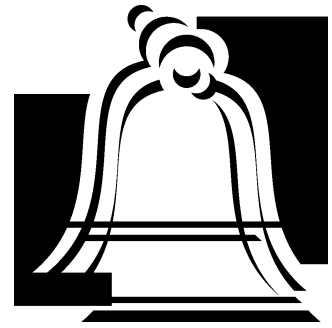


The Bell



Bergstrasse Evangelical Lutheran Church

July/August 2023



Coming Soon to Bergstrasse

Tuesday July 25, 7:00 pm

I'll Fly Away - Servant Stage's audience-favorite revue is returning to Lancaster this summer! *I'll Fly Away* features a live folk band, stunning vocalists, and beautiful renditions of some of the most famous and inspirational songs ever written! With toe-tapping arrangements of old-time favorites, classic hymns, and more, this original tribute to

Gospel and Bluegrass music is sure to be a treat for the ears and a balm for the soul!

All Servant Stage productions are 'pay what you will'.

Shepherding 2.0

Scripture invites us to be in relationship with one another so that mutual support can be given and received. The New Testament writers often refer to Jesus as like a Shepherd, one who tends to others. A Bergstrasse Shepherd is a person willing to share their gift of accompaniment with persons who actively participate in our ministry initiatives, including but not limited to worship. You might share your hopes and dreams or request to include your prayer concern to our community prayer list or welcome the presence of another person.

Our new generation of Shepherds will also offer home communion for those who desire to share in this Holy Meal and will also take on the role of 'shepherding' for persons attending worship for the first time.

Community Conversation with potluck lunch will be following worship on Sunday July 9.

Roast beef and chicken-etti will be provided. Sign up and indicate if you will bring a side dish, dessert or both.



Bergstrasse Graveyard Trivia

After the recent HGMC concert ended, a guest asked me if we had a list of the founders of Bergstrasse Church. I grabbed one of the red books, found the list, and sure enough, they said, "I think its Michel Oberlin. I'll check with my mother." Two days later, I receive a message that indeed Michel Oberlin is one of their ancestors! You know I shared that I too have an ancestor who founded Bergstrasse Church! The next day, they asked if we could meet. During that time, they mentioned they had done further research and discovered that Michel and his late wife Susanna are buried in the Bergstrasse Graveyard! Thanks to their research on the 'Find a grave' website and the resource book we have on hand, we discovered both Susanna and Michel ARE buried at Bergstrasse, just south of the original graveyard gate! Susanna's marker can be read, if you understand German; however Michel's is damaged and nothing remains of the writing, only history marking the spot where Michel was laid to rest.

I wonder how many of the other founders of Bergstrasse are buried in the adjoining cemetery? I do know Elias Meyer, my ancestor, is buried with his wife in the old Bethany Cemetery next to Ephrata Manor. Like the Oberlin's markers, Elias's wife marker can be read and his marker is missing!

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Due date for the **September**
newsletter is **August 20**.

Financial Update: Ending May 31, 2023

	MONTH	2023 YTD	2022 YTD
Net Operating Income	\$10,079.02	\$2,597.68	(\$788.87)
Operating Income	\$23,262.74	\$66,483.16	\$68,480.49
Operating Expense	\$13,183.72	\$63,885.48	\$69,269.36
Net Other Income	\$522.92	(\$1,925.19)	\$12,582.25
Net Income from all sources	\$10,601.94	\$672.49	\$11,793.38
Available funds		\$112,595.35	



From the Pastor's Desk

A few weeks ago we celebrated Pentecost when the Holy Spirit appeared among God's people like a flame of fire ready to take on the world! It was a time of jubilation for the early followers of Jesus, marking the beginning of new life born in the resurrection of Jesus who ascended to be with God, who in turn sent the Holy Spirit to dwell among God's people so that they might be filled with the Spirit to create new meaning for life without the physical presence of Jesus.

On the Day of Pentecost, the sanctuary was adorned in red, quickly turning to green, representing growth into new life. Pentecost is the longest 'season' in the church that follows the Day of Pentecost and lasts until the last Sunday of the church

year, Christ the King Sunday. The church year is neatly divided into two sections, with the first section beginning with Advent, preparing for Jesus' birth, and lasting through the incarnation of Jesus (Epiphany), the time of trial, culminating in the resurrection of Jesus. We read and hear of Jesus' encounters with religious leaders, and the Roman authorities as he attempts to bring a new understanding of God to the people who usually have different ideas of being in relationship with God! The Pentecost Season follows by returning for a deeper dive into the experiences Jesus has with ordinary people throughout his ministry, traveling from Galilee to Jerusalem and everywhere in between. These experiences are often shared as parables, which may or may not have happened in real life! What we do know is they offer a way for us to better understand how the ancient people lived and encountered God.

Some faith traditions call this Pentecost season 'Ordinary Time', reserved for storytelling and sharing experiences of God's presence in the world. As 21st century people, our faith journey is guided by the Holy Spirit or the divineness in us. We are ordinary people in this ordinary time and ordinary place so that we can be examples of love and compassion in the world today. Not like yesterday, weeks, or months, decades or centuries ago...but TODAY! As we read the stories in scripture, allow the example of our ancestors to guide us. God loves you the way you are, no need to fit into a particular pattern, just be kind, loving compassionate and willing to show others that in this ordinary time. It is in the ordinariness of life that God shows up to make the ordinary extraordinary by your life example! Go, show the world that hope for new life exists.



Bergstrasse Church sits in one of the most beautiful settings in Lancaster County! High atop the hill in East Ephrata since 1752. This summer we will worship outdoors, on the lawn of the parsonage, three times to experience the great outdoors. Each worship service will be uniquely different. In the event of rain, we will move inside to the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, dress comfortably for outdoors, and give praise to God.

Sunday July 9 will feature Darla Bair sharing the Art of Drumming – yes, you might get to play a drum. No experience needed!

Sunday August 13 is being planned. Possibly a camp style service using more of your favorite hymns!

Sunday September 10 is God's Work, Our Hands Sunday where ELCA congregations provide community service for their neighbor. Plans are very tentative including gathering for brief worship at the Whistle Stop, scatter around Ephrata for 2-3 hours of community service, again gather for a brief worship to include a bagged lunch.

You won't want to miss a unique encounter with God by sitting indoors!

God on Tap

God on Tap will NOT meet in July or August! We will return in September. Have a restful summer.



September 26-30, 2023

Can you be counted on to help with parking? A great fundraiser for Bergstrasse...

**Looking for someone to organize our Parking Team!!!
See Pastor Jim**

Worship participants for July

July	2	9	16	23	30
Greeter	Sandy Napolitan	Peggy Rushton-Witmyer	Clay and Charlann Brubaker	Sandy Lausch	Nevin Rutt Gladys Horvath
Acolyte	Deb Hornberger	Christian Kramer	William Kramer	Jax Brewster	Deb Hornberger
Lector	Kris Kramer	Bonnie Grater	Alice Krah	John Gockley	Gladys Horvath
Prayers	Becca Brewster	Deb Hornberger	Peggy Rushton-Witmyer	Bonnie Grater	Kris Kramer
Communion Assistant	Deb Hornberger	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Flower Sponsors				Bonnie Grater	
Bulletin Sponsors					

Count Money in July

Sunday, July 2 following worship

Tuesday, July 18 at 1:00 PM

Sandy Lausch

Worship participants for August

August	6	13	20	27
Greeter	Mary Keisling	Almanara Buffenmyer	Alice Krah1	Jeff and Gail Donahue
Acolyte	Christian Kramer	William Kramer	Jax Brewster	Deb Hornberger
Lector	Lisa Conway	Sandy Lausch	Peggy Rushton-Witmyer	Deb Hornberger
Prayers	Becca Brewster	Deb Hornberger	Peggy Rushton-Witmyer	Bonnie Grater
Communion Assistant	Sandy Napolitan	XXX	XXX	XXX
Flower Sponsors			Lisa and Joe Conway	
Bulletin Sponsors	Bonnie Grater			

Count Money in August

Tuesday, August 1, 15, 29 at 1:00 PM

Bonnie Grater

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July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10:00am Worship	26	27 9:00am Stitches of Love 6:00pm God on Tap	28	29	30 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	1
2 10:00am Worship	3	4	5	6 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	7	8
9 10:00am Worship 11:15am Community Conversation	10 7:00pm Council	11	12	13 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	14	15
16 10:00am Worship	17	18	19	20 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	21	22
23 10:00am Worship	24	25 9:00am Stitches of Love 7:00pm Servant Stage "I'll Fly Away"	26	27	28 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	29
30 10:00am Worship	31	1 Lammas	2	3	4 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	5

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13 10:00am Worship 11:15am Worship and Music	14	15	16	17 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	18 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	19
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For Healing: Bonnie Grater, Deb Hornberger, Kris Kramer, Marty Levering, Candy Matthews, Barbara "Toots" Ovadoke, Sam Sherk, Dale Stahl, Perry Townsend, Samantha, Nora, our homebound members
For Grieving: grieving Marion Russell, Robert Kalback, Doug Linton, Tom Weaver



July
 2 canned meats / tuna
 9 laundry soap
 16 peanut butter / jelly
 23 pancake mix / syrup
 30 diapers / baby wipes

August
 6 spaghetti / sauce
 13 instant potatoes / rice
 20 kool aid / juice
 27 toothpaste / brushes / deodorant / powder

Congratulations to those with July/August birthdays:

July

- 1 Dave Wilhelm
Ben Gunzenhauser
- 13 Darlene Kreider
- 17 Gail Smith
- 19 Eldonna Filardi

August

- 3 Bonnie Grater
- 3 Clay Brubaker
- 10 Bree Kramer
- 16 Betty Evans
- 17 Shirley Martin
- 20 Mary Keisling



Anniversaries

July

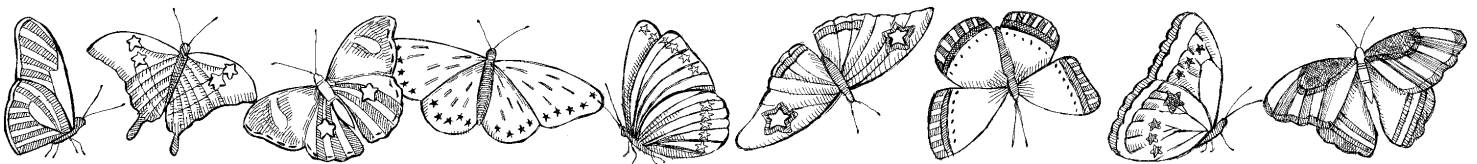
- 1 Ben and Polly
Gunzenhauser
- 11 Kris and Bree Kramer

August

- 19 Joe and Lisa Conway

*No act of kindness,
No matter how small,
Is ever wasted.*

Aesop



The Holy Scriptures are one tool used by Jesus' disciples for guidance in nurturing their relationship with God. Here are the texts that will be used to guide our worship conversations in the next month. Feel free to use these texts to enhance your spiritual practices.

Sunday July 2 -5th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6:12-23 *No longer under law but under grace*
Matthew 10:40-42 *Welcome Christ in those sent*

Sunday July 9 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 7:15-25a *The struggle within the self*
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *The yoke of discipleship*

Sunday July 16 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:1-11 *Live accordingly to the Spirit*
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *The parable of the sower and the seed*

Sunday July 23 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:15-25 *The revealing of the children of God*
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *The parable of the weeds*

Sunday July 30 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 8:26-39 *Nothing can separate us from God's love*
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 *Parables of the reign of heaven*

Sunday August 6 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 9:1-5 *The glory of God's people Israel*
Matthew 14:13-21 *Christ feeding five thousand*

Sunday August 13 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 10: 5-15 *Hearing and confessing the word of faith*
Matthew 14:22-33 *Jesus walking on the sea*

Sunday August 20 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 *God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile*
Matthew 15:21-28 *The healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter*

Sunday August 27 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 12:1-8 *One body in Christ, with gifts that differ*
Matthew 16:13-20 *The profession of Peter's faith*

Bergstrasse Lutheran Church Council Meeting – June 12, 2023

Present: Almanara Buffenmyer, Clay Brubaker, Jeff Donahue, Pastor Jim Goodyear, Bree Kramer, Sandy Lausch, Dave Wilhelm

Absent: Gladys Horvath, Peggy Rushton-Witmyer

Meeting opened with a story about Boaz, a Bible character in the Old Testament, followed by a review of the “Abundance” book study. Discussed giving and purpose.

Treasurer’s report: Jeff moved to accept the report and Bree seconded.

Secretary’s report: Motion to accept the report made by Dave and seconded by Bree.

Property report: Jeff turned off furnace 5/31/23.

Fluorescent bulbs were replaced.

Key given to CPH.

Renew property insurance with Church Mutual

Steve Smith to do plumbing, electrical, painting and carpentry.

NAC box is here

Pastor’s report: 35 envelope boxes for 2024. Jeff made a motion to order the envelopes, Bree seconded.

Discussion on Shepherd Ministry.

Hare donation: possibility of a donation made to honor the legacy of Curt and Inez Hare

EASS very interested in a relationship with Bergstrasse, possibly to use Bergstrasse space for EASS programming for clients.

Old Business:

Camera for narthex – Jeff still looking into options.

RIC process education; Jeff made a motion to start the process, Dave seconded.

New Business:

Ann Brossman grant for 2023. Jeff to work on a grant for the cemetery.

Budget preparation will be discussed next month.

Dave made a motion to adjourn, Jeff seconded it.

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next Council meeting will be July 10, 2023.

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REQUESTED

**Our mission at Bergstrasse is to widen the
community of people who know, love, and follow God.**

