

**April 2023
Readings**

April 2

Palm Sunday

Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel

Matthew 26:14 — 27:66

April 9

Resurrection of Our Lord

Year A

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

Year A

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm

Psalm 16

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel

John 20:19-31

April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Year A

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

April 30

Fourth Sunday in Easter

Year A

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm

Psalm 23

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel

John 10:1-10



PASTOR'S PONDERABLES— APRIL 2023

From our Interim Pastor's Desk:

Easter Day falls on April 9 this year. I eagerly look forward to celebrating our Lord's resurrection with you, not for just one day but throughout the fifty-day season of Easter. Of course, we still have some time remaining in Lent and Holy Week. We do well to continue to count the cost of salvation, and reflect on the human condition and God's love and mercy before we roll out the carpet and celebrate the resurrection.

The psalm that is recommended to be used in worship and devotions on Easter Day and the days around Easter is portions of Psalm 118. The first verse of this wonderful psalm of thanksgiving reads "give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever." And, indeed, God's mercy does endure forever as is proclaimed in other parts of scripture. Our good Lord, then, is one who showers mercy upon us. That is what the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord are about for us. Our Lord died on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins. He died to reconcile a lost and fallen humanity with God. He died so that we who could never earn our salvation might be forgiven our sins and welcomed into the heavenly kingdom of God, also known as the Church Triumphant, solely by the grace of our good and merciful God. Our Lord's death and subsequent resurrection bring into being all of this. Our Spirit moved response is to thank and praise God each and every day. May we even awaken with the the psalmist's later words from verse 24 on our minds, if not lips: "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Then let us spend the days of our lives living as our Lord's joyful and grateful servants who realize that we have so much for which to be grateful.

Speaking of being grateful, I am thankful and glad that my time with you has been extended through the month of June. As I wrote above, I look forward to spending the Easter season with you, and also the first part of the Pentecost season. Through the power of the Spirit, let us joyfully and eagerly do our Lord's good work together.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

Music for Holy Week & Easter Sunday

As we commemorate the final days of Christ's earthly life and celebrate his resurrection, the music in our liturgies for Holy Week and Easter Sunday will convey the drama and emotion associated with this most important week of the church year. Our Jerusalem Choir will provide musical leadership on Palm/Passion Sunday (April 2) and for our celebration of The Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday (April 9). Anthems will include *Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes*, a hymn text found in previous Lutheran hymnals set to a traditional plainsong melody arranged by Douglas E. Wagner (April 2) and *Now the Green Blade Rises*, an arrangement of an Easter hymn found on page 379 of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (April 9). Jeff Schreiber, our in-house percussionist, will provide timpani accompaniment for many of our hymns on both Sundays. The following pieces arranged for organ and timpani will serve as preludes: *Rigaudon* by André Campra (April 2) and *Awake, Thou Wintry Earth* by Johann Sebastian Bach (April 9). Johannes Brahms' lyric setting of *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* will be the postlude on Palm/Passion Sunday and Charles-Marie Widor's triumphant *Toccata* from *Symphony No. 5* will conclude our Easter Sunday worship. An additional musical highlight on Easter Sunday will be Clarinetist Thomas Wissler's offering of two pieces during the distribution of communion: *Eastertide Carol*, an arrangement by Richard Proulx of a 17th-century German melody, and *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*, an aria from George Frideric Handel's oratorio *Messiah*. Our Good Friday liturgy on April 7th will closely follow the order of service outlined in our hymnal and will include two hymns sung by the congregation. In keeping with the solemnity of the day, we will gather and depart in silence.

QuintEssentially Brass to Perform Concert on Sunday, April 23



The final event of our 2022/2023 Music at Jerusalem Concert Series will showcase QuintEssentially Brass performing a concert in our nave on Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 p.m. Formed in 2009, the group consists of Doug Albert, trumpet; Gene Clark, trumpet; Kristen Albert, French horn; Andy Walls, trombone; and Geoff Davis, tuba. The quintet has performed extensively throughout the Susquehanna Valley, including programs at the Ware Center in Lancaster and the Mt. Gretna Tabernacle. The first half of their program will feature the following pieces: *Rigaudon* by André Campra, *Fly Me to the Moon* arranged by Jack Gale, *Morning Song* by J. Scott Irvine, *Pavane* from *Symphonette No. 2* by Morton Gould, *Voluntary on Old 100th* by Henry Purcell, and *Light Vibrations* by Sammy Nestico. After an intermission, during which a free-will offering will be received, the program will continue with *Soli Deo Gloria* by William Himes, followed by arrangements of the hymn *This Is My Father's World* and three songs by John Lennon and Paul McCartney made popular by The Beatles: *Eleanor Rigby*, *Michelle*, and *Penny Lane*. The concert will conclude with *Allegro Maestoso* from *Water Music* by George Frideric Handel. Invite your family and friends to attend what promises to be an extremely enjoyable and entertaining performance by one of the finest brass groups in our area!

April Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
April 2		Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube	Zachary Fetter	Mike Fetter
April 7 Good Friday		Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube	Not needed	
April 9	Jean Slaymaker	Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube	Mike Fetter	Mike Fetter
April 16	Emma Miller	Dave Carson	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		
April 23			Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		
April 30		Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube		

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

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

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

Doris Witwer

Viva Senior Living
150 Kempton Ave.,
Room 252
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717-901-6447
Birthday: February 20

All men of Jerusalem are invited and welcome to the Men's Bible Study on Saturday, April 1st at 9:00am at Brickerville United Lutheran Church. Continental breakfast will be served.

Property Committee Update

1. Interior/Exterior door repairs completed
2. Slate roof assessment done... actual repairs pending
3. Arch Altar lights donated and placed by Jeff and Jeanine Schreiber
4. AED/CPR retraining pending

On Sunday's the church service is recorded (Audio only) and then put onto our church website later in the day on Sunday. Everyone feel free to listen to the church services at anytime!

April Food Bank Suggestions:

- baked beans
- juice for children
- canned meats (chicken, spam, tuna, etc.)



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

April, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Palm Sunday 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion	3	4	5 7pm Choir Practice	6 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm at Brickerville	7 Good Friday Service at 3pm	8
9 Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Sunday) 10:30 am Holy Communion	10	11	12 7pm Choir Practice	13	14	15 Pot Pie Dinner at Brickerville 4:00 to 6:00 pm
16 Second Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion	17	18 7 pm Council Meeting	19 7pm Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 Third Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion	24	25	26 7pm Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9am Adult Forum 10:30 am Holy Communion						

PRAYER CONCERNS



Christine and Andy Anderson, Lynn Beard, Barry Becker, Nate and Crystal, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, Byron Miller, Judy Perry, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Vickie and Jim Salmi, Greg Summers, Bonnie Trout, Pastor Dennis Trout, Tracy Whitney, and Doris Witwer. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, and the people of Turkey and Syria.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4- Rodney Rhoads
- 4-Zachary Fetter
- 5-Kenneth Craley
- 5-Jess Volker
- 8-Deb Carson
- 12- Joan Dull
- 16-Audrey Adams
- 19-Dave Carson
- 23-Daniel Volker
- 27-Beth Trachte
- 28-Laura Bowman



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

- 1-Brian Burkholder—1951
- 1-Melvin Ravegum-1956
- 2-Chrystine Anderson—1934
- 3-Spencer Ehrhart-2010
- 10-Kathy Schreiber –1961
- 13-Joyce Burkholder—1952
- 17-Lesile Miller-1955
- 20-Gregory Sammet-1952
- 21-Michael Lee Frantz-1963
- 26-Timothy Sweigart –1970
- 28-Beth Trachte –1965
- 30-Zachary Frantz
- 30-Nicole E. Nafe-2000



Easter Flower Order Due Date: April 2

PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING

Picnic Committee will meet in the Social Hall Sunday, April 16th at 9:45 am to begin preparations for the outdoor service and fellowship on Sunday, June 4th.

The Election at Jerusalem will be held on May 16. Please see sign up sheet in the narthex for those wanting to sit with Scott Barr throughout the day.

Dear Jerusalem Knitters,

We have received your generous gift of 58 knitted hats for our seafarers and asylees and we are so grateful. The fact that you concretely warm the heads of people you don't even know parallels the warming of hearts of Jesus provided to people that he does know. Thank you so much for your labor of love and for embodying the ELCA mission statement: "God's Work Our Hands."

Peace,

Pastor Marsh Drege

Seafarers International House



We thought the Family Cupboard Restaurant would be closing, however, it is going to remain open. So this is just a reminder, when you eat at the Knight and Day Restaurant in Lititz and the Park City Diner in Lancaster you can use your Sharing Our Successful Program Card for a 10% return of your bill which is given to the church. The money we receive is then given to World Hunger. The card that you currently have is still good to use. If you need a card there are pamphlets located in the narthex.

HOMEMADE CHICK- EN POT PIE DINNER

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Brickerville United Lutheran Church

340 East 28th Division Highway (Route 322)

Lititz, PA 17543

Asking for a good-will donation

Meal includes: Chicken pot-pie, green beans, roll, drink
& homemade dessert

Limited take-out available / Church is wheelchair accessible

Proceeds will benefit:

50% Lititz/Warwick Community Chest

50% Roof/Building Project

Women of Northern Lancaster Congregations:

SPRING
event

10:00am, Saturday, April 15th

at

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

200 West Orange Street, Lititz

Speaker: Elva Hurst, Chalk Artist

"Spring's Unfolding Days"

Lunch & Speaker by donation

Reservations needed by April 2, 2023

RSVP: dwyand@stpaulsitiz.net

Touch a Heart

Blue Ridge

Our 2023 Results

- Over 11,000 handmade Valentine cards received
- Delivered cards to 93 local organizations for distribution



February 16, 2023

Dear Community Member,

♥ THANK YOU ♥

By participating in our 10th Annual *Touch A Heart* initiative, your personalized and heartfelt messages uplifted spirits and showed support to members in your community that needed it the most.

MESSAGES FROM OUR COMMUNITY

"Thanks for remembering our residents with kindness and creativity. You may never know how much you've blessed so many today with this thoughtful idea! ... All in all, what a beautiful way to say YOU ARE LOVED!" - *Mt. Hope Nazarene Retirement Community*

"WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital leaders handed out valentines throughout the hospital. Thanks to Cindy Buch Mellinger from Blue Ridge Communications and Valentines By Kids for the wonderful cards!" - *WellSpan Health*

FROM ALL OF US AT BLUE RIDGE, THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Sincerely,



Cindy Mellinger
Blue Ridge Marketing and Community Relations Coordinator



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JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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

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

Absent: Beth Smith

Guests: None

Devotions were led by: Pastor Yeiser

Meeting Led By: Brenda Fetter, Council President

Recognitions:

1. Those who helped make Valentines. Thirty nine were made and were sent to Joey Hoover, home communion members, and Stockings for Soldiers.
2. Audit committee: Ken Craley, Jean Slaymaker and Larrie Miller.
3. Jean Slaymaker for ordering pizza for the annual meeting. Also, thanks to all those who helped with the annual meeting meal.
4. Jean Slaymaker for recording the meeting minutes for the annual meeting.
5. Ken Craley for updating the sign.

Reports:

Pastor's Report:

1. Time extended for call- hopefully through Easter.
2. Communicate with Brickerville re: Pot Pie Supper to eat in or take out. April 15, 4:30 pm.
3. Suggested a quarterly or semi-annual joint council meeting with Brickerville.
4. Starting date confirmed as January 1, 2023.
5. Mileage no longer covered. Motion made by Floss Morgan to create a special fund for gas expenses- \$100/month. Christine Anderson seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Secretary's Report: A written Secretary's report from January 17, 2023 was distributed to council members. Rene Amey made a motion to approve the report with a correction to the spelling of Janet Craley's name; Floss Morgan seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: An audit of the records for 2022 was done on 2/2/2023 with all records in balance and no errors found.

The synod budget report was also completed.

Our congregation received \$11,838. in interest income on investments; a 10% tithe(\$1183.) will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

The February Treasurer's Report was distributed to council members for review. Patti Stripling made a motion to accept the report; Andy Anderson seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Old Business:

1. Memorial Fund: \$8601. received from the estate of Jim Martin for the needs of the Church. Brenda Fetter to speak with the members of the Memorial Committee for ways to use this gift.
2. Sound System is complete.
3. Ceiling fan: no new information.

New Business:

1. Warwick Ministerium: Lititz Day of Prayer on 3/3- see bulletin for details.
2. Brickerville has a "spud night" on 3/17- see March newsletter for details.
3. Good Friday: service time? Roger to discuss with choir.
4. Earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria: Motion made to send \$1000. from last year's bake sale/auction to Lutheran World Relief earmarked for this cause. Floss Morgan make a motion to send \$1000. to LWR for earthquake victims; Joyce Burkholder seconded the motion; the motion was approved.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: Augsburg Adult Bible to be used for Adult Forum.

Worship and Music: None

Cemetary: None

Memorial: None

Finance: see Treasurer's Report

Property: door weatherstripping was replaced; slate roof repairs- estimate of \$458. to replace 6 slates was received.

Service: None

Stewardship: None

Next Meeting: 3/21/2023

Announcements/Correspondence:

1. Request to sponsor ad space in a Warwick Township municipal directory for \$445.
2. ELCA: thank you for Good Gifts contribution
3. Seafarer's: thank you for 55 hats
4. Thank you from a LWCC Christmas gift recipient
5. Thank you from Prison Ministries for recent gift
6. Thank you from LOVE, Inc. for 2022 gifts

Reminder Dates: 2/22: Ash Wednesday: Supper 6:00
Service 7:00
2/22, 3/8, 3/22- Supper and Service at Jerusalem
3/1, 3/15, 3/29- Supper and Service at Brickerville

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Rene Amey; Zach Fetter seconded motion; motion was approved

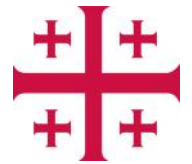
Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please call the church office at 717-626-8972 or Pastor Yeiser's number 717-634-4025 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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April, 2023



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Zachary Fetter, *Office Administrator*

Joan C. Dull, *Sexton*

Congregation, *Ministers*