



VICAR'S PONDERABLES – JANUARY, 2025

A Note from the Vicar

“This is what GOD says, the God who builds a road right through the ocean, who carves a path through pounding waves, The God who summons horses and chariots and armies—they lie down and then can’t get up; they’re snuffed out like so many candles: **“Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new.** It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands. Wild animals will say ‘Thank you!’ —the coyotes and the buzzards— Because I provided water in the desert, rivers through the sunbaked earth, drinking water for **the people I chose, the people I made especially for myself, a people custom-made to praise me.** (Isaiah 43:16-21 The Message)

The year ends, and another begins. It is that time when we find ourselves reflecting on and re-establishing our goals, priorities, and habits in hope of positive results. The words of Isaiah 43 serve as encouragement as we live into being members of the family of faith. Doing the work God has called us to do.

We must *be alert, be present*, recognizing God is about to do something *brand-new*. New is scary. It causes anxiety, fear, defensiveness, and requires work. However, when we surrender our selfish desires and admit that God is fully in control, it becomes easy to see His faithfulness to us. God chose us, He made us especially for himself. Holding onto *what has happened* and *going over old history* is selfish and hinders us from experiencing the fullness of God’s plan. Why would anyone want that?

We are *a people custom-made to praise* God. As we continue learning together, let us recognize each day, where we see God at work in ourselves, our homes, in His church, and in our community. Let our daily recognition be a form of praise to the God who is guiding and leading us to a deeper understanding of the *new* work He is calling us toward.

Faith, love, grace, mercy, and peace be with you.

Vicar Philip



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Roger L. Kurtz

As we transition from the twelve days of Christmas to the Epiphany season, the following music has been chosen for our worship together during the month of January:

Music for January 5, 2025 (Second Sunday of Christmas)

Prelude: *Berceuse* – Louis Vierne

Gathering Hymn #275: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE

Hymn of the Day #295: *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Anthem: *A Stable Lamp Is Lighted* – David Hurd

Communion Hymn #296: *What Child Is This* GREENSLEEVES

Sending Hymn #287: *Let All Together Praise Our God* LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN

Postlude: *Two Chorale Preludes on "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen"* – Johann Gottfried Walther;
Johann Sebastian Bach

Music for January 12, 2025 (Baptism of Our Lord)

Prelude: *Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany* – Maurice Duruflé

Gathering Hymn #458: *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God* CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Hymn of the Day #305: *When Jesus Came to Jordan* KING'S LYNN

Anthem: *The Baptism of Our Lord* – Charles Callahan

Communion Hymn #445: *Crashing Waters at Creation* STUTTGART

Sending Hymn #454: *Remember and Rejoice* ST. THOMAS

Postlude: *Fughetta on the Hymn of the Epiphany* – Alexandre Guilmant

Music for January 19, 2025 (Second Sunday after Epiphany)

Prelude: *Prelude on "Union Seminary"* – Charles Callahan

Gathering Hymn #310: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* SALZBURG

Hymn of the Day #312: *Jesus, Come! For We Invite You* UNION SEMINARY

Anthem: *This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song* – Richard Shephard

Communion Hymn #488: *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* SCHMÜCKE DICH

Sending Hymn: *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known* ERHALT UNS, HERR

Postlude: *Chorale Prelude on "Erhalt uns, Herr"* – Dietrich Buxtehude

Music for January 26, 2025 (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

Prelude: *Choral Song* – Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Gathering Hymn #314: *Arise, Your Light Has Come!* FESTAL SONG

Hymn of the Day #710: *Let Streams of Living Justice* THAXTED

Anthem: *The Heav'ns Sing Praises to God* – Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Alan Bullard

Communion Hymn #311: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN

Sending Hymn #576: *We All Are One in Mission* KUORTANE

Postlude: *Psalms 19* – Benedetto Marcello

January Worship Leaders

	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister/Lector	Ushers	Acolyte	Zoom Monitor
Jan. 5	Emma Miller	Jill Clubb	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
Jan. 12		Zachary Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
Jan. 19	Jean Slaymaker	Brenda Fetter	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		
Jan. 26		Dave Carson	Andy Anderson, Claude Grube, Charles Sweigart Jr.		

HOME COMMUNION MEMBERS

Norma Rhoads

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Manheim, PA 17545
717-626-8117
Birthday: September 24

Doris Witwer

Viva Senior Living
150 Kempton Ave.,
Room 252
Harrisburg, PA 17111
717-901-6026
Birthday: February 20

VICAR PHILIP'S AVAILABILITY AT JELC

Tuesday and Thursday 8am to 4:30pm. Call him at 717-725-3429 on those dates if you would like to schedule an appointment with him.

Adult Forum Schedule January

We are using the Augsburg Fortress Adult Bible Studies.

Everyone is welcome to join at 9 am.

- Jan. 5 - Teach the Wonders of God
- Jan. 12 - Creator and Sustainer
- Jan. 19 - The Crown of Creation
- Jan. 26 - Joy in Forgiveness

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL

If inclement weather is in forecast, the respective council presidents of both congregations will discuss on Saturday and make a determination if the Sunday worship service should be cancelled and do this by 6:00pm Saturday evening. A group text message and email will be sent by Zachary Fetter. Phone calls will be made to members who only have land lines. Please call or text Zach at 717-572-5799 prior to venturing out if you are unsure.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE

1. Thanks to Brenda & Mike Fetter for helping to trim the holly bushes
2. Martin's tree service will be trimming all the Bradford Pear trees.
3. Annual fire extinguisher inspection completed
4. Bags of water softener crystals restocked

COMMITTEE REPORTS ANNUAL REPORT 2024

All committees please have your reports to the Office Administrator by Friday, January 10, 2025.

Lititz-Warwick Community Chest Food Bank

January Suggestions:

- * Condensed soup— cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, tomato
- * rice - plain white or brown
- * flavored baked beans



Items can be placed in the box near the elevator on the first floor - thank you!

January, 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day 	2 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	3	4 Men's Bible Study 9am Zion Lutheran Church Manheim
5 Second Sunday of Christmas Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	6	7	8	9 Music & Worship Meeting 5:45pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	10 Deadline for Committee Reports for the Annual Report	11
12 Baptism of Our Lord Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	13 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	14	15 February Newsletter Deadline	16 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	17	18
19 Second Sunday after Epiphany Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30 am Holy Communion	20 Council Meeting 7pm	21	22	23 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	24	25
26 Third Sunday after Epiphany Adult Forum 9:00 am 10:30am Holy Communion	27	28	29	30 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm	31	



PRAYER CONCERNS

Let us pray for: Chrystine and Andy Anderson, Leslie Carson, Cheyenne Colon, Jean Ehrhart, Weston Hertzler, Hunter Leisey, Andrea Reynolds, Norma Rhoads, Joe Stoyanovich, Toby Sweigart, and Doris Witwer. Be with military personnel, first responders, healthcare workers, the people of Ukraine, the people of Turkey, the people of Syria, the people of Israel & Palestine and those affected by recent hurricanes.

Please call or email Vicar Philip Supeck if you would like a name added or removed from our prayer list.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Janice Styer
- 7 - Timothy Sweigart, Jr.
- 7 - Harry Scheid
- 14 - Eryn Murphy
- 14 - John David Wissler
- 22 - Allison Clubb
- 27 - Lisa Sweigart



JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Janet Craley
*January 6, 1967



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES OF BAPTISM

Cheri Kurtz 1/3/54
Janet Craley 1/12/58
Brenda Fetter 1/30/49



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Check your contact information: telephone number, address and email address in current Annual Report. If changes needed, please inform our office administrator.

THANK YOU

Thank you to outgoing church council members, Rene Amey, Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter and Mike Fetter for their service. Thank you to our new council members who are Dave Carson, Brad Clubb, Ken Craley, Jeanine Schreiber and J.D. Wissler. J.D. Wissler was elected as the new council president. Patti Stripling remains as vice president and Jill Clubb secretary.

CHURCH COUNCIL INSTALLATION

Installation of church council and officers on Sunday, January 12, 2025.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

JELC Congregational Meeting to approve annual report will take place on February 16, 2025 following worship.



JANUARY 2025 READINGS

January 5
**Second Sunday of Christmas
 Year C**
 First Reading
 Jeremiah 31:7-1
 Psalm
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Second Reading
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Gospel
 John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 12
**Baptism of Our Lord
 Year C**
 First Reading
 Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm
 Psalm 29
 Second Reading
 Acts 8:14-17
 Gospel
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19
**Second Sunday after
 Epiphany
 Year C**
 First Reading
 Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm
 Psalm 36:5-10
 Second Reading
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 Gospel
 John 2:1-11

January 26
**Third Sunday after
 Epiphany
 Year C**
 First Reading
 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm
 Psalm 19
 Second Reading
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Gospel
 Luke 4:14-21

Shared Ministry Committee

The committee was formed in November 2023 when we agreed to have a shared pastoral leadership agreement with another congregation, that being BULC.

- a) The committee consists of four members from both congregations (8 total) with each member serving for 2 years. Current 2024 Jerusalem committee members are Dave Carson, J D Wissler, Kathy Schreiber and Jean Slaymaker as chair. Also, Vicar Phil and acting Council Presidents attend the Committee's meetings.
- b) Our first order of business as a Committee was the creation and signature of "Articles of Agreement" which defines the shared relationship with the pastoral leader and both congregations of Jerusalem & BULC. This was completed and signed in January 2024
- c) Spring of 2024 the TEEM vicar program was introduced by Synod to the Committee and both councils, which eventually lead to Vicar Phil's appointment to serve the two congregations.
- d) Now that Vicar Phil is here, this is a good time to remind everyone what the Shared Ministry Committee responsibilities are as we work with our councils and other committees:
 1. The Share Ministry Committee oversees all aspects of the Vicar Phil's role in our congregations (in a "standard pastoral call" this would fall to the Call Committee). So, if there is any positive feedback or concerns that you want to share, please first share with Vicar Phil directly. If there is an issue that cannot be resolved, we then ask that you first bring it to someone on the Shared Ministry committee.
 2. This committee will coordinate worship services and program calendars that impact both congregations. In these situations, we will coordinate with other committees as appropriate (i.e., Music and Worship). (For example, this is how we planned the advent services and the Christmas Eve service date and times). This committee also recommended the worship times for both congregations that meet the mutual needs of our shared relationship).
 3. The committee also has responsibility for the working/business relationship between both congregations working with our Treasurers and Finance Committees (for example, Vicar Phil's payroll, benefits, expenses, etc).
 4. So, please remember to seek us out when you have feedback regarding Vicar Phil or anything related to our shared ministry.
- e) Also, we will be looking for 2 new Shared Ministry Committee members for 2025. If you would be willing to serve on this committee that will meet every other month and eventually quarterly in the future, please contact Jean Slaymaker.

Additional Note: The Shared Ministry Committee requests that we remember that Vicar Phil is new in his position and is still learning. During his availability hours, if his office door is open please come in. If his office door is closed, it is closed for a reason. If you really want or need to meet with Vicar Phil, it may be wise to call first.

FEBRUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At our February Congregational meeting we will be electing a new 2025 nominating committee. The current members are Joyce Burkholder, Brenda Fetter, Zachary Fetter and Larrie Miller and they are ineligible for 2025. Rene Amey and Mike Fetter who are going off of council have agreed to this serve on this committee. We need at least one more or two to serve. Please prayerfully consider serving on this committee.

CHURCH OFFICE REQUEST

Please call the church office at 717-626-8972 or Vicar Philip Supeck's phone number 717-725-3429 when:

- You are in the hospital or prior to going to the hospital (or have a relative call for you).
- You are confined to your home for an extended period of time because of illness or accident.
- You are going to a rehab center or a nursing home.
- There is a change in your family status (birth, death, marriage, or divorce).
- You move to a new home, move out of the area, or go away to college or graduate school. Important for keeping data base current.



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October 20, 2024

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
36 Church St.
Lititz, PA 17543

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for making the work of the Warwick Community Hub possible through your generous giving! With your support, we can practically help our neighbors by connecting people to resources, empowering next steps, and restoring lives.

Your gift ensures that we can continue in this journey of walking alongside our Warwick community neighbors to help them thrive and have restored hope. We are so grateful for you!

If you are not already following us, we invite you to join us on Facebook and Instagram at *Warwick Community Hub* and sign up for our email newsletters at warwick-hub.org, for the latest updates.

Blessings,

Steve Jeffrey
Hub Director

My Friends!
Thank you so much for your support of our Warwick Community! Really appreciate it.
Blessings to you,
Steve

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Contribution to Warwick Community Hub

Date	Description	Payment Method	Amount
October 20, 2024	Donation	Check	\$500.00

**JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

“As followers of Jesus we serve our neighbors locally and globally”

Present: Vicar Philip Supeck, Brenda Fetter, Mike Fetter, Joyce Burkholder, Patti Stripling, Rene Amey, Jill Clubb, Beth Smith

Absent: Scott Barr, Floss Morgan

Guests: Larrie Miller, Jean Slaymaker

Devotions: Led by Jill Clubb

Recognitions:

1. Thank you to Scott Barr for being the election contact person for JELC and for organizing coverage for the greeters
2. Thank you to the home Communion extenders for their ministry: Joyce Burkholder, Zach Fetter and Brenda Fetter
3. Thank you to Dave Carson for leading the Stewardship campaign and to Ken Craley and Zach Fetter for giving Temple Talks related to Stewardship
4. Thank you to Larrie and Emma Miller for setting up the candles for All Saints Sunday
5. Thank you to JD Wissler for displaying his icons for All Saints Sunday
6. Thank you to Vicar Philip Supeck for leading Jerusalem members in meal preparation at Camp Kirkenwald for Fall Foliage Day; and to Scott and Marlene Barr, Joyce Burkholder, Zach Fetter and Brenda Fetter for preparing and serving the evening meal at Fall Foliage Day
7. Thank you to those who contributed to the cleaning buckets to assist the hurricane victims in a North Carolina and to Dave and Debbie Carson for delivering the buckets to the collection point in West Grove
8. Thank you to Brenda Fetter, Janet Craley, Jean Slaymaker and Jill Clubb for bringing meals to Andy and Christine Anderson
9. Thank you to the Finance Committee for submitting the proposed 2025 Budget

Reports:

Secretary: the minutes from the October 15, 2024 Council Meeting were distributed and discussed. Vicar Philip Supeck make a motion to accept the minutes as written; Joyce Burkholder seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Treasurer: the October 2024 Treasurer’s Report was distributed and discussed. Beth Smith has three CD’s that will be renewed; the copier contract was discussed; \$1735 has been raised so far for hurricane relief. Patti Stripling made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report subject to audit; Jill Clubb seconded the motion; the motion passed.

The proposed 2025 Budget was submitted to Council- see new business.

Vicar’s Report: the Vicar’s Report was distributed and discussed. The Vicar will be on vacation from 12/12 through 12/17, Pastor Dana Blouch-Hansen to supply on 12/15.

Committee Reports:

Sunday School: no report

Music and Worship: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany services have been planned

Cemetery: no report

Finance: see Treasurer’s Report

Memorial: no report

Property: yearly air conditioning maintenance was performed by Vertex; Janet Craley will be securing proposals for tree trimming and tree topping.

Service: 15 cleaning buckets were assembled for the hurricane relief effort; \$100 to House of His Creation

Stewardship: 15 commitment cards were returned

Mutual Ministry: no report

Home Communion Extenders: planning visits for this month

Shared Ministry: Jean Slaymaker from the committee presented the minutes from the November 4th meeting; next meeting is December 2, 2024 at 6:00pm at JELC

Old Business:

1. No one has come forward to fill the four empty council seats. Several members have been asked but have responded “no” or “maybe”. Vicar Philip has asked five members to respond to him no later than 11/18. Vicar Philip has asked synod what would happen if we are unable to seat an eight-member council per our Constitution: if we can not meet our constitutional requirement of an 8-member council, the Synod would step in and do a review and viability study of our congregation.
2. Trash collection update: proposals from several carriers were presented and discussed, a decision on a trash service for 2025 will be made at the December council meeting.
3. Constitution Update: synod still has not reviewed our proposed Constitution updates. Vicar Philip will resubmit our updates.

New Business:

1. Proposed 2025 Budget: the proposed 2025 Budget was distributed by Larrie Miller from the Finance Committee and discussed. Vicar Philip Supeck stated that the Vicar’s Salary(Line 108) needed to be adjusted to account for a salary increase in August 2025. The related taxes and allowances(Lines 109-114) will also have to be adjusted. Discussion also took place regarding the Zoom contract (Line 49). Staff salaries were also discussed. Also discussed was that, in the future, the Mutual Ministry should recommend staff salary increases. Vicar Philip Supeck made a motion to increase the staff salaries by 2.5%; Joyce Burkholder seconded the motion; the motion passed. Patti Strippling made a motion to accept the proposed 2025 with adjustments to the Vicar’s salary, staff salaries and the Zoom contract; the motion was seconded by Rene Amey; the motion passed.
2. Christmas Caroling and Church Decorating: proposed caroling at Luther Acres and Pleasant View. Church decorating- December 1st before service
3. Discussed possible change to council meeting night to accommodate potential new council members
4. Christmas Eve Social: Brenda Fetter to organize this event
5. Inclement weather protocol: discussed. If inclement weather is forecast the respective council presidents will speak on Saturday and make a determination if the Sunday services should be cancelled by 6:00 pm Saturday evening

Reminder Dates:

- 11/15: Christmas Crooners show at BULC at 7:00pm
- 11/16: All you can eat breakfast at Swamp Lutheran Church to benefit Lutheran Disaster Relief 7:00am -10:00am
- 11/17: JELC Worship start time 10:45am
- 12/1: Church Decorating 9:00 am; Congregational Meeting following Worship
- 12/5 and 12/19: Advent Soup and Study at JELC 6:00pm
- 12/7: Christmas Bazaar at BULC 8:00am- 12:00pm
- 12/12: Advent Soup and Study at BULC 11:30am
- 12/12-12/17: Vicar Philip Supeck is on vacation; Pastor Dana Blouch-Hansen to supply on 12/15

Announcements/Correspondence: Thank you from ELCA World Hunger for \$100 contribution

Next Meeting: December 17, 2024 at 7:00pm

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rene Amey; Vicar Philip seconded the motion; the motion passed

Respectfully Submitted
Jill Clubb, Council Secretary

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Congregation, Ministers