

**THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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*Ashes remind us of how our sin grieves you, Lord.*



*But your cross proclaims eternal forgiveness and love. With grateful hearts we thank you.*

**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.*



***The king of love, my shepherd is.***

Every so often it happens: Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day and Easter falls on April Fools' Day. While the secular celebration of Valentine's Day may divert the attention of many from the meaning of the first day of Lent, Christians can find the coincidence quite *meaningful*, because what we celebrate during Lent is the greatness of God's love.

***Whose goodness faileth never.***

Yes, Lent *is* a penitential time, a time when we think about the many ways people, including each of us, have turned away from God's love and, as a result, made a mess of things. Thinking about this sobers us up. As we become honest with ourselves, we recognize we are part in the problem. We experience disappointment in ourselves, even despair. We grieve all that is wrong in our world. But Lent is also a celebration. The word itself means "spring", as in the season of rebirth. We celebrate that God in God's love goes to extremes to call all the members of God's creation back to what they were always meant to be: living in harmony with God and one another.

***I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine forever.<sup>1</sup>***

During the Lenten season this year we will once again join with other members of our community for worship and fellowship. Midweek Lenten services will focus on trees in the Bible from the trees in the Garden of Eden, to the tree of the cross, trees "of life and awesome mystery."<sup>2</sup>

***We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word.<sup>2</sup>***

Do not hesitate to celebrate love on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Send out those cards. Wear red. Share flowers and even candy, if you choose. Love is precious! Love is fun, even silly! Love endures! At the same time, do not hesitate to wonder at and celebrate with the faithful the mystery of the breadth and depth of God's love for you, for us, for a fallen world.

***From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to you alone.***

***God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,  
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath.<sup>2</sup>***

This day and throughout the days of Lent, may you feel God's love as close as your breath!

*Pastor Ruth*

# NEWS & EVENTS

## in New Jerusalem and the Synod

### COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at our January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- The end-of-year contribution statements for 2017 have been mailed out.
- A Healing Service has been planned for Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. (has been changed to March 18<sup>th</sup>).
- Approved new fees to be paid to the organist, sexton, and pastor for funeral services.
- Scheduled a Clean-up Day at New Jerusalem for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

### UPDATED MEMBER DIRECTORY

There are copies of our updated Member Directory on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to pick up a copy. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

### FEBRUARY SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of Altar Flower sponsors for February 4 and 18, Bulletin sponsors for February 4, 18, and 25, an Altar Guild volunteer, and a Communion Set-up volunteer for February 11. Thank you!

### END-OF-YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial contribution statements for the year ending 2017 have been mailed out. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office.

The **BELL CHOIR** will be taking some time off. The **Senior Choir Rehearsal will be moved to 7:00 p.m.** Rehearsal for Bell Choir will begin again on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### ANNUAL MEETING

New Jerusalem's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the annual reports from the committees and elect new members to council. Please plan to attend. Copies of the Annual Report will be available for pick up before the scheduled meeting.

### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville, will be hosting the Ash Wednesday service with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**.



We will again be joining together with various churches belonging to the Brandywine Ministerium to celebrate Lent. The focus will be on trees in the Bible. The services begin each **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Good Friday services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Fellowship will follow each service. Listed below are the dates and locations of the Midweek Lenten services and Holy Week services.

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|-------------|--|
| February 21 | Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers<br>Preacher: Pastor Roger Ulrich  |
| February 28 | St. Peter's UCC, Topton<br>Preacher: Pastor Elizabeth Haines   |
| March 7     | Christ Mertz Lutheran Church,<br>Dryville<br>Preacher: Chaplain Colleen Kristula   |
| March 14    | Christian Congregation, Mertztown<br>Preacher: Pastor Ruth Doty  |
| March 21    | The Lutheran Home, Topton<br>Preacher: Pastor Jeremiah Sassaman  |
| March 28    | St. Paul's Lutheran Church,<br>Mertztown<br>Preachers: Pastor Michael Combs<br>Pastor Cheryl Meinschein  |
| March 29    | <b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers<br>Preacher: Pastor Ruth Doty   |
| March 30    | <b>Good Friday</b><br>New Jerusalem Lutheran Church<br><b>Worship times are 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.</b><br>Preachers: Pastor Elizabeth Haines<br>Pastor Cheryl Meinschein<br>Pastor Ruth Doty |

## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## BOY SCOUT SUNDAY – February 25, 2018

The Boy Scouts of Troop and Pack 585 will be joining us on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** for Boy Scout Sunday. The scouts will be serving as greeters, readers, and ushers. We hope you can join us in supporting these young men and their leaders. A time of fellowship will follow the worship service.

## FARM FAMILY APPRECIATION CELEBRATION – Saturday, March 17, 2018

Held from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 PM, but no earlier. Dinner buffet 7-8 PM. Hoedown and country music by “The Outlaws,” with line dance music between sets 8-11 PM. Hamburg Field House, Exit #30 off I-78 in Hamburg. Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex. Registration forms are due by March 2, 2018.

The Annual Farm Family Appreciation Celebration is offered to farm families free of charge as our synod’s way of expressing gratitude for what these families do. Since the synod relies on the generosity of individuals and congregations to underwrite the cost. Please consider making a contribution. You can mail a check payable to NEPS to The Lutheran Center, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, PA 18109. Write “Farm” in the memo, or you can visit the synod website at [www.godslove.org](http://www.godslove.org) and click on the “Donate” button to make a contribution using your credit card.

## SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOLY COMMUNION – March 18, 2018

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church will be holding a service of Healing and Holy Communion on **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m.** If you know of someone who might like to attend, but would need help with transportation, or if you are able to assist with transportation, please speak with Pastor Ruth.

## SCARVES AND HATS SENT TO SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL

Busy fingers prepared over a dozen each of scarves and hats for Seafarers International. These were shipped early January. Keep on knitting or crocheting and we’ll send even more. Want to learn more, ask Betty Eshbach.

## HOLD THESE DATES!

## YARDSHARE COMING: Saturday, April 7, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Donations for the yard share can be brought to church starting the afternoon of Palm Sunday and continuing until Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Baked goods, hot dogs and drinks will be offered. On the day of the sale, donations of non-perishable items for the food bank will be accepted. Proceeds from free will offering will be split between the parking lot and the stove for Olchoki School.



## FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR Saturday, September 15, 2018, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

A new event for New Jerusalem: A community festival featuring the music of Mike Hertzog.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

To the Congregation and Church Council members of NJELC, thank you so much for the Christmas gift of restaurant gift cards. I love to go out to eat and will think of you when we use them. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Blessings for the new year. – *Faye Dey*

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Thank you Pastor Ruth and the hand-knitters of New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church for your generous donation of hand-knitted caps for our seafarers. Not only will your labor of love keep them warm physically this winter, but spiritually warm as well as they reflect on this symbol of unconditional love in Jesus’ name. You are so kind to share your talents and time in this way. May God bless your Epiphany journey. Peace, *Pastor Marsh Drege, Seafarers International House*



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Our condolences to the family and friends of Dennis A. Guinther who passed away on January 5, 2018. A memorial service was held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

## NEWS FROM FAITH FORMATION

Hot off the press: initial plans from the Faith Formation Committee:

Once a month in March, April, May and June everyone in the congregation is invited to an intergenerational event. Yes, we mean everyone: from little ones to grandmas and grandpas and everyone in between. Friends, new acquaintances and relatives are welcome as well.

On Palm **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**, immediately after worship we will gather for a special meal to learn about the Seder, the meal Jews use to celebrate the Passover. It is also the meal Jesus celebrated with his disciples on when he gave special meaning to the unleavened bread and the wine, instituting what we now call the Lord's Supper. Our confirmands participated in this experience at their retreat in 2017 and are eager to share this with you.

On **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, (aka, Earth Day), we will have a program about the Creation story. Details will follow, but put it on your calendar.

Then on **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** we will focus on the story of how the humans in the Garden of Eden didn't appreciate what they had and tried to grasp for something more. Activities that go with that story are still being determined, so suggestions are welcome.

Finally, on **Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** we will share the story of Noah, complete, if it doesn't rain, and maybe even if it does, with water games.

All of these will take place right after church. We hope everyone will come to help one another enjoy and explore some of the essential stories of our faith.

So, if you have any suggestions or are willing to help with any of these events, speak up! The more creative we can get, the more fun this will be! Members of the Faith Formation Committee include George DeLong, Phyllis Fenstermacher, Cindy Rissmiller, Dawn Wengert, and Pastor Ruth.



## 2018: THE YEAR OF THE STOVE

And here you thought it would be the dog! (Chinese tradition)

After seeing pictures from Olchoki Elementary School in Tanzania, one of our members expressed a desire to help the school get a stove on which to cook meals for its 1500 students. At present, food can only be prepared



over an open wood fire built on the ground, so only the orphans can be offered a meal.

The stove needed is a large vat in which an oatmeal-type food can be prepared. The school actually needs 4, costing \$2,500 each.

Stewardship Committee has caught the vision and is challenging the congregation and other groups to help fund one stove. Donations can be made on offering envelopes or as special contributions earmarked "Stove for Tanzania". We have already collected over \$300. You will soon see a poster in the fellowship area to track our progress. We will also be designating a portion of donations from our April Yard Share and September Festival for the stove.

So spread the word that at New Jerusalem, 2018 is The Year of the Stove. Give us other ideas on how to meet the need and invite family and friends to join in the project.

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### LOVE IS A FRUIT IN SEASON

At all times and within reach of every hand!

Spread love everywhere you go

First of all in your own house

Give love to your children

To your husband or wife

To a next door neighbor

Let no one ever come to you

Without leaving happier

Be the living expression of

God's

Kindness, kindness in your face

Kindness in your eyes

Kindness in your smile

Kindness in your warm greeting!



– Mother Theresa

# NEWS & EVENTS

## in the Community

### **VISIT LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF WAREHOUSE – Mini Mission Trip, February 12-13**

Join a mini-mission trip to the LWR warehouse in New Windsor, Maryland, to assist in preparing items for shipment to disaster areas. This is where we at New Jerusalem send our quilts. Some work is done sitting at a table, some standing to load and code boxes for shipment – your choice. Cost: \$65 covers an overnight stay at a local hotel, breakfast, and partial transportation costs. Not included: 2 dinners and remaining transportation costs.

More information and a sign up form is available on the bulletin board. If interested, let Pastor Ruth know *immediately*.

### **THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST**

Held at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main Street, Kutztown on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.** Theology with a Twist is free. Food and drink are available for purchase.

### **LOAVES AND FISHES**

We regret to report that Loaves and Fishes has suspended operations at this time.

### **ADULT RETREAT AT BEAR CREEK CAMP – April 6-8, 2018**

The theme of the retreat is the Ten Commandments. Housing will be at the Retreat Center. Meals and Sunday worship will be shared with the confirmation retreat participants. Cost: \$90. More details to follow. Speak with Pastor Ruth if you need help with the cost.

### **DATE SAVER – PROJECT HELP – July 27-August 4, 2018**

Project Help is a mission trip to help repair houses and assist in community improvements in the very rural area of Starks, Maine, an hour north of

Augusta. Youth who have finished ninth grade and any adults who want to help are welcome. No special skills needed. Lots to learn and a good time for all. Watch for more information. Pastor Ruth was involved for many years through the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, which sponsors the program. Chris Carter, leader of the project, will be present to explain more about the program after worship on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S CENTER** at Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville, is now hiring! Their center is looking for the following positions: Full Time Toddler Teacher (immediate opening), Part Time Staff (work 6:30-8:30 a.m. and/or 3-5:30 p.m.), and Summer Camp Staff. All applicants must have up-to-date clearances (Child Abuse, Criminal History, and FBI fingerprinting). To apply send a cover letter and resumé to [mikearndt@aol.com](mailto:mikearndt@aol.com).

**CLOTHING IS NEEDED** by our citizens who have sought refuge in our area from the devastation in Puerto Rico. They are in desperate need of **children's clothing (not baby clothing), especially boys clothing up to age pre-teen. Other badly needed items are men's jeans and other adult-size clothing, including outerwear and winter-type boots and shoes.** You may bring your items to church and we will see that they get there.

### **DISASTER CLEAN-UP BUCKETS**

With a little extra help we can finish filling the 5 buckets of cleaning supplies so badly needed by those who have endured a physical disaster. Please see the chart on the table in the narthex and take a slip for an item still needed. Couldn't get to church or forgot? Call the office to find out what is still needed. Items range from detergent to work gloves to clothes lines, etc.

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*“Love doesn't make the world go round.  
Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.”*

– Franklin P. Jones

# ASH WEDNESDAY STEWARDSHIP

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” - *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 254

With these ancient words from Genesis 3:19 and the swipe of a dirty thumb across our foreheads, Ash Wednesday propels us into the season of Lent with the proper context to understand our lives as stewards of the riches that God entrusts to us.

The essential teaching of Ash Wednesday – that we are just mortals, after all – crushes our ego, dispels our pretensions and drives us deep into God’s mysteries. Why are we here? What are our lives all about? What’s *really* important? Pray over these questions and profound insights emerge.

**We are dust.** Yes, but we are *God’s* dust. Our body consists of trillions of atoms, each one a speck of “dust” created by God, billions of years ago. God put us together from the very stuff of the universe.

- Therefore, we are quite literally “earthy” beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil and stone. Part of creation, not separate from it, we work to preserve and sustain the health of God’s creation for all people and future generations.
- Therefore, we have reverence for our bodies, expressed through healthy living – eating right, exercising, and avoiding illegal drugs and other poisons.

**We are breath.** We are “dust,” certainly, but not *only* dust. Genesis 2:7 describes us as “dust” into which God has “breathed the Holy breath of life.” Our life is the breath of God in our dust.

- Therefore, every breath we take is holy. Every breath is a prayer that whispers God’s praise and reminds us of God’s life force in us.
- Therefore, we look to God to align our lives and ourselves with God’s holy reality that arcs towards God’s purposes of peace, love, joy, justice and truth.

**Our time is brief.** Between the time that the “dust” of our lives comes together to form us and when it returns to the earth, we have a finite number of minutes on earth.

- Therefore, every hour, every second is sacred. There is not a single moment to waste. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.
- Therefore, we do not cling to our possessions, knowing that we don’t really “own” anything, but only hold onto it for a little while.
- Therefore, we nourish our lives with world treasures of real and lasting value – friendships, trust, love, joy, service, generosity and harmony.

This Lent spend time in prayer, with openness and honesty. See how God will turn your heart and mind, transforming you into the person you were created to be. Reflect each day on Ash Wednesday. “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

—Rob Blezard

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IN OUR  
**Thoughts and Prayers**



**PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care Facilities:** Anna Angstadt, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Helen Fair, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, and Irene Noll.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

**Members:** Glenn Allen, Sarah Bailey, Brendan Beshore, Lori Eck, Family and friends of Dennis Guinther, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Lucille Jones, Sheila Long, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Roethermel, Charles Sanders, Dale Schwoyer, and Elaine Seip.

**Friends of the congregation:** Family and friends of Brian Arndt, Regina B., Sam Borrell, Thelma Bright, Bill Collins, Dick Curtin, Mark Derr, Ben and Michelle Eckert, Barbara Feeman, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Tara K., Janis Kershner, Merritt Kershner, Diane Kiester, Joe Klick, Ethan Kunkel, Family and friends of Margaret Lau, Marie Leibensperger, Catherine Lenio, Cassidy McKeever, Family and friends Franklin Meck, Pearl Meck, George Noll, Kyle Olinger, Jerry Schwambach, Sherry Shultz, Jacki Wagner, Tiffany Wagner, Sallie Weil, Betty Winnings, Kenneth Yenser, and Ben Young.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For our nation, especially those hit by disasters and those affected by domestic terrorism, for our president, for peace between citizens and those who serve them, for all our military personnel serving around the world, for areas of 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:** Myles Angstadt, Sandy Burkhart, Patrick Collins, Alice Epler, Katie F., Jerry Fusner and family, Erma Gajewski, Corinne Hersh, Lauren Kinney, Cheryl Kuhlman, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Joshua S., Randy S., Sue S., Ruby Grace Shoff, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.

- 2 Linda Moyer
- 3 Robert Keller
- 4 Courtney Mengel
- 6 Lillian Lambert
- 8 Kevin Stump
- 11 Beatrice Barlet
- 12 Charles Sanders
- 15 Steve Fox
- 18 Caleb Keller
- 22 Katie Ellen Cleaver
- 25 Jason Beshore
- 26 Michael Fair
- 27 Justin Keller
- 28 Jeannette DeLong



- 2 John and Patricia Keck (60 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.*





**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
Statement of Accounts  
December 31, 2017**

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 20,518.24
Thrivent	7,708.53
Checking	9,301.41
Youth	404.54
Fidelity	154,346.87
Cash Reserve	4,262.09
Mission Investment	11,300.66
Local Care	1,204.23

**December 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	\$ 8,519.13	\$ 8,843.93 *	\$ 324.80

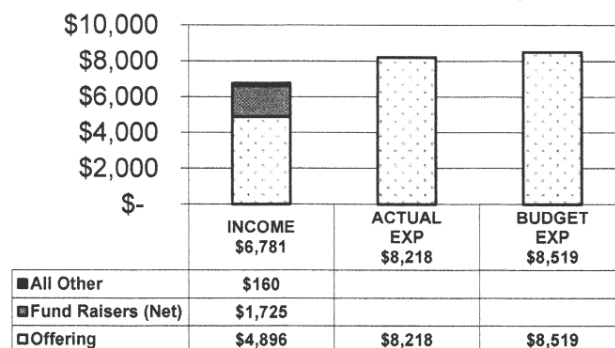
*Income Required per Month — Based on 2017 Budget  
Passed by Congregation  
Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

*\* Actual Income Includes: \$2,600.00 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  
\$ 17,016.50 Funds Received to offset expenses

**DECEMBER 2017 YEAR-TO-DATE  
INCOME AND EXPENSE**



**MONTHLY AVERAGE**

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

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENSE ACTIVITY DECEMBER 2017 YEAR-TO-DATE</b>		
	<u>Dec Y-T-D</u>	<u>Average Month</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	\$ 58,757	\$ 4,896
Fund Raisers	\$ 20,701	1,725
Other	\$ 1,920	160
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 81,378</b>	<b>6,781</b>
<b>Actual Exp</b>	<b>\$ 98,612</b>	<b>8,218</b>
<b>Budget Exp</b>	<b>\$ 102,230</b>	<b>8,519</b>
<b>Shortage *</b>	<b>\$ (17,234)</b>	<b>(1,436)</b>

\*NOTE: Shortage - Total Income to Total ACTUAL Expense

**Did You Know?**

**“Lark”**

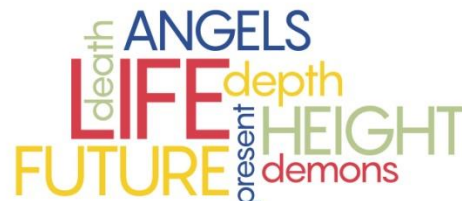
Birds became prominent in Christian art during the Medieval and Renaissance eras. The lark came to symbolize the humility of the priesthood because it flies high and sings only when flying upward.



**Bible Quiz**

Paul declares that nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Which of the following does Paul specify as unable to block God’s love?

- A. death; life
- B. angels; demons
- C. present; future
- D. height; depth
- E. all of the above



Answer: E (See Romans 8:38-39, NIV.)

## **THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **February**

- |   |    |          |  |
|---|----|----------|--|
| * | 4  | 10:00 AM | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Holy Communion (G)   |
|   | 11 | 10:00 AM | Transfiguration of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)<br>▪ Annual Meeting after worship                   |
|   | 14 | 7:00 PM  | Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes (P)<br>▪ Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville |
|   | 18 | 10:00 AM | First Sunday in Lent (P)   |
|   | 21 | 7:00 PM  | Midweek Lenten Service (P)<br>▪ Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers   |
| * | 25 | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday in Lent (P)<br>▪ Scout Sunday  |
|   | 28 | 7:00 PM  | Midweek Lenten Service (P)<br>▪ St. Peter’s UCC, Topton  |

### **March**

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|---|----|-----------------------|--|
| * | 4  | 10:00 AM              | Third Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion (P)                              |
|   | 7  | 7:00 PM               | Midweek Lenten Service (P)<br>▪ Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville |
|   | 11 | 10:00 AM              | Fourth Sunday in Lent (P)  |
|   | 14 | 7:00 PM               | Midweek Lenten Service (P)<br>▪ Christian Congregation, Mertztown      |
| * | 18 | 10:00 AM              | Fifth Sunday in Lent (P)   |
|   |    | 2:30 PM               | Healing Service with Holy Communion                                    |
|   | 21 | 7:00 PM               | Midweek Lenten Service (P)<br>▪ The Lutheran Home, Topton              |
| * | 25 | 10:00 AM              | Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Holy Communion (P)                 |
|   | 28 | 7:00 PM               | Midweek Lenten Service (P)<br>▪ St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Mertztown  |
|   | 29 | 7:00 PM               | Maundy Thursday (W)<br>▪ Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers                  |
|   | 30 | 11:00 AM<br>& 7:00 PM | Good Friday<br>▪ New Jerusalem Lutheran Church                         |

### **April**

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|---|----|----------|---|
|   | 1  | 10:00 AM | Resurrection of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W) |
| * | 8  | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday of Easter (W)                   |
|   | 15 | 10:00 AM | Third Sunday of Easter (W)                    |
| * | 22 | 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday of Easter (W)                   |
|   | 29 | 10:00 AM | Fifth Sunday of Easter (W)                    |

### **FELLOWSHIP DATES:**

( \* ) Fellowship after worship





## heart sandwich

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.



### What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

### What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.



## A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

*Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.*

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD...

F	L	S	Y	F	K	Y	X	E	I	Q	B	V	O	O	J	F
H	M	T	A	I	L	A	Y	H	K	R	D	Y	P	S	M	G
J	N	U	C	L	M	C	Z	K	M	S	F	B	Q	W	P	H

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E	X	M	B	C	L	M	B	U	V	F	R	P	L	V	F	R
F	Y	P	C	F	M	P	C	X	W	I	S	Q	M	W	I	S
G	Z	S	D	I	N	S	D	A	X	L	T	R	N	X	L	T

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JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34, NIV

## **FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>BULLETINS</b>
2/4	Tara Basta	Sara Jane Beshore	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
2/11	TBA	Roy Merkel	The Wengert Family	Sheila Long & Betty Stump
2/18	TBA	Sara Jane Beshore	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
2/25	Jeannette DeLong	Cindy Rissmiller	George and Jeannette DeLong	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>

**ALTAR GUILD:** *(volunteer needed)*

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Gladys Kline

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Gladys Kline


**COMMUNION BREAD:** 2/4 – Sara Jane Beshore; 2/11 – Dale Schwoyer

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 2/4 – Sara Jane Beshore; 2/11 – *(volunteer needed)*

**COUNCILPERSONS:** Ted and Betty Eshbach

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

# FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>	3
4 First Sunday after Epiphany ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship ▪ Information Session about Project Help	5	6 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	7 4:30pm-Quilting	8	9	10
11 Transfiguration of Our Lord ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Annual Meeting after worship	12 10:00am-Worship & Music Committee Mtg. 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting LWR Mini Mission-----▶ Trip, Maryland	13 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm-Theology with a Twist, Kutztown Tavern LWR Mini Mission Trip, Maryland	14 7:00pm-Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	15	16	17
18 First Sunday in Lent  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	19  <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	20 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	21 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Airport Diner  7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers	22	23	24
25 Second Sunday in Lent ▪ Scout Sunday ▪ Fellowship after worship	26	27 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	28 7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, St. Peter's UCC, Topton			