

PASTOR PONDERABLES - March 2024

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:8-10

This passage, read on March 10, is another expression of our Lutheran doctrine that we are “saved by grace through faith alone. During Lent, as we practice our Lenten disciplines of renewal of faith, we might be tempted to think these disciplines, these works, are helping us get to heaven. But as Lutherans, we are always sensitive to anything that would point to our own actions and our own decisions as the cause of our salvation.

So how is your Lent!! Whatever your disciplines are, are they helping you focus on Christ and to treasure this “gift of God” that God has extended to each and all. It is hard to see this gift when we are confronted with life’s challenges, and when we are filled with doubt. The Israelites leaving Egypt and in the wilderness were filled with doubt and questioned their survival, and their doubts led them into a den of venomous snakes, intensifying their fears! But Moses lifted up a bronze snake, and all who kept their focus on the bronze snake ahead of them made it through, even if they were bit.

John, in his Gospel, writes, “*And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. Lent should never point us to our own strengths and capacities to overcome our fears, but should point us to Jerusalem, the Cross, the Resurrection, and the power of God. As a congregation worried about the future or as individuals worried about family and friends, our society, our personal future, are we able to keep our eyes on Christ and the promise of life, and again, not based on us but based on this gift of God, the love of God, the grace of Jesus and the community of the Holy Spirit.*

It is through faith in Christ, that hope reigns in our lives, and we are led by Christ into a way of life of good works. These works are not for us but for our neighbors. Jerusalem and Brickerville congregations are doing amazing things for our neighbors. The thank you letters from different organizations keep rolling in! The appreciation of our neighbors in need is seen on faces and heard in quiet comments and expressions of gratitude. It is great to be a part of a Spirit led community that is manifests the way of life that Jesus taught us. Despite hardships, despite injuries, we are called to keep our attention on the Son of Man lifted on the cross, and to focus on this gift of forgiveness and the power of God revealed in the resurrection.

We have some great events coming up in March which ends with the Easter celebration.

- We continue with our “Soup, Study, Pray” series about the church in mission: Anne Langdji on March 6; Franklin Ishida on March 13; Chandran Martin on March 20. If you haven’t attended please do! We start at 6 pm! Wednesdays! March 6 at Jerusalem, March 13 at Brickerville, and March 20 at Jerusalem.
- There is a concert at Jerusalem on March 10 at 3 pm featuring the Lancaster Chamber Singers.
- Maundy Thursday, March 28, at 7pm, we will worship at Jerusalem
- Good Friday, March 29, at 7pm, we will worship at Brickerville
- Easter Sunday, regular services will be held at each church. There will also be a sunrise service at Brickerville at 6:30 am, followed by a light breakfast.

As much as Lent involves individual disciplines and encourages individual renewal, Lent is also a community journey, with community events and community renewal. Come and join us for these events. I hope your Lent is going well!

Pastor Dietrich.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

As we once again remember the final days of Jesus' earthly life and celebrate his resurrection, a number of special musical selections have been planned for the services to be held at Jerusalem Church during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

On Palm/ Passion Sunday (March 24), our Jerusalem Choir will sing *On the Cross Have Mercy* by Patrick M. Liebergen. Organ voluntaries will include *Rigaudon* by André Campra, with Jeff Schreiber providing timpani accompaniment, and *Chorale Prelude on "Herzliebster Jesu"* by Johannes Brahms. On Maundy Thursday, the offertory anthem will be *I Give You a New Commandment* by Peter Aston, with Gerald Near's *Prelude on "Ubi caritas et amor"* serving as the prelude.

Our liturgy on Easter Sunday will include several musical highlights. An arrangement for organ and timpani of Jean-Joseph Mouret's *Rondeau* will be offered as the prelude. We will sing a setting for choir and congregation of the assigned psalm for Easter Sunday (verses from Psalm 118), and the choir will sing *All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice*, an arrangement by Hal H. Hopson of music originally written by Antonio Vivaldi. Timpanist Jeff Schreiber will help to accompany many of the hymns, which will include such favorites as *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (ELW #365), *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW #366), *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* (ELW #385), and *The Day of Resurrection* (ELW #361). Continuing an annual tradition, Charles-Marie Widor's triumphant *Toccata* from *Symphony No. 5* will conclude our worship.

Invite your family, neighbors, and friends to attend the program of choral music The Lancaster Chamber Singers will perform in our nave on Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 p.m. as part of our 2023-2024 Music at Jerusalem Concert Series. The Lancaster Chamber Singers, directed by Jay W. Risser, have presented quality performances of choral masterpieces in central Pennsylvania since the ensemble's founding in 1978. Consisting of 30 to 35 auditioned vocalists, the group performs throughout Lancaster County and its immediate surroundings, and has also appeared at venues such as the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Longwood Gardens, and Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, where they presented a concert to help celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. Additional information about the ensemble, including video recordings, can be found on their website: lancasterchambersingers.org. A free-will offering will be received during intermission to help defray expenses and support our ongoing Music at Jerusalem Concert Series.

As many of you may know, Jerusalem member Jeanine Schreiber has been singing with The Lancaster Chamber Singers for many years. We extend our sincerest appreciation to her for the assistance she provided in scheduling this concert at Jerusalem Church.

March Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
March 3	Emma Miller	Dave Carson	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
March 10	Jean Slaymaker	Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
March 17		Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
March 24	Brenda Fetter		Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
Maundy Thursday			Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
March 31		Jill Clubb	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

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
717-626-8117
Birthday: September 24

Doris Witwer

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

Property Committee Update

1. Insurance required elevator inspection completed
2. 5 emergency lights replaced
3. Special thanks to Flyway Excavating (Brad Clubb)for salting and snow removal
4. Plumbing repairs made to men's accessibility bathroom...to correct water leakage
5. Accessibility bathroom floor stains from water leakage cleaned
6. Sod replacement .. Ken Craley
7. Parking bumpers repositioned by Brad Clubb
8. Two pews assessed for a possible safety issue by Junior Gabers
9. Met with landscaper to assess trimming vs removal of evergreens/ shrubbery
10. New water softener being installed
11. 3rd AC quote obtained.

Property committee Request...
Donations of paper towels or toilet paper would be appreciated. Place on table in the social hall.

Adult Forum Schedule

Everyone is welcome to join at 9 am.
March 3 - Heirs of the Promise
March 10 - Christ Died for Us
March 17 - New Life in Christ
March 24 - God's Glory Revealed
March 31 - No Adult Forum

March, 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Third Sunday in Lent Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	4	5	6 Lenten Service at JELC Meal 6pm Service 7pm	7 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	8	9 
10 Fourth Sunday in Lent Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion Daylight Savings Time Jerusalem Concert at 3pm	11	12	13 Finance Meeting Lenten Service at BULC Meal 6pm Service 7pm	14 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	15 April Newsletter Deadline Spud Night BULC 5:30 pm	16 Quilting BULC 9am to 1pm
17  Fifth Sunday in Lent Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion Easter Flower Orders Due Quilting 12:30 pm	18 Women's Bible Study 10:00am BULC JELC Quilting 12:30 pm	19 7 pm Council Meeting First Day of Spring 	20 Lenten Service at JELC Meal 6pm Service 7pm	21 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	22	23
24  Palm Sunday Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	25	26	27 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	28 Maundy Thursday JELC 7pm	29 Good Friday 7pm BULC	30
31 Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day 10:30 am Holy Communion						



PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us pray for: Christine and Andy Anderson, Barry Becker, Spencer Ehrhart, Bonnie Hench, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Sharon Levering, Lillian Logeman, Joy McCurty, Judy Perry, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Sarah Schreiber, Parker Studenroth, Greg Summers, Toby Sweigart, Neal Vital, and Doris Witwer. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, the people of Turkey, the people of Syria, and the people of Israel & Palestine.

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 - Joel Mearig	14 - Sarah Schreiber
3 - Charles Sweigart	15 - Chase Clubb
9 - Shelby Hoover	16 - Owen Denight
9 - Roger Kurtz	19 - Steve Carson
12- Kayla Dewitt	24 - Andrew Sweigart
	26 - Kathleen Schreiber



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour since Daylight Savings Time is on Sunday, March 10.

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jean & Daryl Slaymaker 3/4/72
 Dean & Leslie Carson 3/24/84
 Harry & Alicia Scheid 3/31/79



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

Barb Sammet 3/5/61
 Ray Bowman 3/12/67
 Larrie Miller 3/13/58
 Lori Kemler 3/18/73
 Kelly Smith 3/24/91
 Ivan Ravegum 3/30/80



March Food Bank Suggestions:

- canned fruit
- condensed soups—cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, and tomato
- instant mashed potatoes



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

March 2024 Readings



<p>March 3 3rd Sunday in Lent Year B First Reading Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm Psalm 19 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Gospel John 2:13-22</p>	<p>March 10 4th Sunday in Lent Year B First Reading Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 Gospel John 3:14-21</p>	<p>March 17 5th Sunday in Lent Year B First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm Psalm 51:1-12 Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10 Gospel John 12:20-33</p>	<p>March 24 Palm Sunday Year B First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm Psalm 31:9-16 Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel Mark 14:1—15:47</p>	<p>March 31 Easter Sunday Year B First Reading Acts 10:34-43 Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel Mark 16:1-8</p>
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Brickerville Upcoming Events:

Sign up to reserve your "spud" by March 10. Also signups to bring a potato topping, side, or dessert.
Spud night : March 15 @ 5:30pm @BULC.
Everyone is invited.

National Day of Quilting March 16 9am-1pm, lunch will be provided.
Invite your neighbors and friends to become involved and learn to assemble quilts for LWR.

Women of Bible study March 18 10am.
Bring lunch and stay for crafting if you wish. We will take a look at Rachel&Leah.
Genesis ch. 29, 31, 35

Report from Council President

1. Jerusalem's Call Committee is diligently work on preparing our ministry site profile which helps in obtaining a permanent shared minister.
2. Wednesdays in Lent JELC and BULC are continuing Soup, Study, and Worship.
At BULC: 2/28, 3/13, Soup 6pm, Worship 7pm.
At JELC: 3/6, 3/20 Soup at 6pm, Worship 7pm.
Check Sign up sheet on Bulletin Board in Narthex to help.
3. Maundy Thursday, March 28 at JELC 7pm.
4. Good Friday Service, March 29 at BULC.
5. Snow/Inclement Weather Information.
If inclement weather occurs the pastor and council presidents will make decisions if worship needs to be cancelled. If service is cancelled, members will be notified via email and or phone call. Please call or text Brenda at 717-283-9947 prior to venturing out if you are unsure.
6. April 24th at 6:30pm. Pot luck meal. Church committees from BULC and JELC to meet.
7. Our Zoom computer has been repaired and now allows those who come on to hear the audio of the service. Still looking for volunteers to monitor the Zoom service.
8. Sign up for Easter Flowers to adorn our church chancel and sanctuary this Easter Sunday.
9. Quilting will take place March 17th and March 18th.
10. Keep checking the bulletin and or newsletter for upcoming events.

Please keep an "up to date" list of your medications in your wallet/purse. In an emergency this information assists the ambulance crew to prompt and accurate emergency care.

JELC Upcoming Events - Please mark your calendars!

Wednesday April 24 at 6:30pm at JELC– Potluck Dinner - Following the meal, all committees from JELC and BULC will meet to discuss each committee's functions.

JELC is inviting BULC to Annual Picnic on June 2 at 10:00 am. The joint worship service will include the Polka Mass with the Heidelberg Brass Band. Picnic lunch and more information to follow. Any questions ask or call Brenda Fetter at 717-283-9947.

Hi Zachary and Jerusalem ELC,

I just wanted to say that it was a please to be able to lead worship with you all this past Sunday.

Many Blessings,

Rev. Kelsey K. O'Brien, MDiv, BCC

SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Seafarers are hard-working men and women who work on the container ships that transport goods around the world. These men and women are away from home for several months at a time, sometimes over the holidays. The Seafarers International House has port chaplains at several ports on the East coast to support these men and women. One service they offer is “Christmas-at-Sea”, where each crew member receives a “satchel” containing several items to provide some Christmas cheer at holiday time. Over the past several years, Jerusalem has sent hundreds of knitted caps to be included in these satchels.

This past November, several members of our congregation, BULC and other churches in our conference travelled to Seafarers International House(SIH) in New York City to meet the staff, tour their facility and to pack satchels. The staff is led by Pastor Marsh Drege. As a result of our visit, we were inspired to compile satchels for Christmas 2024. To this end, we are collecting the following items through March 31, 2024: Sweatshirts, hooded or unhooded(M-L-XL)

T shirts(M-L-XL)

Socks- thermal or gym

Cans of Nuts

We are also looking for people to knit or crochet scarves to be included in the satchels.

Once these items are collected, we will have a dedication/blessing of the items and we will meet to compile the satchels. This is an exciting new project, and we are looking forward to the support of this wonderful congregation!

Please see Jill Clubb, Deb Carson or Joyce Burkholder with any questions! SIH Website: www.sihnyc.org

QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Please join us on March 17th following Worship and/or March 18th in the afternoon to make quilts for LWR. No sewing skills are needed! There are plenty of non-sewing jobs! Lunch will be provided on 3/17. Please see Jill, Deb or Joyce with any questions!

Easter Flower Orders due Sunday March 17th.



Thank you everyone for the cards, good wishes, visits, and cake(!) in honor of mom's 95th birthday.

Denise Witwer Lahr



DAY OF RENEWAL REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Registration: 8:30-9:15 a.m.
(refreshments upon arrival)

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: St. Paul, Lititz

Cost: \$30.00 (Includes program and lunch)

Theme: "Footprints...Encounters with Jesus "

Special Offering: Lititz Warwick Community Chest
(Shelf Stable Foods, toilet paper, paper towels)

Contact for Questions: Sandy Bingaman
Phone: 717-665-5265
Email: sandyi.bingaman@gmail.com

Sponsored by,
The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Lower Susquehanna, Synodical Women's Organization

Church is handicap accessible

Following the presentation, CD's will be available in the narthex for purchase. Also the W/ELCA, LS & SWO craft table will be available.

(Please complete and mail this section of the form **postmarked by Wednesday, April 10, 2024**)
Make check payable to **LS SWO, WOMEN OF THE ELCA** and mail to:

Peggi Norman, 328 Carolle St., Greencastle , PA 17225
Questions: 717-658-7432 or email: peggi2@yahoo.com

Acting Treasurer, Chris Todd, is unavailable to receive registration forms for this event, so mail your check to Peggi Norman for this event only. Thanks!

Name: _____ **Phone** _____
Address: _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____
Email address: _____
Home Church _____ **City** _____

Sandwiches

Variety of Salads

Variety Desserts



About the speaker:

Heartsongs Ministries, Inc. presents Karen Wright who is an inspirational speaker, concert artist, and actress. The Mission Statement for "Heartsongs Ministries, Inc. is dedicated to glorifying God by presenting the truth of the gospel of His Son, Jesus Christ through music, worship and the spoken word."

Karen's concerts include inspirational, contemporary, gospel and well loved hymns. She often includes moments of dramatic storytelling to bring even greater meaning to the music. Her style is warm, humorous and completely engaging. Karen has created inspiring presentations based on the lives of Biblical & Historical Women of Faith.

Karen is probably best known for one of her many lead roles at Sight and Sound's Millennium Theatre as Mrs. Noah in the renowned production, Noah, in Lancaster. During her time with Sight and Sound, Karen performed to audiences of over 6,000 on a daily basis, but her heart's desire is to reach out to people on a more personal basis with the hope and peace found in Jesus Christ. Her inspirational speaking combined with singing and storytelling has taken her all over the United States, Italy, Germany, South America, Asia and Israel.



**JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2024**

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

Present: Pastor Dietrich, Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Patti Stripling, Joyce Burkholder, Rene Amey, Scott Barr, Floss Morgan, Jill Clubb

Guest: Larrie Miller

Devotions: Led by Pastor Dietrich

Meeting: Led by Brenda Fetter

Recognitions:

1. Zach Fetter for compiling the Annual Report; thanks to those who helped assemble the report.
2. Brian and Joyce Burkholder for taking down the Christmas decorations.
3. Flyway Excavating for snow removal.
4. Those who provided cookies for the Christmas social.
5. The audit team for the Annual Report: Ken Craley, Floss Morgan, and Jean Slaymaker.

Reports:

Pastor’s Report: distributed and discussed. Highlights: Meeting on 1/30/24 at 6:00 pm of the Joint Ministry Committee with a Synod Representative to attend via Zoom. Suggested a potluck meal with BULC after Easter where we would break down by committee type to discuss our ministries- scheduled for April 24th at 6:30pm. Suggested a meeting this Fall where JELC committees would meet to discuss progress to date, a plan for the rest of the year, and budgetary needs- scheduled for September 8th after Worship. Lenten devotions will be held on Wednesdays through Lent- 6-7:30; 2/21, 3/6, and 3/20 at JELC; 2/28 and 3/13 at BULC. An Easter Sunrise service is planned.

Secretary: Minutes from the December 19, 2023 Council Meeting and the January 14, 2024 Special Council Meeting were distributed and discussed. Amendment to January 14, 2024 to add Patti Stripling to those Present. Motion to accept minutes with amendment was made by Joyce Burkholder; seconded by Mike Fetter; the motion passed.

Treasurer: The Treasurer’s Report was distributed and discussed. A motion to accept the report was made by Rene Amey; seconded by Patti Stripling; the motion passed.

Old Business:

Joint Call Committee: JD Wissler volunteered to join the committee. Previously, Rene Amey and Jeanine Schreiber had agreed to serve. Patti Stripling made a motion to approve Rene Amey, Jeanine Schreiber and JD Wissler to the Joint Call Committee; Joyce Burkholder seconded the motion; the motion passed.

New Business:

1. Zoom coverage of the Sunday service: there have been several weeks that no one has attended the Zoom service- discussed whether to continue. Coverage of the service will continue; Mike Fetter did mention that there have been issues recently with the laptop.
2. Discussion took place regarding the meal for the Annual Meeting: chili/salad/bread/dessert.
3. Snow and Inclement Weather Protocol: discussed how to handle possible service cancellations. In the future, a call to cancel a service will be made on Saturday afternoon.
4. The Worship and Music Committee proposed using greens instead of flowers on the alter during Lent due to the solemnity of the season. Discussion took place with those present in agreement.
5. Approved service time change for the Annual picnic to 10:00 am; an invitation will be extended to BULC.
6. JELC currently has 46 voting members and 43 non-voting members. Voting members have to have communed and made a contribution during the previous year.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: weekly discussion of the Gospel through 2/18; Power of the Gospel by Augsburg will then be used.

Worship and Music: Lenten and Easter Services were planned. Ash Wednesday- BULC; Maundy Thursday- JELC; Good Friday- BULC.

Cemetery: no report

Finance: see Treasurer’s Report

Memorial: no report

Property: Repairs to the Emergency lighting is scheduled; waiting for third estimate for the HVAC system

Service: Making valentines on 1/28 to be distributed to nursing homes and military through Blue Ridge

Stewardship: no report

Home Extenders: will resume visits in February

Mutual Ministry: no report

Reminder Dates:

2/4/24: Congregational Meeting

2/14/24: Ash Wednesday service at BULC

2/21/24: Lenten Devotions at JELC 6-7:30

Announcements/Correspondence:

LIRS has changed its name to Global Refugee

Next Meeting:

2/20/24

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Rene Amey; seconded by Patti Stripling; the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Jill Clubb
Council secretary

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2024

Present: Pastor Dietrich, Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Floss Morgan, Joyce Burkholder, Scott Barr, Patti Stripling, Jill Clubb

Absent: Rene Amey

A special council meeting was held to discuss to the Articles of Agreement between Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church and Brickerville United Lutheran Church. Two changes to the draft agreement were discussed:

1. Changing the amount of the administrative fee in Article 14 from \$40. to \$25.
2. Removal of the word “designated” in Article 14 with reference to the Pastor’s office hours.

A motion was made by Jill Clubb to accept the above changes to the Articles of Agreement; the motion was seconded by Patti Stripling; the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Clubb
Council Secretary



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Lititz, PA 17543
(717) 627-0770
lwcommunitychest.org

January 20, 2024

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church St.
Lititz, PA 17543

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran congregation,

On behalf of the board members of the Lititz Warwick Community Chest, I would like to thank you for your donations totaling 169.8 pounds of food for the calendar year 2023. These wonderful donations help to keep the food pantry well stocked and assist local families through a difficult time. We are grateful to be part of a generous and caring community.

Our volunteers continue to deliver non-perishable food from our pantry stock along with fresh meats and other perishable foods, fruits and vegetables. The Lititz Warwick Community Chest delivered food to 85 families in the month of December 2023. The total number of deliveries for last year (2023) was 944. We appreciate your continued support in meeting this need. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,

Dori Resch 717 475 9517

Dori Resch
Lititz Warwick Community Chest

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January 25, 2024

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your gift of \$250.00 received on December 31, 2023 to The Salvation Army of Greater New York.

Now more than ever, we come together to uplift our community. Your donation is a gift of hope for the growing number of people who turn to us for help throughout the year.

May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Smith

Rebecca L. Smith
DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY

150 YEARS

Seafarers International House 123 East 15th Street, New York, NY 10003 Phone: (212) 677-4800 www.sihnyc.org

December 20, 2023

Brenda Fetter & Rev. Viking Dietrich
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church Street
Lititz, PA 17543-3036

Dear members of Jerusalem:

Marsh, Jeni and Lucas enjoyed having you over for the satchel assembly. Thank you for this additional donation and for your kind note. Please do contact us if you have any suggestions or questions. Have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy New Year filled with blessings, Henryk

Dear Brenda & Pastor Viking,

Thank you for spreading Holiday cheer among seafarers and immigrants with your generous gift of \$250.00 for General Support with check #22975.

Since 1873, Seafarers International House and its predecessors starting with Pastor Per Johan Swärd have had a fondness for Christmas and the Holiday Season making sure that people in their care experienced the joy of this time of year. Our 4-minute Anniversary Video on the home page at www.sihnyc.org conveys some of that joy and cheerfulness, especially when you hear the "Merry Christmas – thank you for the gifts" shouted by joyful mariners.

Thanks to your support, our port chaplains deliver thousands of Christmas-at-Sea satchels filled with warm clothing and personal greetings to seafarers letting them know that we care for them.

Meanwhile, our guestrooms provide people like "Sofia" and her son "Vitalii" from Ukraine or "Miriam" from Sudan with a place to stay in their new homeland so that they can start their new lives in peace. Seafarers, too, enjoy the welcoming rooms after months on rough seas.

You are a "cheer" leader, spreading the joy of the season among strangers: our seafarers and immigrants, who may need cheering up! Thank you for that.

Wishing you cheerful Holidays and the joy of the season,



Henryk Behnke
Director of Development & Communications
henryk@sihnyc.org * (212) 677-4800 ext. 7203

Lighting the way for seafarers and immigrants since 1873





Seafarers International House

The Lutheran response to the urgent needs of seafarers and immigrants since 1873

January 10, 2024

Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church
Jerusalem Knitters
36 Church St.
Rothsville PA, 17543

Dear Jerusalem Knitters,

Thank you for spreading Holiday cheer among seafarers through your generous donation of time, satchels, knitting, and supplies to fill them. Your donation combined with those of other individuals, congregations, business and youth groups resulted in over 3,100 satchels being delivered to seafarers this Christmas season. This is a historic record!

Some late donations are still being delivered as Christmas time continues through January 6th for some. Your satchels knitted hats and scarves and other donated supplies show seafarers, who are away from loved ones for long periods of time, that we appreciate their sacrifice. Many are from low-wage countries and save every penny to support their families.

Our port chaplains not only deliver satchels, but bring essentials like medication or fresh produce, or sometimes, trivial things such as pizza or sweets when seafarers cannot come ashore because they were unable to get visas as US consulates abroad are backlogged.

Seafarers who have visas enjoy a ride with the port chaplains to the mall, a restaurant, or medical facility, a welcome interruption after monotonous weeks at sea.

Please, check out our web site at www.sihnyc.org to view our 150th anniversary video and "like" us on social media (Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn) to see posts on how you helped spread Holiday cheer among seafarers, who are providing essential services.

Wishing you peace and joy throughout 2024, - on behalf of the whole Seafarers International House crew,

Henryk Behnke
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Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

January 18, 2024

Thank You

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

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in November 2023.

\$1750.00 for Maui Hawaii Wild fires

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. (Luke 1:46-53).

During Advent, we discovered again within ourselves a longing for Jesus. We are reminded anew that God comes to us, incarnate, bringing forth God's love, justice, and mercy.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future.

Thank you. May our spirits, like Mary's, rejoice in God for the great things God has done for us all.

In Christ,

Amanda White

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Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response. *for Middle East Crisis "Gaza"*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

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

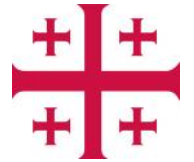
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