

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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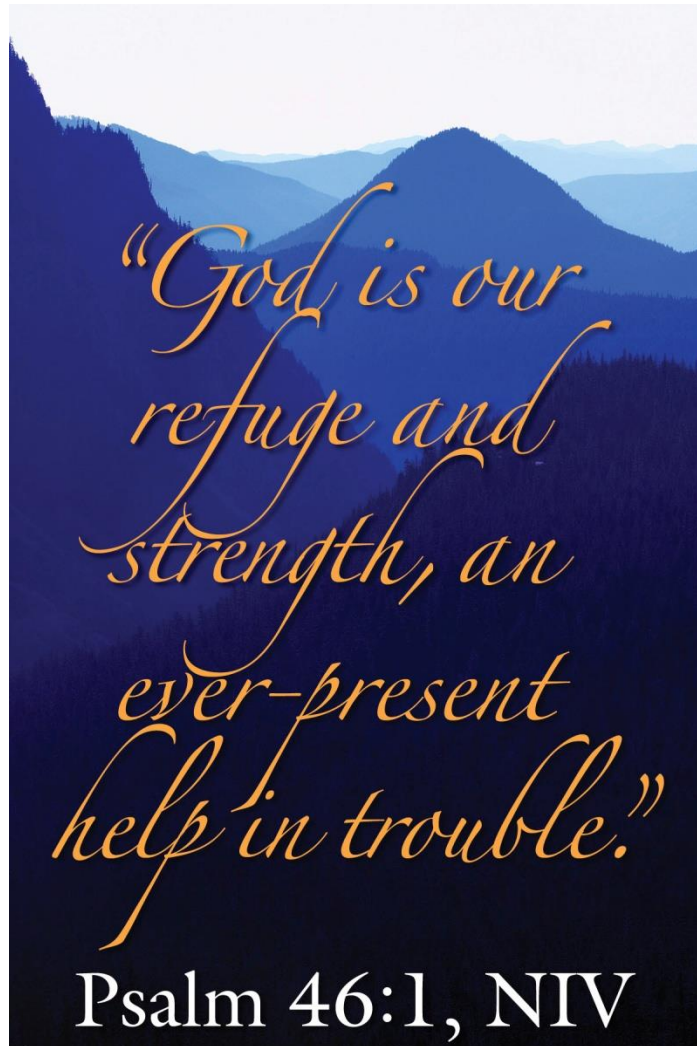
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THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:

*We are a group of people who
gather together in friendship and love
to worship God, to spread God’s Word,
and to care for God’s people.*



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

September is National Preparedness Month.

Having served as the disaster response coordinator in our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod for 9 years, I am very aware of the variety of emergencies that can arise very quickly, including fire, flood, tornado or blizzard. Later in this newsletter you'll find a reminder of how to prepare a family plan and a preparedness kit. I'm sure that once you start putting one together, you'll think of other things to add.

Being prepared for disaster isn't a selfish act, it is good stewardship. Being prepared means not only potentially saving ourselves and our families in time of danger, it also means we will be able to assist others more quickly.

Being prepared isn't limited to how we will care for our physical bodies and possessions. It extends to our *whole* selves, including our relationships with God and others.

In her 2014 November article in *The Lutheran*, Bishop Eaton encouraged us to protect our spiritual house as well as where we live. She urged us to pay attention to the basic spiritual practices which open us up and strengthen us in our relationship with God. Prayer, letting God know what we are thinking and feeling, is one. Silence, listening to God, ourselves and what is around us, is another. Worshipping together, studying scripture on our own and with others, giving, and service also help us to better understand who we are and how God uses what God has given us to bless the world God loves. These practices chip away at our assumptions that we can be self-sufficient and help make us aware of God's presence in our lives. We especially need this sense of God's presence to be strong when we are faced by challenges to our sense of well-being.



The food we put in our emergency kits will provide us with the strength we need for a few challenging days. God uses regular, even daily, practice of our spiritual disciplines to strengthen us for the present as well as for whatever is to come.

Please join with me this month in not only making or updating a physical disaster preparedness kit, but also in engaging in those actions which help to build our relationships with God and one another.

Pastor Ruth

NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at the August 14th meeting:

- Vocation Sunday has been scheduled for October 15th. See page 4.
- 45 children attended VBS at Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers, in July. The theme was “Maker Fun Factory” and the program encouraged kids to learn that God made them for a purpose.
- Stewardship Sunday will be on November 12th. A guest preacher will be invited to speak on stewardship. After the worship service our Congregational Meeting will be held to present and vote on the 2018 proposed budget. A catered luncheon will follow the meeting.
- Members who attended the Food Safety training are working to identify items to address. As the committee prioritizes concerns, it will work to educate other members who are involved in food preparation.
- A Nominating Committee is being formed to recruit new members for council.

ATTENTION COUNCIL MEMBERS!

There will be a brief Council Meeting on **Sunday, September 10th**, after the worship service.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Sunday, August 6th was a beautiful day for 120 members from New Jerusalem, Hope, Christ Mertz, Christ DeLong, and St. Peter's to worship outdoors in Bowers Park. Besides the regular offering, \$187.00 was collected for the Brandywine Food Pantry. Everyone enjoyed a fellowship picnic after the worship service.

OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Ruth will be away on vacation from Saturday, September 2nd, until Sunday, September 24th. The following pastors will be covering while she is away: September 2-6 Pastor Roger Ulrich (St. Peter's and Christ, DeLong – 610.372.1973); September 7-24 Pastor Tom Darr (Trinity Topton – 484.655.4930).

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4th, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

CRUISE FOR A CURE

This year's Cruise will be held on **September 9th from 1:30-6 p.m.** at Larry Dey Auto Service. Rain date will be Sunday, September 10th. The Cruise features DJ music, food and drinks, raffle and door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Admission donation and proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life Team of New Jerusalem.

HELP NEEDED FOR CRUISE FOR A CURE!

Help is needed 9/9/2017 for Cruise for a Cure! There is a volunteer schedule laying on the table in the narthex for you to sign up to help. Please feel free to stay the entire day so you have time to check out the cars, enjoy the music, and socialize. We need help early to pack desserts and fruit, plus we may need more help during rush hours. We are again asking for donations of cakes, pies, fruit, and drinks. **Cakes sell better if they are frosted and no dessert should need refrigeration.** Please have your dessert and/or fruit at Larry Dey Auto Service by 10 a.m. on Saturday or you may drop it off Friday before 5 p.m. Thank you for your help and donations.

Raffle prizes should be given to Faye or Lisa by September 3rd at the latest. Thank you!

SENIOR CHOIR & BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS

Get your singing voices ready! Rehearsal for **Bell Choir begins on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. and Senior Choir at 7:30 p.m.** Anyone who would like to sing or is interested in playing bells is welcome to join us. Contact Sara Jane Beshore or Faye Dey if you would be interested in joining one or both of the choirs.

OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, September 24th.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation classes will resume in October. They will be held on Sundays, October 1st and 15th from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

DATES FOR SHOO-FLY PIE BAKES

It was decided and voted upon at our June 12th Council Meeting that instead of holding a dinner in October, 3 shoo-fly pie bakes will be held in the fall. Those dates are: **September 25th – 27th, October 30th – 31st, November 1st, and December 4th – 6th.** Please contact the church office to order pies. Pies are \$5.00 each.

WITH OUR SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of Clifford W. Barlet who passed away on Monday, July 31, 2017. A memorial service was held on Friday, August 4th.

VOCATION SUNDAY

Plan now to join us for worship on October 15th when we will celebrate our God-given vocations. Some think vocation means the way you earn money, but it really comes from the Latin word that means *calling*.

Think about what God has called or may be calling you to do with your life. (There actually may be a number of things.) Then, wear or bring a symbol of your vocation / calling when you come to worship on the 15th. If you can't attend, you can still arrange to send something for us to display with your name. Just call or email the church office if you need someone to pick something up.

CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF LUTHERAN FAITH!

Join with 50 congregations and 500 people for fellowship and fun in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with a potluck dinner to be held on **Monday, October 16, 2017 from 5-8:30 p.m.** at the Leesport Market Banquet Hall. Bring your best potluck side dish or dessert to share – main course of sausage and kraut will be provided. \$3.00 per person + food panty donation (*to cover costs and help our neighbors in need*). Hymn-singing / Lutheran Bingo / Lutheran Trivia / Lutheran Door Prizes / Lutheran Choir and Orchestra. Special remarks shared by Bishop Samuel Zeiser on “Why I Love Being a Lutheran!” Advanced R.S.V.P. is required. **Sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex by October 8th.** Please see the bulletin board for further details.



IS WORSHIP FOR THE BIRDS?

Apparently one of our local swallows thought so since it flew in as the sermon ended on River

Sunday. Ironically, the hymn after the sermon was “God of the Sparrow!”

WHAT'S WITH THE PAPER CHAIN ON THE BAPTISMAL FONT?

As you enter our sanctuary, you might notice there is a paper chain gracing our baptismal font. What is that all about?

As our confirmands were studying baptism, they filled out slips of paper indicating what came to mind when they thought about baptism. On River Sunday we invited the rest of the congregation to also contribute a link.

Here are some of the responses: “Baptism means I have been accepted into God’s family.” “The Holy Spirit dwells in me and I am God’s child forever.” “Being anointed with the Holy Spirit.” “Washed clean.” “Commitment to a life in Christ.” “A new beginning.”

What comes to your mind? What short phrase would you add to a “...” by “...” link? Bring one along or send one in so that we can add it.

IS THERE NO END?

With the threats of war with North Korea and the events of Charlottesville fresh in our minds, it seems that there is no end to strife in our lives. We recently distributed a Pastoral Message from Bishop Zeiser, entitled “Charlottesville, VA and Beyond.” Here are a few highlights:

“It is vital . . . that we neither succumb to weariness nor walk away in despair.

Members of the body of Christ are called to address the strife and conflict with boldness, confident that God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Ps. 46:1). . . In these days of social unrest and global conflict, God calls us in Holy Baptism to a public witness in which we care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace . . . I am confident that you will rise to that challenge for Jesus’ sake.



BACKPACK SUNDAY

During worship on Backpack Sunday we came up with the following list of things to put in our “backpacks”. While some of us don’t literally carry backpacks, these are also good reminders of how God wants us to live, so you might want to stick one in your purse or wallet, or post it somewhere you’ll see it frequently. Laminated copies are available at church or can be mailed to you.

THINGS TO PUT IN MY BACKPACK:

LOVE
FAITH
PRAYER
PERSISTENCE
HUMILITY
OPENMINDEDNESS
FORGIVENESS
TOLERANCE
EMPATHY
UNDERSTANDING
ACCEPTANCE



THINGS TO DO:

DO WHAT IS RIGHT
BE KIND
THANK GOD FOR BLESSINGS
SHARE GOD’S BLESSINGS

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

GOD LOVES ME SO MUCH!
GOD LOVES EVERYONE SO MUCH!
EVERYBODY’S EQUAL
GOD KEEPS GOD’S PROMISES –
AND WILL HELP ME KEEP MINE

Bible Quiz

In memorable language in Revelation, God tells the church in Laodicea, “I am about to spit you out of my mouth,” because it is metaphorically _____ (fill in the blank).

- A. too hot
- B. too cold
- C. tasteless
- D. lukewarm



Answer: D (see Revelation 3:16)

PRAYER CIRCLE COMMITTEE

September is a time of many changes. Teachers and students are back at school.

Summer vacations are coming to an end and fall sports are starting up.

Summer crops are being harvested and farmers are planting the winter seeds.

Leaves are starting to change their color to yellow, orange, red, and brown before they fall.



Summer flowers are getting ready for their winter rest and fall flowers are starting to bloom.

The one thing that never changes is God’s love for us.

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your constant love and caring. Thank you for the changing seasons that nature has brought us, the blooming flowers, colored leaves and so much more.

Bless the teachers and the students as they continue to learn. Bless the farmers for all their work planting and harvesting the crops. Thank you for the rain and sunshine to grow our food.

Watch over all who are ill, lonely, and depressed. Most of all, thank you for giving us your Son who died for our salvation. Amen.

–from the Prayer Circle Committee

A PRAYER FOR GOD’S WORK THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

God of justice, who grants us a vision of a world where equity and peace reign, grant us, through your Spirit, the strength to enact that vision in our world now. Praise to you for all the work that ELCA members do to enact equity and peace in countries throughout the world. May the faith you provide us through your Son, Jesus Christ, compel us to work toward the reign of justice that will someday break into our history. – *From ELCA “Global Church Minutes.”*



CAMP NOAH REFLECTION by Danielle Deery

“No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.” 1 John 4:12

Every individual goes through their own struggles and experiences throughout life. God sends us guidance and support in many forms – through friends, animals, nature, family, and even strangers. Camp Noah Volunteers start out as strangers, not only with the children on the first day, but also often amongst themselves as a volunteer group.

In one short week, the lives of the volunteers and participants are changed forever. Another one of Camp Noah’s greatest gifts is that it provides hope for those who are struggling to keep their spirits high. The children are provided with a safe, caring, and fun environment which gives them the opportunity to re-build resiliency skills and help them process their disaster and/or trauma experience through creative activities and play.

Something that always continues to amaze me throughout the years working with Camp Noah is how everyone seems to come together so profoundly in fellowship and love. The children all come together (not knowing one another beforehand) and by the end of the week, it feels as if they had known each other for a lifetime. I can also say I feel this with the volunteers. I truly enjoy getting to know all the additional members of the group as well as the children. There are just so many amazing individuals that I have had the privilege of meeting and working with. Even though it seems difficult at times to enter a new place surrounded with new people, in addition to committing to one full week of service...God works through you and shows you a new found beauty and appreciation for life, supported by new friendships.

I hope the spirit of Camp Noah continues and if you have not had the chance to have this experience yet, that you can.



YOU’VE GOT MAIL!

The second reading appointed for weekly worship usually comes from letters in the New Testament that were sent to various communities of faith. Often preachers don’t focus on the letters, also known as the epistles, because it is much easier for folks to relate to stories found in the gospel or the Old Testament. Sometimes it’s hard to understand letters, especially if you don’t know much about who was writing, the intended recipients, or the circumstances. It’s even more difficult to understand a letter when you only hear bits and pieces spread out over the weeks.

Since the end of June, our second reading has been from Paul’s Letter to the Romans. While it’s the longest one and rather intellectual, it also contains keys to understanding God’s love.

It may first help to understand that Paul was writing to a community he had not yet set foot in, but planned to visit. He knew a few of the folks who had moved there and had some sense of the issues with which God’s people were struggling. He wanted to lay out his understandings of the basics about how people become right with God and to explain the relationship between Jews and Gentiles in God’s overall plan. He had learned that many Jewish believers felt they still had to follow dietary laws and sacred days and that this was confusing to non-Jews who believed in Jesus.

Over 1400 years after they were written, passages from Romans were key to helping Martin Luther discover that God loves us because of God’s grace, not because of our works.

Here are a few points of really good news for Luther and for us:

- God frees us from the power of sin.
- You don’t have to justify yourself (get right with God) by things you do or by following religious laws.
- God’s power for salvation (restoration of right relationship with God) is for all people who believe. You didn’t have to be Jewish.
- Salvation is for individuals, the church and *all* of creation.

Once we know some of the key elements of this letter, it is easier to follow. Reading it in just a few sittings and in a translation like *The Message* by Eugene Peterson might help you catch Paul’s excitement and be ready to proclaim with him, “I am convinced that *nothing* can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.” (8:38)

NEWS & EVENTS

in the community

LYONS FIDDLE FESTIVAL

The 34th Annual Lyons Fiddle Festival will be held at the Lyons Community Park on **Sunday, September 17th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Admission is a \$5.00 donation. Children 5 years and under are free. Donations for parking are greatly appreciated. Donations for parking benefit the Kutztown Hobos: Helping Others Before Ourselves and the Lyons Fire Company truck crew.

LOAVES AND FISHES has returned!!!

Join us on **Tuesday, September 19th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for a **FREE** fellowship and community meal at Trinity Lutheran Church, 121 S. Home Avenue, Topton. The meal will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, and dessert. Everyone is welcome!

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 **September 20th** – *Children and Grief: Ways to Talk about Death and Dying with Children.* Crafts, refreshments and a time for sharing will follow each program or presentation.

OLEY VALLEY FAIR TIME!

New Jerusalem will be serving french fries at the Oley Fair on **Thursday, September 21st**. There will be three 4-hour shifts: 10-2, 2-6, and 6-10. If you can volunteer any time to help, please call Virginia Guinther at 610.944.8988. Thank you for your help!

ADULT FORUM

St. John's Lutheran Church, 201 E. Main Street, Kutztown will be hosting The Rev. Randall Grossman for a presentation on the history of the Reformation on **Sunday, September 24th at 2:00 p.m.** All are welcome to attend this interesting and informative forum. Light refreshments will be provided.

BIBLE STUDY

Will be held on **September 28th at 1:30 p.m.** at Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers.

IHARTHARVEST – THE POTATO PROJECT

Now in its' 9th growing season, The Potato Project, based near Fleetwood, distributes potatoes, sweet corn, and carrots to needy families through the Greater Berks Food Bank network. Potato Harvesting begins in September. Help is needed with the harvest on Saturdays and Sundays in September at Becker's St. Peter's Church, Miller's Plot at the bottom of the hill, and at the Raudenbush Farm. There will be lots of carrots to harvest too; 2.5 acres at the KU PA German Heritage Center. To volunteer, email IHartHarvest@gmail.com or call 484.648.0381.

On **September 30th**, there will be a fundraising event: "Everything Potato!" at Zion's Perry Lutheran Church, 354 Zion Church Road, Shoemakersville. To request more information or to volunteer to help out, contact Pastor Bruce Osterhout at pastorbruce@zionslutheran.org or call 610.562.3112. Help us help neighbors in need.

ADULT LUTHERANS IN MINISTRY (ALIM) – ADULT MINISTRY FESTIVAL

With so many congregations declining in numbers and members increasing in age, what can you do to reverse this trend and revitalize your congregation? Keynote speaker, Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer at Moravian Theological Seminary will be presenting "Church: Still Reforming or The Myth of the Good Old Days." Workshops with take-home ideas for planning, organizing, and mission, worship, and options for children and youth. **Saturday, October 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Nativity Lutheran Church, 4004 Tilghman Street, Allentown. A registration fee of \$18 includes continental breakfast and lunch. See the bulletin board for info. and registration form.

READY.SET.READ! PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to tutor students who are struggling with reading at Brandywine Elementary School on Wednesday afternoons after school. Training will be on Wednesday, September 27th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary School library. Senior citizens in the Brandywine Heights Area School District can get money off their property taxes just for volunteering! Contact Jean Condos at 484.797.0122 if you have any questions or are interested in tutoring.

BE PREPARED!

September is national preparedness month. As good stewards, Christians know we need to be prepared in case of disaster. Preparedness means we have thought through and gathered what we need to stay (shelter in place) or go (evacuate). Having all these items in one or two totes that are easy to pick up makes sense.

Here's what belongs in an emergency supply kit:

* At least a 3 DAY SUPPLY OF FOOD AND WATER.

- 1 gallon of water / day / person
- Foods that are easy to make and won't spoil, are high in calories and nutrition, like canned soup, dry pasta and powdered milk
- Food for special diets and allergies
- Manual can opener and basic utensils to prepare and serve meals

* HEALTH SUPPLIES

- 3 day supply of all medicines
- Medical supplies like syringes, walking cane, hearing aids with batteries
- Medical information

* PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Soap, toothbrush and paste, baby wipes, contact lenses or glasses
- A change of clothes for each person

* SAFETY SUPPLIES

- First aid kit, emergency blanket, multipurpose tool (that can act as knife, file, pliers, screwdriver), whistle

* ELECTRONICS

- Flashlight
- Radio – battery powered, solar, or hand-crank

Look for one labeled NOAA Weather Radio (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin)

- Cell phone with chargers
- Extra batteries

* DOCUMENTS

- Copies of important documents – such as insurance cards and immunization records, marriage license, birth certificate, passport
- Paperwork about any serious or on-going medical condition
- Cash, spare keys and maps
- A list of where your accounts are located
(Consider giving a trusted family member or friend a copy of a list of your accounts and other important information – this would be especially handy if your house were destroyed.)
- Copies of bank statements and case in event ATMs and credit cards do not work
- Copies of utility bills as evidence of residence

* SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR PETS

Including information on immunizations in case they need to be sheltered away from you



A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

Making and discussing a family disaster plan enables quick thinking and action in case of an emergency.

Here are things to include:

1. Names, phone #'s, emails for family members
2. Information on pets
3. Plan of action
 - a. Escape routes
 - b. Meeting place if separated during emergency (local place and place outside of neighborhood)
4. Emergency contact outside of immediate area (in case you can't communicate locally)
Name, phone numbers, emails, address
5. Where children would be sent if daycare or school were to be evacuated.
6. Plan for people in household with disability or special needs.
7. Safest accessible room to go to in home if directed to "shelter in place"?

Don't forget to:

- * Practice the escape plan.
- * Share the plan with those who need to know.
- * Update the plan and kit every 6 months or as needs change.



**DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.**



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH!



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



- 6 David and Dawn Wartzenuft (20 years)
- 9 Randy and Luann Bennecoff (45 years)
- 10 Gary and Vikie Seyfert (12 years)
- 20 Ronald and Wilma Herman (42 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.

WHAT'S YOUR CALLING?

When you have a sense of calling — whether it's to be a musician, soloist, artist, in one of the technical fields or a plumber — there is something deep and enriching when you realize it isn't just a casual choice; it's a divine calling. [That's] not limited to vocational Christian service, by any means.



—Charles R. Swindoll

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care Facilities: Anna Angstadt, Cliff Barlet, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Helen Fair, Dennis Guinther, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, and Arlene Yob.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Members: Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Family and friends of Clifford Barlet, George DeLong, Lori Eck, Betty Eshbach, Erma Guinther, Anna Heffner, Amanda Herman, John Keck, Sheila Long, Betty Musser, Daniel Pauley, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Susan Schlenker.

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams, Regina B., Thelma Bright, Evelyn Collins, Dick Curtin, Verna Davis, Mark Derr, Esther Dunkelberger, Alice Epler, Katie F., Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Tara K., Janis Kershner, Lauren Kinney, Joe Klick, Ella Kline, Ethan Kunkel, Lillian Mengel, Kathleen Neiman, Nicki Nolte, Kyle Olinger, Sandy Reitz, Tim and Carol Romig, Randy S., Sue S., Charles Sanders, Jerry Schwambach, Ruby Grace Shoff, Jacki Wagner, Sallie Weil, and Kenneth Yenser.

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, Erma Gajewski, Denise Haage, Corinne Hersh, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Josh S., Olivia Schoenly, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.

“Don't worry about failures. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.”

—Jack Canfield

**BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE
(as of August 8, 2017)**

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**

July 31, 2017

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 19,690.38
Thrivent	7,066.50
Checking	6,391.33
Youth	628.57
Fidelity	146,691.14
Cash Reserve	11,847.48
Mission Investment	11,280.74
Local Care	1,108.23

July 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>		
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,519.17	\$ 5,807.00	\$ (2,712.17)

*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
\$ 14,639.50	Funds Received to offset expenses

Did You Know?

DEER

The deer symbolizes safety in God's care, as seen in David's praise of God for delivery from enemies:

“[The Lord] makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights” (2 Samuel 22:34; Psalm 18:33, NIV).

The deer also represents faithfulness and eager devotion: “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God” (Psalm 42:1, NIV).



THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September

- * 3 10:00 AM Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 10 10:00 AM Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- * 17 10:00 AM Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 24 10:00 AM Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

October

- * 1 10:00 AM Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
12:00-2:00 PM Confirmation Class
- 8 10:00 AM Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- * 15 10:00 AM Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
 - Vocation Sunday
- 12:00-2:00 PM Confirmation Class
- 2:30 PM Healing Service at New Jerusalem
- 22 10:00 AM Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- * 29 10:00 AM Reformation Sunday – Holy Communion (R)
 - Confirmation


November

- 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)
- * 26 10:00 AM Christ the King – Holy Communion (W)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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



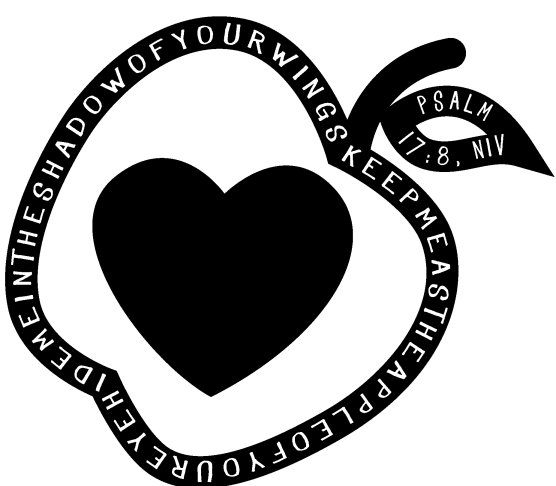


PUZZLE

APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



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PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
9/3	Gladys Kline	Sara Jane Beshore	--	Dale Schwoyer	Dale Schwoyer
9/10	Joshua Keck	Ken Keck	--	Virginia Guinther	Virginia Guinther
9/17	Denny Beshore	Roy Merkel	--	Dale Schwoyer	Faye & Larry Dey
9/24	Kathy Bailey	Ty Rissmiller	--	The Bailey family	Gladys Kline

ALTAR GUILD: Tara Basta

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: George and Jeannette DeLong

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Gladys Kline

COMMUNION BREAD: 9/3 – Faye Dey

COMMUNION SET-UP: 9/3 – *(volunteer needed)*

COUNCILPERSON: Ty Rissmiller

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Council Meeting this month.					1	2 Pastor Ruth on vacation until September 24th
3 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8	9 1:30-6:00pm-Cruise for a Cure, Larry Dey Auto Service
10 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Council Meeting after worship Cruise for a Cure rain date GRANDPARENT'S DAY	11 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting PATRIOT DAY	12	13	14	15	16
17 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Fellowship after worship 9:00-5:00pm-Lyons Fiddle Festival	18	19 5:30-7:00pm-Loaves and Fishes Meal, Trinity Tipton 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal Begins 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal Begins	20 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle's 6:30-8:00pm-Bereavement Support Forum, Lutheran Home at Tipton	21 10:00am-10:00pm-Oley Valley Fair – New Jerusalem will be serving french fries	22 FALL BEGINS	23
24 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 2:00pm-Adult Forum, St. John's Lutheran, Kutztown NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25 Shoo-fly Pie Bake Sale-	26 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Senior Choir Rehearsal ----->	27 ----->	28 1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC	29	30 "Everything Potato!", Zion's Perry Lutheran, Shoemakersville