

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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“I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

**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,

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:2

It is a time of thanksgiving, of giving thanks.

This month we give thanks for all the saints, living, dead, and those yet to be born. We include the gift of seven newly confirmed members of our congregation. We give thanks for the bounty of the earth God provides for us. We give thanks for our country and our privilege of voting and other ways we have to participate in the way it is governed. We give thanks for this congregation. We give thanks for our family and so much more.

As we give thanks we get specific. We name names on All Saints Sunday and speak about what we remember about those who have died in the past year. We remember and thank our veterans and others who have served and continue to serve us, and we do this frequently, not just on a special day. We tell stories around the holiday table, stories of times remembered and family members and friends who were involved.

As we give thanks, our joy increases and we recognize our responsibility to allow others to share and experience it. So we plan how to preserve and share our many blessings. We vote in local elections. We join together as a congregation to vote on a plan for allocating our abundance in the coming year. We consider the many causes asking for our support during the holiday season.

This year, in addition to supplying a Thanksgiving meal to a family, in addition to buying gifts for children identified by Friend, Inc., in addition to opportunities to help relieve world hunger through ELCA Good Gifts, in addition to sending hats and scarves to Seafarers International, we have the opportunity to help those impacted by hurricane and flood as we fill clean-up buckets. Throughout the year we will have the opportunity to help fill backpacks with items that local food-insecure elementary children can take home with for meals on weekends. God provides these and many other opportunities for works of faith and labors of love.

On November 19th we have the opportunity to give thanks with our brothers and sisters of New Jerusalem United Church of Christ, for their many years as a faith community. The following week we have the opportunity to welcome our new neighbors and fellow workers in Christ, as The Real Church 516 and its pastor, Earl Wise, begin their ministry next door.

Yes, God calls us to give thanks and I truly do for all of you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside you and the privilege of sharing our hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Ruth



YOU'VE GOT MAIL — 1 THESSALONIANS

Through the middle of November and again in December our second lesson will be from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians, one of the earliest Christian writings that we have.

Who were the Thessalonians? On his second missionary journey Paul visited the city of Thessalonica, an important Greek port city famous for its loyalty to the Roman emperor. Acts 16 and 17 give us a picture of what it was like when Paul introduced the gospel in places where it had never been heard before.

1 Thessalonians is Paul's letter to the young church. This association of Christians were living in the midst of a society, including friends and neighbors, which was not only unsupportive, but thought the values and behaviors of these believers were a threat to their way of life, a threat to the emperor and empire. Consequently the believers were experiencing various kinds and degrees of rejection and persecution. So Paul is writing to show his care and concern, to clarify some of the questions the young church was struggling with, and to encourage them.

As you read through this short letter, you can't help but notice how much Paul loves this church. "We give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering. . . your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1: 2-3) "We longed with great eagerness to see you face to face." (2:17) "How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we feel before our God because of you?" You can't miss the tenderness with which he addresses them and the many ways he tries to encourage them in the face of doubts and sufferings. And, you can't miss Paul's joy: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God. . . ." (5:16)

As we read from this letter, let us also rejoice in God's gift of fellow believers and give thanks. Let us also look for ways that we, like Paul, can encourage one another as we seek to live as God's beloved. Our society may not seem like it is actively persecuting the message of Jesus, but it presents many subtle and not so subtle challenges.

A note in *The Student Bible*, New Revised Standard Version, states:

The church in Thessalonica, like many of Paul's churches, was born amid violent upheaval. An angry mob took offence at Paul's work and chased him out of town, accusing him of "turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6). Generally, people do not start riots without a good reason, and in Paul's case they had one. Almost everywhere he visited, an enthusiastic church came to life, provoking the jealousy of [the current religious] and Roman establishments.

The Student Bible, New Revised Standard Version, The Zondervan Corporation, Grand Rapids, 1994.

May God continue to help us grow to be "an enthusiastic church come to life" through which God is "turning the world upside down", bringing life for all closer and closer to the way God always wanted it to be.

GENEROSITY GROWS FROM GRATITUDE

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances! — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Would you like to be a more generous person, possessing a generous heart? Then try embracing gratitude as a spiritual practice. Since Thanksgiving is on the 23rd of this month, November is a great time to give it a try.

Gratitude and generosity go together naturally. Whether you're a millionaire or just middle-class, when you are grateful for what you have, you'll likely be happier and more satisfied with your life. You will tend to see the world through the eyes of abundance and be more likely to give of yourself.

And it has nothing to do with wealth. Some of the most generous people you meet are poor, and some of the wealthiest people in the world are stingy. But generous people, rich or poor, tend to look at their lives with gratitude.



How can we embrace gratitude as a spiritual practice? Paul gives us a good start in the Scripture verse above. If we reverse his order, things flow pretty well:

Give thanks in all circumstances: It's easy to give thanks when everything is going along swimmingly, but much tougher when we face problems (and we all do). Notice that Paul says give thanks IN all circumstances, not FOR all circumstances. In hard times, we can be grateful for the parts of our life that are going well and for the resources, relationships and faith that will help us get through.

Pray without ceasing: You can communicate with God anytime and anywhere. Pray in the shower, in your car, on the beach, on your lunch break, at a stop light, in a grocery line. God hears all your prayers, whether spoken, whispered, or just thought. So pray without ceasing.

Rejoice always: Look for everyday celebrations every day. Do you have hot water? A car? Clean socks? High-speed Internet? Enough to eat? Friends? Loving relationships? Then rejoice!

For a disciplined approach, keep a journal of your daily thanks, or a "gratitude list" that you can pray over every night and revise as necessary. Or just make it a point every day to enter into a time of thankful prayer.

Commit to a disciplined approach for a period of time – say, from Thanksgiving to Christmas. And it's a good bet that your developing "attitude of gratitude" will result in your developing a generous heart and seeing the world through a lens of abundance.

—Rob Blezard

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NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at our October 9th meeting:

- The proposed 2018 budget as presented by Finance Committee was discussed and approved for presentation to the congregation on November 12, at which time a vote will be taken.
- Sarah Bailey, Emily Jones, David Moyer, Jr., Justin Moyer, Sara Moyer, Charli Rissmiller, and Julian Tich were approved for Confirmation on October 29th.
- The new back door and the new oil candles will be dedicated on All Saints' Day in memory of Karl Fenstermacher (door) and Goldie Carl (candles).

FALL CAMPFIRE

Join us on Saturday, **November 4th from 3-9 p.m.** for food, fun, and fellowship as we gather around the campfire. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS on **Sunday, November 5th**. Don't forget to *turn your clocks back one hour* before going to bed Saturday night.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY – November 5th

Join with living saints to remember and thank God for the many saints who touch and have touched our lives and to support those whose loved ones have died in this past year. Jean Deysher, Betty Stoudt, Dallas Angstadt, Ralph Krick, Clifford Barlet, Russell Miller, Drena Kocher, Arlene Yob, Anna Heffner, and Warren Reinhart will be named and a candle lit on the altar. Each family present will be invited to light a candle for those whom they want to remember and thanks. Join us for worship and Holy Communion, the feast of victory for our God. Invite a friend to come with you.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – November 12th

Our Congregational Meeting to approve the 2018 budget will be held on Sunday, November 12th immediately following the worship service. There will be a catered luncheon following the meeting. We need 25 members to meet quorum. Please invite other members and be sure to join us.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES FOR FRIEND, INC.

There are two food lists on the table in the narthex. Donations of food items are needed to create Thanksgiving holiday meals. **Your donations are due to church by Sunday, November 12th**. Thank you for your help!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

The joint Thanksgiving Eve worship service with Holy Communion will be held on **Wednesday, November 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.** This year Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, will host the worship service with Christ Mertz and New Jerusalem joining in this celebration. Join us as we thank God for his bountiful gifts!

DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, November 26th**.

NOVEMBER SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of an Altar Flower and Bulletin sponsor for November 19th, an Altar Guild volunteer, Communion Bread sponsor for November 26th, and a Communion Set-up volunteers for November 5th and 26th. Thank you to everyone who signed up.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE

The last bake until the spring will be held **Tuesday, December 5th to Wednesday, December 6th**. Please contact the church office if you would like to order any pies. Pies are \$5.00 each.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND COMMUNION

Join us for our Service of Healing and Holy Communion on **Sunday, December 17th at 2:30 p.m.** at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. If you know someone who might like to attend, but would need help with transportation, or if you are able to assist with transportation, please let Pastor Ruth know.

WORSHIP WITH NEW JERUSALEM UCC

At a congregational meeting on October 1st, the New Jerusalem UCC congregation voted to accept a resolution to hold a final worship service on **Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.** An invitation has been extended to New Jerusalem Lutheran members to join them for their closing worship service. The congregation asks for your prayers in the coming weeks as they transition. There will be a buffet dinner following the closing service at Janelle's Catering Hall. If you would like to attend the dinner, please RSVP before November 10th to Violet Schaeffer at 610.944.0797.

THE REAL CHURCH 516

On November 26th The Real Church 516 will hold their first worship service in their new location, just across the hedge from us. Currently this young congregation worships at 4565 Prestwick Drive, Reading.

The unusual name for our new neighbors comes from James 5:16 – *“Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”*

Their mission statement says:

The REAL Church 516 exists to help people grow their relationship with God by establishing a relationship with Jesus Christ. The REAL Church 516 will disciple people and help them develop their God given talents to be used to magnify the Lord. Family is a priority of the church, which means the environments and experiences will be tailored so families can grow together in their faith.

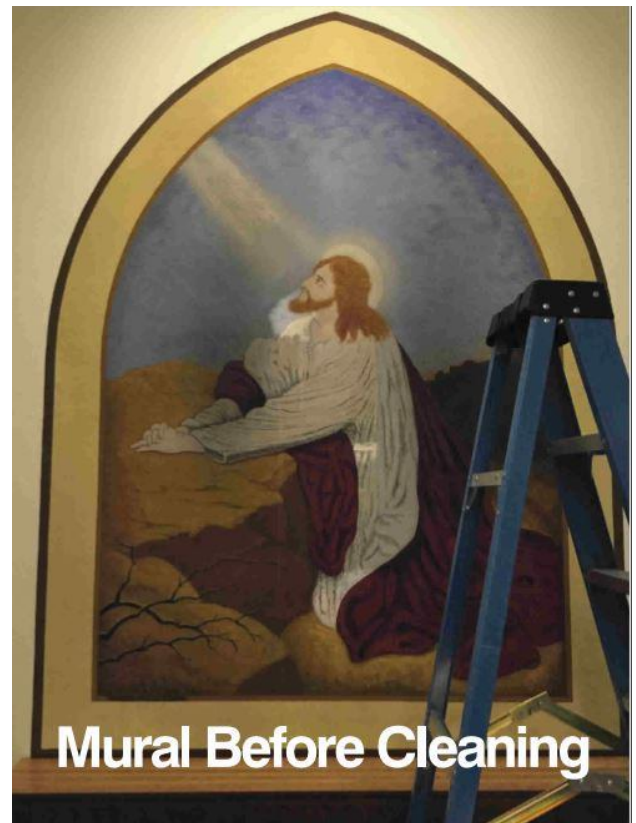
Their strategy is: “To love. To share. To serve.” And their model is found in the way Jesus lived.

We look forward to welcoming these fellow workers in God's kingdom.

For more information, check out their website at www.therealchurch516.

DID YOU TAKE NOTICE?

Have you noticed the mural of Jesus behind the altar lately? The mural was professionally cleaned and preserved by local artist, Jonathan Bond. Observe the before and after pictures below and judge for yourself.





To New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Family, the family of Arlene Yob would like to thank everyone for help in serving the funeral luncheon. Also, we appreciate all the words of comfort from our church family. – *Arlene Yob's Family*

PRAYER CIRCLE COMMITTEE

Psalm 118:24

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

From the beginning of time in the garden, Satan has tried to separate us from our Creator. Every day, in all circumstances, we can find evil at work or we can choose to see God’s hand in the good works people do around us.

We look at what God created and it was good. Sin entered in and corrupted God’s good work. We are left with a choice; follow God or follow the way of the world.

We quickly realize, as did St. Paul, that by ourselves we can not and do not choose God’s way. No matter how hard we try, sin keeps getting in the way. God knows our hearts and by His grace and the sacrifice of His Son, we are brought back from the edge of destruction.

And so we give thanks and say:

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
And all God’s people say AMEN!

WITH SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of Arlene B. Yob who passed away on Friday, September 29, 2017. A memorial service was held on Friday, October 6th at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Anna Heffner who passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2017. A service was held at Ludwick Funeral Home on Thursday, October 19th.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Warren Reinhart who passed away on Monday, October 16, 2017. A funeral service was held at Ludwick Funeral Home on Monday, October 23, 2017.

CONTENTS FOR CLEAN-UP BUCKETS SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR EMERGENCY CLEANUP BUCKETS:

- Four **scouring pads** – no stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)
- Seven **sponges**, including one large (no cellulose sponges due to mold issues)
- One **scrub brush**
- Eighteen **reusable cleaning towels** (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of **liquid laundry detergent**
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of **liquid disinfectant dish soap**
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of **household cleaner** that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 **clothespins**
- Clothesline**, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five **dust masks**
- Two pairs of non-surgical **latex gloves**
- One pair **work gloves**, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon **trash bags** on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol **insect repellent**

All cleaning items must be new.

INSIGHT ON CONFIRMATION

Many churches celebrate confirmation, a practice with biblical roots. For example, Peter and John are sent to “[lay] their hands on” new believers and “[pray] for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit” (Acts 8:15, 17, NRSV).

In the early church, new Christians, most of whom were adult converts, received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, the practice became for pastors and priests to baptize but for only bishops to “confirm” a baptism, or make it official, granting the baptized full membership in the church.

Later, confirmation became a rite by which adolescents, often following intensive Christian education, profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Some denominations prefer the term “affirmation of baptism.”

Confirmation serves as a milestone of faith, when young adults begin embracing a life of discipleship with a sense of purpose.

Congratulations, Confirmands!

NEWS & EVENTS

in the Community

NEW/LIKE NEW COAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

New Jerusalem will be collecting new/like new coats and new gloves to be handed out in the fall to students of all ages in the Brandywine Heights Area School District. Your donations can be brought into church until **Sunday, November 12th**. Thank you!

THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

Held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main Street, Kutztown. On **November 14th** Mary Bohachek will present: *Role of faith in counseling HIV patients*. Theology with a Twist is free. Food and drink are available for purchase.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FORUMS

The **Lutheran Home at Topton** runs Bereavement Support Forums the third Wednesday of each month from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** in Deibert Hall, first floor of D-wing. On **November 15th** – *Coping with the Holidays*. Crafts, refreshments and a time for sharing will follow each program or presentation.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Join us on **Tuesday, November 21st, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for a **FREE** fellowship and community meal at Trinity Lutheran Church, 121 S. Home Avenue, Topton. Everyone is welcome!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, November 22nd at 2:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Home in Topton.

MARLIN KERCHNER, ORGANIST

A program of organ music celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on **Sunday, November 5th at 3:00 p.m.** at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1009 Elizabeth Avenue, Laureldale. This program combines a visual presentation with music of the Renaissance and compositions based on the hymns of Martin Luther. For more information, call 610.929.9606 or email contactcalvary@verizon.net.

STRESS LESS! COOKIES, COFFEE, CONVERSATION

Parents and students in grades 6-12 are welcome to learn how to manage stress and anxiety. **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Brandywine Heights High School Library.

“A NIGHT OF THANKS” FOR HURRICANE RELIEF

Join with fellow church members on **November 19, 2017 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 121 S. Home Avenue, Topton, for a non-traditional Thanksgiving meal, followed by a concert at 7:00 p.m. The evening will begin in the fellowship hall with a feast of turkey BBQ, turkey dishes, various side dishes, and desserts. Afterwards, the sanctuary will be filled with songs of thanks and praise performed by a community choir, soloists, flute and brass. This is a free-will offering event. All offering will be donated 100% to hurricane relief efforts. **Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex by Sunday, November 12th so they know how much food to prepare.**

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY CHOIR

If you are interested in being part of the choir for hurricane relief, rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, November 1st, 8th, and 15th at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Director of Music, Steven Schucker at 610.756.6829.

BRANDYWINE BACKPACK BUDDIES

Starting in the next few weeks the staff of Brandywine Heights Elementary School, with support of local congregations, will begin distributing food weekly to their most needy students and their siblings for weekend meals. Each church in the community has received a specific request for items for these packs. The menus will rotate each week, but the request to the congregation will remain the same.

Our congregation has been asked to supply: 1) 7.5 ounce, microwavable cups of Beans and Ham, 2) microwavable cups of soup and 3) microwavable cups of chicken and rice such as Rice-a-Roni. The brand for these items does not matter.

We will distribute more information in the coming weeks, but you can start bringing in these supplies. If you place them where we collect things for the food bank, we'll be sure to separate them out for the school. The Brandywine food bank is also participating in this program.

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, Dennis Guinther, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, and Irene Noll.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Members: Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Sarah Bailey, Erma Guinther, Family and friends of Anna Heffner, Amanda Herman, Sheila Long, Family and friends of Russell Miller, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Family and friends of Warren Reinhart, Joyce Rothermel, Susan Schlenker, Dale Schwoyer, and Family and friends of Arlene Yob.

Friends of the congregation: Family and friends of Kathy Adams, Regina B., Thelma Bright, Dick Curtin, Verna Davis, Mark Derr, Esther Dunkelberger, Katie F., Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Janis Kershner, Lauren Kinney, Joe Klick, Ethan Kunkel, Cassidy McKeever, Kyle Olinger, Tim and Carol Romig, Randy S., Sue S., Charles Sanders, Chuck Sharadin, Jonah Schlegel, Jerry Schwambach, Ruby Grace Shoff, Jacki Wagner, Sallie Weil, Kenneth Yenser, and Ben Young.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For our nation, for our president, for peace between citizens and those who serve them, for all our military personnel serving around the world, for areas of our nation and 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: Sandy Burkhart, George DeLong, Alice Epler, Erma Gajewski, Corinne Hersh, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Joshua S., Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

The NJLC Relay for Life Team was started 12 years ago. In those 12 years we have donated more than \$100,000 to the American Cancer Society. We owe a large part of that accomplishment to Faye and Larry Dey for hosting the annual "Cruise for a Cure."

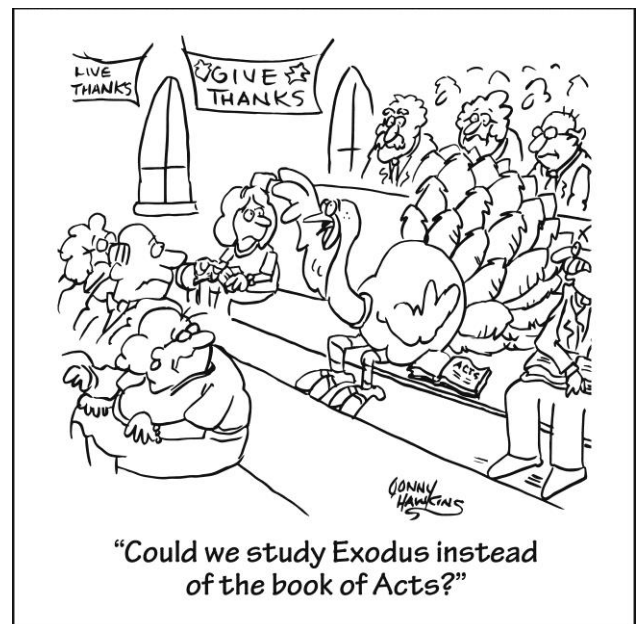
It is with regret that we must tell you the NJLC Relay for Life Team has disbanded. This does not mean that you personally have to stop supporting The American Cancer Society. There are many teams who participate in the relay who will welcome you to their team with open arms.

- Adams & Associates – contact Becky Frederick (Erma is joining this team)
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fleetwood – contact Joyce Dietrich
- Maxatawny Church – contact Sue Haas
- St. Paul's UCC, Kutztown – contact Denise Keim

You can register online or contact Courtney Totten, who is the representative from The American Cancer Society in charge of the Kutztown Relay. courtneytotten@cancer.org.

Thank you to everyone who has participated and supported the team throughout the past 12 years.

Sheila Gehman and Cheryl Wiltrout





- 1 Janet Kepnach
- 1 Diana Moyer
- 5 Clifford Schlenker
- 6 Stacey Beshore
- 6 Justin Moyer
- 8 Lucas Beshore
- 10 Irene Noll
- 11 Cheryl Wiltrout
- 12 Lisa Landis
- 16 Barbara Fair
- 19 Linwood Merkel
- 24 Carolyn Dise
- 25 Emily Jones
- 25 Horace Rothermel
- 27 Jeff Wengert
- 28 Baylee Cleaver



- 9 Daniel and Kathy Bailey (15 years)
- 18 Joseph and Janet Kepnach (21 years)
- 25 Ty and Cynthia Rissmiller (28 years)
- 28 Horace and Joyce Rothermel (58 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.

Did You Know?

CROWN

A crown, of course, symbolizes royal authority. As a Christian symbol it represents both Christ as King of kings (Revelation 17:14, for example) and the eternal life promised to Christ's followers: "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10, ESV).



BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Donated items most helpful right now:

Coffee, ketchup, mayonnaise or miracle whip, sugar, snacks, and laundry detergent.

The pantry is currently in need of the following items:

Canned Fruits: sliced peaches, mandarin oranges, pears, fruit cups, etc.

Canned Items: especially those with meat, such as beef stew, chili, chicken breast, chicken a la king, tuna, ham, Spam, spaghetti, ravioli, lasagna, etc.

Potatoes: instant mashed or scalloped, or other potato products

Soups: especially Progresso brand

Condiments: mayonnaise or miracle whip, brown mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, pickles

Coffee: regular, decaf and instant, tea

Fruit Juice: grape, cranberry, apple

Extras: jelly, peanut butter, marshmallow fluff

Dry Goods: Hamburger Helper; stuffing mix; Rice-a-Roni, Pasta Sides

Pasta: various types, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese

Baking Items: vinegar, cooking oil, flour, sugar

Cereal: hot or cold

Snacks: all kinds, including pretzels, chips, energy bars, etc.

Paper Products: tissues, toilet paper, paper towels

Personal Care Items: shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, personal hygiene items, such as combs and brushes

Cleaning and Disinfectant Products: dish soap and laundry detergent

NOTE: Please check dates on donated food products.

The pantry is open to area residents by appointment on the first three Tuesdays of the month and the third Thursday, from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. For appointments, call 610-682-7633.

Donations may be brought to church or dropped off at St. Peter's UCC, 122 W. Franklin Street, Topton, Tuesday and Thursday between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call either Tuesday or Thursday, or leave a message with your contact information. Thank you!

Thank you for your support!

**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Statement of Accounts
September 30, 2017**

| <u>Asset Accounts</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Memorial | \$ 18,673.26 |
| Thrivent | 7,422.79 |
| Checking | 4,426.32 |
| Youth | 628.57 |
| Fidelity | 149,615.68 |
| Cash Reserve | 7,419.00 |
| Mission Investment | 11,287.45 |
| Local Care | 1,123.23 |

September 2017 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’
Income

| | <u>Income</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | <u>Required</u> | <u>Income</u> | |
| <u>Used For:</u> | <u>Per Month</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 8,519.17 | \$ 3,083.84 | \$ (5,435.33) |

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2017 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
\$ 15,174.50 Funds Received to offset expenses



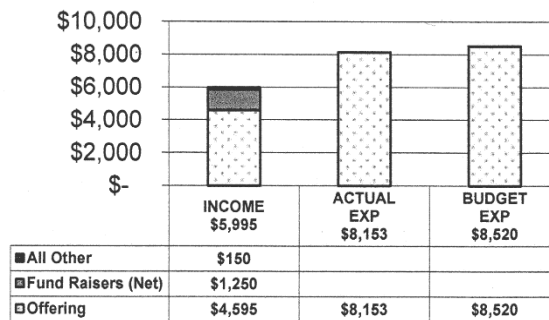
After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None — they were all dead
- B. Three — unbound and unharmed
- C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count



Answer: C (See Daniel 3:25.)

**SEPTEMBER 2017 YEAR-TO-DATE
INCOME AND EXPENSE**



MONTHLY AVERAGE

**CALENDAR YEAR 2017 INFORMATION
NORMAL OPERATIONS
(DOES NOT INCLUDE MAJOR REPAIRS/PURCHASES)**

| INCOME & EXPENSE ACTIVITY SEPTEMBER 2017 YEAR-TO-DATE | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | <u>Sep Y-T-D</u> | | <u>Average Month</u> |
| Income | | | |
| Offering | \$ 41,362 | \$ 4,595 | |
| Fund Raisers | \$ 11,246 | 1,250 | |
| Other | \$ 1,351 | 150 | |
| Total Income | \$ 53,959 | 5,995 | |
| Actual Exp | \$ 73,375 | 8,153 | |
| Budget Exp | \$ 76,680 | 8,520 | |
| Shortage * | \$ (22,721) | (2,525) | |

*NOTE: Shortage - Total Income to 2017 BUDGET Expense
Less Benevolence & Major Repairs/Purchases

THANK YOU, VETERANS!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

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THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November

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| 5 | 10:00 AM | All Saints' Sunday – Holy Communion (W) |
| ▪ 12 | 10:00 AM | Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Stewardship Sunday ▪ Congregational Meeting after worship followed by a luncheon |
| 19 | 10:00 AM | Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (G) |
| 22 | 7:00 PM | Thanksgiving Eve Service – Holy Communion (G) ▪ Held at Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers |
| * 26 | 10:00 AM | Christ the King – Holy Communion (W) |

December

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| 3 | 10:00 AM | First Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion (B) |
| * 10 | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday of Advent (B) |
| 17 | 10:00 AM | Third Sunday of Advent (B) |
| | 2:30 PM | Healing Service at New Jerusalem |
| * 24 | 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday of Advent (B) |
| | | <u>Christmas Eve (W)</u> |
| | 5:00 PM | Christmas Eve Family Service – Holy Communion |
| | 9:00 PM | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Holy Communion |
| 31 | 10:00 AM | First Sunday after Christmas (W) |

January

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| 7 | 10:00 AM | Baptism of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W) |
| 14 | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany (G) |
| 21 | 10:00 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany (G) |
| 28 | 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (G) |

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- (*) Fellowship after worship
(■) Catered luncheon after Congregational Meeting



Holiday PLACE MATS

Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

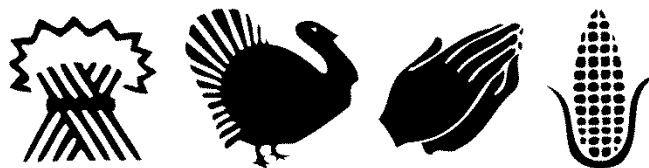
1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminates the place mats so they're reusable.

PUZZLE

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____
9 16 18 1 9 19 5
_____ ' name in _____
7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7
and _____ with
7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13
_____ "

Answer: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30, NIV

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

| DATE | GREETER | READER | FLOWERS | BULLETINS |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11/5 | Gladys Kline | Ty Rissmiller | Lisa Landis | Susan Schlenker |
| 11/12 | Joshua Keck | Dawn Wengert | Larry and Faye Dey | Lloyd and Linda Moyer |
| 11/19 | Denny Beshore | Roy Merkel | <i>(sponsor needed)</i> | <i>(sponsor needed)</i> |
| 11/26 | Susan Schlenker | Ken Keck | Donald and Erma Gajewski | Cheryl Wiltrout |

ALTAR GUILD: *(volunteer needed)*

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: George and Jeannette DeLong

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Cheryl Wiltrout

COMMUNION BREAD: 11/5 – Gladys Kline; 11/26 – *(sponsor needed)*

COMMUNION SET-UP: 11/5 – *(volunteer needed)*; 11/26 – *(volunteer needed)*

COUNCILPERSONS: Ted and Betty Eshbach

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

NOVEMBER 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | OCT 30 | OCT 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 3:00-9:00pm-Fall Campfire |
| | Shoo-fly Pie Bake→ | -----→ | -----→ | | | |
| 5 All Saints' Day ▪ Holy Communion Daylight Savings Time Ends | 6 | 7 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal | 8 | 9 | 10 Veteran's Day (observed) | 11 Veteran's Day |
| 12 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Stewardship Sunday ▪ Congregational Meeting after worship ▪ Catered Luncheon after Meeting Thanksgiving Food Boxes Due | 13 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting | 14 6:30pm-Stress Less Seminar, BHHS Library 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal | 15 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon (location TBA) 6:30pm-Bereavement Support Forum, Topton Lutheran Home | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 2:30pm-Closing Worship Service at NJ UCC followed by dinner at Janelle's 5:30pm-"A Night of Thanksgiving" for Hurricane Relief, Trinity Lutheran, Topton | 20 | 21 5:30-7:00pm-Loaves and Fishes Meal, Trinity Lutheran, Topton 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal | 22 2:30pm-Thanksgiving Eve Service, Topton Lutheran Home 7:00pm-Thanksgiving Eve Service, Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers ▪ Holy Communion | 23  OFFICE CLOSED | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Christ the King Sunday ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship  | 27 | 28 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal | 29 | 30 | | |