

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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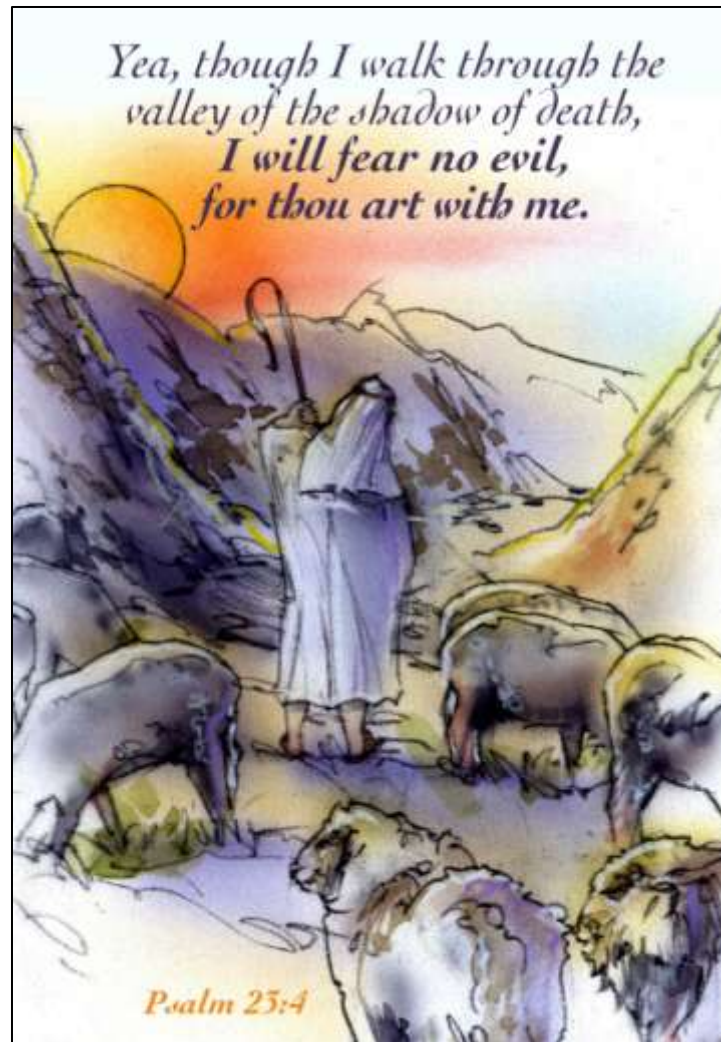
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**THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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 Brothers and Sisters of New Jerusalem,

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want.

How frequently we have been saying the 23rd Psalm lately, given that it is commonly used at funerals and we had 3 funerals in 9 days in March (Jean Deysher, Betty Stoudt, Dallas Angstadt). Followers of Jesus, however love the confession of faith that this psalm makes: the Lord is the one who cares for and guides us.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures, and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

“Green pastures!” We can picture these now, as signs of spring are emerging. Let us thank God for signs of new life and the beauty of the world in which God has placed us. Let us rejoice as we plant seeds and seedlings and hope and watch for signs of new birth.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for you are with me.

Is the valley of the shadow of death the time when we are in danger of death, fear death or grieve losses like the loss of our abilities or the loss of a loved one? I am sure the valley includes all of these and more, and that the journey through this valley can be long and, at times, very dark. Let us pray for and reach out to all who are experiencing such a valley at this time.

This year the liturgical season of the first half of April is a continuation of Lent culminating in Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It is a time when we walk, as it were, with our Good Shepherd through the valley of the shadow of death to his death, to death itself. But all does not end on a cross or with a sealed tomb. God's rod and staff comfort us in this journey just as they did Jesus and they lead us onward to Easter morning.

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, my cup is running over.*

A table? A table, loaded with blessings, even if it only looks like a bit of bread and wine! For here we, with all the company of heaven and of the church throughout the world, feast on the blessings of love, forgiveness, reconciliation, and resurrection. Despite and in the presence of which enemies do we feast? On Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday we will feast even amidst readings about sin, betrayal and death. Easter morn we will once again sing, “This is the feast of victory for our God.” There are many other tables of celebration: Easter dinner, luncheons as we mark life passages, church suppers, you name it! We have many occasions for feasting, many occasions to celebrate how our life overflows with blessings.

But there is a question that arises with the lessons which follow Easter Sunday: will we recognize the presence of our shepherd? The two on the road to Emmaus did not recognize him until he broke bread with them. Thomas doubted that his fellow disciples had really seen their Lord, their shepherd, until he saw and heard him for himself. One way to help us recognize our shepherd is by gathering together as His flock to share His meal, hear His voice in His word, remind one another of the signs of the Lord's presence and discern together where our Shepherd is leading us.

In this holy season, may you, too, be born anew to a *living* hope.

Pastor Ruth



NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at the March 13th meeting:

- Denny Beshore from the Finance Committee reviewed the results of New Jerusalem's 2016 Financial. The audit was mailed to the synod office.
- We are looking for members to form a Christian Ed committee. The purpose of the committee would be to make sure the congregation is helping members of all ages to engage in Christian education appropriate for their levels.
- New Jerusalem will be hosting a food safety Course on Tuesday, May 9th, sponsored by Reading Berks Conference of Churches. A notice will be sent out to all the churches inviting them to attend the course.
- We discussed additional fundraising possibilities.
- On February 19th a sale was held at NJ of items Pastor brought back from Tanzania. \$100 was earned from the sale of notecards for the MaaSae Girls Secondary School and \$300 was earned for Widow's Might.

With Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Jean (Miller) Deysher who passed away on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. The service was held on Wednesday, March 15th, at Mae Stump Funeral Home, Fleetwood.

May the Lord bless and comfort the family and friends of Betty Lou (Didyoung) Stoudt who passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Her service was held on Thursday, March 16th, at Walbert Funeral Home, Fleetwood.

Our prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Dallas A. Angstadt who passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2017. The service was held on Thursday, March 23rd, at Ludwick Funeral Home, Kutztown.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

Worship with us on **Maundy Thursday, April 13th**, at New Jerusalem. Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

New Jerusalem will be holding their annual Chicken Pot Pie Dinner on **Saturday, April 22nd, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** The dinner includes vegetable, pepper cabbage, bread, beverage, and dessert. Prices are \$10/adults, \$6/children 6-12, and free for children 5 and under.

CONFIRMATION CLASS COOKIE BAKE

The Confirmation Class will be baking cookies for shut-ins on **Saturday, April 28th, at 6 p.m.**

CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY – May 14th

Mark your calendar for Church Music Sunday on Mother's Day, May 14th. Our confirmands will join choir members in raising our voices in song to praise our God who loves us as the best parent loves her or his child.

APRIL SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of a Flower sponsor for April 23rd. Thank you!

MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by Sunday, April 23rd.

COVER IT BLACK! PARKING LOT UPDATE

We have now repaid ourselves over a third of the cost of repaving the parking lot! Let's keep up the good work while not detracting from what we normally give for operating expenses, benevolence, etc.

2017 KUTZTOWN RELAY FOR LIFE

We have collected quite a number of books so far, but much more is needed. Please consider donating your un-needed books and used videos (DVD's). You can bring your donations to church on Sunday or drop them off during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Thank you!

LIFE AT THE INTERSECTION: LET'S TALK ABOUT FAITH, SEXISM AND JUSTICE

Saturday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at The Lutheran Center. Learn more about the work and focus



of the next ELCA social statement & how you can be part of the work and task of speaking truth and justice. Some members of the task force will have a conversation about the intersection of Faith, Sexism and Justice in their own life and work. All participants will have an opportunity to learn and share through workshops and informal conversation. The event is an opportunity to grow in understanding. You will also leave with concrete ways to take the work back to your communities of faith. Some topics to be addressed: violence, images of God, scripture, economics, gender justice, neighbor justice, equality and creation care. Download a flyer at www.godslove.org/events.

WORKSHOP FOR NEPS ROSTERED MINISTERS AND CONGREGATION MEMBERS

A one-day workshop on “Constructive Conversations in Difficult Situations Navigating Differences - Preserving Relationships” will be held on **Saturday, April 29th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown 1245 W. Hamilton Street. At this workshop, we will explore positive ways that we can stay in relationship even as we discuss differences in beliefs. Please bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided throughout the day. Cost is \$10/person. Please see the registration form on the bulletin board for more information. Any questions, contact Rev. Tom Lichner at 610.533.9362. **Deadline for registration is April 24th.**

MARTIN LUTHER: An Idea That Changed the World. – \$10.00

April 3rd, Regal Hazleton Stadium 10, 7:30 PM. Contact Pastor Kaufman at 570.881.2371 or kaufman19@verizon.net for more information.

April 27th, Carmike Promenade, 7:30 PM. Purchase tickets online or from Gina Brockway at 610.703.8249.

THE POTATO PROJECT 2017 – SEED POTATO CUTTING SESSIONS

We'll be cutting the seed potatoes for the immediate 2017 planting season on **Saturday and Sunday, April 22nd and 23rd from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** at Zion Moselem Church, 340 Moselem Church Road, Kutztown. Rain, shine, or SNOW. Bring your own knife, cutting board, drinks and snacks. All are invited! **WE NEED ALL THE VOLUNTEER HELP WE CAN GET!**

MAY PLAY DAY – Sunday, May 7th

For the second year in a row, May Play Day will be held at Bear Creek Camp. The event will be held on May 7th from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., rain or shine! Everyone of all ages is invited to attend and participate in some outdoor activities including games for children, hiking, boating, participating in the high ropes course, and much more. The cost is \$4 for those age 12 and under and \$8 for everyone else. A special note to senior high youth and their advisors and/or parents: There will be a brief info. meeting about the 2018 Youth Gathering and the synod's Lutheran Youth Fellowship organization. Don't miss it! For a flyer and registration form follow this link: <http://nepasynod.org/event/may-play-day>.

BIKE FOR WORLD HUNGER – May 13th

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 13th**, to participate in the synod's 5th annual Bike-A-Thon for World Hunger which will be held from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the beautifully scenic Bob Rodale Cycling & Fitness Park in Breinigsville (directly across from the velodrome). See the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex. Come and enjoy a nice time of fellowship with your sisters and brothers in Christ while raising funds for a great cause. See you at the park!



AN EASTER CAROL

*Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and Hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.*

—Phillips Brooks

NEWS & EVENTS

in the community

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

THEME: "The Lord's Prayer"

(Light refreshments to follow worship.)

APRIL 5 – The Fifth Petition – Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

Christian Congregation, Mertztown – Roger Ulrich (preacher) – 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 12 (Holy Week) – The Sixth and Seventh Petitions – Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil

St. Paul's Lutheran, Mertztown – Ruth Doty (preacher) – 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 13 – Maundy Thursday

New Jerusalem Lutheran – 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Grace/Lutheran Home, Topton – 2:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran, Mertztown – 7:00 p.m.
St. Peter's UCC, Topton – 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 14 – Good Friday

Christ-Mertz Lutheran, Dryville – 7:00 p.m. (only)
Grace/Lutheran Home, Topton – 2:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran, Mertztown – 7:00 p.m.
St. Peter's UCC, Topton (Tennebrae and Communion) – 7:00 p.m.

BOY SCOUT TROOP #585 EASTER EGG HUNT

The Boy Scouts of Troop #585 will be holding their annual Easter egg hunt at New Jerusalem on **Saturday, April 8th at 12 p.m.** Held rain or shine. Don't forget to bring your baskets.

THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

On **Tuesday, April 11th, at 7 p.m.** at the Kutztown Tavern,, 272 W. Main Street, Kutztown. Rev. Barbara Peronteau will present "A Trans Woman and Her Faith Journey." By weaving her story with the latest professional understandings, Rev. Peronteau will share her version of "Trans 101" so that you might have a better understanding of who

trans people truly are. Food and drink are available for purchase. For more information, email us at theologywithatwist@live.com or call 610.926.3907.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be held on **Thursdays, April 13th and 27th** at 1:30 p.m. at Christ DeLong UCC in Bowers.

LOAVES & FISHES MEAL

A free community meal called Loaves and Fishes will be held on **Tuesday, April 18th**, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton. The meal will be lasagna and desserts. Come out and share a meal and fellowship. This will be the last meal for the season.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FORUMS

The **Lutheran Home at Topton** will be running Bereavement Support Forums the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. They will be held in Deibert Hall, first floor of D-wing. On **April 19th**, – *Meaning Making: Journaling, Living Memorials, Rituals*. Crafts, refreshments and a time for sharing will follow each program or presentation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A First Responder Rally will be held on **Saturday, May 6th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Blue Marsh Lake – Dry Brooks Day Use Area. Lots of fun and interactive activities for the community. Open to the public. Held rain or shine.

EASTER'S DAWN

On the third day, the friends of Christ coming at daybreak ... found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener, God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but of the dawn.

—G.K. Chesterton

THE JARRETT YODER FOUNDATION

CW2 Jarrett M. Yoder was a member of Company B-104th Attack Recon Battalion based out of Fort Indiantown Gap. He was killed in action on April 9, 2013 in Afghanistan when his Apache helicopter went down during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Diane Yoder started the Jarrett Yoder Foundation in memory of her son. They are ready to start a program called The Patriot House. The Patriot Houses will help shelter military personnel/veterans and their families during difficult times. Their goal is to open 3 Patriot Houses in Lehigh County and 3 in Berks County. Your support is needed, whether it be financial support and/or volunteer help. Money is needed to purchase and start up the Patriot Houses. They need to raise about \$700,000 to buy and fix 2 of these Patriot Houses.

Copies of Diane's letter are on the table in the narthex so you can read her letter in its entirety. If you are interested in providing any support or have any questions, feel free to contact Diane Yoder at 610.780.3500.



The family of Betty Lou Stoudt wishes to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the prayers, well wishes, and sympathy cards received for our mother who recently passed away into the loving arms of Jesus on March 9, 2017. The love and support we received is greatly appreciated. – *Sincerely, Kenny, Marleise, and Corinne*

Dear Rev. Doty and Congregation, I am writing on behalf of The Salvation Army Hamburg Service Center to express our sincere appreciation for your recent cash donation of \$347.50. Your gift and support will help us to “Do The Most Good” with skill and compassion all year long. Again, thank you for your generous contribution and continued support. “What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness.” – *Cathy Correll, Office Coordinator & Caseworker*

NOTE: These funds came from the 6% of monies raised through fundraisers when the congregation gives away to local charities each year.



- 2 Richard Sheetz
- 5 Sara Jane Beshore
- 5 Justin Rahn
- 7 Barbara Seyler
- 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



- 9 Jason and Tina Howell (6 years)
- 17 Richard and Lori Boyer (35 years)
- 24 Randall and Tammy Cleaver (8 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.

The message of Easter is not only that Christ is risen, not only that suffering is not the last word, not only that God gives new life, but this: Nothing is impossible with God.

—*The Rev. James Martin, S.J.*

THE ROLE OF THE CROSS

If the cross is the place where the worst thing that could happen happened, it is also the place where the best thing that could happen happened. Ultimate hatred and ultimate love met on those two crosspieces of wood. Suffering and love were brought into harmony. ...

To be “saved” requires a severance from the former life as clean and sharp as though made by a knife. There must be a wall of separation between the old life and the new, a radical break. That means death — death to the old life, in order for the new to begin. ... This wall of separation, this barrier, is the cross.

—Elisabeth Elliot, *A Path Through Suffering*



Did You Know?

The phoenix was a mythical bird that lived in the Arabian Desert for five hundred years. It set its own nest on fire and perished in the flames. But on the third day it rose from its own ashes and ascended in to the sky as a new and beautiful creature. It's easy to see why the phoenix represents immortal life and the Resurrection.



BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY

(as of February 15, 2017)

NOTE: George DeLong is our representative to the Food Pantry.

Donated items most helpful right now:

- canned fruits, such as sliced peaches, mandarin oranges, pears, fruit cup, 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.
- instant mashed potatoes or scallops or other potato products
- soups, especially Progresso brand
- mayonnaise, brown mustard, ketchup, ranch dressing, pickles
- coffee (regular, decaf and instant), hot chocolate, tea
- fruit juice, such as grape, cranberry, apple
- jelly, peanut butter, marshmallow fluff
- Hamburger Helper, stuffing mix, Rice-a-roni, Pasta Sides
- pasta of various types, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese
- vinegar, cooking oil, flour, sugar
- cereal (hot and cold)
- snacks of all kinds, including pretzels, chips, energy bars, etc.
- paper products including tissues, toilet paper, paper towels
- personal care items, such as shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, personal hygiene items
- cleaning and disinfectant products, including dish soap and laundry detergent

**** Please check dates on donated food products.****

The pantry is supported by churches, civic groups, individuals, businesses, and schools in and around the Brandywine Area School District. We welcome all donations of food, personal items, or cash. Checks may be made out to Brandywine Food Pantry and mailed to St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 122 W. Franklin Street, Topton, PA 19562.

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. Either call Tuesday or Thursday, or leave a message with your contact information. Donations may be dropped off during pantry hours or call to arrange a convenient time.

The Brandywine Food Pantry thanks you for your continued support!


 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, 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, Family and friends of Dallas Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Bertha Bennecoff, Luann Bennecoff, Family and friends of Jean Deysher, Lori Eck, Ted Eshbach, Phyllis Fenstermacher, Erma Gajewski, Erma Guinther, Anna Heffner, Amanda Herman, John Keck, Diane Keller, Penny Keller, Paige Lambert, Sheila Long, Leon Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, Family and friends of Betty Stoudt, and Jeff Wengert.

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams, Joseph Bennett, Thelma Bright, Evelyn Collins, Dick Curtin, Richard D., Mark Derr, Esther Dunkelberger, Alice Epler, Katie F., Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Tara K., Lauren Kinney, Terry and Denise Kiser, Ella Kline, Carla Kuser, Chris Masters, Lillian Mengel, Kyle Olinger, Stacy Price, Tim and Carol Romig, Sue S., Charles Sanders, Olivia Schoenly, Tom and Pat Snyder, Jack Stoudt, Marilyn Timm, Jacki Wagner, and Sallie Weil.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For our nation, for our president and all branches of our government, 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, Denise Haage, Corinne Hersh, Andrew S., Donna Schwoyer, and Denise Wright.



New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Statement of Accounts
February 28, 2017

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 17,349.91
Thrivent	6,379.73
Checking	3,779.85
Youth	828.33
Fidelity	139,399.13
Cash Reserve	15,452.60
Mission Investment	11,263.20
Local Care	1,053.50

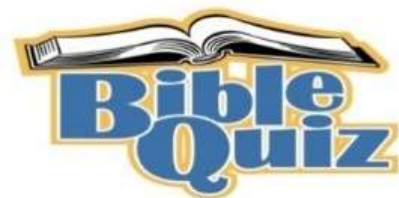
February 2017 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’
Income

<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,519.17	\$ 4,463.31	\$ (4,055.86)

*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
\$ 13,213.50	Funds Received to offset expenses



By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call “Doubting Thomas”?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C



Answer: E (see John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)

THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April

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| * 2 | 10:00 AM | Fifth Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion (P) |
| 5 | 7:00 PM | Midweek Lenten Service (P) |
| | | ▪ Held at Christian Congregation, Mertztown |
| * 9 | 10:00 AM | Sunday of the Passion – Holy Communion (P) |
| 12 | 7:00 PM | Midweek Lenten Service (P) |
| | | ▪ Held at St. Paul’s Lutheran, Mertztown |
| 13 | 11:00 AM | Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion (P) |
| | & 7:00 PM | ▪ Held at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church |

(Please see the Community Lenten Services schedule for other times and locations for the Maundy Thursday services.)

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| 14 | | Good Friday |
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(Please see the Community Lenten Services schedule for times and locations for the Good Friday services.)

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| 16 | 10:00 AM | Resurrection of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W) |
| 23 | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday of Easter (W) |
| * 30 | 10:00 AM | Third Sunday of Easter (W) |
| | 12:00-2:00 PM | Confirmation Class |

May

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| 7 | 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W) |
| ♦ 14 | 10:00 AM | Fifth Sunday of Easter (W) |
| | | ▪ Mother’s Day breakfast (served at 8:30 a.m.) |
| | 12:00-2:00 PM | Confirmation Class |
| 21 | 10:00 AM | Sixth Sunday of Easter (W) |
| * 28 | 10:00 AM | Seventh Sunday of Easter (W) |
| | 12:00-2:00 PM | Confirmation Class |

June

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| 4 | 10:00 AM | Day of Pentecost – Holy Communion (R) |
| * 11 | 10:00 AM | The Holy Trinity – Holy Communion (W) |
| | 12:00-2:00 PM | Confirmation Class |
| ♦ 18 | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday after Pentecost (G) |
| | | ▪ Father’s Day breakfast (served at 8:30 a.m.) |
| 25 | 10:00 AM | Third Sunday after Pentecost (G) |

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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



JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

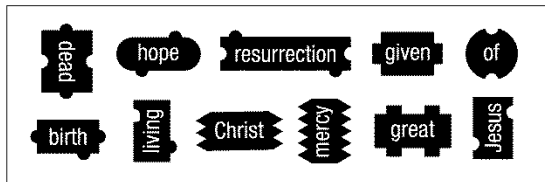
1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.

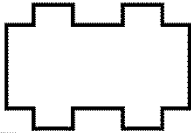





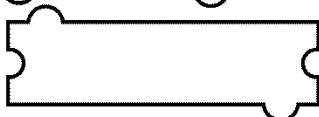
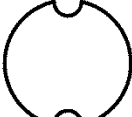
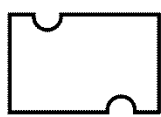

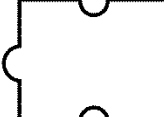


> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



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1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
4/2	Jeannette DeLong	Dawn Wengert	--	Larry and Faye Dey	Cheryl Wiltrout
4/9	Elaine Seip	Ted Eshbach	--	Elaine Seip	Elaine Seip
4/13 11 a.m. 7 p.m.	Tara Basta Denny Beshore	TBA TBA	--	--	--
4/16	Sue Schlenker	Roy Merkel	--	Dan and Joanne Pauley	Gladys Kline
4/23	Joshua Keck	Ty Rissmiller		<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Dale Schwoyer
4/30	TBA	David Moyer, Jr.	--	Dan and Kathy Bailey	Anna Angstadt

ALTAR GUILD: Gladys Kline and Cheryl Wiltrout

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Gladys Kline

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Cheryl Wiltrout

COMMUNION BREAD: 4/2 – Gladys Kline; 4/9 – Cheryl Wiltrout; 4/13 – 11 a.m. – Cheryl Wiltrout
4/13 – 7 p.m. – Cheryl Wiltrout; 4/16 – Cheryl Wiltrout

COMMUNION SET-UP: 4/2 – Faye Dey; 4/9 – Cheryl Wiltrout; 4/13 – 11 a.m. – Pastor Ruth;
4/13 – 7 p.m. – Pastor Ruth; 4/16 – Cheryl Wiltrout

COUNCILPERSON: Gladys Kline

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

APRIL 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Fifth Sunday in Lent ▪ Holy Communion Easter Flower Orders Due	3 7:30pm-Martin Luther movie, Regal Hazleton Stadium	4 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal	5 7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, Christian Congregation, Mertztown	6	7	1 8 12:00pm-Boy Scout Easter Egg Hunt
9 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship ▪ Stewardship Meeting after worship	10 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting	11 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm-Theology with a Twist, Kutztown Tavern	12 7:00pm-Midweek Lenten Service, St. Paul's Lutheran, Mertztown	13 11:00am & 7:00pm-Maundy Thursday Service, New Jerusalem Lutheran 1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC	14 Good Friday Service <i>(Please see Lenten Schedule for locations and times)</i>	15
16 The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day ▪ Holy Communion	17	18 5:30-7:00pm-Loaves and Fishes Meal, Trinity Lutheran, Tipton 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal	19 11:30am-Fellowship Lunch at Janelle's 6:30-8:00pm-Bereavement Support Forum, Tipton Lutheran Home	20	21	22 9:00-3:00pm-"Life at the Intersection", The Lutheran Center 4:00-7:00pm-Chicken Pot Pie Dinner
23 Second Sunday of Easter 	24	25 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal	26	27 1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC 7:30pm-Martin Luther movie, Carmike Promenade	28 6:00pm-Confirmation Class Cookie Bake	29 9:00-4:00pm-Workshop "Constructive Conversations", Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown
30 Third Sunday of Easter ▪ Fellowship after worship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class						