

JACOB'S LADDER

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PURPOSE

To keep the members and friends of Jacob's Church informed of the ministries and happenings at our church and in the surrounding community to be **The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ**

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ORDER OF CONFIRMATION FROM THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED BOOK OF WORSHIP

By the grace of God, on Sunday, July 26, 2020 the following young teens professed their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, and become members of the Jacob's Church Family: **Ryan Bergenstock, Ethan Danner, Andrew Sawyer, Cody Utt and Khrystyna Van Blargan.**

May each of us read the Order of Confirmation from the Evangelical and Reformed Book of Worship and rededicate our lives to Christ and His Church.

The Minister shall announce the names of the confirmands, who shall then present themselves at the chancel. *The Minister shall say:*

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me."

DEARLY, Beloved; Following the example of the Apostles of our Lord, the Church bestows upon those who have been baptized, and have been properly instructed, the blessing of Confirmation by prayer and the laying on of hands.

In this sacred ordinance you, on your part renew and ratify the promise and vow made in your Baptism, whilst the Church, in God's stead, claims you publicly for his service, blesses you in his name, confirms you in his covenant, and invokes upon you in larger measure the Holy Spirit by whose help alone you are able to fulfill your vows by leading holy and obedient lives.

Do you now, in the presence of God and this congregation, renounce the vain pomp and glory of the world, the lust of the flesh, and all evil works and ways?

Answer. I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Answer. I do.

Do you promise according to the grace given you, to live a Christian life, and always to remain a faithful member of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I do.

Profess now your faith before God and this congregation.

Here, the Congregation standing, the confirmands, led by the Minister, shall repeat the Apostles' Creed, as follows:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

The Confirmands shall kneel and the rite of Confirmation shall take place. The Minister, with the laying on of hands shall say,

THE very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

or

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace; that he may continue thine forever; and daily increase in the Holy Spirit, until he come into thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Let us Pray.

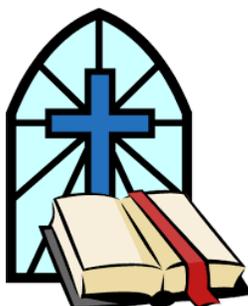
WE give thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for the great goodness thou has been pleased to show toward *these thy servants* by giving *them* power this day to accept for *themselves* thy covenant of salvation. And now, O Lord, we beseech thee, perfect the good work which thou has begun in *them*. Keep *them* from the evil that is in the world. Make *them* faithful unto death, that no man may take from *them*, the crown of life. And grant, that having continued thus steadfast in faith and hope to the end, *they* may be counted worthy to be joined with thy saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confirmands shall rise, and the Minister, extending the right hand of fellowship, shall say,

I NOW receive and welcome you into the fellowship of this congregation, and invite you to partake of the Holy Communion, and to participate in all the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

The Minister shall say,

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Amen.*



God Bless You!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Shay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Shay

Jacob's Church Board Meeting Minutes May 28, 2020

Attendance: Pastor Scott Shay
 Elders: Mike Follweiler, Ron Belknap
 Deacons: Jared Hermany, Kevin Dellicker, Ed Sawyer, Jim Moyer, Tom Danner,
 Solomon Johri
 Youth Leader: Tad Schlegel
 Treasurer: Dave Follweiler
 Visitors: Faye Foulk



1. Tad Schlegel opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Property Committee- Jared Hermany reports stucco for Tad's house is scheduled. Dave Zoghby bought windows for Tad's and will be scheduling a day to install them. Dave Zoghby will be installing a mini split system in the church parlor.
3. Youth Group Update- Tad Schlegel reports Zoom meetings continue. Mission trip to Kentucky is now cancelled.
4. Website/Social Media/Podcasts- Tad Schlegel reports Website is up to date. Reports communion will be during Sunday Podcast service.
5. Investment News- Dave Follweiler has filled out paperwork for a Managed Investment Account. Kevin Dellicker added we should not invest in foreign companies.
6. Freedom in Christ Ministry- They did not attend training during Covid-19. The board is looking into if a refund was issued or if a change of date has been scheduled.
7. Church Campout- Ed Sawyer reports a reschedule date is to be decided.
8. Shinefest- Tad Schlegel may be cancelled because of Green Zone gathering restrictions. Cancellation will be decided by July.
9. VBS- Pastor Shay and Tad Schlegel reports that a meeting on how to creatively run VBS this summer was going on at the same time as the Church Board Meeting. Report of result will be given at next Board Meeting.
10. Confirmation Service- Pastor Shay reports final exam was given and all the confirmands passed. A motion by Ed Sawyer was made to hold off confirmation service until it makes sense and was seconded by Tom Danner. The motion carried.
11. PPP Stimulus- Ron Belknap reports the stimulus ends June 12, 2020.
12. Membership Calling Program- Pastor Shay reports people have started calling each other and all have reported it has been a blessing.
13. Church Reopening Plan- Pastor Shay reports when we move into Yellow Phase 4 Prayer Groups will be allowed to reopen. A motion to reopen these ministries was made by Jared Hermany and seconded by Kevin Dellicker. The motion carried.
14. Thank You Note- Pastor Shay would like to send a Thank You note to the congregation for their donations during the Covid-19 lockdown.
15. Mohan Ram- Pastor Shay reports when India reopens, we should consider a Love Offering.
16. Treasurer's Report:

May 4, 2020 Meeting Balance		\$78,715.49
Income	\$17,827.00	
Transfer to Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	
Expenses	\$19,453.57	
May 28, 2020 Meeting Balance		\$57,088.92

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Solomon Johri and seconded by Ed Sawyer. The motion carried.

17. May 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes- A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes as amended by Ed Sawyer and seconded by Mike Follweiler. The motion carried.

18. Pastor Shay offered a closing prayer.

19. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Jared Hermany and seconded by Mike Follweiler. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Johri



Special Church Reopening Board Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020

Attendance: Pastor Shay

Elders- Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler, Mike Madtes

Deacons- Ed Sawyer, Jared Hermany, Kevin Dellicker, Jim Moyer, Tom Danner, Solomon Johri

Youth Leader- Tad Schlegel

Treasurer- Dave Follweiler

Visitors- Faye Foulk, Mike Sacks

1. Pastor Shay opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. A motion was made to tentatively open the church on June 28, 2020 taking into consideration the safety of our members by Kevin Dellicker and seconded by Tom Danner. The motion carried.
3. Plan is to hold services in the Activity Center with 6 foot spacing, the board will be handing out pamphlets. Hand Sanitizing stations will be available. Masks must be worn on the face covering the nose and mouth until seated and must be worn while moving about the building. There will be no sharing of the peace.
4. Tad Schlegel made the closing prayer.
5. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ed Sawyer and seconded by Jared Hermany. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Johri

Next Jacob's Church Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Monday, August 3, 2020

Next Jacob's Church Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, August 10, 2020

At our December 22, 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,458.00 per week in order to meet our 2020 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in June 2020:

June	\$23,269.00
Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-June	\$115,908.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-June	\$116,164.00
Amount Over Budget for January-June	\$ 256.00

Jacob's Church Commitments for August..... THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:

- (2) Altar vases \$25.00
 - (1) Floral stand \$15.00
 - Bud vase \$5.00
 - Bulletins \$5.00
- Contact Pam Zoghby to
order flowers 610-298-3002



Greeters/Ushers for August

August 2	Jacob's Church Board
August 9	Jacob's Church Board
August 16	Jacob's Church Board
August 23	Jacob's Church Board
August 30	Jacob's Church Board

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Flowers for August

August 2	Jacob's Altar Committee
August 9	Foulk, Grandson, Ian's Birthday
August 16	Shay's Anniversary
August 23	Dianne Ralston in memory of husband Larry Ralston
August 30	Jacob's Altar Committee

**No Puppet Ministry until
we move back into the church!**



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the following couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in August:

*Lester and Nancy Backenstoes
Keith and Jennifer Bergenstock
David and Donna Berger
Steve and Marnie Feinour
Andrew and Amy Garger
Roger and Cindy Kuhns
Randy and Linda Meier
Keegan and Sherlyn Moyer*

*Bryan and Robin Rassler
John and Lorrie Rauch
James and Jocelyn Reppert
Pastor Scott and Donna Shay
Eric and Christina Staudt
John and Doris Turko
Ralph and Diane Wertman
Christopher and Donna Wilson*

Mourning the Loss Of...

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away, Revelation 21:4

Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy

May the Lord Bless and comfort the family of Dennis Paul Reppert. Dennis went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the age of 70. He was born on December 14, 1949, the son of the late Norman A. and Ellen F. Hartman Reppert. Dennis was confirmed on October 1, 1961 officiated by Rev. Clarence R. Rahn. Dennis is survived by several members of our Jacob's Church Family. Deepest heartfelt sympathy from your Jacob's Church Family.

Weddings

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Lara Schick and Jason Toner, who were united in holy matrimony in July of 2020. Lara is the daughter of Paul and Susan Schick, members of our Jacob's Church Family. Jason is the son of Ben and Candy Toner. May God's Blessings be upon Jason and Lara.

Welcome the following new members...

We welcome the following young teens into our Jacob's Church Family.

The following were confirmed on Sunday, July 26, 2020.

Ryan Timothy Bergenstock, the son of Keith and Jennifer Bergenstock of New Tripoli. Ryan will be entering the 9th grade at the Northwestern Lehigh High School in New Tripoli in the fall. He hopes to attend college in the future and use his gifts to help people in need.

Ethan James Danner, the son of Thomas and Candice Danner, brother of Caleb, Isaiah, and Lydia Danner of New Tripoli. Ethan will be entering the 10th grade at Pennsylvania Virtual Charter School in the fall. Ethan plans to use his skills of service to help others in his community and church family.

Andrew Edward Sawyer, the son of Edward and Tracy Sawyer, brother of Emily and Lucas Sawyer of Kempton. Andrew will be entering the 9th grade at the Northwestern Lehigh High School in New Tripoli in the fall. Future plans consist of Vo-Tech, proceeded by Lehigh Carbon Community College to study Automotive Technology. And to be diligent in the word of our Lord by using skills gifted to him to help needy people.

Cody Allen Utt, the son of Kevin and Heather Utt and brother of Sydney Utt of New Tripoli. Cody will be entering the 8th grade at Northwestern Lehigh Middle School in New Tripoli in the fall. He plans to go to trade school for machine shop and welding. He will use his gifts of helping others in volunteering.

Khrystyna Irene Van Blargan, the daughter of Timothy & Mary Van Blargan and sister of Khalan Van Blargan of Tamaqua. Khrystyna will be a homeschooled 7th grade student in the fall. In the future, she wants to attend Penn State University to receive a Degree in Engineering. Her gifts are helping, listening, and comforting.



GRADUATION SUNDAY was celebrated on **Sunday, July 26, 2020**. Congratulations to the following men and women: Harrison Daniel Bernhard, Quentin Daniel Bernhard, Isaiah Alexander Danner, Lydia Caroline Danner, Jacob Nathaniel Dellicker, Brandon Hunter Fidler, Stone Scott Feinour, Teagan Irene Feinour, Connor Orion Hill and Rebecca Mary Shoemaker. Congratulations and Best Wishes to all of you as the future unfolds wonderful opportunities to serve Jesus Christ and His Church!



What's Happening at Jacob's Church

The Lord is Good! It is wonderful to see our Jacob's Church Family each week. We all miss our weekly hugs and handshakes from our brothers and sisters in Christ, but please continue to social distance.

Please follow these guide lines: social distancing (six feet apart), prevention hygiene (wash hands often or use hand sanitizer), and wear face coverings while moving about building. Once seated if you are comfortable taking off your face covering, please do.

Worship services at Jacob's Church will continue in the Activity Center.
Adult Sunday School class will meet in the church parlor area,
Young Adult Sunday School class will meet in the Activity Center meeting room.
Teenage Sunday School is on summer break.
Children's Church is on summer break.

Jacob's Church worship service will continue on **PODCAST ON JACOB'S CHURCH WEBSITE**.
The worship service will be filmed **LIVE**.

After each use of facility, the person/persons in charge of event shall clean area with provided disinfected spray and paper towels.
This includes tables, chairs, door knobs, counter tops, etc.

2020 SHINEFEST IS CANCELLED

SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY meet **Tuesday** mornings in the Activity Center **9:30AM-11:30AM**. Contact Eileen Myers at 610.751.2594.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY meet every other **Tuesday** evening at **7:00PM** in the Activity Center meeting room. In August the sessions will be Tuesday, August 11th and Tuesday, August 25th. For additional information, please contact Christine Morehouse at 610.393.6068.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST meet on **Wednesday** mornings starting at **7:00AM** and ending approximately at **8:30AM**. Contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUP meet on **Wednesday** evenings in the Activity Center meeting room starting at **7:00PM**. Contact Richard Oswald at 484.707.9580 or Pastor Shay at 610.298.2602.

CHOIR NEWS the choir is on summer break, they will resume in September. Please take this opportunity to share your musical talents during worship. The **SPECIAL MUSIC** sign-up sheet is posted on the Activity Center bulletin board at the main entrance. **SIGN UP TODAY!** Any questions please contact Brenda Phillips at 484.515.1756.

SUMMER COMMUNION will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 2nd** during the 10:15AM Worship Service. Circle this date on your calendar for this special service.



Ladies NIGHT OUT

LADIES NIGHT OUT will be held on, **Monday, August 10th at 7:00PM** in the Activity Center. Join us for a movie night! You are welcomed to come in pajamas for the comfiest experience as we snack on popcorn and enjoy a movie together. For additional information, please contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567.

NEW 2020-2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin on Sunday, September 20, 2020. If your child is interested in joining this class, please register on the sign-up sheet posted on the Activity Center bulletin board. Students must be in at least the 7th Grade to attend this class.

LIFE CHOICES: We have someone in need of a dresser and bed for a 5-year-old boy who has come to live with them. Anyone who has one or both items, please contact Katie, the client service director at Kutztown. Her email is katie.lifeschoices@gmail.com. Thank you everyone for the baby bottles! Thank you, Joy

YOUTH NEWS!

Jr. High Youth (FUEL) Grades 6th-12th – Will resume in September

Kids for Christ (KFC) Grades K-5th – Will resume in September

STEP-UP (Grades 8th-12th) – Will resume in September

Have a great summer and please keep in touch, **Tad Schlegel, Youth Leader - 717.644.1153 or tad836@yahoo.com**



JACOB'S CHURCH LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL 2020-2021

JACOB'S CHURCH LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL – Open enrollment for the Pre-K (four-year-old) and the three-year-old class for the 2020-2021 school year is available. Email Jill at jsabo615@aol.com to register. The preschool is planning to open in September with COVID19 safe policies and procedures in place, ensuring a safe, caring learning environment for all children.



LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!



Richard and Joan Oswald



Carolyn Krick

Robert Nester



Kayla Fusselman
Mitch Holster



Sophia Sacks

Edward and
Lucas Sawyer



Jada, Reeves, Etta, Leif Moyer



Olive Shrawder



Michael and Leann Sacks

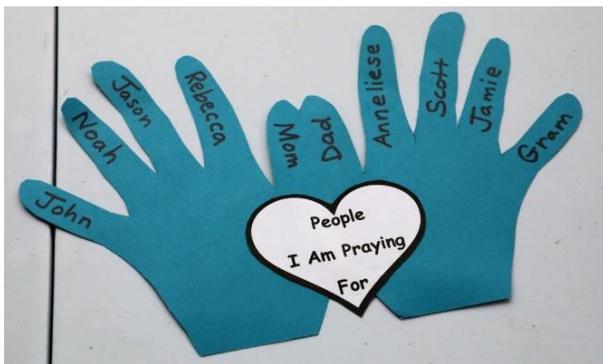
2020 Vacation Bible Study – Road Trip Edition!



Let Us Not Become Weary
In Doing Good, For At The
Proper Time We Will
Reap A Harvest If We
Do Not Give Up.
Galatians 6:9









Photos by Leann Sacks

Looking Ahead to



Thursday, September 3 – Stephen Ministers Meeting – 1:00PM – 3:30PM

Sunday, September 6 – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 6 – Labor Day Communion – 10:15AM

Tuesday, September 7 - Jacob's Church Board Meeting – 7:30PM

Monday, September 14 – Jacob's Church Elders Meeting – 7:00PM

Monday, September 14 – Ladies Night Out! – 7:00PM

Thursday, September 17 – Stephen Ministers Meeting – 1:00PM – 3:30PM

Sunday, September 20 – Confirmation Class Begins – 9:00AM

Sunday, September 20 – Installation of Board Of Christian Education Leaders – 10:15AM

Sunday, September 20 – Church Picnic - Tentative



NOTES OF THANKS!

*"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1*



We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our first ever drive-thru "VBS: Road Trip Edition" a huge success! This event would not have been possible without the huge amount of prayers and support we received! Also, a huge thank you to all of the families and children who joined us on the road trip!! We also raised more than \$350 and tons of donation items for our local mission, the Lowhill Food Pantry. God was at work through this event and it was a huge success!

Ephesians 3:20 - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. Thank you, again and may you feel the presence and peace of our Lord. Melissa and Jane.

JACOB'S CHURCH
ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT
"THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"

July 19, 2020

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Ladies Night Out held their gathering on Monday, July 13th at 7:00PM.

Sisters of Esther held meetings on Tuesday, July 7, 21 and 28 at 9:30AM to 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry resumed their meetings on Tuesday, July 14 and 28 at 7:00PM in the Activity Center.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held gatherings on Wednesday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 starting at 7:00AM.

The Stephen Ministry Group held their meeting on Thursday, July 23, at 1:00pm until 3:30pm.

The Revolution Twirlers held practice on Saturday, July 25, starting approximately at 10:00am and ending at 12:30pm.

When we put our problems in God's hands, he puts peace in our hearts.

Stay healthy!

God Bless You,
Faye M Foulk



Carter Foulk with Naya

Jacob's Church Scheduled Activities in Church

August 2020

30 9:00AM Sunday School	31					1
2 9:00AM Sunday School	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 9:00AM Sunday School	10 Jacob's Church Elders Meeting 7:00pm	11	12	13	14	15
16 9:00AM Sunday School	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:00AM Sunday School	24	25	26	27	28	29

Jacob's Church Tentative Activity Center Schedule

August 2020

30 9:00am Sunday School 10:15am Blended Worship Service	31					1 PRIVATE CELEBRATION
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