

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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(Normally Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon, but during the current times, please call ahead to make sure someone is there.)



Matthew 4:19

19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

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.



*Summertime And the livin' is easy
Fish are jumpin' And the cotton is high. . .
George Gershwin - Porgy and Bess*

Dear Friends,

Unlike many of you, I've never really been fishing. Oh, there was that one time I bought my son Jon some hooks and we tied them to the end of a string – or maybe we had a small rod – and he put on some bait and cast into the stream. Sure enough – a fish actually took the bait. Wow! He was thrilled! Now, from the start this was going to be a catch and release event, since we hadn't a clue on how to prepare one for supper.

When Jesus called his disciples, he said, “Follow me and I will send you out to fish for people.” – *Matthew 4:19*. Disciples were to fish for people using the bait of God's love made clear in Jesus' Christ.

Discipleship is different from membership. Church membership connotes a sense of community and belonging, while discipleship communicates a sense of mission and purpose. One can be a member of a church and not a disciple of Jesus. Ruthven J. Roy writes that “the dilemma of Christian denominations today is that they possess few members, but even fewer disciples.”¹

Dr. Roy reminds us that “follow Me” implies more than just “come after me.” It is a call to imitate Jesus, to act like the master and pass on the master's teachings and way of life to others. It is a call to proclaim and take action to establish the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. She says, “Fishing is the acid test of one's true relationship to Jesus.”

So how are you, how are we, doing at fishing? How are you, how are we, doing at being disciples, not just members of this congregation?

Now let's be clear: being a part of the community that is the congregation is important, really important, for it is through being part of the community that we learn who and whose we are. It is through the community that we experience God's love and forgiveness and support. It is within the community that we hear the stories and songs that shape us. The community is where we learn and get to develop and practice skills for living as God's people. It is through the community that we hear Jesus' call to become fishers, fishers of people.

While I admit that I'm not good at fishing for fish and I've got a lot to learn about fishing for people, I continue to learn about the people part from Jesus and from those who are serious about following him.

I've learned that people, lots of people, are hungry: hungry for a sense of meaning and purpose, hungry to get involved in what is worthwhile, hungry to know that they matter. In that sense, they are "jumpin'."

I've learned that I can't fish for people without staying connected and cooperating with Jesus.

I've learned that I can't fish for people with an "I'm better than you" attitude or while being preoccupied with "cleaning them up before they are caught." In other words, it's important to not put man-made barriers between Jesus and the sinners who are trying to come to him. Dr. Roy reminds me that Jesus "reserves the sole right to the fish cleaning and sorting process."

I've also learned that I can't hold myself responsible for the fishing outcome, I'm not to measure my value or success by my ability to "land" a large number of catches. Sometimes I need to be content with just offering them the bait, offering them God's love. Funny thing about fishing with Jon: the same fish kept coming back for the bait even after we released it. Apparently, it got a taste and wanted more.

Finally, I've learned that when it comes for fishing for people, it's not a case of "catch and release." You need to care for them, help them feel a part of the community of Jesus. As they become incorporated into the community, they too, will learn to be fishers with Jesus.

Many of you know a whole lot more about fishing than I do, even about fishing for people. It's summertime. The fish are "jumpin'." Let's learn together how to fish with Jesus.

Peace and joy be with you.

Pastor Ruth

¹"Not Just Membership – The Call to Discipleship" Ruthven J. Roy, D.Min., MinistryMagazine.org.



NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at our Task Force and special Council Meeting on June 3 and our Council meeting on June 21:

- The COVID Task Force and Council members met on Thursday, June 3, to discuss the seven recommendations from the Worship and Music Committee regarding worship in the building. These recommendations can be found in the article to the right. A subgroup is exploring ways to zoom worship from inside our building so that those who cannot attend in person can still join in our regular worship.
- Rita Kayhart, Scout Representative, gave an update on the activities the scouts are doing.
- Kristen Edelman-Weiner, Vice President of the ELCA Synod, will be preaching at New Jerusalem on Sunday, July 18th.
- A meeting will be scheduled to continue discussing the next steps for discerning our future together at New Jerusalem Church.

AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

is **Sunday, July 18**. Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by this date.

WORSHIP AT NEW JERUSALEM

Worship in our building will be held July 4 and 18 at 10:00 a.m. Worship will be held via Zoom on July 11 and 25. Communion be offered on the Parking Lot Saturday, July 31, at 5:00 p.m.

OTHER WORSHIP NOTES

For services on Zoom (July 11 and 25), you can connect with Zoom worship via internet, phone, and other methods. If you are not already receiving information about how to connect, please contact the church office. Links will now also be listed in the bulletins.

Bulletins are being mailed or emailed to those who request them so that they can worship at home. If you would like to receive one, please let us know at 610.682.6064 or njelchurch@windstream.net. Bulletins are also available on our website.

Those not able to join a Zoom service, can watch them later on our Facebook page or on our website under the “Zoom Worship Services” tab.

Our website is:

<https://newjerusalemlutheran.weebly.com>

LINK FOR ZOOM WORSHIP

New Jerusalem Sunday Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89499550266?pwd=Mnl3bmxCMkI3TDIHZGlrNXVaVVlmZz09>

Meeting ID: **894 9955 0266**

Passcode: **27**

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,89499550266# US (Chicago)

Dial +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: **894 9955 0266**

UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP AT NEW JERUSALEM

At their most recent meeting, members of the Worship and Music Committee discussed how to offer worship opportunities and the experience of jointly partaking in the Lord’s Supper to as many members as possible. They presented their recommendations to the task force and council on June 3rd.

Please be assured that we will practice safe re-opening procedures. Below are the guidelines approved at the June 3rd meeting.

- 1) All the tape will be removed from the pews.
- 2) For the time being, seating will be every other pew. This can be further discussed in the future. Members will be directed as to where to sit.
- 3) If you have been vaccinated for COVID, you have the choice of taking your mask off or leaving it on. If you are not vaccinated, a mask is to be worn.
- 4) You may sing softly in church if you are wearing a mask. This procedure will be in place through the end of June and will be reconsidered then.
- 5) Communion will be held the first Sunday of the month in your pew. Communion will resume on Sunday, July 4.

6) Communion on the parking lot will be held the last Saturday of the month so as to include those who don't feel safe to come into church. This will continue until the fall. If there is a low number of participants, this will be revisited.

7) For the time being, we will continue to do in-church worship on the first and third Sundays of the month and Zoom services on the other Sundays. Further discussion will take place about recording and also broadcasting church services live to try to accommodate shut-ins. Zoom services will continue through July unless accommodations have been made to broadcast live services and recordings.

The Worship and Music Committee, the council and our Task Force will continue to monitor the situation and will make modifications as they deem it wise. The guiding principle is love of God and love for our neighbor, including the vulnerable among us.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study group is currently studying Paul's letter to the Romans. In this letter Paul spells out many of the core concepts of our Christian faith. It is while reading this letter that Martin Luther discovered God's grace, that we are saved by God's undeserved love and not by works. Bible Study will be held on **Mondays, July 12, 19, and 26 at 11:00 a.m.** via Zoom Let Pastor Ruth know if you would like to join.

COLORING GROUP

Our Coloring Group continues meeting monthly to color Bible-themed pages while visiting with one another. The next meeting is **Thursday, July 8, at 10:00 a.m.** Pages and supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own. There is plenty of room to maintain a safe distance from one another. Participants are asked to wear masks. Friends are welcome.

Not able to get to church or don't feel comfortable getting together there? Just let them know and pages will be sent to you and you can visit with other members by phone.

If you are interested, please let Phyllis Fenstermacher (610.682.2423) or Diane Keller (610.682.4152) know.

FLEECE BLANKETS FOR CAMP NOAH

Willing to help cut and/or tie fleece blankets for Camp Noah? Let Betty Eshbach or Pastor Ruth

know. This year a Camp Noah will be held at the Oley Fairgrounds August 2–6 for children kindergarten through 6th grade. More information can be found in this newsletter.

THREADS FOR OTHERS

Keep on knitting and crocheting for the Seafarers. If you need material to make masks or yarn for cowls and hats for seafarers, let Pastor Ruth know.

JULY WORSHIP SPONSORS

The cost to sponsor bulletins for a week is still \$7.00 and sponsorship of the Sanctuary Candle is \$15.00 for a month. If you would like to sponsor any of the available dates below, please leave a message on the church answering machine with your dedication. Thank you!

Since the pandemic limits our ability to gather, we are now mailing bulletins to members. The cost for that is about \$45 per week. Any contributions to help offset this cost are appreciated.

Altar Flowers for July:

July 4 – sponsor needed
July 18 – sponsor needed

Bulletin Sponsors for July:

July 4 – sponsor needed
July 11 – sponsor needed
July 18 – sponsor needed
July 25 – sponsor needed

Sanctuary Candle Sponsor for July:

sponsor needed

Children's Bulletins for July:

Elaine Seip

SAVE THE DATE

A Festival featuring The Majestics is being planned for **Saturday, September 11th**. The Stewardship Committee will be asking for a Thrivent Grant to help support this.

Watch for these other projects:

- Tying fleece blankets for Camp Noah
- Additional support for the Brandywine Food Pantry.
- Additional support for the Lutheran Center Food Pantry
- Supplemental supplies for Seafarer's satchels.

In addition to these drives, the Stewardship Committee is working on developing an inventory of our resources, as a way of assisting the congregation in discernment of our call to ministry.

FAITH FORMATION SATURDAYS

Join us for Faith Formation Saturdays the second Saturday of each month to learn, engage, and gain insight into your faith. July's session will be held virtually from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00. Please register at www.cvent.com/d/fjq1wn. Log-in information will be sent to registrants two days before the event. Each workshop will feature a guest presenter. For a description of each workshop, check out the synod website at www.godslove.org.

NEWS & EVENTS

In the Community

CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS CONTINUE

Representatives of Christian churches in the Brandywine Heights area continue to meet to share ways they are ministering and to explore common concerns and options for innovative and cooperative ways for sharing the Good News of God's love proclaimed through Jesus Christ. The Community Worship Service in Bowers Park is being planned by this group. Our next meeting is **Tuesday evening, July 13, at 7:00 p.m.** at Christ DeLong in Bowers. See Pastor Ruth or Sara Jane Beshore if you are interested in joining the conversation.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT BOWERS PARK

On **Sunday, August 1, at 10:30 a.m.**, New Jerusalem will join with other area churches for Outdoor Worship in the Park. This will take the place of our regular worship at New Jerusalem for that particular Sunday. Members of New Jerusalem are asked to provide desserts and fruit for the picnic following worship. See Cheryl Wiltrout if you are willing to contribute. There are benches to sit on, or you may bring along lawn chairs to sit in the grass.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Get ready for Vacation Bible School. There will be 2 opportunities to join this year.

Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville: Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. The theme for this year is TREASURED: Discovering You're Priceless to God. Register online at www.vbspro.events/p/christmertztreasuredvbs.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mertztown: Sunday, August 1, through Thursday, August 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The theme for this year is BOLT: Totally 80's. A registration form is included with this newsletter, which can be emailed to stpaulofficeadmin@ptd.net or you can register on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stpaulslutheranmertztown.

BECAUSE OF YOU

Here's another *glimpse* of what was made possible because of contributions you and others made to ELCA good gifts in 2020:



- 89 people were trained in beekeeping for income generation in Mexico.
- 8 vulnerable families were trained in organic backyard vegetable production in Hungary.
- 655 babies and children and 103 pregnant women received vaccinations in Bangladesh.
- 37 gardens were developed, yielding fresh produce for neighbors in the U.S.

Together we share God's love at home and around the world. ELCA: www.ELCA.org/goodgifts.

FAMILY IN NEED

Christ Mertz, Dryville, is sponsoring a charity GoFundMe for a family whose home was severely damaged by fire on Easter evening. They've registered through GoFundMe Charity. The family had homeowner's insurance, but with the cost of building supplies escalating and the lack of availability of supplies, this pushes the limits of their insurance policy. Since it is an older home, complying to codes makes things more expensive as well as having to replace fixtures and appliances. If you can help to help ease the financial worry and strain on this family, please click on the following link to place your financial donation:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/mark-and-sue-smith-fire-restoration-fund>

SAUSAGE SANDWICH SALE

Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, will be holding a Sausage Sandwich Sale on **Saturday, August 7th**. Cost is \$5.00 per sandwich. Pick-up beginning at 10:00 a.m. until sold out.

"America stands on two great pillars — faith and morality. Without these, our foundation crumbles."
—George Washington

CAMP NOAH – BERKS 2021
August 2-6, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Oley Fairgrounds
 26 Jefferson Street, Oley, PA 19547



For Children who have completed K-6th grades.
Campers attend FREE! All food, materials, t-shirt... Included!

*** Registration info. will follow soon! Save the dates!**

Kids have had uncertainty in their lives this past year in the midst of a pandemic. Camp Noah is a unique educational experience nurturing skill for life: coping with stress, healing from loss, restoring hope. We will play games, do crafts, share stories, celebrate campers, eat good food, restore relationships, and be community in a COVID-safe, outdoor setting with professional leaders.

Volunteers, financial and in-kind donations are needed.

To volunteer or ask questions contact:

Volunteers: Kathy Schaeffer
KSchaeffer@friedenslutheran.org 610-987-6021

Financial/In-Kind Donations Individuals

/Business Sponsors: Rebecca Knox
RevKnox7@gmail.com 610-823-8343

Cash, Checks and electronic donations welcome:

Mail to: Frieden’s Lutheran Church
 Put “Camp Noah” in memo line
 1076 Memorial Hwy, Oley, PA 19547 or online
Friedenslutheran.org - select ‘Camp Noah’ option.



- 1 Randy Bennecoff
- 1 Kathy Bailey
- 7 Carson Seip
- 8 Logan Seip
- 12 Kenneth Keck
- 14 Phillip Litschke
- 18 Richard Bausher
- 18 Daniel Bailey
- 22 Rodney Keller
- 23 Dale Schwoyer
- 26 Brian Hess
- 29 Madison Musser



15 Daniel and Sheila Gehman (15 years)

FREEDOM

Each one of us is born most free
 And we alone can choose
 To do what God would have us do,
 To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek
 The proud and selfish way—
 A life where other gods come first
 To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,
 We find that freedom’s place
 Is really in God’s Will for us,
 And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems



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New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts

April 30, 2021

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 21,366.67
Thrivent	10,396.38
Checking	3,079.06
Youth	406.54
Fidelity	89,215.12
Cash Reserve	24,413.76
Mission Investment	11,579.63
Local Care	2,090.31
Total:	<u>\$ 162,547.47</u>

Total Balance of Asset Accounts
from **April 30, 2020** \$ 166,482.90

April 2021 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income

	Income Required	Actual Income	Difference
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,651.25	\$ 5,621.04	(\$ 4,030.21)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2021
Budget Passed by Congregation
Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts

May 31, 2021

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 21,391.67
Thrivent	10,396.38
Checking	2,187.13
Youth	406.54
Fidelity	91,068.54
Cash Reserve	24,413.76
Mission Investment	11,584.54
Local Care	2,100.31
Total:	<u>\$ 163,548.87</u>

Total Balance of Asset Accounts
from **May 31, 2020** \$ 167,533.66

May 2021 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income

	Income Required	Actual Income	Difference
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,651.25	\$ 5,303.18	(\$ 4,348.07)

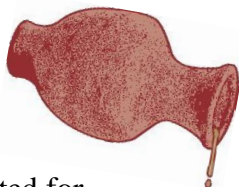
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DID YOU KNOW?

OIL

In the Old Testament, oil symbolized consecration to God. The temple altar and king's heads were anointed with oil to set them apart as holy. In the New Testament, oil often represented the Holy Spirit.

Jesus and his followers were anointed for their ministries (see Luke 4:18 and Acts 10:38).

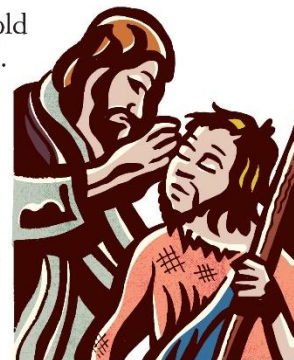


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Bible Quiz

How did Jesus heal the blind man at the pool of Siloam?

- A. Put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool.
- B. Laid his hands on the man's head and prayed.
- C. Touched his eyes, but at first the man said people looked like trees walking, so Jesus had to do it again.
- D. Told him to go to the priests; as the man went, he was healed.



Answer: A (See John 9:6-7.)

SCOUT NEWS

On June 4-6 our scout troop held a Pioneering Campout on the Maioriello's property. During their time together they used scout skills to cut down trees and last together a large rope bridge. In the process scouts learned and tried out their skills in whipping and fusing ropes, knots, lashings and could earn their Totin' Chip designation (use of pocketknives, axes, saws).



For Saturday breakfast each scout fixed "eggs in a bag." When asked what that was, the reply was: "The eggs in a bag are like a poached omelet. Each boy makes his own, cracking 2 eggs into a quart freezer ziplock bag, and adding cheese, peppers, onions, bacon, etc., then shake it all to scramble the eggs and mix all ingredients. Then they write their name on the bag and they all go into a big pot of boiling water for 5 to 7 minutes. They eat the cooked eggs right out of the bag so no dishes to wash, and it's all individually prepared so it avoids communal cooking." Hmm. Sounds ingenious!

Our thanks to all the adults who lead and assist in the scout activities.



Isaac Manwiller's Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held on Sunday, June 13th. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. We congratulate Isaac on this awesome accomplishment.

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

—Ronald Reagan

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR BODIES

Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. - Genesis 2:7

If not for the breath of God alive within each of us, our physical bodies would be just 100-plus pounds of dead water and minerals. Intricate vehicles that carry us through our years, our bodies teem with the holy life that God gives us.

As sacred vessels of life, our bodies deserve the best care and attention we can possibly give them. As a culture, though, we aren't doing a very good job of it.

Though the United States spends more on medical care than any other nation, we consistently rank low in overall health. Bloomberg's 2020 Global Health Rankings put us at Number 35. (The top five: Spain, Italy, Iceland, Japan, and Switzerland. Canada was 16.) A prime reason is obesity, which affects 43 percent of Americans and contributes to a wide range of chronic health conditions.

Of course, genetics plays a big role in everyone's health, and it's one of the factors over which we have no control. But there are a lot of variables we can work with to increase our health and take care of the sacred life-bearing vessels God has given us. For the month of July, pray for God's guidance to help you care for your body. Consult your doctor and read up on diet, exercise, and stress reduction. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you insight and wisdom to learn what to do, and then the courage and discipline to follow through.

—Rob Blezard

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IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE HAS APPLIED
FOR A THRIVENT GRANT TO SUPPLEMENT
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY
DURING JUNE AND JULY**

Here is the latest list of needs:

In the light of concerns about increased food needs in response to COVID-19 and possible challenges of delivering items to the food bank – please consider a generous monetary donation. We will keep you posted with information from the food pantry. You can make out a check to **“Brandywine Food Pantry,”** and mail it to **Brandywine Food Pantry, c/o St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, 122 W. Franklin St., Topton, PA, 19562.**

Donated items in “much” need right now: coffee, fruit juices, sugar, flour, mayonnaise, ketchup, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles or cup of noodles, beef stew, Chicken-ala-King, canned meat (such as tuna, chicken breast or Spam), Chef Boyardee style canned items (such as beefaroni, lasagna, etc.), instant potatoes, pasta or rice sides, snacks of all kinds (cookies, chips, pretzels, pudding, etc.), shampoo, bar soap, body wash, and laundry detergent. ***We do not currently need: corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, or tomato soup.***

The pantry is always in need of the following items:

Canned fruits: pears, mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, applesauce, etc.

Canned vegetables: creamed corn, sweet peas, carrots, beets, sliced potatoes, yams

Canned goods: diced tomatoes, tomato sauce

Condiments: yellow and brown mustard, pickles, salad dressings, vinegar, cooking oil

Drinks: hot or cold tea, water

Extra: peanut butter, marshmallow fluff, jelly

Dry goods: stuffing mix, Rice-a-Roni, ramen noodles, rice

Baking items: cake or brownie mix, frosting

Breakfast food: oatmeal, pop tarts, cereal bars

Paper products: tissues, toilet paper, paper towels

Personal care items: combs and hairbrushes

Cleaning and disinfectant products: dish soap and laundry detergent.

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.

**PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD’S
PRESENCE for Those with Limited Mobility or**

in Care Facilities: Anna Angstadt, Bertha Bennecoff, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, and Irene Noll.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND SUPPORT

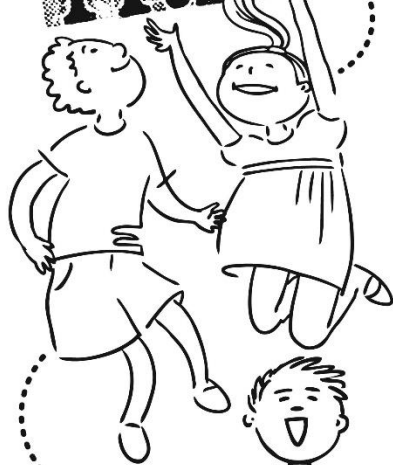
Members: Myles Angstadt, Dallas and Nancy Bennecoff, Sara Jane Beshore, George DeLong, Erma Guinther, Virginia Guinther, Lucille Jones, Patricia Keck, Sheila Long, Forrest Merkel, Roy Merkel, Edna Miller, Grace Miller, Lloyd and Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Dan and Joanne Pauley, Horace and Joyce Rothermel, Gabriele Sanders, Dale Schwoyer, Gary and Vikie Seyfert.

Friends of the congregation: Michael Basta, Carrie Bausch, Adam Bell, Darlene Bogert, Bob Bright, Thelma Bright, Joshua Buck, Cindy Dendy, Mark Derr, Randy Dreibelbis, Lori Eck, Jennifer Engle, Nicole F., Dennis Grof, Jason Grof, Mamie Guinther, Family and friends of Terry and Bonnie Hafer, Shirley Hahn, Nancy Harnish, Johnson-Agiri Family, Debra Kenny, Barry Kershner, Angie Kistler, Kelly Kline, The Koontz Family, Cayden Kresge, Michelle Kurtz, Catherine Lenio, Ella Loose, Joe M., Rodney Miller, Johnathan Naugle, Ruth Ramsey, Lexi Recke, Tierney Schmeer, Patricia Sigfried, Thomas Spraut, Robert Taylor, Jacqi Wagner, Leticia Weaver, Linda Wegman, Richard Weller, Terry White, Althea Young, Barry, Lynn, Pat, Sam, and Tim.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: We pray for all seeking to respond responsibly to COVID-19, especially healthcare workers; our nation, including our president, congress, judicial system, and leaders of our communities; an end to the many ways prejudice and systemic racism maintain inequality between people and injustice; an end to threats between nations; peace in the world; our military personnel serving around the world; areas enduring disaster; and migrants and refugees.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Gary DeWees, Don Gajewski, Erma Gajewski, Lorelai Gold, Denise Haage, Amanda Herman, David Jenkins, Mary Kring, Michelle Meck, Joanne Pauley, Arlene Reider, Leilani Rodriguez, Andrew S., Donna Schwoyer, the Spatz Family, and Leah Wiest.

A SWEET TREAT



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.


What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!


PUZZLE



As sweet as honey

Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine. How can our words be used in the same ways?


Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.




Gr c s w ords

 r h n c mb,

sw t t th s

 nd h ng 

t th b n s.

 PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	3
4 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am-Worship in the building with Communion  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	6 11:00am-Worship & Music Committee Mtg.	7 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	8 10:00am-Coloring Group	9 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	10 10:00am-12:00am- Faith Formation Saturdays Virtual Workshop
11 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am-Worship on Zoom	12 11:00am-Bible Study via Zoom 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 7:00pm-Council Meeting	13 7:00pm-Congregational Conversations, Christ DeLong, Bowers	14 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	15	16 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	17
18 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am-Worship in the building. Kristen Edelman- Weiner, Vice President of the ELCA Synod, will be preaching. Stewardship Meeting after worship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 9:00-11:45am-VBS, Christ Mertz, Dryville 11:00am-Bible Study via Zoom 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	20 9:00-11:45am-VBS, Christ Mertz, Dryville	21 9:00-11:45am-VBS, Christ Mertz, Dryville 11:30am-Tentative Fellowship Luncheon (location TBD) 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	22 9:00-11:45am-VBS, Christ Mertz, Dryville	23 9:00-11:45am-VBS, Christ Mertz, Dryville 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	24
25 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am-Worship on Zoom	26 11:00am-Bible Study via Zoom 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	27	28 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	29	30 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.	31 5:00pm-Communion on the Parking Lot