

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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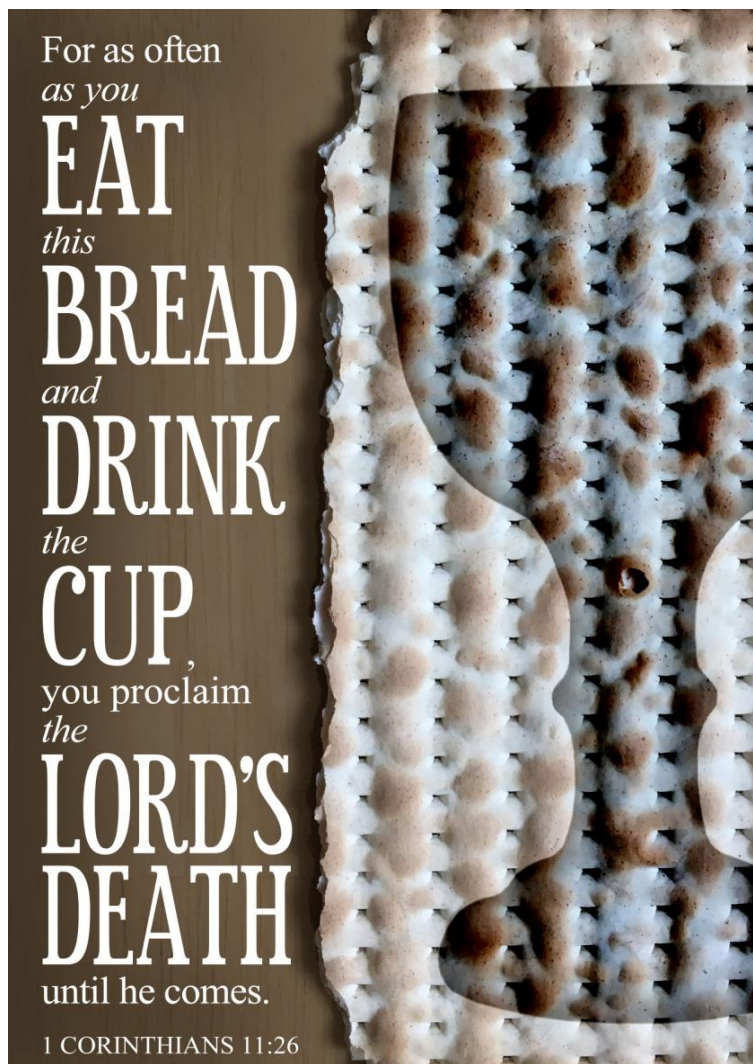
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**THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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.*



It is said, “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.”

Given the ups and downs of our winter weather so far, there’s no telling what this March will be like.

Lions. We associate lions with power and might, even ferocity. In Mark’s narratives about Jesus after the transfiguration we see Jesus forcefully – we might even say “ferociously” – casting out evil spirits and demons in order to free people from what has been binding them. In our first lesson in March, John describes how Jesus made a whip of cords and drove the merchants and money changers out of the temple. Jesus was no pussy cat when he saw evil, when he saw people being hurt by evil. He confronted the powers with power and might and told it how he saw it.

And yet, by the end of March we will be singing about Jesus as the Lamb of God who goes forward without complaint, like a lamb to the slaughter.

Should we, as we journey with Jesus in this Lenten season, should we celebrate his demonstrations of physical power or mourn that he was led to the cross?

We are called to do both, and in the process we are called to continually learn more about God’s power, power that is like a lion, power that is like a lamb, and power that can be described in many other ways.

Join us for the first three weeks of March as we explore the power of promises, of the covenants God has made with God’s people. Join us on Palm Sunday as we follow Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the cross and the tomb. Then join us after worship that day, as we explore Meals of Freedom, including the Jewish celebration of Passover, the story of God’s power experienced in the Exodus.

Pastor Ruth

OUT LIKE A LAMB

The March wind roars like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver as he passes by.

When winds are soft, and the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb, then spring is here.

– Author unknown



NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at our February 12th meeting:

- Congratulations to our newly elected council officers: Cheryl Wiltrout, President; Gladys Kline, Vice President; and Dawn Wengert, Secretary.
- A motion was made authorizing the Finance Committee to use \$25,000 from Fidelity Investment funds for payment of expenses when needed in 2018.
- A Spring Campfire will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 3-9 p.m.
- Our Congregational Meeting to present and vote on the 2019 Proposed Budget has been scheduled for Sunday, November 11, 2018.

CLEAN-UP DAY, Saturday, March 3, 2018

8 a.m. until done.

It's time to clear up some clutter and do a bit of cleaning around our building. Please join us as you are able. Bring a drink and some lunch in case we work past noon.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 11th**. Please remember to *turn your clocks ahead one hour* before going to bed Saturday night.

FARM FAMILY APPRECIATION

CELEBRATION – Saturday, March 17, 2018

Held from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:15 PM, but no earlier. Dinner buffet 7-8 PM. Hoedown and country music by “The Outlaws,” with line dance music between sets 8-11 PM. Hamburg Field House, Exit #30 off I-78 in Hamburg. Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Registration forms are due by March 2, 2018.

The Annual Farm Family Appreciation Celebration is offered to farm families free of charge as our synod's way of expressing gratitude for what these families do. Since the synod relies on the generosity of individuals and congregations to underwrite the cost. Please consider making a contribution. You can mail a check payable to NEPS to The Lutheran Center, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, PA 18109. Write “Farm” in the memo, or you can visit the

synod website at www.godslove.org and click on the “Donate” button to make a contribution using your credit card.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOLY COMMUNION – March 18, 2018

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church will be holding a service of Healing and Holy Communion on **Sunday, March 18th, at 2:30 p.m.** If you know of someone who might like to attend, but would need help with transportation, or if you are able to assist with transportation, please speak with Pastor Ruth.

SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE

New Jerusalem Lutheran will be holding a shoo-fly pie bake sale from **Tuesday, March 20th to Wednesday, March 21st**. If you would like to order any pies, please contact the church office. Pies are only \$5.00.

EASTER FLOWERS

The sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful flowers for Easter on Sunday, April 1st. If you would like to order any flowers, an order form is included in this newsletter. Please return your order form with payment to the church office by **Sunday, March 18th**. Thank you!

MEALS OF FREEDOM – Sunday, March 25th immediately after worship.

Join our church family for a meal where we will learn about the Jewish celebration of Passover and observe some of its connections to the Christian celebration of Holy Communion. Sign up in the church narthex or call the office if you plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough food. Also sign up if you are willing to assist in preparations and providing food. Folks of all ages are encouraged to attend. Please invite your friends.

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, March 25th**.

MARCH SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of a Flower and Bulletin sponsor for March 25th, Communion Bread sponsors for March 4th and 18th (Healing Service), and Communion Set-up volunteers for March 4th, 18th (Healing Service), and 25th. Thank you!



**FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR Saturday,
September 15, 2018, 4:00-8:00 p.m.**

A new event for New Jerusalem: A community festival featuring the music of Mike Hertzog.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting on February 11th, and would like a copy of the 2017 Annual Report, please contact the church office and we can mail you one.

Let us celebrate Lent with various churches belonging to the Brandywine Ministerium. Meditations will take their themes from trees in the Bible. The services begin each **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** Good Friday services will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Listed below are the dates and locations of the Midweek Lenten services and Holy Week services.

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| March 7 | Christ Mertz Lutheran Church,
Dryville
Preacher: Chaplain Colleen Kristula |
| March 14 | Christian Congregation, Mertztown
Preacher: Pastor Ruth Doty |
| March 21 | The Lutheran Home, Topton
Preacher: Pastor Jeremiah Sassaman |
| March 28 | St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Mertztown
Preachers: Pastor Michael Combs
Pastor Cheryl Meinschein |
| March 29 | Maundy Thursday
Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers
Preacher: Pastor Ruth Doty |
| March 30 | Good Friday
New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Worship times are 11:00 a.m. and
7:00 p.m.
Leaders: Pastor Elizabeth Haines
Pastor Cheryl Meinschein
Pastor Ruth Doty |

HOLD THESE DATES!

**YARDSHARE COMING: Saturday, April 7,
2018, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Donations for the yard share can be brought to church starting the afternoon of Palm Sunday (March 25th) and continuing until Wednesday, April 4th. Baked goods, hot dogs and drinks will be offered. On the day of the sale, donations of non-perishable items for the food bank and a freewill offering will be accepted. Proceeds from the offering will be split between the parking lot and the stove for Olchoki School.

Thank You

Dear New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, thank you for your recent gift of \$50 in support of the ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts. With generosity and imagination, you have made a gift that will change a life. Through the programs supported by your "Good Gifts," you are reaching out with a tangible symbol of Christ's love – a Bible for a young disciple or a textbook for an emerging leader, cleaning supplies for a family affected by a disaster, a warm meal at a local soup kitchen, a goat or pig to help a family become self-sufficient, a brick that will help build a house of worship. Thank you for equipping others to live lives of abundance and witnessing to the healing and hope we share in Christ Jesus. Your generosity is making a difference! – *In God's grace, Christina Jackson-Skelton, Executive Director, Mission Advancement*

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Dear members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, thank you for your recent food donation to the Brandywine Food Pantry. We appreciate your continued support. – *Sincerely, St. Peter's UCC*

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Dear Congregation of New Jerusalem, thank you for your donations of 17 Christmas gifts for local children residing in one of the 3 local school districts of Fleetwood, Brandywine Heights, and Kutztown and 5 Holiday Dinner Boxes. The generosity from your congregation helped to make this past Holiday season a little brighter for those in need. – *From the clients, staff and Board of Friend, Inc. Community Services*

NEWS & EVENTS

in the Community

JUNIATA COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

The Juniata College Choir, a 40 voice a cappella choir, will be performing at Brandywine Heights High School on **Friday, March 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.** Their program includes works by Martin Luther (Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott), William Billings, and others. They will perform "How Can I Keep from Singing" with members of the BHHS choir. Please join us to hear their beautiful voices in concert. There will be a reception afterward to meet the choir. The concert and reception are hosted by Christ (Mertz) Lutheran Church.

REDEDICATION OF OLD MAIN THE LUTHERAN HOME AT TOPTON & THE DEDICATION OF THE HELEN N. PALMER CENTER FOR PERMANENCY

One South Home Avenue, Tipton, **Thursday, March 15, 2018.** From 3-4:30 p.m. Staff and Resident Open House, 4:30 p.m. Service of Dedication, 5-7:30 p.m. Public Open House.

ST. PATTY'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

St. John's Lutheran Church, 201 E. Main Street, Kutztown, is holding an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast with a serving of sausage, potatoes, scrambled eggs, toast, fruit salad, juice, and coffee on **Saturday, March 17th from 8:00-11:00 a.m.** Adults-\$7.00, Children 4-12-\$3.00, Children 3 and under-Free.

HELP PACKAGE MEALS FOR HUNGRY FOLKS – Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Join volunteers at Christ/Mertz to help package 10,000 tomato basil meals to be donated locally. 100 volunteers ages 10 and older are needed, so bring a friend. A play area for younger children can be provided, if needed. Some work can be done sitting down. All the materials to package will be provided by a service called the Outreach Program at a cost of .25 cents per meal. Christ/Mertz already has committed \$2,500 for the event, but can get more materials if additional funds are obtained. If you know of a DJ who would volunteer their time to keep the group grooving, or if you think of a name for the event, contact Carla Flemming at carla.flemming64@gmail.com or at Christ Mertz Lutheran Church at 610.682.7664.

BOY SCOUT EASTER EGG HUNT

Boy Scout Troop #585 will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 24th at 12:00 noon.** Ages 12 and under are welcome! Held rain or shine.

ADULT RETREAT PLANNED – April 6-8, 2018 – Bear Creek Camp

We're never too old to learn. The annual confirmation retreat has been expanded to include an adult track. The theme this year is: "The Ten Commandments." For more information see the bulletin board or talk with Pastor Ruth. An upfront \$20 deposit holds the space. \$70 will complete the registration. Let Pastor Ruth know immediately if you are interested.

DATE SAVER – PROJECT HELP – July 27-August 4, 2018

Project Help is a mission trip to help repair houses and assist in community improvements in the very rural area of Starks, Maine, an hour north of Augusta. Youth who have finished ninth grade and adults who want to help are welcome. No special skills needed. Lots to learn and a good time for all. The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, sponsors the program. Let Pastor Ruth know immediately if you are interested.

CHRIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S CENTER

at Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville, is now hiring! Their center is looking for the following positions: Full Time Toddler Teacher (immediate opening), Part Time Staff (work 6:30-8:30 a.m. and/or 3-5:30 p.m.), and Summer Camp Staff. All applicants must have up-to-date clearances (Child Abuse, Criminal History, and FBI fingerprinting). To apply send a cover letter and resumé to Mike Arndt at mikearndt@aol.com.

CLOTHING IS NEEDED by our citizens who have sought refuge in our area from the devastation in Puerto Rico. They are in desperate need of **children's clothing (not baby clothing), especially boys clothing up to age pre-teen. Other badly needed items are men's jeans and other adult-size clothing, including outerwear and winter-type boots and shoes.** You may bring your items to church and we will see that they get there.

HOSTS NEEDED!

St. John's, Kutztown, will be hosting The Celebrant Singers on **Monday, July 23rd** for the second time. Volunteers are needed to host the musicians for one night. What's involved? Pick them up after the concert on July 23rd and provide a bed and shower. In the morning, feed them breakfast and a bagged lunch and bring them to the church parking lot where they will board their bus and be on their way. If you would be willing to help, please contact MaryAnn Hamm at mahamm@ptd.net.



We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Sallie E. (Schwoyer) Weil who passed away on Saturday, February 3, 2018. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 10th at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

THE BREATHING OF THE SOUL

Prayer is one of the most powerful things we can do in life. The Lord's Prayer was so special in the early church that only the confirmed members could pray it. They figured that spectators and inquirers weren't ready for the power and mystery of the prayer. It was called the "believer's prayer." Even today in the liturgy of the Greek and Russian Orthodox Church, the praying of the Lord's Prayer is a moment of awe and mystery as a priest says at the introduction: "And make us worthy, O Lord, that we joyously and without presumption may make bold to invoke thee, the heavenly God, as Father and to say, 'Our Father,...'"



Jesus does not want us to say the Lord's Prayer. Jesus wants us to become the Lord's prayer. REAL praying is God moving in us through the Spirit. Real praying is the Spirit of God praying in and through us, making us into the likeness of Christ. In the words of Francois Fénelon: "Lord, teach me to pray. Pray thyself in me." Prayer is the breathing of the soul.

– Homiletics

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WHAT AN ENTRANCE!

Many years ago the actress, Gertrude Lawrence, was the star of a play in London. Before the drama began, the Queen entered the Royal Box with great dignity. Immediately the entire audience rose and applauded Her Majesty.

Observing from the wings, the actress uttered, "What an entrance!"

The playwright, Noel Coward, was standing nearby and responded, "What a part!"

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on that day we call Palm Sunday, the people cheered him shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (Matthew 21:9, NRSV).



It was a cry of adoration and acclamation. Jesus handled the adulation with dignity and poise. The Son of God entered the capital city humbly but courageously. He knew that danger – even death – awaited him. He went anyway and memorably.

It was a victory day for him, a week before the greatest Victory of all – his resurrection.

No wonder we remember Palm Sunday with joy. It was a glorious day for Christ and for us.

Let us wave palms, a symbol of peace. Let us shout, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" The Savior has come. What an entrance! What a part!

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? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom

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Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51.)

Consider a Lenten ‘Facebook Fast’

Along with the old standbys of chocolate, alcohol, smoking and soda pop, Facebook and social media have joined the list of common things people give up for Lent as they prepare their hearts and minds for Easter.

It’s definitely a 21st century twist to the ancient practice of “fasting” to improve our willpower, strengthen our spirits, clear our minds, distance ourselves from distractions and bring us closer to God. And in our day and age, it’s entirely necessary, too.

What’s the stewardship connection? God entrusts us to treasure and use wisely all that we have and all we are. Growing evidence concludes that excessive digital media not only wastes our time but also may cloud our thinking.

Research shows people can become addicted – yes, addicted – to digital media. Scientists discovered that when folks get an affirmation on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat or other social media, it triggers a response in the reward and pleasure centers of our brains. We want more and more and have a hard time disengaging. (It’s a real issue. Just Google “smartphone addiction” to learn more.)

Moreover, there is growing concern about the effects that excessive digital exposure has on the developing brains of children.

For those of us who use our phones for keeping up with news, texting, sending email, reading or watching video streaming, excessive smartphone use can lower our attention spans and train us to crave a constant stream of new information.

And of course, all this digital media takes up time that we might be using for more healthful activities, such as praying, meditating, processing the important things of our lives, talking to friends, taking a walk, reading a book, exercising or playing a board game with family members.

So maybe giving up Facebook and other digital media is a perfect idea for Lent in the 21st century. Like those old standbys of chocolate, alcohol, smoking and soda pop, giving up social media and other digital applications for Lent may not be easy, but it will help strengthen our spirits, test our willpower, clear our minds, distance ourselves from distractions and bring us closer to God.

—Rob Blezard

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IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care

Facilities: Anna Angstadt, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Helen Fair, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, and Irene Noll.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Members: Glenn Allen, Sarah Bailey, Lori Eck, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Lucille Jones, Sheila Long, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, Charles Sanders, and Dale Schwoyer.

Friends of the congregation: Regina B., Dorene Behney, Sam Borrell, Thelma Bright, Bill Collins, Dick Curtin, Mark Derr, Ben and Michelle Eckert, Barbara Feeman, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Peg Huffert, Tara K., Janis Kershner, Merritt Kershner, Diane Kiester, Angie Kistler, Joe Klick, Matthew Knowles, Ethan Kunkel, Joie Lauchnor, Marie Leibensperger, Catherine Lenio, Cassidy McKeever, Pearl Meck, George Noll, Kyle Olinger, Jerry Schwambach, Sherry Shultz, Jacki Wagner, Tiffany Wagner, Family and friends of Sallie Weil, Betty Winnings, Darryl Wright, Kenneth Yenser, and Ben Young.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For our nation, especially those hit by disasters and those affected by domestic terrorism, for our president, for peace between citizens and those who serve them, for all our military personnel serving around the world, for areas of the world enduring drought, storms, flooding and other disasters, for refugees and the countries to which they flee, and for peace in the world.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Myles Angstadt, Sandy Burkhart, Alice Epler, Katie F., Jerry Fusner and family, Erma Gajewski, Corinne Hersh, Lauren Kinney, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Joshua S., Randy S., Sue S., Ruby Grace Shoff, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



March BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Linda Guinther
- 10 Tammy Barlet
- 13 Judith Kemmerer
- 18 Sara Moyer
- 19 Lucille Jones
- 21 Cynthia Rissmiller
- 25 Barbara Johnson
- 25 Lillian Jones
- 26 Donald Gajewski
- 28 Jerry Keller



March ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Earl Derr and Gladys Kline (2 years)
- 26 Lester and Tammy Barlet (30 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.



New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Statement of Accounts
January 31, 2018

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 20,858.24
Thrivent	7,708.53
Checking	6,366.08
Youth	404.54
Fidelity	159,464.46
Cash Reserve	4,517.09
Mission Investment	11,300.66
Local Care	1,224.23

January 2018 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’
Income

	<u>Income</u>		
<u>Income</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Actual</u>	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,779.58	\$ 5,152.00	\$ (3,627.58)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2018 Budget
 Passed by Congregation
 Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

Parking Lot – Funds received to offset expenses for
 Driveway/Parking Lot Repaving

\$ 37,140.00	Total Expenses for Project
\$ 17,271.50	Funds Received to offset expenses

DISPELLING THE DARKNESS

On Good Friday, many churches hold a Tenebrae worship service. Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness” or “shadows”) is an ancient Christian tradition that re-creates the emotions of Jesus’ Passion and death. The sanctuary gradually grows darker. A strepitus (Latin for “loud noise”) may signify the closing of Jesus’ tomb. As the service concludes, a Christcandle stands alone on the altar, reminding worshipers that victory is coming on Easter morning.



When Scottish missionary Peter Milne died in 1924, the thankful people he’d served in the South Pacific inscribed this message on his headstone: “When he came, there was no light; when he died, there was no darkness.”

Death’s darkness couldn’t conquer Jesus, the light of the world, so it does not conquer us. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5, ESV).

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GOOD ST. PATRICK

On March 17, many churches, especially those with a large Irish population, will celebrate the life of St. Patrick. He grew up in a Christian home in Britain, but wasn’t very religious until a major event changed his life. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, but escaped to Gaul (France) after six years. The years of enslavement strengthened his faith. He later wrote, “In that strange land [Ireland], the Lord opened my unbelieving eyes.” He was led by God’s voice to return to Ireland where he converted people to Christianity tribe by tribe.

Because Ireland is called the Emerald Isle, those who celebrate St. Patrick’s Day will wear something green. Some Christians will even color food or drink green. Many Christians will also eat corned beef and cabbage and decorate tables with shamrocks. Shamrocks are actually three-leaf (not four-leaf) clover plants. Legend has it that St. Patrick used the three leaves to teach about the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Did You Know?

“Torch”

The torch primarily represents the Passion of Christ, perhaps because he was arrested and tried during the night, when the Temple guard would have used torches for light. The torch also can symbolize spiritual enlightenment, or martyrdom for the sake of the gospel.



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THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March

* 4	10:00 AM	Third Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion (P)
7	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Service (P) ▪ Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville
11	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday in Lent (P)
14	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Service (P) ▪ Christian Congregation, Mertztown
* 18	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday in Lent (P)
	2:30 PM	Healing Service with Holy Communion
21	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Service (P) ▪ The Lutheran Home, Topton
* 25	10:00 AM	Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Holy Communion (P) ▪ Meals of Freedom after worship
28	7:00 PM	Midweek Lenten Service (P) ▪ St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Mertztown
29	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday (W) ▪ Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers
30	11:00 AM & 7:00 PM	Good Friday ▪ New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

April

1	10:00 AM	Resurrection of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)
* 8	10:00 AM	Second Sunday of Easter (W)
15	10:00 AM	Third Sunday of Easter (W)
* 22	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter (W)
29	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter (W)

May

6	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W)
♦ 13	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter (W) ▪ Mother’s Day Breakfast before worship
20	10:00 AM	Day of Pentecost – Holy Communion (R)
27	10:00 AM	The Holy Trinity – Holy Communion (W)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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



FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and “spots” on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry “head” by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



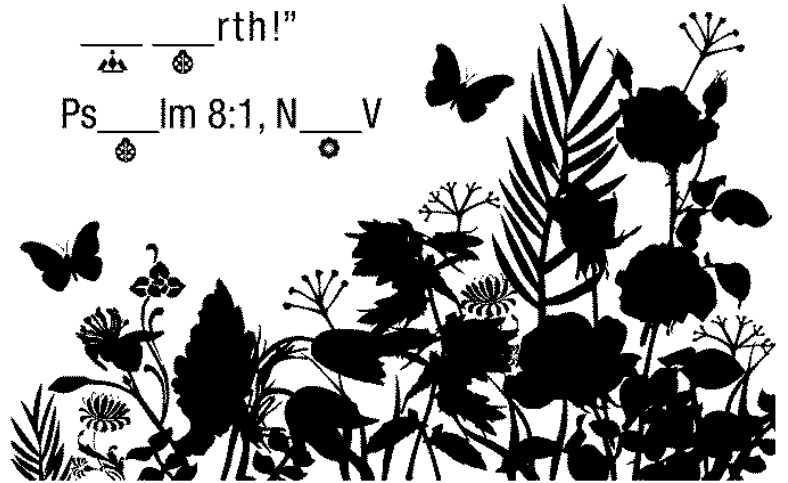
Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

“L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
 m__j__st__c __s y__r
 n__m__n__ll th__
 __rth!”
 Ps__lm 8:1, N__V



Answer: “LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”
 Psalm 8:1, NIV

MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
3/4	TBA	Ty Rissmiller	Gladys Kline	Gladys Kline
3/11	Josh Keck	Roy Merkel	Lucille Jones	Lucille Jones
3/18 10:00 AM Healing Service 2:30 PM	TBA TBA	Justin Moyer	Sue and Cliff Schlenker	Cheryl Wiltrout
3/25	TBA	Cindy Rissmiller	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
3/30 Good Friday 11:00 AM 7:00 PM	 TBA TBA			

ALTAR GUILD: Tara Basta

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Lucille Jones

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Dale Schwoyer

COMMUNION BREAD: 3/4 – *(sponsor needed)*; 3/18 – *(sponsor needed)*; 3/25 – Pastor Ruth

COMMUNION SET-UP: 3/4 – *(volunteer needed)*; 3/18 – *(volunteer needed)*; 3/25 – *(volunteer needed)*

COUNCILPERSON: Gladys Kline

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

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8:00am-until done- Clean-up Day (snow date: March 10 th)
4 Third Sunday in Lent ▪ Fellowship after worship	5	6 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville	8	9 7:30pm-Juniata Choir Concert, Brandywine Heights High School	10
11 Fourth Sunday in Lent  Daylight Savings Time Begins	12 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting	13	14 7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, Christian Congregation, Mertztown	15 3:00pm-Rededication of Old Main, Lutheran Home at Topton	16	17 8:00-11:00am- Pancake Breakfast, St. John's Kutztown 7:00-11:00pm-Farm Family Appreciation, Hamburg Field House St. Patrick's Day
18 Fifth Sunday in Lent ▪ Fellowship after worship ▪ Easter Flower Orders due 2:30pm-Healing Service and Holy Communion	19 Shoo-fly Pie Bake-->	20 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal  Shoo-fly Pie Bake-->	21 7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, The Lutheran Home, Topton Shoo-fly Pie Bake-->	22	23	24 10am-12pm- Package Meals, Christ Mertz, Dryville 12:00pm-Boy Scout Troop #585 Easter Egg Hunt, New Jerusalem
25 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion ▪ Meals of Freedom lunch after worship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26	27 7:00pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	28 7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, St, Paul's Lutheran Church, Mertztown	29 7:00pm-Maundy Thursday Service, Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers	30 11:00am & 7:00pm- Good Friday Service, New Jerusalem Lutheran Church	31

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	\$10.00	=	_____
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 18th.