

JERUSALEM JOURNAL

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

November, 2022

Readings

Nov 6

22th Sunday after Pentecost,

Year C

First Reading

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

Psalm

Psalm 149

Second Reading

Ephesians 1: 11-23

Gospel

Luke 6: 20-31

Nov 13th

23th Sunday after Pentecost,

Year C

First Reading

Malachi 4: 1-2

Psalm

Psalm 98

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Gospel

Luke 21: 5-19

Nov 20th

24th Sunday after Pentecost,

Year C

First Reading

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Psalm

Psalm 46

Second Reading

Colossians 1: 11-20

Gospel

Luke 23: 33-43

Nov 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

Year A

First Reading

Isiah 2: 1-5

Psalm

Psalm 122

Second Reading

Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel

Matthew 24: 36-44

PASTOR'S PONDERABLES - NOVEMBER 2022

"OFFERINGS THAT DON'T FIT ON THE PLATE"

What a perfect month to express my thanks to all the disciples of Jerusalem - past and present for your hospitality to me and God's work we were able to do here in almost the last six years. There is a well researched statistic that states a 20 to 80 ratio. For instance, 20% of a given group of people will present 80% of the problems. 20% of the people will do 80% of the work. You have defied those odds. Clearly 47% of the disciples in this congregation do 80% of the work. Which now begs some questions for you to answer. "Do you know.....?" and "Who will.....in the future?"

Worship and Music

Do you know who unlocks the church, changes the hymn board, brings bulletins upstairs from the office, used to ring the bell, locks up the church when it is time to go home?

Do you know who sets up the refreshments for fellowship and cleans up afterwards?

Do you know who operates the sound system?

Do you know who sings in the choir, serves on altar guild, assists the minister during worship, lights the candles, assists with Holy Communion?

Who greets people and hands out bulletins and guides visitors to seats in the nave for worship?

Who oils the bellows of the organ once a month?

Who baked the bread for Holy Communion?

Who orders the wafers and buys the wine for Holy Communion?

Who provides floral arrangements and decorations? Who changes the banners?

Who provides art for the church?

Who sets up and monitors Zoom during worship?

Who prepares the Advent wreath?

Who places and cares for the candelabras, keeping the candles filled with oil?

Who will do all these tasks in the future to make Worship happen?

Sunday School/Education

Do you know who plans adult forum on a Sunday morning?

Do you know who has taught children in a Sunday School setting?

Do you know who has led adult forum when pastor was on vacation?

Who will do these tasks in the future to make Education happen?

Cemetery

Do you know who helps funeral director prepare the place for someone to be buried?

Do you know who digs the grave for cremations?

Do you know who answers questions that people ask about where their loved ones are buried or other questions about a particular grave site?

Do you know who handles the finances for the cemetery?

Do you know who arranges for the care of tombstones and the grounds of the cemetery in the summer and winter?

Do you know who computerized the information about the cemetery and created maps to locate where someone is buried?

Do you know who cleans the tombstones?

Do you know who removes floral arrangements that are no longer blooming?

Who will do these tasks in the future to keep the Cemetery in perpetual care?

Finance

Do you know who prepares the budget for the church each year?

Do you know who pays the bills and keeps the checks and balances of income and expenses?

Do you know who counts the money on Sunday morning and deposits it in the bank?

Do you know who records your offerings?

Who will do these tasks in the future for the Finance Committee?

Memorials

Do you know who keeps track of offerings to the memorial fund and sends thank you letters to people?

Do you know who prepares a memorial book each year for All Saints' Sunday?

Who will do these tasks in the future for the Memorial Committee?

Property

Do you know who keeps contracts current for the heating system, elevator, office copier, fire extinguishers?

Do you know who arranges for the care of the lawn in the summer and snow shoveling in the winter?

Do you know who plants and weeds flowers and bushes around the church?

Do you know who is responsible for knowing and communicating safety protocol for people coming to church?

Do you know who keeps church sign up to date?

Do you know who orders, picks up and delivers maintenance supplies to the church?

Do you know who checks church in subzero weather?

Who will do all the Property tasks in the future?

Service

Do you know who plans and carries out the Community meals each year during June, July and August?

Do you know who quilts quilts for Lutheran World Relief?

Do you know who gathers and assembles items for School Kits and Health Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief?

Do you know who knits hats for Seafarers International House in New York City?

Do you know who coordinates volunteers for activities at Luther Acres?

Do you know who brings items for the Lititz-Warwick Community Chest each month?

Do you know who takes these items to the food bank each month?

Do you know who opens the church for election workers to deliver and pick up voting equipment?

Do you know who opens the church for election officials to set up equipment for election day?

Do you know who is present on election day to greet voters?

Do you know who helps to plan Rothsville Day each year?

Do you know who volunteers at Rothsville Day to greet people and provide activities for children?

Do you know who provides treats for the children and adults who visit the tent?

Do you know who brings and serves food for funerals, the service in the park, Homecoming and other special events during the year?

Do you know who plans and participates in Trunk or Treat?

Who will do these tasks in the future for the Service Committee?

Stewardship

Do you know who plans and carries out the stewardship campaign each year?

Do you know who plans and performs a stewardship skit before worship?

Do you know who gets commitment cards printed each year?

Do you know who makes decisions for the congregation?

Do you know who gets offering envelopes printed each year?

Who will carry out these tasks for the Stewardship Committee in the future?

Covid - ad hoc committee

Do you know who gave us guidance throughout the Covid pandemic to keep us all safe in church when we gathered once again for worship, learning, fellowship, and service?

Do you know who took our temperatures on a Sunday morning?

Do you know who made or purchased masks and hand sanitizer for people to use at church?

Do you know who sewed protective gowns for Luther Acres?

Who will carry out these tasks for health guidance is needed once again?

Envisioning - ad hoc committee

Who is working to plan where God is leading Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church in the near future?

Who will carry out these tasks if short and long range planning are needed by the church?

This Thanksgiving, please lift up prayers of gratitude for the magnitude of God's love in this Body of Christ on the side of the hill in Rothsville called Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. You have all been such a blessing in my life and made my ministry here one of the most edifying experiences in my life.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bonnie M. Oplinger



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

A number of musical highlights are planned for worship during the month of November as we commemorate All Saints Sunday (November 6), mark the close of the current church year on Christ the King Sunday (November 20), and begin a new church year on the First Sunday of Advent (November 27).

On All Saints Sunday, Jeff Schreiber will provide timpani accompaniment for the three hymns sung as part of our service, including “For All the Saints” (*ELW* #422), a text by William How set to Ralph Vaughan Williams’ stirring “Sine Nomine” tune. The Jerusalem Choir will sing “O Sweet and Blessed Country” by Harrison Oxley, and two organ works by Healey Willan will be offered as the prelude and postlude: “Elegy” and “Finale Jubilante.”

On Christ the King Sunday, Sigfrid Karg-Elert’s “Praise the Lord with the Drums and Cymbals” will be featured as the prelude and Marc-Antoine Charpentier’s “Te Deum Prelude” will be played as the postlude. The choral anthem, “Sing with Songs of Joy and Thanksgiving” by George Frideric Handel, will be sung in celebration of the day and also Thanksgiving Day, which will be observed on November 24th.

On the First Sunday of Advent and continuing throughout the Advent season, we will use the plainsong setting of the service music (Setting 5), found in the front section of *Evangelical Worship* on page 156. Music for November 27th will include John Scott’s choral arrangement of “Creator of the Stars of Night” – a 9th-century Latin hymn found on page 245 of our current hymnal. “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (*ELW* #436) will be the Hymn of the Day, and organ settings by Johann Sebastian Bach and Anton Wilhelm Leupold of this great chorale by Philipp Nicolai – often referred to as the “King of Chorales” – will serve as bookends for our liturgy.

Invite your family and friends to attend a recital showcasing Amy Yovanovich, mezzo soprano soloist, on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Originally scheduled for March 29, 2020 and cancelled due to the pandemic, the varied and enjoyable program will include classical sacred works, arrangements of spirituals and folk songs, solos from musical theatre, as well as music to celebrate the upcoming Christmas season. A free-will offering will be received during intermission to help defray expenses and support our ongoing Music at Jerusalem Concert Series.

Amy Yovanovich currently serves as Executive Director for State Street Academy of Music in Harrisburg. She studied voice/opera extensively at the former Pennsylvania Academy of Music in Lancaster. Her vocal teachers include John Darrenkamp, a local veteran of the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York City, and Kyle C. Engler of Baltimore, MD. Acclaimed for her velvety tone quality, power, and range, Amy has performed with the Pennsylvania Academy of Music Opera/Theatre Workshop, Lancaster and Harrisburg Opera Companies, Reading Pops Orchestra, and Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra. She is currently on the faculty of the Lancaster Conservatory of Music and is Director of Music for the Westgate Baptist Church in Lancaster.

November Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
Nov 6	Brenda Fetter	Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube	Mike Fetter	Mike Fetter
Nov 13	Emma Miller	Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube	Joyce Burkholder	
Nov 20	Jean Slaymaker	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube	Spencer Ehrhart	
Nov 27	Brenda Fetter	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube	Joyce Burkholder	

Property Committee Update

1. Special thanks to Brenda Fetter for trimming the bushes at Portico entrance driveway
2. Thanks to Mel Ravegum for restocking the water softener salt supply
3. “Green Cut” lightly” trimmed bushes around the building
4. Pending... tree trimming

HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS A call, dropping a card or a visit....

Lillian Logeman

Ephrata Manor
Room #121.
Ephrata, PA 17522
(Cell) 223-264-8805
Birthday: August 31

Doris Witwer

709 Cricket Glen Road
Hummelstown, PA 17036
(717)220-1106
Birthday: February 20

Norma Rhoads

2646 Camp Road
Manheim, PA 17545
717-627-8815
Birthday: August 14

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank

November Suggestions:

- *Laundry Detergent
- *Shampoo and Conditioner (2 in 1 products are fine)
- *Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes

Items can be placed in the drop box

on the first floor by the elevator - thank you!



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE -

Chaplain Glenn Beard has announced a disaster response planning meeting for any volunteers interested in disaster response mission trips in 2023. The meeting will be in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz, on November 20th, 2022 beginning @ 2 PM.

November, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 First Day of American Indian Heritage Month	2 7pm Choir Practice	3	4	5
6 Daylight Savings Begins Homecoming All Saints Sunday 10 am Holy Communion	7	8 Election Day	9 7pm Choir Practice	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13 9 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Adult Forum	14	15 December News- letter Deadline	16 10 am Finance Committee Meeting 7pm Choir Practice	17	18	19
20 9 am Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Forum Amy Yovanovich Concert at 3:00 pm	21	22 6 pm Future Church Meeting 7 pm Council Meeting	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Native American Heritage Day	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9 am Holy Communion 10:30 Adult Forum	28	29	30 7pm Choir Practice			

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for Christine and Andy Anderson, Lynn Beard, Barry Becker, Christopher Craley, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Lisa Riley, Vickie Salmi, Daryl Slaymaker, Aaron Stripling Family, Doris Witwer, Bonnie Trout, and Pastor Dennis Trout. Pray for God's healing presence in places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers and the helpers and the residents at nursing homes; school boards, school administrators, staff, teachers, and students in communities around this country.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Michael Frantz

19 - Lance Morgan

2 - Leslie Miller

23 - Lois Mearig

10 - Mel Ravegum

27 - Matthew & Ryan Volker

11 - Patrick Morgan

14 - Jill Clubb

November Wedding Anniversaries

Ross & Allison Clubb - November 16, 2013

Jill & Brad Clubb - November 19, 1983

Larrie & Emma Miller - November 25, 1961

Lamar & Sharon Levering - November 25, 1992

November Anniversaries of Baptism

Alicia Scheid 11/4/60

Zachary Fetter 11/6/05

Dean DeWitt 11/4/01

Lois Mearig 11/9/33

Tamara DeWitt 11/4/01

Jean Slaymaker 11/9/52

Christopher DeWitt 11/4/01

Jill Clubb 11/23/61

Kayla DeWitt 11/4/01

Eryn Murphy 11/6/05



Please join us for our

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Saturday, Nov 19
Luther Acres Towne Center
250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz PA*

Holiday Bazaar | 9 AM - 4 PM

Handmade Crafts & Cards / Jewelry
Artisan Vendors / Woodworking Items
Christmas Gifts / Baked Goods

Pancake Breakfast | 8-10 AM

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee & Juice
\$7.00 (cash only)



All proceeds benefit the Luthercare Caring Fund!
Event sponsored by the Luther Acres Residents' Council.

All Saints Sunday and Homecoming will take place on November 6th. Worship service will be at 10:00 am with luncheon to follow. Please invite all your friends and former members. Sign-up for the meal is in the narthex. The Book of Remembrance is in the Narthex.

Pastor Oplinger's Retirement Celebration will take place on Sunday December 18. Worship service will be at 9am with a luncheon to follow at 11am.

Regarding that Blue Ridge sponsored "Stocking for Soldiers". The Service Committee on behalf of the congregation has sent a check for \$100.00. We also sent \$250.00 to Hosanna Church for the Thanksgiving meal they prepare. The money was taken out of the "Bake Sale Auction". Thanks again for your support of the Bake Sale each year.

From,
Service Committee

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, December 4, 2022 following the worship service at 9 AM. This is the meeting to discuss the 2023 budget and to elect council members for the year 2023. There is also a need for the disciples in this congregation to discern how their gifts may be used as a member of the Congregational Council. Please see Pastor if you feel called to this decision making body that is one of the opportunities to give "offerings that don't fit on the plate."

It's that time of year again.

The ushers, Claude and Andy will be collecting money on November 27th, December 4th, December 11th, and December 18th for the staff Christmas gifts.

Thank you and God Bless all at this time of year.

Stewardship Program 2022

Our stewardship emphasis this fall began last month with weekly inserts in the bulletin. Each insert focused on various themes of Biblical stewardship. We hope you have taken the time to read and ponder each one as we personally evaluate our stewardship role here at Jerusalem. Enclosed with this newsletter is the fourth and last stewardship theme for this year's program. Again, please review and reflect on it. We will be handing out commitment cards beginning on 10/30 and also on 11/6. On 11/6 we will present a short temple talk/skit and then will have Commitment Sunday on 11/13 where the cards will be collected. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of what you will return to God in response to all that God has blessed us with.

From,

Dave Carson

Make It Simple

A Resource for Stewardship Education and Annual Response

Acting Together

John 13:34-35 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

In the upper room, at the Last Supper, Jesus gives this new commandment to his disciples, to love one another. They (we) are to love one another "as he has loved" them (us). It is about witness to the world. It is how the world around us will see and know that we are disciples of Jesus. This commandment is about community. It is about the common good. It is about our living as disciples of Jesus. He commands that we follow him together. He commands us to love one another.

These are strange and foreign words in a culture that worships individualism. It is an odd concept in an economy that is based on the premise that the one who dies with the most "things" wins. It is hard to comprehend this commandment in a time where we all seek something more—more house, more car, more status, more power, more "stuff." In this drive for "more" we find ourselves isolated and feeling alone. We are driven to protect our stuff. So we fear our neighbor, we build higher fences and security systems, we live in fear of losing what we have accumulated.

Jesus commands us to love one another—he calls us into relationships, he calls us into his community. His command is to love one another "as he has loved us!" In this community we move into relationship with Jesus and one another.

This truly is a radical command—in our culture of individualism, none of us has enough. We all are driven to get more. But in this community of Jesus' disciples, we begin to see that God provides us with more than enough!

Rothsville Community Day

MISSION STATEMENT

To increase our identity as a community and to encourage our neighbors to get to know each other better.

September 22, 2022

Pastor Bonnie Oplinger
Jerusalem Lutheran Church
36 Church Street
Lititz, PA 17543

Dear Pastor Oplinger

The Rothsville Community Day Committee is once again reflecting on a successful event, in large part because of dedicated partners like you! We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day and good attendance last Saturday.

Thank you for your providing children's games and activities at the 2022 Rothsville Community Day. With your help, we were able to provide a day of fun and entertainment at no cost to our neighbors. A good time was certainly had by all!

As we look forward to 2023, we hope that you will too, and consider your continued support of this special day. Your participation truly does make a difference!

Sincerely,



Brad Clubb
Rothsville Community Day Committee
bclubb@flywayexcavating.com

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church Street
Lititz, Pa 17543

09/21/2022

Dear Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

We, at Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00. Check number #22765. The donation you have contributed will help us to offer improved services to our community. With your continued support we will be able to pledge to you that in your time of need, help will not be far away.

No goods or services were received as a direct result of this contribution.

Thank you.

Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 - 9 AM

Those who worship with us will have the opportunity to light candles in remembrance of family and friends who have gone to be with their Lord this past year. This All Saints Sunday we remember:

Carolyn M. Hugues - June 30, 1954 to November 4, 2021

Willis Beam - October to November 6, 2021 **Michael Scott Adams** - December 30, 1957 to November 15, 2021

Alma Hollingsworth - September 21, 1923 to November 23, 2021

Gerald J. Styer - July 29, 1938 to January 13, 2022

Martha Weinhold - September 13, 1953 to March 23, 2022

Jacob B Garman - April 1, 1929 to May 12, 2022

James D. Martin - November 10, 1934 to May 12, 2022

June Heisey Smith - January 8, 1932 to May 24, 2022

Evelyn Wissler - April 14, 1932 to June 25, 2022

VETERANS WILL BE CELEBRATED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022 - 9 AM

Odel Anderson - served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956-1960.

Shipfitter 3rd Class **Henry Bowman, Jr.** - U.S. Navy from 1957-1963.

Sp. 4 **Brian Burkholder** - U.S. Army - served during the Vietnam War.

1st. Lt. **Janet Craley** - U.S. Army Nurse Corps - served during the Vietnam War.

Staff Sgt. **Kenneth Craley** - PA National Guard, 103rd Medical Battalion.

PFC **Ivan Ravegum** - U.S. Army - served from 1957-1958, 1962 Infantry.

SP 4 **Melvin Ravegum** - U.S. Army - served during peacetime and guarded the gold at Fort Knox.

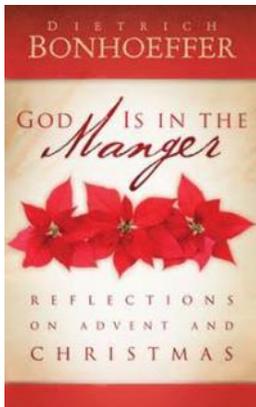
Pvt. **Aaron Stripling** - U.S. Army - served in Afghanistan in the Airborne Division, also stationed in Germany.

ADVENT - SOUP, STUDY AND SACRAMENT - 2022

GOD IS IN THE MANGER

Reflections on Advent and Christmas - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Although Bonhoeffer came from a well-to-do family, by the time he wrote most of the content in this book, Bonhoeffer was well acquainted with both poverty and distress. Just two days after Adolf Hitler had seized control of Germany in early 1933, Bonhoeffer delivered a radio sermon in which he criticized the new regime and warned Germans that “the Fuhrer concept” was dangerous and wrong. “Leaders of offices which set themselves up as gods mock God,” his address concluded. But Germany never got to hear those final statements, because Bonhoeffer’s microphone had been switched off mid-transmission.” This began a twelve-year struggle against Nazism in Germany, with Bonhoeffer running afoul of authorities and being arrested in 1943. The content of this Advent study was written during the two years he spent in prison.



Wednesday, November 30 @ 5:30 pm and Thursday, December 1 @ 11:30 am

WAITING

Wednesday, December 7 @ 5:30 pm and Thursday, December 8 @ 11:30 am

MYSTERY

Wednesday, December 14 @ 5:30 pm and Thursday, December 15 @ 11:30 am

REDEMPTION

Wednesday, December 21 @ 5:30 pm and Thursday, December 22 @ 11:30 am

INCARNATION

Taize Healing Service - Bergstrasse Lutheran Church, Ephrata - Fellowship Hall Thursdays in Advent (December 1, 8, 15, 22) 7:00 pm The setting will be a space of quiet reflection as we engage with the Spirit through song and Word. The service strives to touch hurting hearts, especially persons engaged with 12-step programs. All are welcome to participate as they are able.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - the first Sunday of Advent begins November 27th. An individual, couple or family is invited to light the Advent candles at the beginning of the service. Please sign up on poster in narthex for this very special time of the year to share an ancient tradition.

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20, 2022

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

Present: Pastor Oplinger, Rene Amey, Odel Anderson, Joyce Burkholder, Jill Clubb, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Florence Morgan, Mel Ravegum, Jean Slaymaker, Patti Stripling

Absent: Mike Fetter, Beth Smith

Guests: None

Devotions were led by: Pastor Oplinger

Meeting led by: Jean Slaymaker, Council President

Recognitions:

1. All who helped with Rothsville Day and special thanks to Brad Clubb and Ken Craley for helping to organize the event.
2. Claude Grube for opening the church doors, changing the hymn board, ushering, and locking the church doors, and for placing the altar flowers into the altar vases each Sunday.
3. Andy Anderson, Christine Anderson, and Mel Ravegum for setting out the snacks and making coffee each Sunday morning.
4. God’s Work Our Hands Sunday- Thank you to all who helped assemble the Healthcare Kits and the School Kits.
5. Thank you to all the returning Choir members.

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 Envisioning Committee that Pastor Jorgensen from the Synod met with members of the Envisioning Committee.
2. November 6, 2022- All Saints Sunday and Homecoming. A volunteer is needed to coordinate the lunch.
3. Request by Marianna and Scott Kopp to transfer to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elizabethtown, PA. Mel Ravegum made a motion for Marianna and Scott Kopp to transfer their membership to Christ Evangelical Church in Elizabethtown, PA. Brenda Fetter seconded and the motion was approved.
4. Covenant of Closure- Guidelines for the Relationship of a Congregation and Former Pastors. Copies of the guidelines were distributed to council members.

5. Training Communion Extenders – Pastor Oplinger will do this training.
6. Need for three Congregational Council Members for next year.

Secretary's Report: A written Secretary's Report from August 16, 2022 was distributed to council members. Florence Morgan made a motion to accept the amended report with the correction of the Jim Martin's estate to donate 5% of the estate to the Church Memorial Fund. Zachary Fetter seconded and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: The September 2, 2022 Treasurer's report was distributed to council members. Rene Amey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit and Joyce Burkholder seconded. The motion was approved.

Old Business: Trunk or Treat Night will take place on Monday October 31st, 6pm to 8pm in our church parking lot.

New Business:

A church member asked if we will have the Polka Mass with the Heidelberg Polka Band for our June 2023 Picnic. Will check with Roger Kurtz, organist and proceed from there.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: Adult Forum to study the following:

1. Book of Revelation
2. What do evangelical folks believe?
3. Is the Bible a Fairy Tale?

Worship and Music: No meeting. We will continue using the same service format until Advent.

Cemetery: Many stones laying over. Cemetery Board researching how to best preserve stones. There is no answer at this time.

Memorial: No report

Finance: See Treasurer's Report

Stewardship: Pastor Oplinger has commitment cards for 2023.

Property: No report

Reminder Dates: October 2: Harvest Home

Worldwide Communion

Ingathering Sunday

Blessing of the Animals

October 31st: 6pm - 8pm Trunk or Treat Night

Next Meeting: October 18, 2022

Announcements/Correspondences:

Thank you note received from the Lutheran Camping Corporation for the \$500.00 gift.

Thank you note received from the Evelyn Wissler family, for all the prayers, visits, flowers and all Pastor Oplinger's care and end of life service.

Adjournment: Rene Amey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mel Ravegum seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Fetter, Council Secretary

SPECIAL OFFERING IS BEING RECEIVED for the Aaron Stripling family who live in Florida and were severely affected by hurricane Ian. They lost everything. During the month of November, we are inviting everyone who is able to make a check out to Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, and in the note section, write Aaron Stripling family. Bring the check with you to church or mail into the church. At the end of November, all the proceeds from these offerings will be given to Patti Stripling, Aaron's mother, to forward to the Aaron Stripling family for their ongoing recovery from this unexpected and catastrophic event in their lives. They continue to be on our list of prayer concerns, too.

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please call the church office at 717-626-8972 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you). In an emergency, call Pastor Oplinger at 484-388-0563.
- 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.

Jerusalem Evangelical
Lutheran Church
36 Church Street
Lititz, PA 17543



November, 2022

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

36 Church Street, Rothsville (Lititz), Pennsylvania 17543

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Pastor's email: jlcpastr@ptd.net

Office hours: Monday and Thursday 3:30 pm to 8:30pm, and Saturday 12pm to 5pm

The Reverend Bonnie M. Oplinger, *Pastor*

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

Beth Smith, *Treasurer*

Zachary Fetter, *Office Administrator*

Joan C. Dull, *Sexton*

Congregation, *Ministers*