

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

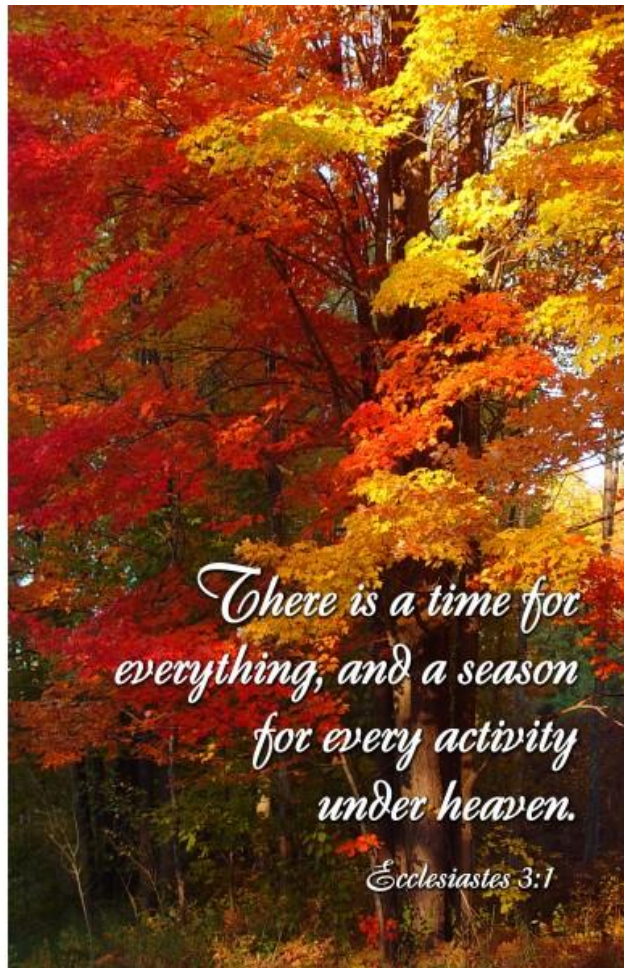
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**THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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,

What is this place?

On October 4th we will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the first New Jerusalem Lutheran Church building. What a privilege!

But what is this place?

The buildings, old and current, have been and are beautiful, witnessing that those who built them wanted the best place possible for praising God. Much time, attention and resources have been invested in the buildings over the years. Yet these buildings have been and are, “only a house, the earth its floor. Walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.” (Huub Oosterhuis, translated by David Smith, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, # 524.)

Yes, these buildings would just be buildings, except that “[they] become a body that lives when [folks] are gathered here, and know [that] God is near.”

It is God and God’s people who make a building a church, a place where God is near. So, on October 4th, while we give thanks for 175 years of a place to worship, we will re-dedicate ourselves and our building to being God’s church, made of living “stones,” of being God’s church here in this place and throughout the world.

On October 31st we celebrate Reformation Day, the day when Martin Luther nailed 95 proposed topics for discussion and debate on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg. (That church door was a kind of bulletin board in that day.) We now call what he posted the 95 theses. Luther was hoping to have the scholars of his day dig into these ideas. Instead of discussion, they sparked a re-formation of the greater church, a *re*-formation.

Each day God invites us to grow in faith, to be *re*-formed into the person God would have us be, to adapt to what we will face during the day, to receive and find new ways to proclaim God’s good news of love. So, through the years, the congregation is invited and challenged to be *re*-formed, to become ever more like what God would have it be and do. As times change, so must the church discover how the mission to which God is calling it is changing, to find new ways to proclaim the Gospel.

And yet, we don’t “throw out the baby with the bathwater,” to quote Luther. There is much to be treasured in our heritage, our resources and our practices, even as we adapt some of these to meet the times. (I, for one, am thankful for things like flush toilets and electric lights which were not available to those who built the first church building. How about you?) And so our congregation has “brought back” the chandeliers that used to hang in the current building, beautiful chandeliers which are now fitted with electricity so candle wax won’t drip on our heads.

In October 7 of our young people will begin to explore their faith through our confirmation program. This program is being re-formed so as to address the kinds of questions and challenges youth face in 2015. It will continue to be re-formed/adapted as pastors and youth grow together. Pastor Elizabeth Haines and one of the youth from Hope, Bowers will join us in the journey. Members of the congregation are challenged to learn along with us and support us.

So, what is this place we call New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church? It is a building and it is a congregation, a gathering of folks God has called together to “receive what we need to increase: our justice and God’s peace.”

Pastor Ruth

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, wrote this for the September edition of *The Lutheran*. How appropriate as we celebrate our 175th anniversary this month.

If God is enough — We can be free from attachments to our plans, self-will, success



From time to time I am invited to celebrate congregational anniversaries. It's wonderful to see the church in action and to meet members from all across the country.

It is also interesting to see the variety of sizes and architectural styles our buildings come in. Looking at building additions in churches is like studying growth rings in a tree — one can see the periods of rapid growth and contraction. Often the first unit was built one or two centuries ago, the expansion of the sanctuary constructed when the original one was outgrown, and the education wing added in the late 1950s or '60s. I have seen dozens of churches like this and recall that my last parish had a similar growth pattern.

Very often, however, the membership of these congregations has shrunk. A sanctuary built to seat 400 now only sees 50 on a Sunday. Sunday school rooms and gymnasiums that rang with the sound of children are now empty or, in more enterprising congregations, are rented out to community groups and social service organizations.

In these congregations the anniversary celebration is bittersweet — for one glorious Sunday the sanctuary is filled with current and former members and their children and grandchildren, stories of the congregation's heyday are shared, there is energy and enthusiasm and then everyone goes home. Next Sunday the 50 hearty souls who are the remnant will gather in a now more obviously empty sanctuary.

There is the sound of lament in many parts of our church. Populations have shifted and people have drifted away. Attitudes about religion have changed and the status of the church in our culture has diminished. This makes us anxious and, in some cases, desperate. How do we stop the decline? Where is the next generation? What happened? What does this all mean?

I have a theory. We are experiencing God's judgment. Oh, not in a fire-and-brimstone-plague-of-locusts kind of way, but in the tenacious, fearsome, loving claim that God has on all of us. The church does not belong to us. The church is not a vehicle for our convenience, status, success or even comfort. The church is the living body of Christ, breathed by the Spirit and called into deep communion with God. Everything else is at best supplementary and at worst a distraction.

God might be calling God's people to examine what has a claim on our attention. Where is our energy being drawn?

If the answer to our desperate questions is anything else than to the intimate and complete love of God shown in the crucified and risen Christ, then we are being drawn away from the source of our life as a people and as a church.

There was a provocative article in the December 2012 *Christian Century* magazine about the "dark night of the church." In it the authors suggest that what I am calling a time of judgment is actually God at work freeing us from attachments to our plans, our self-will, our success.

The authors asked: "What is the church relearning about itself in its dark night? The church is relearning that its essence lies not in its programs and accomplishments, its activities and accolades, but in the truth that 'she on earth hath union with God the Three in One' and that God is enough. Coming to this knowledge means being weaned from the glamorous results-oriented American culture of production, measurement and unlimited growth."

So, dear church, is God enough? If not, then we are consigned to an endless, exhausting and empty quest for meaning, relevance and purpose. If God is enough, then we have everything we need. If God is enough we are free to love in return and give our lives away for the sake of the gospel and in service to the neighbor. If God is enough we can unclench our hands and our lives. If God is enough we can even let go of the church knowing that it is Christ's church and not ours.

And, if it is God's will that there will be an [ELCA](#) witness to the gospel, there is no force on earth, not even our own, that can stop it.

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE POLICY

At their August meeting, Church Council voted to approve our Protection of Minors Policies and Procedures. This brings us into compliance with Pennsylvania Act 31.

Highlights include:

- 1) General Purpose Statement: New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children and youth who participate in our programs and activities. By implementing the practices listed below, our goal is to protect the children and youth of New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church from incidents of misconduct or inappropriate behavior while also protecting our staff and volunteers from false accusations.
- 2) Clarification of who is considered a mandatory reporter and what they are to do.
- 3) How staff and volunteers will be screened, including Criminal Background checks.
- 4) Policies Regarding Drivers of Minors for Church Activities
- 5) A two adult rule, stipulating that two adults are to be in attendance at all times when minors are present.
- 6) Volunteers who are Minors
- 7) Open Door Policy: Doors should remain open unless there is a window in the door or beside the door with a clear view into the room. Doors should never be locked while people are inside the room.
- 8) Restroom Guidelines
- 9) Annual Permission Form for Minors
- 10) Check-in/Check-out Procedure: For children below third grade, the persons who are permitted to pick up a child will be listed on the Annual Permission Form for Minors. If there is a change in who is permitted to pick up a child, the leader of the activity must be notified in writing. For children grade four and older, a parent may indicate on the Annual Permission Form for Minors that his/her child is permitted to leave Sunday School independently. If an unauthorized person arrives to pick up a minor, the teacher or adult leader will remain at the church activity until the parent arrives. The minor will not be released to an unauthorized person.

Any person authorized to pick up children under age 12 a parent is to come into the building to get his or her child(ren) and must let the leader/coordinator/teacher know when he or she is leaving with his or her child(ren).

For larger activities, such as parties in the fellowship hall, all parents must come into the area to pick up their children.

Adults present at an activity are to make sure that at least two adults will be present until all minors have been picked up. At no time is one adult to be left alone in a building or at an activity site with any minors. Adults leading/coordinating or representing the congregation in an activity are not to leave the classroom, church facility, or activity site until all minors (ages 0-17) have been picked up.

- 11) Medications Policy
- 12) Accidental Injuries to Minors
- 13) Training on the policy
- 14) Response to Allegations of Abuse of a Minor/Child Abuse

The full document is available in the office and also on our website at

<http://NewJerusalemLutheran.weebly.com>



WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

- October 4 - 175th Anniversary Service and World Communion Sunday
- October 25 - Reformation Sunday
- November 14 - Pastor Ruth's Installation Service at 2:30 p.m.
- November 1 - All Saints' Sunday
- November 22 - Christ the King Sunday
- November 25 - Thanksgiving Eve Service (Christ-Mertz hosts)

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY - On Sunday, November 1, we will remember all the church's saints who have passed to the Church Triumphant. As is our tradition, we will light one candle for each of the members of New Jerusalem that have died since the last All Saint's Sunday. At this time: Cora Haas, Gladys Luckenbill, June Boyer, Harvey Noll, Erma Noll, Delilah Moyer, Myrtle Merkel, Arlan Conrad, Paul Hertzog, and Mildred Reinert.

COMING SOON! SAVE THE DATE!

Come affirm and celebrate the installation of Pastor Ruth as the pastor of our congregation on Saturday, November 14th, 2:30 p.m. at New Jerusalem. Refreshments to follow.



DON'T FORGET! Sunday School starts Sunday, October 11th, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Monday, October 26.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped serve french fries on Thursday, September 17, at the Oley Fair. The workers really had to work hard due to the large number of people. Ninety-one and a half bags of 30 lb. bags of french fries were served which equals 2,745 lbs. of potatoes. – *Virginia Guinther*



175th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Join us on Sunday, October 4th, for our 2nd Special Anniversary Service.

We have just been informed that we are still on track for the possibility of having our refurbished lights from the 1800's installed for our service that day.

Don't forget we are still selling our Church photo Christmas ornaments for \$8.00 each. These would make great Christmas gifts.

The Anniversary Committee would like to thank all of those who sent in recipes and prayers for the proposed Anniversary Cookbook. Despite our good intentions, we are not able to bring it to fruition at this time. We are holding all of the data for a future date as it becomes possible.

We will again have some of our displays for you to enjoy. Thank you to everyone that has shared and worked to have these services made possible.

-The Anniversary Committee



OAK

Oak trees are common in Israel, and, according to tradition, Jesus' cross may have been made of oak. In the Old Testament, oaks often symbolize strength and longevity. In Hebrew, the words for oak and providence are related, and some important biblical events take place near, or are marked by, oak trees; for example, "The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre..." (Genesis 18:1, NRSV).



MEET THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In January council clarified the role of the Stewardship Committee, charging it with helping the congregation and its members grow in its understanding of how God is calling us to use our time, talents, and treasure.

While Ty Rissmiller, Dawn Wengert, Joshua Keck, Ken Keck, and Pastor Ruth as its current members, the Committee hopes others will join us as we discover ways to be better stewards/managers of our resources and opportunities to put them to use in God's kingdom. Stewardship is not just about money, not just about paying bills. Stewardship includes the joy of investing our many and varied resources in ways that bring well-being, peace, and harmony to all God's children, to all of creation.

Members of this congregation are generous folks. We love to literally and figuratively feed others. We love to feed one another with God's word and feast together at God's table. We love to collect food for the food bank, to serve dinners and make pies. We love to gather gifts to be given to those in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We love to make things like hats and blankets that can be given away.

Check your mailboxes. You will soon be receiving a booklet describing how our synod and our national church manages and invests the resources with which we entrust it. Watch for other information, tell us your ideas, and, as God's Spirit moves you, offer to join us in our meetings. Just speak to one of the members.



Thanks, thanks, and again my thanks to all who joined in the worship service and celebration surrounding my ordination on August 15th. What a glorious time to celebrate God's love and to experience being the wider church at worship! Many thanks also for the many expressions of support and good wishes. I am looking forward to being formally installed in November as the called and ordained pastor of this congregation. What a wonderful excuse that will be to worship as God's extended family and party yet again.

Pastor Ruth

Dear Pastor, on behalf of the residents of Luther Meadows, I wish to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who donated the vegetables and fruits that were brought home and shared with us. Please convey our appreciation to all who contributed the items. Sincerely yours with many thanks, *Marguerite Gilbert*

P.S. Tara Basta brought the items to us on August 23, 2015.

Dear Pastor Ruth and Members of New Jerusalem Church, on behalf of our family, we would like to thank you for allowing us to use the church for Cory's Eagle ceremony. Pastor Ruth, thank you so much for participating with the Invocation and Benediction. It has been a pleasure to watch Cory's progress through the years due to the dedicated members of Boy Scout Troop 585. It is hard to say goodbye to Scouting since this has been like a second family to us. Thank you for opening up your church and the Boy Scout cabin for us to use all these years. Please accept this donation as a token of our sincere appreciation. Sincerely, *The Vasilik Family*

2015 CRUISE FOR A CURE

Our Relay for Life team's fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, Cruise for a Cure was held on Saturday, September 12th at Larry Dey Auto Service despite the forecast for rain. Early in the morning, when we needed to make the decision to have the cruise either on Saturday or on the rain date of Sunday, the forecast for Sunday was also at least a 70% chance of rain and ten to fifteen mile per hour winds. These forecasts, as well as knowing the driveway and the parking area in the field would get very muddy, were the reasons we chose to hold the event on Saturday. A message was put on the answering machine inviting callers to come, and if they didn't want to bring their show car to please come and enjoy the fellowship, food and perhaps win a prize.

We had 54 show cars and many people who came to enjoy the day with us. When the drizzle got to be too much, people moved their chairs into the garage to continue enjoying the food, fellowship and carnival games. The raffle and 50/50 tickets were sold under roof also. This year Cindy Bower donated a beautiful framed mini-quilt which she made, and the winning ticket was purchased by Larry Dey.

Mark and Cindy Tobias represented the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Kutztown. Mark spoke about the great things ACS is doing and services they offer survivors and caregivers. We feel having speakers from ACS touches base with the people and lets them know we are really sincere about this fundraiser.

As in the past we received great raffle and door prizes from our business suppliers, church family, customers and friends. **Thank you** for your donations of raffle prizes, food, fruit, desserts, beverages, and your time and talents. The food prepared for this event is a major reason we have people anxiously waiting to participate in our car cruise, plus they also want to help the American Cancer Society through their contributions. We still are receiving contributions from people who couldn't make it on the 12th. Everyone is so

willing to support this worthwhile cause because cancer has affected nearly every family, and hopefully the time will come when a cure will be found to erase this dreaded disease.

Proceeds received are as follows: show car admission \$1357, spectator admission \$336, raffle \$1713, framed mini-quilt \$94, 50/50 \$169, food and beverage sales \$2516, carnival games \$43, and special donations to the American Cancer Society \$1045. We do not have any expenses due to **your** generous donations and donations of food or gift cards received from Janelle's Restaurant and Catering, The Market at Boyer's Junction, Turkey Hill Dairy, Weis Markets, Giant Foods and Thrivent Financial. Net funds earned for the American Cancer Society as of September 22nd total \$7,273.00. An amazing amount despite the weather; **God was with us!**

Again, **THANK YOU** for your support and dedication to Cruise for a Cure. We join with thousands of other Relayers as we **Celebrate, Remember, and Walk Together to Finish the Fight.**

Submitted by Faye Dey





ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 12:45 p.m. at New Jerusalem UCC, 33 Lyons Road, Fleetwood.

BRANDYWINE AREA FOOD PANTRY will be relocating in October to St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 122 West Franklin Street, Tipton. If you would like to schedule for food pick up starting in November and thereafter, you can make an appointment by calling 610-682-7633 or sending an email to brandywinepantry@gmail.com. Beginning in November donation drop-offs may be made without an appointment on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or at other times by appointment using the above contact information. Access to pantry is by rear door near parking lot.

GERMAN YOUTH TO VISIT NE PENNSYLVANIA! October 10-23, 2015. The NEPA Synod will be welcoming 10 youth from our companion synod in Saxony, Germany. Host families would be responsible for housing, some meals, transportation and sharing your family stories. If you are interested and able to host one or two youth, please contact Deaconess Deborah at DGraf@oldtrinity.org. She can share the itinerary with you.

BREAKFAST IS SERVED - On Friday morning, October 23rd, members of New Jerusalem have the privilege of meeting and serving breakfast to 10 teens, 2 adults, and a baby who will be visiting our synod from Saxony, Germany. On this day Pastor Ruth will accompany them to Newark Airport for their trip home after their 2 week visit with host families from congregations in Berks County.

TANZANIA TRIP - Information about the September 2016 trip to Witness God's Work in Arusha, Tanzania, is now available on the bulletin board. Registration will be due this November 1st. For more information contact Pastor Ruth.

USED CLOTHING DRIVE -Bring your unwanted and outgrown clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets and curtains to Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, on Saturday, October 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Held rain or shine. Your donation is tax deductible.

JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF - Lutheran Congregational Services presents a free six-week seminar for those who are grieving. The seminar will be held on Wednesdays beginning October 7 through November 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Luther Crest, Fuellenbach Room, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown. Please register with Chaplain Diane Kareha at 610-391-8210 or Kathy Reyher at 610-770-9205.

ADULT/YOUTH EDUCATION DAY will be held on Saturday, October 17, at Zion's Lutheran Church, 354 Zion's Church Road, Shoemakersville. The day consists of four workshop sessions covering various topics. More information about what each workshop consists of and the scheduled times is located on the bulletin board in the narthex. A \$5 contribution is requested for each class attended. Please see Pastor Ruth if interested in attending any workshops.

ORGAN CONCERT celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the 38 Rank Schantz Pipe Organ on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1009 Elizabeth Avenue, Laureldale. Featuring past and present organists. A reception will follow.

LOAVES AND FISHES fellowship and free community meal will be held on Tuesday, October 20th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tipton.

CHICKEN AND WAFFLE DINNER will be held at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 24, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex if you are able to volunteer to help prepare and/or help serve at the dinner. Thank you!



GROWING IN THE SPIRIT — PRAYER COMMITTEE

How quickly our seasons change. It seems like it was just yesterday that we saw God paint our landscapes with the fresh looks of spring, and now his hands are busy painting the landscape with the beautiful autumn colors of gold, red, orange, and browns of the leaves. The country fields are also changing colors. Where crops are harvested, we no longer have the green of summer.

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings of bountiful harvests which will help sustain us through the winter months. Thank you for clear, brisk days and for the scurrying animals preparing for the winter months ahead. Thank you for touching our lives and being with us constantly. Amen.

Thought for today: God made you — YOU-NIQUE.



PARKING LOT UPDATE

Thank you for voting for the parking lot to be paved at the August 23rd meeting. We know it's in bad shape.

Forrest Merkel and I met with Carl Shaefer from the paving company several days after the vote. We discussed the lower road and what would be done. We also talked about the borders of the lot by the cemetery road. I called the secretary the next day to set up possible dates. Weather permitting, the prep work will be done Monday and Tuesday, October 5th and 6th. Then the paving would be done on Wednesday, October 7th. I talked to the neighbors at the bottom of the driveway about it. Hopefully, everything will go well.

Thank you all for the support and please don't hesitate to ask any questions if you have them.

Sincerely,
Kenneth E. Keck

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, Karl Fenstermacher, Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, Betty Stoudt, and Arlene Yob.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Members: Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Jean Deysner, Betty Eshbach, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Penny Keller, Sheila Long, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Dale Schwoyer.

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams-Adams & Associates, Jolyn Blankenbiller, Shirley Diaz, Olivia Fenstermacher, Scott Fox, Marilyn Franzi, Denise Haage, Corinne Hersh, Douglas Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Chaplain Colleen Kristula, Kyle Olinger, Russell Roeder, Andrew S., Jerry Schwambach, Christine Schwoyer, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, Sallie Weil, Judy Werner, Carl Wuchter, and Lisa Ziegler.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For all our military personnel serving around the world, for areas of our nation enduring drought and forest fires, for those throughout the world affected by disaster, for refugees and for peace in the world, especially the Middle East and the Ukraine.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Evelyn Collins, Ralph Harris, Lauren Kinney, Mae Hertzog, Linda Moyer, Theresa S., and Frances Walter.

God has nothing but the best, and he offers it to us, weeds us, sustains us and cares for us through his Son. That's the way our hearts are changed to follow Christ.

—Martin Luther

REFORMATION CORNERSTONES

Every October, many Protestants celebrate the work of reformers who brought about much-needed change in the Christian church. At the center of their contributions were four teachings:

- Scripture alone: The supremacy of the Bible as the surest guide for faith and life.
- Grace alone: The supremacy of God's underserved love. God counts us "right" with him when we accept his free gifts of forgiveness and salvation.
- Faith alone: The supremacy of faith. Only by believing and trusting in God's promises, and through no works or achievement of our own, do we receive eternal life.
- The priesthood of all believers: Christians are "members of one another" (Ephesians 4:25, NRSV). In God's eyes, Christians are all on the same level. We each have a ministry to fulfill to one another and to people outside the faith. Martin Luther said we're "reciprocally and mutually one."

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New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts August 31, 2015

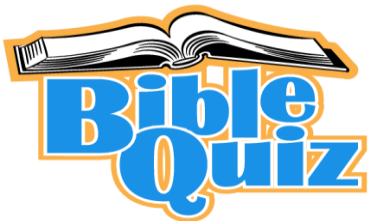
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Memorial	\$ 24,307.68
Thrivent	6,200.23
Checking	4,015.24
Youth	966.47
Fidelity	166,926.45
Cash Reserve	30,564.06
Endowment Fund	—

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

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

	<u>Income Required</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Delta</u>
<u>Income Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$8,440.42	\$5,277.29	(\$ 3,163.13)

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



In response to Jesus, Zacchaeus vowed to repay people he had defrauded; by how much did he promise to do so?

- In full
- Twice the amount he had stolen
- Threefold
- Fourfold



Answer: D (see Luke 19:8)



CELEBRATE WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday, October 4, is a very special day. Christians around the world will join together at the Lord's Table to partake of the sacrament. What a great day that will be!

Consider what an amazing table the Lord's Table is! In a sense it stretches around the whole earth. Catholic Christians, Coptic Christians, Orthodox Christians, Reformed Christians, Lutheran Christians, Baptist Christians, Anglican Christians, Methodist Christians, Evangelical Christians, Christians who worship in churches bearing names we may never have heard of, will gather in their place of worship and do what Christ asked his friends to do: Remember him!

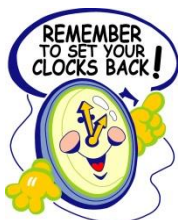
"This do," he said, "in remembrance of me." Then he broke bread as a reminder of his sacrificed body and lifted up the cup holding the wine representing his blood. The sacrament is a vivid symbol of Christ's sacrifice and loving concern for each of us. How could we ever forget him?



Remember, also, as we gather as Christ's family around that table of grace that we are brothers and sisters in Christ with Christians around the whole world.

"In Christ there is no east or west; In him no south or north; But one great fellowship of love, Throughout the whole wide earth." Thank you, Lord.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins November 1st – Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour before you go to sleep on Saturday evening, October 31st, 2015.



4	Scott Beshore
5	Richard Boyer
13	Edna Conrad
14	Clay Angstadt
14	Marlowe Greis
14	Jessica Rahn
19	Gladys Kline
20	Phyllis Fenstermacher
20	Tina Howell
20	Blane Musser
22	Warren Reinhart
24	George DeLong



1	Craig and Lynne Lounsbury (21 years)
5	James and Barbara Fair (47 years)
13	Denny and Sara Jane Beshore (42 years)
28	Warren and Janice Reinhart (5 years)

If your name or the name of someone you know didn't appear on this list, we apologize and hope you will let us know so we can make the necessary corrections. Thank you.

THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October

- * 4 10:00 AM Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
▪ World Communion Sunday
▪ 175th Anniversary Service of 1840 Church Building Dedication
- *11 10:00 AM Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 18 10:00 AM Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- *25 10:00 AM Day of Reformation – Holy Communion (R)

November

- 1 10:00 AM All Saints' Sunday – Holy Communion (W)
- * 8 10:00 AM Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- *14 2:30 PM Pastor Ruth Doty's Installation Service
- 15 10:00 AM Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- *22 10:00 AM Christ the King Sunday – Holy Communion (W)
- 25 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Eve Service – Holy Communion (W)
(Christ Mertz, Dryville hosts)
- 29 10:00 AM First Sunday of Advent (B)

December

- * 6 10:00 AM Second Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion (B)
- 13 10:00 AM Third Sunday of Advent (B)
▪ Special Music Service
- *20 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
- *24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service – Holy Communion (W)
- 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Holy Communion (W)
- 27 10:00 AM First Sunday of Christmas (W)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

(*) Fellowship after worship



BLESSING BAGS



Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.

PUZZLE

meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

*Directions: Starting at the *B and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.*

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MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

Answer: "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing," Matthew 6:3, NIV

OCTOBER SERVICE ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETERS	READERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
10/4	Jeannette DeLong Gladys Kline	Dawn Wengert	Lloyd & Linda Moyer	Lloyd & Linda Moyer
10/11	Dorothy Turner	Cindy Rissmiller	Virginia Guinther	Lucille Jones
10/18	Elaine Seip	Roy Merkel	Larry & Faye Dey	Dale Schwoyer
10/25	Dan & Sheila Gehman	Ty Rissmiller	Jeannette DeLong	George & Jeannette DeLong

ALTAR GUILD: Tara Basta and Gladys Kline

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Dale Schwoyer

SANCTUARY CANDLE: The Gehman family

COMMUNION BREAD: 10/4 – Faye Dey; 10/25 – Jeannette DeLong

COMMUNION SET-UP: 10/4 – Faye Dey; 10/25 – Gladys Kline

COUNCIL PERSON: Cheryl Wiltrout, 610-683-7152

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

OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00am-1:00pm- Clothing Drive, Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers
4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ World Communion Sunday ▪ 175 th Anniversary of 1840 Church Building Dedication ▪ Potluck Luncheon after worship	5 5:30pm-Worship & Music Committee Meeting	6 6:30pm-Bell Choir 7:30pm-Choir	7	8	9	10
11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Fellowship 12:00-2:00pm-Sunday School starts	12 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting Columbus Day	13 6:30pm-Bell Choir 7:30pm-Choir	14	15	16	17 9:00-4:00pm- Adult/Youth Education Day, Zion's Lutheran Church, Shoemakersville
18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 4:00pm-Organ Concert at Calvary Lutheran Church, Laureldale	19 7:00pm-Council Meeting	20 5:30-7:00pm-Loaves and Fishes Meal, Trinity Lutheran, Topton 6:30pm-Bell Choir 7:30pm-Choir	21 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle Hall	22	23 Breakfast for visitors from Saxony, Germany	24 4:00-7:00pm-Chicken & Waffle Dinner
25 Day of Reformation / Twenty- second Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class starts	26 	27 6:30pm-Bell Choir 7:30pm-Choir	28	29	30	31 3:00-9:00pm-Fall Campfire