

# BERN BUGLE'S JOYFUL NOTES



## February 2021

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Bern Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Office Hours:  
Tues 8:30-3:30, Wed 12-4, Thurs 8:30-12:30

Worship Availability

Sundays 9:00am

In House Service

Parking Lot Service (91.7fm)

Video on Website

**Ministers:** ALL THE MEMBERS EVERYDAY

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**Parish Nurse:** Toni Sweitzer

610-372-3753

**Music Director:** Jane Battaglieri

610-370-0965

**Missionaries:** Robert & Kathy Moore, Germany



## *Bern Lutheran Church Sends February Birthday Greetings To*



\*Denotes 80+ years young!

Tanner Mountz 02/12  
\*Pauline Schenk 02/18  
Julia Greenwood 02/20  
\*Nancy Rickenbach 02/21  
Debra Beissel 02/22

Laura Berger 02/22  
Stacey Reifsnyder 02/22  
Sandra Schucker 02/24  
\*Jim Bernhart 02/25  
Michael Leh 02/25

April Riegel 02/25  
Shawn Slusser 02/25  
Donna Giles 02/28  
Maria Mogford 02/28

## February Bugle Sponsor

The Bern Bugle this month is sponsored for the Glory of God!

### Building Principles

Devotion to Jesus as Lord &  
Savior  
Compassionate Sharing &  
Community Service  
Persistent Faithfulness  
Courageous Witness  
Flexible leadership

### Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the March Bern  
Bugle are due by 02/16

### Purpose Statement

God's purpose for our  
congregation is to:  
Learn God's mission  
Share God's love  
Witness through Word & Service  
Welcome all to a fellowship of  
forgiveness & thankful praise.

## 2021 Bulletin & Newsletter Sponsorships Are Open

*In order to provide high quality weekly bulletins & cover mailing costs we invite you to become a sponsor for only \$20. You are welcome to do this in honor of loved ones or important anniversaries or in memory of someone or to the glory of God.*

**[Click Here to Sponsor Bulletins](#)**

*By sponsoring our monthly newsletter you are helping us to share our faith, our church, our family. We are able to share news of birthdays, upcoming events, and so much more!*

**[Click Here to Sponsor Newsletters](#)**

You may also contact the office directly or use the Sponsor Buttons on our Website.

## January Congregational Council Meeting Highlights

- Held re-organizational meeting and elected officers for 2021
  - President - Brenda Reichart
  - Vice President - Richard Greener
  - Treasurer - David Hartman
  - Secretary - Theresa Shurr
- Approved an updated Church Cancellation Procedure. (more information below)
- Scheduled a Congregational Meeting for February 28 to be held via Zoom. (more information below)

### **Church Cancellation Procedure**

If inclement weather or other events make it unsafe to hold a scheduled worship service or other scheduled church activity, the following procedure will be followed.

Pastor & Council President (or designee) will make the decision at least 2hrs prior to the scheduled event when possible. The decision will be communicated by:

- Pastor will call others participating in the service.
- Pastor will update the message on the Answering Machine.
- Council President will contact Mike Reichart who will
  - Send out a notification via the "Remind" email alert system.
  - Post the information on the church website.
- Council President will post on WFMZ, Channel 69's website.
- Council President will post on the church facebook page.

*Offering envelopes are available for pick up!  
They can be picked up on Sunday before worship or  
during regular office hours.  
If you see a neighbor's envelopes, please drop them  
off to your neighbor.*



### **The Annual Meeting**

of the Congregation has been scheduled for Sunday,  
February 28 at 11 am

On the agenda is:

- The election of Council Members
- Budget for 2021
- Annual Reports

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85846205677?pwd=bDVkdGJldXVtNzBURTY1WDUyZGM0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 858 4620 5677 & Passcode: 728746

One tap mobile

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Meeting ID: 858 4620 5677 & Passcode: 728746

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kxXdomeJp>



### **Coffee Hour**

February 7th at 2:00pm

On Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88043352420?pwd=bFNmejhYZEhMTlA>

### **We are Now on Facebook!**



You can follow us on Facebook for information on Worship Services, Events, Cancellations,

and other news.

<https://www.facebook.com/Bern-Lutheran-Church-103625754955228>

## WBMD Midweek Lenten Worship Series

***LET'S WORSHIP TOGETHER IN LENT!***

**Wednesday evenings beginning February 17**

Plans are being made to worship together virtually as the WBMD for Ash Wednesday & other Wednesdays in Lent. Please join your sisters & brothers during this holy season as we pray for & work toward keeping holy connections alive with one another, creation, & our God and Savior.

- ★ Ash Wednesday Worship is a full service with over two dozen WBMD participants contributing content. It will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 190 at 7:30 PM on Ash Wednesday, February 17 & will be posted to YouTube by noon that day. The link will be shared on the WBMD website. Worshipers will be invited to impose their own ashes at home or from your home church.
  - Bern Church will distribute ashes beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>: before worship or during office hours.
- ★ Other Wednesdays in Lent will focus on the theme “**Created for Community**.” These 20-30 minute Zoom services will be offered each week at 7:00 PM using leadership from across the WBMD. To join the service on your computer click the link below.

**Meeting ID:** 885 5323 5621

**Passcode:** 321147

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88553235621?pwd=bGVBTdZTb1lvTWgyMWN3bmFmbTVjZz09>

- ★ Worshipers are invited to make a special Lenten offering through their congregations to Helping Harvest Food Bank to help feed our neighbors in need.

*gratitude*

*There have been many displays of gratitude with cards & phone calls from people expressing their thankfulness for all the church family has done over the past couple of months that have made them feel loved & cared for.*

*Thank you everyone who has already sent in their updated information for our church records. It's much appreciated! Beverly Whipple, Parish Secretary*

*My thanks & appreciation to friends for the many words of good wishes, the many cards, prayers, gift cards, & phone calls. It's so meaningful to hear from the congregation members - the church families. Special thanks to Pastor Phyllis for all her concern too! Sincerely, Ruth Mease*

*In addition to those who mow & maintain the more visible parts of our grounds, we would like to thank Warren Lengel who volunteers his time to mow the holding pond at the back of our property. We thank him for the many years that he has volunteered his time to maintain this part of our grounds.*

*Dear friends at Bern Church,*

*Thank you so very much for your generous Christmas gift! It was truly appreciated. Just as much, I appreciate how kind & loving you have been to me since I came to Bern Church. You have become very dear to me & have made me feel like this is where I belong! Thank you again. Jane Battaglieri*



**On February 20**, Bern is signed up to help with the food distribution at Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. The distribution procedure has changed, because of the pandemic. We need about 4 people from our congregation to help with packing up bags of food to be brought out to people waiting

in their cars. If you are able to assist at the Food Pantry that day from 7:30 am until noon, please talk to Pastor Phyllis. Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters who are struggling to keep food on their tables.



**A Note from the Bern Cemetery Boards of Trustees**

We want to say a big thank you to all the folks who gave money to sponsor wreaths and the brave volunteers who helped us place these wreaths. There was much snow to trod thru and also it covered the monuments when one was trying to find the name. We placed 165 in Bern Cemetery across the street and 40 in the Historic graveyard. Every veteran has a wreath.

**List of Veterans Sponsored by Family**

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|--|--|
| Barbara Braucher & family for David Braucher   | Gary C. Seifrit for George C. Seifrit  |
| Mark Barr for Paul Barr  | Anne Burkey for Norman Burkey  |
| Ken & Amy Noecker for Earl Sweigart & Earl Kauffman  | Bonnie Seidel for Adam Pietrzyk  |
| Ralph & Doreen for Nevin J. Zerbe  | David Burkey for John S. Burkey & Robert L. Burkey   |
| Iren G. Kissling for Melvin L. Kissling  | Carol Eichner for Rev. David N. Eicher   |
| Judy Berger for Paul Reed and Stanley Stamm  | Ruth Keeney for Edgar Keeney   |
| George Schaeffer for John Burkey   | Barbara and Gary Reed for Ralph Reed & Leroy Himmelberger  |
| George C. Seifrit for George C. Seifrit  | Grace Reeser for Ruelle Reeser   |
| Doris Supplee for Frank Supplee  | Donald & Loretta Dickinson for Frank Horvat  |
| Verna Speicher, Barbara Speicher, Tim & Beverly Moyer for Elwood Speicher, Charles Boatz, & Paul Boudier | Carol Aulenbach for Robert Kissinger   |
| D. Barry Shurr for Donald F. Shurr   | Diane Brubaker for Larry Brubaker  |
| Dianne Leininger for Paul Leininger  | James Beidler for Richard Beidler, William Moyer, Amos Machmer, Michael Staudt, Washington Hiester, Peter Kerchner, William Hetterich, William Hiester Esq., Johannes Hiester, & Johann Daniel Miessel |
| Rebecca Reigel for Daniel Parker   | Christine & Richard Gruber for Norman Straus   |
| Joy H. Field for William D. Field  | Doris Schlappich for Herbert Schlappich  |
| Brent Reed for Gerald Long   |  |

**Other Sponsors Were:**

- |                            |                        |                           |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| L.B. Dickinson & Sons Inc. | Ed & Nancy Fisher      | Jim & Judy Roth           |
| Esterly Concrete Co.       | George Fisher          | Lion Schock & Joyce Kline |
| Fisher's Rental Center Co. | Steve & Gina Fisher    | Doug Wentzel              |
| Lamm & Witman Funeral Home | Christine Forry        | Sheryl & Cliff Snyder     |
| Plum Creek Creamery        | Dick Greener           | Susan & Richard Snyder    |
| Senator Judy Schwank       | Tom & Donna Hartz      | Mike & Kay St. Angelo     |
| Stitzel Funeral Home       | Mr. & Mrs. Philip Ketz | George Tobias             |
| Kevin Reed                 | Gerald Knorr           | Rev. & Mrs. William Tyson |
| Barbara Auchenbach         | Joan MacKnight         | Larry & Sue Vituszynski   |
| Ann & Ron Bair             | Claude Ohlinger        | Vituszynski Family        |
| Larry & Linda Benevit      | Brenda Owens           | Arlan & Beneta Wagner     |
| Dale Bitting               | Christ Reed & Family   | George & Dorothy Wagner   |
| Ron & Nancy Boyer          | Evelyn Riegel Reese    | Don & Mary Walters        |
| Clyton Brown               | Ryan & Rose Reeser     | Michael & Deborah White   |
| Stacey Dickinson           | Grace Reese            | Phyllis Wolkenhauer       |

# Update your Information



## Help us to Update our Records for the New Directory!

To ensure we have everyone's information and that it is correct, please [Click Here to Update Your Information](#) or contact the office for a paper form to complete.

*Thank you for your help in this!*

|                      | <b>INCOME AND ATTENDANCE</b> |             |           |
|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
|                      | INCOME TOWARD                | ATTENDANCE  |           |
|                      |                              | Parking Lot | Sanctuary |
| FOR THE WEEK ENDING: | BUDGET EXPENSES              | 9:00 AM     | 9:00 AM   |
| 12/20/20             | \$3,571.00                   | 11          | 24        |
| 12/27/20             | \$3,961.00                   | 12          | 23        |
| 12/31/20             | \$1,803.44                   |             |           |

\$3259.19 IS NEEDED PER WEEK TO MEET 100% OF THE BUDGETED EXPENSES

| <b>BUDGET REPORT - YEAR TO DATE</b> |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Income                              | \$137,939.811 |
| Congregational fund raising         | \$634.06      |
| Total funds                         | \$138,573.87  |
| Needed to meet the budget           | \$169,477.880 |
| Surplus/Deficit                     | -\$30,904.013 |

| <b>BENEVOLENCE</b> |                   |              |             |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                    | 12/14/20-12/31/20 | YEAR TO DATE | 2020 PLEDGE |
| Synod & ELCA       | \$94.00           | \$3,155.500  | \$3,500.00  |
| World Hunger       | \$30.50           | \$784.500    | \$1,500.00  |
| Mission Field      | \$25.00           | \$466.00     | \$1,300.00  |
| W.B.M.D.           | \$30.50           | \$398.00     | \$800.00    |
| Other              | \$0.00            | \$221.81     | \$0.00      |

| <b>ACTUAL INCOME/EXPENSES</b> |  |                  |              |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------|--------------|
|                               |  | 2/14/20-12/31/20 | YEAR TO DATE |
| BUDGETED INCOME               |  | \$9,518.33       | \$142,747.14 |
| NON-BUDGETED INCOME           |  | \$340.00         | \$25,880.72  |
| BUDGETED EXPENSES             |  | \$10,373.91      | \$150,986.91 |
| NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES         |  | \$805.00         | \$6,283.733  |
| BENEVOLENCE TO BE PAID        |  |                  | \$0.00       |
| SURPLUS/DEFICIT               |  |                  | \$11,357.22  |

| <b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT</b> |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Income - December 14 - December 31 |             |
| Member contributions               | \$50.00     |
| Interest                           | \$0.00      |
| Expense                            | \$0.00      |
| Balance as of December 31, 2020    | \$39,393.78 |

| <b>ORGAN FUND</b>                  |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Income - December 14 - December 31 |            |
| Member contributions               | \$0.00     |
| Interest                           | \$0.06     |
| Balance as of December 31, 2020    | \$2,265.46 |

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Income - December 14 - December 31 |              |
| Thrivent Choice Dollars            | \$0.00       |
| Interest                           | \$3.03       |
| Expenses                           | \$0.00       |
| Balance as of December 31, 2020    | \$119,400.39 |

**PIANO FUND**

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Income - December 14 - December 31 |            |
| Member contributions               | \$0.00     |
| Interest                           | \$0.11     |
| Expense                            | \$0.00     |
| Balance as of December 31, 2020    | \$4,257.55 |

**As of December 31, 2020 our general checking account balance is \$65,560.02**

