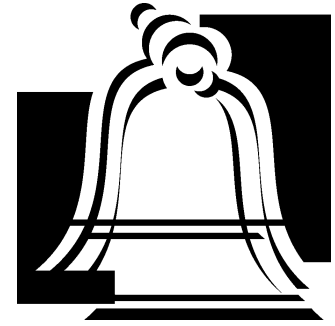


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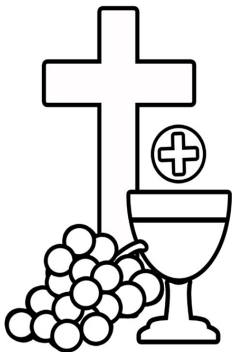


Bergstrasse Evangelical Lutheran Church

October 2018

10-28-18

The Heidelberg Brass Band will be returning to Bergstrasse to lead a POLKA Mass.



What a great opportunity to celebrate Reformation Sunday by using great European music during worship. That's Sunday, October 28 beginning at 10:30 AM. Invite your friends!

Soup Sale



Chicken Corn Noodle Soup Sale
\$8.00/quart

We will be selling soup to support the Shambhuganj, Bangladesh Community Development Project.

Orders may be placed until October 21. The soup will be ready to pick up on Sunday, October 28 (the day of the Polka Mass).

Order forms will be available for outside orders. A sign up sheet is available in Neidamyer Hall.

Contact Donna Daub with any questions.

Organ recital at Bergstrasse Sunday, October 21 3:00 PM Kenneth Krause, organist





CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee recently interviewed three candidates. After very careful review, discussion and much praying, it was unanimously agreed that two of three candidates, while very well qualified, were not a good fit for Bergstrasse.

We agreed to pursue the third candidate, but before we could complete our requirements to make a final decision, this candidate took a call from another church. Synod will now send us three more candidates as soon as they receive pastors who are interested in interviewing for Bergstrasse.

We ask that you keep the Call Committee in your daily prayers as we continue on the road to our future.



October

- 7 Pancake mix you make with water, pancake syrup
- 14 Peanut butter, jelly
- 21 Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, powder
- 28 Instant coffee, hot chocolate, instant oatmeal, soup



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Worship - 10:30 AM

The Rev. Robert Kramer, Interim Pastor
 717-405-0044 (cell)

Jean Wilhelm, newsletter editor

Due date for the **November** newsletter is **October 15**.

Balance as of 8/31/18

General Fund	\$ 16,948.90
Improvement/ Capital Improvement	\$ 4,959.48
Mission Plus	\$ 74,516.87
Mission Plus 2	\$ 2,727.04
Parsonage Rent Security/ Memorial Fund	\$ 12,109.82



**Holiday Bazaar
at Bergstrasse Lutheran Church
Saturday, October 20
8 AM to 2 PM**

Some of the vendors include:

- Tupperware
- 31
- Tastefully Simple
- Pampered Chef
- Color Street Nails
- Dried Flower Arrangements
- Origami Owl
- Jewelry
- Greeting Cards
- Table Runners
- Unruffled All Natural Products
- And more



We will have a bake sale and also barbeque, chips and drinks available for sale. Donations for the bake sale would be appreciated. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Donations for the bake sale should be at the church by Friday, October 19 or may be dropped off at Darlene Kreider's home.

There will be a silent auction with donations from the vendors and a quilt from Stitches of Love.

Contact Darlene Kreider for more information.

All proceeds will be used toward the seed money for projects.





FROM THE PASTOR

I love Max Lucado's style of writing. I may not always agree with his theology but he can really say things in a way that relate to my life. It's no wonder he has sold millions of books. Consider this excerpt from his book, "It's Not About Me".

"What does the moon do? She generates no light. Contrary to the lyrics of the song, this harvest moon cannot shine on. Apart from the sun, the moon is nothing more than a pitch-black, pockmarked rock. But properly positioned the moon beams. Let her do what she was made to do, and a clod of dirt becomes a source of inspiration, yes, verily romance. The moon reflects the greater light.

"And she's happy to do so. You never hear the moon complaining. She makes no waves about making waves. Let the cow jump over her or astronauts step on her; she never objects. Even though sunning is accepted and mooning is the butt of bad jokes, you won't hear ol' Cheeseface grumble. The moon is at peace in her place. And because she is, soft light touches the dark earth."

In this book Lucado explores what would happen if we accepted our place as reflectors of Jesus? I think you would agree that this is easier said than done for we love when the focus is on ourselves.

For from the time we were born the focus has been on us. Cry and the diaper would be changed or the bottle would be warmed. Stamp our feet or misbehave and we will get some attention. And as adults those messages continue to fill our ears in perhaps more sophisticated ways. They are about self-promotion, self-preservation, and self-centeredness. As Lucado states, "We have chased so many skinny rabbits that we've missed the fat one: the God-centered life."

I wonder if that may be true in our church and worship life too. That we concentrate on wanting what makes us feel good, on chasing those skinny rabbits of tradition and self-appreciation to the point of having a solar eclipse. That whenever we place God off-center in our lives we miss out on that fat one – God's abundant love for us. And in turn we miss opportunities to reflect that love to a world that is in need of love.

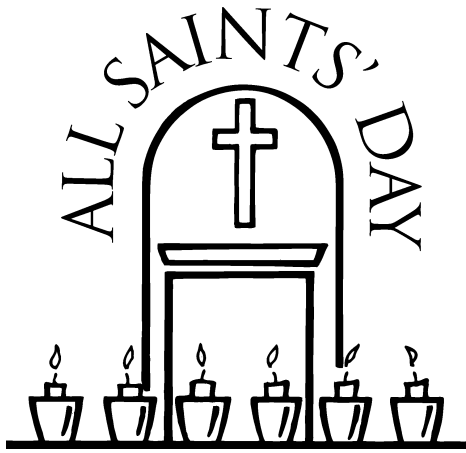
Shine on. Shine on harvest moon.....

Pastor Bob

AN ORDER FOR HEALING will be offered following the worship service on October 7. You are invited to gather in the front pews of our worship space for a brief time (10 to 15 minutes) for prayers of healing. Together we will offer prayers. Then individual prayer will be shared through the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. And we conclude by hearing God's promise that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you desire to participate in the order of healing but cannot attend on this day, please contact me to arrange a time and place to participate in these prayers.





A WORSHIP OF TEARS, TRIUMPH, AND THANKSGIVING will be held on All-Saints Sunday, Nov. 4. This is a time to mourn the departed, remember God's promise and give thanks for the lives of loved ones who are no longer with us. That list extends beyond close friends and family members to include all who have gone before us.

Worshippers will be invited to come forward and light a small candle as a token of thanksgiving for a life remembered. By lighting the candles with light from the Christ candle, we acknowledge that the eternal lives of the saints find their source in the redeeming work of Jesus.

**Music at Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 28
3:00 PM**

Manor Winds Quintet

God, our dwelling place

As a child, author Bob Saffrin was struck by polio, which paralyzed all four limbs and his diaphragm. Amazingly, he recovered use of everything but one arm. Following much questioning about why God would save him but not fully restore his body, Saffrin experienced peace. In *Psalms: The Sunrise of Hope*, he reflects on Psalm 91:

“The answer is to discover the presence of God in the middle of your circumstance. ... Then even though you go through distress, the distress won't go through you. ... If we dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and if we focus on the great character of God and make him our dwelling place, we can know that we are protected. How wonderful if he lifts us out of our suffering. But there is an even greater deliverance, one where he walks with us in our fight.”

Change of heart

God has nothing but the best, and he offers it to us, weeds us, sustains us and cares for us through his Son. That's the way our hearts are changed to follow Christ.

Martin Luther

“Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.”

—Martin Luther

Worship participants for October

October	7	14	21	28
Greeters	Mabel Bolar	Mary Keisling		Evelyn Michael
Lector	Peggy Rushton-Witmyer	Lisa Conway	Curt Hare	Deb Burkholder
Acolyte	Bishop Villarreal	Deb Burkholder		Jaidyn Feather
Counters	Selma Hainley Cathy Feather	Earl and Sandy Eshleman	Earl and Sandy Eshleman	Dave and Jean Wilhelm
Flowers	Karen Plowman			
Bulletin				

	Ushers	Communion Ushers Oct. 7, 28	Altar Guild
October	Mary Keisling Deb Burkholder	Cathy Feather Lisa Conway	Jane Pittman Betty Evans

Worship With Us

October, 2018

Sunday, 7th – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Word & Sacrament – Thanksgiving for LWR Gifts – Healing Prayers following Worship

Texts: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

This day's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Sunday, 14th – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word & Prayer – Led by the Worship Team – Weston Rudisill Speaker

Texts: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

Sunday, 21st – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Service of Word & Prayer

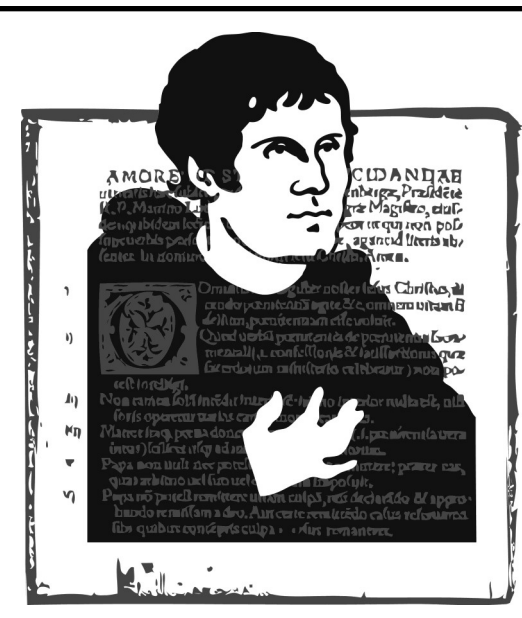
Texts: Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

This Sunday's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Sunday, 28th – Reformation Sunday – A Polka Mass

Texts: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as "Son of David" he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers-that-be? Bartimaeus won't give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"



God receives none but those who are forsaken, restores health to none but those who are sick, gives sight to none but the blind, and life to none but the dead. ... He has mercy on none but the wretched and gives grace to none but those who are in disgrace.

—Martin Luther

Mabel Bolar
 Harold and Evelyn
 Coldren
 John Duing
 Earl and Sandy Eshleman
 Betty Evans
 Jean Fryberger
 Polly Gunzenhauser
 Carolyn Hibshman
 Bill Irvine
 Howard Jorgensen
 DJ Keisling
 Darlene Kreider
 Shirley Martin
 Lawrence Rice
 Randy Rice
 Ellie Root
 Polly Schmuck
 Erma Snader
 Noah and Joan Stahl
 Nancy Sweigart
 Ruth Troutman
 Barbara Alexander
 Kaye Biermann
 Halley Bittle
 Claire Brenner
 Evanna Estes (friend of Mary Duing)
 David Evans
 Kevin Ferguson (friend of Ben and Polly Gunzenhauser)
 Rick Gerhart
 Elmer and Sheila Gockley
 Harold and Norma Good
 Earl Goshert (Jane Pittman's step-father)
 Naomi Goshert (Jane Pittman's mother)
 Ben Gunzenhauser, Jr. (Ben and Polly's son)
 Nancy Heiser (Jane Pittman's cousin)
 Chris Horbey
 Robert L. Hornberger (Polly Schmuck's brother)
 Carolyn Houck (friend of Betty Evans)
 Orion McMahon (niece's husband of Jane Pittman)
 Caitlyn Mertz (family of Jane Pittman)
 Mark Mertz (Jane Pittman's cousin)
 Weston Rudisill (Cleone Rudisill's grandson)
 Sharon (friend of Alice Krahl)
 Dana Shoemaker (friend of Ben and Polly Gunzenhauser)
 Jennifer Sikie (family of Jane Pittman)
 Jared Snyder (Gail Smith's grandson)
 Tom Stuber (Jane Pittman's brother-in-law)
 Joe Suprik (friend of Jane Pittman)
 Cosette Sweigart (Polly Gunzenhauser's niece)
 Vernon Sweigart (Kathryn Sweigart's son)
 Randy Walker (friend of Chad and Kathy Landis)
 Harry Werner (friend of Sylvia Smith-Garman)
 Randy Wintersohl (Darlene Kreider's grandson)
 Miriam Wolf

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



Congratulations to those with
October birthdays:

3 Anna Mumma
 11 Selma Hainley
 12 Carl Smith
 Bill Irvine
 14 Bob Holmes
 19 Toni Rice
 26 Wendy Hainley
 30 Brooke Stover

Anniversaries

1 Brad and Susan Hagen
 10 Ronald and Shirley Martin
 15 Noah and Joan Stahl

Thank You!

Thank you for the card I received
from the congregation.
I appreciate it.

Al Muttik

Council Highlights September 10, 2018

Council received a request for more handicapped parking spaces in the upper parking lot, and has approved creating four more spaces (for a total of eight).

Council decided not to lock in the church with Sauder Fuel at \$2.70 a gallon for heating oil for the winter.

Organist Kirk Garner will begin choir rehearsals at 9:30 on Sundays, before church.

The Coffee Clatch on September 9 was well attended, and will continue on the second Sunday of each month.

As of the council meeting, not enough volunteers had signed up to fully man the parking lots at the Ephrata Fair. Council is seeking ways to continue the activity.

Council always welcomes suggestions and ideas from the members.

**North Lancaster Disaster Relief Team
Fundraiser at Isaac's (Ephrata location)
Tuesday, October 2
10 AM—9 PM**

**Flyers available on the bulletin board
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**

**Council will meet following the healing
service on Sunday, October 7**

"No man ever got very high by pulling other people down. Don't knock your friends. Don't knock your enemies. Don't knock yourself."
Alfred, Loyd Tennyson

What a wonder!

If ever I reach heaven I expect to find three wonders there: first, to meet some I had not thought to see there; second, to miss some I had expected to see there; and third — the greatest wonder of all — to find myself there.

—John Newton

Holy Trinity offers 150th anniversary program during Reformation Weekend, Oct. 27

Do you ever stop to think: “Who am I?” And: “What does it mean to be a Christian?”

As part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ephrata, Dr. Jean E. Godsall-Myers, of Harleysville, will present a self-written skit, “Katie, Anna and Me ... Who Are You Anyway?”

The program will be included at a Women’s Luncheon event from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the church, 167 E. Main St. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session following the performance.

For Women’s Luncheon reservations, please call the Holy Trinity church office, (717) 733-4134 by October 8th. The meal will include soup, salad, dessert and beverage. A free-will offering will be collected.

Celebrate Women in Diversity Bold Women’s Day Saturday, November 3 8:30 AM—2:30 PM Jerusalem Lutheran Church 36 Church St., Rothsville

Be inspired by speakers:

Diane Ross, Spiritual Dir. who walked the El Camino

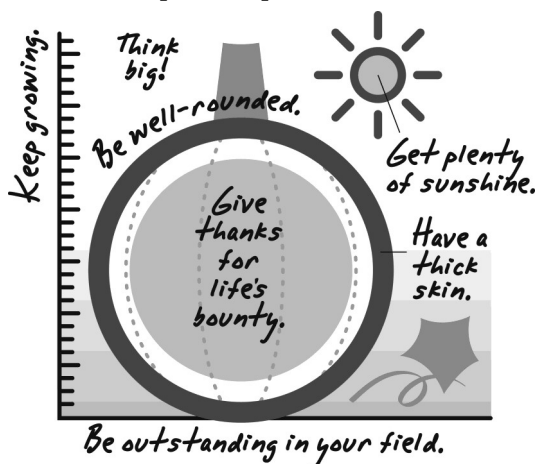
Tahara Akmal, MA Hospital Chaplain and Director of Clinical Pastoral Education—Reading Health System

RSVP to Pastor Bonnie Oplinger by October 25

Advice from a pumpkin

Be well-rounded.
Get plenty of sunshine.
Give thanks for life’s bounty.
Have a thick skin.
Keep growing.
Be outstanding in your field.
Think big!

—Ilan Shamir



“Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.”

Martin Luther