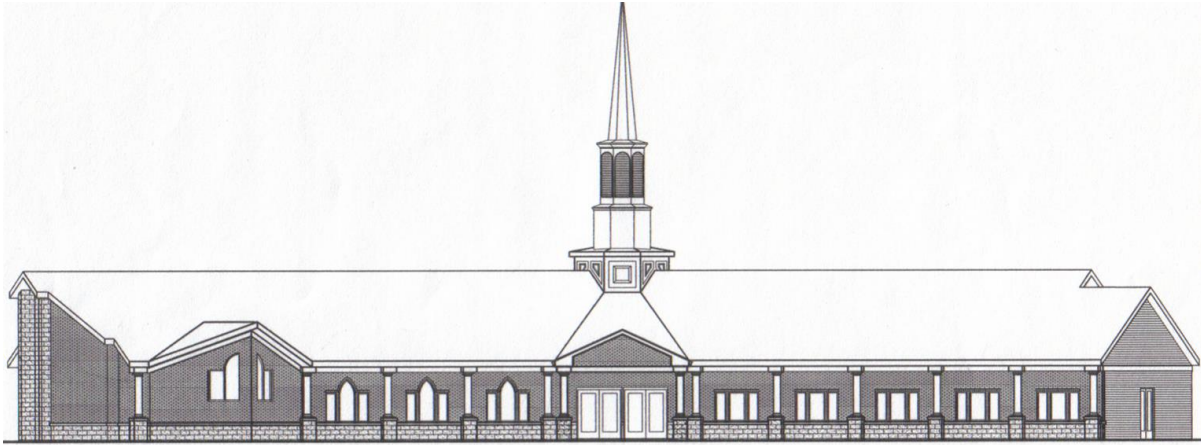


The Jerusalem Times



The monthly newsletter of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Trachsville, Pa.

**Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 Church Drive
Palmerton, PA 18071-3642**

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August August 2023



August Church Events

- 5th – Sunday School Church Picnic**
- 6th – Worship Service in the Grove / Picnic Rain date**
- 13th – Worship Service with Guest Pastor**
- 20th – Worship Service w/ Holy Communion**
- 27th – Worship Service**

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The Newsletter

of Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

500 Church Drive, Palmerton, PA 18071

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Pastor Hours: By Appointment

Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 AM

Pastor: Kenneth Melber, Jr. Music Director: Frank Hall IV Sexton: Stacy Buchiane

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Pastor

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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.” -Psalm 25:4

One of the greatest blessings I have had over ten years of ordained ministry is in the teaching ministry of the church. Outside of Sunday morning, we have ample opportunity to come together and learn about God from one another. In a structured sense, that happens in First Communion instruction, in Confirmation, and through adult Bible Study. In light of those blessings, I invite you to consider the topics we will be covering in Bible Study over the next year. Dates, times, and locations change each time, so keep an eye out for an announcement in the newsletter and bulletin for when they will occur.

One last reminder, first, for Confirmation, for those **new and returning** to meet with me on August 20 at noon at St. John's. There will be no opportunity for late registration this year, so we have made sure to include this announcement for many months in the newsletter. If you are unable to make this meeting, please be in touch with me before August 20.

Our adult Bible Study schedule is as follows:

Sept, Oct, Nov 2023 – 1 Corinthians

Lent 2024 (during the social hour on Wednesdays before service) – Habbakuk

Apr, May 2024 – The Augsburg Confession

Jun, Jul, Aug 2024 – Church History

Sept, Oct 2024 – Women of the Bible

Nov 2024 – Discernment, Evangelism, Stewardship

I look forward to seeing you at these opportunities.

Pastor Ken

Pastoral Vacation

Pastor Ken will be on vacation from August 7--19.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you have any children in grades K-6 who may be interested in Sunday School, please contact Pastor Ken or the church office to receive an interest form. In September, we will take these forms and make decisions about the classes and how they may be broken up. Sunday School will take place during the hour that worship is held, so Sunday School will be from 9-10am, beginning with a message in the sanctuary from the Pastor and then the children dismissed to their classrooms. We will be in touch in September with more information about a starting date and who the teachers will be for each class. While not required, please return the form by the end of August so that we have an idea of who may be attending. If you forget, do not despair! You can always sign-up for Sunday School at any point.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Those who are entering 7th grade or later and have not yet received catechetical instruction are invited to an orientation meeting at St. John's on Sunday, August 20 at 12:00 PM. This meeting will take about 20 minutes and will be a time to formally register for confirmation and choose a place and time to hold regular class meetings. St. John's and Jerusalem will be holding confirmation classes jointly. If you cannot make this meeting, you must inform the Pastor by August 21 as materials need to be ordered. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ken.



Annual Sunday School Picnic

Saturday, August 5th
(Rain date: Sunday, August 6th)

Picnic starts at 12 Noon
Service starts at 2 PM
with Guest Speaker Roger Berger

Activities: Kiddie Cake Walk & Fish Pond @ 3 PM
Cake Walk for all ages & Raffle @ 6:30 PM

Live Music by Dean Hahn and The Hawks
starting @ 4 PM

Great Food, Fellowship, & Fun for ALL!

Flower & Bulletin Sponsors

- 6th – Kit & Frank Hall III**
- 13th – Delbert & Shelly Christman**
- 20th – Phyllis Bond**
- 27th – Mildred Johnson**

If you would like to reserve altar flowers, sign the flower chart or call the office at 610-681-5200.



WE JUST WANT TO SAY...
THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all those who volunteered in the clean-up of the picnic grove to prepare for this year's annual Sunday School Picnic. Your help was greatly appreciated!

Fellowship

Starting in September we will have fellowship after worship services. Coffee and cookies will be provided!



Please keep all of our family & friends in your prayers.



Prayer List

Kimberly Batbinelli, Earl Beers, Raymond Beers, Richard Beers, Anita Borger, Delores Christman, Blaine Eckhart, Pauline Eckhart, Robert Eckhart, Dale Eckley, Mark Green, Terry Hahn, Frank Hall III, Peter Horbowyj, Bonnie Johnson, Glen Kichline, Raymond Knecht, Billie Jo Moyer, Matt Nothstein, Stephanie Pfancook, Roseanna Polizzi, Chuck Schretzman, Sheila Sherer, Brandie Uliana, Hildegard Wheeler, and Robert Ziegenfus.

Residents of a Nursing Home, Personal Care Home, or Hospital

Gurney Borger – Gracedale Nursing Home
 Helen Christman – The Palmerton
 Richard & Patricia Shook – The Gardens at York Terrace
 Edwin Strohl – Mahoning Valley Nursing Home

Serving in the Armed Forces

Army – Danny Carden and Gerald Eckhart
Coast Guard – Garrett Cameron
Navy - Sarah McCready, Tyler Silliman, and Jeremy Zellers
National Guard Army - Sean Hall
Army Reserves - William L. Hittner and Theodoric Hittner



If you have an address to provide for the people that are serving in the military so that the congregation may correspond with them, please let the office know.

Birthdays

- 1st Judith Leiding
- 4th Justin George
- 5th Earl Smale
- 6th Danny Lee Carden III, Joshua Gillen
- 7th Nathan Strohl
- 9th Kristine George, Ezra Haas
- 11th Margaret Schneider
- 12th Helen Christman
- 13th Kayla Sander
- 14th Mackenzie Boud, KateLynn Brotzman
- 16th Adrienne Wiese
- 17th Paul Eckhart
- 18th Joel Hagenbuch, Jeffrey Weiss
- 20th Roger M. Christman, Susan Hittner
- 23rd Gurney Borger, Barbara Eckhart
- 24th Kendra Halada
- 26th Sandy Christman
- 27th Danielle Beers, Curtis Frantz, Mildred Johnson
- 28th Brielle Frey, Kayla Knappenberger, Joshua Long, Trisha Smale
- 29th Ruth Ann Hook
- 31st Frank Hall IV



The birth dates and anniversary dates are what we have on file. If they are incorrect, please contact the office. Thank you.

10th – Kit & Frank Hall III		22nd – Duane & Cathy Borger
14th – John & Kathleen Spirk		27th – Joseph & Susan Hittner
17th – James & Phyllis Bond		28th – Tyler & Jaclyn Haydt



WELCA News

August 2023

WELCA has several days in the near future to participate in church activities and will be busy in the next month! The group will be preparing for the Church's Sunday School Picnic (held on Aug. 5). The ladies will be getting food ready at 4 PM on Thursday, Aug. 3 and 7 AM on Friday, Aug. 4 for this event, and can use all the help they can get! At the end of August WELCA will be making its usual chow-chow and apple butter. This will be done on Aug. 28 and 29 at 7 AM. WELCA is also planning to have a Persian Donut sale in September. Orders will be due on September 10th and donuts will be made on September 21st.

The next meeting of the WELCA group is scheduled for Monday, August 7 at 12:30 PM at the church.

New members are always welcome!!!

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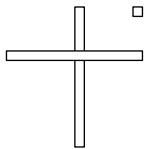
Important dates of the month to remember:

- 1st -- Vacation Bible School @ St. John's at 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- 5th -- Sunday School Picnic at 12:00 PM, Service at 2:00 PM
- 6th -- Worship Service in the Grove at 9:00 AM, Picnic Rain date
- 7th -- WELCA Meeting at 12:30 PM
- 13th -- Worship Service with Guest Pastor at 9:00 AM
- 20th -- Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM
Confirmation Orientation @ St. John's at 12:00 to 12:30 PM
- 27th -- Worship Service at 9:00 AM

Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Janet Smith. She will be missed by us all.



Mrs. Janet J. Smith, 87, of Towamensing Township, Lehighton, passed away on June 29, 2023, in the Pennsburg Manor, Pennsburg. She was the loving wife of the late Delbert D. Smith, who preceded her in death on July 5, 2022. Born in Palmerton on Sept. 14, 1935, she was a daughter of the late John D. and Viola J. (Serfass) George.



□ She was a member of Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Trachsville.
 We have been blessed with the presence of Janet in our lives. She will be deeply missed by her daughter-in-law, Karen Smith of Lehighton; her grandchildren, Bobbi-Jo, wife of Adam Heckroth of Perkiomenville, Jesse Smith in Hawaii and David Smith of Lehighton; a great granddaughter, Madison Heckroth; and a niece Patsy, wife of Butch Kocher of Lehighton.
 She was also preceded in death by three sons, David, Roger and Brian Smith; a grandson, Jason Smith; and a brother, Allan George.

Outside Worship Service on Sunday, August 6th in the picnic grove.

Service will begin at 9:00 AM. This of course is weather permitting. Those attending should bring their own lawn chairs. All Are Welcome!



Outdoor Worship Service



JOIN US FOR A
**FELLOWSHIP
DINNER**

Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church

invites our membership to join us

for a no cost fellowship dinner to be held on

Sunday, September 17 at 5:00

(Please arrive promptly as dinner will begin at 5:00)

The Menu

Baked Ziti
Baked Boneless Chicken
Sausage & Peppers simmered in tomatoes

Tossed Salad
Green Beans
Oven Roasted Potatoes
Dinner Rolls

Desserts
Molasses Cake
Angel Food Cake

Hot coffee & tea

We look forward to seeing you then for an evening
of fellowship and fun.

Space is limited to 80 people.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

1971 Sunday School Picnic

Recently an article from the Times-News & Record dated Aug. 20, 1971 that was about our Sunday School Picnic that year showed up at the church office. These are some of the pictures from that article. If you would like to see the entire article, stop by during office hours. Enjoy!



The award for the oldest lady present went to Mrs. Cora Green, 84 of Kunkletown, James Bonser, 92 of Orefield, right, was the oldest man. Rev. Wahrmann, center, is holding the youngest present, George Simmons III of Long Island, NY who was 46 days old.



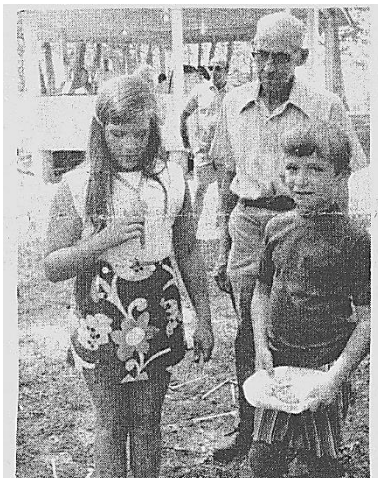
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eckhart of Palmerton received the prize for the couple married the longest at 61 years. Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons II of Long Island, NY received the prize of the least number of years married.



Three families tied for the largest family. Pictured is the Eckhart family. In front row, l. to r., are Scot Eckhart, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eckhart and Franklin Jr. In back row, are Kevin, Brian, Mrs. and Mr. Franklin Eckhart and Gale Eckhart.



The fishing pond always proves to be a great hit with the children as is evident by the number of children and adults waiting in line to fish for prizes.









Winners in the clothes pin contest were Wanda Handwerk of Walnutport and Gregory Duschak of Palmerton. Fred Eckhart was the judge.



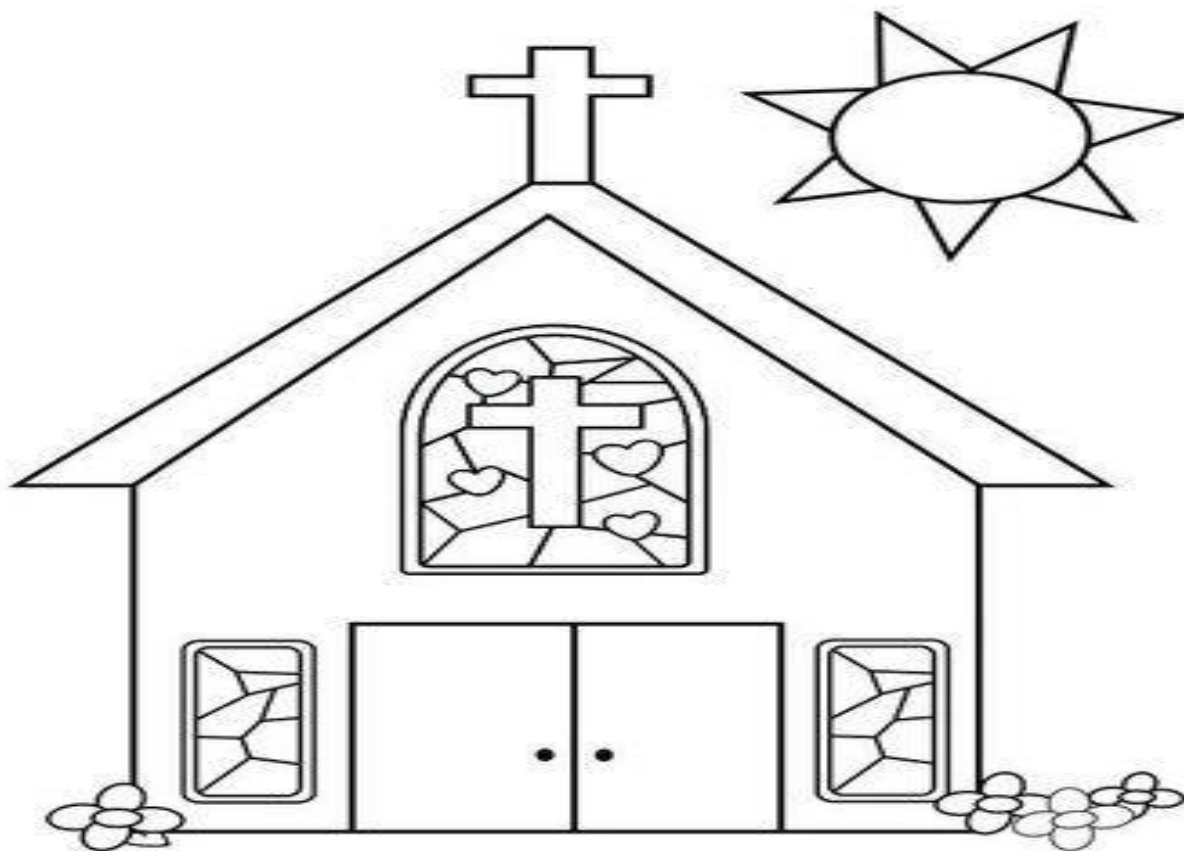
Rev. Wahrmann instructs the balloon blowing contest. Pictured, l. to r., are Kay Partel, Rev. Wahrmann, Gail Christman, Amy Green, Delbert Christman, David Christman and Barry Eckhart all of Palmerton, and Michael Graver of Lehighton pictured in front.



AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Vacation Bible School St. John's Church -- 6:00 – 8:00 PM	2 Vacation Bible School St. John's Church – 6:00 – 8:00 PM	3 Prepare filling ingredients & meat – 4:00 PM	4 Make filling – 7:00 AM 	5 Sunday School Picnic- 12:00 PM --? 
6 Worship Service in the Grove – 9:00 AM Picnic Rain Date	7 WELCA Meeting– 12:30 pm	8	9	10 Office Closed Secretary Vacation	11 	12
13 Worship Service – Supply Pastor 9:00 AM	14	15	16	17 Council Meeting – 7:00 PM	18	19  
20 Worship Service w/ Holy Communion – 9:00 AM	21 	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship Service – 9:00 AM	28 Make chow chow & apple butter – 7:00 AM	29 Make chow chow & apple butter – 7:00 AM	30	31	<p style="text-align: center;">For pastoral service contact Rev. Kenneth Melber Jr. at: Home: 484-629-2812 Church office: 610-681-5200 Email: pastorken86@gmail.com</p>	

I love going to church!



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