

**THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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**THE MISSION OF  
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*We are a group of people who  
gather together in friendship and love  
to worship God, to spread God's Word,  
and to care for God's people.*



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The lesson I taught at Vacation Bible School last week centered on the theme “God made you for a reason”. It focused on the story of Abigail and David found in 1 Samuel 25. In it Abigail, the wife of Nabal, helped David see that taking revenge on her husband’s bad behavior would not be wise. David listened to Abigail, thanked her for her wisdom, and praised God for sending her to encourage him to follow the way of peace.

Yes, God made each of us for a purpose. In baptism we learn that God made each of us because God loves and delights in us and not only wants us to enjoy what God has created, but to assist God in caring for it. Sometimes, like David, we point out some specific “special” thing that a person has done and say God made him or her for that purpose. But God also gives *each* of us varied interests, abilities and passions, as well as many opportunities to use these in service to others and all of creation.

I sometimes wonder whether folks read the notes about the saints that we list in our bulletins. Do they notice the diversity of abilities these people had and the ways they used them in the unique opportunities God gave them? Do folks think that we are putting these people on a special pedestal or do they understand that we list these names and their stories are a way of reminding ourselves to thank God for God’s people and what they have done. I wonder whether folks end up thinking, “Oh, I could never do anything like that!” or whether these stories remind them that *each* of us is a saint, *each* given and called to use our unique abilities and opportunities to serve God and all that God has made.

“Rejoice in God’s saints, today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise.”

*Fred Pratt Green, ELW 418, used with permission.*

In mid August the church remembers Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who is also called the *theotokos*, which means “God (*theo*) bearer (*tokos*)”. She is honored not just for carrying and birthing Jesus, but also for the many ways she proclaimed in song and deed that God’s standards are not the same as human ones. God is not impressed with riches or might. God pays attention to the poor, the lowly and the hungry. A little later in this newsletter we will note the diversity of other saints we will remember in the coming weeks. But let’s not just focus on saints that are “officially” commemorated by the church. Let’s also think about the saints among us and their diverse gifts. I hope you will recognize yourself and am sure you’ll think of other things to add.

Many among us have the gift of friendship. They greet those they meet, strike up a conversation with a co-worker or neighbor, call, text or send cards. Many among us use our artistic talents to carve wood, fashion cloth and thread, draw and paint, shape paper, etc. Many care for the earth, tending gardens, flower beds or even indoor plants. Our fellowship opportunities reveal that many love to cook, and even those who are not the greatest chefs generously use their talents to feed others. Then there are those who have the ability to fix things, who can look at a problem or an object, learn how it works, figure out what is wrong, and get things moving again. The music lovers among us include not just those who play an instrument or sing in the choir, but also those who just love music and whistle or hum a melody. We have jokesters who love to stir things up. We have listeners who encourage others to share what is on their minds. Many among us love to learn and encourage others to do so. Then there are those always ready to help with whatever is needed.

As we remember that God made each of us for a purpose, let us each give thanks for the varied abilities and opportunities for service that God has given us. Let us each be open to the ways God is calling us to serve today and tomorrow. And, as the gathering of saints in this place, let us pray that God will open our eyes to see the opportunities God is giving us to use the resources and abilities with which God has abundantly blessed this congregation. Like Mary, let us gladly be God bearers.

*Pastor Ruth*

# NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Up to \$2,000 was authorized for repairs to the office and stairwell.
- Dan Bailey was authorized to purchase a weed trimmer and to do the trimming around the church.
- The new door at the back of the church is currently being painted and will be installed within the next two weeks. The door will be dedicated in memory of Karl Fenstermacher since funds for the project will come from those given in his memory.
- Twenty-two children and 22 adult volunteers, including Pastor Ruth and Sue Schlenker, attended Camp Noah in Kokomo, Indiana July 8-15.
- Pastor Ruth, Gladys Kline, Susan Schlenker, and Cheryl Wiltrout attended the Food Safety Training on June 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hamburg. Based on what they learned, they will prepare recommendations for New Jerusalem.

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Our outdoor worship service will be held on **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. at Bowers Park.** Join with New Jerusalem UCC, Hope Lutheran, Christ Mertz Lutheran, Christ DeLong UCC, and St. Peter's UCC for worship and a fellowship picnic. If there is inclement weather, the service will be held in doors at Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers. There are picnic benches, but you are welcome to bring along lawn chairs. The members of New Jerusalem are encouraged to bring **meats** (barbecue, hotdogs, etc.) You are also welcome to bring a main dish or other items.

## SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## BACKPACK SUNDAY – August 20<sup>th</sup>

Children and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed during the worship service. We will also be collecting new or gently used backpacks for the children of Brandywine Heights Elementary School.

## HARVEST HOME AND SEASON OF CREATION SERVICE: LAND

On **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>,** we will worship with the land and celebrate with the grasses, the soils, the vines, and the creatures of the land. We also invite you to share your bountiful harvest with us by bringing in fresh produce from your gardens or any non-perishables you would like to donate to the food pantry.

As part of our celebration of Land Sunday and Harvest Home, Andrew Potteiger, Superintendent of the Brandywine Heights Area School District, will join Pastor Ruth for the sermon to help us understand why there are hungry children in our schools.

## CRUISE FOR A CURE

This year's Cruise will be held on **September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-6 p.m.** at Larry Dey Auto Service. Rain date will be Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Cruise features DJ music, food and drinks, raffle and door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Admission donation and proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life Team of New Jerusalem.

**VERNA GUNTHER and her son DENNIS have moved** to Country Meadows, Wyomissing. This is a big step for them. Verna turned 98 in July. New address and phone: 1802 Tulpehocken Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610, 610.743.8197.

ELCA Advocacy encourages us to **FAST, PRAY, ACT** on the **21<sup>st</sup> of each month.** In July the focus was on international aid which accounts for only 1% of our national budget, yet makes the difference between life and death for so many in the world.

*“God of compassion, whose Son became poor for our sake: Help us to see the face of Christ in those who are poor, and in serving them to serve you. Give us generous hearts so that those living in poverty may have adequate food, clothing, and shelter. By your Spirit move us to affirm the dignity of all people and to work for just laws that protect the most vulnerable in society; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.”* (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pg. 79)

## **QUILTS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Anyone willing to help put help cut out and put together simple tops and bottoms for quilts for Lutheran World Relief please join us Wednesday, August 2 from 4:30 to 7 in the basement. Bring scissors and pins and, if you are willing, a sewing machine. No expertise in quilting needed.

## **SHARING WHAT WE LEARNED:**

Those who attended the **food safety training** in June are working on ways to share what we learned.

Some might wonder why should we be concerned about food safety now? After all, we've been serving food for many years and can't remember that we've ever had problems. Well, first of all, we don't want anyone to get sick because of something we did or didn't do. Second, since it takes 24 to 36 hours for anyone to show symptoms and some don't show up for 2 months, we don't really know whether anyone became ill after eating something we provided. Third, just one person thinking they became ill from something we've served could significantly impact what people think about our congregation. So why not exercise good stewardship by utilizing the new understandings and improved equipment available to us to keep people healthy?

As we start sharing what we've learned, please be reassured that we are appreciative of all who have and who continue to help. We know that the ways of doing things that developed over time were what folks believed were best. However, just because "we always did it that way" does not mean that we cannot learn, adapt, and improve. We also expect to continue to develop even better ways in the future. And do remember, suggestions and feedback are always welcome and will be considered.

## **HOW DID IT GO IN KOKOMO?**

The Camp Noah program that volunteers from Berks County staffed in Kokomo, Indiana, was a great learning experience for all involved. Each of the 22 children who attended learned about how unique and special he or she is, how to be prepared for challenges, and that he or she is not alone in facing tough times. The volunteers were delighted at how the kids were able to let loose and have so much fun. By the end of the week there were many signs of hope and all of the children's evaluations were very positive.

Volunteers (22 of us from many locations in Pennsylvania) learned a lot about the things these children experience, ways to help them share their

stories, and, ironically, even what to do when there is a tornado warning. (We had gone to help because the town had experienced significant damage from 6 tornadoes on one day in 2016. Then on our first night of camp a tornado touched down not far from us, but did no damage to houses or people.) Mostly we marveled at how God's Spirit enabled us to work so well together and provided what we needed when we needed it.

One poignant note: On the last day of camp one of our youngest boys turned 6. His caregiver provided cupcakes for that day and we sang "Happy Birthday" to him. Later we learned that this was the very first birthday party he had ever had.

## **VBS**

Once again the congregations of Christ, Dryville, Hope, Bowers, and New Jerusalem combined resources to provide Vacation Bible School. This year, approximately 35 children attended. The theme was "Maker Fun Factory" and the program encouraged kids to learn that God made them for a purpose, loves them, is for them, and always with them. It encouraged their curiosity and to become hands-on inventors. Many thanks to our volunteers who assisted in the program.

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## **REJOICE IN GOD'S SAINTS!**

As mentioned on the Pastor's Page, notice the diversity of saints we will remember in the coming weeks: Lawrence was responsible for financial matters and caring for the poor in the early church in Rome. Augustine, once a notorious juvenile delinquent, used his gifts of reasoning and writing to help clarify the early church's teachings. When Moses the Black, once the leader of a band of robbers, converted, it had a profound impact on his country of Ethiopia. Bernard, Dominic and Clare each established Christian communities that proclaimed through the simple ways they lived that God was not concerned with wealth, but with kindness and care for all. Nikolai Grundtvig, a chaplain at a home for elderly women, wrote over a thousand hymns, some of which we sing today. Florence Nightingale and Clara Maass responded to the need for nurses during times of war and dedicated their lives to reforming hospitals and advancing medical research. Remembering these women invites us to give thanks for all who practice the arts of healing. Maximilian Kolbe and Kaj Munk resisted the Nazis. God used the gifts of each of these common, ordinary people, and each of us to proclaim God's good news.

# NEWS & EVENTS

in the community

## VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL

In the village of Huff's Church (across the street from Huff's Union Church building, 540 Conrad Road, Alburtis.) **Every Wednesday until August 23<sup>rd</sup>, (weather permitting) from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Relaxed recreational volleyball. Church provides the place, net, ball, cold water (bring your water bottle to fill), and bathrooms. All ages; minimum of 2 persons needed to start a game. If no one shows by 7 p.m., we will assume the evening is cancelled. Public is welcome. We hope to see you there. Congregations – you are welcome to bring a team and play.

## GREAT THEOLOGIANS OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY PRESENTATION

On **August 1st and 8<sup>th</sup>, from 2-3:30 p.m.** the public is invited to a presentation of Reinhold Niebuhr from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Henry Auditorium at the Lutheran Home in Tipton. We will be viewing a portion of an award-winning documentary by Martin Doublmeier followed by a discussion led by Rev. Dr. Colleen Kristula, Tipton Lutheran Home Chaplain.

## REFORMATION 500 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mertztown, will be celebrating 500 years of the Reformation with a community festival on **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**, (rain date: August 19<sup>th</sup>) from 12-7 p.m. Food, games, prizes, bake sale, cake walk, nature walk, dunk tank, bounce house, and entertainment.

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FORUMS

The **Lutheran Home at Tipton** runs Bereavement Support Forums the third Wednesday of each month from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** in Deibert Hall, first floor of D-wing. On **August 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Facing Our Own Mortality: Gift of Grace Game*. Crafts, refreshments and a time for sharing will follow each program or presentation.

## PEACH FESTIVAL

Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, will be holding their annual Peach Festival on **Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4-7 p.m.** The menu includes BBQ, hot dogs, hamburgers, soups, macaroni salad, peaches and ice cream.

## CELEBRATE YOUR FAITH NIGHTS AT THE FIGHTIN' PHILS

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m.** is the next scheduled "Celebrate Your Faith" night. Youth groups and congregations are invited to meet with Reading Fightin' Phils players during a post-game faith discussion. Members of the team discuss their faith and the role it plays in their lives. They also take questions from the audience. Post-game fireworks will take place after the game.

## BIBLE STUDY

Will resume on **September 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** at Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers.

## OCTOBER 14 ADULT LUTHERANS IN MINISTRY IN NORTHEASTERN PA

"Church: Still Reforming" or "The Myth of the Good Old Days." Keynote speaker: Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer, Moravian Theological Seminary. With so many congregations declining in numbers and members increasing in age, what can we do to reverse this trend and revitalize our congregation? Workshops with take-home ideas for planning, organizing, and mission, worship, options for children and youth. **Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown. Cost \$18 (includes continental breakfast and lunch).

**CONGRATULATIONS to PASTOR LAURA STONEBACK** who retired from serving St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Trexlertown on July 23. Pastor Laura previously served our congregation. Several of our members attended the celebration service.

## Bible Quiz

Jacob had two wives, two concubines (his wives' maids), 12 sons and one daughter. Who gave birth to the daughter, Dinah?

- A. Zilpah
- B. Bilhah
- C. Leah
- D. Rachel



Answer: C (see Genesis 30:19-21.)

## CHRIST'S HANDS

In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ "has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor – except our hands. He inspires. We perform."

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

Christ has no body but yours;  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks  
to do good.  
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the  
world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but yours.



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## GOD'S PLAN

God has a plan for every life in Christ Jesus. What a wondrous truth ... and yet how reasonable. Shall the architect draw the plans for his stately palace? Shall the artist sketch the outlines of his masterpiece? Shall the shipbuilder lay down the lines for this colossal ship? And yet shall God have no plan for the soul which he brings into being and puts "in Christ Jesus"? Surely he has.

Yea, for every cloud that floats across the summer sky, for every blade of grass that points its tiny spear heavenward, God has a purpose and a plan. How much more then, for you who are his own in Christ Jesus, does God have a perfect life plan.

– James McConkey

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Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget your purpose and destiny as God's creature. What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing more. Remember, that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received - fading symbols of honor, trappings of power - but only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

–Francis of Assisi  
in *Letters to Rulers of People*



- 1 John Keck
- 7 Audrey Hoffman
- 12 Katie Hess
- 14 Brian Keller
- 15 Steven Seip
- 16 Aubree Musser
- 19 Penny Keller
- 19 Lynne Lounsbury
- 21 Dennis Beshore
- 21 Linda Didyoung
- 21 Patricia Keck
- 22 Tara Basta
- 23 Brandon Mengel
- 24 Anna Angstadt
- 24 Shirley Marks
- 26 Joyce Rothermel
- 27 Faye Dey
- 28 Forrest Merkel, Jr.
- 28 Richard Musser



- 7 Clay and Beth Angstadt (35 years)
- 9 Jeff and Dawn Wengert (20 years)
- 15 David and Diana Moyer (19 years)
- 18 Marlowe and Brenda Greis (33 years)
- 19 Richard and Pastor Ruth Doty (45 years)
- 23 Kenneth and Cheryl Wiltrout (42 years)
- 28 Clifford and Susan Schlenker (24 years)

***If your name or the name of someone you know didn't appear on this list, we apologize and hope you will let us know so we can make the necessary corrections. Thank you.***

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Never question the truth of what you fail to understand, for the world is filled with wonders.

— L. Frank Baum, *Rinkitink in Oz*

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care**

**Facilities:** Anna Angstadt, Cliff Barlet, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Helen Fair, Dennis Guinther, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, and Arlene Yob.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

**Members:** Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, George DeLong, Lori Eck, Erma Guinther, Anna Heffner, Amanda Herman, John Keck, Sheila Long, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Susan Schlenker.

**Friends of the congregation:** Kathy Adams, Regina B., Thelma Bright, Evelyn Collins, Dick Curtin, Verna Davis, Mark Derr, Esther Dunkelberger, Alice Epler, Katie F., Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Tara K., Lauren Kinney, Joe Klick, Ella Kline, Ethan Kunkel, Lillian Mengel, Nicki Nolte, Kyle Olinger, Sandy Reitz, Tim and Carol Romig, Randy S., Sue S., Charles Sanders, Jacki Wagner, Sallie Weil, and Kenneth Yenser.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For our nation, for our president, for peace between citizens and those who serve them, for all our military personnel serving around the world, for areas of our nation and the world enduring drought, storms, flooding, and other disasters, for refugees and the countries to which they flee, and for peace in the world.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Sandy Burkhart, Erma Gajewski, Denise Haage, Corinne Hersh, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Josh S., Olivia Schoenly, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.

The purpose of life is not to be happy but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have made a difference that you lived at all.

—Leo Kosten

**A DO IT YOURSELF PHYSICAL**



Hold the above rectangle close to your lips and blow on it. If it turns GREEN, call your doctor. If it turns BROWN, see your dentist. If it turns PURPLE, see your psychiatrist. If it turns RED, see your banker. If it turns BLACK, call your lawyer and make a will. IF IT REMAINS THE SAME COLOR, you are in good health, and there is no reason on earth why you should not be in church next Sunday.

*Source - unknown*

**THE SAINTS ARE WINNING**

Several years ago, Joe Harding, a pastor in Washington state, was listening to a football game between the Seattle Seahawks and the New Orleans Saints. They were playing in Seattle's Kingdome. The game was already in progress when Dr. Harding tuned in. He heard the announcer say that the Saints were winning.

The announcer said things such as: "The Saints have the team spirit." "The Saints are moving down the field!" "The Saints have enthusiasm." "The Saints have the will to win." "The Saints are winning in the Kingdome."

The pastor's mind turned to the Bible verse where St. Paul called Christians "saints" (Romans 1:7). Dr. Harding concluded that what the New Orleans Saints were doing that day in the Kingdome was what Christian saints should be doing in and for the Kingdom ... the Kingdom of God.

The saints should be winning. The saints should be victorious, living with certainty and confidence, exhibiting team spirit and showing joy in being part of a winning team.

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**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
Statement of Accounts  
June 30, 2017**

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 19,690.38
Thrivent	6,816.06
Checking	7,801.14
Youth	828.57
Fidelity	145,705.76
Cash Reserve	11,492.48
Mission Investment	11,277.50
Local Care	1,140.50

**June 2017 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income**

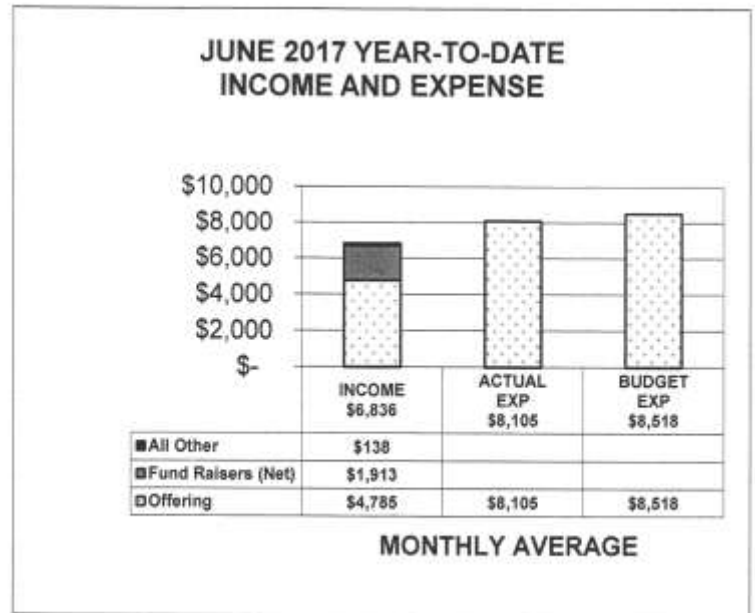
<u>Income Used For:</u>	<u>Income Required Per Month</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,519.17	\$ 6,938.00 *	\$ (1,581.17)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2017 Budget  
Passed by Congregation  
Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

*\* Actual Income Includes: \$3,500.00 ESTIMATED  
INCOME from Shoo Fly Pie Sale*

Parking Lot – Funds received to offset expenses for  
Driveway/Parking Lot Repaving

\$ 37,140.00 Total Expenses for Project  
\$ 14,249.50 Funds Received to offset expenses



**CALENDAR YEAR 2017 INFORMATION  
NORMAL OPERATIONS  
(DOES NOT INCLUDE MAJOR REPAIRS/PURCHASES)**

**INCOME & EXPENSE ACTIVITY  
JUNE 2017 YEAR-TO-DATE**

	<u>Jun Y-T-D</u>	<u>Average Month</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	\$ 28,712	\$ 4,785
Fund Raisers	\$ 11,475	\$ 1,913
Other	\$ 827	\$ 138
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 41,013</b>	<b>\$ 6,836</b>
<b>Actual Exp</b>	<b>\$ 48,627</b>	<b>\$ 8,105</b>
<b>Budget Exp</b>	<b>\$ 51,108</b>	<b>\$ 8,518</b>
<b>Shortage *</b>	<b>\$ (10,095)</b>	<b>\$ (1,683)</b>

**\*NOTE: Shortage - Total Income to 2017 BUDGET Expense  
Less Benevolence**

**Did You Know?**

**SCALES**

In biblical context, scales symbolize judgment, particularly divine judgment. In Daniel 5:27, the king is told he has been “weighed on the scales [by God] and found wanting.” Job also uses scales as a metaphor for judgment: “Let God weigh me in honest scales and he will know that I am blameless” (Job 31:6, NIV). Finally, scales may represent the archangel Michael, who is sometimes considered responsible for “weighing” the souls of the dead.





## **THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **August**

- 6 10:30 AM Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
  - Community Worship and Picnic in Bowers Park
- 13 10:00 AM Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 20 10:00 AM Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)
  - Backpack Sunday
- 27 10:00 AM Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
  - Season of Creation: Land
  - Harvest Home Service

### **September**

- \* 3 10:00 AM Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 10 10:00 AM Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 17 10:00 AM Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 24 10:00 AM Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

### **October**

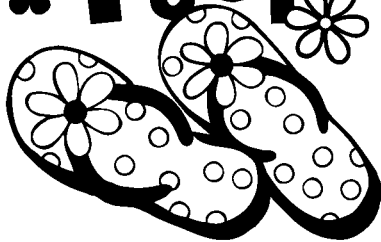
- \* 1 10:00 AM Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 8 10:00 AM Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 15 10:00 AM Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 22 10:00 AM Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 29 10:00 AM Reformation Sunday – Holy Communion (R)
  - Confirmation

#### **FELLOWSHIP DATES:**

- ( \* ) Fellowship after worship
- ( ● ) Community Worship and Picnic in Bowers Park



# Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

### What you need:

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

### What you do:

Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



# BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

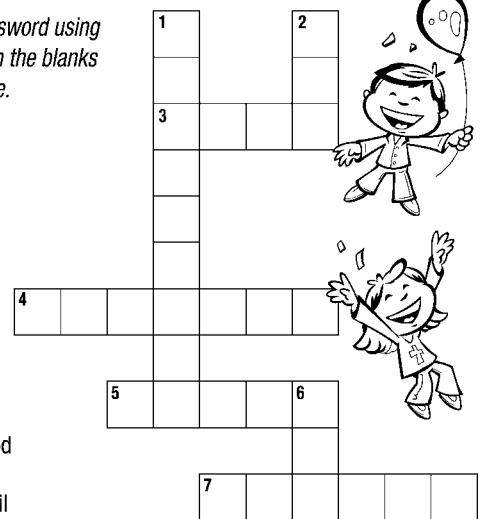
*Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.*

### ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

### DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ be 3. \_\_\_\_\_ and

4. \_\_\_\_\_ before 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 6. \_\_\_\_\_ they

be happy and 7. \_\_\_\_\_." 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV

## **AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>BULLETINS</b>
8/6	Worship in Bowers Park	Worship in Bowers Park	--	Worship in Bowers Park	Worship in Bowers Park
8/13	Susan Schlenker	Sara Jane Beshore	--	Joanne Pauley and Lucille Jones	Anna Angstadt
8/20	George DeLong	Roy Merkel	--	Cliff and Susan Schlenker	Cliff and Susan Schlenker
8/27	Tara Basta	Cindy Rissmiller	--	George and Jeannette DeLong	The Wengert family

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sara Jane Beshore

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Dan and Joanne Pauley and Julian Tich

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Dan and Joanne Pauley and Julian Tich

**COMMUNION BREAD:** 8/6 – Worship in Bowers Park

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 8/6 – Worship in Bowers Park

**COUNCILPERSONS:** Joshua and Ken Keck

**COST: Flowers - \$35.00; Bulletins - \$7.00; Children's Bulletins - \$5.00; Sanctuary Candle - \$15.00**

# AUGUST 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00pm-Stewardship Meeting	2 4:30-7:00pm-Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	3	4	5
6 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am-Community Worship and Picnic in Bowers Park ▪ Holy Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	14 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting	15	16 11:30am-Fellowship Lunch at Janelle's	17	18	19
20 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Backpack Sunday ▪ Fellowship after worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Season of Creation: Land ▪ Harvest Home Service	28	29	30	31		29