

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

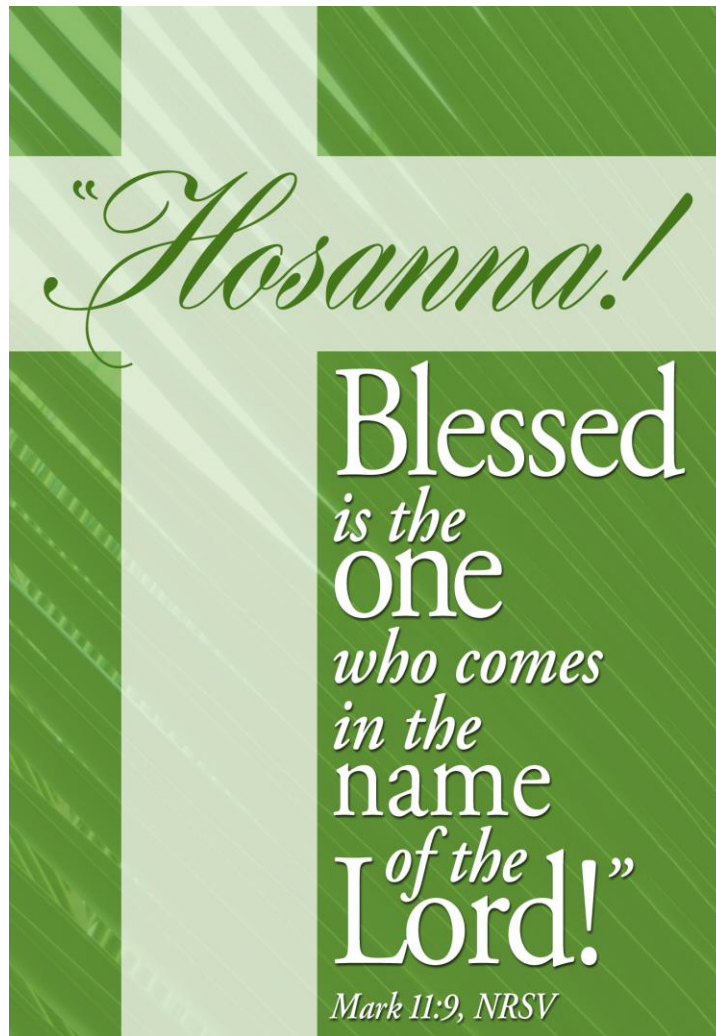
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**THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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,

March is said to come "in like a lion and go out like a lamb." The first part of the month is known for its strong winds.

I recently read a suggestion that we let the strong winds of March remind us of the movings of God's Spirit among us, much as the mighty wind blew among the disciples and crowds at Pentecost and birthed the church. Indeed, God's Spirit is often described as a wind or breath.

This year we will spend the entire month of March observing Lent, when we particularly focus on how Jesus' journey to the cross relates to us and our world. Traditional piety (ways of showing reverence, respect and devotion) includes fasting, alms giving and prayer and meditation.

Many of us are familiar with the practice of **fasting** or giving something up for Lent. Fasting helps us become aware of how we relate to that which we are giving up or restricting. Fasting doesn't need to be limited to food. We can also fast from doing certain things. Since Americans often feel overwhelmed by things which "take" their time, one suggestion for a Lenten act of piety might be to simply keep a log on how your time is *spent* and ponder how that relates to your relationship with God. Time is in many ways a great leveler: each of us is given 24 hours per day.

When it comes to **almsgiving**, did you know that monies designated "benevolence" on offering envelopes go directly to our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod (NEPS) of the ELCA. Check out the pages toward the end of this newsletter for a breakdown of how

the exact amount our congregation contributed in 2014 was used by the synod and the ELCA. (NEPS forwards half of monies received to the national church.) Please note: you can increase the amount sent by the congregation by including a donation for "benevolence" with your offering. In this way you will increase support to the Lutheran Home and other ministries of Diakon, training of seminarians through our Philadelphia seminary, youth ministry, services among the hungry and poor, world hunger and disaster response and many other ministries.

This year parishioners throughout the Brandywine Ministerium are encouraged to join together each Wednesday of Lent as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday for **prayer and meditation** that supplements their personal devotions. Our congregation will host *two* services on Good Friday, with hopes that people who are not able to come out in the evening will be able to join in the 2 p.m. worship.

Back to the phrase, "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb." May the Spirit of God blow through our lives so that as we focus more and more on the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world," we will be ready to *celebrate* what lies beyond the cross. God was not finished with Jesus on Good Friday. God was just getting started. In the same way, God is not done with you or me. May the Spirit blowing through our lives this season, make space for God to do something in and through us.

Pastor Ruth





WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION

MARCH SIGN-UP SHEETS – We are in need of Bulletin sponsors for March 8 and 22 and a Communion Set-up volunteer for March 29. Thank you to everyone who signed up.

OUR CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Harvey S. Noll, Sr. who passed away on January 30, 2015.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS on Sunday, March 8. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

EASTER FLOWERS – The sanctuary will be decorated with flowers on Easter Sunday, April 5. If you would like to order any flowers, an order form is included at the end of this newsletter. Please return your order form and payment to the church office by Sunday, March 22. Thank you!



UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY – An updated member directory is available in the narthex. Please feel free to pick up a copy. If you would like one mailed to you, please notify the church office. Thank you!



OLD PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED! Do you have any photographs (old or new) from New Jerusalem that you would like to share? We would like to use them for our 175th Anniversary Celebration. If you would like to share any of your photos, you can mail them to the church office. All photos will be returned. Thank you for your help!



175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION INFORMATION AND A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

On April 20, 1840, the cornerstone of the first New Jerusalem Church was laid. On October 3 and 4, 1840, the church was dedicated. Because of these dates, the Anniversary committee chose the following dates in 2015 to celebrate 175 years of worship at New Jerusalem Church, now New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church:

April 19 — 10:00 AM Worship service with Communion. Bishop Zeiser will be our guest preacher to help us celebrate the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone.

October 4 — 10:00 AM Worship service with Communion. Rev. Michael Reist will be our guest to help us celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the 1840 church.

We will be mailing invitations to our members. If you have family or friends that have been members at New Jerusalem Church previously and you would like invitations to be mailed to them, please call Korinne at the Church office, 610-682-6064, with your name and the name and address of those you want to receive an invitation. Please give this information before March 15.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, at 5:30 PM at NJELCA Church.

Also: DID YOU KNOW??????????????

The first constitution of New Jerusalem Church was written in GERMAN by Rev. Daniel Kohler, Pastor of New Jerusalem Church from 1847-1850. It was signed by 57 MALE members.

-The 175th Anniversary Celebration Committee



What's Happening

March 4 – Lenten Midweek

7:00 p.m. – New Jerusalem UCC
Topic: Lost Coin and Lost Sheep
Pastor Ruth Doty will be preaching

March 11 – Lenten Midweek

7:00 p.m. – St. Paul's Lutheran, Mertztown
Topic: Working in the Vineyard
Pastor Roger Ulrich will be preaching

March 18 – Lenten Midweek

7:00 p.m. – Hope Lutheran, Bowers
Topic: Good Samaritan
Pastor Mike Combs will be preaching

March 25 – Lenten Midweek

7:00 p.m. – Longswamp UCC, Mertztown
Topic: The Wheat and the Weeds
Pastor Cheryl Meinschein will be preaching

April 1 – Holy Wednesday

7:00 p.m. – Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers
Topic: The Prodigal Son
Pastor Jim Dunn will be preaching

April 2 – Maundy Thursday

11:00 a.m. – Christ Mertz Lutheran, Dryville
2:30 p.m. – Lutheran Home at Topton
7:00 p.m. – Christ Mertz Lutheran, Dryville

April 3 – Good Friday

2:00 p.m. – New Jerusalem Lutheran
2:30 p.m. – Lutheran Home at Topton
7:00 p.m. – New Jerusalem Lutheran

LOAVES AND FISHES group is sponsoring a free community meal to be held on Tuesday, March 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 121 S. Home Avenue, Topton. Everyone is welcome!

VENTURING CREW 575 OPEN HOUSE –

Come join us on March 19 at 6:30 p.m. for a fun filled night with Venturing Crew 575! Located at the cabins behind the Longswamp UCC Church (the white one on the hill). We are a co-ed group with participants ages 14-21. Come learn more about who we are and what we do at our open house. Bring a friend and enjoy a short presentation to learn about the crew and then join us for snacks and games.



NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALES

scheduled for 2015 will be held March 23-25; April 27-29; May 26-28; June 22-24; September 28-30; and either October 26-28 or November 5-7 (definite date to be announced at a later time).



Please note: These are the dates that are proposed and are subject to change. Any changes will be announced in the Sunday bulletin and the monthly newsletter. If you would like to order any pies this month, please call the church office at 610-682-6064.

"OUR LORD HAS WRITTEN THE PROMISE OF THE RESURRECTION, NOT IN BOOKS ALONE, BUT IN EVERY LEAF IN SPRINGTIME."

-Martin Luther



Friday, March 20



BOY SCOUT EASTER EGG HUNT

– The Boy Scouts from Troop #585 are sponsoring their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28, at 12:00 noon at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. It is for children ages 12 and under. This event will held rain or shine.

The Waiting Game

Life involves lots of waiting. We wait in groups, in lines, in cars. We wait for packages, for the bus, for the sun to rise. We wait in doctors' offices, at the post office, at the DMV. Waiting implies we're at someone else's mercy, but it's also usually linked to hope. Perhaps that's why Paul Tillich called waiting a metaphor for faith. Why would one wait if there weren't the firm belief that the object of one's wait will eventually materialize?

Waiting can be enervating, which is why Isaiah 40:31 is so promising: "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Yet waiting is tough if you have nothing to do while waiting. That's why Jesus, when talking about waiting, also talked about working — work for the night is coming. Sometimes it's less tiring to work than it is to wait.

There's a lot of waiting during Lent. You're waiting for a payoff. You're waiting for the Resurrection. You're waiting for spiritual growth. And then you realize this isn't waiting at all. It's life. It's joy. It's opportunity. It's blessing.

-Timothy Merrill

(Reprinted from *The Newsletter Newsletter*)



While a crowd greeted Jesus with cheering approval on Palm Sunday, some people were quite disturbed with the crowd's actions. They thought the demonstration was 'out of order' and asked Jesus to silence the crowd. Jesus responded that if the people were silent, 'the _____ would shout out' (Luke 19:40, NRSV). What did Jesus say would shout out?

- A. trees
- B. stones
- C. animals
- D. sky



Answer: B

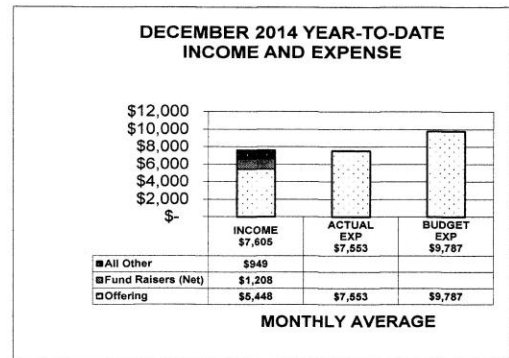
New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts January 31, 2015

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 28,019.30
Thrivent	5,936.94
Checking	9,251.17
Youth	966.19
Fidelity	168,212.64
Cash Reserve	24,500.13
Endowment CD	11,153.82

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

	Income Required	Actual	
Income Used For:	Per Month	Income	Delta
Operating Expenses	\$8,440.42	\$4,809.00	(\$3,631.42)

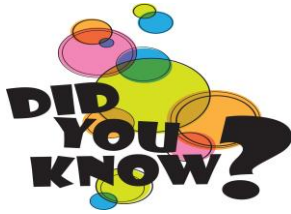
*Income Required per Month — Based on 2015 Budget
Passed by Congregation*



CALENDAR YEAR 2014 INFORMATION NORMAL OPERATIONS (DOES NOT INCLUDE MAJOR REPAIR EXPENSES)

INCOME & EXPENSE ACTIVITY DECEMBER 2014 YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Dec Y-T-D	Average Month
Income		
Offering	\$ 65,378	\$ 5,448
Fund Raisers	\$ 14,492	1,208
Other	\$ 11,384	949
Total Income	\$ 91,254	7,605
Actual Exp	\$ 90,632	7,553
Budget Exp	\$ 117,445	9,787
Overage *	\$ 622	52

*NOTE: Overage - Total Income to ACTUAL Expense



Shamrock

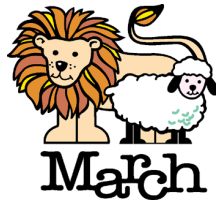
St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?"

Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



In Like the Spirit

In many places, March is notoriously windy: "In like a lion ...!" Though I don't like the damp chill that's often part of the transition to spring, I love windy days. Something about the air's movement — a gentle breeze or ferocious gale blowing through trees, against the house, in my hair — breeds excitement in me, anticipation that something new is astir.



How fitting that in conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus said, "The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8, NRSV). Like Nicodemus, we fail to comprehend the Spirit of God. But Jesus reminds us that though we can't see the Spirit, we feel his love, see his actions of justice and hear his sounds. These include kind words, bold preaching, weeping for another, shared laughter and songs of praise.

-Heidi Mann

Reprinted from *The Newsletter Newsletter*

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, Myrtle Merkel, Family and friends of Harvey Noll, Irene Noll, Mildred Reinert, Warren Reinhart, Joyce Rothermel, Betty Stoudt, and Arlene Yob.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Members: Ted Eshbach, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, and Dale Schwoyer.

Friends of the congregation: Baby Lydia, Jolyn Blankenbiller, Shirley Diaz, Olivia Fenstermacher, Marilyn Franzi, Myles Hansbury, Corinne Hersh, Leah K. and Lisa K., Lauren Kinney, Patricia Noll, Lananh Rissmiller, Russell Roeder, Andrew S., Jerry Schwambach, Tom Spraut, Jack Stoudt, Linda Tores, Marlene W., Frances Walter, Cindy Wilt, and Carl Wuchter.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For all our military personnel serving around the world, those affected by the Ebola outbreak, and for peace in the world, especially the Middle East and the Ukraine.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Baby Adelene, Evelyn Collins, Ralph Harris, Mae Hertzog, Sheila Long, Linda Moyer, Josh S., Theresa S., Karen W., and Veronica White.



Dear friends, thank you for providing the 15 Christmas gifts from New Jerusalem Lutheran Church for the Christmas Cheer program! –
Cathy at Friend, Inc.

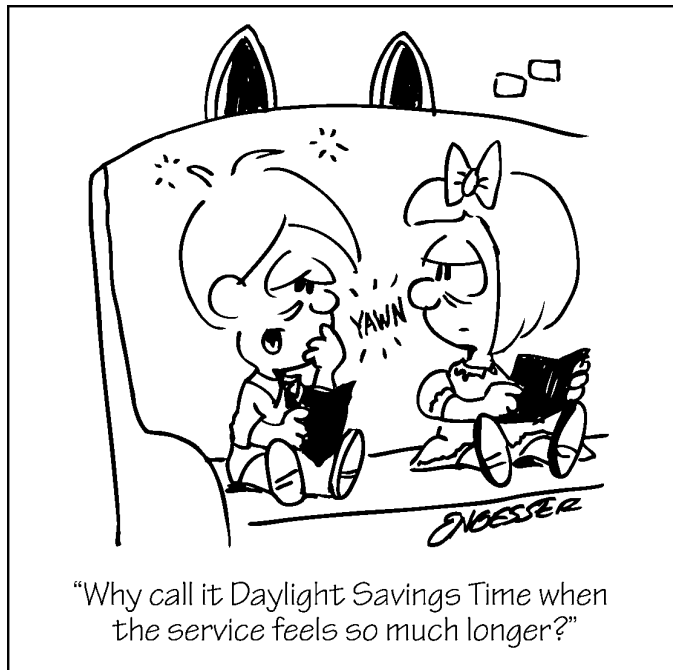


At the Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, February 1, the budget was voted on and approved. Also, members of the congregation that were elected to serve on council are Sheila Gehman and Cheryl Wiltrout. Council members continuing to serve are Betty Eshbach, Ted Eshbach, Joshua Keck, Ken Keck, Linda Moyer, Ty Rissmiller, Susan Schlenker, and Dawn Wengert.

The following members' terms expired the end of 2014: George DeLong, Erma Gajewski, and Gladys Kline. We thank them for their service on council.

The following members were elected as New Jerusalem's council officers for 2015.

President	Ty Rissmiller
Vice President	Ken Keck
Secretary	Dawn Wengert



INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS – In the event that Church and Sunday School need to be cancelled, you can listen to WFMZ, WAEB 790 AM, or watch Channel 69 news. You may also call the church office at 610-682-6064 and there will be a recording on the answering machine on Sunday morning if any services or events are cancelled. We also encourage you to call a member or guest that may not have heard about the cancellation.

**World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 6**

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.



Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.

Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.



GROWING IN THE SPIRIT - PRAYER COMMITTEE

When we were young we learned a fun little motion game called "We're going on a bear hunt." We described the different obstacles we needed to overcome to find him. We felt different emotions: fear, excitement and laughter until we got to the end. Well, we'll let the bear alone for a while because I'm organizing a GROUNDHOG HUNT. That little bugger is responsible for all this cold, snowy weather we've been having and I'm ready for spring! There will be a sign-up sheet in the entrance of the church for anyone to join in. We will go on the hunt next Saturday (unless it snows).



Silly, isn't it to blame this innocent animal for our weather. However, it does give us something to laugh about and laughter is a good thing.

However, in the church year sadness is also a part of our learning experience. In the weeks ahead we will be going through the many agonies Jesus had to endure. The betrayal of some of the disciples and followers. The humiliation of the crown of thorns and the pain of being nailed to the cross. How our hearts ache when we read this story. Would we have been one of the crowd who wanted to crucify him or would we have stood with the two Marys and felt the loss of this beloved man? Sadness. Yes, it is also a part of our lives, but after this sadness there is more joy and happiness ahead. Alleluia!



The Lord is Risen!

God be with us as we remember what you had planned for your Son. Let us remember Jesus' words, "it is finished" as he gave up his spirit. As the earth shook, the rocks split, and the tombs broke open, many people who had died were raised to life. The centurions and those who were guarding him, seeing the earthquake realized, surely this was the Son of God. Amen.



- 3 Linda Guinther
- 7 Mildred Reinert
- 10 Tammy Barlet
- 13 Judith Kemmerer
- 18 Sara Moyer
- 19 Lucille Jones
- 21 Cynthia Rissmiller
- 24 Daniel Boyer
- 25 Elise Barlet
- 25 Barbara Johnson
- 26 Donald Gajewski
- 28 Jerry Keller



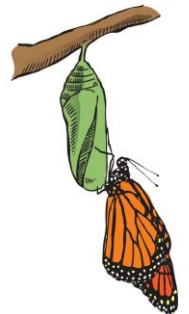
- 17 Arlan and Norma Conrad (53 years)
- 26 Lester and Tammy Barlet (27 years)

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.

Springtime hymn of promise

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
God alone can see.



-Natalie Sleeth,
The United Methodist Hymnal

THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March

* 1	10:00 AM	Second Sunday in Lent—Holy Communion (P)
4	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek - New Jerusalem UCC
8	10:00 AM	Third Sunday in Lent (P)
11	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek – St. Paul’s Lutheran, Mertztown
*15	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday in Lent (P)
18	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek - Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers
22	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday in Lent (P)
25	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek - Longswamp UCC, Mertztown
*29	10:00 AM	Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday—Holy Communion (P)

April

1	7:00 PM	Holy Wednesday - Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers
2		<u>Maundy Thursday</u> – Holy Communion (P)
	11:00 AM	Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville
	2:30 PM	Lutheran Home at Topton
	7:00 PM	Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville
3		<u>Good Friday</u>
	2:00 PM	New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
	2:30 PM	Lutheran Home at Topton
	7:00 PM	New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
5	10:00 AM	Resurrection of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)
*12	10:00 AM	Second Sunday of Easter (W) ▪175 th Anniversary Service of the Original Laying of the Cornerstone (<i>Bishop Zeiser preaching</i>)
*26	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter (W)

May


3	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W)
◆10	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter (W) ▪ Mother’s Day (breakfast served at 8:30 a.m.)
17	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter (W)
*24	10:00 AM	Day of Pentecost – Holy Communion (R)
31	10:00 AM	The Holy Trinity – Holy Communion (W)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- (*) Fellowship after worship
(◆) Breakfast before worship



PRAYER REMINDER




Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown)
- M&M's candies

What you do:

1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)



POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do – any time and anywhere.

Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

1 apple anxious artichoke	2 every eagle emu	3 purple pink prayer	4 Paul petition Peter	5 taste touch thanksgiving
6 rest requests relax	7 God George Greg	8 puddle peace pond	9 transcends train truck	10 unusual unique understanding
11 guard giraffe gorilla	12 hearts hold held	13 many minds more	14 Philadelphia Pennsylvania Philippians	

“Do not be _____¹ about anything, but in _____² situation, by _____³ and _____⁴, with _____⁵, present your _____⁶ to _____⁷. And the _____⁸ of God, which _____⁹ all _____¹⁰, will _____¹¹ your _____¹² and your _____¹³ in Christ Jesus.” _____¹⁴ 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians

NEW JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2014 BENEVOLENCE CONTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN

How Does Your Congregation's Mission Support Dollars Enable Ministry in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?	
<u>New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church</u>	<i>\$1,623.00</i>
THROUGH THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD:	
54 cents of every dollar of Mission Support from our congregation is used for support of the Strategic Directions for mission and ministry in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod.	
<u>Deepening our spiritual lives and our relationships with God.</u>	<i>\$130.67</i>
- The Worship and Spirituality Teams, supported by synod staff, are leaders of this first strategic initiative. The Teams present opportunities that help congregations enrich their Worship experiences and help individuals deepen their spiritual lives through study of the Word and being open to the Holy Spirit moving in their lives, demonstrating that God is at the center of all we do.	
(\$8.05 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)	
<u>Renewing our passion for sharing the good news.</u>	<i>\$168.36</i>
- The Witness and Service Team, supported by synod staff, is the leader in encouraging congregations to develop or augment their engagement with their surrounding community. A grant program supports new or expanding ministries of evangelical outreach and social concern.	
(\$10.37 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)	
<u>Enhancing the connections among people and communities.</u>	<i>\$138.47</i>
- The Connection Building Team, supported by synod staff, uses technology and other proven means to enhance communication among individuals and congregations. This team supports the synod's website, newsletters, social media platforms, and face-to-face gatherings, such as the annual synod assembly.	
(\$8.53 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)	
<u>Developing leaders for a new church in a new world.</u>	<i>\$138.91</i>
- The Leadership Development Team, supported by synod staff, provides resources for the growth of rostered and congregational leaders. Workshops offer instruction for congregational officers. A grant program supports leaders who increase their effectiveness through continuing education programs.	
(\$8.56 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)	
<u>Strengthening ministries to Youth, Young Adults and Families.</u>	<i>\$136.11</i>
- The Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry Team, supported by synod staff, offers events that connect youth, young adults, and families with the church. The goal is to be proactive and intentional about encouraging all ages to better understand and share God's love through the church's ministries and in daily life.	
(\$8.39 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)	
<u>Working on all five goals with financial support to our ministry partners.</u>	<i>\$163.89</i>
- Our synod supports the Lutheran church's social ministry and educational institutions in our geography, including three social ministry organizations, a seminary, a college, a camp, as well as the statewide council of churches. This is a ministry of partnership in that our members and congregations also benefit from the programs and activities of these institutions.	
(\$10.10 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)	
Our congregation's support for the ministries of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod:	<i>\$876.42</i>

THROUGH THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA:

46 cents of every dollar for Mission Support from our congregation is used for the identified Major Purposes of ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Supporting Congregations and Evangelical Outreach **\$233.98**

- Proclaim God's saving Gospel of justification by grace for Christ's sake, preserving and transmitting the Gospel to current and future generations. Encourage and support congregations to carry out the Great Commission to all people by ministry with a global awareness.

(\$14.42 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)

Stepping Forward as a Public Church **\$27.03**

- Serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating for dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations and standing with the poor and powerless and committing itself to their needs.

(\$1.67 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)

Coordination and Support **\$244.88**

- Essential resources and support for the coordination of the work of this church as it participates in God's mission through research, planning and evaluation, communications, organization and administrative service and coordinating the relationships with the synods.

(\$15.90 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)

Bringing Forth Leaders **\$132.07**

- Nurture its members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love, to see daily life as the primary setting for the exercise of their Christian calling, and to use the gifts of the Spirit for their life together and for their calling in the world. This is done by supporting an education network, recruiting and supporting rostered leaders, expanding youth and young adult ministries and providing care for retired leaders.

(\$8.14 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)

Growing our Global and Ecumenical Companionships **\$51.96**

- Carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith in Christ by doing all ministry with a global awareness and developing relationships with communities of other faiths for dialogue and common action.

(\$3.20 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)

Stewardship and Mission Funding **\$40.61**

- Teaching and encouraging stewardship education, interpreting the ELCA budget and mission, and generating and developing financial resources for the funding of God's mission.

(\$2.50 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)

Governance Procedures **\$16.05**

- Making decisions through governance procedures, including Church Council, Churchwide Assembly, and authorized committees.

(\$0.99 of every \$100 given to Mission Support)

Our congregation's support for the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: **\$746.58**

To learn more about each of these areas of ministry, pick up a copy of *STORIES OF FAITH IN ACTION*

Or you can visit the site by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.elca.org/Resources/Stories-of-Faith-in-Action>

You can also see local stories of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod by clicking the following link:

<http://nepsynod.org/resources/missionsupportstories.htm>

MARCH SERVICE ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR CANDLES	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
3/1	Susan Schlenker	Ty Rissmiller	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Darla Stout	Larry and Faye Dey
3/8	Joshua Keck	Sara Jane Beshore	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Dale Schwoyer	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
3/15	Erma Gajewski	Dawn Wengert	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Lucille Jones	Cheryl Wiltrout
3/22	Gladys Kline	Roy Merkel	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	The Rissmiller Family	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
3/29	Tara Basta	Ken Keck	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Gladys Kline	Korinne Hotzman

ALTAR GUILD: Tara Basta and Faye Dey

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Lucille Jones

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Darla Stout





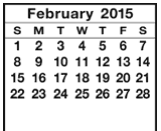

COMMUNION BREAD: 3/1 – Ted and Betty Eshbach; 3/29 – Gladys Kline

COMMUNION SET-UP: 3/1 – Faye Dey; 3/29 – *(volunteer needed)*

COUNCIL PERSON: Ted Eshbach, 610-987-0358

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

MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Second Sunday in Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Fellowship after worship 	<p>2</p> <p>5:30pm-175th Anniversary Committee Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>Midweek Lenten Service</u> 7:00pm-New Jerusalem UCC</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Third Sunday in Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daylight Savings Time Begins 	<p>9</p> <p>7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p><u>Midweek Lenten Service</u> 7:00pm-Christian Congregation, Mertztown</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellowship after worship 	<p>16</p> <p>7:00pm-Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Choir</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at White Palm</p> <p><u>Midweek Lenten Service</u> 7:00pm-Hope Lutheran, Bowers</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Shoo-fly Pie Bake →</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Choir</p> <p>-----→</p>	<p>25</p> <p><u>Midweek Lenten Service</u> 7:00pm-Longswamp UCC</p> <p>-----→</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:00pm-Boy Scout Easter Egg Hunt at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Communion • Fellowship after worship 	<p>30</p> <p>Monday in Holy Week</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Choir</p> <p>Tuesday in Holy Week</p>				

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

(Daffodils, Hyacinths, Lilies, Mini Daffodils, Tulips)

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ ENV. # _____

DEDICATION: _____

	<u>Qty.</u>		<u>Cost</u>		<u>Total</u>
Daffodils (8" pot)	_____	X	\$8.50	=	_____
Hyacinths	_____	X	\$7.50	=	_____
Lilies	_____	X	\$9.00	=	_____
Mini Daffodils (6" pot)	_____	X	\$7.50	=	_____
Tulips	_____	X	\$7.50	=	_____

Total Amount Due: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

_____ *I will pick up my flowers after the Easter service*

_____ *Please donate my flowers to a homebound member*

**Please return this form with payment to church office
or offering plate by Sunday, March 22.**