

October 7
**20th Sunday
after Pentecost**

First Reading
Genesis 2:18-24
Psalm
Psalm 8
Second Reading
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
Gospel
Mark 10:2-16

October 14
**21st Sunday
after Pentecost**

First Reading
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Psalm
Psalm 90:12-17
Second Reading
Hebrews 4:12-16
Gospel
Mark 10:17-31

October 21
**22nd Sunday
after Pentecost**

First Reading
Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm
Psalm 91:9-16
Second Reading
Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel
Mark 10:35-45

October 28
**23rd Sunday
after Pentecost**

First Reading
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm
Psalm 126
Second Reading
Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel
Mark 10:46-52



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October 2018



THE PARADOX OF FALL

October is the month of autumn that holds the paradox I found in this reflection by Parker Palmer. Parker J. Palmer is an author, educator, and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change. He is the founder and Senior Partner of the Center for Courage & Renewal. He is an elder in the Society of Friends (Quakers).

“Autumn is a season of great beauty, but it is also a season of decline: the days grow shorter, the light is suffused, and summer’s abundance decays toward winter’s death. Faced with this inevitable winter, what does nature do in autumn? She scatters the seeds that will bring new growth in the spring - and she scatters them with amazing abandon.

In my own experience of autumn, I am rarely aware that seeds are being planted. Instead, my mind is on the fact that the green growth of summer is browning and beginning to die. My delight in the autumn colors is always tinged with melancholy, a sense of impending loss that is only heightened by the beauty all around. I am drawn down by the prospect of death more than I am lifted by the hope of new life.

But as I explore autumn’s paradox of dying and seeding, I feel the power of metaphor. In the autumnal events of my own experience, I am easily fixated on surface appearances - on the decline of meaning, the decay of relationships, the death of a work. And yet, if I look more deeply, I may see the myriad possibilities being planted to bear fruit in some season yet to come.

In retrospect, I see in my own life what I could not see at the time - how the job I lost helped me find work I needed to do, how the “road closed” sign turned me toward terrain I needed to travel, how losses that felt irredeemable forced me to discern meanings I needed to know. On the surface it seemed that life was lessening, but silently and lavishly the seeds of new life were always being sown.

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The hopeful notion that living is hidden within dying is surely enhanced by the visual glories of autumn. What artist would ever have painted a season of dying with such a vivid palette if nature had not done it first? Does death possess a beauty that we - who fear death, who find it ugly and obscene - cannot see? How shall we understand autumn's testimony that death and elegance go hand in hand?

For me the words that come closest to answering those questions are the words of Thomas Merton: "There is in all visible things - a hidden wholeness." In the visible world of nature, a great truth is concealed in plain sight: diminishment and beauty, darkness and light, death and life are not opposites. They are held together in the paradox of the "hidden wholeness."

In a paradox, opposites do not negate each other - they cohere in mysterious unity at the heart of reality. Deeper still, they need each other for health, as my body needs to breathe in as well as breathe out. But in a culture that prefers the ease of either-or thinking to the complexities of paradox, we have a hard time holding opposites together. We want light without darkness, the glories of spring and summer without the demands of autumn and winter, and the Faustian bargains we make fail to sustain our lives. When we so fear the dark that we demand light around the clock, there can be only one result: artificial light that is glaring and graceless and beyond its borders, a darkness that grows ever more terrifying as we try to hold it off. Split off from each other, neither darkness nor light is fit for human habitation. But if we allow the paradox of darkness and light to be, the two will conspire to bring wholeness and health to every living thing.

Autumn constantly reminds me that my daily dyings are necessary precursors to new life. If I try to "make" a life that defies the diminishments of autumn, the life I end up with will be artificial, at best and utterly colorless as well. But when I yield to the endless interplay of living and dying, dying and living the life I am given will be real and colorful, fruitful and whole."

Pastor Oplinger

"Lord, here I am, send me..."

The Members of Zion Leola and St. John Center Lutheran Churches proudly invite you to join them as we celebrate the Installation of Our New Pastors. We will celebrate this blessed occasion through worship and with God's Word. Your presence will make this event a memorable experience for our new Pastors and congregation.

Rev. Karen Larson is being installed at Zion Lutheran Church,
18 Quarry Road, Leola, on **Sunday, October 14th** at 4:00pm

Rev. Tom Darr is being installed at St. John Center Lutheran Church,
599 Reading Road, East Earl on **Sunday, November 4th** at 4:00pm



Installation

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Invite your family and friends to attend the first of two events comprising our 2018-2019 Music at Jerusalem Concert Series. Manor Winds will perform a concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 28, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

A Lancaster-based ensemble, Manor Winds is comprised of five musicians who come together to rehearse in a historic farm house on Manor Street. Members of the group include Matthew Angelo, flute; Lauren Fairfull, oboe; Christy Banks, clarinet; Anne Nye, French horn; and Robin Plant, bassoon. Believing that quality chamber music should be readily available to the region's diverse population, Manor Winds strives for professional performances of woodwind quintet repertoire in both traditional and non-traditional settings throughout southeastern Pennsylvania. Highlights of their varied and entertaining program will include an arrangement of Claude Debussy's *Petite Suite*, originally written for piano four hands, and some fun pieces from *Aires Tropicales*, a work for woodwind quintet by Paquito D'Rivera - a Cuban-born American saxophonist, clarinetist, and composer who plays and composes both jazz and classical music.

Listed below is biographical information about the quintet members, as well as information concerning how you may become a patron for our 2018-2019 series.

Matthew Angelo, flute

Matthew Angelo is an orchestral, chamber, and solo musician based in the Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania. Mr. Angelo has appeared as principal flute with the Bay -Atlantic Symphony, is second flutist of the Liberty Wind Symphony, and is a performing artist with the Maryland Wind Festival. He also performs frequently with the Hartford Independent Chamber Orchestra, regularly collaborates in a duo with Flutist Mary Matthews, and is the flutist and co--founder of the Peroledi Duo with Saxophonist Alyssa Hoffert. In February of 2016, the Peroledi Duo gave their European debut recital in Paris, France. In 2012, Mr. Angelo made his solo debut with the West Chester University Symphony Orchestra as a winner of their annual competition. He has recorded for Naxos with The Hartt Wind Ensemble, and MRS Classics and Mark Records with the West Chester University Wind Ensemble. He holds a M.M. from The Hartt School and a B.M. from West Chester University of Pennsylvania. His teachers include Janet Arms and Dr. Kimberly Reighley.

Lauren Fairfull, oboe

A native of Lancaster County, Oboist Lauren Fairfull holds dual bachelor's degrees in music performance and education from West Chester University and a Master's degree in music performance from The Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University, for which she was awarded a full scholarship. During her time at these institutions, Ms. Fairfull performed in many ensembles as principal oboist and a featured soloist. She has embarked on several orchestral and chamber tours throughout Europe and the United States, which have included performances at Carnegie Hall in New York City and The Kimmel Center in Philadelphia. She is currently the second oboist and English Horn of the Liberty Wind Symphony in Philadelphia, and performs with the following groups: Lancaster and Hershey Symphonies, Pennsylvania Philharmonic, Pennsylvania Regional Ballet Orchestra, and the Allegro Orchestra of Lancaster. Ms. Fairfull resides in Lancaster, manages a successful jewelry boutique, and is actively establishing a **freelance career**.

Christy Banks, clarinet

Christy Banks is Associate Professor of Music (Clarinet and Saxophone) and Assistant Chair of the Music Department at Millersville University of Pennsylvania. A former member of the Lincoln Symphony and the Nebraska Chamber Players, Banks has performed with the Pennsylvania Philharmonic, the Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Reading Symphonies, the Allegro Orchestra of Lancaster, and Opera Lancaster. She has appeared as a recitalist/soloist throughout the United States, as well as in Italy, Austria, Germany, and China. Passionate about new music, Banks is a member of NakedEye Ensemble and the Spatial Forces Duo. She holds degrees from the University of Nebraska, -Lincoln, and Florida State University. Dr. Banks has served as the Pennsylvania State Chair and State Chair Coordinator of the International Clarinet Association and the founder of the Millersville University Single Reed Symposium.

Anne Nye, French horn

Anne Nye received her Bachelor of Music degree in French horn Performance from Wheaton Conservatory of Music. Anne is second horn with the Pennsylvania Philharmonic and the Allegro Orchestra of Lancaster and performs often with the Lancaster Symphony, York Symphony, Kennett Symphony, Maryland Lyric Opera, and the Opera Lancaster Orchestra. She loves chamber music and co--formed many groups, including the Susquehanna Wind Quintet, Prana Winds, and the Manor Winds. A member of the Lancaster Brass Quintet, she is the adjunct horn teacher at Lancaster Bible College and maintains a small home studio. Anne lives in Lancaster with her husband Rob and enjoys gardening and maintaining a small antique business on the side.

Robin Plant, bassoon

Robin Plant currently serves as principal bassoonist with the Lancaster Symphony, York Symphony, Pennsylvania Regional Ballet Orchestra, and Endless Mountain Music Festival Orchestra. She has been featured as a soloist with the Lancaster Symphony, Philadelphia Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, and Endless Mountain Music Festival. She also frequently performs with other ensembles, including the Harrisburg Symphony, Delaware Symphony, Gettysburg Chamber Orchestra, and Allegro Orchestra of Lancaster. Robin received her formal training on bassoon while pursuing her Bachelor of Music in performance at Indiana University, where her principal teacher was Kim Walker. In addition to a busy performance schedule, Robin maintains a reed-making business and private teaching studio.

As a church, we are extremely grateful for the generosity of those members and friends of the congregation who have served as patrons for our concerts during past seasons. Since the series is not subsidized through our church budget, voluntary contributions have permitted us to offer concerts of great music free of admission charge year after year. If you would like to assist in continuing this important community outreach, **please return the bottom portion of this page with your donation to the church office or give to Roger Kurtz by Sunday, October 21st** to ensure your acknowledgement in the October 28th program. Checks may be made payable to the "Jerusalem Church Music Ministry Fund." All gifts, large or small, are most appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support!

Roger Kurtz
Director of Music



Music at Jerusalem Concert Series



Yes, I would like to help sponsor the Music at Jerusalem Series. My contribution is enclosed.

Please list my name/our names in the program as _____.

“First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Gratitude”



Dear Friends in Christ,

How do you live and give in gratitude? This is the discussion of our congregation the past few weeks. It is a topic of discipleship and stewardship. It is a question that implores us to pause amidst our busy lives and consider how richly God has blessed, how we receive these gifts, and to what extent gratitude guides our living and giving.

As we receive and share the gifts of God in gratitude, we do so in the spirit of our theme verse from 2nd Corinthians 8:5 where the Apostle Paul describes the grateful giving of the Macedonian Christians as “giving of themselves”. “Giving in Gratitude” is the delight of sharing what God has first given us.

There are two principles that lie at the core of our giving. The first is that our giving in gratitude is a joyful and faithful response to God’s giving of Jesus Christ and the grace filled life that comes through Him. The other reason for our giving in gratitude is that the ministries of our congregation can remain bold and vibrant in sharing God’s grace by what we do in Christ’s name for our members and community.

This fall, each one of our members is being asked to prayerfully consider how one can give in gratitude. In your prayerful contemplation, you are invited to consider sharing a tithe (10% of one’s income) as your grateful response to God’s giving. If this response will involve growing over time, prayerfully consider growing your present giving by 20%. In other words, if you are presently giving \$50 per week, a 20% growth would be \$60 per week. We are praying that the overall growth in giving this fall would be an increase between 15-20%. Just think of what we could do if we were blessed in this way!

Please put on your calendar, two important dates. “**Gratitude Sunday**” is in two weeks on **Sunday, October 14th**. Please plan to be in worship as we celebrate God’s blessings with our expressions of gratitude. The second date is “**Celebration and Commitment Sunday**” on **Sunday, October 21st**. Over these next few weeks, please enter into a time of prayer considering how you can give of yourself, give in gratitude, and grow in sharing your gifts in response to God’s own giving, especially God’s Son, Jesus Christ and the life-giving love for each of us.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT		
	1	2 10am-9pm Ephrata Isaac's Fundraiser 3pm Finance Meeting 4:30pm ROCK Connection	3 7pm Choir Practice	4	5	6		
		7 9am Holy Communion <i>"First, We Give of Ourselves: Giving in Gratitude"</i> 10:30am Adult Forum	8 7pm Service Committee Meeting	9 4:30pm ROCK Connection 7pm Cemetery Board Meeting	10 No Choir Practice	11	12	13
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Next time you are at the store, pick up ready to eat chunky-type canned soup, juice for children, canned chicken or Spam for the Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank. Collection box in the narthex.</p> </div>								
14 9am Holy Communion <i>"Gratitude Sunday"</i> 10:30am Adult Forum 1pm Blessing of the Animals	15 <i>November Newsletter Deadline</i>	16 4:30pm ROCK Connection 7pm Congregational Council Meeting	17 7pm Choir Practice	18	19	20		
21 9am Holy Communion <i>"Celebration & Commitment Sunday"</i> 10:30am Adult Forum 1-6pm Fall Foliage Day, Camp	22	23 4:30pm ROCK Connection 7pm Prayer and Healing Service	24 7pm Choir Practice	25 12pm GIFT <i>Grieving Into Faithful Trust</i>	26	27		
28 9am Holy Communion 10:30am Adult Forum 3pm Manor Winds, concert	29	30	31 7pm Choir Practice 					

October Celebrations

October Birthdays

- 5 - Mark Haefner
- 8 - Florence Morgan
- 12 - Henry Bowman
- 12 - Eric Weinhold
- 17 - Janet Craley
- 18 - Chris Scheid
- 19 - Daniel Volker
- 21 - Jim Holland
- 22 - Gregory Sammet
- 27 - David Powell



October Wedding Anniversaries

Roger ♥ Cheri Kurtz celebrate 30 years on October 8th

October Anniversaries of Baptism

- Alma Hollingsworth - October 1, 1933
- Audrey Ream - October 3, 1948
- Doris Witwer - October 10, 1930
- Betsy Smith - October 31, 1993

Best wishes to those celebrating in October!
Was your special day missed?
Please contact Tracy in the church office
to make the correction. Thank you.

INGATHERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th

35 School Kits • 25 Health Care Kits • 24 Handmade Quilts

These are the gifts of the generous members of Jerusalem Lutheran Church to be sent to communities most in need throughout the world via Lutheran World Relief.

We will celebrate this day, along with Lutherans across the US, with a Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication for these gifts. Also, as usual, our beautiful, handmade quilts will be on display during the service.

Thank you to the generous members of this congregation for your continued support of this important ministry.





PRAYER CONCERNS

Teresa Ackley, the family of Anna Mary Bowman, Reba Bowser, Lois Byerly, Karen Carson, Erma Craley, Jacob Garman, Alma Hollingsworth, Joe Hoover, Dorothy Klopp, Lillian Logeman, Ray Miller, Leroy Mull, Ron Naudus, Charles & Maryanne Sweigart, Reba Weit, Evelyn Wissler, Wyatt Wolfe, Kim Zepp and all Military Personnel.

October

Worship Leaders

	Assisting Minister	Altar Guild	Lector	Element Presenters	Ushers	Greeter(s)	Acolyte
Oct. 7	Dave Carson	⦿	⦿	⦿	⦿	⦿	Joyce Burkholder
Oct. 14	J.D. Wissler	⦿	⦿	Zachary Fetter	⦿	⦿	Joyce Burkholder
Oct. 21	Brenda Fetter	⦿	⦿	⦿	⦿	⦿	Zachary Fetter
Oct. 28	Zachary Fetter	⦿	⦿	Brenda Fetter	⦿	⦿	Joyce Burkholder
Nov. 4	Dave Carson	⦿	⦿	⦿	⦿	⦿	Nicholas Carson

⦿ Please see the bulletin board in the narthex to volunteer



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



On Thursday, October 4, the Lutheran church, and other churches celebrate St.

Francis of Assisi who died in 1226 CE. This year at Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, we will celebrate this compassionate saint by observing a blessing of animals on **Sunday, October 14, 2018 1pm**. This is a different date than the one found in the directory and annual report. The blessing will occur outside under the canopy of the handicapped entrance to the church.

Everyone is invited to bring items for the Humane League of Lancaster. Items to consider giving include: canned dog/puppy food (any variety), Science Diet Small Bites (adult and puppy), canned kitten/cat food (Science Diet or Fancy Feast), Kitten Milk Replacer, cat toys, kennel beds for dogs, sanitizable pet toys, paper towels, laundry detergent, wash clothes, towels and blankets.

Animals are an important part of God's creation and they are important in the lives of human beings. They provide and teach us unconditional love. They come to our rescue. They provide healing. They connect us to God.

We can thank St. Francis of Assisi for our appreciation of God's animal kingdom. St. Francis was the son of a wealthy cloth merchant. In a public confrontation with his father, Francis renounced his family's wealth and any future inheritance and devoted himself to serving the poor. He founded an order of Friars we know as the Franciscans who took Jesus literally when he told his disciples that they should take nothing on their journey and receive no payment for their work. Francis had a spirit of gratitude and gladness for all of God's creation. Many people recognize the prayer attributed to him, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." He also wrote the words to hymn #835 in the ELW – All Creatures, Worship God Most High.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET:

You are invited to participate in the composition of an Advent Devotional booklet for our church. The theme is LIGHT. Each page will have a Biblical reference to light followed by a reflection from you. This can be a story from your life or other ideas that come to you as a result of reading the passage. Pastor will provide guided questions to help with this brief writing – no more than a few sentences to make a paragraph. The page will end with a brief prayer that you compose or write with Pastor Oplinger. Please talk to Pastor Oplinger if you are interested in participating in this project, otherwise, Pastor will talk to you. You may also choose the light passage if you volunteer early enough. Here are some thoughts on LIGHT to consider.

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Jesus (John 8:12).

Light creates by causing life to spring forth, it reveals by sending its rays everywhere, and it conquers because in its presence darkness ceases.

Whilst darkness is passive, light is active – it penetrates and completely destroys darkness. Darkness can only exist where light is absent.

Light reveals the true shape of things and brings out hidden beauty, without it there would be no life.

Light cheers and warms, it gives hope and joy, and so light is a fitting word to describe the God of the universe.



HELP WANTED!

The Power Pack Project is a feeding program coordinated between a food distribution center and a school. The children who are identified as needing nutritious food over the weekend are given a “power pack” to take home for the weekend. The Power Pack Project is in need of a Lead Volunteer. The tasks are described below. Please talk to Pastor Oplinger if you (or someone you know) are interested in filling this position. N.B. the school is Bonfield Elementary; the packing site is Moravian Manor.

The Lead Volunteer will:

- Visit the school to meet the personnel and become familiar with the distribution site.
- Recruit, train and schedule volunteers to transport each week’s food and bags to a particular school. We suggest 1 packing volunteer for every 15 packs.
- Ensure volunteers fulfill their obligations, especially conveyance of food to and from the distribution site and the subsequent packaging thereof on scheduled distribution days.
- Establish a procedure that “back-ups” are available in case the Lead Volunteer and/or distribution volunteers are unavailable.
- In the event of inclement weather, monitor delays/closing announcements. The Distribution Coordinator will determine if a distribution will occur.
- Ensure that volunteers return any undistributed packs to the warehouse.
- Work with School Liaison to develop a process for cleaning and collating the reusable bags.



The North Lancaster Disaster Relief Team Presents
“COMMUNITY Day” at ISAAC’S!

On **Tuesday, October 2, 2018, EPHRATA ISAAC’S** will host a fundraiser to benefit North Lancaster Disaster Relief Team. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY to enjoy homemade soups and unique, fresh deli sandwiches. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of your meal will go directly toward expenses for the **Relief Team’s Fall Trip** to Puerto Rico for relief efforts. Dine-in, takeout, and online orders apply.

WHERE: **EPHRATA ISAAC’S** – *Valid at this Isaac’s only 717-733-7777* (Call ahead for takeout)
 Cloister Shopping Center
 120 N. Reading Road, Ephrata

WHEN: **Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 10:00 a.m.— 9:00 p.m.**

HOW: Bring this flyer with you or show it on your phone, complete the information and hand to your server.

This form can be used for Dine-In, Takeout and Online Orders at www.isaacsdeli.com!
Use coupon code FUND for online fundraiser orders.



Please complete this information for your server

Name: _____

of People in Party: ____ **Cost of Meal (excluding tax):** _____

In order to maximize the amount of donation for the organization, we ask our Loyalty members to kindly refrain from using their number during fundraisers. Coupons, Discounts, and Loyalty Perks are not valid during Fundraisers.

Want to help us earn even MORE? Add an Isaac’s **Gift Card** to your check and **15%** of the gift card sale will be added to the fundraiser! Gift card must be used on future visit.

CELEBRATE WOMEN IN DIVERSITY

Saturday, November 3, from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please join us for a Women's Retreat known as **Bold Women's Day**. **Bold** means supporting one another in our callings. The day will include two guest speakers, discussions, displays, lunch and an interfaith worship service.

The first speaker is: **Diane Ross**, Spiritual Director, and lay retreat minister for fourteen years, who for her 60th birthday celebration walked the El Camino in Spain. This is a 500 mile pilgrimage became a metaphor of life. The lessons of pilgrimage continued 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. The second speaker is: **Tahara Akmal**, MA, Director of Clinical Pastoral Education and hospital chaplain for Reading Health System. She is a Visiting faculty member at Bayan Claremont

School of Theology in Southern California, and an Adjunct Professor at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA, where she teaches in the chaplaincy program. She previously served as Clinical Pastoral Education supervisor at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Chaplain Akmal is the only Muslim woman in America who is certified as an Associate Supervisor by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. She is committed to working to improve communication and understanding between people of different faith traditions.

Please see Pastor Oplinger to register for this very special day.

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran Church congregation,

Thank you for paying for me to go to beach camp this year, I had a lot of fun there. We were camping on Assateague Island. One night a herd of horses came through our camp while we were getting ready for bed. Everyday we went to the ocean and were in it for at least two hours. We also went to the zoo, the Boardwalk one night and tie-dyed. At the zoo I saw turtles, alligators, monkeys, bears and an owl. When we were at the Boardwalk we got ice cream and we looked in the stores.

The theme this year was water and how it helps people. We had to draw a wave and each write a trait that we want to see more of in the world. We were told to portray the trait we chose. I chose honesty because it's the best policy. We also played games such as volleyball and soccer while waiting for dinner, and mad s'mores at night.

I made many new friends and one of them even went to my school last year. Thank you for giving me the ability to go to beach camp this year because it was my favorite camp so far, and I appreciate the church being able to send me.

Thank you,
Eryn Murphy

THANKS
from the
HEART

Dear Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the board members of the Lititz/Warwick Community chest, I would like to thank you for your recent donations of 67 (June), 18.2 (July) and 20.8 (August) pounds of non-perishable food items. Your donation helps us replenish supplies, keep operating costs low and assist more families in the Warwick School District.

You have chosen an excellent way to help those in need in your town, and we appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,
Kelly Frye, secretary
Lititz/Warwick Community Chest



Dear Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

We, at Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$250. The donation you have contributed will help us to offer improved services to our community.

With your continued support we will be able to pledge to you that in your time of need, help will not be far away.

Thank you,
Rothsville Volunteer Fire Company
2071 Main Street
Rothsville, PA 17543

Property Committee Update

1. Thanks to Jim Martin for making bathroom plumbing repairs.
2. Thanks to Mel Ravegum for delivering water softener salt.
3. Thanks to the “weeders”—Jim | Lucille | Larrie | Mel.
4. Thanks to Mel Ravegum for installing the new smoke detector.



Trunk or Treat Night will be held on Wednesday, October 31st from 6-8pm in the church parking lot.

Bring some treats and share them with the children of our neighbors, family and friends. A signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. Come and have fun!

**We are pleased to announce that
Jerusalem has two students in
college this year.**

Please keep them in your thoughts, prayers and communications. If there are other individuals in programs of learning past high school, please let the church know so that we can acknowledge and keep track of them.

Joseph D. Hoover (Joey) - freshman at Kutztown University studying Criminal Justice.

Address: **Joey Hoover**
Room 120
Lehigh Hall
Kutztown, PA 19530

Anthony Michael Votano (Michael) - sophomore at Harrisburg Area Community College studying General Education.

Address: **Michael Votano**
2646 Camp Road
Manheim PA 17545-8003



On September 16, we said good bye to a longtime member, sister Anna Mary Bowman.

Her service and committal took place at Jerusalem on Friday, September 21st.

Condolences to her friends and family.

ALL SAINTS' DAY



HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

The service time for that day is 10:00 a.m. and Roger will begin his prelude at 9:45. Those who worship with us will have opportunity to light candles in remembrance of family & friends who have gone to be with their Lord.

A few weeks before there will be a book of remembrance placed in the narthex for writing names that will be listed in the bulletin.

There will be a luncheon in the social hall following the service. This has been a very inspirational, well attended service as former members and friends join us for the worship celebration.



F U N E R A L



Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2018

Statement of Purpose:

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

Present: Pastor Oplinger, Chrystine Anderson, Jill Clubb, Cheri Kurtz, Jim Martin, Mel Ravegum, Larrie Miller, Jean Slaymaker, J.D. Wissler.

Guests: none

Devotions were led by: Pastor Oplinger

Meeting led by: Mel Ravegum, council president

Recognition:

1. All who helped with the August 20th Community Meal and to Jill Clubb for organizing and facilitating the meals.
2. To Roger Kurtz for all the special music over the summer months and to all who contributed with the summer music.

Reports:

Pastor’s Report: A written Pastor’s report was distributed to council for review and was accepted as written and the following items were addressed.

1. Updated guidelines for weddings. Larrie Miller made a motion to accept guidelines as written with the exception of a capacity of sanctuary change to 125-150 comfortably. Jill Clubb seconded, and the motion was approved.
2. Altar flowers price will be increasing to \$30.00 for 2019. Discussion took place as to which florist to use. Hendrick’s or Royer’s. Larrie Miller made a motion to stay with Royer Flowers and Jean Slaymaker seconded. The motion was approved.
3. The Rev. David Rike and family have been victims of a flood in Pittsburgh area that has affected most, if not all, of their belongings. There is a call for donations for them from their new church. The Finance Committee has recommended a donation from Jerusalem between \$500 and \$1,250. Discussion took place. Jill Clubb made the motion to make a donation of \$1,250, to the Rike Family with the money coming from the Doug Gochenauer fund. Chrystine Anderson seconded and the motion was approved.
4. Pastor Oplinger is having cataract surgery on September 18 and will not be able to drive. Pastor will be excused from Council meeting on this date.

Secretary’s Report: J.D. Wissler made a motion to accept the July 17, 2018 Secretary’s Report as written and Jean Slaymaker seconded. The motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Jim Martin made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as written and Jill Clubb seconded. The motion was approved.

Old Business: New visitor sign-in book has been placed at the front door.

New Business:

1. Larrie Miller reported that when Graybill Becker’s donation of \$15,000 is received. 10% should be given to charity. Council will determine recipient in the future.
2. Trunk or Treat night will be held at the church. This year the date is Wednesday, October 31st.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: No Report.

Worship and Music: Worship services have been revised, starting with September 9th to Advent.

Cemetery: Pastor Oplinger reported that the Cemetery Board needs to agree on the revised rules of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorial: New visitor sign-in book has been placed at the front door. J.D. Wissler commented that some of the stained-glass windows are losing their paint and, in the future, should be repaired/repainted.

Finance: See Treasurer's Report.

Property: No Report.

Service: On Sunday, September 9th is God's work, Our hands Sunday. The Health Care Kits and School Kits will be assembled.

Stewardship: In October First, We Give of Ourselves program will be starting with more information to follow.

Reminder Dates:

Sunday, September 2nd – Blessing of Work and Backpacks

Sunday, September 9th – God's work, Our hands – Health Care & School kits will be assembled

Saturday, September 15th – Rothsville Days

Announcements/Correspondence:

1. A thank you was received from Christina Jackson-Skelton for the gift of \$375 in support of the ministries of the ELCA through ELCA "Good Gifts".
2. A thank you was received from Linda Cummings for the gift of \$100 which benefited the St Barnabas Center for Vital Children Ministry in Harrisburg.

Next Meeting: 9/18/18

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Fetter, Recording Secretary

EXPLORING THE CEMETERY

The Seabers and Frys

By Denise Witwer Lahr

While driving through the cemetery, have you ever noticed and wondered about the large Seaber monument that anchors the northwest corner of the main cemetery, right by the turn in the road?

It's a large monument on two lots with just two footstones. These are the only Seabers in the cemetery. Who are these people, and why are they buried here?



Samuel James Seaber (July 14, 1906-Sept. 11, 1954) was the oldest son of Nathaniel Seaber. Samuel was born in Philadelphia, although the family later returned to Lititz, and Nathaniel closed out his career at the Animal Trap Co.

Samuel's grandfather, also named Samuel, was born in Lititz in 1834, served in the Civil War, and for ten years was postmaster of Lititz. Virtually all of the Seaber family are buried in the Moravian Churchyard.

Samuel James Seaber's wife was Luella Virginia Fry (Jan. 27, 1910- Mar. 21, 1942) whose short life was ended by a perforated colon due to diverticulitis. They had no children, although Samuel remarried and had two children by his second wife, Nancy Hoover. Samuel himself was only 48 when he succumbed to kidney cancer.

Samuel and Luella are buried in this cemetery because Luella's parents were Martin Fry (owner of Fry's Printing Co.) and Victoria Shiffer Fry; Luella's grandparents were Emanuel Fry and Jemima Keller Fry. All of these Frys all buried in the cemetery.

Martin and his wife, Victoria own the plot adjacent to the Seabers, and only three people are buried there: Martin, Victoria, and daughter Alta. Martin died at age 91, having worked at his printing press until a few weeks before his death in 1976.

These people liked room to spread out. And as I've noted before, it is usually the wife who determines the place of burial. The final word, you might say.



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

Karen Carson
18 Pfautz Avenue
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: June 5

Alma Hollingsworth
200 St. Luke Drive
Apartment 306
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: September 21

Leroy "Skip" Mull
Health Center Room 221
Luther Acres
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: May 9

Erma Craley
Muhlenberg, Room 520
Luther Acres
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: February 23

Dorothy Klopp
United Zion Ret. Community
722 Furnace Hills Pike,
Room 12C
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: May 9

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

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

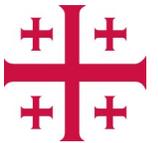
Lillian Logeman
1001 Clay Road
Lititz, PA 17543
Birthday: August 31

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

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1. You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you).
2. You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.
3. You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident.
4. There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage or divorce).
5. You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school.
6. Please inform the church office if your mailing address and/or telephone number have been changed or you have moved to a new address.
7. As you schedule a meeting or an event of a group, committee or task force of Jerusalem, please inform the Church Office. In an effort to be open and communicative with everyone we would like to include all scheduling on the Church Calendar and in the Weekly Bulletin. Changes to the routinely scheduled meeting should also be shared with the Church Office.
8. We want everyone who checks out our bulletin or newsletter to see all of our activities.

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