

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

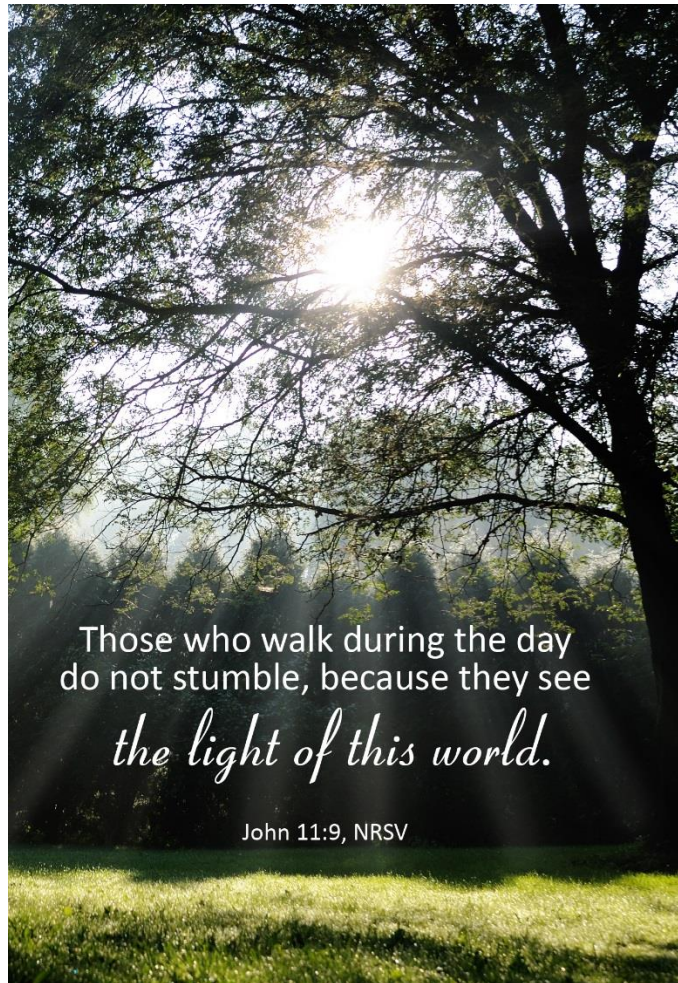
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**THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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,

“This is our call.”

As you receive this newsletter our nation will be preparing to celebrate Labor Day, a time set aside to remember and honor the social and economic achievements of workers and their contributions to the strength, prosperity and well-being of this country. And it is good that we remember and honor these, for it is the everyday work of those who care for our earth, farm our lands, work in our factories, produce our goods and provide so many more services which have developed and preserve our country and our very lives.

Having a day off from labor, which is the idea behind Labor Day, is a good idea! It is a good idea that we remember that God did not intend our lives to be all work and no rest or play. It is also appropriate that we remember that everyday workers are so very important, not just the rich and famous or the CEOs and business tycoons.

God would also have us remember that God calls us to our labors. God leads us to *vocation*, a word based on the Latin word, *vocare*, to call.

This congregation has heard a lot lately about “call”, particularly in reference to pastoral ministry. You have called me to be your pastor and, as a result, the national church has ordained me into the ministry of word and sacrament, in essence called me to be a leader not just of one congregation, but a co-laborer with its other pastors.

Those of you who were present for the service of ordination on August 15 joined in a hymn written specifically for this occasion by my friend and brother in Christ, Dr. Michael Krentz, entitled “The Spirit of the Holy One is Life in Me.” Each stanza ends with the words, “This is our call.”

To what has God called you at the present time and throughout your life? God calls each one of us to a variety of ministries, including the ways we “earn a living” for ourselves and our families as well as the ways we participate in our church family. From birth to death God calls us and blesses us with gifts to respond to God’s call. How has and is God calling and blessing you?

As baptized children of God we share a common calling:

to bring good news to the oppressed, to love the lonely and distressed;
to free the pris’ners who are bound, to lift those now beaten down;
to work for justice, not just me, to see that we are part of them,
until the world feels God’s embrace, until we praise God face to face:
this is our call.

The Spirit of the Holy One is Life in Me



As we move from summer to autumn and many of us return to more regular schedules and labors, let us also listen for and encourage one another to respond to the ways God is calling us as individuals, as a congregation and as God’s whole people on earth. God needs and empowers each of us to labor and be productive in God’s kingdom. Let this Labor Day also remind us to thank those who labor for the work they do.

Pastor Ruth

3 OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE GOD AT WORK IN THE WIDER WORLD:

1) TRAVEL TO TANZANIA, September 2016

Visit ELCA medical missionaries Linda and Dr. Mark Jacobson who have been serving in the Arusha area for over 30 years. Witness how God's Spirit has worked through them and our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in faith to build the Selian Lutheran Hospital, Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, a nursing school, one of the earliest hospice programs in Africa, and Plaster House. We will also visit Lutheran primary and secondary schools, and worship with several Tanzanian congregations. Witness as well, wonders of God's creation as we spend time in Arusha National Park and on safari in the Ngorogoro crater and the Serengeti.

Plaster House is a home where over 80 children at a time prepare for and recover from plastic, neurological and orthopedic surgery. Since many families cook over open fires, young children often suffer serious burns. Since the natural occurring fluoride content of drinking water is over 10 times than what is considered safe, many children suffer from micro fractures in their growing skeletons resulting in severe leg and foot deformities. Arusha Lutheran Medical Center is able to offer surgeries for these conditions. Families are required to pay something, since something that is free is considered of little value. However, the major costs are covered by our hospitals and often skilled volunteer doctors from around the world spend weeks at a time assisting the local surgeons with the caseloads.

All travel within Tanzania will be with a trained guide in a stretch jeep, accommodations will be in hotels and all meals will be at the hotels or restaurants known to safely serve foreigners.

Estimated cost for the 2 week trip including airfare is \$5,000. Watch for more information.

This is the second such trip Pastor Ruth and her husband Rick are leading to Arusha. Please let her know if you have any interest. The first deposit, which will hold the airline seats, will be due later this fall.

2) SAXONY, GERMANY — GET TO KNOW MEMBERS OF OUR SISTER SYNOD

Every 18 months or so members of the Saxony synod of Germany and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod exchange visits. The next intergenerational trip to Saxony is scheduled for **June 5 – 15, 2016**. The estimated cost, including airfare, is \$2000. Most nights will be spent in the homes of host families.

Pastor Ruth has participated twice in such a visit, hopes to go again, and strongly encourages anyone with interest to sign up. It is a great way to learn how God's Spirit continues to work in new and exciting ways in this land which played such an important part in our religious heritage, and to meet new brothers and sisters in faith. The itinerary for this trip includes Berlin, Upper Lusatia (area including Lobau, Bautzen and Zittau), Meissen and Wittenberg. Knowledge of German not necessary.

Watch for more information and a sign up form or go to www.godslove.org. Applications due by the end of October. This group is limited to 15 participants, including Bishop Zeiser.

3) VISIONS OF TRANSFORMATION IN GERMANY June 24-July 4, 2016.

Pastor Anja Stuckenberger and Kathy Fegley of Zion Spies Evangelical Lutheran Church will lead this journey to places, times (past, present and future), lands and people of vision – beautiful, meaningful, terrible and fanciful. Included are visions that led to transformations on paths of success, failure, clarity and uncertainty. And, thus, amidst historic places, beautiful landscapes and warm welcome, travelers are invited to also journey inward into their own visions and transformations, traveling in mind, body and spirit through Germany.

Places included on this trip include Berlin, Leipzig, Erfurt, Nurnberg, Oberammergau, and Munich.

Pastor Anja is a native of Germany who has earned a Ph.D in Cultural Anthropology and a Masters of Divinity. Kathy Fegley teaches German at Antietam High School in Reading and immediate past president of the American Association of Teachers of German. Cost is \$4045 including airfare. See the bulletin board for more details.



WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION

NOTICE: Pastor Ruth will be away on vacation September 4 to 23. During this time pastoral care will be provided from September 4 to 20 by Pastor Jeremiah Sassaman (610-657-0269) and 21 to 23 by Pastor Cheryl Meinschein (610-682-7664, church) or (610-395-2777, home).



Our condolences to the family and friends of Arlan W. Conrad who passed away on August 11, 2015. Arlan's funeral service was held on August 15, 2015.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Paul C. Hertzog who passed away on August 15, 2015. Paul's funeral service was held on August 20, 2015.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Mildred R. (Shade) Reinert who passed away on August 21, 2015. Her funeral service was held on Thursday, August 27, 2015.



CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN on Tuesday, September 15. Bell Choir will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Senior Choir following at 7:30 p.m. Anyone that would like to sing or is interested in playing bells is welcome to join us. Contact Sara Jane or Faye Dey if you would be interested in joining one of both of the choirs.

RALLY SUNDAY is just around the corner and so begins another great year of Sunday School. Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 27. Breakfast will be served before worship at 8:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

MIRACLES GOSPEL QUINTET - It is soon here! New Jerusalem Lutheran Church will be having a performance by Miracles Gospel Quintet, a Christian gospel vocal group on Sunday, September 27, at 3:00 p.m. If you heard this group the last time they were in Berks County, you will surely want to hear them again! If you missed this group, you do not want to miss them this time! So mark your calendars and please join us!

BE PREPARED!

Be prepared: for more young people in worship! To hear more questions as eight 6th to 8th graders explore their faith and our practices! To be challenged to look through the eyes of a middle and high school student!

No, we're not talking about the scouting program, we're talking about **CONFIRMATION CLASS**.

On August 23rd confirmands and parents kicked off the program with a picnic at Lyons Park. Starting October 11th Pastor Elizabeth Haines and Pastor Ruth will be leading the confirmation program twice a month from noon to 2.

So, be prepared to be challenged to learn along with our youth and get involved with the program! Though the God we trust in remains the same, this is not your grandmother's confirmation class anymore!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS: OCTOBER 11TH – NOON TO 2

BREAKFAST IS SERVED – On Friday morning, October 23, 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. As a gesture of friendship and to allow some of our members to offer hospitality to this group, Pastor Ruth is asking for volunteers to make and serve breakfast to the group. Please let her know if you are willing and able to help.



SCOUT NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Cory Vasilik from Boy Scout Troop #585 for receiving his Eagle Scout Award. His Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was held at New Jerusalem on Sunday, August 30.

LABOR OF LOVE - In 2013 Eagle Scout, Noah Kayhart, from our own troop #585, began the Christ Mertz Lutheran Church's Labor of Love Mission Team as his eagle project to help people in the community. So far this team has offered support to 13 families, some with more than one project. Work has included cleaning gutters, raking leaves, weeding, spreading mulch and cutting up firewood.

While Labor of Love is not designed to do weekly chores, the team can help someone with a medical condition, such as surgery, on a weekly basis for a limited time or it can help someone deal with a challenging task such as cleaning out an area, which will give them a fresh start.

Those who are helped need to provide the supplies necessary to complete the requested project. The team supplies the "labor." However, the team is aware that there are people in need that don't have the resources to buy all the supplies, so financial aid may be available on an as needed basis.

Noah says a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped him complete his Eagle project. Now Labor of Love looks forward to continuing to grow not only as a mission team of Christ Mertz, but as a team that includes volunteers from New Jerusalem and the community. Volunteers range from age 7 to adults. They do not need to help on every mission.

In June the council of New Jerusalem voted to encourage our members to participate in Labor of Love. The next Labor of Love project will take place on Sunday, September 27. The group is scheduled to help a family cut and stack wood. They will meet on the parking lot of **Christ Mertz Dryville Church** at 12:30 p.m. If you would like to learn more, request help

from, or assist with this team, please email Noah at Artrmnk1@aol.com.

Congratulations Noah and thank you for your work.

A PRAYER FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

An hour before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, pastor and author Stan Purdum was reading Psalm 66, which includes the words, "We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place" (v. 12, NRSV). After watching the destruction, Purdum composed a prayer that remains relevant today, as terrorism and threats often make peace seem more "specious" than "spacious":



O God of heaven and earth, who's bigger than nations and factions, be with us as we live through times of terror, despair and danger. Be the strength of people who've been touched personally by disaster. Come with healing to those who are injured. Be the eternal rest of those who've died. Be the energy, compassion and fortitude of those who must pick through the wreckage. Grant our leaders courage and a double portion of your wisdom. The day of universal brotherhood seems farther off than ever, O God, but help us not despair of trying to accomplish it. Strengthen our faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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CAMP NOAH 2015 - CRISFIELD AND PRINCESS ANNE, MARYLAND

We survived and the children thrived! Thanks be to God!

On July 24 our 18 volunteers from eastern Pennsylvania, with arms wide open, welcomed 16 more from Neenah, Wisconsin! What a blessing each volunteer was! It is amazing to witness how God's Spirit brought together exactly the talents and willing hearts we needed to serve 50 children at each of the camps! The weather cooperated in the sense that we didn't have any rain interrupt camp activities, though it was very hot and humid, as is to be expected on the Maryland bay in late July.

And the children? They acted like children: full of energy and each with his or her own personality and story! Little by little they shared what their lives are like, what they are proud of, their challenges and what they worry about and grieve. Quite a few children in Princess Anne told us about their friends who were members of the family of 8 children who had perished in April from carbon monoxide poisoning just 1 block from the camp.

Did you know that Crisfield used to be the second largest city in Maryland with a population of 25,000 in 1900? It is still known as the crab capital of the world. Railroad lines used to haul fish and crab from there up and down the east coast. Today its population is 2,500 and shrinking. Twenty-five of the 30 stores downtown are closed. Many of its people and the campers we served live below the poverty line. In contrast to most of the buildings, condo communities are sprouting up, but that doesn't seem to bring any income to the area. Pastor Phil Huber, Lutheran Disaster Response coordinator for the State of Maryland, showed us some of the 220 homes that communities of faith have been repaired and the 20 homes that they have rebuilt from the ground up following Hurricane Sandy. What a miracle God has brought about through these brothers and sisters of faith

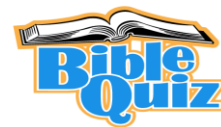
who put aside differences and worked together in response to devastation of October 2012!

So what is so special about Camp Noah? It is witnessing the Spirit of the Lord working around and even through us to bring hope and help to those who hurt and grieve. It is seeing how God uses people to help people move beyond survival to living. It is experiencing the openness and energy of children whose dreams give us hope. Thanks be to God and thanks be to you, for your encouragement of this ministry! Stay tuned for more.

PAVING THE WAY

On August 23rd the congregation voted to authorize repaving of the parking lot and access road to the church, by approving a bid for \$37,000. Work is expected to be completed this fall. This is an example of New Jerusalem taking stewardship seriously, in that we will be preventing further deterioration which would necessitate a much more expensive repair in the future.

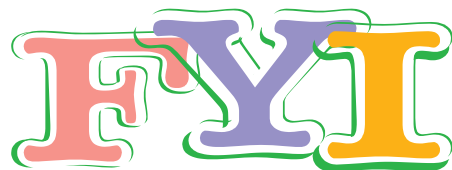
Funds for the project will be taken from our investment account. Members and friends of the congregation are encouraged to help replace these funds over the next year. They can do so in a number of ways such as making a designated contribution in a separate envelope or including an extra amount in their offering and designating "Parking Lot" on the outside of the envelope.



When Jesus was on his way to heal a young girl, who touched his clothing, and why?

- A. The girl's father, to urge Jesus to hurry.
- B. A boy, he was in awe of Jesus and just wanted to meet him.
- C. Many people; they couldn't help it because it was so crowded.
- D. A woman in the crowd, she hoped that doing so would heal her.

Answer: D; see Mark 5:25-29.



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

VOLUNTEER READING TUTORS NEEDED FOR READY.SET.READ! PROGRAM

Help make a difference in a child's life! Volunteers are needed to tutor 2nd grade students who are struggling with reading at Brandywine Heights Area Elementary on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m., Oley Valley Elementary on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45-11:45 a.m., Kutztown Elementary on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. or Greenwich-Lenhartsville Elementary on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm. No previous teaching experience is required. This opportunity is for anyone interested in volunteering weekly for one hour during the school year. Current background clearances are required prior to assignment. Please contact Darby Wiekrykas at United Way 610-685-4574 or darbyw@uwberks.org.



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – Held 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, Topton, starting with November food pickup. We thank Trinity Topton for hosting the food bank and St. Peter's for picking up this ministry. More details on how we can assist in this ministry will be coming soon.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: There are just a few openings left for the two fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends - September 18-20 at Spruce Lake Retreat in the Poconos and October 16-18 at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster. Strengthen and enrich your marriage by spending a weekend devoted to your couple relationship! Two nights lodging, 5 meals, and all supplies are included with your registration. To register go to www.GodLovesMarriage.org, call 724-325-3166, or email fjschamber@comcast.net.

CONGRATULATIONS to Friedens Church in Shartlesville who not only celebrated their church's birthday of 145 years, but the village of Shartlesville turned 250. The 250th celebration was held on Saturday, August 22, and on Sunday, August 23. Friedens Church celebrated its 145th birthday with a homecoming service at 9:30 a.m.

FLAGPOLE PRAYERS

Each September for the past 25 years, young Christians across America have gathered around school flagpoles to pray. See You at the Pole (SYATP), which began at three schools in Burleson, Texas, is now an international event, with about 3 million participants annually.



Students organize prayer gatherings, usually at 7:00 a.m. local time. Teachers, parents and youth pastors often join them. The theme verse for this year's event, which occurs September 23, is Acts 1:14 - "They all met together and were constantly united in prayer" (NLT).

Student-led prayer, even at public schools, is free speech protected by the U.S. Constitution. By gathering around their flagpoles, young people take a stand for Christ as they call on his name in prayer.

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Mark your Calendar

BLUE GRASS SERVICE - On Sunday, September 6, Hope Lutheran Church will be holding their Blue Grass worship service at 10:15 a.m.

HELP NEEDED FOR CRUISE FOR A CURE - Saturday, September 12, from 1:30-6:00 p.m. (rain date Sunday, September 13). There is a Volunteer Schedule on the table in the narthex for you to sign if you are able to help. We are also asking for donations of fruit, drinks, and desserts. Donation sheets are on the table in the narthex. Cheryl will print labels to place on the boxes of desserts. Cakes with frosting sell best as well as cobblers. We ask that you please do not make a dessert using cream cheese or that needs refrigeration. Please bring your items to Larry Dey Auto Service on Saturday by 10:00 a.m. or on Friday by 5:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society through our Relay for Life Team. Thank you for your help and donations.

LOAVES AND FISHES fellowship and free community meal will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton. The meal will be ham, beans, potatoes, rolls, applesauce, drinks, and dessert.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER - On Saturday, September 12, the New Bethel Church is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see "Joseph". Cost is \$115.00 for adults and \$60.00 for children ages 3-12. Departure time is 9:00 a.m. from Kempton Fire Company. Return time is 6:00 p.m. Included in the cost is the ticket for the show, lunch at Shady Maple, and gratuity for the bus driver. For further information contact Marjorie Hamm at 610-298-2451.

FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER - St. Michael's Church, 529 St. Michael's Road, Hamburg, is having a free spaghetti dinner on Saturday, September 12, from 5-7 p.m. Meal includes meatballs, salad, Italian bread, and beverage. Any donations go to a local food pantry or more free meals. For info. call 610-488-1783.

READING HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES - Please join us for a series of workshops designed to discuss the highly addictive and dangerous drugs affecting all communities of the Reading-Berks County Area. The workshops are designed to understand the drugs, their addiction, how to intervene and what awaits a person following treatment. ALL of this from a perspective that we can do more as a community than we can alone. This is a free event, however registration is requested. The workshops will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015, at Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences, 1025 Old Wyomissing Road, Reading. Registration forms are available on the blue table in the narthex.

OLEY VALLEY FAIR TIME! New Jerusalem will be serving french fries at the Oley Fair on Thursday, September 17. There will be three 4-hour shifts: 10-2, 2-6, and 6 to closing. If you can volunteer any time to help, even if you are unable to stay the whole 4 hours, please call Virginia Guinther at 610-944-8988. Thank you for your help!

LYONS FIDDLE FESTIVAL - On Sunday, September 20, the Lyons Fiddle Fest kicks off their 32nd year. A worship service will be held that morning in the park at 9:00 a.m.

ACTIVE AGING FAIR - The Kutztown Community Library, 70 Bieber Alley, Kutztown is sponsoring an Active Aging Fair on Tuesday, September 22. This event will provide resources, activities and healthy lifestyle tips. Representatives from various agencies and organizations such as AAA, AARP, Office of Aging, Bayada Nursing, BerksEncore, SpiriTrust Lutheran Home Care, and Comfort Keepers. The fair is being held 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Call 610-683-5280 for information.



SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE will be held on Monday, September 28, through Wednesday, September 30. If you would like to order any pies, please call the church office.



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE

October 4, 2015

LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM – Parents who have suffered the loss of a child are invited to attend this faith-centered program designed to provide a safe and confidential program for parents to meet and share with each other. This event which is presented at no cost will be held at Advent Lutheran Church, 470 Landis Road, Harleysville, on Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Contact Sylvia Havlish at insideoutmk@verizon.net or the LCS office at 610-770-9205 to register.

JOURNEYS THROUGH GRIEF - Lutheran Congregational Services presents a free six-week seminar for those who are grieving 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.

USED CLOTHING DRIVE - Did you find unwanted/outgrown clothing and other items while doing some house cleaning during the summer? Bring your unwanted and outgrown clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets and curtains to Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, in September during church office hours and on Saturday, October 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact Hope at 610-682-7236 for more information.

Just one month away from our 2nd special service for our 175th Anniversary Celebration! Worship will take place on October 4th at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend Dr. Walter Wagner as guest preacher.

This service is in memory of the Dedication of our 1st church building on October 3 and October 4, 1840. **You will see an invitation included on page 13 in this newsletter. Please RSVP as soon as possible in order for us to plan the amount of food to prepare and for setting up.** If there is someone you would like to have invited who does not receive a newsletter, please notify Korinne, Erma, or anyone on the Celebration Committee.

As you may have seen, the Christmas ornaments with a photo of our Church are available. They are selling for \$8.00. They are in the narthex and Dawn Wengert can help you.

The cookbooks are still in the process of being prepared. You will be notified when they are available.

Mark your calendar to also celebrate with us on Sunday afternoon, September 27, at 3:00 p.m. We will be hosting the Miracles Gospel Quintet, a Christian Gospel Vocal Group, who can also help us celebrate our religious heritage here at New Jerusalem.

We look forward to seeing each one of you and your friends to help us celebrate our religious heritage, which our forefathers in their faith and wisdom laid out for us to carry into the future ...maybe another 175 years?

– The Anniversary Committee

SHMILY

Shirley Dobson tells of a game her grandparents played called SHMILY. They took turns writing that word in unusual places for the other person to find. For example, when steam would gather on a bathroom mirror, one or the other would write “SHMILY” on it with a bare finger.



Apparently, the word could show up anywhere - even on sugar, flour or salt spilled on a kitchen counter. The game lasted a lifetime. When Shirley’s grandmother died, a bouquet ribbon had the letter SHMILY on it. What did they stand for? They were the first letters of the words: See How Much I Love You.

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A little humor

The New York Times tells about an unidentified woman who went to the Post Office to buy stamps. “What denominations?” asked the clerk. “Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?” said the woman. “Well, give me 30 Catholic, 10 Baptist, 20 Lutheran, and 40 Presbyterian.”

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING
IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care Facilities: Dallas and Anna Angstadt, Cliff Barlet, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Jean Deysher, Karl Fenstermacher, Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, Betty Stoudt, and Arlene Yob.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Members: Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Family and friends of Arlan Conrad, Betty Eshbach, Ted Eshbach, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Family and friends of Paul Hertzog, Penny Keller, Sheila Long, Betty Musser, Daniel Pauley, Family and friends of Mildred Reinert, Joyce Rothermel, and Dale Schwoyer.

Friends of the congregation: Jolyn Blankenbiller, Evelyn Collins, Family and friends of Heather Delp, Shirley Diaz, Olivia Fenstermacher, Scott Fox, Marilyn Franzi, Corinne Hersh, Douglas Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Chaplain Colleen Kristula, Mildred Leiby, Family and friends of Lorraine Lindbuchler, Brian Lord, Sandra "Cookie" Miller, Kyle Olinger, Russell Roeder, Andrew S., Jerry Schwambach, Christine Schwoyer, Donna Schwoyer, Jean Smith, 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, and for peace in the world, especially the Middle East and the Ukraine.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Baby Adelene, Ralph Harris, Leah K. and Lisa K., Lauren Kinney, Mae Hertzog, Linda Moyer, Josh S., Theresa S., Tom Spraut, Karen W., and Frances Walter.

**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Statement of Accounts
July 31, 2015**

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 24,247.68
Thrivent	6,200.23
Checking	5,142.90
Youth	966.47
Fidelity	173,529.55
Cash Reserve	30,564.60
Endowment Fund	-

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

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

	Income Required	Actual	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Delta</u>
Operating Expenses	\$8,440.42	\$4,844.00	(\$ 3,596.42)

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



NIMBUS

The nimbus is a halo of light often shown in art behind the head of a religious figure such as Mary, Joseph, the disciples, the four evangelists and so forth. Though often just a simple circle, one with three rays symbolizes the Trinity, so this style of nimbus—or a triangular one—may be seen behind Christ.



LABOR DAY THOUGHTS

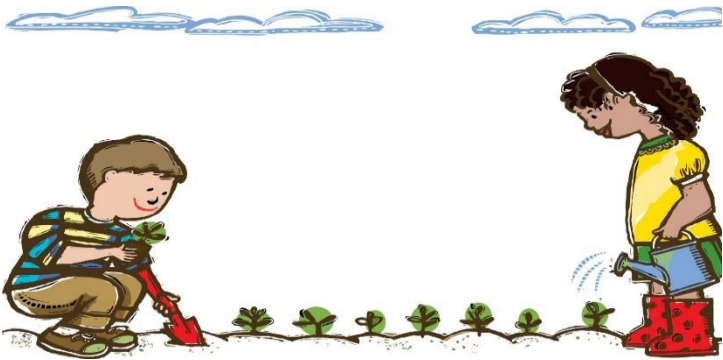
There is a deep insight in the words of Genesis that tell of the Lord planting a garden in Eden. Then 'the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it' (Genesis 2:15).

God intended for people to have meaningful work. 'The earth is the Lord's,' as the psalmist says, but God has turned the care of the earth over to us. Think of this beautiful world as God's gift to us. Think also of God's intention that we be good stewards of the earth. It is in protecting the environment, in conserving earth's natural resources, using the fruits of the earth wisely to 'work and take care of' what belongs to the Lord.

To Adam, God said in essence, 'I have a job for you to do. You are my garden keeper. You will find meaning in life by doing the work I need for you to do.'

On Labor Day we would do well to recall that work, meant to be fulfilling and satisfying, should help provide us a reason for living. Wise Ben Franklin said, 'The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing.'

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The person who creates or leads or labors will inevitably make many mistakes. But at least those who strive to accomplish something of worth will not make the mistake of doing nothing.

—Anonymous



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10	Regina Kohl
11	Virginia Guinther
16	Dorothy Turner
17	Taylor Cleaver
17	Shirley Hertzog
20	Michael Barlet
20	Ty Rissmiller
21	Madison Cleaver
24	Andrew Musser
25	Elaine Seip
25	Kenneth Wiltrout
26	Beth Angstadt
27	Drena Kocher
27	Betty Stump
28	Carrie Paige Lambert
28	Brooke Wengert
30	Ronald Herman



6	David and Dawn Wartzenuft (18 years)
10	Gary and Vikie Seyfert (10 years)
20	Ronald and Wilma Herman (40 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

September

- * 6 10:00 AM Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 13 10:00 AM Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- *20 10:00 AM Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- ◆27 10:00 AM Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
 - Rally Day (breakfast served at 8:30 a.m.)

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)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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





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August 28, 2015

Dear Members and Friends,

RE: 175th Anniversary Celebration

On October 4, 2015, New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church will celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the dedication of our first building at our 10 a.m. service. This follows up our celebration in April of the laying of the cornerstone.

We do hope you can join us for worship and a potluck luncheon. The Reverend Dr. Walter Wagner will preach and our Pastor, Ruth Doty, will officiate. We will partake of the Lord's Supper during worship and continue the fellowship in the basement Social Hall afterwards. The church will provide BBQ's, meatballs and drinks and we ask everyone to bring a covered dish.

As part of this celebration we will dedicate two newly restored and electrified brass/steel/glass brass chandeliers and a four arm brass and iron oil fixture which hung in the old church. These had been stored in the church tower. Restoration of these articles was approved by church council at its May 2015 council meeting. In addition we will also dedicate a Bible stand and processional cross.

Please mark your calendar for October 4, 2015 and join us in celebrating 175 years of worshipping Christ together.

We encourage you to invite friends and relatives who have been members of our congregation or associated with its ministry to join us for this event. Please also let us know their names and contact information so we can extend invitations for this celebration. Help us to make "This Little Light of Mine" shine.

Please let the church office know whether you will be able to attend by calling or sending an email with **your name and number of persons attending with you. Please let us know September 26th.** You can reach the church office at 610-682-6064 or njelchurch@windstream.net.

Your sisters and brothers in Christ,

Erma Gajewski
For the Anniversary Committee

Ty Rissmiller
President of the Congregation

The Rev. Ruth F. Doty
Pastor



AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK


Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!















PUZZLE

STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.

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Do not be  in your own  ;
 the  and shun  .
 This will bring  to your 
 and nourishment to  bones.
 the LORD  your wealth,
 with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETERS	READERS	ALTAR CANDLES	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
9/6	Jeannette DeLong	Sara Jane Beshore	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	George & Jeannette DeLong	Phillip Litschke
9/13	Phillip Litschke	Roy Merkel	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Dan & Joanne Pauley and Julian Tich	Dan & Joanne Pauley and Julian Tich
9/20	Betty Stump	Ty Rissmiller	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Virginia Guinther	Dale Schwoyer
9/27	Erma Gajewski	Gladys Kline	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Dawn & Jeff Wengert	Gladys Kline

ALTAR GUILD: Linda Moyer

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Virginia Guinther

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Lloyd and Linda Moyer

COMMUNION BREAD: 9/6 – Gladys Kline

COMMUNION SET-UP: 9/6 – *(volunteer needed)*

COUNCIL PERSON: Ty Rissmiller, 267-636-8046 (cell)

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

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Pastor Ruth on vacation until Sept. 23	5
6 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship	7 	8	9	10	11 	12 1:30-6:00pm-Cruise for a Cure at Larry Dey Auto Service 5:00-7:00pm-Free Spaghetti Dinner, St. Michael's, Hamburg
13 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Cruise for a Cure (rain Date) Grandparent's Day!	14 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting	15 5:30-7:00pm-Loaves and Fishes Meal, Trinity Lutheran, Topton 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	16 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon	17 Oley Valley Community Fair (NJ serving french fries)	18 ----->	19 ----->
20 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Fellowship after worship 9:00am-Worship Service in Lyons Park 9:00-5:30pm-32 nd Annual Lyons Fiddle Festival	21 	22 5:30-8:00pm-Active Aging Fair, Kutztown Library 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal	23 	24	25	26
27 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30am-Rally Sunday (breakfast before worship) 3:00pm-Miracle's Gospel Quintet at New Jerusalem	28 7:00pm-Council Meeting Shoo-fly Bake----->	29 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal ----->	30 ----->			Please note: The Council Meeting has been changed to Monday, September 28, for this month.