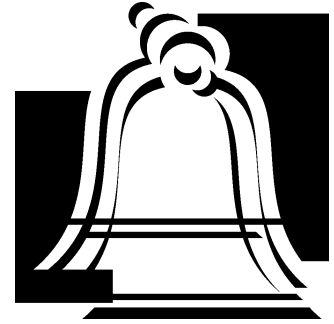


# The Bell



Bergstrasse Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2019

## Yard sale at Bergstrasse May 18 7 AM—1 PM

Set up Friday, May 17—any help to set up would be appreciated. Also, help is needed on the day of the sale.

The proceeds go to 4 Our Kids, Power Pak Program and classmate Randy Walker who has ALS.

It's always a lot of fun and donations, help, etc. are all accepted with a smile and a hug.

Donations may be placed on the stage in Neidamyer Hall.



Please contact Edie Lausch if you are willing to make a meal for members that are sick or recovering from a hospital stay.

May

- 5 Toilet paper, bath soap, toothpaste, deodorant
- 12 Fruit juice, kool aid mixes, coffee, hot chocolate
- 19 Spaghetti and sauce, macaroni and cheese
- 26 Instant potatoes and rice  
Pancake mix and syrup



*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*




Sandy Eshleman, Curt Hare,  
Dave Hebert, Ellie Root, Ruth  
Troutman, Michael Gockley

**Ascension Day  
Thursday, May 30  
7:00 PM**



**ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP** will be offered on May 30 beginning at 7:00 PM at Swamp Lutheran Church in Reinholds. The service will include Holy Communion with Pastor Schwabe-Fry (Muddy Creek, Denver) preaching.



**SUMMER**  
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship in June,  
July, and August  
will be at 9:30 AM**

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Worship - 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. James Goodyear, Pastor  
717-676-3954 (cell)

Jean Wilhelm, newsletter editor

Due date for the **June** newsletter is  
**May 19.**

**Balance as of 3/31/19**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 30,978.06</b>
<b>Improvement Fund</b>	<b>\$ 7,060.05</b>
<b>Mission Plus</b>	<b>\$ 79,939.25</b>
<b>Mission Plus 2</b>	<b>\$ 2,737.23</b>
<b>Parsonage Secty Dep/ Memorial Fund</b>	<b>\$ 11,304.17</b>





He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!!

The people shouted that first day of the week after seeing Jesus die on the cross. What was once thought to be dead, truly is alive. The first women and disciples to the tomb were astonished to learn of Jesus' rising from the dead...just as he had said! At first they didn't believe it. This week we'll hear from scripture that later that day, the day of resurrection, when the disciples gathered in a locked room, they doubted if what they heard was real. For one, who was not present, his questions lingered.

I wonder for God's people today, you and I, if we are still surprised at the rising from the dead of Jesus? Or have we become numb through our generation of traditions of Easter celebrations that we lose sight of the resurrection? I am continually amazed seeing God's presence in the world around me. Situations happen that surely are the work of a presence more powerful than I. It has to be God's work!! My time at Bergstrasse is very new, just starting my third week, I see the mighty power of God's presence in each of you.

As we grow in faith together, I look forward to learning and sharing our own Resurrection Stories. We are a resurrection people, it is our honor to share how we are open to encountering the risen Christ in our lives. Our personal experiences of transformation make us stronger in our faith. Be not afraid to share your story. Your God experience just might be what the other person needed. He is Risen! You too are risen! Alleluia!!!

### **Pastor Jim**

If you would like to receive my weekly email blast, BLC Weekly, see that I get your email address!!!

Have a question about something? Interested in using your gifts to serve God and others? Just need a listening ear? Feel free to contact me to get together.

## **A hymn's long journey**

The beloved hymn "How Great Thou Art" came together across many years and miles. In 1885, when Swedish preacher Carl Boberg wrote a poem titled "O, Great God," he probably never dreamed he'd hear it performed years later to an old Swedish tune. Or that a Russian version would impact Stuart Hine, an English missionary to Poland, several decades later. Hine penned his own English version, resulting in the now-familiar lyrics.

From "the rolling thunder" echoing off the Carpathian Mountains, to the "woods and forest glades" of Romania, to powerful conversions to Christianity, Hine was inspired to craft each verse. Sometimes the Holy Spirit takes time to complete a work, and that journey is as important as the destination.

## Bergstrasse Council Highlights April 14, 2019

Deb Burkholder reported to Council the Angel is being refurbished and stained. When finished, the stump will be removed and a new permanent platform will be built to hold the Angel. A plexiglass cover with vents to prevent condensation and a door for access will cover the Angel to protect it and lessen deterioration.

The persons renting the parsonage will be moving by June 15. Selma Hainley, Cathy Feather, Deb Burkholder and Almanara Buffenmyer will check the parsonage shortly for needed renovations and costs.

Edie Lausch has requested help with a project she and Mary Keisling have been doing—making and delivering casseroles as needed by persons sick, incapacitated or recovering from a hospital stay. If you can help, please call Edie.

Council and Pastor Goodyear discussed goals and priorities for the year. This is an exciting time for Bergstrasse, and all members must participate in moving Bergstrasse forward.



### Mellingers Lutheran Church Garden Plots

Mellingers Lutheran Church has dedicated a portion of their land around the church to be used for gardens to address the need of food insecure people in our area. The vegetables grown will be contributed to Ephrata Area Social Services.

Contact Bob Getz if you are interested in being part of that team.


### Geranium order form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Geraniums @ \$2.55 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, June 9 will mark the celebration of Pentecost Day in our worship. Help us brighten this service with red geraniums.

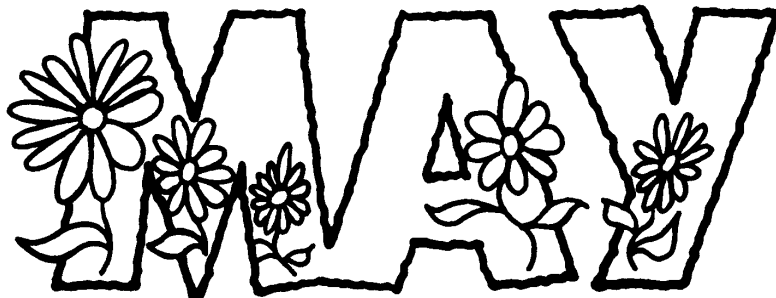
The flowers will enhance our worship and you will be able to take them home with you for planting following the service. Please place form and money in the offering plate by May 26.



# Worship participants for May

May	5	12	19	26
<b>Greeter</b>	Cleone Rudisill	Mabel Bolar	Mary Keisling	Evelyn Michael
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa Conway	Curt Hare	Deb Burkholder	Cleone Rudisill
<b>Counters</b>	Selma Hainley Cathy Feather	Selma Hainley Cathy Feather	Selma Hainley Cathy Feather	Dave and Jean Wilhelm
<b>Flowers</b>		Peggy Rushton- Witmyer		
<b>Bulletin</b>				

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Communion Ushers May 5</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
May	Ben Gunzenhauser Betty Evans	Cathy Feather	Jane Pittman Almanara Buffenmyer



# Thank You!

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. We have processed 47 mission quilts, 1 blanket and 35 school kits.

Some of the quilts went to the Commonwealth of Dominica. They departed our Maryland warehouse in late February.

**Melanie W. Gibbons**  
**Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager**  
**Lutheran World Relief**

Thank you for your generous financial donation of \$158. This gift will significantly help to supplement our Food Bank program expenses.

This year we are excited to introduce the Hand Up Exchange. The Hand Up Exchange is our newly-merged food and clothing banks. Now, when a client comes in, (s)he can select the food they need on their own and "shop" the clothing bank at the same time. We have created a "one stop shop" experience for those we serve.

**Joy Ashley, Exec. Director**  
**EASS**

Thank you! By exceeding your 2018 Mission Support commitment of \$5,000 your congregation sends a clear signal that you share our belief that we are a stronger church when we work together—congregations, synods and churchwide—and share our time, talent and treasure.

Again, thank you!

**James S. Dunlop**  
**Bishop, Lower Susquehanna Synod**



Congratulations to those with May birthdays:

- 3 Mabel Bolar
- 18 Ruth Troutman
- 24 Jane Pittman
- 26 Mary Duing
- 27 Chad Landis

Anniversaries

- 11 Randy and Toni Rice
- 15 Dave and Jean Wilhelm

## Seed Money Received for Projects

	Seed Money Collected	20% Congregation	Funds Still Needed	Project Cost
Paving Parking Lot (Church)	\$10,237	\$14,545	\$4,308	\$72,727