

## April Readings

April 7, 2019  
**Fifth Sunday  
in Lent**  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

April 14, 2019  
**Palm Sunday**  
Processional Gospel  
Luke 19:28-40  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14--23:56

April 18, 2019  
**Maundy Thursday**  
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 19, 2019  
**Good Friday**  
Isaiah 52:13--53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1--19:42

April 21, 2019  
**Resurrection of  
Our Lord: Easter Day**  
Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Luke 24:1-12  
April 28, 2019

**Second Sunday  
of Easter**  
Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

# JERUSALEM JOURNAL

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

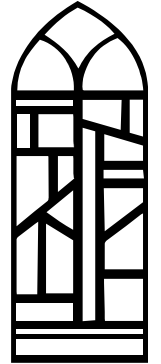
## April 2019

### PASTOR'S PONDERABLES

April is a potpourri for the Christian church this year. We are still on our journey to the cross with Jesus for the better part of the month. We will travel with him through Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, sit at the table with him on Maundy Thursday, then, if we have the courage, remain with him at the foot of the cross on Good Friday. Then we have the glorious celebration of the Easter resurrection. This year we will also be confirming Zachary Fetter on this day when we resurrect the "Alleluias." This is the time when we also make hard boiled eggs, color them and hide them for children of all ages to find. We also remember that an empty egg can be a symbol of the empty tomb that three women in Luke's gospel this year find as they are laden down with spices on the first day of the week to anoint Jesus body. Instead, they are greeted by two angels that tell them, "Christ is risen!" And we echo this exclamation with, "He is risen indeed!"

There is a Ukrainian folk tale that explains one origin of the Easter egg. One day a poor peddler went to the marketplace to sell a basket of eggs. He came upon a crowd mocking a man who staggered with a heavy cross on which he was about to be crucified. The peddler ran to his aid, leaving the basket by the roadside. When he returned, he found the eggs transformed into exquisite designs of bright colors. The man was Christ; the peddler was Simon. And the eggs were to become the symbol of rebirth for all humankind.

Eggs are a part of the springtime celebrations in many religions. An egg is placed on the Jewish Seder plate for Passover, and decorated eggs are shared during the Persian New Year. It seems that with more daylight hours in spring, poultry lay more eggs. The Eastern Orthodox church has the tradition of dying eggs red. This may stem from a legend about Mary Magdalene who sought an audience before the Roman Emperor, Tiberius Caesar. Anyone who appeared before Caesar was expected to bring a gift, so Mary Magdalene brought a plain, ordinary egg. She came before the imperial throne holding out the egg in her



FROM OUR  
**PASTOR**

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hand and greeting Tiberias, declaring: "Christ is Risen!" She told him about her teacher and savior, Jesus, and the unfair treatment and death penalty he'd received from Caesar's own governor, Pontius Pilate. She also told him how Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared, alive, to her and all his disciples. Caesar responded with bored disbelief, "How can anyone rise from the dead? That's as impossible as that egg in your hand turning red." And, miraculously, the egg in her hand turned from white to a deep red.

In Orthodox iconography, Mary Magdalene is often pictured holding up this red egg in her hand, sometimes with the words, "Christ is risen" printed on the icon. (article by Heidi Haverkamp "*Symbols of the Resurrection.*" Gather April 2019 - a magazine of WELCA)

Invite someone to church during April as we travel with Jesus through Lenten Sundays, Soup, Study and Sacrament on Wednesday or Thursday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

*Pastor Bonnie M. Oplinger*



**Sunday, April 14 at 9:00am**

*Palm Sunday*

*Reading of the Passion ~ Gospel of Luke*

**Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm**

*Maundy Thursday*

*Foot washing & Holy Communion*

**Friday, April 19 at 7:00pm**

*Good Friday*

*Tenebrae Service*

**Sunday, April 21 at 9:00am**

*Resurrection of Our Lord and*

*confirmation of Zachary Michael Fetter*

**DISASTER RESPONSE:** Pastor Glenn Beard, Jr., Coordinator of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response Network, announces a second disaster response mission trip to Puerto Rico to help rebuild following Hurricane Maria, **October 30 - November 7, 2019**. A trip planning meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 600 E. Main Street, Lititz. The trip is limited to 32 participants due to housing limitations. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to email Pastor Beard at [gbeard@luthercare.org](mailto:gbeard@luthercare.org) or call him at (717) 471-1067.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> BOLD WOMEN'S DAY

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**8:30 am - 2 pm**

**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
36 Church Street • Rothsville, PA 17543**

**Speaker: Diane Ross**

Journey with Diane Ross as she walks the Camino de Santiago. Her 500-mile pilgrimage across northern Spain became her metaphor of life. The lessons of pilgrimage continue weaving themselves into her heart and life long after returning home. Diane came to realize that life itself **IS** the sacred pilgrimage. She shares her story in the hope that it might inspire and encourage others to embrace the sacredness of their personal life's journey with a pilgrim heart.

Presenter: Diane Ross worked in retreat ministry for fourteen years. Balancing care of family and friends with self-care and personal development has been her life mission. Seeking that balance fuels her passion for times of personal retreat and also motivated her walk the Camino de Santiago. Though now retired, she continues to do Spiritual Direction and facilitates times of retreat.



**Register by calling: 717-626-8972 or email Pastor Bonnie Oplinger  
at [jerusaluthpastor@windstream.net](mailto:jerusaluthpastor@windstream.net)**

# 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 our services on Palm/Passion Sunday (April 14), Maundy Thursday (April 18), Good Friday (April 19), and Easter Sunday (April 21).

During Holy Week, our Jerusalem Choir will sing *Christ for Us Became Obedient unto Death* by Gerald Near (Palm/Passion Sunday), *Ave Verum Corpus* by Camille Saint-Saëns (Maundy Thursday), and *Upon the Cross Extended* by Leonhard Lechner (Good Friday). Organ voluntaries will include *Processional March* by William H. Harris and *Chorale Prelude on "O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig"* by Johann Pachelbel on Palm/Passion Sunday, as well as *Adoro te devote* by Léon Boëllmann on Maundy Thursday.

Our liturgy on Easter Sunday will include several musical highlights. The Jerusalem Choir will sing *Christ Is Arisen!* by George Frideric Handel as the offertory anthem. *Trumpet Tune in D Major* by David N. Johnson will be offered as the prelude and *Toccata* from *Symphony No. 5* by Charles-Marie Widor will be the postlude. Timpanist Jeff Schreiber will accompany many of our hymns that day, including such favorites as *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (ELW #365), *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW #366), and *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (ELW #382). *Christ Our Passover*, an Easter hymn by Carl P. Daw, Jr. set to Ralph Vaughan William's stirring SINE NOMINE tune, will be sung as the Hymn of the Day. During communion, we will sing Martin Luther's great Easter chorale "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (ELW #370). A chorale prelude by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau based on CHRISIT LAG IN TODESBANDEN, the tune paired with Luther's text, will precede the singing of the hymn. Written by the contemporary American hymn writer Brian Wren, *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* (ELW #383) will be sung as our second communion hymn to Ludwig van Beethoven's well-known HYMN TO JOY tune.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 3pm Finance Committee Mtg 10am-9pm Community Day, LITITZ ISAAC'S 4:30pm ROCK Connection	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Lenten Supper 7pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b> 11:30am Lenten Luncheon	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9am Holy Communion 10:30am Adult Forum 12:00pm Spring Fling, Mellingers Lutheran Church Social Hall	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 4:30pm ROCK Connection	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Lenten Supper 7pm Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 11:30am Lenten Luncheon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  PALM SUNDAY 9am Holy Communion 10:30am Adult Forum	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b> 4:30pm ROCK Connection 7pm Congregational Council Meeting	<b>17</b> 7pm Choir Practice	<b>18</b>  MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm Service	<b>19</b>  GOOD FRIDAY 7pm Service	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  9am Holy Communion Confirmation	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 4:30pm ROCK Connection  7pm Prayer & Healing Service	<b>24</b> 7pm Choir Practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30am-2pm 2nd Bold Women's Day
<b>28</b> 9am Holy Communion 10:30am Adult Forum 2pm Information Mtg for Disaster Response Trip Community Room, Luther Acres.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 4:30pm ROCK Connection	<div> <div>  </div> </div>			

# April Celebrations

## April Birthdays

1 - Jacob Garman	14 - Evelyn Wissler
4 - Rodney Rhoads	16 - Audrey Adams
4 - Zachary Fetter	18 - Lucille Martin
5 - Kenneth Craley	19 - Dave Carson
5 - Jess Volker	23 - Daniel Volker
8 - Deb Carson	27 - Beth Trachte
12 - Joan Dull	28 - Laura Bowman



## April Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey ♥ Beth Morgan April 17th

Gerald ♥ Janice Styer celebrate 58 years on April 22nd

## April Anniversaries of Baptism

Brian Burkholder • April 1, 1951

Melvin Ravegum • April 1, 1956

Chrystine Anderson • April 2, 1934

Spencer Ehrhart • April 3, 2010

Anna Mary Bowman • April 10, 1938

Kathy Schreiber • April 10, 1961

Dennis Styer • April 12, 1998

Joyce Burkholder • April 13, 1952

Jacob Garman • April 16, 1954

Leslie Miller • April 17, 1955

Gregory Sammet • April 20, 1952

Michael Lee Frantz • April 21, 1963

Mary Ann Sweigart • April 26, 1970

Timothy Sweigart • April 26, 1970

Beth Trachte • April 28, 1965

Reba Weit • April 29, 1942






















Zachary Frantz • April 30, 2000

Joseph Dean Hoover, Jr. • April 30, 2000

Nicole E. Nafe • April 30, 2000





	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Lector	Element Presenters	Ushers	Greeter(s)	Acolyte
<b>April 7th</b>	J.D. Wissler	Larrie & Emma Miller			Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		Nicholas Carson
<b>April 14th</b> Palm Sunday	Marianna Kopp	Brenda Fetter	Zachary Fetter		Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		Zachary Fetter
<b>April 18th</b> Maundy Thursday	Zachary Fetter				Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		Joyce Burkholder
<b>April 19th</b> Good Friday	Dave Carson				Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		Nicholas Carson
<b>April 21st</b> Easter	Jill Clubb				Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		Zachary Fetter
<b>April 28th</b>	Brenda Fetter				Claude Grube, Andy Anderson & Ron Naudus		Joyce Burkholder



Open for a volunteer... Please see the bulletin board or call the church office to sign up.

## CONFIRMATION OF ZACHARY FETTER

This month, Zachary Michael Fetter will be Confirmed on Easter Sunday. He was born and baptized into this congregation and has shown great promise in his growth in grace within this faith community. When Zachary was 10 years old, he wrote an article convincing people why they should worship at Jerusalem, that appeared in The Lutheran magazine. Later, the Rev. Rob Blezard, assistant to the Bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod developed a Sunday Bible study from Zachary's letter. Zachary currently serves as a lector, Assistant Minister, acolyte, and has just joined the choir. He loves to visit parishioners who can no longer come to church. He also wrote the Acolyte Manual for the church. Zachary will complete his confirmation expectations at Camp Kirchenwald this summer participating in the Diakonia program for those who are entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Zachary has also indicated an interest in ordained ministry. Many blessings to Zachary on his Confirmation.



### Additions/corrections to the church directory:

**GABERS**, Imants Jr. & Cheryl Lynn  
141 Firestone Road  
Lititz, PA 17543  
(717) 627-5407

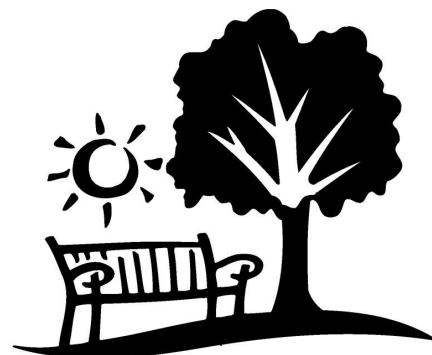
**LOGEMAN**, Lillian  
(717) 344-8860

**REILLY**, Lisa  
25 Edgewood Rive  
Lititz, PA 17543

# WARWICK MINISTERIUM - SUMMER COMMUNITY LUNCHES

This summer, the Warwick Ministerium is once again providing lunches for children and adults from the time school lets out in **June** until school starts in **September**. There will be two locations for serving the lunches - Lititz Park and the Warwick Lion's Club Park down the hill from Jerusalem.

Everyone who volunteers to help with this program will need to have Youth Protection Clearances. There is also a need for the following jobs to be filled - no qualifications needed (except where noted):



*Lunch in the Park*

## WARWICK LION'S PARK SITE

**Food Distribution Supervisor** - 4 people needed: 2 for Tuesdays and 2 for Thursdays, willing to commit 2 hours each week. Time slot 11 AM - 1 PM:

- \* Responsible for the oversight of the distribution site, including site set-up, serving, cleanup.
- \* Complete Distribution Site Record Form.
- \* Ensure that all behavior guidelines are enforced so children are safe.
- \* Coordinate unused food as directed by food preparer supervisor, at the end of the meal.

**Food Distributors** - Minimum of 4 people needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, willing to commit 2 hours each week. May be shared by multiple people. Time slot 11 AM - 1 PM:

- \* Responsible for serving food to all who attend the meal.
- \* Pack leftover food to be distributed at the end of the meal.
- \* Help with the cleaning of distribution site, taking care of the trash.



*We* are fortunate that the Lancaster Chamber Singers will be using Jerusalem Church as a venue for one of their annual spring concerts. They will present their program entitled "From Sea to Stars" here on **Saturday, May 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** Travel the sea with the group as they sing folk songs by Ralph

Vaughan Williams and view the stars and moon through the nocturnes of Daniel Elder. Their varied program, which is sure to please all music lovers, will conclude with an arrangement by Stacey Gibbs of the rousing spiritual, "Great God Almighty." The evening will also include an artwork display by John David Wissler. Both Jeanine Schreiber and Brooke Maharg are members of the group. Please see Jeanine to purchase tickets in advance for \$10.00. Online tickets will be available soon at [www.lancasterchambersingers.org](http://www.lancasterchambersingers.org). Tickets at the door can be purchased for \$15.00.





## ***SOUP, STUDY AND SACRAMENT FOR LENT***

“I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and the works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection.” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Leaders’ Desk Edition*).

**Wednesdays at 5:30pm**

**April 3 and April 10**

**Thursdays at 11:30am**

**April 4 and April 11.**

*Dear friends at Jerusalem Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you for all the cards and good wishes  
I received for my 90th birthday.*

*Doris Witwer*

**THANKS**  
*for*  
**remembering**

## **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**

2969 Aster Lane  
Lititz, PA 17543  
*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*





# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

January 16, 2019

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

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

What a gift you've given! Thank you for your recent gift of \$425.00 to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) ministries through ELCA Good Gifts.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift, indeed. With resources like seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your support of the vital ministries that we do together – and for your very good gift.

In God's abundant grace,

Christina Jackson-Skelton  
Executive Director, Mission Advancement

Gift date: 1/10/2019  
Gifts are designated for:

Piglet	\$120.00
Chicks	\$30.00
Honey bees	\$60.00
Pair of Goats	\$100.00
School fees and uniform for a girl	\$80.00
School supplies for a child	\$10.00
Feed a refugee family for one week	\$25.00

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January 30, 2019

Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
36 Church St  
Rothville, PA 17543

Dear Friends at Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of quilts and kits for LWR's distribution overseas. These gifts of your hearts and hands are beautiful expressions of God's grace and love to people all around the world.

Because of your support, LWR is able to share the tangible love of Christ with thousands of people through your quilts and kits. Last year, LWR and partners Children's Gift Ministry (CGM) and OLAM were busy distributing School Kits in Honduras, to children whose families are vulnerable due to lack of access to the most basic necessities. Parents of these families often have to choose between feeding their children and sending them to school. School Kits were distributed to more than 28,000 Honduran children to help them get back to or stay in school, increasing their chances of breaking the chains of chronic poverty and avoiding the very real risk of gang involvement. In addition to being practical, these kits provide a source of comfort, security and hope to those who receive them.

Your quilts and kits provide important necessities to our neighbors around the world, and serve as reminders that they are not alone or forgotten. We also shipped quilts and kits to Georgia, Angola, Thailand, Pakistan, Mali and Burkina Faso, last year. On behalf of our neighbors in villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps around the world, I extend deepest thanks for your contribution, and pray God's richest blessings on your life and work!

In Christ,

Melanie W. Gibbons  
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

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#### DONATION RECEIPT

<b>26</b>	<b>Mission Quilts</b>		<b>Baby Care Kits</b>
	<b>Blankets</b>		<b>Fabric Kits</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>Personal Care Kits</b>		<b>Soap</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>School Kits</b>		

Please note: this receipt may not reflect your full donation. Based on when the receipt data was pulled, some of your items may have yet to be processed, and you will receive additional receipts for those items as they are scanned into the system.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Teresa Ackley, Nate Barnica, Lynn Beard, Reba Bowser,  
Karen Carson, Tyler Cassel, Erma Craley, Jacob Garman,  
Alma Hollingsworth, Joe Hoover, Lillian Logeman, the family of  
Glenn Martin, Jim Martin, Doug Michael, Leroy "Skip" Mull, Ron  
Naudus, Norma Rhoads, Charles & Mary Ann Sweigart, Pastor  
Dennis Trout, Reba Weit, Evelyn Wissler, Wyatt Wolfe, Kim Zepp,  
the Warwick School District Community, all Military Personnel  
and the First Responders.



### MONTHLY FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

Income thru February 28<sup>th</sup> - **\$24,359.55**

Expenses thru February 28<sup>th</sup> - **\$22,051.72**

Difference of \$2,307.83

### Property Committee Update:

Repairs were needed to the church roof and the social hall/portico roof due to high wind damage.

*Save  
the  
Date*

Jerusalem Lutheran's  
13th Annual Bake Sale:

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

following worship

Mark your calendars and plan to attend  
this fun sale that benefits our neighbors  
who have food insecurities.

Dear friends at Jerusalem,

Thank you for your contributions of \$1,250.00 to the Pastor David Rike and Family fund. The flooding in Pittsburg on July 2nd was a surprise to many - not least to me and my family. However, your generosity support made it possible for me to continue serving the Ministry of Good Shepard Lutheran Church without interruption to this new Call. Through you I have seen the goodness of God in Christ and, for that I am profoundly thankful.

With much gratitude,

*David Rike*





**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 19, 2019**

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

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

**Guests:** none.

Devotions were led by: Pastor Oplinger.

Meeting led by Mel Ravegum, Council President.

**Recognition:**

1. Thank you to the following: Pastor Oplinger, Lois Apperly, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter and Claude Grube for attending the Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Prison play.
2. Thank you to Scott Kopp for learning the treasurer's duties.
3. All who provided food for the Annual Congregational Meeting luncheon on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Thank you to the Finance committee for their discussion and recommendation as to what accounts some of the monies can be placed to get a better return.

**Reports:**

**Pastor's Report:** A written Pastor's report was distributed to council for review and was accepted as written.

1. Jean Slaymaker made a motion to accept the updated 2019 Child Protection Plan and Renee Amey seconded. The motion was approved. Pastor Oplinger did encourage those who do not have their criminal history and child protection clearances to consider obtaining them.
2. Pastor distributed letter from Bishop Dunlop regarding child abuse incident at Camp Kirchwald in the summer of 2018.
3. Warwick School District is asking for donation to the Social Services Fund. Jim Martin made a motion to make a donation of \$1,250.00, as suggested by the Finance Committee, to the Warwick School District Social Service Fund. J.D. Wissler seconded. The motion was approved. Larrie Miller reported this money will be taken from the BB&T Mission Local and Worldwide Fund.
4. Community Creations Solicitation: Renee Amey made a motion to reject our participation with this. Ron Naudus seconded. The motion was approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Jim Martin made a motion to accept the January 15, 2019 council meeting minutes as written. Joyce Burkholder seconded, and the motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written and Brenda Fetter seconded. The motion was approved. Larrie Miller also reported 64 caps were sent to the Seafarer's International House in New York city.

**Old Business:** none

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**New Business:** Parishioners voiced their concerns about not being informed of the updated cemetery rule changes. Pastor Oplinger will address this with copies of the cemetery rules and regulations being placed in the narthex and a new one to be placed in sign at the cemetery entrance.

**Committee Reports:**

**Sunday School:** No report.

**Worship and Music:** Pastor Oplinger and Roger Kurtz have planned the music for the Lenten season.

**Cemetery:** Pastor Oplinger will place copies of the new cemetery rules and regulations in the narthex and a new copy to be placed at the cemetery entrance.

**Memorial:** There is a new memorial book. Discussion took place regarding transferring the old information into the new book. The decision was made to start placing new information into the new book.

**Finance:** A thank you to the Finance committee for helping to complete the parochial report. Larrie Miller reported that the payroll services are working well.

**Property:** The kitchen cart that was broken will now be fixed.

**Service:** No Report.

**Stewardship:** No Report.

**Reminder Dates:** Ash Wednesday – March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Announcements/Correspondence:**

1. A thank you was received from Blue Ridge for the Valentines which were made for our soldiers and shut-ins.
2. A thank you was received from Pastor Rike's church for the recent donation of \$1,250.00 to help with their recent flood loss.
3. A thank you from Lutheran World Relief for the quilts, the school kits and health kits.

Brenda Fetter made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jean Slaymaker seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Meeting:** March 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Fetter, Council Secretary

**Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank collections for the month of April:**

- Condensed cream of chicken or mushroom soup and condensed tomato soup
- Canned fruit and applesauce (especially pear, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges and peaches (we have mostly pineapple)
- Instant mashed potatoes

*Items can be placed in the collection box in the narthex.*

**THANK YOU!**



# EXPLORING THE CEMETERY

## CSI (Cemetery Scene Investigation)

by Denise Witwer Lahr

As you drive into the cemetery from Church Street, there is a gravestone on your left, about 2/3 of the way back, that says "Bender." That's it - no other information - no names or dates. Checking the cemetery file cards was not helpful since they merely declared that some of the gravesites in lot 104 were "full."



So, who is buried in lot 104? Skimming the Lititz Record for something else, I found an obituary notice for Robert William Bender, just two months old, who was buried in the cemetery in September 1918. Checking for his parents, William McKinley Bender and Maggie (Steinmetz) Bender, I discovered that they were also buried in the cemetery, location unknown. Add in a sister Dorothy, who died in 1935 at age 11, of polio, and Maggie Steinmetz Bender's mother, Barbara (Bealor) Steinmetz, and you start to get a sense of who must be in the plot.

Because the burials were posted on findagrave.com, I heard from a descendant who could confirm that this plot is indeed that of this Bender family. In addition to the people mentioned above, the

lot probably contains the remains of an infant that died in 1939 or 1940.

Main S6	104		Bender, Wm.	Bender	Robert William	Sept. 24, 1918
Main S6	104		Bender, Wm.	Bender	Dorothy	Apr. 21, 1935
Main S6	104		Bender, Wm.	Bender	William	Mar. 9, 1987
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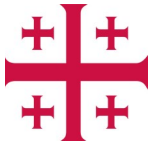
Here is a screen shot of my database entries for this lot; the dates are dates of interment. I'm not sure who is buried where.

William McKinley Bender was the son of Franklin Ruhl Bender and his wife, Annie (Stark) Bender, who are also both buried in the cemetery, as are Annie's parents, William and Elizabeth (Zwalley) Stark.



William and Maggie Bender

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