

## September Readings

September 5  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Reading  
Isaiah 35:4-7a  
Psalm  
Psalm 146  
Second Reading  
James 2:1-10 [11-13]  
14-17  
Gospel  
Mark 7:24-37

September 12  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Reading  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm  
Psalm 116:1-9  
Second Reading  
James 3:1-12  
Gospel  
Mark 8:27-38

September 19  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Reading  
Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm  
Psalm 54  
Second Reading  
James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a  
Gospel  
Mark 9:30-37

September 26  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
First Reading  
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16,  
24-29  
Psalm  
Psalm 19:7-14  
Second Reading  
James 5:13-20  
Gospel  
Mark 9:38-50

# JERUSALEM JOURNAL

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

## September 2021

### Pastor's Ponderable

September - a month of change. We change from summer to fall. Summer schedules change to more rigorous schedules in a church year (until the pandemic). Many people return home from summer travel. Most vacations are over and people return to work. Children return to school. Given the fact that children are one of the vulnerable populations in our country, and around the world, and there is still no vaccine for those who are under the age of 12, I invite you each day during the month of September to lift up this prayer called:

#### A PRAYER/PLEDGE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILDREN

We pray (accept responsibility) for children

Who sneak popsicles before supper  
Who erase holes in math workbooks  
Who can never find their shoes.

And we pray (accept responsibility) for those

Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,  
Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers.  
Who never "counted potatoes,"  
Who were born in places we wouldn't be caught dead, Who never go to the circus,  
Who live in an X-rated world,

We pray (accept responsibility) for children

Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,  
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.

And we pray (accept responsibility) for those

Who never get dessert,  
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,  
Who watch their parents watch them die,  
Who can't find any bread to steal,  
Who don't have any rooms to clean up,  
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,  
Whose monsters are real.

We pray (accept responsibility) for children

Who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,  
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,  
Who like ghost stories,  
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed, and never rinse out the tub,

Who get visits from the tooth fairy,  
 Who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,  
 Who squirm in church or temple or mosque, and scream in the phone,  
 Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and  
 Whose smiles can make us cry.  
 And we pray (accept responsibility) for those  
 Whose nightmares come in the daytime,  
 Who will eat anything,  
 Who have never seen a dentist,  
 Who aren't spoiled by anybody,  
 Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,  
 Who live and move, but have no being,  
 We prayer (accept responsibility) for children who want to be carried  
 And for those who must,  
 For those we never give up on and for those  
 Who don't get a second chance,  
 For those we smother....and for those who will grab the hand of  
 anybody kind enough to offer it. - *Adapted from Ina J. Hughes*

For over 40 years now, National Grandparents' Day has been commemorated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. Here are some thoughts on grandparents from a 3rd Grader:

#### WHAT IS A GRANDMOTHER (*AND GRANDFATHER*)

A grandmother is a lady who has no children of her own.  
 She likes other people's little girls and boys.  
 A grandfather is a man grandmother.  
 He goes for walks with boys, and they talk about fishing and stuff like that.  
 Grandmothers don't have to do anything except to be there.  
 They're old so they shouldn't play hard or run.  
 It is enough if they drive us to the market where the pretend horse is  
 and have a lot of dimes ready.  
 Or if they take us for walks, they should slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.  
 They should never say, "Hurry up!"  
 Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.  
 They wear glasses and funny underwear. They can take their teeth and gums off.  
 Grandmothers don't have to be smart, only answers questions like,  
 "Why isn't God married?" or "How come dogs chase cats?"  
 Grandmothers don't talk baby talk like visitors do, because it is hard to understand.  
 When they read to us they don't skip or mind if it is the same story over again.  
 Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television.  
 (*source unknown*)

GRANDMAS ARE ANTIQUE LITTLE GIRLS!  
 GRANDPAS ARE ANTIQUE LITTLE BOYS!

Grace and peace, Pastor Bonnie Oplinger

# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

**Roger L. Kurtz**

As summer draws to a close and fall officially begins later this month, we look forward to the cooler, more comfortable weather and all the little things that make autumn special to our senses: nature's bold colors, mums, sweaters, apple cider, and pumpkin spice-flavored foods and beverages. For our spiritual reflection during this upcoming season, the 19<sup>th</sup>-century hymn text for autumn shown below helps to provide some worthy food for thought. Its author, William Walsham How (1823-1897), was a Church of England clergyman who served as Bishop of Bedford and later Bishop of Wakefield. Called both the "poor man's bishop" and "the children's bishop," he was known for his work among the destitute in London's slums and among the factory workers and their families in west Yorkshire. How wrote some 60 hymns during his lifetime, including three appearing in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*: "For All the Saints" (#422), "O Word of God Incarnate" (#514), and "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (#686).

*The year is swiftly waning,  
The summer days are past;  
And life, brief life, is speeding:  
The end is nearing fast.*

*The ever-changing seasons  
In silence come and go;  
But Thou, Eternal Father,  
No time or change canst know.*

*Behold, the bending orchards  
With bounteous fruit are crowned;  
Lord, in our hearts more richly  
Let heavenly fruits abound.*

*Oh! By each mercy sent us,  
And by each grief and pain,  
By blessings like the sunshine,  
And sorrows like the rain,*

*Our barren hearts make fruitful  
With every goodly grace,  
That we Thy name may hallow,  
And see at last Thy face.*

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It is difficult to believe that as of this September our Jerusalem Choir has not convened for one and a half years because of the pandemic. Pastor Oplinger shared with me a letter from Bishop Dunlop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod dated June 24, 2021. Concerning COVID-19 protocol, he shared the following related to our worship: “Singing continues to be a high-risk activity. Out of respect for the unvaccinated and the disconcerting fact that the virus is spread through breathing, we encourage singing outdoors when at all possible, or masked singing indoors.” In discussing the possibility of returning this fall with our choir members, three main concerns were raised: 1. Wearing masks while singing would be too uncomfortable. Breathing is critical to singing, and wearing a mask makes proper breathing virtually impossible; 2. With directives being updated quite often, no one knows with total certainty how things are going to play out with the virus variants and what challenges may lie ahead; and 3. Our loft is a small area, which makes social distancing difficult. These concerns were shared at our Music and Worship Committee meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, and the decision was made to continue with a no-singing policy for the time being in an effort to first and foremost keep everyone safe. Your patience and understanding are most appreciated as all of us eagerly anticipate the day we can once again safely offer our sung prayer and praise to God here at Jerusalem Church.

### LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



WEAR A MASK &  
GET VACCINATED

Our congregation is most grateful for the ongoing involvement of the Covid Task Force. The information we share about keeping everyone safe at church is slowly changing, but many features will continue to remain in place. As the positivity rate continues to rise in Lancaster County, and with guidance from the state of PA, our Bishop, our Covid Task Force, Worship and Music Committee and Congregational Council, the following are current guidelines:

1. If you are vaccinated, it is optional for you to wear a mask.
2. If you are NOT vaccinated, please wear a mask indoors.
3. Masks continue to be available if you need one for worship, fellowship or learning.
4. Hand sanitizer continues to be available for your use.
5. The ribbons providing guides for spacing where people sit in worship will remain for now.
6. We will continue to have a spoken service without singing for now.
7. Holy Communion will remain in its current form for distribution of elements.
8. The 6 feet of separation is still in place, especially if one is not vaccinated.

To date, no one has gotten ill with this virus from attending worship at Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church. Our goal is to maintain that responsibility and care. We thank everyone for your goal of loving your neighbor.

# September Celebrations



## September Birthdays

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 - Patti Stripling    | 21 - Alma Hollingsworth |
| 7 - Bonnie Votano      | 23 - Brian Burkholder   |
| 10 - Jeanine Schreiber | 24 - Norma Rhoads       |
| 12 - Judy Frantz       | 24 - Amanda Carson      |
| 13 - Martha Weinhold   | 25 - Spencer Ehrhart    |
| 16 - Emma Miller       |                         |
| 16 - Devon Whitney     |                         |

## Wedding Anniversaries

- Jean & Spencer Ehrhart celebrate 32 years on September 2nd  
Dean & Tamara DeWitt celebrate 34 years on September 18th  
Christopher & Charlotte Scheid 8 years on September 28th



## September Anniversaries of Baptism

- Rich Schreiber - September 1, 1961  
Brad Clubb - September 7, 1961  
Ken Craley - September 12, 1941  
Joel Mearig - September 16, 1973  
Michael Fetter - September 16, 1973  
Carol Mearig - September 16, 1981  
Charles Sweigart - September 23, 1951  
Gerald Styer - September 25, 1938



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  11:30 am Pastors' Support Group	2	3	4
5 9am Worship Blessing of work items and backpacks	6  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	7  Rosh Hashanah	8  11:30 am Pastors' Support Group	9	10	11   <b>REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11</b>
12 9am Worship  10:30am Adult Forum  God's work, Our Hand's Sunday	13	14 3pm Finance Committee Meeting	15 North Lancaster Conference Pastors' Meeting 9 am to 11 am  <b>Newsletter DEADLINE</b>	16  Yom Kippur	17	18 9am-2:30pm <b>Rothsville Community Day, Forney Field</b>   Community Day
19 9am Worship  10:30am Adult Forum	20	21  7pm Congregational Council Meeting	22  11:30 am Pastors' Support Group   <b>First Day of Autumn</b>	23	24	25
26 9am Worship  10:30am Adult Forum	27	28	29  11:30 am Pastors' Support Group	30		

# September Worship Leaders

	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Lector	Ushers	Zoom Monitor
September 5	Jill Clubb	Brenda Fetter	Jill Clubb	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson	Jean Slaymaker
September 12	Zachary Fetter	Emma Miller	Zachary Fetter	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson	Zachary Fetter
September 19	Brenda Fetter	Jean Slaymaker	Brenda Fetter	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson	Michael Fetter
September 26	J.D. Wissler		J.D. Wissler	Claude Grube & Andy Anderson	Kathy Schreiber

**Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank**  
Collections for the month of **September:**

- Instant mashed potatoes
- Jelly
- Laundry detergent (*please no "pods" due to the risk to families with children*).

Donated items can be placed in the basket in the narthex. **Thank you!**



## *Stewardship is about good priorities*

Jesus taught, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." - **Luke 12:32**

The Bible makes it clear that God has given us all that we have and all that we are. This includes not just our money and possessions, but also our relationships, our character strengths, our time, our intelligence, the special talents and skills we may possess, and so much more.

Biblical stewardship invites us to use all these gifts in God-pleasing ways -- not for God's benefit, but for ours. We are the ones who benefit when we invest ourselves, our time and our possessions in ways that are in sync with God's purposes.

The more we align our lives with God's purposes, the happier and more fulfilled we become. And why not? We are learning to live more fully as disciples of Jesus, approaching more fully the abundant life he promised us. We grow in awareness and set new priorities that bring us closer to God.

If that sounds appealing to you, why not begin? Pick an area of your life that you'd like to align with God's purposes. Maybe your relationships? Your money? How about your time?

Then, honestly and prayerfully consider: How are you using that gift? Talk it over with your pastor or prayer partner. Ask God to give you insight and to reveal your blind spots. Pray for guidance on how you can better use your gifts.

It takes time, but it's so worth it. When our priorities are in sync with God's purposes, we are not only stewarding our lives well, but also opening the door to greater personal fulfillment and joy.

--Rob Blezard

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# *Rothsville Community Day!*

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Due to COVID-19 the event has been scaled down: no face painting, no spin art, no children's craft table or bounce house. The helicopter candy drop is still scheduled and not 1 but 2 entertainments: Jesse Rothacker Reptile Show and a juggling act.

They will again sponsor the 5k Rabbit Run/Walk with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Free food will also be available.

Plan now to come out for a fun day. Hoping to see you there.

Volunteers are still needed to hand out children's activity bags and popcorn - 1 to 2 hrs or more if you have the time. Contact Brad Clubb (717) 629-4319 or Ken Craley (717) 875-8603 to share your time and support.

**Wellspan Family and Pediatric Medicine will be offering a COVID-19 clinic in Jerusalem's Social Hall to provide the vaccine during a set time of the day. Clinic will depend on at least 10 pre-registered persons. Call the church office (717)626-8972 or Wellspan Family and Pediatric Medicine Rothsville (717)721-4800.**

**Watch for more information**

## **JERUSALEM BECOMES A "HYBRID CHURCH"**

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church has been in the process for the past two months of changing our telephone service to Blue Ridge and their internet service - Penn-Tele Data. We are grateful to Tim Hoffman from Hoffman Computer Associates of Lititz for orchestrating this change. In addition to the office telephone, there are also three new wireless telephones in Pastor's office, the kitchen and upstairs outside the nave. If you call the church and no one is here to answer the call, this is the message you will hear:

"Grace and peace to you.

You have reached Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rothsville, PA.

Worship is Sunday mornings at 9 AM followed by fellowship and learning.

Normally, church office hours are 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

If you wish to speak to Pastor Bonnie Oplinger, please call 484-388-0563.

If you have business with the Jerusalem Cemetery, please call Ray Bowman at  
717-682-8750.

For any other church business, please leave a message after the beep."

The new internet connection allows us to have internet service throughout the church, especially on Sunday mornings for Zoom worship. You have been receiving information in every bulletin, newsletter and website about how to access our worship service, via computer or telephone (if you don't have a computer).

Our relationship with Blue Ridge has extended in the past to participating in their sponsorship of Keystone Military Families in their **Stocking For Soldiers** initiative for the holidays.

On Sunday mornings, we now need a person to monitor the computer to admit people to zoom worship, as well as, fellowship and learning after church.



## ***BLESSING OF WORK AND BLESSING OF BACKPACKS***

**September 5, 2021**

This Sunday of Labor Day weekend, we are taking the opportunity to lift up workers in our congregation and community. You are invited to bring an item that represents your work and place it in front of the communion table before the service. We will bless the tools of your work and pray for you as well as the underemployed and the unemployed and those who labor at home, as well as those who are retired from their labors.

Children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks with them to church this Sunday for a blessing also. We invite any who are teachers to also bring a representation of their work. Prayers will be offered for all who are in a school or learning setting.

## **Sunday, September 12, 2021**

*Join us for*

**“God’s work. Our hands.”**

A dedicated day of  
service in our community.

CHRIST’S HANDS – In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ “has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor – except our hands. He inspires. We perform.”

As in past years, the disciples at Jerusalem ELC will be assembling health care kits and school kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief for distribution where they are most needed.

Please join us in the social hall for fellowship, refreshments and the opportunity to make this a very special God’s Work, Our Hands Sunday.

***“Christ has no body but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours.***

***Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.***

***Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.***

***Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.***

***Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.***

***Christ has no body now but yours.”***

***– St. Teresa of Avila.***

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP  
YOUTH OF SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
KISSEL HILL

AND

YOUTH OF JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROTHSVILLE

Learn how to “pray with paint.” The ancient art of iconography will be explored and why religious icons have been an important part of Christian history and tradition. All supplies will be provided. **Wear old stainable clothes.**



**FIVE SATURDAYS FROM 9 AM to 12 NOON**

at

**JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*(Commitment to attend all sessions necessary).*

Sept 25      Oct 16

Oct 2      Oct 23 (if needed)

Oct 9

Please contact Pastor Hans Becklin or Pastor Bonnie Oplinger to sign up.

**CHURCH TREASURER** - Beginning 2022, there will be a need for a Treasurer at Jerusalem Ev. Lutheran Church. The church treasurer is responsible for working with a Finance Committee, the development of an annual budget, paying bills, and keeping the debits and credits to the monthly fiscal process. Bookkeeping skills would be important as well as computer literacy and willingness to learn the computer program for the church’s fiscal operations. The current treasurer would be willing to be available until the end of 2021 to help train the new treasurer. Please contact Pastor Oplinger if you are interested in learning more about the ministry of the Church Treasurer. Deadline to apply October 1, 2021.

**ZOOM WORSHIP** - Here are the links for worship each Sunday moving forward. We will continue to print them in the bulletin and newsletter and they will also be available on the church’s website @ [www.jerusaluth.org](http://www.jerusaluth.org).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7157358191>

**Call into worship by dialing this number (long-distance fees may apply):**

**+1 929 205 6099**

**Enter Meeting ID: 715 735 8191 (then press # twice)**

## ADULT FORUM IS BACK

Please join us beginning August 29th in the social hall after refreshments to continue our spiritual formation.

We will begin by exploring the New Testament Epistle of James which is featured in the lectionary beginning August 29th. Let's find out why it is given full attention in the lessons, while trying to figure out why Martin Luther called it "an Epistle of straw."

We will then spend 8 weeks Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith. This book was published by the Lutheran church in 1999 and revised in 2016. There are 36 different faith traditions featured. We will explore 8 of them during the fall of 2021. Here is the schedule for your information and use:

August 29 - The Epistle of James - Pastor Oplinger

September 5 - The Epistle of James - Zachary Fetter

September 12 - God's Work Our Hands Sunday

September 19 - The Epistle of James - Pastor Oplinger

September 26 - The Salvation Army - Major Robert Reel

October 3 - TBA

October 10 - Seventh Day Adventist - Pastor Jason Moyer

October 17 - TBA

October 24 - TBA

October 31 - Reformation Sunday

### FLIGHT INTO EGYPT - BERNHARD PLOCKHORST

#### GIFTED TO JELC BY JONATHAN GLEASON

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church was gifted a beautiful painting by Bernhard Plockhorst, a German painter from 1825 - 1907. The painting was given to us by Jonathan Gleason and his family to our church. Jonathan is the brother of Kim Hink whose family were disciples here in the past. It is called the *Flight into Egypt* and was dedicated on July 11th, 2021. What was unique about this ceremony is that Paul and Kim Hink attended the service and held the painting while I anointed it on the back, and Mr. Gleason and his family were able to join us from Iowa via Zoom.

This is the West wall of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church. Usually, places of worship face East, which is where the chancel is and where people look during worship. When entering the three doors into the nave, the West wall is clearly visible and becomes a focus of devotion. The tapestry in the middle is the "Tree of Life." The Madonna and Child on the right is a modern painting of Mary and Jesus. The Flight to Egypt, on the left is a perfect complement to the other images.



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

## **Willis Beam**

Pleasant View Retirement  
Community/Terrace Gardens  
Room 231  
544 N. Penryn Rd.  
Manheim, Pa 17545  
Landline (717)664-6414  
*Birthday: October 7*

## **Jacob Garman**

United Zion Ret. Community  
722 Furnace Hills Pike,  
Health Center  
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*

## **Jim & Lucille Martin**

536 Brookshire Ave.  
Manheim, Pa 17545  
Landline (717)664-4319  
Jim's Cell (717)598-8003  
Lucille's Cell (717)615-2283  
*Jim's Birthday: Nov. 10*  
*Lucille's Birthday: April 18*

## **Lisa Riley**

WSM - 210 Prince St.  
Lancaster, Pa 17603  
*Birthday: Dec. 25*

## **Norma Rhoads**

2646 Camp Road  
Manheim, Pa 17545  
*Birthday: September 24*

## **Evelyn Wissler**

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



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:** Willis Beam, Lynn Beard, Henry Bowman, Jacob Garman, Weston Hertzler, Alma Hollingsworth, Wendy Hoover, Hunter Leisey, Lillian Logeman, James Martin, Lucille Martin, Pastor Royal Olson, Judy Perry, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Darryl Slaymaker, Gerald Styer, Evelyn Wissler, Doris Witwer, Wyatt Wolfe, Be with Military Personnel, First Responders, Healthcare Workers and the helpers and the residents at Nursing Homes.



## Property Committee Update:

- Resealing of church main entrance doors completed by Jay Bowman.
- Bushes at portico entrance trimmed by our kind neighbor, Bruce Hoover.
- Annual AC maintenance completed by Haller....setting issues addressed.
- Thanks to Andy Anderson for securing the bases of the new portable phones..one now available in Narthex for emergencies...located on top of AED box.
- Andy also donated an extended handle brush to rid the portico of spider webs.
- Mel Ravegum started to spiderweb removal task...thanks.
- A new lapel mike is being purchased for the Pastor's use.



**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 20, 2021

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

**Present:** Pastor Oplinger, Rene Amey, Chrystine and Odel Anderson, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Larrie Miller, Mel Ravegum, Jean Slaymaker, Florence Morgan, J.D. Wissler

**Absent:** Joyce Burkholder, Jim Martin

**Guests:** None

**Devotions were led by:** Pastor Oplinger

**Meeting led by:** Rene Amey, Council President

**Recognition:**

1. Mel Ravegum for installing a new mailbox.
2. Bruce Hoover, church neighbor, for trimming the bushes.
3. Ken and Janet Craley for removing the weeds surrounding the church.
4. All who helped with the July 19<sup>th</sup> community meal: Jill Clubb, Pastor Oplinger, Mel Ravegum, Kathy Schreiber, Jean Slaymaker.
5. Larrie Miller for placing the community meal sign at beginning of Church Street and Brenda and Zachary Fetter for picking it up.
6. Florence Morgan for letting the support group into the church on July 14<sup>th</sup>.
7. Mike and Zach Fetter for helping with the Zoom Worship Services.
8. The Lawn Service for keeping the cemetery and church lawns mowed and trimmed.

**Reports: Reports:**

**Pastor’s Report:** A written Pastor’s report was distributed to Council Members and was approved as written with the following discussion:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Arista, next door neighbors fence installation and letter from Atty. Gible re-licensed agreement. Discussion took place. J.D. Wissler made a motion to accept the License Agreement from Atty. Gible and Jean Slaymaker seconded. The motion was approved. Access keys will be provided to Ray Bowman and Jerusalem Church.
2. Pastor Oplinger to take vacation July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>. Coverage TBA.
3. Updated protocols for keeping everyone safe during a pandemic. Ad hoc committee was notified. Discussion took place. Will continue to do what we are currently doing. No face or hand painting at Rothsville Days.
4. Need for more help with committees, help during worship, including monitoring Zoom worship.

**Secretary’s Report:** Florence Morgan made a motion to accept the June 15, 2021 Council Minutes as written and J.D. Wissler seconded and the motion was approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** The July 5, 2021 report was distributed to Council Members for review. Florence Morgan made a motion to accept the report subject to audit and Brenda Fetter seconded. The motion was approved. Larrie Miller did report the bell tower repairs will cost \$3332.90. Discussion took place. Florence Morgan made a motion to proceed with the bell tower repairs at a cost of \$3332.90 with the money coming from the Building Fund. Jean Slaymaker seconded and the motion was approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Larrie Miller requested that we make a professional sign which includes “Jerusalem Lutheran Church Free Meal Tonight”

**Committee Reports:**

**Sunday School:** Adult Forum will start the end of August. Those interested in participating will meet in the Social Hall. The topic for discussion will be the Epistle of James.

**Worship and Music:** Meeting next Monday.

**Cemetery:** None.

**Memorial:** None.

**Finance:** See Treasurer’s report.

**Property:** See Treasurer’s report.

**Service:** On July 19, 45 meal bags were served and 9 bags of food were distributed.

**Stewardship:** We will continue to use Pastor Rob Blezard’s Snippets messages in the newsletter.

**Reminder Dates:**

Community Meal - August 16, 2021

**Next Meeting:** August 17, 2021

**Announcements/Correspondences:** None

**Adjournment:** Florence Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brenda Fetter seconded. The motion was approved and the meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brenda Fetter, Council Secretary**

**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Council Meeting Minutes –**

**Special Council Meeting to approve Central American Relief Efforts to utilize a room in our facility.**

Date: July 25, 2021

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

**Present:** Pastor Oplinger, Rene Amey, Chrystine and Odel Anderson, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter, Larrie Miller, Florence Morgan, Mel Ravegum, Jean Slaymaker, and J.D. Wissler on the telephone.

Central American Relief Efforts is a non-profit organization in existence for 15 years. They have a 501c3 certificate and a board of 8 to 9 people. They have one part-time staff person who works 12-15 hours a week. They have been housed in an Episcopal church in Lancaster, that now needs the space they occupied to open a day care. They were paying the church \$100.00 a month for the space. They are looking for another space to continue their work. Their work is primarily in Southern Honduras. They secure school desks for children, medical supplies, rice, soy and vitamins among other needs. They feed 3,000 children lunches during the school year. Discussion took place. J.D. Wissler made a motion to allow the Central American Relief Efforts a space in Jerusalem Church for them to continue their work. Brenda Fetter seconded and the motion was approved.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Brenda Fetter, Council Secretary**



The Lower Susquehanna Synod has moved its office to 1959 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011. The new address is effective August 23rd. The synod has reduced its office size and space in an effort to devote more resources to its ministries.



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ELCA Vice President William "Bill" Horne II



We share with you the news of the sudden death of ELCA Vice President, William "Bill" Horne II. Mr. Horne was elected to serve a six-year term as ELCA Vice President at the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans. Bill Horne grew up as a member of the National Baptist religious tradition and became a Lutheran while serving in the United States Air Force in 1982.

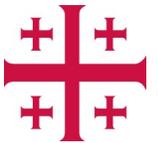
Mr. Horne has served as congregational president in two ELCA congregations in Florida and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Clearwater, Florida. He served as a member of the Florida-Bahamas Synod Council and later as its Synod Vice President. Additionally, he served on the ELCA Church Council from 2009-2015, and as a member of the ELCA Theological Education Advisory Council from 2013-2015.

Mr. Horne was appointed by the Clearwater City Council to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) of the city with responsibility for all departments except the City Attorney's Office and served as a Colonel in the United States Air Force.

Clearwater, Florida's Mayor, Frank Hibbard, shared that just weeks away from retirement, Vice President Horne intended to travel worldwide as an ambassador for Christ's church. I had the opportunity to work closely with Bill, in my role as bishop, and he was an exceptional leader and this is a tragic loss for our church. As a devoted lay leader in the ELCA, he will be deeply missed. I invite you to keep his wife, Loretta, and family in prayer during this difficult time.

†James S. Dunlop, Bishop

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