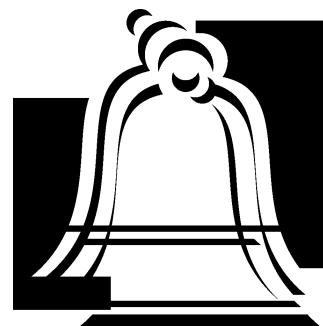


# The Bell



Bergstrasse Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 2022

## All Saints Sunday Sunday, November 6

**All Saints Sunday – November 6**, we will celebrate those who have died since the last All Saints by lighting candles. Holy Communion will also be celebrated, asking each person to bring a 'staple' (bread, cracker, rice, berries, nuts, grapes) and juice (alcoholic or nonalcoholic). Our festive table feast will be set and shared by the gathered community.



## November 13 following worship service

**Annual Meeting – Sunday November 13**, immediately following worship. We will share in a meal (potluck) prior to approving our proposed budget and offering a slate of candidates for our 2023 Leadership Council. Following the official business, we'll look at what God is up to at Bergstrasse. We are at a significant crossroads in our ministry. What is working or not working in our mission to grow the Kingdom of God in Ephrata.



## God on Tap – Tuesday November 22 TBD

God on Tap – will be at Nonna Rosa Italian Restaurant, Akron  
6:00 pm for dinner; Topic of Conversation begins 7:00 pm.

Dinner reservations appreciated by signing up on the bulletin board.



**Fall Bible Study** – Begins Wednesday November 2, 7:00 pm ONLY!  
No morning sessions.

We welcome Sam Schindler, a local Jewish theologian and teacher, to assist in leading our conversations around the Maccabees. Maccabees is one of the books found in the Apocrypha. We'll explore these unique people, and how they influenced life two centuries before the birth of Jesus! Join Pastor Jim and Sam for lively conversations Wednesday evenings November 2, 9, 16, 30, and December 7, 14. At this point no texts needed.

**'You've Got Mail!'** is more than AOL announcing a new email in your inbox. Your Bergstrasse Mailbox, found in Fellowship Hall. Want to send a quick note of appreciation, send a greeting card, share information, ask a question. No stamps are needed to send a message. Don't forget to check your mailbox regularly.

## Coming Thursday evenings in Advent (December 1, 8, 15, 22)

**Taize** worship originated in Taize, France with an ecumenical Christian monastic community in 1940. Taize worship centers in a simple meditative song. The song may or may not include instrumentation, depending on the leader. (We'll likely use a piano!) The form of the meditative worship generally includes readings, silence, and personal reflection that offers the possibility for each participant to connect with their inner being. Our vision is to create a space that is warm and welcoming with candles or dimmed lighting. Participants may sit on a chair, on the floor on a mat.

Our vision is to create a space as described above in the Fellowship Hall. We intend to reach out to the greater community with a primary focus to persons engaged in twelve-step programs or persons who have been hurt by Church teachings that exclude people. We are aware some are anxious to come into a church, more specifically a sanctuary, but will come into a fellowship hall space without the icon familiar in a sanctuary.

We are working with Stephanie Smith, the interim director of the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus who has led this type of service in the past.



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Due date for the **December** newsletter  
is **November 13**.

### Financial Update: Ending September 30, 2022

	MONTH	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Net Operating Income	(\$559.63)	\$5,823.30	\$12,134.04
Operating Income	\$11,356.66	\$126,660.84	\$122,856.19
Operating Expense	\$11,916.29	\$120,837.54	\$110,722.15
Net Other Income	\$70.00	(\$4,019.70)	(\$5,027.95)
Net Income from all sources	(\$489.63)	\$1,803.60	\$7,106.09
Available Funds		\$121,873.07	



## From the Pastor's Desk

November brings back fond memories of Thanksgiving; roast turkey, filling, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, peas, corn, pumpkin pie...Oh my! Always more food than any size gathering could possibly consume in one sitting, hence Thanksgiving leftovers are always the best! I don't remember a lot about family Thanksgiving traditions as a kid, except our visit to my uncle Terry and his family in Tennessee in 1971. My brothers and I were stuffed in the family station wagon ready to visit cousins we only knew by name. It was a different experience, but one that had an impact on my young life to better understand gratitude.

We arrived late and settled in our motel room for the evening. The next morning, we drove the short distance to my uncle's house where we met him, his wife Charlene, and our three cousins. I remember traveling on a stone road that seemed to go uphill forever. There was a dusting of snow on the low ground, but as we traveled up hill, the accumulation of snow soon amounted to an inch or two. It wasn't the snow that surprised me, it was Charlene's reaction as we entered their home. She was overcome with joy at hearing running water coming from the spigot in the kitchen sink. "Joy from a leaky faucet?", I thought to myself. Charlene was overcome with gratitude, that the new fallen snow began to melt and found its way to the pipe they had laid so that water would come to their house. I had no idea their house didn't have running water.

This was my first significant visit away from my home. They were also the only family at that time that lived more than a 30-minute drive from our home. I soon realized that although we shared ancestry, our lives were different. As a fourteen-year-old boy, who seemed to have everything I needed or wanted, I was surprised to experience a family that lived without running water whenever they wanted. I assumed everyone had access to running water. I began to wonder what else I might have, that not everyone else has access to. I soon became aware that not all lives are alike.

I began to see life differently after that Thanksgiving experience in 1971 by working to be more grateful for what is around me. Nurturing a grateful heart takes patience – to notice the small stuff; empathy – to sit with others life experiences as their own; time – set aside to offer thanks for all that is received. Admittedly, it is easiest to notice the material things for which to be thankful. I wonder how we might be more in touch with our living God to be grateful for the people in our lives.

This thanksgiving time, let us nurture our attitude with gratitude. Acknowledge the presence of a new person in your life or say thank you to someone who challenges your thinking or let someone know they matter because of their presence. Imagine how the world around you might change by giving thanks for the people who touch your life.



### Thanksgiving Cornucopia

We are replacing our Thanksgiving Eve Worship with a 'take home' Thanksgiving Cornucopia that families can use as they wish.

You are invited to write a sentence or two reflecting on what Thanksgiving means to you. Please drop off and place in the basket on the Bounty Tree or send to the church office by November 10. Gobble, Gobble!!!



**Decorate the Church**  
**Hanging of the Greens** – Friday November 25, 6:00 – 9:00 pm – Bring your supper! Come ready our lobby, sanctuary, and fellowship hall for the coming of Christmas. There will be plenty of work for everyone. Invite other family or friends to join in the fellowship.



## Christmas Eve/Christmas Day 2022 at Bergstrasse

**Christmas Eve Worship** - Saturday December 24 - 11:00 am AND 7:00 pm. Both worship experiences will include traditional carols, retelling Jesus' birth story, celebration of Holy Communion, and Candle lighting. Placing Luminaries will be included with the earlier worship service.

**Christmas Day Worship** - Sunday December 25 - Come to celebrate Jesus' birth in your pajamas sipping hot chocolate

9:30 am share a continental breakfast in Fellowship Hall,

10:00 am worship with carol singing and storytelling - The Art of Giving and Receiving



## Worship Participants for November

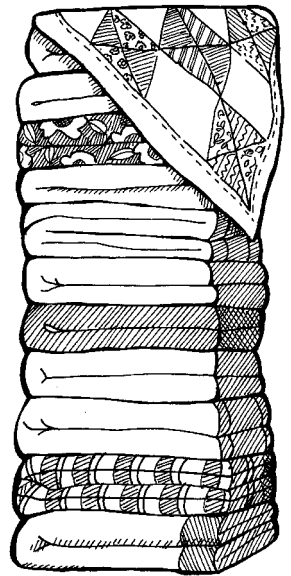
November	6 All Saints	13 Pentecost 23	20 Christ the King	27 Advent 1
<b>Greeters</b>	Peggy Rushton-Witmyer	Clay and Charlann Brubaker	Sandy Lausch	Nevin Rutt Gladys Horvath
<b>Acolyte</b>		William Kramer	Judith Brewster	Deb Hornberger
<b>Lector</b>	Gladys Horvath	Lisa Conway	Bonne Grater	Sandy Lausch
<b>Prayers</b>		Kris Kramer	Becca Brewster	Deb Hornberger
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Almanara Buffenmyer	XXX	Charlann Brubaker	XXX
<b>Flowers</b>				
<b>Bulletin</b>				

### Ingathering Sunday

Our Quilt and Ingathering Sunday October 2 was very successful. The Stitches of Love group made 100 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Seventy-eight school 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 8. 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.





# Bergstrasse Lutheran Church

## November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:00am Worship	31 Reformation Day	1	2 7:00pm Bible study	3	4 7:00pm Silent movie	5
6 10:00am Worship	7	8 7:00pm Bible study	9	10	11 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	12
13 10:00am Worship 11:00am Covered dish/congregational meeting	14	15 7:00pm Bible study	16	17	18 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	19
20 10:00am Worship 11:00am Worship Committee	21	22 9:00am Stitches of Love 6:00pm God on Tap	23	24	25 6:00pm Hanging of the Greens	26
27 First Sunday of Advent 10:00am Worship	28	29 7:00pm Bible study	30	1	2 6:00pm Friday Night on the Hill	3



Say a  
prayer  
for...

**For Healing:** John Bolar, Sara and Brian, Pat Coyle, Theresa Diem, Anna Filiziani, Joey Gunzenhauser, Ray Miller, Joey Reeder, Stacy,

our homebound members.

**For Grieving:** family and friends of Alex Bahr



Congratulations to those with November birthdays:

13 Lynn Hibshman  
13 Don Kinnier  
13 Pattie Martin  
15 Jeff Donahue  
16 Peggy Rushton-Witmyer  
28 Inez Hare  
30 Franklin Wartluft

The 2022 Annual Report will be available on the Bounty Tree November 6. Please pick up a copy before the annual meeting on November 13.



## Thanksgiving Dinners



**Thanksgiving Meal  
November 24  
Ephrata Business Center  
400 W. Main St., Ephrata  
11 AM—2 PM  
Sit down meals only**

Call Barry or Carol Haller at 717-336-2512 to volunteer.

## Food bank

We continue to collect food for Ephrata Area Social Services.

November

6 canned ham/rice/rice mixes  
13 pasta/spaghetti sauce  
20 pancake mix and syrup  
27 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 \_\_\_\_\_

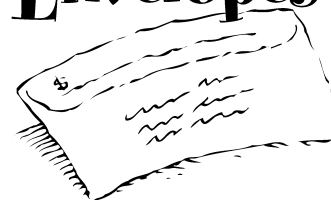
**ONLINE GIVING** - to support the mission and vision of Bergstrasse Church is now available. Go to our website [Bergstrasselutheran.com](http://Bergstrasselutheran.com) click on DONATE on the cover page. You will be directed to a secure web page to make your contribution.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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](mailto:bergluth@dejazzd.com) or mail to Bergstrasse Lutheran Church, 9 Hahnstown Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522

### Offering Envelopes



## Poinsettia order form due December 4



Name \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of red \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of white \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.25 = \_\_\_\_\_

total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please place order form and money in offering plate by December 4.



## **Bergstrasse Lutheran Church Council Minutes October 10, 2022**

Ben Gunzenhauser, Dave Wilhelm, Nevin Rutt, Peggy Rushton-Witmyer, Lisa Conway, Sandy Lausch, Almanara Buffenmyer, Clay Brubaker, Jeff Donahue, BJ Kramer, Gladys Horvath and Pastor Jim attended the meeting.

Lynn Hibshman reported that income is covering expenses at this time.

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

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

Jeff Donahue provided numerous property updates pertaining to heating oil, thermostats, snow plowing, rodent control and window frames. One of the emergency safety lights is out of order. The cost to replace the cell is nearly as much as an entirely new light fixture with long-lasting batteries. Almanara made a motion to replace all four emergency lights and Sandy seconded the motion.

Nevin made a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2023 to be presented to the congregation for approval at our annual meeting on November 13, 2022 and Peggy seconded it.

Almanara made a motion to present Clay Brubaker, Jeff Donahue, Gladys Horvath and BJ Kramer to be placed in nomination for the Bergstrasse council term beginning January 2023. The election will take place at our annual congregational meeting. Sandy seconded the motion.

Financial best practices and legal ramifications were discussed next.

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



**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

### **Luther Acres Holiday Bazaar and Pancake Breakfast**

**250 St. Luke Dr., Lititz**

**Saturday, November 19**

**9 AM—4 PM**

**Pancake breakfast**

**Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee and Juice**

**\$7.00**

**8 AM—10 AM**

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



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