August 2
9th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading
Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Second Reading
Romans 9:1-5
Gospel
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9
10th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading
1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm
Psalm 85:8-13
Second Reading
Romans 10:5-15
Gospel
Matthew 14:22-33

August 16
11th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm
Psalm 67
Second Reading
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 23
12th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading
Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm
Psalm 138
Second Reading
Romans 12:1-8
Gospel
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30
13th Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading
Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm
Psalm 26:1-8
Second Reading
Romans 12:9-21
Gospel
Matthew 16:21-28

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

PASTOR'S PONDERABLES - August 2020

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" This is the question a lawyer asks Jesus in the 10th chapter of the Gospel of Luke. Jesus answers his question by reaching back into the ancient Hebrew texts of Deuteronomy and Leviticus. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength and with all your mind (Deuteronomy 6:5); and your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18). Jesus calls these the two great commandments. The lawyer, not to be deterred, asks Jesus who his neighbor is. Jesus answers that question by telling the very well known story of The Good Samaritan. The lawyer discovers that the neighbor is the person who shows you mercy.

We are in a most extraordinary time in which showing mercy to our neighbor can be as simple as, and yet it seems, as difficult as wearing a mask to keep our neighbor safe.

July 1, 2020, the Governor of Pennsylvania and the Secretary of Health signed an order that requires the wearing of masks in all businesses and all public spaces. Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran church is both a place of business and a public space. If you work or visit inside the church, please love your neighbor by wearing a mask at all times when you are in the proximity of another person. This also means to wear a mask, even if the person is more than 6 feet from you. If you are alone in the building, that is the only time you have the choice to wear a mask or not. Wearing a mask shows that you care about others, and that you are committed to protecting the lives of those around you. Thank you for wearing a mask.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bonnie M. Oplinger

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

"Abide with Me" - found on page 629 of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship"*- has been found on favorite-hymn lists for generations. Interestingly enough, this beloved hymn, written on September 4, 1847 by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), was nearly not written at all.

Lyte, a Church of England clergyman, suffered from poor health throughout much of his life. At the age of 54, he was advised by his doctor to winter in Italy to save his health. Lyte was determined to administer Holy Communion once more to his congregation, and on the first Sunday of September in 1847, he did exactly that, even though the ravages of tuberculosis left him weak and exhausted. To those who were concerned that this effort was unwise, given his rapidly-declining health, he remained steadfast to a conviction held throughout his life: "It is better to wear out than to rust out!" After the service, Lyte walked by the sea until sunset thinking of the abiding presence of God and working on a hymn started in the early days of his ministry. He was too tired to complete it and thought of putting the poem aside until his return from Italy; however, some inner compulsion pressed him to finish the last line and place "Abide with Me" in the hands of his family that evening. Lyte never returned from Italy and died only two months later on November 20th, with the hymn being sung for the very first time at his own funeral. Had he waited to complete the poem after his return to England, one of the world's most treasured hymns would not have been written.

The mark of a great hymn, like any work of art, is its ability to stand the test of time. Why do we still love singing "Abide with Me" 173 years after its composition? As we witness illness and death associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and are fearful of unrest spinning out of control across our country, the ageless truths found in the lines below help to bring perspective, confidence, and solace that "though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet."

"I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness."

"Change and decay in all around I see: O Thou who changest not, abide with me."

OUTSIDE SUNDAY WORSHIP will continue as it was celebrated for the first time on Sunday, July 19th. We are worshipping this way because it is safer outside than inside. If there is inclement weather i.e. it is raining, there will be no worship that Sunday. You will be notified ahead of time if worship is cancelled.

Please bring a lawn chair to sit on. Please wear a mask. You may choose to have your temperature taken. Please remain at home if you are not feeling well. The way we have configured the worship, everyone is sitting in the shade. Please park in the Forney Field Parking Lot. Everyone who assists with the worship service will be wearing gloves.

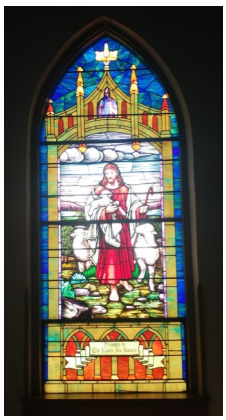
We do offer communion in both kinds with all the precautions we can do. The Host is a wafer. Wine or grape juice is available in pre-filled disposable glasses. If you are more comfortable, you may bring your own elements for your own family to be blessed at the beginning of communion.

We look forward to seeing you at worship OUTSIDE while weather permits.

WHY IS THE YEAR 2020 AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR WOMEN?

The 19th Amendment of the United States was ratified on August 18, 1920. It gave women the right to vote. However, women of color were denied the right to vote until the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In the midst of these struggles for securing the rights of all women, it took the Lutheran Church until 1970 to ordain women as rostered leaders of Word and Sacrament (and recently) Word and Service. This is the year the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America celebrates the 50th anniversary of women's ordination. How would you answer the following questions/observations?

1. Have been baptized by a pastor who is a woman.
2. Have been confirmed by a pastor who is a woman.
3. Have been married by a pastor who is a woman.
4. Someone in my family had a funeral conducted by a woman pastor.
5. Raised in a church that doesn't ordain women.
6. I can recite Galatians 3:28.
7. Have taken a course at a seminary (man or woman, ordained or not).
8. Know the name of one of the first 25 women ordained in the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) or the American Lutheran Church (ALC).
9. I know the year of the vote to allow women to be ordained in Lutheran churches in the US.
10. Attended the ordination of a woman pastor.
11. Have a pastor who is a woman.
12. I can name three women at the grave of Jesus.
13. I can name three women followers of Jesus in the time of the apostles.
14. Have been shaped by a Sunday School teacher who was a woman (name).
15. I can name a Lutheran pastor nearby who is a woman.
16. Name the first woman you ever saw wearing a clerical collar.
17. Have Lutheran pastor in your family (who).
18. Have you ever struggled with what to call a woman pastor?
19. I can name a Lutheran bishop who is a woman.
20. Met a female Lutheran pastor more than 20 years ago (what year).
21. Met a woman pastor from another denomination more than 20 years ago (what year).
22. Have met a religious leader of another FAITH (Jewish, Hindi, etc.) who is a woman.
23. I know what the term "rostered leader" means in the ELCA.



A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for **Sunday, August 9, 2020** immediately following the outside worship service. The purpose for the meeting is to approve the cost for repairs to several of the stained-glass windows in the church. The Congregation's approval is needed because the amount of money for the windows exceeds what the Congregational Council can approve on its own. A quorum of 25 voting members will be necessary to hold the Congregational meeting.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

August Birthdays

3 - Jean Slaymaker

5 - Lori Kemler

12 - Riley Newbert

14 - Barry Becker

14 - Grant Clubb

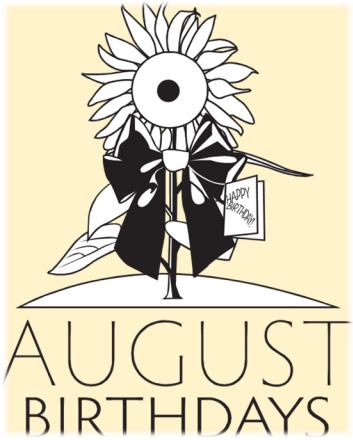
15 - Ruby Styer

18 - Derek Zimmerman

19 - Stephen Rutter

25 - Joseph Hoover, Sr.

31 - Lillian Logeman



August Wedding Anniversaries

Kala (Stripling) and Casey Wolfe celebrate 9 years on August 5th

Jesse & Robin Volker celebrate 43 years on August 20th

August Anniversaries of Baptism

Ryan Carson - August 5, 2012

James Wolfe - August 25, 1957

Jeff Schreiber - August 25, 1957

Heather Kopp - August 26, 1979

Barry Becker - August 27, 1955

Best wishes to those celebrating in August. If your special day was missed, please contact Tracy in the church office - (717)626-8972

Rothsville Community Day - 2020

With all things considered, following serious discussion the RCD committee voted to cancel our September 19, 2020 event. The committee is represented by the four Rothsville area churches. This would have been our 19th year.

A sincere "thank you" to our faithful volunteers over the past years. Hopefully, we will be in business next year, when again we'll be asking for your help.

Ken Craley and Brad Clubb

Committee representatives from Jerusalem

Penn Medicine
Lancaster General Hospital

June 26, 2020

Dear Community Clergy:

The move of Lancaster County into the "green phase" in Governor Wolf's reopening plan has led to questions whether Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health plans to change its visitation policies.

No change is planned at this time. However, the policies and procedures are continually reviewed to reflect recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

In the meantime, to ensure the safety of our visitors, patients and staff at LG Health, we are asking for your help in reminding your fellow clergy and congregants of the policies and to model this behavior yourselves.

We have had some instances of family members attempting to visit sick relatives, only to be turned away due to their own level of exposure. We understand how difficult it is to be apart from a sick loved one–but the policies are designed with the best practices of the CDC in mind, to keep our patients, visitors and staff safe.

While we know that nothing can replace the comforting physical presence of a loved one, we are encouraging family and patients to use social platforms such as Zoom or FaceTime to keep in touch with each other. We also encourage clergy to connect in this way with patients.

Please keep in mind that our hospital chaplains are still working to provide emotional and spiritual support to your congregants at a time when they are at their most vulnerable. If you have any questions about pastoral services at LG Health, please contact the Chaplaincy Care and Education Department at 717-544-5979.

As a reminder, visitors are permitted in the following instances:

- **Labor and delivery, including postpartum, patients:** One healthy partner/support person to stay the duration of the visit.
- **Neonatal intensive care and pediatric patients:** One healthy parent, entering the facility one time per day.
- **End-of-life patients:** Two healthy visitors, each for one hour per day.

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- **Non-COVID critical care patients:** One healthy visitor for one hour per day.
- **Patients coming for a scheduled procedure that requires anesthesia or sedation:** One healthy companion to stay with patient or in waiting area until procedure is completed. If a patient is admitted after procedure, the companion may accompany them to their room for 30 minutes.
- **Disabled or special needs patients:** For outpatients, one healthy support person that is essential to patient care can attend the appointment. For inpatients, the nursing staff and patient will determine when unmet needs require a support person to be with the patient at all times.
- **Discharge patients**: One healthy visitor to assist in discharge process.
- **Emergency Department patients:** One healthy visitor to stay the duration of the visit. If patient is admitted, a visitor may accompany them to their room for 30 minutes.
- **Visitors under the age of 12** are not permitted.

All patients and visitors will still be required to complete a health screening, which may include a temperature check and a series of questions about his or her health. Any visitor who is sick, or has a high risk of prior exposure, will not be allowed to enter the hospital under any circumstances.

Please check the LG Health's website regularly for updates to and more information about the visitation policy: www.lghealth.org/visitation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our department. We are so appreciative of any help you can provide.

Sincerely,

Carolanne

Carolanne B. Hauck, BCC
Director

Chaplaincy Care and Education

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Lower Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

July 1, 2020

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. **– 2 Corinthians 9:11-12**

Dear Partners in Christ,

Thank you!

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge our church in so many ways, we remember with special gratitude our partners who have shown extraordinary dedication to the ministry we share. By exceeding your 2019 Mission Support plan, your congregation has earned our special appreciation as one of the most generous in our synod. Thank you!

We are achieving so much together, touching the lives of thousands of people. Our ministries are feeding the hungry, raising up leaders and revitalizing congregations through our bold R3 initiative – "reFORM + reNEW + reVISION" – now in its second round. Moreover, through resources, classes and webinars our synod is equipping leaders to shepherd their congregations in this time of challenge. And day in and day out, our 230+ worshiping communities are gathering and enlightening God's people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Thank you!

Through your Mission Support our synod strengthens the ministries of key partners, including United Lutheran Seminary, Lutheran Campus Ministries and Lutheran Camping Corporation. And about a third of every Mission Support dollar goes to support the critical work of the ELCA across the country and around the world through such ministries as Lutheran Disaster Response, Global Mission and ELCA World Hunger. Thank you!

We all see how the COVID-19 crisis has made our work more challenging, and we also see that God is good and that the Holy Spirit is leading us. What a delight to witness how our congregations have stretched themselves and discovered new, exciting and creative ways to serve God's people. Thank you!

We appreciate all that your congregation accomplishes in this difficult time, when resources are stretched thin. We pray that God will continue to bless you so that you may be a blessing to others. And we pray that to continue our work together God will provide the resources for you to exceed your 2020 Mission Support commitment. As one of the top givers in our synod, you have earned our deep appreciation. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

+James S. Dunlop
Bishop

Lucinda L. Bringman
Synod Vice President

Robert C. Blezard
Assistant to the Bishop

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Audrey Adams, Nate Barnica, Lynn Beard, Tyler Cassel, Spencer Ehrhart, Jacob Garman, Ashley, Nick & Weston Hertzler, Alma Hollingsworth, Joe Hoover, Lillian Logeman, Lucille Martin, Doug Michael, Florence Morgan, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Daryl Slaymaker, Vince Slaymaker, Gerald Styer, Jean Summers, Charles & Mary Ann Sweigart, the family of Evelyn Terry, Evelyn Wissler, Wyatt Wolfe, Craig Young, be with Military Personnel, First Responders, Healthcare Workers and the helpers and the residents at Nursing Homes and those who continue to lose their lives to COVID-19.

Joey Hoover is doing well at Tech School and would love to hear from his home church. You may write to him at:

Joseph Hoover
161 Nuchols St
Unit 6665
Goodfellow AFB, TX
76908-3302

PROPERTY UPDATE:

- Annual maintenance on the A/C system has been completed
- Thank you to our neighbor, Bruce Hoover, who pruned shrubs on the property

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32

Next Community Meal: Monday, August 17th • 5-6:00pm

We will provide a bagged take-out meal for our guests. We anticipate needing 6-8 people to assemble the bags and to distribute them.

Masks will be worn and social distancing will be observed.

Please call Jill (717.665.7987) or Joyce (717.733.9569) if you are willing to help!

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank

August's
Food Bank Suggestions:

- Canned fruit and applesauce
- Helpers (tuna, chicken or hamburger)
- Adult toothbrushes

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

May 12, 2020

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

We, at Rothsville Volunteer fire Company Ambulance Corps, would like to thank you for your generous donation of $250.00, ck #22382. 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.

Thank you,

Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company
Ambulance Corps

Lutheran World Relief Face Mask Challenge

Join the 75,000 more Face Mask Challenge Vulnerable communities are defenseless against COVID-19

Reach neighbors in need without leaving home. The masks you sew in your living room will provide love and protection to a neighbor in need halfway around the world.
Our generous community reached our first goal of 75,000 masks in record time. **Let's make 75,000 more!** Currently 88,975 masks have been donated, current goal is 150,000. How many masks will you make? *Not all heroes wear capes, some make face masks.*
Many people in developing countries don't have the option of Social distancing or frequent handwashing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The U.S. Center of Disease Control and Prevention now says cloth face masks, along with hand-washing and social distancing may help reduce transmission. More info: **www.lwr.org/masks**

Willis Beam
411 A East Main Street
Leola, PA 17540
(717) 203-4941
Birthday: October 7

Jacob Garman
United Zion Ret. Community
722 Furnace Hills Pike,
Room 130
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***

Norma Rhoads
149 Owl Hill Road
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: September 24

Charles Jr. & Mary Ann Sweigart
918 A Rabbit Hill Road
Lititz, PA 17543
(717) 626-0742
Birthdays:
Charles's March 6
Mary Ann's March 14

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

HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2020

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

Present: J.D. Wissler, Chrystine Anderson, Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter Jim Martin, D. Rene Amey, Kathy Schreiber, Mel Ravegum, Jean Slaymaker, Larrie Miller and Pastor Bonnie Oplinger.
Absent: Ron Naudus
Guests: Odel Anderson
Devotions were led by Pastor Oplinger
Meeting led by J.D. Wissler, Council President

Recognition for March, April & May

1. Ad hoc committee (Covid-19 task force): Janet Craley, Brenda Fetter, Lucille Martin, Leslie Miller, Beth Trachte.
2. Saturday food hand out: Joyce Burkholder, Deb & Dave Carson, Jill & Brad Clubb, Brenda, Michael & Zachary Fetter, Kathy Schreiber, Jean Slaymaker, Scott & Marlene Barr.
3. Making masks for Jerusalem ELC and isolation gowns for Luther Acres: Brenda Fetter and Jean Slaymaker.
4. Bringing in the mail and tolling the bell for Reba Wit's Committal Service: Mel Ravegum.
5. Helping with election day, June 2, 2020: Odel Anderson and Brenda Fetter.
6. For obtaining and planting geraniums in the flower beds in front of the church, Emma & Larrie Miller.
7. Janet Craley for keeping property certificates, elevator, etc. current.
8. Lois Mearig for making three more quilts.
9. Knitting hats for International Seafarers House: Deb Carson, Scott Kopp, Lillian Logeman and Emma Miller.
10. Keeping sign board current: Ken Craley.

Reports
Pastor's Report: A written Pastor's report was distributed to council members and was approved as written.

Secretary's Report: February secretary's report will be reviewed at July's meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Fetter made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as written subject to audit and Jim Martin seconded. The motion was approved.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Restart of ROCK Connection at Jerusalem will be discussed at next meeting.

Committee Reports
Sunday School: None

Worship and Music: None

Cemetery: None

Memorial: None

Finance: None

Property: None

Service: Joyce Burkholder reported on June 22nd, 50 assembled/packed meals will be passed out between 5-6pm. 20 bags of breakfast foods will also be given out. Money for assembled meals is being provided by a member, Jill Clubb who is using a Thrivent card. Breakfast foods are being purchased with Bake Sale money.

Stewardship: None

Stained Glass Windows: J.D. Wissler reported the stained-glass window repairs will start the middle of July. The contractor will remove two windows at a time to do the restoration work. Enough money for the work is already available. However, the congregation will be invited to memorialize with donations towards windows.

Reminder Dates:
- Community Meal handouts: June 22, 2020
- Community Meal event: July 20, 2020

Next Meeting: July 21, 2020

Announcements/Correspondence:
- Thank you card from Rebecca Ericson for Pastor Oplinger's care, prayers, and service.
- Thank you card from Ed Carvell for receiving the newsletter and church service/sermons and also included a $200.00 donation.
- Thank you card from Seafarer's International for the gift of $500.00.
- Thank you card from Lillian Logeman for prayers during her hospital stay.

Adjournment: Mel Ravegum made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joyce Burkholder seconded. Meeting was adjourned and closed with a prayer by J.D. Wissler and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Fetter
Council Secretary

If you are a craftsman...only look at your tools, your needle, your thimble, your beer barrel, your articles of trade, your scales, your measures, and you will find this saying written on them. "My dear, use me toward your neighbor, as you would want him to act toward you with that which is his."

From Martin Luther, Weimarer Ausgabe 32, pp. 495–496
(The Sermon on the Mount)

August

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