

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.*



“Lord, I believe! Help my unbelief!” Mark 9:24

I believe! I believe in God the Father Almighty! I believe in Jesus Christ! I believe in the Holy Spirit! Help me when I am not sure what I believe!

“I believe!” This was the theme our 12 members explored with 33 other Lutherans from Berks County on our confirmation retreat at Bear Creek Camp March 11-13. Through study times, goofy times, games, singing, a campfire and adventures in the natural wonders of this remote setting in the Poconos, we explored what it means to say we believe in the Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier/Sustainer, one God. We learned that science and faith are not mutually exclusive, but seek to answer separate questions. We looked more deeply at the passion of Christ and what God’s love and forgiveness mean for us. We drew and acted out different ways God’s Spirit manifests itself. Then we made windsocks that remind us that just as we cannot see the wind, only its effects, so, too, we can’t see the Holy Spirit, but we *can* witness what the Spirit does.

In some ways this movement parallels our journey through the church year. During Advent and Christmas we think about the Creator Father’s love. During Epiphany, Lent and Easter we ponder Jesus’ mission, which, while it climaxed in the crucifixion, its meaning was made apparent and affirmed when God raised Jesus from the dead. In the Easter season we struggle with the followers of Jesus to understand what it means that Jesus is present and active in new ways that are beyond our understanding. We also hear Jesus’ promise of that mysterious Holy Spirit who came in such a dramatic way at Pentecost. Then, in the time after Pentecost, we continue to explore what this triune God is about in creation, in Jesus’ ministry, among God’s people in history and among us today. Each Sunday we proclaim together not only: “I believe”, but also “We believe!”

This year, as we enter the time *after* Easter, we also experience the beginning of spring, the season so many of us pinned our hopes on when the chill winds, increased darkness, and the rain and snow of the winter came. Sometimes we sighed and wondered whether spring would ever arrive. Sometimes we worried that the weather was so unpredictable that the plants would be confused, that buds and leaves would emerge too early and be damaged by frost, thus diminishing the possibility of a good harvest. In the same way there are times in our lives when we aren’t sure what and whether we truly believe, whether God is as we have been taught and thought we understood. How comforting then it is, to hear the stories of the struggling disciples each Sunday!

At times we individuals are not sure whether or what we believe. While knowledge and understanding can sometimes help with belief, the true meaning of the word has to do with *trust*: this is who, this is what, I put my trust in and gives meaning to my life.

We as the body of Christ, proclaim this Easter season, “Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!” May this be a time when you come to more deeply trust the God who raised Christ from the dead. And may you continue to grow in your faith, especially when you, like the disciples, are challenged in your understanding of what this God means for your life.

Pastor Ruth

Church News

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY - On Sunday, May 1, 2016, we will be having our Church Music Sunday service. Please come out and support our young people (and adults), singers, and musicians.

If anyone is interested in providing music for this service, please see Faye Dey. Also, if anyone would like to sing in the choir, let Faye know so she can notify you of the rehearsal dates.

APRIL SIGN-UP SHEETS - We are in need of the following: Flower sponsors for April 10 and 17 and a Communion Set-up volunteer for April 3. Thank you to everyone who signed up.

WATCH FOR NEW BANNERS IN OUR SANCTUARY - Many thanks to Gene and Betty Cannell of Ephrata for donating sample paraments that we will be turning into banners for our worship space. The Cannells owned and ran the Reading Bible House for many years and also took orders for the beautiful cloth hangings used on altars, lecterns, and Pulpits. Some of our paraments were, in fact, purchased through them. Now that the Cannells have retired, they wanted to find a place where their samples might be used to adorn a worship space. Two of the paraments we have received were actually designed by Betty.

We thank God for these faithful servants and their generous donation to us.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gladys Kline and Earl Derr on their marriage held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at New Jerusalem.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER Please join us on Saturday, April 23rd, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The meal includes a vegetable, pepper cabbage, bread, beverage, and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE - As part of our study of what it means to be a prophet, a person who speaks God's message, the class made sandwich boards they displayed at the beginning of the March 6th service. "Use the Golden Rule: Feed the Poor!" "Be happy when the Lost are Found!" "Give Your Hands to Serve and Your Hearts to Love!" "God Will Always Be There For You!" "Forgiveness is God's Glory!" "Love Your Neighbor!" "Peace on Earth, No Matter What!"

Council Members literally rose to the occasion with their own posters: "Respect Each Other!" "Be Faithful to God!" "Speak Up! God is Always Listening!" "Feed the Hungry!" "Love Your Neighbors" "Come to Church!" The last poster, "The End is Not Near!" certainly invites a conversation. More on that at a later time.

Finally, on Palm Sunday our confirmands read the passion story from Luke for us during worship. (Luke 22-23)

P.S. Be sure to ask them what they thought about the retreat to Bear Creek Camp.



The gang from New Jerusalem at Bear Creek Camp for a confirmation retreat

ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17th during our worship service we will be recognizing Horace Rothermel for all his years of service as New Jerusalem Lutheran Church's sexton. There will be a special fellowship after worship in Horace's honor.

SPRING CAMPFIRE - Join us at New Jerusalem on Saturday, April 30th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a campfire. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there. Please bring along some lawn chairs.

COUNCIL CORNER

At their March 21st meeting, council:

1. Increased the supply organist fee from \$85.00 to \$100.00.
2. Received interesting old documents Finance Committee discovered among items found during our February Clean-up Day.
3. Discussed understandings of preparation for first communion and ways to expand Christian Education for adults.
4. Continued to discuss ways to help in repaying the cost of paving the parking lot. (A poster tracking our progress will be ready very soon.)
5. Received a report from Property Committee that water testing will now be done monthly and that members are looking into tying the sump pump under the elevator and emergency lights into the generator.
6. Discussed ways to strengthen the ways we witness to our faith through our special events. For example, placing cards with suggested prayers before meals on the tables for the pot pie dinner.
7. Brainstormed ideas for an interactive display that represents New Jerusalem Lutheran Church at "God's Playground" at the Synod Assembly in June.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS 2016 - JUNE 27 to JULY 1, HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, BOWERS. The theme will be CAVE QUEST.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Sunday, April 24th.

JOB OPENING FOR P/T SEXTON/CUSTODIAN -

We are in need of a part-time sexton/custodian (approximately 10 hours per week) with flexibility in days/time. Additional hours may be needed based on the needs of the ministry. Candidate must pass a criminal background check. Responsibility is to maintain overall cleanliness and appearance of the church including restrooms, offices, fellowship areas and sanctuary. Duties include cleaning, polishing, sweeping, vacuuming, dry and wet mopping, restocking supplies, notifying church representatives when supplies are needed as well as trimming the immediate surroundings and in the small old cemetery beside the church. To apply, please see Sheila Gehman.

MISSION SUPPORT (BENEVOLENCE)

"Benevolence" as designated on our envelopes is what we forward to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod for Mission Support, that is, for synodical and churchwide mission and ministries beyond the local congregation. It is a broad term used to describe all the ministries of this church.

Mission is carried out in our neighborhoods as well as across our town and across the globe. In 2014 New Jerusalem forwarded \$1622.50, for Mission Support. The synod forwarded 46% (\$746) of this to the national ELCA.

DID YOU KNOW?

The lives of 1 in 50 Americans is impacted by social ministry organizations run and supported by the ELCA? Our national church uses 4% of the donated funds (\$30 of our contribution) to **address social issues and work for justice** by engaging in churchwide study and deliberation to create social statements and resources that address social, political, environmental and other public issues. These funds are also used to equip members and leaders to advocate with lawmakers in order to support policies that promote justice and peace and to support social ministry organizations such as Lutheran Services in America. \$30 of our contributions went to this work of the national church.



BIBLE STUDY will be held at Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers on Thursdays, April 14th and April 28th at 1:30 p.m.

LOAVES AND FISHES free community meal and fellowship will be held on Tuesday, April 19th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tipton.

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

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER (MKBC) NEEDS BLOOD - MKBC is the only blood supplier to 21 hospitals in our region. Approximately 43,000 units of blood are used each day in the United States. The gift of blood is the gift of life. There is no substitute for human blood, so please consider donating today.

PRE-K COUNTS - The Berks County Intermediate Unit (BCIU) in partnership with the Brandywine Heights Area School District is excited to provide a wonderful opportunity for *FREE* Pre-K classes (3 and 4 year olds) to eligible families in our community. Classes are currently in session and include a wonderful educational opportunity from a certified teacher, free meals and snacks with a classroom setting in the Elementary School. More information can be found at www.berksiu.org/prek or by calling 610-987-8613.

THE SOUTHWEST BERKS CHAPTER OF THRIVENT presents Marie Monville, wife of 2006 Nickel Mines Amish Schoolhouse shooter to be held at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. For additional information, please call the church office at 610-779-3480.

LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES is sponsoring two "Journeys Through Grief", *FREE* six-week seminars for those who are grieving. The first one will be held at Luther Crest, Fuellenbach Room, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown on Monday mornings, April 4th through May 9th, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and the second one is at Emmaus Moravian Church, 146 Main Street, Emmaus on Tuesday evenings, April 5th through May 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration is required to attend these seminars. Contact Kathy Reyher at 610-770-9205 or by email at kathy@lutherancongregationalservices.org.

COMMUNITY FORUM - VIOLENCE AND GOD - Sunday, April 17, 2016 4 p.m. DoubleTree Hotel, 701 Penn Street, Reading Amphitheatre. Dr. Julia M. O'Brien of the Lancaster Theological Seminary will do an examination of the Biblical Texts. Response will be offered by representatives of the Quaker, Buddhist, Islamic and Jewish traditions. Free and open to the public.

THE POTATO PROJECT NEEDS LAND AND HANDS - Founded right here in Berks County in 2008 by local Lutherans, this unique outreach ministry addresses local hunger issues by growing and producing free food for neighbors in need. Now in its 8th year, its local volunteers will plant and harvest 35 acres, most with potatoes, some with corn and carrots.

Groups from many of our churches assist with cutting the seed potatoes, planting and harvesting. In 2015 the group donated over 124,717 pounds of potatoes to local food banks, including the one in Tipton.

We can help.

First of all, more land is needed. Anyone with $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre or more which could be used for planting potatoes, carrots or corn is asked to contact the potato project.

Second, folks are needed Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17, 1-4 p.m. to cut the seed potatoes at Zion Moselem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 340 Zion Church Road (off 662), Kutztown. Bring your own knife, cutting board, drinks and snacks. They'll be cutting 17,500 pounds of potatoes.

Third, plan now to help harvest starting in the middle to end of August.

For more information call 484-648-0381 or email IhartHarvest@dyndns.org or IHartHarvest@gmail.com. Talk with Pastor Ruth if you would like to help get a group together to help.

27th FRIEND, INC BENEFIT AUCTION, April 30, 2016, 5 p.m. at Beltzner Hall, the Kutztown Fairgrounds. \$40 for catered dinner and drinks. This year's feature: New Executive Baking Challenge will include our own Pastor and Mrs. Keith Rohrbach from Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown, as one of the competing teams. See the poster in the narthex or contact 610-683-7790 or www.friendinc.org.

MAY PLAY DAY - Members of Lutheran congregations in the Northeastern PA Synod — of all ages — are welcome to participate in “May Play Day” at Bear Creek Camp, May 1, 2:00-8:00 PM. (Rain date May 7th) The synod's Lutheran Youth Fellowship and Bear Creek Camp are co-sponsoring this event. What can you expect?

Games!
A campfire!
Fellowship!
Worship around the campfire. The camp is



located at 3601 Bear Creek Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, just off the Northeast Extension Bear Creek exit.

Look for a registration form on the bulletin board or go to www.nepsynod.org/event/may-play-day to download and print one. The cost is \$8 per person over the age of 12 and \$4 for those 12 and younger. Let pastor know if you are interested.

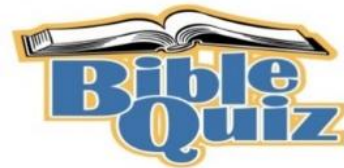
REGISTRATION DEADLINE - April 22

THE SCENT OF PRAYER

It sometimes happens that in a plot of unclean and filthy ground, flowers spring up and flourish, and the sweet scent of the flowers overpowers the evil smell of the place. The plants, turning toward the sun, receive its from light and heat, and the filth instead of being hurtful to the plants fertilizes them and helps them to grow and flourish. So, too, the man of prayer as he prays turns his heart to God, and receives from him light and warmth. Amidst the ill odors of this evil world, the sweet scent of his new and holy life glorifies God, and there is produced in him not sweet odors only, but also fruit that shall abide forever.

—Sadhu Sundar Singh, *At the Master's Feet*

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After the Resurrection, two of Jesus' friends went into the temple in Jerusalem to pray. Before entering the house of worship, they saw a crippled man begging for money from those passing by. Peter had not worked for a while, and his purse was empty.

Nevertheless, he felt sorry for the man and said to him, “I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you ...” (Acts 3:6, NRSV). Peter also spoke one of the lines below. What did he say?

- A. “Take this bread and eat it.”
- B. “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.”
- C. “I can't offer you healing, but I will pray for you in the temple.”

Answer: B

THE BEST MEDICINE

Although the Bible never refers to Jesus laughing, he clearly had a sense of humor - and needed one to deal with his critics and even his disciples. James Martin, S.J., author of *Between Heaven and Mirth* (HarperOne), writes, "If we accept the idea of [Jesus] as a human being, we must accept all human attributed for him—laughing as well as suffering."

Laughter
is an
instant
vacation.
- Milton Berle

The ancient church marked the Sunday after Easter with humor and laughter to celebrate Jesus' triumph over death. Today some congregations designate their post-Easter worship as Hilarity Sunday or Bright Sunday. Faith is serious business, but that doesn't mean Christians must always be serious!

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Did You Know?

TAU RHO

The symbol of salvation is composed of the Greek letters tau (T) and rho (P). It was first used in ancient New Testament manuscripts as an abbreviation for the Greek word for "cross." They symbol also seems to visually represent Jesus on the cross.



THE PERKS OF GIVING

Although National Volunteer Week is officially observed in April (April 10-16, 2016), every week thousands of volunteers help people in need. As volunteers can attest, sharing one's time and talents leads to many intangible benefits.

New research shows that volunteering and giving also provide physical and emotional advantages. Givers report an improved sense of well-being, lower stress levels, better physical health, an enriched sense of purpose in life and increased happiness.

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FOOLS FOR CHRIST

April Fools' Day isn't a religious holiday, though it may date to Pope Gregory XIII and his new calendar. In 1582, he shifted New Year's Day from April to January, and people who didn't believe the change were called April fools.



April Fools' Day may also be connected to the lightheartedness that comes with warmer weather, as well as to medieval Christian festivals that involved pranks, disguises and a temporarily inverted social order.

Yet, in Scripture, such reversal characterizes the kingdom of God. In 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, St. Paul writes that the gospel seems foolish to people who don't know Christ, that God uses the "foolishness of our proclamation" to offer salvation to all and that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Jesus "foolishly" inverted the social order, saying the last will be first and the first, last.

So if on April 1—and every day—we live as "fools for Christ," we're precisely what he calls us to be!

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**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Statement of Accounts
February 29, 2016**

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 16,906.13
Thrivent	6,083.64
Checking	8,277.13
Youth	966.77
Fidelity	126,064.79
Cash Reserve	11,017.63
Mission Investment	11,218.12
Local Care	435.00

**February 2016 — 'Actual' vs. 'Required'
Income**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Income</u>	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,061.42	\$ 5,032.83	\$ (4,028.59)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2016 Budget
Passed by Congregation*

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

\$ 37,140.00	Total Expenses for Project
\$ 3,787.00	Funds Received to offset expenses (through February 2016)

*“Our Lord has written the promise of
the resurrection, not in books alone, but
in every leaf in springtime.”*

—Martin Luther



**BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST
(as of February 10, 2016)**

Hamburger Helper®, flavored noodles, regular and flavored rice, ramen noodles, instant potatoes, (scallop, au gratin)

Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, spam

Microwaveable Chef Boyardee® and soups

Drinks: instant regular/decaf coffee, instant tea, fruit juices, juice boxes, bottled water

Snack Items: fruit snacks, gold fish, pretzels, chips, cookies, snack crackers, salsa

Baking Items: sugar (white and brown)

Condiments: ketchup, mayonnaise, salt, pepper, pickles, spicy brown/regular mustard, marshmallow fluff, jelly

Spaghetti sauce/pizza sauce

Paper Products: toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, facial tissues

Personal Hygiene: body lotion, chapstick, baby wipes, hand wipes, feminine products

Gluten free items

Cleaning Supplies: dishwashing soap, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant sprays/cleaners

Please Note: At the moment we have an abundance of macaroni and cheese, noodles, canned vegetables (especially green beans, corn, and various other beans), soup, canned fruit, peanut butter and cereal.

As a reminder, please check dates on packaging. We are unable to use outdated products.



**THANK YOU
ALL FOR YOUR
GENEROUS
DONATIONS!**

**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, Goldie Carl, Edna Conrad, Jean Deysher, Dennis Guinther, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, Betty Stoudt, and Arlene Yob.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Members: Holly Allen, Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Lester Barlet, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Sheila Long, Courtney Mengel, Leon Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Betty Stump

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams-Adams & Associates, Sandy Burkhart, Ruby Burns, Evelyn Collins, Patrick Collins, Greta Davis, Alice Epler, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Scott Fox, Denise Haage, Jesus (Hayseuss), Douglas Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Pastor Ray Kindler III, Carla Kuser, Melissa Martin, Robin Naugle, Kyle Olinger, Joan Oswald, Luke Paxton, Ron R., George and Ruth Ramsey, Faith Rothermel, Joshua S., Olivia Schoenly, Donna Schwoyer, Lydia Seip, Jerry Shukar, Cleon Smith, Jack Stoudt, Sallie Weil, Judy Werner, and Lisa Ziegler.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For all our military personnel serving around the world, for areas of our nation enduring drought, storms and flooding, for those throughout the world affected by disaster, for refugees and the countries to which they flee, and for peace in the world, especially the Middle East and the Ukraine.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: George DeLong, Ralph Harris, Lauren Kinney, Mae Hertzog, Lucille Jones, Penny Keller, Linda Moyer, and Theresa S.



Dear Members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, on behalf of all the volunteer firefighters at the Lyons Fire Company No. 1, I would like to give a sincere thank you for your recent generous \$200.00 donation to our fire equipment fund. We appreciate your support for our service to our community. Please keep our first responders in your prayers as we continue to serve our friends and neighbors 24 hours a day, every day of the year with fire and rescue services. Thanks again for your donation! - Respectfully yours,
Jerry L. Keller, Assistant Fire Chief

Thank you members of the congregation of New Jerusalem for the gift certificate received for Christmas. Also, thank you to the visiting team and the congregation for the beautiful Valentine's Day card. We loved it. -
Horace and Joyce Rothermel

To our Church Family, Earl and I would like to thank all of you for attending our wedding. It made our day extra special having you with us. In God's Love, *Earl and Gladys*

Thank you for your generosity in sharing bulletins with us. It is very much appreciated. Thank you! - The Congregation of St. Paul's, Lobachsville.

Note: Since we must order a minimum number of covers and do not use all of them, we give St. Paul's what we don't need.

THANK YOU to those who donated food and gave monetary donations on Souper Bowl Sunday. A total of \$108.70 was collected and donated to the Brandywine Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.



PRAYER COMMITTEE and PRAYER CHAIN MERGING INTO PRAYER CIRCLE

The Prayer Chain group was organized December 2007. Our first call came 1/1/08. Since then we have done 190 special prayer requests.

If you have special prayer needs, here's how the chain works:

1. Call the Pastor or the anchor, Phyllis Fenstermacher, at 610-682-2423.
2. The requests are confidential.
3. Calls are made between 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM.
4. Chain members call the next person on the list – if you get an answering machine – leave a message, but call the next person on the chain until you get an actual person who can continue the calls.

The Prayer Committee started as part of the “Growing in the Spirit” initiative in 2009. The group met and outlined possible projects. Since that time we have included articles in most newsletters, done a workshop at the Lutheran Home in Topton where we made prayer rocks to distribute to church members, and sent countless coupons to military families overseas.

By far our largest undertaking has been making and distributing prayer shawls. We met with Marilyn Ebert from Kutztown UCC who gave us ideas for “Prayer Shawl Ministry” as well as patterns and inspiration.



We displayed some of the shawls in church and blessed them before giving out our first one. Since then we have given 73 shawls to members and friends of the congregation.

The “Prayer Circle” will continue these varied ministries “PRAYERFULLY” in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



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| 2 | Richard Sheetz |
| 5 | Sara Jane Beshore |
| 5 | Justin Rahn |
| 7 | Barbara Seyler |
| 11 | Dallas Angstadt |
| 14 | Samuel Behm |
| 17 | Harold Seyler |
| 18 | Jayna Howell |
| 19 | Erma Guinther |
| 21 | Annabell Keller |
| 23 | Brooke Adams |
| 28 | Amy Broussard |
| 29 | Rebecca Keller |
| 29 | Daniel Moyer |
| 30 | Dallas Bennecoff |
| 30 | Richard Carl |



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| 9 | Tina and Jason Howell (5 years) |
| 17 | Richard and Lori Boyer (34 years) |
| 24 | Randy and Tammy Cleaver (7 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

April

* 3	10:00 AM	Second Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class and Sunday School
10	10:00 AM	Third Sunday of Easter (W)
*17	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Easter (W)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class
24	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday of Easter (W)

May

* 1	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class and Sunday School
♦ 8	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter (W)
		▪ Mother’s Day Breakfast (served 8:30-9:00 a.m.)
15	10:00 AM	Day of Pentecost – Holy Communion (R)
		▪ Baptism of Lillian Lambert
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class
* 22	10:00 AM	The Holy Trinity – Holy Communion (W)
29	10:00 AM	Second Sunday after Pentecost (G)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class

June

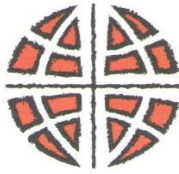
* 5	10:00 AM	Third Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class and Sunday School
12	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
♦ 19	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
		▪ Father’s Day Breakfast (served 8:30-9:00 a.m.)
	12:00-2:00 PM	Confirmation Class
26	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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



The following is a letter received from Bishop Samuel Zeiser regarding Mission Support. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for the poster (*Where Does My Offering Go?*) that Bishop Zeiser mentions.



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Rev. SAMUEL R. ZEISER, Ph.D.
Bishop

February 15, 2016

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
27 Lyons RD
Fleetwood, PA 19522

Dear Friends in Christ,

You amaze me!

Every year your offerings to the mission we share in Christ is impressive. Your giving makes it clear that the Holy Spirit stirs in you. I can only imagine the ministry stories in your congregation and community that grow out of your faithful giving. Thanks be to God for you.

Your generosity gives me the opportunity to write this letter of thanks and to pass along a certificate of appreciation for the impact of your giving across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I cherish this opportunity because I get to see how your mission support turns into expressions of God's love across northeastern Pennsylvania; how your mission support brings hope and justice in the name of Christ around the world. Out of your generosity you have proclaimed the words of the prophet Isaiah in our time: *For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.* (61:11) Thanks be to God for you.

You amaze me not only because of ministry together in 2015, but also because of what God has in store for you in 2016. God surely has much in store for you because as mission support intentions for 2016 are submitted, those commitments already exceed support received in 2015. Thanks be to God for you.

With sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samuel R. Zeiser" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Rev. Samuel R. Zeiser

P.S. Please display the enclosed poster (*Where Does My Offering Go?*) along with the certificate of appreciation so that as many members of the congregation as possible can see how their mission support is shared.

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SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.

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



The _____ is _____, and
 _____, the
 _____, and _____
 _____ 24:1, NIV

Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	ACOLYTE	READER	BID THE PRAYERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
4/3	Virginia Guinther	Charli Rissmiller	Sarah Bailey	Sara Moyer	Elaine Seip	Cheryl Wilttrout
4/10	Jeannette DeLong	Emily Cleaver	TBA	Charli Rissmiller	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Elaine Seip
4/17	Cheryl Wilttrout	Julian Tich	Justin Moyer	David Moyer, Jr.	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Gladys Kline
4/24	Joshua Keck	TBA	TBA	TBA	Kathy & Dan Bailey	Elwood & Katie Ellen Cleaver

ALTAR GUILD: Tara Basta

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Elaine Seip

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Cheryl Wilttrout

COMMUNION BREAD: 4/3 – Faye Dey

COMMUNION SET-UP: 4/3 – ***(volunteer needed)***

COUNCIL PERSON: Sheila Gehman, 610-730-3304

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

APRIL 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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PLEASE NOTE: April's Council Meeting will be held on Monday April 11 th at 7:00 p.m.						
3 Second Sunday of Easter ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class and Sunday School	4	5 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Senior Choir	6	7	8	9
10 Third Sunday of Easter National Volunteer Week April 10-16, 2016	11 5:30pm-Worship and Music Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting	12 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Senior Choir	13 7:00pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting	14 1:30pm-Adult Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers	15	16
17 Fourth Sunday of Easter ▪ Recognition of Horace ▪ Fellowship after worship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class	18	19 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Senior Choir	20 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle's	21	22	23 4:00-7:00pm- Chicken Pot Pie Dinner
24 Fifth Sunday of Easter	25	26 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Senior Choir	27	28 1:30pm-Adult Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers	29	30 3:00-8:00pm-Spring Campfire