

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

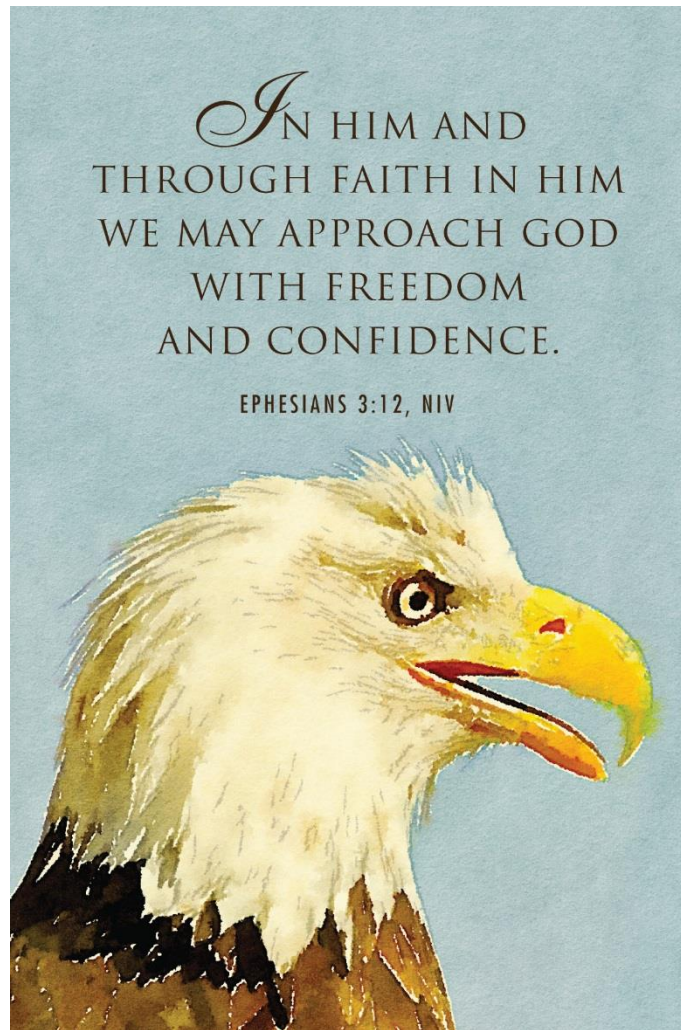
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**THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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,

Summertime, and the living, we hope, will be “easy.”

There is something about summer – maybe it’s because we associate it with being out of school, with no more pencils and no more books, with no more tests or early bedtimes – there is something about summer that leads us to expect that life will be simpler, if not free and easy.

There is something about summer. . . . Maybe it is because we know the weather can get beastly hot and will give us an excuse to just sit in the shade and enjoy a cool drink or take a nap, but there is something about summer that invites us to rest.



There is something about summer. . . . Maybe it is because kids are running around, in and out of the sprinkler or pool, up a tree, on the go, but there is something about summer that makes us want to let loose and have fun.

In the cold dark winter, there is something about summer that we look forward to, for which we hope.

What are your hopes for this summer? Will you take it easier, even if the weeds are growing and there is so much you, your friends, your children and your grandchildren want to do? Will you take time to sit in the shade, visit with friends, and just rest? Will you take advantage of opportunities to have fun? Will you allow God to help you experience what you have hoped for?

In our Old Testament lessons this month we hear about God’s call to a number of individuals, God’s call to deliver the message to others that they are to care for others and to do justice. Justice! That thought resonates with us as we celebrate Independence Day. In our gospel lessons we will not only hear about how Jesus and his disciples meet resistance and threats as they try to help others, but also experience the power of God let loose, to heal and feed and teach and reassure.

At the end of this month, I and a team of volunteers, including members of our congregation, will travel to Crisfield, Maryland where we will “work” with children traumatized by poverty made worse by Hurricane Sandy and other incidents in their lives. I put “work” in quotes because it is God’s Spirit who will really work with the children and with us through the Camp Noah program. We team members will be helping to set God’s Spirit loose through stories and arts and crafts and games and a birthday party for everyone and skits and songs and you name it (are you breathless yet?) to help these children use the ways that are unique to children to heal and build resiliency. Oh, and don’t forget, we’re bringing fleece blankets members from New Jerusalem helped to make – one for each child, blankets children treasure even in the heat of summer. And, yes, we’re bringing a Kids Kit for each one, a bag of craft supplies folks have donated for the children to use at camp and then take home. And we, too, will let loose and have lots of fun!

What are some ways you *will* experience at least moments of a simpler, easier life? What are some ways you *will* take time to rest? What are some ways you *will* have fun this summer? What are some ways you will help to set God’s Spirit loose to heal and feed, teach and reassure others?

Welcome to God’s gift of summer!

Pastor Ruth



WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION



NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH PICNIC - We will be holding our indoor church picnic on Sunday, July 26th. Join us after the worship service for great food, fun, and fellowship.

MULTI-CHURCH OUTDOOR WORSHIP - On Sunday, August 9, instead of worshipping in our building, New Jerusalem Lutheran Church will join with Hope Lutheran, Bowers, Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers, and St. Peter's UCC, Topton, for an outdoor worship and picnic at Bowers Park. The worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. There are benches to sit on, but you are welcome to bring along lawn chairs.

“TABLE BLESSINGS AND MEALTIME PRAYERS”

- Do you or your family members say any special prayers at mealtime? If you do, we would like to include a collection of these prayers in the 175th Anniversary Cookbook that is being prepared. Prayers can be submitted to Dawn Wengert at dmw121069@dejazzd.com, mailed to the church office or emailed to the church office at njelchurch@windstream.net.



LAST CHANCE TO GET ON BOARD FOR CAMP NOAH!

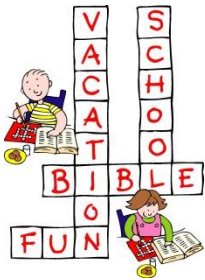
The “ship” sets sail July 25 and returns July 31. If you know of anyone 16 or older who wants to be part of the adventure, please have them contact Pastor Ruth ASAP. It’s time to gather the crew and ready our “boat” for the “voyage” that changes lives. For those who can’t go along, please use your prayers to keep the “wind” in our sails.

For more information see the bulletin board in the narthex, speak with Pastor Ruth, 484.553.1162, or contact Lutheran Congregational Services, 610.770.9205

All donations can be given to Pastor Ruth or sent or delivered to Lutheran Congregational Services, 1923 Hanover Avenue, Allentown, PA 18109 and are tax deductible. Please make donation checks out to Lutheran Congregational Services and leave the memo blank. Checks for registration should include “Camp Noah Registration” in the memo.



Church News



Got kids? Got kids with lots of energy? The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is: EVEREST, as in Mount Everest. The theme is: CONQUERING CHALLENGES WITH GOD'S MIGHTY POWER. And what an exciting time we will have.

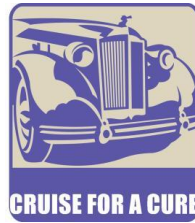
The folks at Christ Mertz in Dryville along with volunteers from Hope, Bowers and New Jerusalem have let their imagination loose with the decorations, and are busy setting up lots of challenges and lots of fun. We'll meet all kinds of characters! (Have you ever really met a Yedi?) So, fill out a registration form for those 3 year olds through 6th graders! No matter your age, come join everyone for supper at 5:30 and let's learn how to climb Everest! VBS runs from July 13-16, closing program and meal July 17.

MIRACLE GOSPEL QUINTET - If you heard them last time they were in Berks, you will surely want to hear them again. If you missed them, you do not want to miss them this time. So mark your calendars! New Jerusalem Lutheran Church will be hosting this group on Sunday, September 27, at 3:00 p.m. – a late afternoon concert before you dine at your favorite eatery. Keep watch for more about them - SOON!

DEADLINE for the August 2015 newsletter is Monday, July 20.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE - We are currently working on updating the member directory. Please notify the office if there are any changes to your address, phone number, or email address. Thank you.



CRUISE FOR A CURE - You may have been asking yourself "When is Cruise for a Cure going to be held this year?" Well, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12, from 1:30-6:00 p.m. Held at Larry

Dey Auto Service the Cruise features DJ music, food and drinks, raffle and door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Admission donation and proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life team of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

If anyone would care to donate a raffle prize for Cruise for a Cure, please notify Faye Dey or Lisa Landis. Thank you.



Congratulations to Joshua Keck who graduated from Berks Vo-Tech on June 1 and from Kutztown High School on June 4. Joshua's future plans are to go to work. His parents are Kenneth Keck and Cheryl Himmelwright.

Congratulations to McKaide Fenstermacher who graduated from Brandywine Heights High School on June 4. McKaide will be going into the Marines. His parents are Robert and Danita Fenstermacher and his grandparents are Richard and Goldie Carl.

Mark Your Calendars

UPCOMING EVENTS



4TH OF JULY WORSHIP SERVICE - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mertztown, invites you to come to their outdoor July 4th celebration in their pavilion on July 4th at 11:00 a.m. Come and help them celebrate and pray for our great nation with an outdoor worship service led by Pastor Jeremiah Sassaman. Please bring lawn chairs. "America the Beautiful, God shed his Grace on thee."

SUMMER FUN ACTIVITIES - Sometimes feel down or stressed? Join us at Friend, Inc. Community Services, 658D Noble Street, Kutztown, to build an activity kit that will help banish the blues. Each session will involve the creation of a new project that will lift moods and relieve stress. The program runs Tuesdays, June 9 to August 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Jamie Hogan at Family Guidance Center, 610-374-4963, ext. 3460 to reserve your spot.



"DAMN DUTCH!" A Civil War Program with John Moyer, Jr. and friends. This program on German Americans and the Civil War is

designed to delight, educate, and entertain. It will feature period music from experienced historian John Moyer, who is a 13-year veteran of Civil War living history and re-enactments. The program will be held on Thursday, August 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitehall Township Public Library. For more information contact 610-432-4339 or www.whitehallpl.org.

FRIEND, INC. 6TH ANNUAL BRAKE THE CYCLE OF POVERTY - August 8, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (rain or shine). \$25.00/pre-registration; \$35.00/day of event. For more information call 610-683-7790 or go to www.friendinc.org.



LCS - GOLF TOURNAMENT - Attention Golfers! (You know who you are!) The 17th Annual LUTHERAN CLASSIC GOLF OUTING will take place MONDAY, AUGUST 10th, at Silver Creek Country Club, 700 Linden Avenue, Hellertown.

Here's the schedule:

- Registration 9:30 am (driving range open)
- Shotgun start 11 am (four person scramble)
- Buffet dinner 4 pm (raffles and prizes at dinner)

The Event will be held rain or shine. The cost, \$125 per golfer, includes greens fee, cart, prizes, food and beverages. To register contact Lutheran Congregational Services, info@lutherancongregationalservices.org, or call 610-770-9205. For more information go to www.LutheranCongregationalServices.org.

PEACH FESTIVAL - Hope Lutheran, Bowers, will be holding their Annual Peach Festival on Sunday, August 16th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The menu includes: BBQ, hotdogs, hamburgers, soups, macaroni salad, peaches, and ice cream. Stop by and join them for great food and fellowship.

CONCERN is a private non-profit human services organization dedicated to providing placement and treatment services to children and their families. Since 1978, CONCERN has served more than 15,000 children and youth in placement services, including placing more than 1,700 children into adoptive families. CONCERN offers a growing array of adoption, counseling, foster care and residential programs. CONCERN places only about 25% of all the children referred because they do not have enough foster homes to meet their needs. CONCERN needs foster parents to care for sibling groups. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for further information and how to contact CONCERN to learn more about their mission.

Patriotic Trivia

As we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the Pledge of Allegiance and the hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.



The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was used as a national song before "The Star-Spangled Banner" was named America's national anthem in 1931.

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New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts May 31, 2015

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 28,303.45
Thrivent	6,185.99
Checking	8,537.09
Youth	966.33
Fidelity	175,479.53
Cash Reserve	35,659.07
Endowment Fund	—

Cash Reserve balance includes \$11,200.32 from Endowment Fund. Currently reviewing other investment options for Endowment Fund.

May 2015 — 'Actual' vs. 'Required' Income

	Income		
	Required	Actual	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Delta</u>
Operating Expenses	\$8,440.42	\$7,403.00	(\$ 1,037.42)

Actual Income includes \$2,200.00 Estimated Profit from Shoo-fly Pie Bake Sale

Income Required per Month — Based on 2015 Budget Passed by Congregation

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care Facilities: Dallas and Anna Angstadt, Cliff Barlet, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Jean Deysher, Karl Fenstermacher, Paul and Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Mildred Reinert, Warren Reinhart, Betty Stoudt, and Arlene Yob.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Members: Myles Angstadt, Betty Eshbach, Ted Eshbach, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Penny Keller, Sheila Long, the family of Myrtle Merkel, Betty Musser, Daniel Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Dale Schwoyer.

Friends of the congregation: Jolyn Blankenbiller, Kyle Caskie, Shirley Diaz, the family of Anne Dries, Olivia Fenstermacher, Marilyn Franzi, Corinne Hersh, Douglas Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Chaplain Colleen Kristula, Ronnie Lee, Mildred Leiby, Lorraine Lindbuchler, Brian Lord, Sandra "Cookie" Miller, Kyle Ohlinger, Russell Roeder, Andrew S., Jerry Schwambach, Donna Schwoyer, Jean Smith, Jack Stoudt, the family of Linda Torres, Judy Werner, Marlene Wike, Cindy Wilt, Carl Wuchter, and Lisa Ziegler.

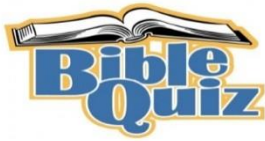
OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For all our military personnel serving around the world, the tragedy in South Carolina, those affected by the earthquake in Nepal, and for peace in the world, especially the Middle East and the Ukraine.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Baby Adelene, Evelyn Collins, Ralph Harris, Leah K. and Lisa K., Lauren Kinney, Mae Hertzog, Linda Moyer, Josh S., Theresa S., Tom Spraut, Karen W., and Frances Walter.

"The Declaration of Independence ... gave liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to all the world, for all future time."

—Abraham Lincoln





Although St. Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he had one of his friends do the actual penmanship. Toward the end of the letter, the penman identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila



The answer can be found in Romans 16:22.

Answer: A

On Vocation? Use GPS!

Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on *vocation* – following his call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our “calling,” Frederick Buechner said, is “where [our] deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

But is there a GPS for *vocation*? It’s not as detailed or predictive as we’d like. It doesn’t name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up “recalculating” our life route more often than our vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.



Even so, we travel in safety. This “GPS” might stand for *God’s Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve!* The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide’s calm voice and continue on vocation.

- Heidi Mann

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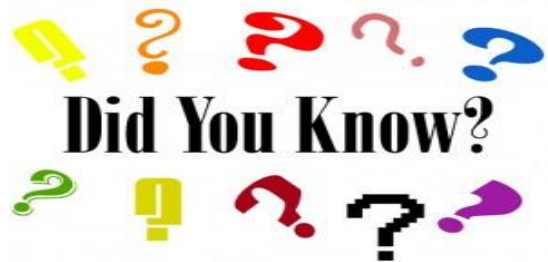
Mighty to Save

Dr. Kent Brantly, a U.S. medical missionary who contracted the Ebola virus last summer in Liberia, credits a “mighty God” – and lots of prayers – for his survival. After recovering from the disease, Brantly returned to the North Carolina headquarters of Samaritan’s Purse, the group he’d been working with in Africa.

He spoke about Deuteronomy 6, saying it’s important to remind others of God’s acts. “I will never grow tired of talking of this,” Brantly said “I’m going to keep telling my story so I can remember what God has done in my life.”

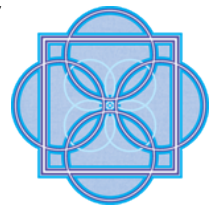
Then Brantly offered this challenge: “Never think you’re just a normal person. If you’re pursuing God’s calling in your life, he will use you. Even if it’s a challenging calling, even if you find yourself in difficult circumstances, he will give you what you need to be faithful to him, even if it’s a whole army of people praying for you. Share your story over and over and over so you can remember we serve a mighty God.”

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Quatrefoil

The word *quatrefoil* comes from the Latin for “four leaves.” A quatrefoil in art or architecture is the outline of four partially overlapping circles of the same diameter. In Christian tradition, it represents the writers of the four gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John - which overlap one another partially but not entirely, and are equally important to our understanding of Jesus.





**RELAY FOR LIFE
2015 RAFFLE PRIZE
WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following winners in the Relay for Life raffle held on Saturday, May 31, at Kutztown University.

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| 1. Sonicare Toothbrush | Janie Peters |
| 2. 123 Pc. Socket Set | Cindy Stunkard |
| 3. Jump Starter w/Compressor | P. Seitzinger |
| 4. Vera Bradley Bag | Donna Corm |
| 5. Thirty One Bag | Charles Moyer |
| 6. Bucket of Wine | Sue Schlenker |
| 7. Basket | Gladys Kline |
| 8. Gift Card to Radcliffe's | Beverly Guistwite |
| 9. Gift Card to Mr. Food | Cleon Garl |
| 10. Shear Indulgence Gift Card | Amanda Burns |
| 11. Necklace Set | Kelly Wagner |
| 12. Snack Basket | Keith Runkle |
| 13. Amazing Grace Cross | Steve Stump |
| 14. Bath & Body Works | Andrea Rahn |
| 15. Prayer Shawl Basket | Kevin Stump |
| 16. Place Mats | Steve Stump |
| 17. Honey Basket | John Moyer |
| 18. PA German Dictionary | L. Schmale |
| 19. Quilt Wall Hanging | Brooke Wengert |
| 20. Watch | Sheila Gehman |
| 21. Gift Card | Elaine Seip |
| 22. Planter | Cookie Eckert |
| 23. Bud Vase Holder | Sue Schlenker |
| 24. Turned Wooden Pen | Kathy Lynch |
| 25. Cards by Cheryl | Vic Snyder |



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| 1 | Kathy Bailey |
| 4 | Anthony Kepnach |
| 7 | Goldie Carl |
| 9 | Teresa Miller |
| 9 | Alyse Musser |
| 10 | Donald Lutz |
| 12 | Kenneth Keck |
| 14 | Phillip Litschke |
| 17 | Maxwell Beshore |
| 18 | Daniel Bailey |
| 18 | Richard Bausher |
| 22 | Rodney Keller |
| 23 | Dale Schwoyer |
| 26 | Brian Hess |
| 29 | Madison Musser |



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| 9 | Jason and Stacey Beshore (21 years) |
| 15 | Dan and Sheila Gehman (9 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.



THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July

- * 5 10:00 AM Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 12 10:00 AM Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- *19 10:00 AM Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 26 10:00 AM Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
 - Church Picnic (held after worship)

August

- 2 10:00 AM Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 9 **10:30AM** Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)
 - Multi-church outdoor worship and picnic at Bowers Park
- 16 10:00 AM Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- *23 10:00 AM Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 30 10:00 AM Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

September

- * 6 10:00 AM Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 13 10:00 AM Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- *20 10:00 AM Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- ◆27 10:00 AM Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
 - Rally Day Breakfast

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- (*) Fellowship after worship
- (◆) Breakfast before worship
- (●) Picnic after worship
- (□) Outdoor worship and picnic



OCEAN WATER

After a busy summer day, relax in the shade with this cool drink.



What you need:

- 3 Tablespoons water
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 drops blue food coloring
- 24 oz. (2 cans) lemon-lime soda
- Clear cup or glass
- Ice
- Swedish Fish candy

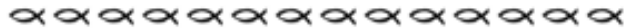
What you do:

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the water and sugar. Heat for 1 minute. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture into a pitcher. Add coconut extract, food coloring and soda. Stir.
3. Pour into cup. Add ice and fish. Enjoy!

PUZZLE

UNDER THE SEA

This summer, consider God's marvelous creation under the sea.




Directions: Write the animal names on the blanks. Then use the circled letters (they may not be in the right order) to create a new word from Psalm 148:7, NIV. Finally, match the words to their numbered blanks below.

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PSALM 148:7, NIV

Answers: lobster > Lord, sea horse > earth, hermit crab > great stingray > praise, jellyfish > you, clownfish > from, sea star > creatures
Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures, Psalm 148:7, NIV

JULY SERVICE ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR CANDLES	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
7/5	Erma Gajewski	Cindy Rissmiller	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	The Rissmiller Family	Cheryl Wiltrout
7/12	Joshua Keck	Gladys Kline	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Dale Schwoyer
7/19	Goldie Carl	Roy Merkel	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Sarah Bailey	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
7/26	Dawn Wengert	Sara Jane Beshore	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Dale Schwoyer	Dale Schwoyer

ALTAR GUILD: Tara Basta and Sara Jane Beshore

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Dale Schwoyer

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Cheryl Wiltrout and Cindy Rissmiller

COMMUNION BREAD: 7/5 – Gladys Kline

COMMUNION SET-UP: 7/5 – ***(volunteer needed)***

COUNCIL PERSON: Linda Moyer, 610-641-9349; Dawn Wengert, 610-682-7444;
and Susan Schlenker, 610-334-9988

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

JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 11:00am-Outdoor Worship, St. Paul's Lutheran, Mertztown  INDEPENDENCE Day
5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	13 5:30pm-Dinner before VBS 6:00pm-VBS starts 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting	14 5:30pm-Dinner before VBS 6:00pm-VBS starts 6:00pm-Worship & Music Committee Meeting	15 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon 5:30pm-Dinner before VBS 6:00pm-VBS starts	16 5:30pm-Dinner before VBS 6:00pm-VBS starts	17 5:30pm-Dinner before VBS 6:00pm-VBS Closing Program	18
19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Fellowship after worship	20 7:00pm-Council Meeting 	21	22	23	24	25 Camp Noah (until 7/31)
26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Church Picnic (after worship)	27	28	29	30	31	