

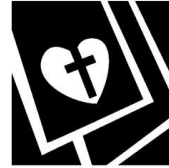
JERUSALEM JOURNAL

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

July/August 2019

VACATIONING WITH A PURPOSE

The summer of 1963 was one of the most memorable summers of my life. I applied and was accepted to be a part of ministerial teams who volunteered in the national parks for the National Council of Churches. I spent the summer in Yellowstone National Park with a group of other ministerial students who conducted worship services for staff and visitors to the park throughout the summer, led discussion groups, sang in a mass choir, while also working for the Yellowstone Park Company fulltime. I worked in the laundry at Lake Lodge.



PASTOR'S
PONDERABLES

There are five totally unique visitor sites in Yellowstone that show the wonders of God's creation in breath-taking earth formations. The paint pots in Mammoth Hot Springs in the North of the park, the waterfalls in the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Fishing Bridge, Yellowstone Lake and the Old Faithful geyser at Lake Hotel, created a loop around the park. One of the benefits of being 8,000 feet above sea level is seeing a sky filled with thousands of stars that we cannot see at our sea level in Pennsylvania.

One of the mementos I brought back with me from Yellowstone was a devotional booklet called *"Vacationing With A Purpose."* Each day for a month, you are invited to view vacationing with an invitation to focus on God and to bring God with you on vacation. Even today, I wonder how many of us plan our vacation in such a way that we really make room for God to deepen our relationship with the One who created us, redeemed us, and sustains us.

When I worked in the mental health field, there was a stress scale to make the argument that too much stress would make you sick. One of the items on the scale near the top was vacation. Aren't vacations supposed to relieve us of stress? Maybe for some, but what about the person(s) in the family who are responsible for getting everything ready for vacation, keeping the family on track on vacation, and then cleaning up after vacation. When does this person vacation?

As you vacation this summer, I invite you to consider these questions:

How is it we were led to this vacation spot this year?

Are we ever not in God's House?

Is God with us when we are not consciously with God?

What glories are we being exposed to on our vacation?

Will you be vacationing with a purpose this summer?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bonnie Oplinger

WHILE PASTOR OPLINGER IS ON VACATION the following Pastors have volunteered to cover any **pastoral care needs** during the month of July:

July 1 through July 6 - The Rev. Marissa Becklin
July 7 through July 13 - The Rev. James Tanner
July 14 through July 20 - The Rev. Karen Larsen
July 21 through July 27 - The Rev. Hans Becklin
July 28 through July 31 - The Rev. Scott Davis

If you have a pastoral need during the month of July, please call the church office @ 717626-8972 and leave a message if the Office Administrator, Tracy Lagaza, is not there. On the days she is not in the office, she will be checking the answering machine daily and will field all calls for pastoral care to the appropriate pastor.

The following pastors will provide coverage for **Sunday morning worship**:



July 7 - The Rev. Thomas McKee
(newly retired Assistant to the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod)
July 14 - The Rev. Walt Wagner
July 21 - The Rev. Jeffrey Pretz
July 28 - The Rev. Jeffrey Pretz

There will be no Adult Forum during the Month of July.

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

The following items will be collected during the month of July to assemble School Kits for Lutheran World Relief:

- 70 Sheet spiral notebooks
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors
- #2 Pencils (unsharpened)
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2½ inch Easers



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

MUSIC FOR JULY 7, 2019

Prelude	<i>Sonata No. 1 in E-flat Major</i> – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Gathering Hymn	<i>In Christ Called to Baptize</i> – #575
Hymn of the Day	<i>Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word</i> – #663
Offertory	<i>Thou Art, O God, the Life and Light</i> – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Brooke Maharg & Jeanine Schreiber, soloists
Communion Hymn	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i> – #661
Sending Hymn	<i>O Zion, Haste</i> – #668
Postlude	<i>Marche Romane</i> – Charles Gounod

MUSIC FOR JULY 14, 2019

Prelude	<i>Idylle Mélancolique</i> – Louis Vierne
Gathering Hymn	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i> – #679
Psalm 25:1-9	<i>Show Me Your Ways, O Lord</i> – Franz Joseph Haydn Cheri Kurtz & Patti Stripling, soloists
Hymn of the Day	<i>Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace</i> – #716
Offertory	<i>Basse de Cromorne</i> – Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
Communion Hymn	<i>O God of Mercy, God of Light</i> – #714
Sending Hymn	<i>O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate</i> – #722
Postlude	<i>Caprice sur les Grands Jeux</i> – Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

MUSIC FOR JULY 21, 2019

Prelude	<i>Prelude on “Slane”</i> Healey Willan
Gathering Hymn	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> – #793
Hymn of the Day	<i>For All the Faithful Women</i> – #419
Offertory	<i>Song of Trust</i> – Franz Schubert John David Wissler, soloist
Communion Hymn	<i>O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts</i> – #658
Sending Hymn	<i>How Small Our Span of Life</i> – #636
Postlude	<i>Toccata in E Minor</i> – Johann Pachelbel

MUSIC FOR JULY 28, 2019

Prelude	<i>Vater unser im Himmelreich</i> – Johann Sebastian Bach
Gathering Hymn	<i>Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Alright</i> – #745
Psalm 138	<i>My Inmost Heart Now Raises</i> – Heinrich Schütz Women's Ensemble
Hymn of the Day	<i>Our Father, God in Heaven Above</i> – #746
Offertory	<i>Sing with Grace in Your Heart</i> – George Friederic Handel Women's Ensemble
Communion Hymns	<i>Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ</i> – #402 <i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i> – #742
Sending Hymn	<i>Lord of Light</i> – #688
Postlude	<i>Vater unser im Himmelreich (Sonata No. 6)</i> – Felix Mendelssohn

MUSIC FOR AUGUST 4, 2019

Prelude	<i>Cornet Voluntary</i> – William Walond
Gathering Hymn	<i>Glorious Things of You Are Spoken</i> – #647
Hymn of the Day	<i>All Depends on Our Possessing</i> – #589
Offertory	<i>Simple Gifts</i> – Traditional Shaker Song, arr. Daniel Pinkham John David Wissler, soloist
Communion Hymn	<i>O Living Bread from Heaven</i> – #542
Sending Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> – #705
Postlude	<i>Chaconne in G Minor</i> – Louis Couperin

MUSIC FOR AUGUST 11, 2019

Prelude	<i>Adagio in C Major</i> – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Thomas Wissler, clarinet
Gathering Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> – #856
Hymn of the Day	<i>Have No Fear, Little Flock</i> – #764
Offertory	<i>Aria</i> – Noel Rawsthorne Thomas Wissler, clarinet
Communion Hymn	<i>Jesus, Priceless Treasure</i> – #775
Sending Hymn	<i>Blessed Assurance</i> – #638
Postlude	<i>Tuba Tune in D Major</i> – Craig Sellar Lang

MUSIC FOR AUGUST 18, 2019

Prelude	<i>Andante Sostenuto</i> – Hermann Schroeder
Gathering Hymn	<i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word</i> – #517
Hymn of the Day	<i>If God My Lord Be for Me</i> – #788
Offertory	<i>Sound the Trumpet! Praise Him!</i> – Franz Joseph Haydn Cheri Kurtz, Leslie Miller, Pastor Oplinger & Patti Stripling, soloists
Communion Hymn	<i>How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord</i> – #580
Sending Hymn	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i> – #813
Postlude	<i>Poco Vivace</i> – Hermann Schroeder

MUSIC FOR AUGUST 25, 2019

Prelude	<i>Chorale Prelude in “Martyrdom”</i> C. Hubert H. Parry
Gathering Hymn	<i>O Day of Rest and Gladness</i> – #521
Hymn of the Day	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i> – #796
Offertory	<i>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i> – Traditional Spiritual, arr. Howard Helvey Jeanine Schreiber, soloist
Communion Hymn	<i>We Come to You for Healing, Lord</i> – #617
Sending Hymn	<i>On Our Way Rejoicing</i> – #537
Postlude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in C Major (“Little”)</i> – Johann Sebastian Bach

A Women's Ensemble will be singing as part of our worship on Sunday, July 28.

If you are a soprano or alto who is unable to make the commitment of singing with our choir throughout the year, we would love to have you join us! A practice is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft.



If you have any questions, please contact
Roger Kurtz (phone: 626-1527;
email: rogerk@dejazzd.com).

July 2019 Readings

Sunday, July 7

4th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm - Psalm 66:1-9

Second Reading - Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Gospel - Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sunday, July 14

5th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm - Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading - Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel - Luke 10:25-37

Sunday, July 21

6th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm - Psalm 15

Second Reading - Colossians 1:15-28

Gospel - Luke 10:38-42

Sunday, July 28

7th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm - Psalm 138

Second Reading - Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Gospel - Luke 11:1-13



August's SCRIPTURE

Sunday, August 4

8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm - Psalm 49:1-12

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

Sunday, August 11

9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm - Psalm 33:12-22

Second Reading - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel - Luke 12:32-40

Sunday, August 18

10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm - Psalm 82

Second Reading - Hebrews 11:29--12:2

Gospel - Luke 12:49-56

Sunday, August 25

11th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading - Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm - Psalm 103:1-8

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel - Luke 13:10-17

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 3pm Finance Committee Meeting 4:30pm ROCK Connection at the Park	3	4  Independence Day	5	6
7 9am Worship Supply The Rev. Thomas McKee	8	9 4:30pm ROCK Connection at the Park	10	11	12	13 8am Men's Bible Study, Brickerville Lutheran Church
14 9am Worship Supply the Rev. Walt Wagner	15 5:30pm Community Meal	16 4:30pm ROCK Connection at the Park 7pm Congrega- tional Council Meeting (if needed)	17	18	19	20
21 9am Worship Supply The Rev. Jeffrey Pretz	22	23 4:30pm ROCK Connection at the Park	24 7pm Women's Ensemble Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 9am Worship Women's Ensemble Supply The Rev. Jeffrey Pretz	29	30 4:30pm ROCK Connection at the Park	31			

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9am Worship
10:30 Adult Forum

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3pm Finance Committee Meeting
4:30pm ROCK Connection at the Park

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9am Worship
10:30 Adult Forum

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5:30pm Community Meal

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4:30pm ROCK Connection at the Park
7pm Congregational Council Meeting

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9am Worship
10:30 Adult Forum

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4:30pm ROCK Connection at the Park

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July Celebrations

3 - Claude Grube
4 - Jean Ehrhart
5 - Nicole Nafe
5 - Audrey Ream
8 - Timothy Sweigart, Sr.

12 - Richard Schreiber
14 - Joey Hoover, Jr.
20 - Leslie Carson
22 - Steve Ravegum
23 - Joy Ackley

27 - Betsy Smith
29 - Brenda Fetter
29 - Gerald Styer
30 - Dana Mearig



Wedding Anniversaries



Lamar & Kathryn Wolf celebrate 48 years on July 3rd
Frank & Kari Zimmerman celebrate 23 years on July 13
Timothy & Lisa Sweigart celebrate 29 years on July 28

Bradley Burkholder - July 4, 1976
David Carson - July 7, 1963
Dean Carson - July 7, 1963
Steve Carson - July 7, 1963
Linda Nafe - July 7, 1963

Chance Ryan Bowman - July 15, 2001
Nicholas Carson - July 18, 2010
Steve Ravegum - July 18, 1982
Shelby Hoover - July 21, 1974
Leslie Carson - July 22, 1984

July
Anniversaries
of Baptism

August Birthdays

3 - Jean Slaymaker
5 - Lori Kemler
10 - Reba Weit
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 Celebrations



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

Jesse & Robin Volker celebrate
42 years on August 20th

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



THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED in any way with our June 2, Church Picnic. From the planning, the preparation, all the food, the weather, the flowers, the grill, the games and the clean up. Thank you.

**Thanks
for Your
Help!**



Lance Morgan graduated from Warwick High School on June 11th. He is currently working at the Giant Grocery store in Lititz. At this time, he is undecided about his future.

Lance is the son of Carol and Jason Mearig and the grandson of Lois Mearig.

We're Proud of You!

Property Update:

- ♦ 3 year required elevator inspection (National and Otis) present, completed
- ♦ Sanctuary ceiling fan switch replaced
- ♦ Faceplate repair of ceiling spotlight above chancel area pending

Community Meal #2:

Our second Community Meal is scheduled for **Monday, July 15th at 5:30pm.**

Please look for sign up sheets on 6/30/19 and 7/7/19 for ways you can help!

Please join us for a night of food & fellowship on July 15th!

Looking ahead: August's meal is **8/19/19 at 5:30pm.**



Thank you for your support!

6/13/19

Pastor Oplinger,

Thank you for your generous gift of subs from Bruno's. The staff always loves Bruno's and appreciate your kind gesture.

Sergeant Kerry D. Nye

Lititz Borough Police
Department



JULY & AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Lector	Element Presenters	Ushers	Greeter	Acolyte
July 7	Dave Carson	Larrie & Emma Miller	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus	✙ ✙	Nicholas Carson
July 14	Jill Clubb	Jean Slaymaker	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus	✙ ✙	✙ ✙
July 21	Brenda Fetter	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus	✙ ✙	Zachary Fetter
July 28	J.D. Wissler	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus	✙ ✙	✙ ✙
August 4	Zachary Fetter	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus	✙ ✙	✙ ✙
August 11	Marianna Kopp	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus	✙ ✙	✙ ✙
August 18	Dave Carson	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus	✙ ✙	Nicholas Carson
August 25	Jill Clubb	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	✙ ✙	Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus	✙ ✙	✙ ✙



Please see the bulletin board or call the church office (717.626.8972) to sign up.



BLESSING OF WORK AND BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

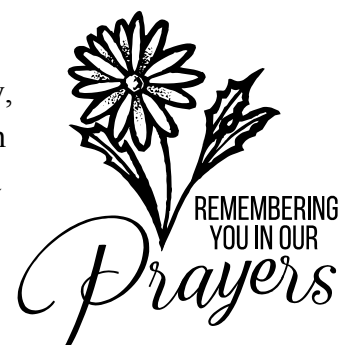
September 1, 2019

This Sunday of Labor Day 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Teresa Ackley, Nate Barnica, Lynn Beard, Reba Bowser, Karen Carson, Tyler Cassel, Clint Clubb, Erma Craley, Jacob Garman, James Good, Tim Heitz, Alma Hollingsworth, Joe Hoover, Lillian Logeman, Doug Michael, Ashley Miller, Leroy "Skip" Mull, Ron Naudus, Norma Rhoads, Lisa Riley, Vince Slaymaker, Pastor Irv Straw, Charles & Mary Ann Sweigart, Yinet Jasquez, Reba Weit, Evelyn Wissler, Wyatt Wolfe, all Military Personnel and the First Responders.



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank

collections for the month of...

July: Canned (ready to eat) chunky-style soups, instant mashed potatoes, ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise.

August: Canned fruit/applesauce (especially pears, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges & peaches), white rice and child toothbrushes

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

ROTHSVILLE COMMUNITY DAY *this event is in it's 18th year!*

Saturday, September 21, 2019 • 9:00am to 2:30pm

Forney Field

Kick Off 9:00 Registration for 9:30 5K Fun Run/Walk sponsored by Wellspan Family & Pediatric Medicine, Rothsville. Free events of the day beginning at 10:00 will include: kids games and activities, to mention a few: face painting, spin art, crafts, barrel train, bounce house, egg toss, wheelbarrow race, three legged race and our signature event the helicopter candy drop.



Food, drinks and ice cream will be available throughout the day. Afternoon entertainment will be Chris Ivey an award winning juggler Door prizes from local businesses will be given away throughout the day.

This event is organized by Rothsville area churches: Jerusalem Lutheran, Millport Mennonite, St Paul's E. C. and Salem United Methodist, in conjunction with Rothsville Fire Co and Rothsville Ambulance Association. Sponsorship is also provided by donations from local area businesses.

Naturally, help is needed to insure the success of the day. Avoid the rush and volunteer your help now! Contact Brad Clubb (717.629.4319) or Ken Craley (717.875.8603) for more information. Thank You!

Join us for

“God’s work. Our hands.”

A dedicated day of
service in our community.

Sunday, September 8, 2019

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.

Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Network

October 30 - November 7, 2019

Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr., Coordinator announces a second disaster response mission trip to Puerto Rico to help rebuild following Hurricane Maria.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email Pastor Beard at gbeard@luthercare.org or call him at (717) 471-1067.



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

Karen Carson

18 Pfautz Avenue
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: June 5

Alma Hollingsworth

Room 602, Muhlenberg Lodge
300 St. Mark Drive
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: September 21

Reba Weit

PC Rm. 508, Muhlenberg Lodge
300 St. Mark Drive
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: August 10

Erma Craley

Room 409, Muhlenberg Lodge
Gardenia Section
300 St. Mark Drive
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: February 23

Lillian Logeman

Keystone Villa
Room 321
100 North State Street
Ephrata, PA 17522
Landline (717) 738-5821
Cell (717) 888-0371
Birthday: August 31

Evelyn Wissler

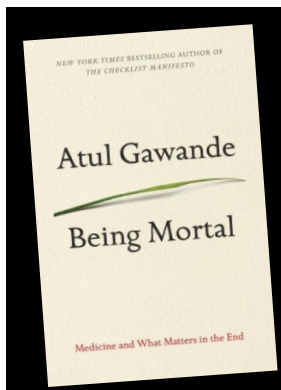
321 Meadow Valley Road
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: April 14

Jacob Garman

United Zion Ret. Community
722 Furnace Hills Pike,
Room 130
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: April 1

Leroy "Skip" Mull

Health Center Room 235
Luther Acres
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: May 9

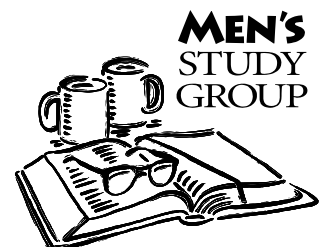


JOIN US FOR A DIFFERENT WAY to approach healing than a Healing Service. Beginning in **September, the 4th Tuesday** will feature a book review or a movie review. We will continue to have Soup, Study and Sacrament during Advent and Lent. **Tuesday, September 23rd at noon and 7 pm**, you are invited to participate in the review of the book by Atul Gawande titled **Being Mortal**.

This is the book that needs to be read by every adult child of an aging parent and every aging parent with adult children. It is a “riveting, honest and humane conversation on aging and death that shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death, but a good life – all the way to the very end.” Copies of the book are available on the table in the narthex for you to read. Please sign the sign out sheet and return the book after one month so that everyone may have the opportunity to read this book before September 23rd.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast

All men are invited to a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study. It will be held on **Saturday, July 13th at 8:00 a.m.** at Brickerville United Lutheran, 340 E 28th Division Hwy, Lititz. The men meet monthly (usually the 1st Saturday) and rotate the location. For more information for this or future months, call Steve Kupstas at 717-626-2195.





Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019

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

Present: Pastor Oplinger, Rene Amey, Chrystine Anderson, Brenda Fetter, Jim Martin, Larrie Miller, Ron Naudus, Kathy Schreiber, Jean Slaymaker, Mel Ravegum, J.D. Wissler.

Guests: None.

Devotions were led by Pastor Oplinger.

Meeting led by Mel Ravegum, Council President.

Recognition:

1. Brenda Fetter for assisting with a medical emergency of a member with the Lancaster Chamber Singers.
2. Janet Craley and Floss Morgan for helping to find a home for one of our parishioners.
3. Kathy Schreiber for all her assistance with a parishioner.
4. Ray Bowman and all others who helped with the cemetery weed removal.
5. Zachary Fetter for finding and reporting the urinal problem and assisting with the cleanup.
6. Ken and Janet Craley for the cleanup of excess water related to the bathroom problem.
7. All who participated with the Bake Sale Auction, including the bakers, the buyers, the auctioneer and the runners.
8. J.D. Wissler, Jeanine and Jeff Schreiber for changing church banners according to the church seasons.
9. Larrie and Emma Miller for ordering, picking up and placement of Easter flowers.
10. Pastor Oplinger for leading the adult forum classes.
11. Ken Craley for weeding and keeping the sign board up to date.
12. Claude Grube for opening the church, changing the hymnal board, ringing the bell and locking the church before he leaves every Sunday.
13. Mel Ravegum, Andy & Chrystine Anderson for making the coffee and setting out the snacks every Sunday morning.
14. The Finance Committee for all their work and recommendations regarding the recent money account changes.

Reports:

Pastor's Report: A written Pastor's Report was distributed to Council and was approved as written. The following was discussed:

1. Getting sandwiches from Bruno's for Lititz Police department and Regional Police department to show our appreciation was discussed. Jim Martin made a motion to provide sandwiches from Bruno's to be given to the Lititz Police department and the Regional Police department. Chrystine Anderson seconded and the motion was approved. Pastor Oplinger will order the sandwiches.
2. Pastor on vacation the month of July – will there be a Congregational Council Meeting? Discussion took place and it was determined if something comes up, we will have a Council Meeting.
3. A church parishioner needs financial assistance to help with fees for rental for storage unit for furniture. Discussion took place. J.D. Wissler made a motion to accept the Finance Committee recommendation to cover the storage expenses and also to do two special offerings to help with expenses. Rene Amey seconded, and the motion was approved.
4. J.D. Wissler recommended we have a representative from service organizations, such as Water Street Mission, Good Samaritan home, etc. come and discuss their services regarding homelessness at an adult forum meeting.

Secretary's Report: J.D. Wissler made a motion to accept the secretary's report as written and with the correction of the Memorial Savings Account #785 to a CD for \$5,000.00 instead of \$500.00. Jean Slaymaker seconded, and the motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written and Rene Amey seconded. The motion was approved.

Old Business: John Weit has sent his biography and it will be printed in the newsletter. Larrie Miller reported the room next to the choir room will be utilized by the Finance Committee.

New Business: Jean Slaymaker commented on the warm temperature of the sanctuary this past Sunday (May 19th) and why is only one air conditioner being used? Discussion took place. Can air conditioners be started two hours prior to the service? Mel Ravegum will take concerns to the Property Committee.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: No report.

Worship and Music:

- June 2nd service will be at 10am at the Warwick Township Lion's Park. If it rains the service will be moved to the church.
- June 16th is the Polka Mass at 9am.

Cemetery: No report.

Memorial: No report.

Finance: See Treasurer's report.

Property:

- Recent sewer backup cost \$300.00.
- Sound system repairs completed. Electrician to repair fans in sanctuary, sanctuary lights (all three with scaffolding) and dusk to dawn light behind church.
- Locksmith checked portico doors.

Service: Larrie Miller reported the Bake Sale proceeds: \$1,457.00.

Stewardship: No report.

Reminder Dates:

- June 2nd – Church Picnic at 10am in Warwick Township Park
- June 16th – Polka Mass at 9am
- June 17th – Community Meal
- **Next Meeting:** June 18, 2019

Announcements/Correspondences:

A thank you note was received from Zachary Fetter for his confirmation gift of a church hymnal.

A thank you note was received from the Seafarers International house for the recent gift of 55 knitted caps.

Adjournment: Jim Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brenda Fetter seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Fetter, Council Secretary

EXPLORING THE CEMETERY

by Denise Witwer Lahr

Grace Miller

The May article about Rev. W. Weida and the 1942 confirmation class reminded me that Grace Miller deserves a mention. Grace was a longtime fixture of the Jerusalem Lutheran and Rothsville communities. I must have met Grace at some point, although I don't remember it. But I've heard so much about her from my parents and other people, that I feel as if I knew her well, and I'd like you to remember her or learn about her.

Grace, an only child, was born July 22, 1911, to Ervin Ruhl Miller and his wife, Mary Ann (Buch) Miller. Ervin worked in a shoe factory after receiving an 8th grade education. Ervin's parents, Martin and Mary Miller, are buried in the cemetery. Grace's mother, Mary Ann (Buch) Miller, was the daughter of Isaiah and Mary Ann (Young) Buch, who are also buried in the cemetery. Grace's mother was a homemaker who had the same level of education as her husband.

Grace became a teacher. Her first brush with the vocation was as a graduate of the Sunday School Teaching Class at Jerusalem in 1924 at age 13, and she even played the piano at the graduation ceremony! She graduated from Rothsville High School on May 23, 1929, almost certainly as the valedictorian since she gave the opening "President's Address."

In 1933 she graduated from Millersville Normal School and began her teaching career in Marietta. After one year, she was appointed by the Warwick Township (Rothsville) School Board to teach 5th grade. In an August 1936 edition of the Lititz Record I found mention of her playing a piano solo and reading a Bible verse at the class meeting of the "God's Helper Sunday School Class" of Jerusalem.

She was always active. I found her name among those who gave a circus for the Boy and Girl Scouts of Rothsville in May 1938. That same month she was confirmed as faculty advisor to the school newspaper, then known as the *Rothsville Broadcaster*.

I know that she was at Rothsville in 1941 because I have the graduation photo for that year's class with Grace Miller and Principal Bailey in the middle separating my mother's "nixnutz" cousins, Luther Hackman and Paul Leeking, both of whom died in the second world war.



I believe she may have gone somewhere else or taken a break for a while because in August 1946 the *Lititz Record Express* trumpeted the fact that Grace was returning to the Rothsville faculty as Librarian and Social Studies teacher.

In 1951 I found note of her sponsoring and judging the winners in an Easter egg contest for the elementary children. What didn't this woman do?

The Millers lived in the house just to the south of the church. The back porch was always available to thirsty children, like my aunt Shirley, who wanted to use the pump located there to get a tin cup of water (and get out of church for a few minutes). Hospitality seems to have been a feature of the family.

Kathryn Weida Sheaffer, daughter of Rev. Weida, who triggered the memory of Grace, is noted in a July 1950 article in the Lititz paper as visiting Grace and family.

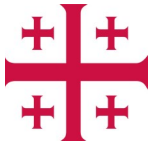
"Miss Kathryn Weida, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Weida, of Schnecksville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Miller and their daughter, Miss Grace Miller. Miss Weida arrived Friday and will be visiting the Millers three or four weeks."

All of the above memories serve to illustrate that Grace lived a life of constant activity and giving to the community. She was multi-talented and a gifted teacher and mentor. Former students like Chrystine Anderson remembers her as strict, but fair, a no-nonsense disciplinarian and a great storyteller. According to my mother, if something needed to be done, Grace did it.

At some point, she left Rothsville and went on to teach and serve as librarian in the Middletown and Manheim Township school districts before retiring in 1973. She moved to Neffsville and became a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Grace died April 22, 2005, at the Zion Home and was buried in the cemetery.



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