

October 2021 Readings

October 3

19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading
Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm
Psalm 8
Second Reading
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Gospel
Mark 10:2-16

October 10

20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm
Psalm 90:12-17
Second Reading
Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel
Mark 10:17-31

October 17

21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading
Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm
Psalm 91:9-16
Second Reading
Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel
Mark 10:35-45

October 24

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm
Psalm 126
Second Reading
Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel
Mark 10:46-52

October 31

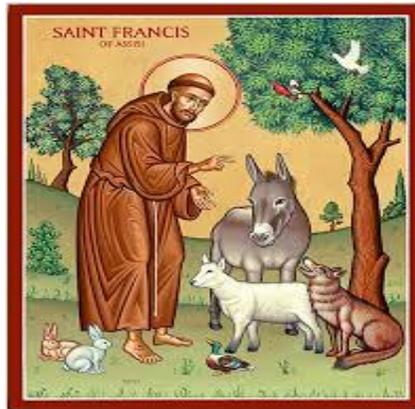
Reformation Day

First Reading
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm
Psalm 46
Second Reading
Romans 3:19-28
Gospel
John 8:31-36

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"PASTOR'S PONDERABLES - OCTOBER 2021 "



THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is dying that we are born to eternal life.

Sometimes, Christians are called to turn the world upside down. To bring the exact opposite of what we find in our world. St. Francis' prayer is a bold one, asking for strength to give of ourselves to meet the needs of others. He recognizes that it "is in giving that we receive," that as we give of ourselves, we receive the peace and blessing of our risen Lord Jesus.

And, St. Francis was an important role model for recognizing the need to care for all creation. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Statement on the environment does just that. Here is it's major theme:

" Human beings are called to care for the creation because we are full

participants in the creation itself. The way we are to participate should imitate the way God cares for the creation - as a servant king. Rooted in the vision of God's care for creation while troubled by signs of sin and yet empowered by the hope of creation's fulfillment, the statement calls people of faith to carry out a calling to care for creation guided by principles of justice. This involves:

- * honoring the integrity of creation
- * striving for fairness within the human community.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bonnie M. Oplinger

ADULT FORUM continues during the months of October and November with presentations from more faith communities as the participants in the forum read the book Honoring Our Neighbors' Faith.

Here is the schedule:

October 3rd - World Wide Communion Sunday - we will have a discussion re. virtual communion.

October 10 - Seventh Day Adventist - Pastor Jason Morgan

October 17 - Jehovah Witness - on line video

October 24 - Islamic Community Center of Lancaster - Dr. Shahid Babar

October 31 - Reformation Sunday

November 7 - All Saints' Day

November 14 - African Methodist Episcopal - Nelson Polite

October Worship Leaders

	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
October 3	Dave Carson		Dave Carson	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson	Zachary Fetter	Michael Fetter
October 10	Jill Clubb	Emma Miller	Jill Clubb	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson	Spencer Ehrhart	Zachary Fetter
October 17	Zachary Fetter	Jean Slaymaker	Zachary Fetter	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson	Joyce Burkholder	Kathy Schreiber
October 24	Brenda Fetter		Brenda Fetter	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson		Jean Slaymaker
October 31	J.D. Wissler	Brenda Fetter	J.D. Wissler	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson		Michael Fetter

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

As we celebrate Reformation Day on the last Sunday of October, the following hymn text provides some worthy material for our reflection. The Reverend Dr. Wilfred L. Karsten, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Moline, Illinois, wrote the hymn for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. He indicated at the time that “Half a millennium later, the truths of the Reformation continue to apply.” Evident in Karsten’s text are references to the five solae of the Reformation: sola scriptura (scripture alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), and soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone). “Though All Our Life Is Like a Scroll” can be sung to “Es ist das Heil,” the tune paired with the text “Salvation unto Us Has Come” on page 590 of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

*Though all our life is like a scroll
Unrolled with blemished pages;
Though sin has shredded what was whole
And death is now our wages;
Yet here we stand in confidence,
With Jesus as our sole defense,
For He alone still saves us.*

*Though pompously we try to dress
In costumes of our making;
Though fig leaves of self-righteousness
Are futile and heartbreaking;
Yet filthy rags Christ gladly wore
So we would perish nevermore.
His grace alone still clothes us.*

*Though earth’s deep waters foam and roar
As surging waves are rolling;
Though all the nations rage with war
While bells of doom are tolling;
Yet God gives peaceful fortitude,
He nurtures us with Heaven’s food.
True faith alone still anchors.*

*Though critics cut out Scripture’s claims
And treat them with derision;
Though they conduct their hostile aims
With scalpels of suspicion;
Yet how the living, two-edged sword
Proclaims the dead and risen Lord!
God’s Word Alone: still truthful*

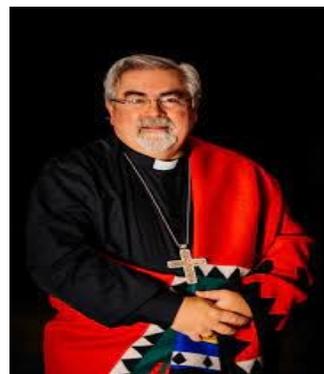
*Now sing a high doxology
To God who gives salvation.
Both here and in eternity
Let this be our vocation.
To Father, Son and Spirit raise
A symphony of grateful praise,
For He alone is worthy.*

Inauguration of Dr. R. Guy Erwin as President of the United Lutheran Seminary will take place at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Delp Road, Lancaster on Saturday, October 16 at 1 PM. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be participating.

Masks are required.

Please let Pastor Oplinger know as soon as possible if you will attend.

Reservations are necessary.



HELP NEEDED

CHURCH TREASURER - Beginning 2022, there will be a need for a Treasurer at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. The church treasurer is responsible for working with the Finance Committee, in the development of an annual budget, paying bills and keeping the debits and credits of the monthly fiscal process. Bookkeeping skills are important as well as computer literacy and willingness to learn the computer program for the church's fiscal operations. Payroll and taxes functions are handled by a third party payor. The current treasurer is willing to be available until the end of 2021 to help train the new treasurer. Please contact Pastor Oplinger if you are interested in learning more about the ministry of the Church Treasurer. Deadline to apply is October 1, 2021.

PART-TIME CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR - Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rothsville, PA seeks an office administrator for a church office for 16 hours a week. Professional appearance and good communication skills important. Typing and computer skills necessary. Preparation of weekly worship bulletins, updating website weekly, monthly newsletter and annual report primary responsibilities. If interested, Please contact Pastor Bonnie Oplinger @ 484-388-0563.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS - There will be a need for two Congregational Council members to be elected in December. One is for a three year term, another is for a one year term.

"The Congregation Council shall have general oversight of the life and activities of this congregation, and in particular its worship life, to the end that everything be done in accordance with the Word of God and the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It provides leadership in long-range planning, is responsible for the financial and property matters of the congregation, the employment and supervision of the staff of the congregation and see that the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws are carried out."
(Congregational Constitution for Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2017).

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays

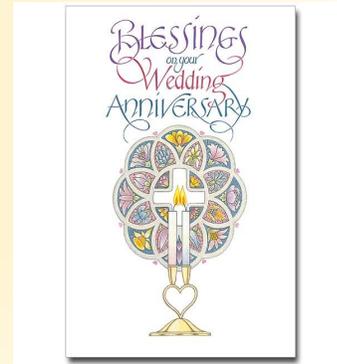


5 - Mark Haefner
8 - Florence Morgan
12 - Henry Bowman
12 - Eric Weinhold
17 - Janet Craley

18 - Chris Scheid
19 - Daniel Volker
21 - Jim Holland
22 - Gregory Sammet
27 - David Powell

October Wedding Anniversaries

October 8, 1988 - Roger & Cheri Kurtz



October Anniversaries of Baptism



10/01/1933 Alma Hollingsworth
10/10/1930 Doris Witwer
10/31/1993 Betsy Smith

Best wishes to those celebrating in October! If your special day was missed, please contact the Church office at - (717)626-8972

PRAYER CONCERNS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Willis Beam, Lynn Beard, Henry Bowman, Bishop James Dunlop and family, Jacob Garman, Weston Hertzler, Alma Hollingsworth, Amy Kenavan, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, James Martin , , Pastor Royal Olson, Judy Perry, Connie Reight, Norma Rhoads , Lisa Riley, Gerald Styer, Evelyn Wissler, Doris Witwer, Wyatt Wolfe, Be with Military Personnel, First Responders, Healthcare Workers and the helpers and the residents at Nursing Homes.

It is with sincere regret that we accept the resignation of Shelby Hoover, Office Administrator, who has secured full-time employment with one company. We are most grateful for her faithful service to us for the past year, especially navigating the communications from the church office to the congregation and beyond during this pandemic. She is especially appreciated for her ability to keep the church's website updated on a weekly basis. We thank Shelby for all she has done for us and wish her well in her next vocational life.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, October 3, the Lutheran church, and other churches celebrate St. Francis of Assisi who died in 1226 CE. This year at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we will celebrate this compassionate saint by observing a blessing of animals on **Sunday, October 3 2021 at 1:00 pm.** The blessing will occur outside under the canopy of the handicapped entrance to the church.

At 2:30 PM, Pastor Oplinger will bless the animals and offer the invocation for the Polo match that day in Forney Field.

Everyone is invited to bring items for the Humane League of Lancaster. Items to consider giving include: canned dog/puppy food (any variety), Science Diet Small Bites (adult and puppy), canned kitten/cat food (Science Diet or Fancy Feast), Kitten Milk Replacer, cat toys, kennel beds for dogs, sanitizable pet toys, paper towels, laundry detergent, wash clothes, towels and blankets.

Animals are an important part of God's creation and they are important in the lives of human beings. They provide and teach us unconditional love. They come to our rescue. They provide healing. They connect us to God.

We can thank St. Francis of Assisi for our appreciation of God's animal kingdom. St. Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, Francis renounced his family's wealth and any future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. He founded an order of Friars we know as the Franciscans who took Jesus literally when he told his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Francis had a spirit of gratitude and gladness for all of God's creation. Many people recognize the prayer attributed to him, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." He also wrote the words to hymn #835 in the ELW – All Creatures, Worship God Most High.

All God's
Creatures



JERUSALEM - A POLLING PLACE

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 **7 AM - 8 PM**



Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church has been a polling place for the Millport district voters. The social hall will be dedicated as the voting site for the November 2nd elections. This is an opportunity to serve the wider community in a special way.

Please see the pastor if you are willing to be a presence throughout the day. **THANK YOU**

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Ingathering Sunday 9 am worship 10:30 am Adult Forum 1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals	4	5	6 11:30 am Pastors' Support Group	7	8	9
10 9 am worship 10:30 am Adult Forum	11 Indigenous Peoples' Day	12 3 pm Finance Committee Meeting	13 11:30 am Pastors' Support Group	14	15 	16 Inauguration of Dr. Guy Erwin. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster
17 9 am worship 10:30 am Adult Forum	18	19 7 pm Congregational Council Meeting	20 11:30 am Pastors' Support Group	21	22	23
24 9 am worship 10:30 am Adult Forum	25	26	27 11:30 am Pastors' Support Group	28	29 6 pm to 8 pm Trunk or Treat	30
31 9 am worship 10:30 am Adult Forum						

A harvest of sufficiency, contentment, and generosity

When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God. – Leviticus 19:9-10

“What I earn is mine, ALL mine, to do with what I want.” That’s the message our culture tells us again and again. Yet the Leviticus 19:9-10 clearly tells us that the “mine, all mine” attitude existed some 2,500 years ago as well. It’s hard-wired into us.

Our sinful human nature leads us to claim all we can for ourselves, which is why for thousands of years and up to the present God has called faithful people to live a better way. In this passage, “the Lord your God” instructs farmers and vintners to harvest only once, and not to the very edges of their land, and to leave the remnants of the harvest to the poor and the foreigner – people on the margins scavenging for their daily bread.

The teaching encourages landowners to find sufficiency in their first harvest, to be content that their needs are met, and then be generous with what is left over. Today, Leviticus 19:9-10 challenges us whose “harvests” of income are more than sufficient to satisfy our immediate needs. Do we *have* to take it all? What can we give for the needy?

In this traditional season of harvest, what blessings can you count from the last year? (Take a few minutes to prayerfully consider this, and make a list). Does your harvest more than adequately meet your needs?

Now prayerfully consider how much you can generously “leave” for the needy? Consider this in making a year-end contribution to your congregation, or in determining a pledge for 2022.

--Rob Blezard

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INGATHERING NEWS:

Ingathering is ON! Sunday, October 3rd

***39 School Kits* 20 Health Care Kits *21 Handmade Quilts**

These are the gifts of the generous members of Jerusalem Lutheran Church to be sent to the communities most in need throughout the world via Lutheran World Relief.



We will celebrate this day, along with Lutherans across the US, with a Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication for these gifts. Also, as usual, our beautiful, handmade quilts will be on display during the service.



Thank you to the generous members of this congregation for your continued Support of this important ministry.

**Lititz-Warwick Community
Chest Food Bank**

October Suggestions:

***Ready to eat, chunky-type canned soups**

***Juice for children**

***canned meats (chicken, spam, tuna)**



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

NOTE FROM THE

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

1. The rope for tolling the church bell has been replaced.
2. Thanks to Mel Ravegum:
For replenishing the water softener salt.
For removing the tent caterpillar nest and the broken tree branch.

Trunk or Treat Night will take place on Friday, October 29, 2021 from 6pm to 8pm in our church parking lot. Come out for a fun filled evening and share some treats with our neighbors and friends. See upcoming Bulletins for more information.



HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS

Willis Beam

Pleasant View Retirement
Community/Terrace Gardens
Room 231
544 N. Penryn Rd.
Manheim, Pa 17545
(717)664-6414 - Landline
*Birthday: **October 7***

Jacob Garman

United Zion Ret. Community
722 Furnace Hills Pike,
Health Center
Lititz, PA 17543
*Birthday: **April 1***

Alma Hollingsworth

Room 602, Muhlenberg Lodge
300 St. Mark Drive
Lititz, PA 17543
*Birthday: **September 21***

Lillian Logeman

Keystone Villa, Room 321
100 North State Street
Ephrata, PA 17522
Landline (717) 738-5821
Cell (717) 888-0371
*Birthday: **August 31***

Jim Martin

536 Brookshire Ave
Manheim, Pa 17545
(717)664-4319 - Landline
(717)598-8003 - Jim's cell
Jim's Birthday: Nov. 10

Lisa Riley

210 South Prince Street
Lancaster, Pa 17603
*Birthday: **December 25***

Norma Rhoads

2646 Camp Road
Manheim, Pa 17545
*Birthday: **September 24***

Evelyn Wissler

321 Meadow Valley Road
Lititz, PA 17543
*Birthday: **April 14***

Doris Witwer

709 Cricket Glen Road
Hummelstown, PA 17036
*Birthday: **February 20***

All Saints' Sunday:

The service time for **Sunday, November 7th** is **9:00 a.m.**

Those who worship with us will have opportunity to light candles in remembrance of family & friends who have gone to be with their Lord this past year.

A few weeks before there will be a book of remembrance placed in the narthex for writing names that will be listed in the bulletin. We remember...

Rocco C. Giannini, Sr. - February 5, 1930 - November 6, 2020

Patricia Anne Weachter - February 19, 1948 - November 30, 2020

Edward B. Carvell, Sr. - November 28, 1926 - January 19, 2021

Karen O. Carson - June 5, 1935 - March 18, 2021

Lucille J. Martin - April 18, 1936 - August 28, 2021

Another RCD (Rothsville Community Day) is history. Thanks to many dedicated hard, working individuals we had a very successful event. Special thanks to our own Jerusalem volunteers: Audrey Adams, Chrystine & Andy Anderson, Joyce & Brian Burkholder, Deb Carson, Janet Craley, Grant & Ross Clubb, Brenda & Zach Fetter, Larrie Miller, Florence Morgan, Pastor Oplinger (COVID Vaccine Clinic), Mel Ravegum, Jean Slaymaker, committee chairmen Brad Clubb & committee member Ken Craley. Thank you also to Ivan (Pip) Ravegum for the use of his pickup truck.

We appreciate these two tributes in memory of Lucille Martin.

Dear Jerusalem Staff,

Please accept this gift in honor of Lucille Martin. She has left a wonderful legacy as a child of God, wife, mother, nurse and friend. We grieve her loss, but rejoice that Lucille is now at peace in the loving arms of Jesus. I like to think, also, that my Mom (Lois) was there to welcome Lucille to heaven, too.

Sincerely,

Becky (Ravegum) Rabb

GOING OUT SWINGING - Michael Votano

The disease struck
like the bat of a New York Yankee
strikes a ball into the stands.
It's velocity was fierce,
the prognosis fatal.
But she refused to strike out.
She was destined for another at-bat

When speech failed,
she turned to writing.
If writing failed,
there was no need to fret.
Her magnificent smile,
even in the shadow of torment,
told all.

Time was not her enemy.
and yet she gave it to everyone she knew
There were sisterly toes to be washed.
virtual church services to attend.
And even when the road of life
began to narrow,
it's pavement cracking,
she marched onward,
Destined to make each moment count.

Her last at-bat was last night.
She stepped up to the plate with undying enthusiasm.
although she may have succumbed to the disease
named after a fellow hitter,
She struck the ball of life into the stands,
An awe-inspiring home run.



ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Learn how to “pray with paint.” The ancient art of iconography will be explored and why religious icons have been an important part of Christian history and tradition. All supplies will be provided. **Wear old stainable clothes.**

FIVE THURSDAYS FROM 9 AM to 12 NOON

at

JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 36 Church Street, Rothsville, PA.

October 28, November 4, November 11, November 18 and December 2nd **(if needed)**

(Commitment to attend all sessions necessary).

Please contact Pastor Bonnie Oplinger to sign up - 484-388-0563.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH at (717) 626-8972 or jerusaluth@windstream.net when:

1. You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you).
2. You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.
3. You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident.
4. There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage or divorce).
5. You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.
6. Please inform the church office if your mailing address, telephone number and/or e-mail address have been changed or you have moved to a new address.
7. As you schedule a meeting or an event of a group, committee or task force of Jerusalem, please inform the Church Office. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin. Changes to the routinely scheduled meeting should also be shared with the Church Office.

We want everyone who checks out our bulletin or newsletter to see all of our activities.

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2021

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

Present: Pastor Oplinger, Chrystine and Odel Anderson, Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Larrie Miller, Florence Morgan, Mel Ravegum, Jean Slaymaker.

Absent: Rene Amey, Jim Martin, J.D. Wissler

Guests: None

Devotions were led by: Pastor Oplinger “Saving this World”

Meeting led by: Jean Slaymaker, Council Vice President

Recognition:

1. Those who helped with August 15 Community Meal – Joyce Burkholder, Linda Nuss, Mel Ravegum, Kathy Schreiber, Jean Slaymaker.
2. Ken and Janet Craley and Andy Anderson for setting up the wireless telephones.
3. J.D. Wissler for supplying all the Icons of Mary on the Sunday of Mary, Mother of Our Lord.
4. Everybody who faithfully does all the Sunday Worship duties.
5. Chrystine Anderson and Jean Slaymaker for counting Sunday offerings.
6. Those helping with the Zoom worship – Mike Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Kathy Schreiber, Jean Slaymaker.

Reports:

Pastor’s Report: A written Pastor’s Report was distributed to Council Members and was approved as written with the following discussion.

1. Update on next door neighbor’s fence. Attorneys Gible and Gray have sent the licensed agreement to Elvis Arista and Jaime. If the property were to be sold or rented out the fence would have to be removed. A copy of the agreement is to be kept with the recorder of deeds.
2. Covid Protocols – Maintain and continue what we are presently doing. If children are present wear a mask.
3. Pastor Oplinger will be providing pastoral care coverage for Pastor Tom Darr, St. John’s Center L.C. August 15th to the 29th.
4. Congregational Council did give approval on August 15, 2021 to allow Wellspan to use the social hall as a vaccination site on Rothsville Day – September 18, 2021.

Secretary’s Report: Florence Morgan made a motion to accept the July 20, 2021 and July 25, 2021 secretary’s report as written. Andy Anderson seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report: The July Treasurer’s report was distributed to Council Members. Brenda Fetter made a motion to accept the July Treasurer’s report, subject to audit and Joyce Burkholder seconded.

Old Business:

The Central American Relief Effort, have chosen Brunnerville United Methodist for their use. Meal sign which includes Jerusalem Lutheran Church name still being worked on.

New Business:

Need for more acolytes. Discussion took place.

Trunk or Treat night will be held Friday October 29, 2021 – 6 pm to 8 pm.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: Adult Forum to start August 29, 2021. Epistle to James will be discussed.

Worship and Music: Spoken service for now.

Cemetery: None.

Memorial: None.

Finance: See Treasurer's report.

Property: Haller Electric did annual air conditioners maintenance.

Service: August 16 – Fifty bagged meals were handed out. Had ten bags of groceries. Seven were given to families and three were taken to Ephrata Area Social Services.

Stewardship: Continue with Pastor Rob Blezzard's articles.

Reminder Dates:

September 5 – Blessings of Backpacks and work related items.

September 12 – God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

September 15 – North Lancaster Conference Pastor's Meeting.

September 18 – Rothsville Day

Next Meeting: September 21, 2021

Announcements/Correspondences:

Thank you from Dottie Carvel for the mailings of the Bulletins and Newsletters.

Gary Blosser – Millport Mennonite – ROCK update. Meeting at Millport Mennonite, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Ken Miller – St. Paul Evangelical Congregation – Information regarding 4 churches participating in backpacks, shoes etc. handouts.

Adjournment: Brenda Fetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joyce Burkholder seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Fetter, Council Secretary

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

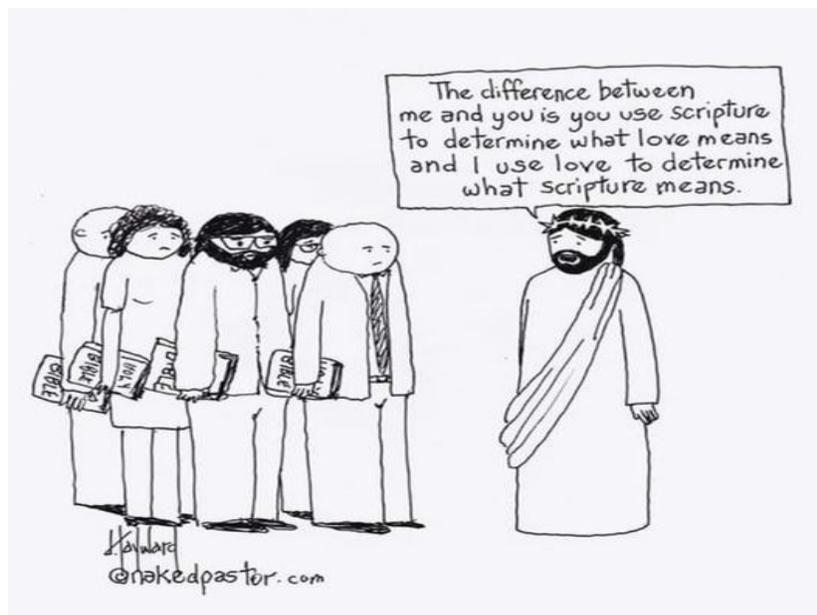


WEAR A MASK & GET VACCINATED

Our congregation is most grateful for the ongoing involvement of the Covid Task Force. The information we share about keeping everyone safe at church is slowly changing, but many features will continue to remain in place. As the positivity rate continues to rise in Lancaster County, and with guidance from the state of PA, our bishop, our Covid Task Force, Worship and Music Committee and Congregational Council, the following are current guidelines:

1. If you are vaccinated, it is optional for you to wear a mask.
2. If you are NOT vaccinated, please wear a mask indoors.
3. Masks continue to be available if you need one for worship, fellowship or learning.
4. Hand sanitizer continues to be available for your use.
5. The ribbons providing guides for spacing where people sit in worship will remain for now.
6. We will continue to have spoken service without singing for now.
7. Holy Communion will remain in it's current form for distribution of elements.
8. The 6 feet of separation is still in place, especially if one is not vaccinated.

To date, no one has gotten ill with this virus from attending worship at Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church. Our goal is to maintain that responsibility and care. We thank everyone for your goal of loving your neighbor.



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Congregation, *Ministers*