



## PASTOR PONDERABLES - April 2024

### *He has risen! He is not here! Mark 16:6*

He is risen! He is risen indeed. So goes our Easter greeting. We are very familiar with this greeting. We have lived for years with this proclamation. The church has shared this proclamation for 2,000 years. Does it continue to have an impact on us? Or is it just something we say?

Do we feel what the women felt that first Easter morning when they heard the young man in the garden proclaim this to them. According to Mark, "Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid."

The women went to the tomb because that is where they last saw Jesus, and that is where they expected him to be. What could be more natural? We, too, when we want to see Jesus, often go back to where we last saw him, to our last experience of Jesus. But what if we went back to that place, and a young man or woman told us "He has risen, he is not here." Would we be bewildered, would we flee from that place, would we be afraid?

In congregations that have declined in number, there is a natural desire to go back to that place where we last saw Jesus, to back to what used to be. And when we come to church and we don't find that thing that used to be, many leave wondering why, bewildered, and afraid of what is going to happen.

But let's listen to more of the young person's message that Easter morning. They begin by saying, "Don't be alarmed," and they end by saying, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

This is my Easter message to you. Jesus has not just disappeared, but he has returned to "Galilee" that place where he worked miracles, healing and feeding people, where he taught and showed the way, where he raised people from the dead. Jesus has gone ahead and invites us to follow him into new ministries and new life; he is preparing the way. Can we hear the promise, "There you see him, just as he told you?"

Easter is a time when we renew our faith in the risen Jesus who has invited us to be part of God's mission to the world of unbelief, a world with so many needs. The Easter season is a time that we as Christians renew our faith in thanksgiving for baptism. Easter is a time when we recommit ourselves to worship, to fellowship and to service. Easter is a time when we celebrate not the old life, but the new life in Christ, like spring time following winter.

### **Pastor Dietrich**

#### *Special announcement : hearings.*

In April and May, all committees are asked to set a meeting with their counterpart at our partner church (Jerusalem/Brickerville). The vision for the shared ministry certainly focuses on sharing the cost of a pastor. However, though it is not understood as a merger, the vision also opens the door to imagining other ways to share resources for effective ministry. Perhaps foremost, these joint meetings will serve as an opportunity to get to know each other better at both a personal and functional level. Specifically, we are aiming at four areas of conversation: 1. Worship and Music, 2. Mission and Service, 3. Fellowship, and 4. Finance and Property.

To prepare for these joint meetings, each of these four groups will hold a 15 to 20 minute "hearing" with members of their own congregation prior to their joint meeting. These "hearings" will be held after church: at Brickerville during the fellowship time before Sunday School; at Jerusalem, after worship remaining in the sanctuary. The first hearing, Worship and Music, will be held on April 14, and the other three on the three consecutive Sundays. During these "hearings" the committees will try to hear hopes and concerns of the community concerning their area of ministry. What have you liked about the shared ministry so far? What would you like to see going forward? What questions do you have about the other congregation?



# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

**Roger L. Kurtz**

As we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection during this 50-day Easter season, the following preludes, anthems, and postludes have been planned for our worship together during the month of April:

April 7 (Second Sunday of Easter)

Prelude: *Chorale Prelude on "Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn"* – Johann Sebastian Bach  
Anthem: *"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"* – 15th-century French tune, arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
Postlude: *Variation on "Woodlands"* – George Thalben-Ball

April 14 (Third Sunday of Easter)

Prelude: *Fanfare in C Major* – Henry Purcell  
Anthem: *Alleluia, Christ Is Risen!* – George Frideric Handel, arr. Patrick M. Liebergen  
Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* – Christopher Tambling

April 21 (Fourth Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday)

Prelude: *Prelude on "Brother James' Air"* – M. Searle Wright  
Anthem: *I Am the Good Shepherd* – Thomas Matthews  
Postlude: *Presto (Concerto No. 5 in F Major)* – George Frideric Handel

April 28 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

Prelude: *Cornet Voluntary* – William Walond  
Anthem: *Celebrate the Risen Christ* – Cook Island Melody, arr. Austin C. Lovelace  
Postlude: *The Archbishop's Fanfare* – Francis Jackson

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Between both performers and audience, over 120 persons filled our nave last month for the March 10<sup>th</sup> concert offered by The Lancaster Chamber Singers as part of our 2023-2024 Music at Jerusalem Concert Series. Those who attended were treated to a marvelous afternoon of singing presented by one of Lancaster County's finest choral groups. Their program featured beloved staples of the choral repertoire (*The Heavens Are Telling* by Franz Joseph Haydn, *God So Loved the World* by John Stainer, and *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by Peter Lutkin), arrangements of hymns and spirituals, and compositions written by a former and current member of the ensemble. Many thanks to Jeanine Schreiber for her assistance in scheduling this concert at Jerusalem Church, and to the following for their help, both with last month's event and during the past season: Ken & Janet Craley, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Claude Grube, Cheri Kurtz, Floss Morgan, Mel Ravegum, and John David Wissler for ushering; Ken Craley for advertising on our church sign board; Zachary Fetter for updating our concert series mailing list, printing labels, and posting the information on our website; Cheri Kurtz for designing the fliers and programs, mailing the fliers, and assembling the programs; and to Jeff & Jeanine Schreiber and John David Wissler for moving furniture and preparing the space after worship on March 10.

## April Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
<b>April 7</b>	Emma Miller	Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
<b>April 14</b>	Brenda Fetter	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
<b>April 21</b>	Jean Slaymaker	Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
<b>April 28</b>			Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		

### HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS

#### Barry Becker

Maple Farms  
Nursing Center  
(Rm 41)  
604 Oak Street  
Akron, PA 17501  
*Birthday: August 14*

#### Norma Rhoads

2646 Camp Road  
Manheim, PA 17545  
717-626-8117  
*Birthday: September 24*

#### Doris Witwer

Viva Senior Living  
150 Kempton Ave.,  
Room 252  
Harrisburg, PA 17111  
717-901-6026  
*Birthday: February 20*

I have been involved with Rothsville Community Day since its inception more than 20 years ago. I am willing to work with someone this year as an understudy. Then in 2025 take over Jerusalem's area of responsibility. There is a community committee with representatives from Millport Mennonite, Salem Utd Methodist, St Paul's EC and Jerusalem Lutheran. They meet a few times a year beginning late winter, early spring to plan the September event. Brad Clubb (chairman) and I represent Jerusalem.

Please consider this community outreach and volunteer your time. For questions and/or further information contact me. Thank you Ken Craley - (717) 625-3848 or (717) 875-8603

#### Adult Forum Schedule

Everyone is welcome to join at 9 am.

April 7 - Proclaim the Gospel

April 14 - Live the Gospel

April 21 - We Are the Lord's

April 28 - Faith and Works

#### Property Committee Update

1. 3 AC estimates for the sanctuary reviewed and will be presented to council

2. Landscaper estimate for tree/shrubbery  
Trimming pending

#### 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, 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Pastor Dietrich on vacation from Monday, April 1 to Monday, April 8.</p> 	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>April Fools' Day</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Men's Bible Study 9:00am Zion Lutheran Church Manheim</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Second Sunday of Easter Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Eid al-Fitr</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Finance Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Third Sunday of Easter Adult Forum 9:00 am Picnic Committee Meeting 9:40 am 10:30 am Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>May Newsletter Deadline Women's Bible Study 10:00am BULC Tax Day</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Day of Renewal at St. Paul's Lititz</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Easter Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Passover Earth Day</p> 	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Primary Election Millport Voting District Election at Jerusalem.</p> 	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Fifth Sunday of Easter Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> 				



# PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us pray for: Christine and Andy Anderson, Barry Becker, Spencer Ehrhart, Bonnie Hench, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Sharon Levering, Joy McCurdy, Judy Perry, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Sarah Schreiber, Parker Studenroth, Greg Summers, Toby Sweigart, Neal Vital, Doris Witwer, and Karen Larson. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, the people of Turkey, the people of Syria, the people of Israel & Palestine, and those affected by the Francis Scott Key Bridge Disaster in Baltimore, Maryland.

*Please call the church office or Janice Styer if you would like a name added or removed from our prayer list.*

## 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
- 27-Beth Trachte

## 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



## PASTOR OFF/VACATION

Pastor will be on vacation April 1 to April 8. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact the church office, Zach Fetter's Cell Phone : 717-572-5799, or Brenda Fetter's Cell Phone : 717-283-9947. Zach or Brenda will contact the on-call pastor.

A detailed report of Seafarer's International House Trip from Nov. 9, 2023 is located in the narthex. Please help yourself to one!

## April 2024 Readings



April 7  
**2nd Sunday of Easter  
 Year B**  
 First Reading  
 Acts 4:32-35  
 Psalm  
 Psalm 133  
 Second Reading  
 1 John 1:1—2:2  
 Gospel  
 John 20:19-31

April 14  
**3rd Sunday of Easter  
 Year B**  
 First Reading  
 Acts 3:12-19  
 Psalm  
 Psalm 4  
 Second Reading  
 1 John 3:1-7  
 Gospel  
 Luke 24:36b-48

April 21  
**4th Sunday of Easter  
 Year B**  
 First Reading  
 Acts 4:5-12  
 Psalm  
 Psalm 23  
 Second Reading  
 1 John 3:16-24  
 Gospel  
 John 10:11-18

April 28  
**5th Sunday of Easter  
 Year B**  
 First Reading  
 Acts 8:26-40  
 Psalm  
 Psalm 22:25-31  
 Second Reading  
 1 John 4:7-21  
 Gospel  
 John 15:1-8

## **Report from Council President**

1. The April 24th Pot Luck meal and committee meetings have been canceled.
2. Jerusalem's Call Committee has completed the ministry site profile except for a few minor details.
3. Council is still reviewing estimates for the sanctuary Air Conditioning Repairs.
4. Keep checking the bulletin board in the narthex for upcoming events.

Blessings,  
Brenda Fetter

The Millport Voting District Election will be held on April 23. Please see signup sheet in the narthex for those wanting to sit with Scott Barr throughout the day,

Picnic Committee will meet on Sunday, April 14 at 9:40am to begin preparation for the upcoming service on Sunday, June 2.

May 2 at BULC - National Day of Prayer. The church will be open from 11:30am to 9:00pm for anyone to come in and pray.

### **72nd semi-annual ST. PAUL'S ADAMSTOWN FREE COMMUNITY OUT-GROWN EXCHANGE**



Clothing for all ages, toys, & Household items ***DATES TO DONATE & COME SHOP SEE SCHEDULE BELOW WEEK OF APRIL 1-6***

Come and get items but we also will be taking donations of clean items on all the days except as listed below. You do not need to drop off to come get items Donation & shopping days are as follows

#### ***DONATION ONLY DAYS***

Monday, April 1 — 9 am—1 pm (donation only)  
Tuesday —CLOSED  
Wed., April 3 & Thurs. April 4— 9 am to 1 pm (donation only)

#### ***DONATION AND SHOPPING DAYS***

Thursday, April 4 — 5 —8 pm (donation and shopping)

#### ***SHOPPING DAYS ONLY***

Friday, April 5 – 9 am to 1 pm (**NO DONATIONS**)  
Saturday, April 6— 8 am—noon (**NO DONATIONS**)

*No TV's, furniture, computers or copiers or other electronics accepted, NO VHS or Car seats*

*No public bathroom usage.  
Left over items will be donated to various charities.*

*We can limit the number of children's items you take*

*No Charitable donation forms*



**JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

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

**Present:** Pastor Dietrich, Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Patti Stripling, Rene Amey, Scott Barr, Floss Morgan, Jill Clubb, Beth Smith

**Absent:** Joyce Burkholder

**Devotions:** Led by Pastor Dietrich

**Meeting:** Called to order and led by Brenda Fetter

**Recognitions:**

1. Those who helped with the meal for the Annual Meeting: Emma Miller and Jean Slaymaker for making chili; those who brought desserts.
2. Thanks to the congregation for welcoming Pastor O’Brien.
3. Thanks to all who helped make Valentines

**Reports:**

**Pastor’s Report:** distributed and discussed. Pastor hi-lighted the work of the call committee, stating that they are on track to have the abbreviated congregation profile ready for the March Council meeting. He also states that he hopes to lead a review of the Constitution, possibly with the Mutual Ministry committee.

**Secretary:** minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting were distributed and reviewed. It was noted that the motion to accept minutes from the previous meetings did not include the January 14, 2024 Special Council Meeting. A motion to accept the January 14, 2024 Special Council Meeting Minutes was made by Rene Amey; the motion was seconded by Patti Stripling; the motion was accepted. A motion to accept the January 23, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Patti Stripling; the motion was seconded by Rene Amey; the motion was accepted.

**Treasurer:** distributed and discussed. Beth Smith, Treasurer noted that there were several repair bills last month, and that the water softener was replaced. These expenses were able to be covered by existing funds. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report subject to audit was made by Floss Morgan; the motion was seconded by Mike Fetter; the motion was accepted.

**Committee Reports:**

**Sunday School:** no report

**Worship and Music:** no meeting

**Cemetery:** no report

**Finance:** see Treasurer’s Report

**Memorial:** no report

**Property:** urinal repaired; meeting for third quote for HVAC is scheduled for Friday

**Service:** Valentines- 49 made and distributed to Blue Ridge, our home bound members and our military members; collecting for Seafarer’s International through March 31<sup>st</sup>; quilt making March 17 and 18- see bulletins and newsletter.

**Mutual Ministry:** Jill Clubb to be Council liason; potential projects: update the Constitution and staff reviews.

**Call Committee:** should have a truncated Congregational profile for the March Council meeting.

**Old Business:**

1. BULC has been invited to the April 24<sup>th</sup> Potluck and to the June picnic.
2. The laptop has been repaired.

**New Business:**

1. There have been issues with the office printer. Scheduled for repair on Thursday.
2. LOVE, Inc. Looking for members who might be interested in a special meeting to discuss their ministry. Jill Clubb to attend a meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup> with Love, Inc.
3. Is there reimbursement for those who provide food for Advent and Lenten Meals? Beth Smith said no, but it could possibly be reimbursed through the Mission fund. We could also add a budget item in future budgets.

**Reminder Dates:**

Lenten Meals: 2/21, 3/6 and 3/20 at JELC; 2/28 and 3/13 at BULC 6:30pm

Concert: Lancaster Chamber Singers 3/10/24 3:00 pm

Quilt Making: 3/17 and 3/18 1:00 pm

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

Thank you notes from: ELCA for donation to Middle East conflict; Lutheran Disaster Response for donation for Hawaii Wildfire; Seafarer's International for donation of money and goods for Christmas satchels; Salvation Army for donation; Lititz Warwick Community Chest for 169 pounds of goods donated throughout 2023; Water Street Rescue Mission for donation.

A picture of our team that visited Seafarer's International in New York was in their Annual Report! We will post it on a bulletin board!

**Next Meeting:** March 19, 2024

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rene Amey; the motion was seconded by Patti Stripling; the motion was accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jill Clubb  
Council Secretary



# Touch a Heart

Blue Ridge



## Our 2024 Results

- Over 12,600 handmade Valentine cards received
- Delivered cards to 110 local organizations for distribution



To learn more and view photos, please visit our blog at [www.brctv.com/heart](http://www.brctv.com/heart).

February 22, 2024

Dear Community Member,

## ♥ THANK YOU ♥

By participating in our 11<sup>th</sup> 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

"As the new Outreach Director at Mohn's Hill Church and a Leader at Celebrate Recovery in Ephrata, I cannot express how very special this was to distribute these Valentines to our Celebrate Recovery Group. The people who received them were touched and full of smiles. This was a beautiful act of love displayed by our children. They are our future and showing such love gives me so much hope for our future generations. Thank you for creating such a wonderful event. *Kindness is like candy, sweet for the soul and always appreciated!*" - **Debra Briggs**

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

Sincerely,



**Cindy Mellinger**

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Evangelical  
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February 14, 2024

*Thank You*

Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
36 Church St  
Lititz, PA 17543-3036

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$352.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

*"[Jesus said,] 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"*  
(Luke 10:36-37)

As a church, we are freed by the transformative life of Christ, and this freedom emboldens us to love and serve our neighbors just as Christ has shown us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power of God's love.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people — around the world and around the corner — with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude,

*Rachel Wind*

Rachel Wind  
Executive for Development

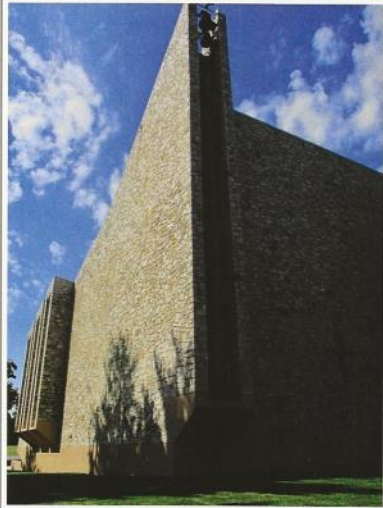
*P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your official receipt.*



# DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday, April 20, 2024

8:30am - 3:30pm



**WHERE:** St. Paul Lutheran Church  
200 W. Orange St., Lititz

**COST:** \$30  
Registration Forms Attached  
Deadline Wed., Apr. 10, 2024

**SPONSOR:**  
Lower Susquehanna Synod  
Women of ELCA  
Hosted by St. Paul Women of ELCA

**CONTACT:** Sandra Bingaman  
717 665-5265

**SPEAKER:** Karen Knight  
Motivational Christian Speaker  
Singer & Actress

**FEATURES:** Morning refreshments  
AM session/Karen Knight  
Luncheon  
Tour of Sacred Grounds  
Inspirational Church Service

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED:**  
Non-perishable food items  
for  
Lititz Warwick Community Chest

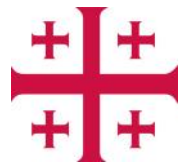
Dear members,

Thank you so much for your cards of prayers! It is very much appreciated. I'm hoping to see you maybe in summer and or fall when Roger may want some time away.

God Bless You All!

Sharon Levering

Jerusalem Evangelical  
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April, 2024



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

**Beth Smith**, *Treasurer*

**Zachary Fetter**, *Office Administrator*

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

**Congregation**, *Ministers*