

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.*



PASTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Who is hanging on your family tree? If your family is like most, there are bunch of real “characters” in your background.

Currently our confirmation class is studying the Old Testament, learning about a lot of folks in Jesus’ background: a carpenter who got drunk, a father willing to literally sacrifice his son; a trickster and thief who, in turn, was tricked into an unwanted marriage; jealous brothers; foreigners who married into the family; adulterers and prostitutes. The stories in the Old Testament are pretty colorful! If you read Jesus’ ancestry as recorded by Matthew (Chapter 1:1-17 or the chart at the end of Chapter 22 of *The Story*), and track back some of those names, particularly the early ones and those of the women, you will find stories which might really surprise you. How do these stories compare to those of the characters on your family tree?

Christmas is a time to recall and retell family stories — those we are proud of and those we might shake our heads over. Doing so helps us place ourselves in time and space and learn to accept ourselves as we are, very “interesting” human beings. Hearing aunts and uncles tell stories, can help children put their parents into a more realistic perspective, thus helping children accept themselves as complex people with good and bad qualities.

This Advent during worship we will be hanging “leaves” on a “Jesse Tree.” What is a “Jesse Tree?” Ours is actually a large bare branch at the base of which we will put the symbol of Jesse, the father of King David. At a time when the nation of Judah seemed strong and wealthy, Isaiah was called by God to point out the signs of great danger. “People were using their power to harass the poor. Men went around drunk. Women cared more about their clothes than about their neighbors’ hunger. People gave lip service to God and kept up the outward appearance of religion, but did little more.” (*The New Student Bible*, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, 1990, p. 698) Isaiah was called to deliver an unwelcome message: unless the people changed and turned back to living as God wanted, they would be conquered and carried off to captivity.

But even as Isaiah predicted gloom and doom, he was also instructed to offer hope, a vision of “the peaceable kingdom.” He used these words, “A shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of its roots.” (Isaiah 11:1). This gave the people hope that a king as wonderful as David, the son of Jesse, would arise to lead God’s people. When they were discouraged, they hoped for this promised king, whom they later referred to as “Messiah.”

Hanging “leaves” with symbols for various members of the family tree of the Jewish people will be one way we remind ourselves that we, too, belong to a family of “real characters,” that God uses all kinds of people to bring about God’s will. What good news for us, for the stories of our lives are not without quirks and flaws as well as times of exemplary, even faithful action!



As you hang these ornaments on your tree and gather around the table with friends and family, tell the stories of those who have preceded and live with you and speak of the hopes and dreams of your family. As we gather as a family of faith, let us with great love tell our stories and the stories of the characters that have been and are part of our life together. And let us thank God that God includes each one of us in God’s family. Let us thank God that God uses each of us, from the youngest to the oldest, each with weaknesses, quirks, and foibles as well as unique talents and treasures. God uses each of us as part of the ongoing story of God’s family, the story of God’s continued activity on behalf of the world God loves.

Pastor Ruth



WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION



RAJAH SHRINE CHANTER'S CONCERT will be held on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 p.m. There will be a time for refreshments and

fellowship following the concert. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Chanter's causes.

A **SPECIAL MUSIC SERVICE** will be held on Sunday, December 13th.



POINSETTIA FLOWER

ORDERS - We will be decorating the sanctuary with red poinsettias for Christmas Eve. If you would like to order any poinsettias please fill out the order form included at the end of

this newsletter and return it with your payment to the church office by Sunday, December 13th. The price is \$9.00 for a 6-inch pot.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES will be held on Thursday, December 24th. We invite you to join us at one of our Christmas Eve services as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our Family Service will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Traditional Candlelight Service will be held at 9:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be celebrated at both services and each service will be followed with a time of fellowship.

LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE will be held on Sunday, December 27. The service includes carols and readings from the Bible.

DECEMBER SIGN-UP SHEETS – We are in need of the following: Altar Flower sponsors for December 20 and 27, Communion Bread sponsor for December 6, and Communion Set-up volunteer for December 6. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Ruth will be out of town 12/25–1/3.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Monday, December 28th in observance of the Christmas holiday.



BIBLE STUDY will be held at Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers on Thursdays, December 3rd and December 17th at 1:30 p.m.

ONE STARRY NIGHT - BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE – Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown will be putting on “One Starry Night” on Friday, December 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 5th from 12 to 2 p.m. Experience the sights, sounds, tastes, and smells of Bethlehem long ago as you walk through this large scale interactive live nativity. Please come out and invite your family and friends. There's something for everyone.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR — The Friends of the Kutztown Community Library invite you to enjoy their 2015 Holiday House Tour on Sunday, December 6th from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The self-guided tour themed “Plain and Fancy” features nine sites. Tickets are \$20 in advance at the library or \$25 the day of the tour at Jackie and Daughter Flower Shop, 271 W. Main Street, Kutztown. For more information call 610-683-5820.

LIVE NATIVITY — Zion's Union Church, 329 Church Road, Kutztown, will present a Live Nativity on Saturday, December 12th starting at 5:00 p.m. Shows will last about 15 minutes and are held every half hour with the last show starting at 7:00 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. There is a free will offering of canned goods which will be given to Friend, Inc.



LOAVES AND FISHES free community meal and fellowship will be held on Tuesday, December 15th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton.

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

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BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT presents *'Tis the Season Concert Band and Choir Holiday Concert* on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance or \$5.00 at the door the day of the concert. On Friday, December 18th at 3:00 p.m. is a **FREE** Senior Citizens Concert. Donations are accepted.

LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY – JANUARY 23, Atonement Lutheran Church, Wyomissing

“Living Abundantly in the 21st Century: Luther and His Catechism” is the theme for this year’s Learning Ministries Day. The keynote presenter will be the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger, Director of the Krauth Memorial Library and Professor of the History of Christianity at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

A librarian and professor? Does that make you wonder whether this will be boring? Just ask Betty and Ted, who heard him at last year’s synod convention. Not boring at all! Karl’s dry humor will keep you on your toes! In addition to the keynote, there will be numerous workshops throughout the day on a variety of topics.

Who should think about coming? Anyone who wants to learn, including committee members, those involved with Sunday School, council members, and confirmands. Ask Ken and Josh what they thought about last year’s program.

Registration, which includes lunch, is \$30 before December 31 and \$45 from January 1-11. (No registrations after that date.) Forms are on the bulletin board. Let Pastor Ruth know asap if you would like to attend. Help is available to cover the registration fees.

This year the offering as well as school kits will go to Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org/schoolkits). More details to follow.



Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS – In the event that Church and Sunday School need to be cancelled, you can listen to WFMZ, WAEB 790 AM, or watch Channel 69 news. You may also call the church office at 610-682-6064 and there will be a recording on the answering machine on Sunday morning if any services or events are cancelled. We also encourage you to call a member that may not have heard about the cancellation.

THE ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

It’s difficult to pinpoint when and why Christians first began to use evergreen trees at Christmastime. There are many legends and myths regarding the origin of Christmas trees. For example, the ancient Romans brought greenery into their homes in winter to symbolize life in the midst of bleakness and death.

German Christians in the early part of the 16th century may have been the first to use evergreen trees during Advent and Christmas. Those trees had no candles on them, but were decorated with items at hand: colored paper, gold foil, apples and dolls. German immigrants brought the custom to America around 1700 when they settled in Pennsylvania.



Some scholars say that evergreen trees represent Christ, because they, too, are everlasting. Others say that Christmas trees remind us of salvation which came to us through Christ who died on a “tree.” St. Peter wrote: “He [Christ] himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24, RSV).

The forbidden fruit of the tree in the Garden of Eden, when eaten, brought guilt and death. On the other hand, the “tree” on Calvary was the instrument by which God through Christ ushered in salvation, new life and hope. The Christmas tree can remind us of those wonderful gifts.



Thank you to everyone who helped serve french fries at the Oley Fair. New Jerusalem received \$600.00 from the profits. — *Virginia Guinther*

Thank you so much for taking us to your hearts. We felt so welcomed and home. God bless you and your family. — *Visitors from Saxony, Germany*

I would like to thank New Jerusalem and Christ-Mertz in helping Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 585 collect 863 lbs. of food that we were able to donate to the Topton Food Pantry. Thanks again. — *Rita Kayhart*

A HUGE THANK YOU to members of the congregation for all the support and work which contributed to the truly worshipful installation service. Thank you also for the gift to acquire supplies I will need for ministry. As I told the council, you all can keep such straight poker faces that I now know not to play serious cards with you. The gift of the white stole was truly a surprise! Thank you. For those who did not get to see it yet, on each side of the stole Luther's Rose is embroidered at the top and the words "Faith, Hope and Love" embroidered lower down. To quote St. Paul, "These three abide, but the greatest of these is love." May love continue to be manifest among us as we live into the future with faith and hope. — *Pastor Ruth*

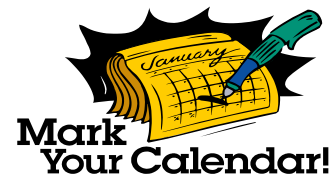
ANGELS AMONG US



"When God wants to speak and deal with us," said Martin Luther, "he does not avail himself of an angel but of parents, or the pastor, or of our neighbor." Never underestimate how powerfully God can use you in the life of a child, a church member, a friend or a stranger.

The Hebrew word for *angel* also means "messenger." *You* may be specially chosen to deliver to someone the message of God's love or guidance. Listen intently for what God would have you share with others, then do so faithfully and caringly.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM WITH FRIEND, INC. – Thank you to everyone who chose a name. Your gifts are due to church by Sunday, December 6th. Please do not wrap your gift. Just supply a box or gift bag, wrapping paper, tissue paper, and a bow so the parents can wrap the gift. Don't forget to include the label with the child's name so Friend knows who your gift is for. **SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be held on December 6th from 12:00-2:00 p.m.



CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held on December 6th and December 20th from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Sunday, December 20th.

AND THERE WAS LIGHT!

Have you seen the 1868 refurbished lights installed in the church sanctuary? These chandeliers were kerosene lights that were previously installed in our church building. They have just been electrified with LED bulbs and are on a dimmer switch. There is more work to be completed on the remaining lights. I am anxious to see the difference in light on Christmas Eve.

If you have not been able to see the beautiful and brighter chandeliers, maybe you can join us during the Advent season and/or Christmas Eve service (2 services). Sometime in the New Year prior to the end of our 175th Anniversary celebration, we will try to get more history information on these lights.

– The Anniversary Committee

**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, Karl Fenstermacher, Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, Betty Stoudt, and Arlene Yob.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Members: Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Lester Barlet, Randy Cleaver, George DeLong, Betty Eshbach, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Lucille Jones, Sheila Long, Leon Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, and Cliff Schlenker.

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams-Adams & Associates, Jolyn Blankenbiller, Evelyn Collins, Patrick Collins, Greta Davis, Olivia Fenstermacher, Scott Fox, Marilyn Franzi, Bev Guistewite, Denise Haage, Corinne Hersh, Douglas Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Kyle Olinger, Joan Oswald, Russell Roeder, Faith Rothermel, Andrew S., Christine Schwoyer, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, Family of Francis Walter, Leslie Wegman, 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 and forest fires, for those throughout the world affected by disaster, for refugees and for peace in the world, especially the Middle East and the Ukraine.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Jean Deysher, Ralph Harris, Lauren Kinney, Mae Hertzog, Penny Keller, Linda Moyer, and Theresa S.



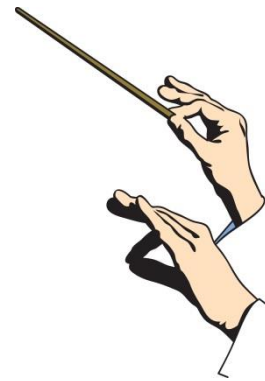
Our confirmation class continues to study the Old Testament. This month we have focused on the stories of Genesis, the Exodus, the Law and started into the story of the judges. As a way to get to know our Jewish brothers and sisters, 6 parents and 7 students visited Keneseth Israel synagogue in Allentown for their Shabbat service on Friday, November 20th. What a wonderful welcome we received! Be sure to ask what they observed.

Next month we will study the story of Ruth, the kings of Judah and Israel and the Babylonian captivity. You can follow along in the *The Story*, through Chapter 19.

— Pastor Ruth

BREATHLESS ANTICIPATION

In *Whistling in the Dark* (HarperOne), Frederick Buechner compares Advent to the moments right before a symphony conductor raises the baton to begin a much-anticipated performance. “You hold your breath to listen,” he writes. “You are aware of the beating of your heart. The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment.”



During December, silence can seem elusive, Buechner admits. But “if you concentrate just for an instant, far off in the deeps somewhere you can feel the beating of your heart. For all its madness and lostness, not to mention your own, you can hear the world holding its breath.”

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NEW LINES ON OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2016 will have a new look. Below is a snapshot of what the new envelopes will look like. Additional lines were added for new funds.

NEW JERUSALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH	
Current Expenses.....	\$ _____
Benevolence.....	\$ _____
Repairs & Maintenance.....	\$ _____
Parking Lot Fund.....	\$ _____
Local Care Fund.....	\$ _____
Other.....	\$ _____
Total.....	\$ _____
Name.....	_____

“Current Expenses” and “Repairs and Maintenance” go for items in the budget. “Benevolence” is forwarded to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod for use in proclaiming God’s good news on our territory (50%) as well as supporting the many ministries of the national church (50%).

“The Parking Lot Fund” goes to repay ourselves the money we took from Cash Reserves to repave our lot.

The “Local Care Fund” is used confidentially at the discretion of the Pastor, or, in the absence of the pastor, the president of the congregation, to provide limited assistance to local folks, including those in our congregation, to meet a specific need.

On the line marked “Other” you may indicate what the funds are to be used for, including, but not limited to, donations to other charities.

Be sure to check your mailboxes. The new envelopes should be arriving in the mail sometime in December.



A SONG WITH A MESSAGE

According to modern folklore, the song “The 12 Days of Christmas” was written to help young believers learn about their faith.

Although no evidence proves that claim, some say the popular carol contains these codes:

- ◆ The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.
- ◆ Three French hens stand for faith, hope, and love.
- ◆ The four calling birds are the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- ◆ The five golden rings are the Law: the first five books of the Old Testament.
- ◆ The six geese a-laying represent the six days of creation.
- ◆ Seven swans a-swimming represent the gifts of the Holy Spirit: prophesy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contribution, leadership and mercy.
- ◆ The eight maids a-milking are Jesus’ eight beatitudes.
- ◆ Nine ladies dancing are the fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- ◆ The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
- ◆ The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.
- ◆ The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve statements of belief in the Apostles’ Creed.



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

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 24,311.38
Thrivent	5,716.35
Checking	2,730.31
Youth	966.62
Fidelity	134,707.66
Cash Reserve	17,227.91
Endowment Fund	11,203.02

** Endowment monies now invested in ELCA
Mission Investment Fund*

**October 2015 — ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’
Income**

<u>Income Used For:</u>	<u>Income Required Per Month</u>	<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Delta</u>
Operating Expenses	\$8,440.42	\$8,788.50	\$ 348.08

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

*Actual Income includes \$2,250.00 Estimated Profit
from Shoo-fly Pie Sale*

*Actual Income includes \$1,150.00 Estimated Profit
from Chicken & Waffle Dinner*



November 16th Meeting

- ▶ Clarified how the Local Care fund will be set up and handled.
- ▶ Asked Stewardship Committee to lead development of a plan to raise funds to repay money used for the parking lot.
- ▶ Clarified which Memorial Funds will be used to finish paying for refurbishment and installation of the chandeliers.
- ▶ Received report from Scouts that 2 boys are currently working on their Eagle Badges.
- ▶ Assigned a council member to obtain information about adding insurance to cover the chandeliers.
- ▶ Authorized credit cards for the Pastor and Administrative Assistant. The total limit between the two cards will be \$750.



ANNUAL REPORTS from the committees are due to the church office by Sunday, December 27, 2015. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 31st, after worship. If there is inclement weather or quorum is not met, the annual meeting will be held the following Sunday, February 7th. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the annual reports from the committees and to elect new members to council.



SHUT-IN LIST

Please remember our homebound members this holiday season.

Dallas & Anna Angstadt

109 Smoketown Road
Mertztown, PA 19539

Irene Noll

263 Broad Street
Spring City, PA 19475

Samuel Behm

Kutztown Manor
120 Trexler Avenue
Kutztown, PA 19530

Warren Reinhart

P.O. Box 32
400 Penn Street
Topton, PA 19562

Clifford Barlet

3 Berkleigh Court
Kutztown, PA 19530-8314

Joyce Rothermel

286 Forgedale Road
Fleetwood, PA 19522

Bertha Bennecoff

120 Tower Court
Topton, PA 19562

Betty Stoudt

26 Deysher Road
Fleetwood, PA 19522

Jean Deysher

3801 Darby Road
Harrisburg, PA 17109-4809

Arlene Yob

Berks Heim
1011 Berks Road
Room 132-1
Leesport, PA 19533

Karl Fenstermacher

60 Hidden Valley Road
Mertztown, PA 19539

Shirley Hertzog

Berks Leisure Living
1339 Fairview Drive
Rm. M6
Leesport, PA 19533

Drena Kocher

Mifflin Center
500 Philadelphia Avenue
Reading, PA 19607



- 3 Sheila Gehman
- 4 Amber Guinther
- 5 Sarah Bailey
- 5 Donna Guinther
- 6 Pastor Ruth Doty
- 6 Amanda Herman
- 6 Johnathan Kepnach
- 6 Vikie Seyfert
- 9 Helen Fair
- 10 Dawn Wengert
- 11 Alex Barlet
- 11 Jennifer Musser
- 15 Randall Cleaver
- 15 Jared Keiser
- 16 Elwood Cleaver, Jr.
- 16 Anna Heffner
- 18 Harold Guinther
- 20 Sheila Long
- 21 Clinton Allen
- 22 David Moyer
- 26 Marleise Matz
- 31 Lori Eck
- 31 David Wartzluft



- 2 Rodney and Diane Keller (43 years)
- 16 Richard and Dana Musser (26 years)
- 24 George and Jeannette DeLong (55 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

December

- * 6 10:00 AM Second Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion (B)
- 13 10:00 AM Third Sunday of Advent (B)
 - Special Music Service
- *20 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)
- *24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service – Holy Communion (W)
- 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Holy Communion (W)
- 27 10:00 AM First Sunday of Christmas (W)
 - Lessons and Carols Service

January

- * 3 10:00 AM Second Sunday of Christmas – Holy Communion (W)
- 10 10:00 AM Baptism of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)
- *17 10:00 AM Second Sunday after Epiphany (G)
- 24 10:00 AM Third Sunday after Epiphany (G)
- *31 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (G)

February

- ♦ 7 10:00 AM Transfiguration of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)
 - Souper Bowl Breakfast
- 10 *(time TBD)* Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion (P)
 - Imposition of Ashes
- 14 10:00 AM First Sunday in Lent (P)
- 17 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek (P) *
- *21 10:00 AM Second Sunday in Lent (P)
- 24 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek (P) *
- 28 10:00 AM Third Sunday in Lent (P)

* *(Locations and times for the Lenten Midweek services to be determined)*

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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




STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Make a mobile to remind you of Jesus' birth.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Hole punch
- Thin blue ribbon
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Yellow craft foam
- Marker



What you do:

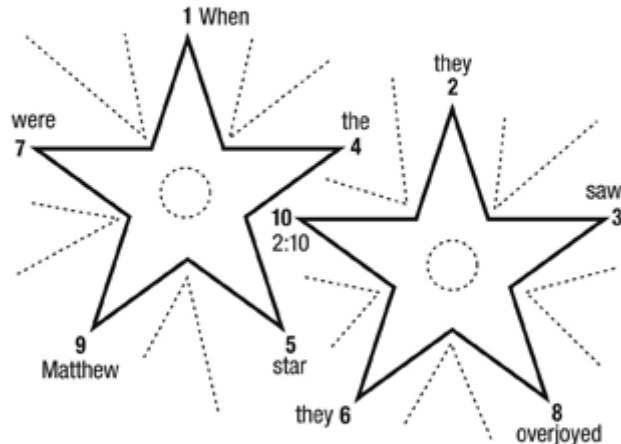
1. With the paper plate upside down, punch evenly spaced holes along the rim. Gently fold the plate and punch a hole in the center.
2. Cut pieces of ribbon, thread them through the holes as desired and tie the ribbons securely.
3. Trace several small stars and one larger star on the foam and cut them out. Punch a hole atop a point of each star.
4. Tie one small star to each outer-rim ribbon.
5. Thread a longer ribbon through the center hole and tie the large star to the other end.
6. Write a verse on the plate or large star. Hang the mobile from the ceiling with another piece of blue ribbon.

PUZZLE

The star of Christmas

When Jesus was born, a star led the wise men to him.

Directions: Place the words in order, by their numbers, on the blanks below to complete Matthew 2:10, NIV.



“ _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ .”

_____ : _____ , NIV

Answer: “When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.” Matthew 2:10, NIV

DECEMBER SERVICE ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETERS	READERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
12/6	Betty Stump	Ken Keck	Betty Stump	Gladys Kline
12/13	Gladys Kline	Cindy Rissmiller	Dale Schwoyer	Dale Schwoyer
12/20	Dan Pauley	Dawn Wengert	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Todd Wagaman
12/24 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	George and Jeannette DeLong	Katie Ellen and Elwood Clever
12/27	TBA	TBA	<i>(volunteer needed)</i>	Lloyd and Linda Moyer

ALTAR GUILD: Sara Jane Beshore

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Lloyd and Linda Moyer

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Darla Stout

COMMUNION BREAD: 12/6 – *(sponsor needed)*; 12/24 – 5 & 9 p.m. – Sara Jane Beshore

COMMUNION SET-UP: 12/6 – *(volunteer needed)*; 12/24 – 5 & 9 p.m. – Sara Jane Beshore

COUNCIL PERSON: Ken and Joshua Keck, 610-682-2033

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

DECEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Monday, December 28 in observance of the Christmas holiday.</p>	<p>PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Ruth will be out of town from December 25 to January 3.</p>	<p>1 6:30pm-Choir 7:30pm-Bells</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC</p>	<p>4 6:00pm-Christmas Gathering (decorate the church for Christmas) 6:00-8:00pm-"One Starry Night", Trinity Lutheran, Kutztown</p>	<p>5 12:00-2:00pm-"One Starry Night", Trinity Lutheran, Kutztown</p>
<p>6 Second Sunday of Advent ▪ Holy Communion 12:00-2:00pm-Sunday School and Confirmation Class 3:00pm-Chanter's Concert ▪ Fellowship after concert</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:30pm-Choir 7:30pm-Bells</p>	<p>9 6:30pm-Stewardship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 5:00pm-Live Nativity, Zion's Union Church, Kutztown</p>
<p>13 Third Sunday of Advent ▪ Special Music Service ▪ Poinsettia Orders Due</p>	<p>14 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>15 5:30-7:00pm-Loaves and Fishes Meall 6:30pm-Choir 7:30pm-Bells</p>	<p>16 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon @ Karl and Phyllis Fenstermacher's House</p>	<p>17 1:30pm-Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC 7:00pm-Brandywine Heights Christmas Concert, High School</p>	<p>18 3:00pm-Brandywine Heights FREE Christmas Concert for Senior Citizens, High School</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Fourth Sunday of Advent ▪ Fellowship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class </p>	<p>21 7:00pm-Council Meeting</p>	<p>22 6:30pm-Choir 7:30pm-Bells WINTER BEGINS</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <u>Christmas Eve Services</u> 5:00pm-Family ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship 9:00pm-Traditional ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25  Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 First Sunday of Christmas ▪ Lessons and Carols Service Annual Reports Due to Office</p>	<p>28 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>29 6:30pm-Choir 7:30pm-Bells</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 </p>		



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