

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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Love never gives up.

Love

cares more for others than for self...

doesn't force itself on others,

trusts God always,

always looks for the best,

never looks back,

but keeps going to the end.

-1 Corinthians 13:3, *The Message*, Eugene Peterson

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.*



It's February.

While most of us associate the month with Valentine's Day and President's Day, when I looked up *February* on the internet I found out the following:

February was named after the Latin term for "purification." During that month the Romans would engage in ritual to purify the city.

Its birthstone is the amethyst. It symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.

In Christian tradition, the 2nd of February is observed as "Candlemas," a time when we remember that the Virgin Mary would have gone to the temple to have the priest declare her "purified" since the required time would have elapsed after giving birth.

February is also part of the Season for Nonviolence, which was established in 1998 Mohandas Gandhi's grandson as a yearly event celebrating the philosophies and lives of Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. Its' purpose being to encourage participants to live in a nonviolent way.

Who knew there were so many connections to purification?

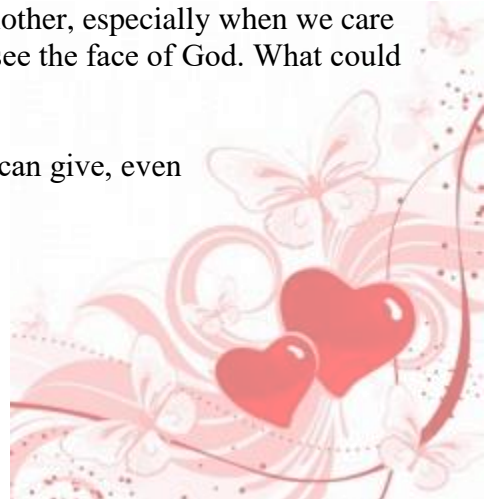
This year we begin our Lenten journey on February 22, Ash Wednesday. Our community pastors have chosen the theme *The Desert of Compassion* for our journey through Lent. When we look at the word *passion*, many of us think of love, of loving someone or something passionately, so much that it hurts. *Compassion* actually means *to feel deeply, even to feel with another deeply*, so deeply that one might *suffer with another*. How might this definition affect the way you think about having compassion for others?

Returning to the idea of purification, during Lent we are called upon to ask God to help us purify our hearts. We join the psalmist in praying, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." An essential part of this purification is addressing our attitudes toward others, melting, as it were, our hearts of stone. We have learned that only then can God restore to us the joy of God's salvation.

Why the title *The Desert of Compassion*? Having to address what needs to be challenged in our hearts can feel like being out in the wilderness. Feeling and even suffering with others can leave us desperately thirsty for someone to care for us. At first when you are in a literal desert it can seem ugly and barren. However, one can also find beauty there. Jesus' promise to us is that whenever we care for another, especially when we care for those others consider to be "the least," we will find him there, we will see the face of God. What could be more beautiful or life giving than that?

It's February. May you experience the beauty and security that God's love can give, even when you feel like you might be traveling through the desert.

Pastor Ruth



NEWS & EVENTS

at New Jerusalem and in the community

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were covered at our Council Meeting on Monday, January 9:

- New Jerusalem council members will be meeting with the council members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mertztown on Thursday, January 19.
- The Property Committee is arranging to repair the steps in the front of the sanctuary. They are also getting the price for the additional filter that is needed to keep our water system clear and flowing.
- The Stewardship Committee presented plans for additional fellowship times and fundraisers: a Pasta Supper in March and a Soup, Sandwich and Baked Goods sale in April.
- It was decided that as a part of finding out whether we can transfer the small cemetery to the Cemetery Board, we will get a surveyor to determine the property lines.
- Plans were made for how to share our progress in discerning our future at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29.

Our next council meeting will be held on **Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m.**

PASTOR RUTH will be out of town from Friday, February 17 until Friday, March 3. If you would need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Crystal Angstadt at 484.336.8661 or Pastor Martin Milne at 484.505.0987.

COLORING GROUP

The next meeting is **Thursday, February 2, at 10:00 a.m.** Friends are welcome. Contact Phyllis Fenstermacher (610.682.2423) or Diane Keller (610.682.4152) if you would like pages sent to you.



Bible Study will be held on **Mondays, February 6 and 13 at 11:00 a.m.** to begin our study of 1st and 2nd Peter. New members are welcome.

PARTY! PARTY! FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENT: COMMUNITY FRIENDS AND FAMILY VALENTINE'S PARTY AND DANCE Friday, February 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m at St. Paul's Mertztown.



Youth and adults from our area churches will gather again to have fun being together. Invite your friends and join in the fun with DJ Jumping Jeff. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

SOUPER BOWL BREAKFAST AND COLLECTION

Join us for our Souper Bowl of Caring breakfast on **Sunday, February 12, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** We will be collecting canned goods and taking a free-will offering for the Brandywine Food Pantry. They are in special need of ready to serve soups. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you are able to donate any items for the breakfast. Thank you!

SCOUT SUNDAY

Also on **Sunday, February 12**, the Boy Scouts from Troop #585 will be assisting in our worship service as we celebrate Boy Scout Sunday. The scouts will be serving as ushers, greeters, and readers at our worship service. Please join us to support these young men and their leaders.

JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY (JMM)

Breakfast gatherings start at 8:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Their next meeting will be held **Saturday, February 18**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton.

THE COMPASSIONATE CRAFTERS

Want to make things that not only glorify God's glory but also help make the world a better place? If so, you are welcome to join with other crafters at Trinity Lutheran Church in Topton. Meetings take place on **Thursday, February 9 and Thursday, February 23 this month from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** in the Sunday School room.

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the March newsletter is **Sunday, February 19.**

HELPING HARVEST/TOPTON MOBILE MARKET – Tuesday, February 21, 2023

The Helping Harvest food distribution will take place on **Tuesday, February 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Brandywine Heights Intermediate/Middle School.



The theme for this year's Lenten worship is *The Desert of Compassion*. **The following midweek services begin at 7:00 p.m.** and will be located as follows:

February 22 – Ash Wednesday at Christ Mertz, Dryville, Trinity, Topton, St. Peter's, Topton, St. Paul's, Mertztown, and Longswamp UCC, Mertztown

March 1 – Christ Mertz, Dryville
Theme: Remove this Heart of Stone
Preacher: Rev. Jeremiah Sassaman

March 8 – New Jerusalem
Theme: Reach Out Your Hand
Preacher: Rev. Scott Lingenfelter

March 15 – Hope Bowers
Theme: Stay Awake with Me
Preacher: Rev. Dan Hoffstetter

March 22 – Trinity, Topton
Theme: Your Whole Mind
Preacher: Rev. Crystal Angstadt

March 29 – Christ DeLong, Bowers
Theme: Do Not Condemn
Preacher: Rev. Ruth Doty

April 5 – St. Paul's, Mertztown
Theme: Do This and You Will Live
Preacher: Rev. Kimberly Berenotto

KNOTS OF LOVE

On Sunday, January 22, 11 youth and 12 adults from area churches gathered at Christ Mertz to cut and tie 32 fleece blankets for family members and patients who stay at the Heckerman-Patz House near Lehigh Valley Hospital. A \$250 grant New Jerusalem obtained from Thrivent helped to purchase the materials.



PASTA! PASTA!

A Pasta Supper will be held at New Jerusalem on **Saturday, March 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** - **Adults \$12, youth 3-12 \$6.** Plan now to attend and invite your friends. While we will be serving cafeteria style in order to minimize the number of people needed to prepare and serve, some help as well as donations of baked goods is still needed. Since wanting to encourage fellowship with our neighbors is one of the main reasons we are offering this evening, volunteers are also needed who will focus on making sure we visit with those who come. We're so excited about doing this, we've even designated **March 25 as our backup date, just in case** we get snow on the 11th.

THE BEARS ARE COMING!

On **Sunday, March 19** adults and youth from our area churches will gather at **New Jerusalem at 2:00 p.m.** to stuff bears and other animals which will be used as Bingo prizes for residents of The Lutheran Home. Come join the fun!



SOUP, SANDWICH AND BAKED GOODS SALE – Saturday, April 29, 2023



- **Community Family and Friends Valentine's Day Dance**, Friday, February 10 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mertztown.
- **Scout Sunday**, Sunday, February 12 at our 10:00 a.m. worship service.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday Breakfast & Collection**, Sunday, February 12, 2023. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will be collecting canned goods for the Brandywine Food Pantry.
- **Pasta Supper**, Saturday, March 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30.
- **Soup, Sandwich and Baked Goods Sale**, Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A SECOND LIFE FOR PLASTIC BAGS

Speaking of handwork that helps others, **bring your clean, used plastic bags to church.** Local folks are crocheting and weaving them into sleeping mats for the homeless. Sara Jane Beshore can show you how it's done.



Here's more information from St. Peter's, Tipton:

PLASTIC MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

If you like helping others and keeping plastic bags out of the landfills, St. Peter's UCC, Tipton invites you to join them in making waterproof sleeping mats to be distributed to the homeless. The mats are woven or crocheted and are made entirely from plastic grocery bags. Each mat requires 500-700 bags and a lot of teamwork.

All are welcome and no experience is necessary. We need folks to sort, fold, cut the bags into strips and join the strips to make "plarn" (plastic yarn). Once they are joined they are ready to be put on the looms or crocheted using a P or Q hook.

Come join us. The next mat-weaving session will be February 4 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Peter's UCC. Please use the back door.

Questions, contact Sue Lishman at 610.413.0907 or susanlishman@yahoo.com.

Famished Jesus,
in the hollows of your face I see my own hungers
for acceptance, pleasure, power, peace.
I see others' hunger for everything
from bread, to prestige, to justice.
May the same Spirit who drove you to the desert
drive, sustain, and change me.
May struggling people hear the voice
that proclaimed you beloved,
calling them by the same name. Amen.

The Desert of Compassion by Rachel Srubas. Worship Material provided through *The Thoughtful Christian*, John Knox Press



FREE NATIVE TREES

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light is partnering with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) to distribute **FREE** (yes, free!) native trees to churches, municipalities, care homes, individuals, etc.

There will be 2 distribution sites in Berks County: Friedens Lutheran Church, Shartlesville and a site in Birdsboro. Trees will be available in late March/early April.

These trees can be planted in your own yard, in a nearby park or Rails to Trails, at your congregation, your school, or your local library.

This act of hope, faith, and healing will contribute to sequestration of the excess carbon dioxide in our atmosphere that is changing our global weather. Planting native trees can clean up our waterways, beautify our world, and return native plants, that are becoming more scarce, to the food chain that supports native insects, birds, and all God's creatures.

A few notes about the ordering process:

- Be sure to order early! Trees (along with tubes and stakes if you request them) will be available at your selected pick-up location towards the end of March. You will be notified when they arrive.
- Trees are distributed through a priority county system, which means you may or may not receive the specific plants you order. You will hear from them if your needs to be adjusted.
- You are welcome to order as many or as few as you wish, placing a separate order for each planting location. You are responsible to ensure you have permission to plant at your location of choice.
- If you need help in being sure the plants you order will fit your planting site, please visit native plant information at [Morton Arboretum](#), which has great pictures of the plants.
- You will receive a copy of your order to your selected email address. If you have any issues ordering or have questions, contact Greg Williams, Creation Care Coordinator for CBF partnership by email at wacmbook@aol.com or text/call him at 215.242.0854.

[Order your native trees here!](#)



CHESAPEAKE BAY
FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

Thank You



'Twas just days after Christmas and all through our town you could not see a tear or even a frown.
On faces of Friend clients who received food, gifts, and cheer,
from the many donors and volunteers who spent hours this year.
Preparing gifts for the children to open Christmas Day and putting meals on the table...
the yummiest, some say!
So thank you, Santa's helpers, for being on call,
Your thoughtfulness is appreciated...
Happy New Year to all!

- 2 Linda Moyer
- 3 Robert Keller
- 6 Lillian Lambert
- 8 Wyatt Keller
- 8 Kevin Stump
- 15 Steve Fox
- 18 Caleb Keller
- 22 Katie Ellen Cleaver
- 25 Sherrie Carl
- 26 Jarrett Hahn
- 27 Justin Keller

2022 Friend, Inc. December Statistics

771 Pantry Individuals in 271 Households – including 223 children receiving gifts in the Kutztown, Fleetwood, and Brandywine Heights school districts.

Dear Congregation of New Jerusalem, thank you for your donations of 23 Christmas gifts for children of our pantry clients and Holiday Dinner boxes. The generosity from your congregation helped to make this past holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

From the clients, staff, and Board of Friend, Inc. Community Services, we sincerely thank you and wish you a happy and healthy 2023!

THIS JUST IN FROM SEAFARERS

Thanks to your enthusiasm, we broke the record and were able to deliver **2,875** Christmas-at-Sea satchels through the first week in January. Your satchels, knitted goods, and other donated supplies show them that we appreciate their sacrifice. - *Pastor Henryk Behnke*

BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Donated items in "much" need right now: flour, sugar, fruit juices, spaghetti sauce, ready to use soups, Ramen noodles, and Knorr sides.

As always, you are welcome to bring other items to donate. They are always needed and welcome. Gluten-free and sugar-free food is also greatly appreciated. Please check dates on donated food products. As always, thank you for your support. It is greatly appreciated.



None this month.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Bernice "Bonnie" Rissmiller who died on Thursday, December 29. A celebration of her life and resurrection was held at First United Church of Christ, Hamburg, on Friday, January 6.





WORSHIP SPONSORS & ASSISTANTS

Altar Flower Sponsors:

February 5 – *sponsor needed*
February 12 – *sponsor needed*
February 19 – *sponsor needed*
February 26 – *sponsor needed*

Bulletin Sponsors:

February 5 – Rodney and Diane Keller
February 12 – Elaine Seip
February 19 – *sponsor needed*
February 26 – *sponsor needed*

Sanctuary Candle Sponsor:

sponsor needed

Altar Guild Volunteer(s):

volunteer needed

Communion Bread Sponsor:

February 5 – Faye Dey
February 19 – *sponsor needed*

Communion Set-up Volunteer:

February 5 – Faye Dey
February 19 – *volunteer needed*

Readers for February:

February 5 – Sara Jane Beshore
February 12 – Boy Scouts
February 19 – Kenneth Keck
February 26 – Cindy Rissmiller

Councilperson for the Month:

Diane Keller

ASH WEDNESDAY'S WAKE-UP CALL

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

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

Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 22, teaches us that we are mortals, after all. It 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 a speck of “dust” created by God billions of years ago. God put us together from the stuff of the universe.

- Therefore, we are quite literally “earthy” beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil and stone. As part of creation, we work to preserve, protect and sustain creation.
- Therefore, we have reverence for our bodies, expressed through healthy living.

We are breath. We are “dust” into which God has “breathed the Holy breath of life” (Genesis 2:7).

- Therefore, every breath we take is holy, reminding us of God's life force in us.
- Therefore, we look to God to align our lives with God's holy realities of peace, love, joy, justice and truth.

Our time is brief. Our “dust” will return to the earth someday. We are mortal.

- Therefore, every hour, every second is sacred. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.
- Therefore, we do not cling to possessions, knowing that we hold onto them only for a little while.
- Therefore, we fill our lives with treasures of 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

“There is no wilderness so terrible, so beautiful, so arid, and so fruitful as the wilderness of compassion. It is the only desert that will flourish like a lily.”

— Thomas Merton —

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts

December 31, 2022

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 18,497.74
Thrivent	10,337.73
Checking	2,384.69
Youth	408.68
Fidelity	52,159.22
Cash Reserve	24,422.70
Mission Investment Fund	11,666.80
Local Care	<u>2,395.31</u>

Total: \$ 122,272.87

Total Balance of Asset Accounts
from **December 31, 2021** \$ 147,669.43

December 2022 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income

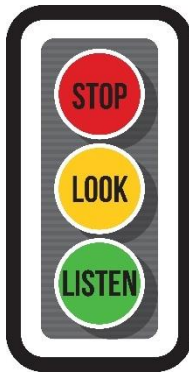
Income			
Income	Required	Actual	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,891.25	\$ 6,191.91	\$ (3,699.34)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2022
Budget Passed by Congregation
Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

LENTEN SIGNALS

Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

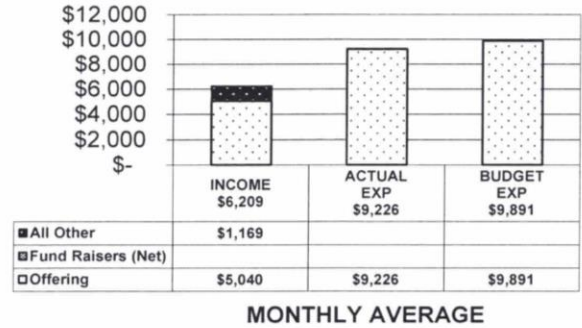
We observe Lent because it tells us to **STOP** and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to **LOOK** inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to **LISTEN** — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.



STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.

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DECEMBER 2022 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE



CALENDAR YEAR 2022 INFORMATION NORMAL OPERATIONS (DOES NOT INCLUDE MAJOR REPAIRS/PURCHASES)

INCOME & EXPENSE ACTIVITY DECEMBER 2022 YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Dec Y-T-D	Average Month
Income		
Offering	\$ 60,478	\$ 5,040
Fund Raisers	\$ -	-
Other	\$ 14,030	\$ 1,169
Total Income	<u>\$ 74,508</u>	<u>6,209</u>
Actual Exp	\$ 110,712	9,226
Budget Exp	\$ 118,695	9,891
Shortage *	\$ (36,204)	(3,017)

*NOTE: Shortage - Total Income to 2022 ACTUAL Expense
Less Benevolence & Major Repairs/Purchases

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

After the inventor of the Frisbee died in 2002, family members honored his final wish: to have some of his ashes molded into a flying disk! The point, according to toy legend “Steady Ed” Headrick, was for his loved ones to have fun playing with him even after he had passed. “He lived for Frisbee,” said his widow, and now he lives on in one.



Thankfully, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday aren’t cremains. But they do have special significance. They’re often made by burning branches from the previous year’s Palm Sunday celebration. By tying together seasons, the practice of receiving ashes reminds us of cycles: sin, repentance and forgiveness, plus life, death and resurrection — Jesus’ as well as our own.

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those with Limited Mobility or in Care Facilities: Anna Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Erma Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, and Irene Noll.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND SUPPORT Members: Holly Allen, Virginia Guinther, Lucille Jones, Rodney Keller, Forrest Merkel, Grace Miller, Lloyd and Linda Moyer, Horace Rothermel, and Gabriele Sanders.

Friends of the congregation: Charlie Ackerman, John Arndt, Steve Beck (PA), Steve Beck (TX), Adam Bell, Darlene Bogert, Bishop Christopher deForest, Earl Derr, John Drumheller, Jennifer Engle, Alice Epler, Shirley Hahn, Nancy Harnish, Katelyn Hotzman, June Jenkins, Debra Kenny, Angie Kistler, Kelly Kline, The Koontz Family, Cayden Kresge, Catherine Lenio, Julia Lombardo, Joe M., Rodney Miller, Vivian Reist, Patricia Sigfried, Cleon and Jean Smith, Shawn Spatz, Robert Taylor, Leon Wagner, Leticia Weaver, Linda Wegman, Richard Weller, Althea Young, Becky, Dawn, Jason, Lynn, Pat, Sam, Tim, and Vivian.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: We pray for: peace in the world, and particularly in the Ukraine and eastern Europe; all seeking to respond responsibly to COVID-19, especially healthcare workers; those recovering from and responding to disasters, especially those in Puerto Rico; migrants and refugees; for our nation, including our president, congress, judicial system, and leaders of our communities; an end to the many ways prejudice and racism maintain inequality between people and injustice; an end to threats between nations; peace in the world; our military personnel serving around the world.

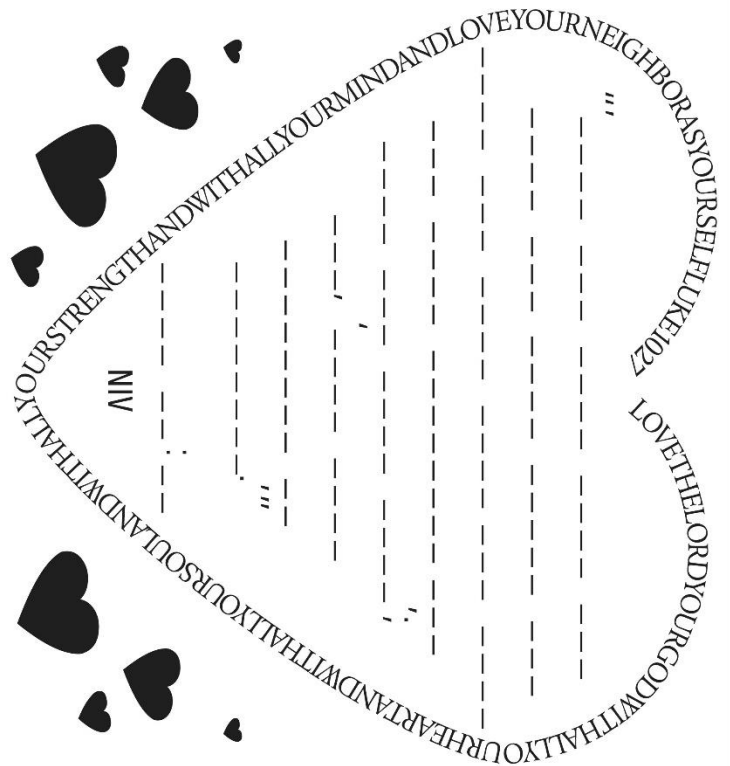
LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Carrie Bausch, Nancy Bennecoff, Gary DeWees, Katie Didyoung, Don Gajewski, Erma Gajewski, Lorelai Gold, Peg H., Denise Haage, Amanda Herman, Johnson-Agiri Family, Mary Kring, Ella Loose, Leilani Rodriguez, Andrew S., Tierney Schmeer, Donna Schwoyer, and Lesley Wegman.

Here's good news about people we have been praying for:

- ♥ Bishop Christopher deForest is recovering well from his infection and heart surgery and has returned to work part-time.
- ♥ Brian Keller had successful heart surgery.
- ♥ Katelyn Hotzman, Korinne's youngest daughter, had successful spine surgery for her scoliosis.

Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.



Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. Jason Keller and family	2 10:00am-Coloring Group Jerry Keller	3 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Topton Nathan Keller and family	4 9:00am-12:00pm-Mat-Weaving Session, St Peter's UCC, Topton
5 <u>5th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 10:00am-Worship with Holy Communion -Fellowship after worship	6 11:00am-Bible Study 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 6:00pm-Congregational Conversations, St. Paul's, Mertztown Robert Keller	7 5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal Rodney and Diane Keller	8 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. Judith Kemmerer	9 9:30-11:00am-Compassionate Crafters, Trinity Lutheran, Topton Gladys Kline	10 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg 7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Topton 7:00-9:00pm-Valentine's Day Dance, St. Paul's, Mertztown Regina Kohl	11 10:00-12:00pm-Faith Formation Session
12 <u>6th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 8:30am-Souper Bowl Breakfast & Collection 10:00am-Worship -Scout Sunday	13 11:00am-Bible Study 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 7:00pm-Council Mtg. Carrie Paige Lambert and family	14 5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal Lisa Landis	15 12:00pm-Fellowship Luncheon (location TBD) 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. Phillip Litschke	16 Lynne Lounsbury	17 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg 7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Topton PASTOR – Vacation until March 3 Samuel Marks	18 8:00am-James Men's Ministry Breakfast, Trinity Lutheran, Topton 9:00am-12:00pm-Mat-Weaving Session, St Peter's UCC, Topton
19 <u>Transfiguration of Our Lord</u> 10:00am-Worship with Holy Communion -Pastor Glenn Simmons, supply pastor NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. Marliese Matz PRESIDENT'S DAY	21 11:00am-1:00pm-Helping Harvest Food Distribution at Brandywine Heights Intermediate/Middle School 5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal Forrest Merkel, Jr.	22 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 7:00pm-Ash Wednesday Service at Christ Mertz, Dryville Linwood Merkel ASH WEDNESDAY	23 9:30-11:00am-Compassionate Crafters, Trinity Lutheran, Topton Edna Miller	24 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Topton Grace Miller	25
26 <u>First Sunday in Lent</u> 10:00am-Worship -Charlotte Gross will give the message -Fellowship after worship	27 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	28 5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal				