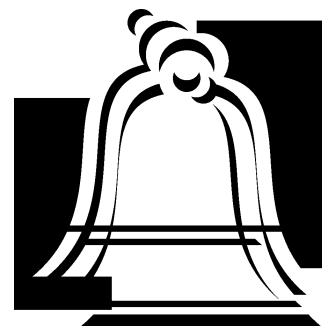


The Bell



Bergstrasse Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2021

All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 7

We celebrate those saints who died in the past year for their legacy that continues to shape our life together as God's people. We recall the lives of Bergstrasse disciples and those known to our faith community: Fred Buffenmyer, Vivian Kugle, Curt Hare, Marion Burkhart, Deb Burkholder, Al Muttik and Carolyn Hibshman. We give thanks for their witness to Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Sunday, November 7
Joint Worship with Holy Trinity
8:00 AM at Holy Trinity
10:00 AM at Bergstrasse

Pastor Mark and Pastor Jim will assist with worship leadership at both services.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Wednesday November 24

12 Noon at Bergstrasse
7:00 pm at Holy Trinity

Led by Pastor Mark & Pastor Jim

Cello and Gentle Yoga at Bergstrasse Lutheran Church

Sunday November 21st

4:00-5:15 PM

Cost: \$25 per person

Limited: 20 people

Join us in the beautiful Sanctuary of the Bergstrasse Lutheran Church where we will immerse ourselves in the soothing sounds of live cello music as we are guided through healing restorative yoga poses and deep relaxation. No previous yoga experience required.

You will need a yoga mat and any props you have to make the class more comfortable. Blankets, bolsters and blocks are recommended. We will be laying on the floor of the sanctuary which is carpeted. You could also choose to sit in a pew and just listen to Adam and relax or meditate.

COMING SOON

Watch for Fellowship Activities to continue Friday evenings! Fun, Fellowship and of course food for all ages! A gentle reminder that all activities and events hosted by Bergstrasse Church are open to all people.

Celebrating 270 years of ministry

Yes, it is true! Bergstrasse Church will celebrate their 270th anniversary on May 18, 2022. The Leadership Council hopes to offer a variety of events and activities to mark this special occasion.

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Worship - 10:00 AM

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

Due date for the **December** newsletter
is **November 14**.

Financial Update: Ending September 30, 2021

	MONTH	2021 YTD	2020 YTD
Net Operating Income	\$1,965.42	\$12,134.04	\$4,145.65
Operating Income	\$13,483.93	\$122,856.19	\$111,231.94
Operating Expense	\$11,518.51	\$110,722.15	\$107,086.29
Net Other Income	(\$697.80)	(\$5,027.95)	(\$6,159.67)
Net Income from all sources	\$1,267.62	\$7,106.09	(\$2,014.02)
Available Funds		\$120,480.40	



From the Pastor's Desk

In seventh grade I began to study a foreign language. My mother hoped Latin would be an option since that along with French is what she studied in high school. Latin was not available at that time, French and Spanish were my options. I chose Spanish for the next three years. Once I was in high school, I switched to German. The German came much easier even though many of their words are complicated! Learning a new language did not come easy for me.

I soon realized in Spanish and later German, the spelling of a noun (person, place, or thing) is based on its gender with the appropriate pronoun. Places and things were identified as male or female! I never

thought of a lamp, or a park as having a gender. Perhaps I missed something learning English, if I did feel free to tell me! I understood gender to apply to people – male (boy) or female (girl). I looked at a person to determine their gender; easy enough in the 1970s.

We have lived lives mostly in a binary culture – two choices. For example, answers to questions are 'right' or they are 'wrong'; we claim a multi political system, truth is, most people claim to be part of the 'Republican party' or the 'Democratic party'; people are male, or female based on their outside appearance. A binary culture leaves little to no room for difference. Life in the 1970s seemed simpler. Less confusion, clearer understandings...I think you get the picture.

The '70's were also a time when the status quo was beginning to unravel. The age of drugs, sex and rock 'n roll arrived! Or was it always there but now people were noticing. Pundits are quick to say it was the things that changed; I believe it was people who began to change. People of all ages, perhaps mostly the 'boomer generation', people born 1946-1964, began to step out of their pre-formed boxes to claim a different independence. The generations that followed naturally continued to claim difference as a gift. People's outside appearance began to change, or at least be noticed. The usual 'male-female' binary norm became less recognizable. Remember when women began to wear slacks or men began wearing colored shirts with ties....

Five years ago I attended a conference on relationship building and was asked to tell the group my pronouns. At first, I was startled! I soon realized that the person next to me, who fit my perceived image of a female identified themselves as a male. It is more common when I am in a new group, each person is asked to name their pronouns. I am Jim, and I use he/him/his as my pronouns. When you are asked to name your pronouns, it is a sign that others want to value you as an individual being the best you can be. We are becoming a non-binary culture where difference is claimed as a gift – the same way God claims you! YOU are claimed by a loving God who promises to be with you in this life and in the next life. God accompanies you without your asking!

As our faith community continues to grow in numbers, and our reputation for being a community that welcomes all people spreads, we will experience people who are non-binary. I am learning to ask a person's name first, soon followed with asking their pronouns. In my experience, they are more than willing to share! Pronouns you might experience are "She, Her, Hers" for persons identifying as female; "He, Him, His" for persons identifying as male; "They, Them" for persons who may present as male or female. I might suggest you introduce yourself, "Hello, it is good to see you today. I am (your name here). I use the (your pronouns)." By simply doing that, you are opening our faith community as a place where difference is welcome in the same way God welcomes you into faith! By the way, 'they/them' covers all people!

ANNUAL MEETING



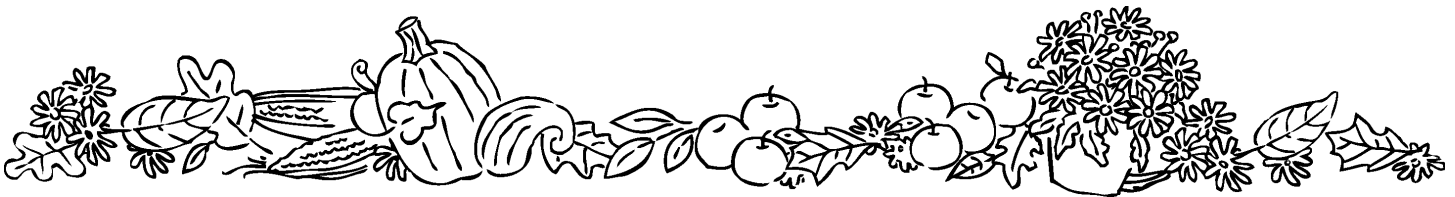
**Bergstrasse Lutheran Church
Sunday November 14, 2021
following worship.**

We will vote on our proposed 2022 Budget and elect council members.

God on Tap – Tuesday November 23

God on Tap – November 23 will be at
THE NEW CLOISTER RESTAURANT
6:00 – 7:00 pm for dinner;
Topic of Conversation begins 7:00 pm.

Dinner reservations appreciated by contacting
Bergstrasse office or Pastor Jim by Friday
November 19. There is a sign up sheet on the
bulletin board.



Christmas Eve 2021 at Bergstrasse

Christmas Eve planning is under way.

Tentatively, our worship schedule will include:

4:00 pm Worship at Holy Trinity

5:00 pm Outdoor Service of Light with Luminaria Lighting at
Bergstrasse

7:00 pm Worship w/Communion, Candle Lighting at Bergstrasse

10:00 pm at Holy Trinity

Watch for more details



Assistant Worship Leaders for November

Readings for lectors will be on the bulletin board with the sign up sheets.

November	7	14	21	24 Thanksgiving Eve 12 Noon	28
Greeters	Sandy Lausch	Sandy Lausch		Nevin Rutt Gladys Horvath	
Acolyte					
Lector	Becca Brewster		Peggy Rushton Witmyer		Bonnie Grater
Prayers	Deb Hornberger	Becca Brewster	Becky Martin		Deb Hornberger
Communion Assistant	Becky Martin				
Counters					
Flowers					
Bulletin	Pattie Martin	Becky Martin			

Bergstrasse Leadership Teams

How you can be a part of Bergstrasse Leadership Teams where you can 'plug into' a group of people who work with Pastor Jim to create life giving opportunities for God's people. You might consider:

- Worship & Music** – (this team may interact with Holy Trinity) special worship services, music program
- Altar Guild** – preparation for worship space for the sacraments (included with Worship & Music)
- Social Ministry** – ways to serve our neighbor
- Fellowship** – (this team may interact with Holy Trinity)
- Faith Formation** – (formerly Christian Education)

Bergstrasse Lutheran Church

November 2021

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Reformation Day 10:00am Worship	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		5:00pm Private Music Lessons 7:00pm ELM Fellowship at Bergstrasse	6:30pm Yoga Place FH				
10:00am Worship with Holy Trinity	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	7:00pm Council	5:00pm Private Music Lessons	6:30pm Yoga Place FH				
10:00am Worship 11:00am Congregational Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		5:00pm Private Music Lessons 7:00pm ELM at Holy Trinity	6:30pm Yoga Place FH				
10:00am Worship 4:00pm Cello and Gentle Yoga	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		9:00am Stitches of Love 5:00pm Private Music Lessons 6:00pm God on Tap at New Cloister Restaurant	12:00pm Thanksgiving Eve at Bergstrasse 6:30pm Yoga Place FH 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve at Holy Trinity				
First Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
		5:00pm Private Music Lessons					

Home Visits – Home Communion

The current pandemic, and the desire to be responsible for each other's well-being, limits in-person meetings, especially if indoors. The unseen coronavirus is easily transmitted, primarily through microscopic droplets in our breath. In recent weeks, the number of positive case counts exceeded those of last spring. The delta variant is easily transmitted, and more potent than previous virus strands. Although vaccinations will not eliminate the possibility of contracting the coronavirus, they are effective in controlling its severity. Face masks that cover nose and mouth, frequent use of hand sanitizer, and practicing social distancing are key to ensure the safety of each other.

I realize for some people home visits and or home communion are important to sustain your faith. For your consideration, I will offer to visit those who have not been able to attend worship during the pandemic, or who prefer to remain home until such a time they feel safe to be among others. I will gladly offer communion also. During our time together, I expect we would do our best to maintain safe social distancing, and to wear a face mask if indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Please contact the church office or Pastor Jim directly to arrange a good time to visit. Generally, afternoons are ideal except Monday which I use as a personal Sabbath day.

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Pastor Jim	revchef@gmail.com	717-676-3954 (phone or text)

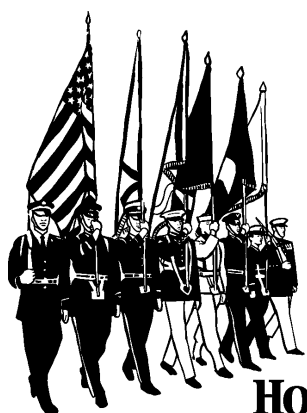
New to our Bergstrasse Faith Community

On Sunday October 31, Reformation Sunday, we officially welcome these people to join with us as we work to live into our mission *'to widen the community of people who know, love, and follow God'*. Be sure to read their brief bio's. Some may be included next month.



Becky Martin – profession of faith, fall 2020
Pattie Martin – profession of faith, fall 2020
Andrea Martin – transfer from Salem Lutheran, Ephrata
Yvonne Gehr – reinstatement to Bergstrasse Church
Suzanne Accardo – profession of faith
Kristi Pannebecker – profession of faith
Deb Hornberger – transfer from Holy Trinity Lutheran, Ephrata
Rebecca Brewster – transfer from Advent Lutheran, West Lawn
Judith Brewster – transfer with family
Kris Kramer – profession of faith
BJ Kramer – profession of faith
Roman Kramer – profession of faith
Doreen McCabe—profession of faith
Robert Clift—profession of faith

We welcome you and the gift of your presence to Bergstrasse.



WE HONOR OUR VETERANS

Following is a list of Bergstrasse's veterans, past and present. Thank you to them and to those who supported them during their time of service to our country.

Please help to complete this list by passing along any corrections or additions to the church office.

* Deceased

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
*John E. Althouse	Army	*Isreal S. Gockley	Army
Neil Althouse	Army	*Ray Gockley	Army
*William Buch	Army	*Richard Gockley	Army
Glenn L. Buffenmyer	Army	*Thomas P. Grater	Navy
*Melvin R. Burkhardt		Benjamin J. Gunzenhauser	Army
*Isaac G. Burkhardt		*Lyman L. Hainley	Army
*Donald E. Burkholder	Marines	Ronald Hainley	Air Force
*Franklin Burkholder		*Curtis R. Hare	Army
*Lee Burkholder		Christopher Hartman	
*Ray Burkholder		*Harold Hartman	Army Air Corps
Ronald L. Burkholder	Marines	David I. Heisey	Air Force
*Rufus K. Burkholder		*Clair L. Hibshman	Navy
*Harold S. Coldren	Navy	*William C. Irvine	Army Air Corps
*Frank Denlinger	Army	*Howard M. Jorgensen	Navy
Chad O. Devonshire	Marine	*Dervin J. Keisling, Jr.	Navy
*George Diem	Army	*Dervin J. Keisling	Army
*Harold J. Diem		*Irvin J. Keisling	Army
*Richard C. Dornes		*John A. Keisling	Navy
*George Driver		*William D. Kilhefner	Army Air Corps
*Chester Eshleman		William D. Kilhefner, Jr.	Air Force
Earl R. Eshleman	Army	Barry E. Kreider	Marines
*Jacob D. Fry		Troy L. Kreider	Marines
*George S. Gehr		*Solomon G. Lausch	
*John W. Gehr	Navy	Jeffrey Leicy	Air Force
*Paul M. Gehr		Jeremy D. Leicy	Army
*William M. Gehr	Army	Joel Leicy	Army
*George H. Givler			

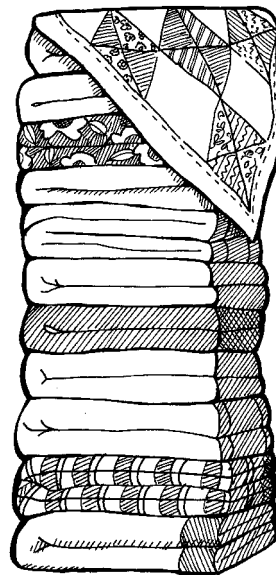
<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
*Lemon Leicy	Army	*Dennis Ruhl	Army
*Stanley Leicy	Army	*Daniel Schnader	Army
*Victor C. Leicy	Navy	*Grant C. Smith	
*Ray L. Leisey	Army	*Wilbur Spotts	Army
*Russell McQuate		Raymond R. Stafford, Jr.	Army
*John G. Miller	Army	*Raymond R. Stafford, Sr.	Marines
*Kenneth Lee Mumma, Jr.	Marines	*Neil Strickler	Army
Jane Pittman	PA Nat'l Guard	*Leon W. Sweigart	Army
Daniel C. Rennix	Marines	Vernon E. Sweigart	Air Force
*Lawrence Rice	Army	*Clarence I. Trego	Army
Randy Rice	Army	*Luther G. "Jerry" Troutman	Air Force
*John O. Rineer, Jr.	Navy	Christopher A. Weaver	Army
*Richard Root	PA Nat'l Guard	Donna M. (Leicy) Willingham	Marines
		*John H. Willwerth	Marines Army
		*Richard Winters (Band of Brothers)	Army
		*Clarence Wise, Sr.	Army

Ingathering Sunday

Our Quilt and Ingathering Sunday October 3 was very successful. The Stitches of Love group made 124 quilts for Lutheran World Relief and three went to a Lutheran camp for auction. Forty-five school kits and four personal care kits were also gathered in and blessed at the morning worship.

All these items were shipped to New Windsor, Maryland to the large warehouse of LWR. The trucks carrying our items and those of other congregations in the Lancaster, North Lancaster, and Lebanon conferences, were loaded at Bergstrasse on October 9. The items will eventually find their way to needy folks at home and abroad.

We at Bergstrasse are proud to be a part of this valuable relief ministry. Together with our sister Lutheran congregations and LWR, we are making a difference and giving comfort and hope to needy folks worldwide.



Thank You!

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of backpacks and school supplies for the kiddos of the families we serve.

I can't tell you how excited our young kids get when they are given a nice, new backpack filled with the supplies they need!

Thank you

Joy Ashley, Executive Director, EASS

GRATEFUL THANKS

To all who celebrated my 10th Anniversary of Ordination to Word & Sacrament in the ELCA. It was a time to witness to God's presence in our daily lives with a Polka Mass led by the Heidelberg Brass Band, followed with a luncheon and time of laughing and sharing led by Kinnier & Townsend. I appreciated each of your gifts and well wishes. **Pastor Jim**

To all who helped organize our Yard Sale – Craft Sale, especially Pattie Martin and Kristi Pannebecker. And to the many others who set up and tore down, organized the stuff, gathered raffle gifts, and so much more. To date we raised over \$1300.

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."
—G.K. Chesterton

The 2021 Annual Report will be available on the Bounty Tree November 7. Please pick up a copy before the annual meeting on November 14.



Congratulations to those with November birthdays:

- 11 Debbie Stone
- 13 Lynn Hibshman
- 13 Pattie Martin
- 16 Peggy Rushton-Witmyer
- 28 Inez Hare
- 30 Franklin Wartluft



For Healing: Sandy and Bob Glick, Katie Ruhl, Larry Wedlock, our homebound members.

For Grieving: family and friends of John and Pauline Matthews

Food bank

We continue to collect food for Ephrata Area Social Services.

November

- 7 canned ham/rice/rice mixes
- 14 pasta/spaghetti sauce
- 21 pancake mix and syrup
- 28 canned vegetables/fruit hamburger helper, cereal

Please help to keep EASS shelves filled for those in need.

Giving Opportunities at Bergstrasse

Giving Envelopes

Envelope # _____ Name _____

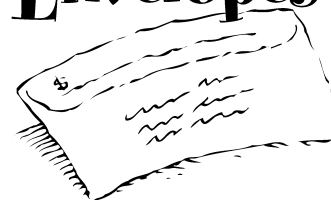
ONLINE GIVING - to support the mission and vision of Bergstrasse Church is now available. Go to our website Bergstrasselutheran.com click on DONATE on the cover page. You will be directed to a secure web page to make your contribution.

_____ I use Online Giving; no envelopes needed

_____ I use weekly giving envelopes

Please complete and place in the offering plate on the Bounty Tree or email bergluth@dejazzd.com or mail to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church, 9 Hahnstown Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522

Offering Envelopes



Poinsettia order form due December 5



Name _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Number of red _____ x \$8.00 = _____

Number of white _____ x \$8.00 = _____

total enclosed _____

Please place order form and money in offering plate by December 5.

Bergstrasse Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 11, 2021

The members present were Nevin, Almanara, Peggy, Ben, Dave, Pastor Jim and Lisa.

Pastor Jim led devotions that focused on the process to create our vision.

Nevin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for September and Almanara seconded the motion.

Almanara made a motion to accept the secretary's report for September and Ben seconded it.

Contracts for snow plowing companies were compared and Nevin made a motion to award the business to A-Plus and Peggy seconded it.

Some repairs will be needed on the church building before winter. Ben made a motion to approve Steve's bid to repair some outside mortar on the lower level and J.E. Tucker's bids to repair some missing fascia above the pastor's office, spray for bees, replace a corner gutter outside the kitchen entrance and replace some missing roof shingles. Peggy seconded the motion.

Council members reviewed the proposed 2022 budget. Peggy made a motion to accept it and Ben seconded the motion.

Ben made a motion to welcome ten people as new members of Bergstrasse. Yvonne Gehr, Deb Hornberger, Rebecca Brewster, Judith Brewster, Suzanne Accardo, Kristi Pannebecker, Kris Kramer, BJ Kramer, Roman Kramer and Andrea Martin plan to join on October 31st.

Nevin made a motion to nominate Becky Martin and Sandy Lausch to serve on council. Almanara seconded the motion.

Nevin met with a boy scout who has expressed an interest in constructing signs for Major Winters' gravesite in order to earn his Eagle Scout badge. He will submit a plan and contact local businesses about the donation of materials.

The ELM task force and council members from Holy Trinity and Bergstrasse will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 19th at 7pm at Bergstrasse to share goals and coordination of activities.

Discussion about celebrating our 270th anniversary will continue at our annual congregational meeting.

Nevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ben seconded it.