

## **THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
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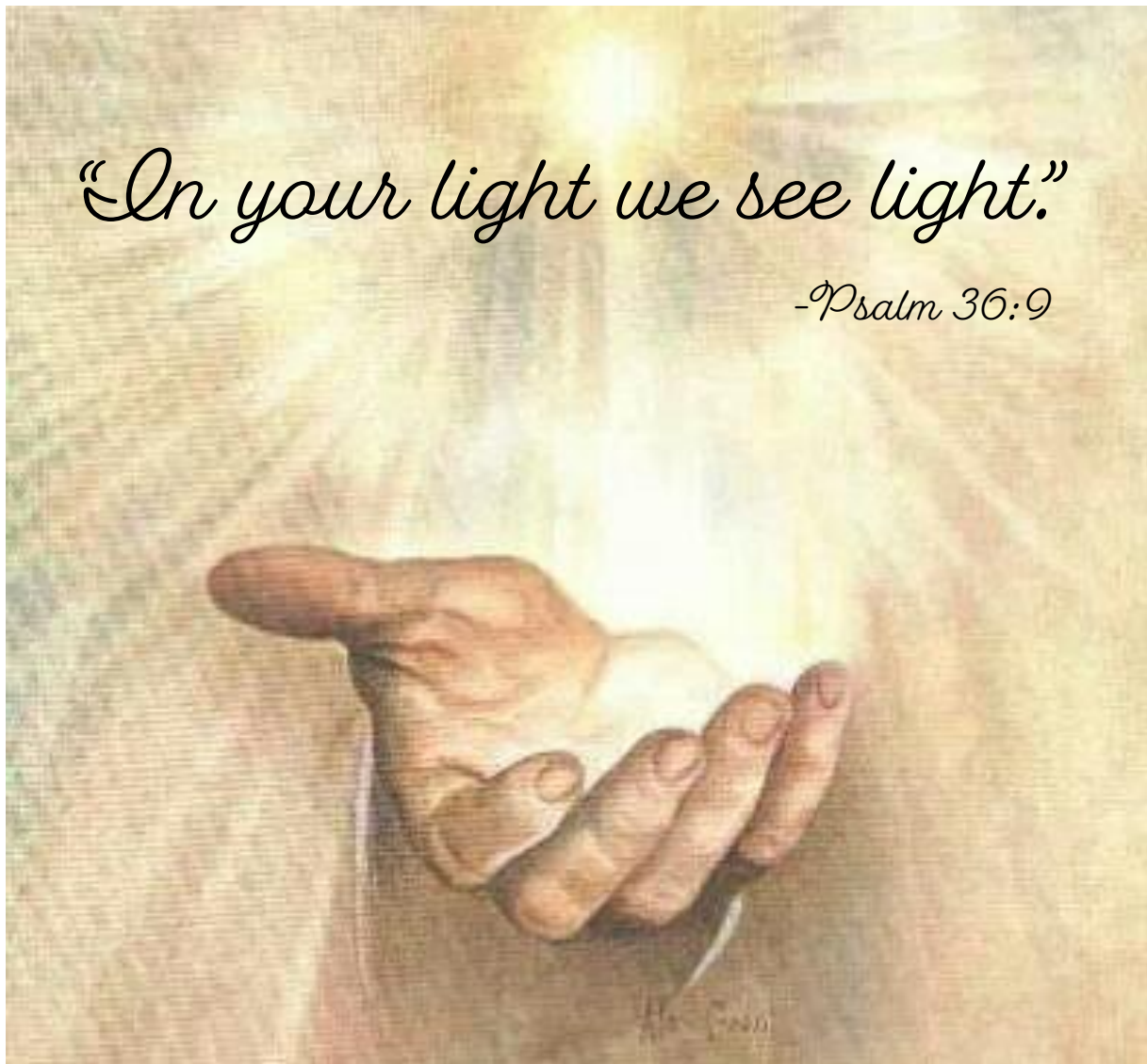
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**THE MISSION OF NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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.*



There are some places I prefer bright white light, like where I am sewing, but there are others where a softer, yellower light helps me relax, enjoy being with people or watching TV. Even with the optimum type of light, some of us need corrective lenses to help us see more clearly and as our eyes change over time, these lenses often need to be adjusted. The section of Psalm 36 from which verse 9 comes starts with, “How precious is your steadfast love, O God!” As we grow in our relationship with God, God’s steady love not only adjusts the “light” with which we see things, but it also continues to correct the lenses through which we view what is going on.

My prayer for each of you whom I care so deeply about, is that we will as individuals and together take the time to “look” for God at work in our midst, see what God is doing in our world. I pray we will be open and even expect to see and experience God in some new ways. May your personal devotions, Bible study, worship and working with others help you see Jesus ever more clearly, love him more dearly, follow him more nearly, day by day.

*Pastor Ruth*

Day by day, day by day,  
O, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly,  
Day by day by day by day.

-Steven Schwartz, *Godspell*



# NEWS & EVENTS

at New Jerusalem and in the community

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following discussions took place and decisions made at our council meeting on Monday, January 8:

- Realtors Fred Opalinski and Mark Chaknos from Keller Williams held a question and answer session to give council members information on ways to proceed with divestment of the church property.
- Carson and Logan Seip will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.
- A motion was made and approved to have the 2 lights in the office fixed, to repair to the ceiling in the sanctuary and fix the water system.
- A motion was made and approved to donate items we have cleaned out in the basement to Opportunity House or a similar organization.

Our next council meeting will be held on **Monday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m.**

## FEBRUARY SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of Altar Flower and Bulletin sponsors for February 4, 11, 18, and 25, a Sanctuary Candle sponsor, and an Altar Guild volunteer. Please sign up if you are able to sponsor or volunteer for any of these items.

## COLORING GROUP

The Coloring Group will NOT be meeting this month. Check in next month's newsletter for the next meeting date.

## ANNUAL MEETING – February 4

Plan now to attend the Annual Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, February 4, with a snow date of Sunday, February 11. We will be reviewing reports of what has been happening in the past year, electing council members, electing delegates to Synod Assembly, and providing an update on how we are discerning our future.

## BIBLE STUDY

Our Monday morning Bible Study will be held on **Mondays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 1:00 p.m.** We will soon complete 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> John and Jude and then start the Book of Mark.

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Souper Bowl Sunday breakfast and food collection will take place on **Sunday, February**

**11, 2024** with a snow date of Sunday, February 18th. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m.



## BOY SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

During this service members of our troop will participate as ushers and readers. We look forward to getting to know these young men better and thank their leaders for all they do for the boys.

## COMPASSIONATE CRAFTERS

Want to crochet, knit, or sew to God's glory? Join Trinity's Compassionate Crafters. Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Sunday School room at Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton. We are in desperate need of sewers! We are working on quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Our next meetings will be held on **Thursdays, February 8 and 22, from 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

## MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

We will again be joining together with other churches in the community to celebrate Lent. **All mid-week Lenten services will be held at 7:00 p.m.** Fellowship will follow the service.

February 14	Ash Wednesday, Christ Mertz, Dryville
February 21	Christ Mertz, Dryville Pastor Dan Hoffstetter
February 28	Trinity, Topton Pastor Martin Milne
March 6	Redeemer, Topton Pastor Jeremiah Sassaman
March 13	Hope, Bowers Pastoral Care Provider, Crystal Angstadt
March 20	Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers Pastor Ruth Doty
March 27	St. Paul's, Mertztown Pastor Michael Combs





## HELPING HARVEST/TOPTON MOBILE MARKET

The Helping Harvest food distribution will take place on **Tuesday, February 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Brandywine Heights MS/IS.

## 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 17**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tipton.

## MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the January newsletter is **Sunday, February 18th**. Please have all articles and announcements submitted to the church office by this date. Thank you!

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

You should have received your end-of-year contribution statements for 2023. Please check them over and notify the church office if you see there are any discrepancies. If you haven't received your statement, please contact Korinne in the church office and another one can be mailed or emailed to you. Thank you!

## February BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Linda Moyer
- 3 Robert Keller
- 6 Lillian Sue 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

## February ANNIVERSARIES

None this month.

# Thank You

Dear Congregation at New Jerusalem, we deeply appreciate your congregation's effort in gathering 10 Holiday Dinner Boxes and 20 Christmas gifts for the children of our pantry clients. Your wonderful donations have made a significant impact helping local families enjoy a wonderful year and holiday season! From the clients, staff, and Board of Friend, Inc. Community Services, we sincerely thank you and wish you a very successful 2024!

### 2023 December Statistics:

866 pantry individuals in 330 households  
Including 194 children receiving Christmas Cheer gifts in the Kutztown, Fleetwood, and Brandywine Heights School Districts.



Dear Pastor Ruth, thank you for spreading holiday cheer among seafarers through your generous donations of time, satchels, knitting, and supplies to fill them. Your donations combined with those of other individuals, congregations, businesses and youth groups resulted in over 3,100 satchels being delivered to seafarers this Christmas season. This is a historic record! Your satchels filled with knit hats and scarves and other donated supplies show seafarers, who are away from loved ones for long periods of time, that we appreciate their sacrifice. Many are from low-wage countries and save every penny to support their families. Wishing you peace and joy throughout 2024. On behalf of the whole Seafarers International House crew, Henryk Behnke, Director of Development and Communications



**HELP NEEDED:  
PLEASE REMIND  
FELLOW MEMBERS TO  
ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING  
ON FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

We need a quorum of 25 communing and contributing members in order to conduct business, including selecting new council members and discussing issues around divesting ourselves of our property.

If the weather is too bad to hold church on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will be the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## LUTHERANISM 101

*With this newsletter we begin a series of articles on what Lutherans believe and do. These articles are being shared with our local Lutheran parishes.*

### **What is Theology and Why does it Matter?**

Theology is one of those subjects that causes some to flee in terror and others to fall asleep. Yet among those fortunate enough to pursue theological study as a vocation, it is wonderful, necessary, and fun. So, what is this thing that we call, “Theology?” The word itself derives from two distinct words in the language of the Ancient Greeks. Theos (qeos) and Logos (logos). The first most accurately translates as “God,” and some scholars (myself included) argue that it refers specifically to the God of the Israelites. The latter word means “word,” “discourse.” Thus, theology is a discourse about God, a study/conversation regarding the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel). The fact of the matter is that all who believe in the Triune God, are engaged in theology. Theology is neither useless and unnecessary, nor is it difficult and static.

“Don’t we all believe in the same God? Why are we so divided? Why should we care about theological differences? What do we truly believe?” Each of these questions is valid, but each can be answered. Over the coming months it is hoped that we shall all see how one might respond to these inquiries. It is my endeavor to provide us with some valuable insight. Looking first at Scripture and next at Lutheran Doctrine, we shall see a rich tapestry begin to unfold. The result will be a deeper understanding of our faith, traditions, and very real relationship with the Almighty. Each day we are to seek a stronger connection to God. It gives us energy, nourishes our soul, and provides us with hope. So how do we strengthen this relationship? John 3:16 tells us that all who believe in Christ shall not perish but have everlasting life. It truly is that simple. The fact remains that we ought to respond with gratitude and a desire to know God more truly and faithfully. Do we not build our human relationships around knowing the other more deeply? We want to know the truth too. Believing the wrong things about people does not lead to healthy relationships. We need to know the truth about God and His ways. While no one person can ever fully know God, we can seek the correct path. That is where theology comes in.

Lutherans and Methodists, Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox, Mennonites and Mormons. Along with so many additional Christian denominations, we

each believe something different about God. Sure, there is much more similarity than difference, yet the differences do matter. Remember we are trying to know God faithfully and truthfully. While no one denomination can perfectly capture the essence of God, each one claims that it is the most accurate. There would be no point in its teachings, otherwise. As such, I a Lutheran, believe that Lutheranism is the most accurate at theological study and biblical interpretation. Not perfect, but the best we have so far. This is not to condemn any other denomination. Rather it helps us begin to comprehend why we are Lutherans and truly what we confess. Our modern world suffers from a lack of consistent truth-telling. The Church knows that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Starting where it all began, let us dive into Lutheran Theology with God’s Word. “Let there be Light!”

-Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Sassaman

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With each step, may  
I place my foot  
in the imprint left  
by compassion  
following it to care  
for others;  
in the silent hours of  
the night, may  
I curl up  
in hope’s  
lap;  
in the morning,  
may wonder and joy  
leap into my bed  
yelling, ‘get up,  
sleepyhead!  
it’s a new  
day!’

Thom Shuman, *Grace Will Lead Us Home*. Wild Goose Publications. Used with permission. Inspired by Proverbs 6:22.



# FEBRUARY

WORSHIP SPONSORS & ASSISTANTS

## Altar Flower Sponsors:

February 4 – *sponsor needed*  
February 11 – *sponsor needed*  
February 18 – *sponsor needed*  
February 25 – *sponsor needed*

## Bulletin Sponsors:

February 4 – *sponsor needed*  
February 11 – Elaine Seip  
February 18 – *sponsor needed*  
February 25 – *sponsor needed*

## Sanctuary Candle Sponsor:

*sponsor needed*

## Altar Guild Volunteer(s):

*volunteer needed*

## Communion Bread Sponsor:

February 4 – *sponsor needed*  
February 11 – Gladys Kline

## Communion Set-up Volunteer:

February 4 – *volunteer needed*  
February 11 – *volunteer needed*

## Readers:

February 4 – Dale Schwoyer  
February 11 – Cindy Rissmiller  
February 18 – Ty Rissmiller  
February 25 – Dale Schwoyer

## Councilperson(s) for the Month:

Josh Keck

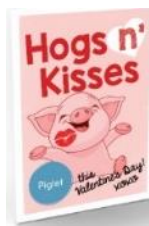
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## **AND A CHICK, CHICK HERE, AND A CHICK, CHICK THERE, . . .**

The most popular item on our Good Gifts tree this year was the gift of 10 baby chicks. Eight people donated these so somewhere in this world there's a lot of peeping going on. Also donated were : 1 rooster, 5 goats, 1 pig, a share of a cow, 4 sets of bees, 2 water filters, a share of a cow, a clinic visit, 3 sets of school supplies, school uniforms for 2 girls, mosquito nets for a family, a blanket, food for 20 people at a soup kitchen and food for 2 refugee families.

The opportunity to contribute to ELCA Good Gifts is not limited to the Christmas season.

You can also send “Hogs and Kisses, tell someone “You make my life sweeter, or wish them an “egg-cellent Easter.”



For more info go to <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

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*This year Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday occur on the same date, February 14. Some would note how appropriate it is that on a day that celebrates love, we begin our journey with the One who showed us just what true love, God's great love, looks like.*

## **Kindred**

*My heart looked up and saw you.  
My mind leapt forward to embrace.  
My feet ran to meet you,  
as your arms stretched out to me.*

God, our Lover,  
as husbands and wives,  
friends and partners  
grow through their love,  
learn by their mistakes,  
are united yet separate,  
so may we be dependent on you,  
be independent of you,  
be interdependent with you,  
that we may truly be  
Mother, Brother and Sister of Christ,  
one kindred,  
one household of faith.

*Let us cling to you.*

*Let us let go.*

*Let us make love  
our pattern and goal.*

Christ, our Brother,  
loose the bonds that bind us to the past,  
the cords that strangle;  
bring us to a new relationship  
where duty is delight,  
carers are cared for  
and all may live freely  
in your Kingdom of peace.

Kate McIlhagga, *Not for the Faint-hearted*. Wild Goose Publications. Used with permission.

## Lent is not for the faint-hearted

Lent is not for the faint-hearted.  
It demands that we, like Thomas,  
put our hand into the side of the crucified Christ.

Lent is not tidy.  
The days grow longer,  
the ground thaws,  
there's mud everywhere  
and the windows need cleaning.

Lent is a journey.  
So at the end of Lent  
we should expect to find ourselves  
somewhere different from where we started.

Lent can be an opportunity to explore what is the  
nature of the promised Kingdom of God on earth  
that we long for; a time to discern how we are called  
to work for it.

No, Lent is not for the faint-hearted.

Kate McIlhagga, *Not for the Faint-hearted*. Wild Goose  
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### New Name, Same Mission

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present  
help in trouble."* - Psalm 46:1

In order to expand its ability to serve increasing  
numbers of refugees and immigrants who seek to live  
in safety here in the United States, Lutheran  
Immigration and Refugee Services has changed its  
name to Global Refuge. With more than 100 million  
people around the world displaced from their homes,  
the organization has seen tremendous growth in the  
need for their essential and innovative services. As  
part of its mission to build a bigger table to welcome  
and serve newcomers, the leaders have made a  
decision that they believe will allow the organization  
to meet this historic moment.

You see, many who have heard the name Lutheran  
Immigration and Refugee Services have wondered  
whether the organization only helps resettle  
Lutherans or whether you have to be a Lutheran to  
get involved. This name change will help clarify the  
organization's mission to serve those in search of  
refuge, regardless of religious affiliation. It will also  
reflect that the organization partners with other  
communities of faith.

This was not a decision the organization took lightly.  
The Board of Directors spent over 18 months  
exploring how to expand and protect their mission in  
these challenging times.

Board Chair, Bryn Parchman writes, "LIRS was  
forged in faith 85 years ago, and its faith-based  
identity is integral to their work of welcome. Having  
grown up as a Lutheran, it is a gift to me — and I  
trust to you as well — to embrace the future with  
fresh and innovative programs to fulfill our mission  
of welcoming the newcomers in our midst."

She continues, "While we have adopted a new name,  
our mission, vision, and values remain unchanged.  
Our relationships with the Lutheran community  
continue, including with congregations and affiliates  
who are integral to the co-sponsorship model of  
welcome. We will continue our efforts to engage  
interfaith communities in our work as well, as the  
need to grow our movement of welcome is greater  
than ever before.

"During my years of service on the Board, I've  
witnessed the impact of working with dedicated  
partners and affiliates united by the common purpose  
of 'welcoming the stranger' so that all those  
compelled to flee in search of refuge and a better life  
are embraced and supported."

"Like you, I am inspired by the stories of newly  
arrived immigrant and refugee families who are  
building a future filled with hope. And I am saddened  
to know how many precious children of God yearn  
for even a glimmer of hope. And so I am reminded of  
the words of Martin Luther: 'Everything that is done  
in the world is done by hope.'"

"There is so much more we can do — and must do —  
to offer hope, to provide refuge, to those who need it  
most."

**"An important note is that our legal name  
remains: Lutheran Immigration and Refugee  
Service so NO changes to wills, estate plans or  
legacy endowments is required or necessitates an  
action on your part. Continued support can be  
addressed to LIRS or Global Refuge."**

***For more information:*** [www.GlobalRefuge.org](http://www.GlobalRefuge.org)

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"Love is the strongest force the world possesses,  
and yet it is the humblest imaginable."

—Mahatma Gandhi



# New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts

December 31, 2023

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 18,781.69
Thrivent	11,938.16
Checking	8,406.26
Youth	412.88
Fidelity	20,969.68
Cash Reserve	13,430.70
Mission Investment Fund	11,713.44
Local Care	<u>2,252.77</u>
Total:	<u>\$87,905.58</u>

Total Balance of Asset Accounts  
from **December 31, 2022** \$ 130,215.23

### December 2023 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income

Income			
Income	Required	Actual	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating	\$ 9,860.00	\$ 15,076.91	\$ 5,216.91
Expenses			

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2023  
Budget Passed by Congregation  
Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*



**PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD’S PRESENCE for Those with Limited Mobility or in Care Facilities:** Anna Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Erma Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Gabriele Sanders, and Dorothy Turner.

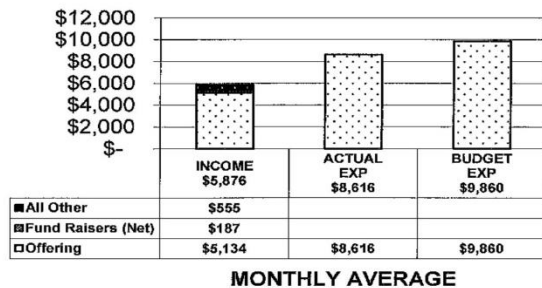
**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND SUPPORT: Members:** Holly Allen, Virginia Guinther, Lucille Jones, Brian Keller, Diane Keller, Forrest Merkel, Grace Miller, Linda Moyer, Lloyd Moyer, Horace Rothermel, and Dale Schwoyer.

**Friends of the congregation:** Family and friends of Riley (Virginia Guinther’s grandson), Brad Auge, Sr., Steve Beck, Sharon Bennett, Brendan Beshore, Jason Beshore, Darlene Bogert, Earl Derr, John Drumheller, Marge Drumheller, Jennifer Engle, Alice Epler, Dawson Freed (military), Shirley Hahn, Nancy Harnish, Debra Kenny, Kelly Kline, The Koontz Family, Cayden Kresge, Catherine Lenio, Julia Lombardo, Emma Loose, Joe M., Vivian Reist, Arlan Schwoyer, Patricia Sigfried, Jean Smith, Shawn Spatz, Carol Spiegelmeyer, Laverne Stevens, Robert Taylor, Johnathan Wagner, Tim Walck, Leticia Weaver, Bob Wegman, Leon Wegman, Family and friends of Linda (Curtin) Wegman, Richard Weller, Lauren Wilson and baby Dorothy Lou Wilson, Althea Young, Becky, Dawn, Jason, Kim, Lynn, Pat, Sam, and Tim.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** We pray for: peace in the world, and particularly in the Ukraine and eastern Europe, Israel and Gaza; 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:** Gary DeWees, Don Gajewski, Erma Gajewski, Lorelai Gold, Amanda Herman, Johnson-Agiri Family, Leilani Rodriquez, Andrew S., Tierney Schmeer, Donna Schwoyer, and Otis Spiegelmeyer

### DECEMBER 2023 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE

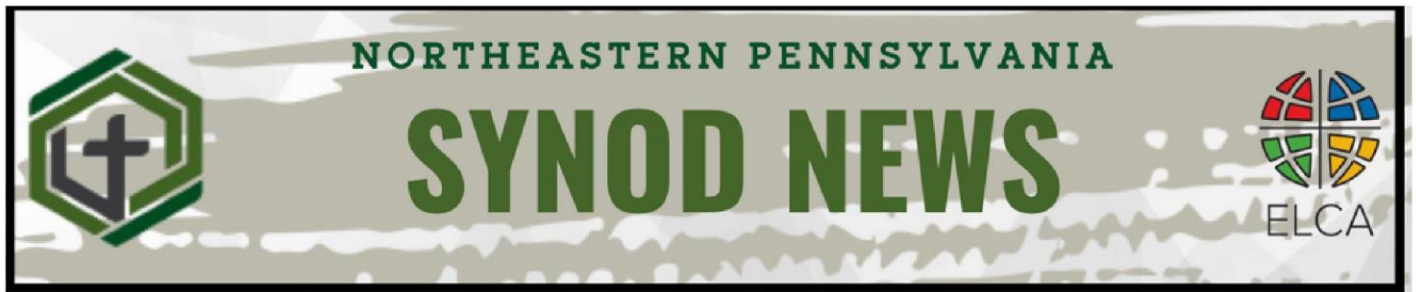


### CALENDAR YEAR 2023 INFORMATION NORMAL OPERATIONS ONLY (DOES NOT INCLUDE MAJOR REPAIRS/PURCHASES)

#### INCOME & EXPENSE ACTIVITY DECEMBER 2023 YEAR-TO-DATE

	<u>Dec Y-T-D</u>	<u>Average Month</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Offering	\$ 61,616	\$ 5,135
Fund Raisers	\$ 2,245	187
Other	\$ 6,656	555
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 70,517</b>	<b>5,876</b>
<b>Actual Exp</b>	<b>\$ 103,387</b>	<b>8,616</b>
<b>Budget Exp</b>	<b>\$ 118,320</b>	<b>9,860</b>
<b>Shortage *</b>	<b>\$ (32,870)</b>	<b>(2,739)</b>

\*NOTE: Shortage - Total Income to 2023 ACTUAL Expense  
Less Benevolence & Major Repairs/Purchases



## Advent Shares: *Hope Out Loud*

Support from the HOL! (Hope Out Loud!) Capital Campaign saw Advent members participate in dozens of projects – some new, some one-time; some existing ministries were expanded or refreshed. The dedicated members of Advent who truly care about people in need were very active and supportive. One member shared: “When I had some tough years, my church came through for me! That experience changed me in big ways. I vowed that I would get involved more and & pay it forward”. Helping others has made me a happier Christian.” There are so many completed (and ongoing!) projects. These ministries are wide-ranging and varied – food, clothing, shelter, blankets, books, and prayers. Cookies at Christmastime.

Advent members help men, women, babies, children, people in prison, people in recovery from addictions, hungry people – in our community, our country, and around the world. Members have said that they feel joy in providing the services and the looks on the faces of the recipients reinforce joy there too. Some of the projects receive seed money from Thrivent Action Teams. Some of our favorite ministries and activities are Bombas Socks donations, books and Bibles for Berks County Prison, Christmas Cookies for Common Ground, the Hungry Yard Sale, Family Promise, our Little Free Library and Little Free Pantry, the (new in 2020) Prayer Team, and the many clothing drives.

As one example of the positive impact in the community: The Little Free Pantry was filled and emptied on the same day. We cannot keep it filled fast enough. Through our \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team sponsorship by members of different committees, we can grocery shop and fill our shelves in Advent’s grocery shelves. We fill up my grocery cart three times a week and go outside to our Little Free Pantry. Within hours it had been emptied. Praise God for Thrivent and Advent’s church members in helping fill our community’s bellies with happiness through our wonderful blessed giving! Another goal of the HOL! The campaign was to increase the use of technology in our church life. In the middle of the pandemic, we premiered a fresh, beautiful, new website to tell people about Advent – reaching out in a modern way to share God’s word and work with our neighbors, friends, and people who want to learn about God. This new website increases our visibility in the community and provides valuable information for members and visitors alike. Seeing new people attend and join our church brings





joy, creating more of a sense of “community”. We continue to be inspired by: 1) Jesus’ examples of sharing, healing – “love our neighbor as ourselves”, (2) a thirst for learning about our faith through study and worship, (3) the need for support in our local and global community, (4) Reflection on our blessings and those less fortunate, (5) and, socializing with others while providing service. Members think Advent’s sermons and services explicitly help to keep us inspired and filled with the joy of serving.



### Reconsiderations Task Force for Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly authorized two reconsiderations of the social statement Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust. A task force will begin working in 2024 to lead this five-year process of discernment. Information is available about the reconsiderations and task force expectations. Apply or nominate



# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO Coloring Group this month	2 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Topton  GROUNDHOG DAY	3
4 <u>5th Sunday after Epiphany</u> 10:15am-Worship with Holy Communion -Annual Meeting after worship -Fellowship after meeting	5 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  1:00pm-Bible Study	6	7 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	8 9:30-11:00am-Compassionate Crafters, Trinity Lutheran, Topton	9 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Topton	10
11 <u>Transfiguration of Our Lord</u> 8:30-9:15am-Souper Bowl of Caring Breakfast 10:15am-Worship with Holy Communion -Boy Scout Sunday -Annual Meeting (snow date) -Pastor lead worship at Trinity, Topton	12 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  1:00pm-Bible Study  7:00pm-Council Mtg.	13 11:00am-1:00pm-Helping Harvest Food Distribution at Brandywine Heights IS/MS	14 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  7:00pm-Ash Wednesday Service, Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville  VALENTINE'S DAY ASH WEDNESDAY	15	16 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Topton	17 8:00am-James Men's Ministry Breakfast, Trinity Lutheran, Topton
18 <u>First Sunday in Lent</u> 10:15am-Worship -Pastor Roger Timm supply -Souper Bowl of Caring Breakfast (snow date)	19 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.   PRESIDENTS' DAY	20	21 12:00pm-Fellowship Luncheon at Snuzzles  12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, Christ Mertz, Dryville	22 9:30-11:00am-Compassionate Crafters, Trinity Lutheran, Topton	23 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.  7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Topton	24
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