

February 2023

Readings

Feb.5

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Year A**

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

Second Reading

1 Corinthians:2:1-12 [13-16]

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 12

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Year A**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 19

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**Year A**

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm

Psalm 2

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Feb. 26

**First Sunday in Lent**

**Year A**

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm

Psalm 32

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

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## PASTOR'S PONDERABLES— February 2023

### From our Interim Pastor:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am Pastor Dan Yeiser, your new full-time interim pastor. As you know, Jerusalem Lutheran Church is entering into a cooperative ministry with Brickerville United. The intention is for both churches to share one full-time pastor. I am contracted to be with you through February, or possibly longer, and one of my jobs is to help you grow into this model and see how it works. And I know from my experience of serving a two-point parish at the outset of my ministry from 1983-1986, that this type of an arrangement can indeed work. While I am here I will also be leading worship services, preaching, maybe doing some teaching, visiting homebound and hospitalized parishioners, attending various meetings and responding to pastoral emergencies.

While I live in York county, I will be spending time during the week at both churches. Please do feel free in stop in to see me. I can also be reached at any time by cell phone. Call or text me at (717) 634-4025.

Though it may be brief, I am looking forward to my time with you. Together we will be about doing the Lord's work. Know that we will never be doing it alone, for we read in Hebrews 13 words of God echoed from Joshua 1, "I will never leave you or forsake you.

Pastor Dan Yeiser



## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

**Roger L. Kurtz**

During the month of February, we will transition from the third to the fourth season of the church year. The assigned readings during the Sundays after the Epiphany focus on how God in the human form of Jesus Christ becomes known to an ever-widening audience. Like the hours of daylight gradually increasing with each passing day of the winter, the light of Christ burns brighter and shines farther as he is revealed to the magi, the fishermen who leave their nets to become disciples, and the multitudes who gather to hear the Sermon on the Mount. The Epiphany season culminates with a vision of the Son of God being transformed and transfigured in a blaze of brightness and glory. As we observe the Transfiguration of Our Lord on February 19, the Sending Hymn (“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” – *ELW* #318) will provide an opportunity to sing our last “Alleluias” before we begin our 40-day Lenten journey three days later on Ash Wednesday (February 22). Throughout Lent, the musical part of our Sunday liturgies will take on a more solemn tone to aid our spiritual self-examination and reflection: the word “Alleluia” is absent from all hymns and chants; the “Gloria in Excelsis” is omitted and in its place the “Kyrie” is sung; and the more contemplative plainsong setting of the service music (Setting Five) will once again be used. The following hymns, anthems, and organ voluntaries are planned for the Sundays of February:

### February 5 (Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany)

Prelude: *Prelude in C Major* – Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Hymn of the Day #532: *Gather Us In*

Anthem: *Christ Is the World’s True Light* – Walter K. Stanton

Sending Hymn #662: *Christ Is the King!* (Alternate Tune: *Gelobet sei Gott*)

Postlude: *Fugue in C Major* – Johann Sebastian Bach

### February 12 (Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany)

Prelude: *Solemn Melody* – Henry Walford Davies

Gathering Hymn #557: *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

Hymn of the Day #772: *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

Anthem: *Peace Between Nations* – Christopher Wiggins

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

Postlude: *Fanfare* – Arthur Bliss

### February 19 (Transfiguration of Our Lord)

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on “In dir ist Freude”* – Johann Sebastian Bach

Gathering Hymn #867: *In Thee Is Gladness*

Hymn of the Day #316: *O Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

Anthem: *Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord* – David Evans

Sending Hymn #318: *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

Postlude: *Agincourt Hymn (“Deo Gracias”)* – John Dunstable

### February 26 (First Sunday in Lent)

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on “Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt”* – Gottfried August Homilius

Gathering Hymn #319: *O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

Hymn of the Day #504: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Anthem: *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* – Traditional American Spiritual, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Sending Hymn #624: *Jesus, Still Lead On*

Postlude: *Chorale Prelude on “Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt”* – Johann Sebastian Bach

## February Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
<b>Feb. 5</b>	Brenda Fetter	Dave Carson	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		
<b>Feb. 12</b>	Emma Miller	Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		
<b>Feb. 19</b>	Jean Slaymaker	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		
<b>Feb. 26</b>		J.D. Wissler	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		

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

**Barry Becker**

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717-626-7665  
Birthday: August 14

**Lillian Logeman**

Ephrata Manor  
99 Bethany Rd.  
Room #121.  
Ephrata, PA 17522  
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*Birthday: August 31*

**Norma Rhoads**

2646 Camp Road  
Manheim, PA 17545  
717-627-8815  
*Birthday: September 24*

**Doris Witwer**

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

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran Church Congregation,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,125.00 to help our family rebuild our home after the damage from Hurricane Ian. Your gift is helping us move forward, currently installing new tile floors, and coming closer to moving back into our home. God has been so good to us and we thank all of you for your kindness and generosity when we needed help.

From,  
Aaron and Miranda Stripling and family  
Patti Stripling

**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!*

Thank you for the Christmas gift. God bless everyone in the new year.

Thanks,  
Joan Dull

# February, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7pm Choir Practice	2 Ground-hog Day	3	4
5 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 am Holy Communion Annual Congregational Meeting after worship service	6	7	8 7pm Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion	13 March Newsletter Deadline	14 Valentines Day	15 7pm Choir Practice	16	17	18
19 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion	20 President's Day	21 7 pm Council Meeting	22 Ash Wednesday Service at 7p.m.	23	24	25
26 First Sunday of Lent 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion	27	28				

# PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for Christine and Andy Anderson, Lynn Beard, Barry Becker, Joyce Burkholder, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Lisa Riley, Vickie and Jim Salmi, Daryl Slaymaker, Aaron Stripling Family, Janice Styer, Greg Summers, Bonnie Trout, Pastor Dennis Trout, and Doris Witwer. 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.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

## Pastor Yeiser's Contact Information

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Pastor's normal days at Jerusalem will be

Tuesdays and Saturday mornings, but feel free to contact him at any time.

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

Elaine Mensch 2/7/

Grant Clubb 2/7/98

Dear Jerusalem Members,

Thank you very much for the Christmas gift you gave to me! I appreciate your support as I am learning to be your new treasurer. Best wishes to you all in the new year!

Thanks again,

Beth Smith

Thank you for your calls, cards, and concerns on my recent back surgery. Your prayers helped with my speedy recovery.

In Christian love,

Joyce Burkholder

Dear members of Jerusalem,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift you gave to me! I truly appreciate your support as I am learning to be your new office administrator. God bless everyone in 2023!

Blessings,

Zachary Fetter

Feb 19– Adult Forum at 9 a.m

Bring your favorite photos to share with each other. It can be old, new, black and white, colored, family, friends, photos of Jerusalem Church.



## Seafarers International House

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January 6, 2023

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Pastor Bonnie Oplinger  
36 Church Street  
Rothsville, PA 17543

Dear Pastor Oplinger,

We are sending you a warm **thank you** for your generous donation of satchels, knitting, time, and supplies to fill Christmas at Sea satchels.

As you know, some people celebrate Christmas through January 6. We continued to deliver Christmas-at-Sea satchels through the first week of January, when some crews on container ships reached the shore for the first time since the holidays. Many Eastern European merchant mariners enjoyed their satchels on Orthodox Christmas.

**Thanks to your enthusiasm**, we broke the record and were able to deliver **2,875** Christmas-at-Sea satchels this season! Thank you for having shared the joy of Christmas with seafarers who could not be with their loved ones. Your satchels, knitted goods, and other donated supplies show them that we appreciate their sacrifice.

Please, check out our social media accounts on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to see posts of the happiness you brought to seafarers, who felt the spirit of the season because of your generosity.

Again, thanks for spreading joy this Holiday Season to people you may never meet, yet who provide vital services to all of us as they transport medicine, supplies, fuel, food, - in short 90% of world trade!

**Wishing you all the best for 2023**, - the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of Seafarers International House's mission to seafarers and to immigrants. More on that topic in correspondence throughout the year.

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# Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 20, 2022

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

**Present:** Pastor Oplinger, Rene Amey, Andy Anderson, Chrystine Anderson, Scott Barr, Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Jill Clubb, Larrie Miller, Florence Morgan, Mel Ravegum, Jean Slaymaker, Beth Smith, Patti Stripling

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

**Devotions were led by:** Pastor Oplinger

**Meeting led by:** Jean Slaymaker, Council President

**Recognitions:**

1. All who helped with Pastor Oplinger's retirement celebration. Jean Slaymaker for making and sending out the invitations. Andy Anderson for ordering the cake and making the coffee. Zach Fetter for printing out all the information paperwork and sending emails regarding the retirement. The ushers who collected the gift money. Larrie and Emma Miller for picking up the paper products, picking up the cake, making punch, and helping in the kitchen. Rene Amey for all the beautiful floral decorations. Brenda Fetter and Jean Slaymaker for coordinating the meal from Caruso's. Brenda Fetter for obtaining the gift certificate for the July 2023 Icon Camp for Pastor Oplinger. All who helped in the kitchen: Deb Carson, Janice Keller, Joan Dull, Brenda Fetter, Rene Amey, and Jean Slaymaker. Larrie Miller for paying the Luncheon food bill at Caruso's.
2. All who helped decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas.
3. Ken and Janet Craley for making all the flower arrangements from a remaining funeral arrangement.
4. Janet Craley for organizing the church office.
5. All who helped with the Amy Yovanovich Concert.
6. Larrie Miller, Emma Miller, and Jean Slaymaker for counting the weekly offering.
7. The home communion extenders: Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter.
8. The Service Committee for providing gift bags for the home communion members.
9. Pastor Oplinger doing the Soup, Study, and Sacrament series and those who provided soup: Pastor Oplinger, Janet Craley, and Brenda Fetter
10. Pastor Oplinger for the beautiful icon that she gifted to Jerusalem Lutheran Church which will be placed in the social hall.

**Reports:**

**Pastor's Report:** A written Pastor's Report was distributed to council members and was approved as written and with the following comment: Thank you for your faithful witness to the Triune God in your service to the congregation as its Congregational Council.

**Secretary's Report:** A written Secretary's Report from November 15, 2022 was distributed to council members. Zachary Fetter made a motion to accept the November 15, 2022 report as written and Rene Amey seconded. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The December 8, 2022 Treasurer's Report was distributed to council members for review. Joyce Burkholder made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; subject to audit and Brenda Fetter seconded. The motion was approved.

Larrie Miller distributed an updated 2023 Budget and reviewed the costs of the interim pastor. He also reported the Finance Committee suggests moving some of our CD's to obtain a better interest rate and this will be done.

**Old Business:**

Worship service time starting 1/8/23 will be at 10:30 am. Adult Forum which will be led by lay members will start at 9:00 am.

Brickerville United Lutheran to have council meeting on 12/21/22. Jerusalem will need an invoice from them for payment for interim pastor.

**New Business:**

Church Council Election of Officers

Brenda Fetter volunteered to serve as President.

Mike Fetter volunteered to serve as Vice-President.

Jill Clubb volunteered to serve as Secretary.

Prison Ministries is requesting a donation. Will table this to the January meeting.

Broken ceiling fan in sanctuary - will it be repaired? Discussion took place. Will ask Property Committee to get an estimate for this repair.

**Committee Reports:**

**Sunday School:** Adult Forum will start at 9am on 1/8/23.

**Worship and Music:** Will be continuing the #5 Setting.

**Cemetery:** None

**Memorial:** None

**Finance:** See Treasurer's Reports

**Property:** Broken ceiling fan. See new business.

**Service:** It was reported that 4 families received gift cards each worth \$200.00.

**Stewardship:** Commitment cards have been completed for the 2023 Budget.



### **Council Liaisons for 2023**

Sunday School- Zachary Fetter

Worship and Music- Brenda Fetter

Cemetery- Florence Morgan

Finance- Jill Clubb

Memorial- Patti Stripling

Property- Mike Fetter

Service- Joyce Burkholder

Stewardship- Scott Barr

### **Reminder Dates:**

December 24- Christmas Eve Service with organ music starting at 6:40 pm.

December 24- Christmas Eve Social following the worship service.

January 1 – Lesson and Carols Service at 9:00 am.

January 8- Deacon Marsha Roscoe will preside at the service at 10:30 am and there after worship services will start at 10:30 am with Sunday School starting at 9:00 am.

January 13- All committee reports need to be to Zach Fetter, office administrator in order to complete the Annual Report.

**Next Meeting:** January 17, 2023

### **Announcements/Correspondences:**

1. A Thank you note was received from the Seafarer's International Organization for the thirty knitted hats they received.
2. A Thank you note was received from Pastor Glenn Beard of the North Lancaster Conference Disaster Response team for the \$500.00 donation.
3. Thank you note received from the United Lutheran Seminary for the \$500.00 donation.
4. Thank you note received from Blue Ridge Communications for the \$100.00 donation for Stockings for Soldiers. This year 11,180 stockings were filled.

**Adjournment:** Mel Ravegum made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rene Amey seconded. The meeting was adjourned. Before closing Pastor Oplinger led the "Left to Right game" with council members. Each council member received a gift. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brenda Fetter, Council Secretary**

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**February, 2023**

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**Beth Smith**, *Treasurer*

**Zachary Fetter**, *Office Administrator*

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

**Congregation**, *Ministers*