

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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*Sometimes you have to
color outside the lines
to join God in making
life a masterpiece.*



**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,

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD. . . . Jeremiah 29:11-14.

When I was in second grade we were encouraged to bring coloring books and crayons to school. These could not only help us practice fine motor skills, but also keep us occupied when we were done with an assignment. At one point I received a new coloring book I loved, especially the page with a lamb! I saved that one until I could decide which colors to use for which section and until I thought I would do a really good job at staying within the lines.

One day the girl behind me asked whether she could color a page in my book. Normally that was fine with me, but I was very anxious that she not choose that page. Not only did I want to color it, I was afraid she'd go outside the lines and mess it up.

We humans are good at looking at life as made up of "lines" within which we and others are to stay. Yes, some lines or rules or norms or laws are truly very useful for keeping our society functional, but sometimes we conceive of the world in lines that prevent us and those around us from joining God in God's creative, loving work. This song from Tony Wood comes to mind:

I love you, I trust you, your vision and your plan.
My life is a canvas that I place in your hands.
I've got some ideas of work you may wish to do.
I like what you're creating, but....*

How often don't we add a "but." We say we know and trust that God loves us, but. . . . We say we love and trust God, but. . . . We say these things, and truly want to believe that we believe them, yet we often have our own ideas of how God ought to act, what God ought to do, within which lines God ought to color. Tony puts it this way:

I like what you're creating,
but I see you're starting to color outside the lines I've drawn,
doing something different than I counted on.
As you color outside the lines, I find the picture's not at all what I had in mind. *

With all our "but's" we feel frustrated. When things don't go as we think they ought to, when people don't behave as we think they should, we get frustrated and then we're tempted to try to exert control so things will turn out the way *we* think they should.

Sometimes this is good. Yet it's so easy to stifle the creativity of others and even our own, the creativity through which God may be working to make the world the way God wants it to be.

And we as individuals and we as a congregation face an uncertain future (and isn't the future always uncertain?), it's natural to want to try to exert more pressure over what we think we can control. Please, reread Jeremiah's words and then consider Tony's:

As you color outside the lines,
I find the picture's not at all what I had in mind.
But with one step back, it is clear to see
in Your hands life becomes a masterpiece. *

As the new school season starts, let us ask God to help us to join in God's *loving*, creative process. Let us ask God to help us accept that others may not draw within the lines we perceive. And, let us, moved by God's Spirit, even risk "coloring outside the lines" ourselves. May God also help us step back and glimpse the masterpiece in progress!

Pastor Ruth

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NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at their August 20th meeting:

- Finance Committee reported they have prepaid the propane bill for 1,900 gallons for the coming heating season.
- Council accepted Korine Hotzman's request to change her office hours.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Due to a change in her duties as bus driver, our administrative assistant, Korinne's hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday.

PASTOR RUTH will be on vacation until Friday, September 7. If you would need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Jeremiah Sassaman on his cell phone at 610.657.0269.

SEPTEMBER SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of Flower sponsors for September 23 and 30.

SEPTEMBER GREETERS SIGN-UP SHEET

A greeters is needed for September 30. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are able to help.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

AN INVITATION FROM ST. PAUL'S WOMEN OF THE ELCA (WELCA)

The women of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 117 East Arch Street, Fleetwood, invite women from our congregation to join them for their monthly meetings. On **Tuesday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m.** **State Senator Judy Schwank** will be the guest speaker. For more information, contact Betty Buss, 610.944.8445.

CELEBRATE HARVEST HOME at worship **Sunday, September 9**, when we will also celebrate Earth Sunday. Produce and nonperishable items brought to worship to help us rejoice in God's abundant generosity will be donated to the Brandywine Food Pantry.



Fall Festival

Mark your calendars to join us on **Saturday, September 15 from 4-8 p.m.** for our Fall Festival. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted. Music will be provided by The Mike Hertzog Trio from 5-7:30 p.m., and a Cake Walk and games for children during intermission. Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, baked goods, and beverages will be available for purchase. Start inviting your friends and neighbors and don't forget to bring a lawn chair. Members are asked to help provide non-dairy desserts. 10 cakes will be needed for the Cake Walk. This event will be held rain or shine. Donations will be divided between the stove for Olchoki School, Tanzania, and repaying what we spent to repave our parking lot.

CHOIRS TO BEGIN REHEARSALS

The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on **Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m.** and every Tuesday thereafter. We would love to have a few more ringers. You do not have to be able to read music as the notes you play will be marked specifically for you. You do not need to be committed to attending nearly all rehearsals. It is a fun time so please consider helping to ring praises to God. If you have any questions, please see Faye or Sara Jane.

The Adult Choir will resume singing praises to God beginning with the October 7th worship service. Choir rehearsal begins **Tuesday, September 18th at 7:30 p.m.** and we also are in need of a few more voices. So if singing is your passion, please consider joining us for a joyful time of singing and fellowship. If you have any questions, please see Sara Jane or Faye.



OLEY VALLEY FAIR – September 20, 2018

New Jerusalem will be serving french fries at the Oley Fair on Thursday, September 20. *Your help is needed!* There will be 3 shifts: 10-2, 2-6, and 6-10. 8 volunteers are needed for each shift. There are a few more volunteers needed for each shift. If you can volunteer any time to help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or see Ty Rissmiller.

OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, September 23**.

FAITH FORMATION – September 23

Bring a bag lunch to enjoy after worship along with a Bible story. After this we'll help with the potato harvest (see below). Remember how we cut 50 pounds of potatoes into eyes in May? Now we get to see the results.

HELP BRING IN THE HARVEST

Gather with members of New Jerusalem and other churches **Sunday, September 23, from 1-5 p.m.** at Beckers St. Peter's Lutheran Church just outside Moselem Springs when we will help harvest and bag potatoes and other fresh produce grown through **The Potato Project**. Not into digging or other strenuous labor or you've never done it before? There is plenty for everyone to do, including work that is done sitting at tables. We may even have a chance to taste the results of the harvest. (French fries anyone?) When finished, we'll take bags of potatoes to our local food pantry. Address: 265 Maiden creek Road, Fleetwood (Molltown), PA 19522. Work clothes and work gloves are recommended. Tools will be provided.

SHOO-FLY PIE BAKE SALE

New Jerusalem will be holding a shoo-fly pie bake sale from **Monday, September 24, through Wednesday, September 26**. Please contact the church office to order pies. They are \$5.00 each.

OUT OF TOWN COVERAGE

While Pastor Ruth is attending a meeting of the National Council for Christ College of Valparaiso University **September 26-30**. Please call the church office for pastoral coverage information during this time.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown invites anyone interested to attend the **WALK THROUGH OLD TESTAMENT LIVE** event on **Saturday, September 29**. What is an event like?

It's a highly engaging, dynamic event that helps you understand God's word and make the connection between His story and yours. Registration is at 8:00 a.m., program is from 9-12 with optional lunch afterwards. Approximate cost of \$10 to be paid that day. Please let Pastor Ruth know whether you are interested.

VISITORS FROM SAXONY, GERMANY

In 2016 three of us from New Jerusalem visited our companion synod in Saxony, Germany. Now an intergenerational group is coming to visit our area **October 4-15**. Watch for more details on how to meet with these friends and celebrate the faith we share. Ask Pastor Ruth for more details.

LEARN ABOUT AND VISIT JEWISH WORSHIP – Friday, October 12

Have you ever wanted to know more about our Jewish brothers and sisters and what we share in faith and worship practices? Members of Faith Formation Committee would. Join with others of New Jerusalem as we visit Congregation Kenneseth Israel for an introduction to Judaism and join them in their Friday worship. We will meet in their narthex at 6:15 p.m. Address: [2227 W. Chew Street, Allentown, PA 18104](http://www.kenneseth.org), which is in a lovely neighborhood right next to Muhlenberg College. Friends are welcome. Let Pastor Ruth know if you plan to attend. Carpooling will be available.

VOCATION SUNDAY – October 14

This year's Vocation Sunday will not only celebrate the various callings we have received from God, but will include special prayers and thanksgivings for all who serve as **first responders** in our areas. Invitations are being sent to local fire, ambulance and police services. Please invite anyone you know.



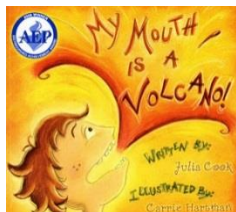
NEWS & EVENTS

in the Community

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Salem Belleman's Church, 3730 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, will be holding a free community meal on **Tuesday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m.** in their fellowship hall.

BIBLE STUDY will be held on **September 13 at 1:30 p.m.** at Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers. All are welcome!



FREE COMMUNITY

CHILDREN'S SHOW Salem Belleman's Church, 3730 Belleman's Church Road, Mohrsville, will be holding a Children's Show on

Wednesday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. in their fellowship hall for ages PreK to Grade 4. Based on the award-winning book by Julia Cook, "My Mouth is a Volcano" teaches children the value of respecting others by listening and waiting for their turn to speak. Donations accepted.

DISASTER RESPONSE NEED

Recent heavy rains have resulted in considerable flooding in the Schuylkill County portion of the Northeastern PA synod. Residents are now struggling to make ends meet with day-to-day expenses. The most beneficial way we can assist these flood victims is to contribute to *Schuylkill County Vision*. This organization provides funding to those in need throughout Schuylkill County. Please help by making your check payable to *Schuylkill County Vision* and mailing it to 11 East Main Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972. Please write "Long Term Flood Recovery" on your check's memo line. For further information, please contact the Rev. Barry Spatz, Jacob's-Outwood Lutheran Parish, Pine Grove, at 570.345.8216 or pastorb10@verizon.nte.

BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY

The following items are things most needed for the food pantry: mac & cheese, sloppy joes, beef stew, elbow macaroni, Chef Boyardee, canned chicken breast, shampoo, and dish detergent. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts July 31, 2018

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 21,274.60
Thrivent	7,864.87
Checking	6,215.13
Youth	404.66
Fidelity	147,020.61
Cash Reserve	11,946.37
Mission Investment	11,320.38
Local Care	<u>1,294.23</u>
Total	<u>\$ 207,340.85</u>

Total Balance of Asset
Accounts from **July 31, 2017** \$ 204,704.37

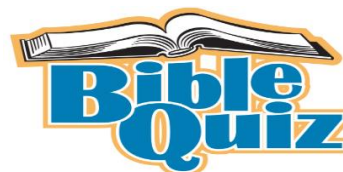
July 2018 – 'Actual' vs. 'Required' Income

	Income Required	Actual	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,779.58	\$ 4,736.01	\$ (4,043.57)

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

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

\$ 37,140.00 Total Expenses for Project
\$ 19,718.00 Funds Received to offset expenses



Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

- A. Joshua; shepherd
- B. Miriam; tentmaker
- C. Aaron, farmer
- D. Jethro; priest



Answer: D (see Exodus 3:1)

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, a reminder to prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year.

Take time to learn lifesaving skills – such as CPR and first aid, check your insurance policies and coverage for the hazards you may face, such as fire, flood, earthquakes, and tornados. Make sure to consider the costs associated with disasters and save for an emergency. Also, know how to take practical safety steps like shutting off water and gas.

The devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017 and 2018 remind us of the importance of preparing for disasters. Often, we will be the first ones in our communities to take action after a disaster strikes and before first responders arrive, so it is important to prepare in advance to help yourself and your community.

Check out **Ready.gov** for more ideas.

2018 Weekly Themes

Week 1: Sept 1-8 – Make and Practice Your Plan

[Make an Emergency Plan](#)

Sign up for **[alerts and warnings](#)** in your area

Learn your **[evacuation zone](#)** and have an evacuation plan

Week 2: Sept 9-15* – Learn Life Saving Skills

Know basic home maintenance to protect your family and home.

Learn how to **[mitigate your home against flood damage](#)**, or protect against the **[impacts of earthquakes](#)**.

Learn how to **[turn off utilities like natural gas](#)** in your home.

[Put smoke alarms on every level of your home](#), test them monthly, and replace them when they are 10 years old.

[Know the ways to keep your home safe](#) from cooking, heating & electrical fires.

Week 3: Sept 16-22 – Check Your Insurance Coverage

Insurance is the first line of defense; check your **[insurance](#)** coverage and review the

[Document and Insure Property guide](#).

Flood Insurance allows communities and families to recover more quickly and more fully.

Visit **[Floodsmart.gov](#)** to learn more about flood insurance and how to protect your home or business.

Week 4: Sept 23-29 – Save For an Emergency

[Plan financially](#) for the possibility of disaster.

Complete an **[Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(EFFAK\)](#)**.

Maintain **[emergency savings](#)** for use in case of an emergency.

NOTE: Ctrl+Click on your keyboard to follow the links highlighted in blue for further information.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018


**Disasters
Happen**

PREPARE NOW

LEARN HOW



FEMA

Ready. 

SEPTEMBER IS ALSO SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues.

Each year, more than [41,000 individuals die by suicide](#), leaving behind their friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. In many cases, friends and families affected by a suicide loss (often called “suicide loss survivors”) are left in the dark. Too often the feelings of shame and stigma prevent them from talking openly.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this highly taboo and stigmatized topic. We use this month to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness and connect individuals with suicidal ideation to treatment services. It is also important to ensure that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention. NAMI is here to help.

Informational Resources

- [Know the Warning Signs and Risk of Suicide](#)
- [Preventing Suicide as a Family Member or Caregiver](#)
- [Being Prepared for a Crisis](#)
- Need more information, referrals or support? Contact the [NAMI HelpLine](#).

Crisis Resources

- If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call **911** immediately.
- If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at **1-800-273 TALK (8255)**
- If you're uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text **NAMI to 741-741** to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line.

Know the Warning Signs

- Threats or comments about killing themselves, also known as suicidal ideation, can begin with seemingly harmless thoughts like “I wish I wasn’t here” but can become more overt and dangerous
- Increased alcohol and drug use
- Aggressive behavior
- Social withdrawal from friends, family and the community
- Dramatic mood swings
- Talking, writing or thinking about death
- Impulsive or reckless behavior

Is There Imminent Danger?

Any person exhibiting these behaviors should get care immediately:

- Putting their affairs in order and giving away their possessions
- Saying goodbye to friends and family
- Mood shifts from despair to calm
- Planning, possibly by looking around to buy, steal or borrow the tools they need to complete suicide, such as a firearm or prescription medication

If you are unsure, a licensed [mental health professional](#) can help assess.

A LEGACY OF FAITH

National Grandparents Day became an official observance in 1978, thanks largely to the lobbying efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginian who had 15 children and 43 grandchildren during 60 years of marriage.

The purpose of National Grandparents Day, celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day, is threefold: to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children and to help children become aware of strength, information and guidance older people can offer.

Grandparents – and, in this mobile society, surrogate grandparents – also serve as examples of how to endure challenges with God's help. Elders describe how God remains present, faithful and steadfast throughout the years. As Psalm 145:4 (NIV) says, "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts."

Happy



Grandparents Day

A GOOD READ

Recently I've been reading *The Rock, The Road and the Rabbi*, by Kathie Lee Gifford with Rabbi Jason Sobel and think many of you would enjoy it as well. Ms. Gifford is a Christian who grew up with a Jewish father. She has been to Israel many times. In this book she "takes us along" on one such journey while Rabbi Sobel takes us deeper into many of our familiar Bible passages about Jesus.

What is a Messianic Rabbi? He or she is a teacher and leader of Messianic Jews, Jews who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

Not hard to read (no theology degree required), this book offers amazing insights into our scriptures! Let me know what you think. – *Pastor Ruth*

TO WORSHIP IS TO SING

The worshiper who sings ... drinks more deeply of the message of the hymns. The gospel as found in our hymns is the same as that in the Scriptures.

The worshiper who sings ... becomes more deeply involved in the service; less of a spectator and more of a participant.

The worshiper who sings ... draws more closely to those who worship with him.

The worshiper who sings ... expresses faith by lifting his or her voice in praise to God.

The worshiper who sings ... upholds the service, making it finer and richer for fellow worshipers, the pastor, the church and God.

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Did
you
know?

SEAL

A seal is the mark of God's promises to the believer and of the believer's consecration to God. Old Testament priests wore a piece of gold against their forehead, as a seal, engraved with the words "Holy to the Lord." For Christians, the sign of the cross serves as a seal of salvation. Paul declares, "He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come" (2 Corinthians 1:21-22, NIV).



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Facilities: Anna Angstadt, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Helen Fair, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Audrey Hoffman, and Irene Noll

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Members: Glenn Allen, Daniel Bailey, Sara Jane Beshore, Lori Eck, Don Gajewski, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, John Keck, Sheila Long, Forrest Merkel, Roy Merkel, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Horace Rothermel, Joyce Rothermel, Family and friends of Charles Sanders, Family and friends of Clifford Schlenker, and Dale Schwoyer

Friends of the congregation: Regina B., Horst Berger, Millie Berger, Thelma Bright, Corina Brown, Bill Collins, Evelyn Collins, Patrick Collins, Mike Denby, Mark Derr, Randy Dreibelbis, Barbara Feeman, Eric Fox, Steve Haage, Corinne Hersh, Tara K., Mary Keck, Janis Kershner, Family and friends of Merritt Kershner, Angie Kistler, Joe Klick, Ethan Kunkel, Anh La, Marie Leibensperger, Catherine Lenio, Michael M., Pat Magala, Jane Mathias, Michelle Meck, Nancy Meck, George Noll, Kyle Olinger, Monica R., Jackson Radcliffe, Mary Lynne Rathman, Larea Reichert, Arlene Reider, Ronald Reimert, Jake Rohrbach, Jeffrey Schloder, Rayjeana Schultz, Jerry Schwambach, Tiffany W., Jacki Wagner, Baby Leah Wiest, and Dennis Wright

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For our nation. For our president, congress and judicial system. For peace in the world and between citizens and those who serve them. For our military personnel serving around the world, for areas enduring drought, storms, flooding and other disasters, for migrants and refugees and the countries to which they flee.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Myles Angstadt, Sandy Burkhart, Alice Epler, Katie F., Erma Gajewski, Denise Haage, Lauren Kinney, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Joshua S., Ruby Grace Shoff, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.



- 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
- 24 Andrew Musser
- 25 Elaine Seip
- 25 Kenneth Wiltrout
- 27 Betty Stump
- 28 Carrie Paige Lambert
- 28 Brooke Wengert
- 30 Ronald Herman



- 6 David and Dawn Wartzenuft (21 years)
- 9 Randy and Luann Bennecoff (46 years)
- 10 Gary and Vikie Seyfert (13 years)
- 20 Ronald and Wilma Herman (43 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

	2	10:00 AM	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
*	9	10:00 AM	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Season of Creation – Earth Sunday ▪ Harvest Home Sunday
	16	10:00 AM	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
*	23	10:00 AM	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Faith Formation Event after worship
	30	10:00 AM	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

October

*	7	10:00 AM	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
*	14	10:00 AM	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Vocation Sunday
*	21	10:00 AM	Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (G)
		2:30 PM	Healing Service
	28	10:00 AM	Reformation Sunday – Holy Communion (R)

November

*	4	10:00 AM	All Saints' Sunday – Holy Communion (W)
	11	10:00 AM	Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
*	18	10:00 AM	Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
	22	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service (G) held at New Jerusalem
	25	10:00 AM	Christ the King Sunday – Holy Communion (G)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

(*) Fellowship after worship



Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.

What you need:

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

What you do:











1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.

PUZZLE

IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.

 blind	hear 
 leprosy	walk 
 lame	raised 
 deaf	sight 
 dead	cleansed 

The _____ receive _____, the _____, those who have _____ are _____, the _____, the _____ are _____.

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... Matthew 11:5, NIV

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
9/2	Tara Basta	Ken Keck	Dale Schwoyer	Dale Schwoyer
9/9	Denny Beshore	Roy Merkel	Virginia Guinther	Todd Wagaman & family
9/16	Jeannette DeLong	Gladys Kline	Alan & Sherrie Carl	Dale Schwoyer
9/23	Josh Keck	Ken Keck	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Gladys Kline
9/30	TBA	Dawn Wengert	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Jeff & Dawn Wengert

ALTAR GUILD: Tara Basta

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Lucille Jones

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Don and Erma Gajewski

COMMUNION BREAD: 9/2 – Gladys Kline

COMMUNION SET-UP: 9/2 – Faye Dey

COUNCILPERSON: Dan Pauley

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

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion	3 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting Office Closed LABOR DAY	4	5 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	6	7 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	8
9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Season of Creation: Earth Sunday ▪ Harvest Home Service ▪ Fellowship after worship GRANDPARENTS DAY	10 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Mtg.	11	12 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	13 1:30pm-Adult Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers	14 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	15 4:00-8:00pm-New Jerusalem Fall Festival 
16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	17 10:00am-Worship and Music Committee Mtg. 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	18 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal	19 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Airport Diner 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 4:30-6:30pm-Quilting	20 Oley Fair	21 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	22  1st Day of Autumn
23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Fellowship after worship ▪ Faith Formation Event 1:00-5:00pm-Harvest Potatoes, Becker's St. Peter's, Moselem Springs NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting Shoo-fly Pie Bake---->	25 6:30pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal Shoo-fly Pie Bake---->	26 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting Pastor Ruth – out of town until 9/30/18 Shoo-fly Pie Bake	27	28 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	29
30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost						

SYNOD NEWS

Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

Bear Creek Camp 2018 – This Changes Everything!

It's been a great summer at Bear Creek Camp as the campers and staff continue to grow, celebrate, and explore God's amazing creation!

Campers (Youth and Families) have a great week all over the camp's nearly 3,000 acres (Largest in the ELCA) by hiking, swimming, zip-lining, and enjoying many large and small group activities. The experiential opportunities created at the camp make relationship building a priority. Each camper has an unlimited amount of time to build friendships with the other campers as well as their counselors. In those relationships God's grace is seen, felt, and experienced; and lives are changed. Campers are sent home to be vessels of this grace and to share it with those in their families, congregations, and communities.

This summer Bear Creek Camp will see its attendance rise for the 6th straight summer with a growth rate of over 75% since 2012. Because of the support of the two partner synods (the Northeastern and Southeastern PA Synods), congregations, families and individuals, this ministry is thriving and raising up leaders for the church.

Your support for BCC is not just a donation, it's an investment in the leadership development of our church, and those investments are needed now and always.



Update from Assembly 2018

One of the service projects at the 2018 Synod Assembly, held at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, was an opportunity to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly to The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Northeast Pennsylvania Regional Food Bank.

Recently a "Thank-you" arrived, acknowledging that 634 pounds of peanut butter and jelly were received from our Assembly.

The donation was primarily used to supplement the many summer children's lunch programs throughout the 5 county area of northeast Pennsylvania.

Overall, the Weinberg Food Bank works to ease the pain of hunger in the elderly, children, and people who need nutrients; and by doing the Food Bank works to grow, learn, work, and give hope for a brighter future.

Always Being Made New Sunday - October 7

As the Campaign for the ELCA approaches its final year, let's focus on finishing strong. Congregations are encouraged to receive a special offering for the campaign on October 7, or conduct a special appeal for the campaign on or near that date.

For details about the campaign, or to order campaign envelopes, check the ELCA website at <http://elca.org/Campaign-for-the-ELCA>.

ELCA National Youth Gathering Houston, Texas



On June 27 more than 30,000 ELCA youth and adults, including nearly 600 from our synod, came to Houston for the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering under the theme: "This Changes Everything."

Each day there were opportunities to participate in a variety

of events: Community Life, Service Learning, Interactive Learning, and Bible Study. Then in the evening, everyone gathered at NRG Stadium for a **Mass Gathering**, which featured music from the house band and several guest artists.

Community Life events included games, live stages, and a place to connect with others and generally relax. There were also **bible studies** led by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Rev. Tuhina Rasche, Rev. Aaron Fuller, and Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber.

Service Learning events provided an opportunity to join with one of nearly 100 service learning partners and engage in a service project in the Houston area, including minor home repairs, community gardens, graffiti abatement, painting the homes, murals, landscaping, window washing, power washing, mulching, trimming, lawn cutting, and other services.

Interactive Learning events invited participants to encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences inside the over 700,000 square feet Interactive Learning space. From sports to creative expressions, service projects to quiet meditation, Interactive Learning offered something for everyone.

Over 40,000 books were collected and then distributed at community book fairs, camps and other events around the city. The Sunday morning offering was split among the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, Prison Congregations of America, and ELCA Global Ministries. And a **special offering of over \$200,000** was collected for ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge.



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