be sent to LWR! The quilts will be on display in the sanctuary on October 1st.

Thanks!
Jill

Our finances at a glance through August from the finance committee:

Expenses - \$99,616.96 Incomes - \$97,060.28 = - (2,556.68)

We are about \$1300 short on benevolence. We are about \$1200 short on the budget.

Apple Dumplings

Brickerville United Lutheran Church will be making apple dumplings beginning at 7am Nov.3 until finished. Peelers, corers and dough rollers are welcome to come when you can and stay as long as you're able. Bring your knife, corer, rolling pin, we supply the rest!
We began making dumplings in 2012 as a fund raiser for the village in Musese, Kenya. This is a cooperative effort with Lititz United Methodist Church who oversees this mission.

Your interest and cooperation with our adventure is appreciated.
If you are able to come out on Nov.3 and or purchase a few dumplings, that's great.
We place 2 dumplings in a pan for \$7.
Please be mindful of this when ordering.
Deadline for orders from Jerusalem is Oct.15. Call Jackie Fetter with questions, and final count.

Living Lutheran magazine will cease its print publication at the end of this year.

Church Directory update:

Check your contact information: telephone number, address and email address in current Annual Report. If changes needed, please inform our office administrator.

Property Committee:

Request for papers towels and toilet paper. Any brand.

Reminder Dates for October and November

October 1 - Ingathering Sunday

October 22 - Seminary Sunday - more information to follow in bulletins.

October 29 - Reformation Sunday

October 31 - Trunk or Treat Night 6-8pm in church parking lot.

November 5 - All Saints Sunday/Homecoming at 10:30 am with lunch to follow. See sign up sheets in narthex.

November 7 - General Election - see sign up sheet in Narthex to sit with Scott.

November 9 - Bus Trip to Seafarers International House

October Stewardship Program

During the month of October we will be conducting our annual stewardship program. The title of the program is Celebrate Generosity. It will consist mostly of awareness articles in our bulletin and newsletter. It is a 4 week program followed by Commitment Sunday on October 29th. Please take some time to read the overview below and the Sunday bulletin articles to follow.

Theme Scripture: 1 Cor. 16:1-4

Now concerning the contribution for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as you may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

Celebrate Generosity is a four-week program designed to help members discover the joys of giving through growth in giving. The primary reason for an annual financial response program is spiritual growth. Congregations conduct stewardship programs for a variety of reasons. For many, the bottom line in a stewardship program is more money. For others, the primary reason is to share the vision for mission of the congregational leadership. While these are usually out-comes of conducting a program, they are secondary. The best reason for a financial stewardship program is spiritual growth. People find that as they discover the joy of giving, they also grow spiritually.

Goals:

Celebrate Generosity is designed to help people grow spiritually through:

Growth in giving, including the prayerful deliberate growth toward or beyond a tithe.

Growth in their understanding of stewardship.

Growth in joyful celebration of the mission and ministry of their congregation.

Discovery of a simple yet deliberate way to grow that nearly everyone can adopt.

Measuring the increase accurately.

Our God is a God of abundance. There are sufficient resources to accomplish all the mission and ministry our Lord calls us to do. Recall the words of St. Paul, "... *God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work*" (2 Cor. 9:8).

JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 15, 2023

Present: Mike Fetter, Rene Amey, Floss Morgan, Zachary Fetter, Brenda Fetter, Joyce Burkholder, Andy Anderson, Christine Anderson, Jill Clubb, Patti Stripling, Scott Barr

Absent: Beth Smith

Guest: Larrie Miller

Meeting Led By: Brenda Fetter

Recognitions:

1. Brenda Fetter for all of her work to secure supply pastors and with the interim pastors
2. Those who helped with the community meals
3. Jill Clubb for being Jerusalem's representative at Synod Assembly
4. Mel Ravegum and Junior Gabers for fixing the doorbell
5. Janet Craley for placing caution tape and signs at bathrooms and steps
6. JD Wissler for compiling names of those who contributed to window restoration
7. Charles Sweigart for ordering and installing plaques at restored windows to acknowledge contributions
8. Congregation for prayers for Weston

Reports:

Pastor's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Special Council Meeting reports from 7/16, 7/23 and 8/6 were read and discussed. A motion to accept these reports was made by Rene Amey; seconded by Joyce Burkholder; the motion was passed.

Minutes from the regular June 20, 2023 Council meeting were read and discussed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Joyce Burkholder; seconded by Rene Amey; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read and discussed. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Patti Stripling; seconded by Andy Anderson; the motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Collection for Hawaii wildfire will be taken in September. JELC will also make a contribution.
2. Discussion took place regarding changing the altar flowers to artificial.
3. Discussion took place regarding taking a collection for the Youth Fund and Seminary Funds. Jill Clubb will follow up in September.
4. Brenda Fetter discussed the possibility of visiting the Seafarers International headquarters in NYC. They are closed on weekends. They will be collecting for Christmas baskets.

Committed Reports:

Sunday School: will resume on September 24th with the Adult Forum

Worship and Music: No report

Cemetery: No report

Memorial: new book with pages that list donor, amount and person being memorialized is being compiled.

Finance: Pastor Viking Dietrich call: approx cost will be \$4300/month

Property: No report

Service: Last Community Meal will be August 21st; God's Work Sunday is September 10th- kits will be compiled prior to Worship

Stewardship: No report

Reminder Dates: 8/21: Community Meal

9/10: God's Work Sunday

9/16: Rothsville Community Day

9/17: Polka Mass and picnic at BULC

Next Meeting: 9/19/23

Announcements/Correspondence: Lutheran Camping Organization sent a donation request. Jill Clubb made a motion to send \$500; Joyce Burkholder seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Rene Amey; seconded by Joyce Burkholder; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please call the church office at 717-626-8972 or Pastor Dietrich's phone number 717-507-3157 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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PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303 717-677-8211 (phone) 717-677-7597 (fax) www.lutherancamping.org

August 28, 2023

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

Dear Siblings in Christ at Jerusalem Lutheran Church:

Greetings in this Pentecost Season – a time of growth and renewal. I hope that you will be able to visit at least one of our camps this summer.

Thank you for your recent gift of \$500.00 given on August 26, 2023, designated for Unrestricted use. (No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution). As we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the new life that he gives us, we celebrate the summer camping season with appreciation for devoted and supportive friends such as you. Thank you so much for your generosity!

This summer we saw new opportunities at all of our ministry sites for sharing Christ's love and proclaiming the Gospel. We welcomed God's children of all ages to camp this summer and rejoiced as they enjoyed Christian fellowship, grew in faith, were renewed in spirit, and then returned to their homes, churches, schools and communities more fully committed Christian disciples.

As the seasons change and the joys and successes of this ministry are lived and witnessed, we are moved and excited by the great possibilities that are being realized for the church. We also are thankful and excited about the opportunities that are before us as 'the church in a time and place apart.' We look forward to having you join us sometime at Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and/or the Wittel Farm. Again, thank you for partnering with us in this ministry through your contribution.

May the peace that transcends time and place be with you.

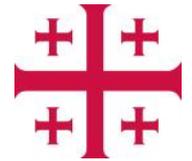
Yours in Christ,

Michael Youse

Michael Youse
Executive Director

*Thanks for your partnership
in ministry!*

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Beth Smith, *Treasurer*

Zachary Fetter, *Office Administrator*

Joan C. Dull, *Sexton*

Congregation, *Ministers*