

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER
of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
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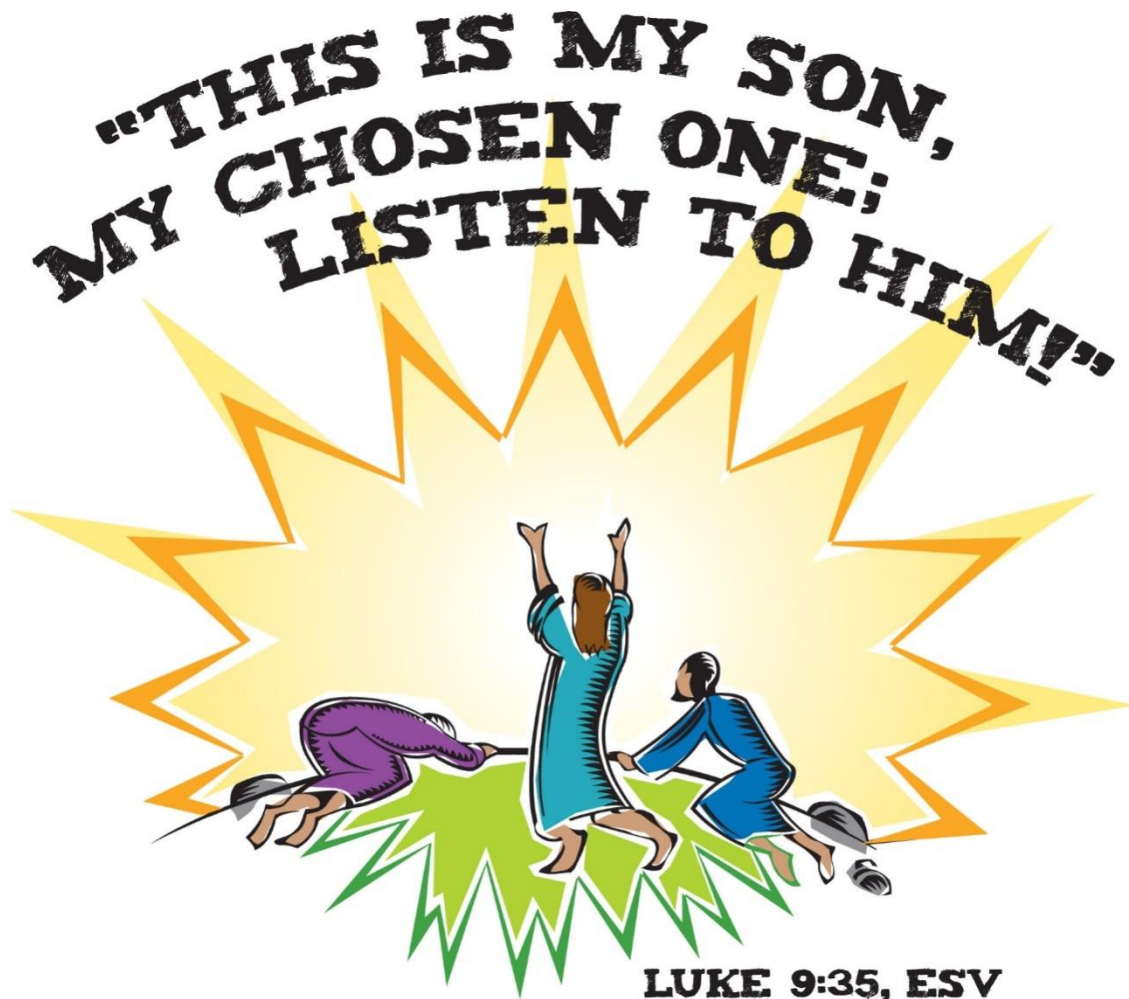
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LUKE 9:35, ESV

**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.*



LET'S CLEAN HOUSE –

Lent will soon be here. Let's clean house!

When our Jewish brothers and sisters prepare for Passover, also known as the Feast of Unleavened Bread, they clean every nook and cranny of their houses, making sure to get rid of every scrap of leaven. Lent is a time when we work on “cleaning” the houses that are our lives, when we reflect as individuals and a community on what gets in our way of listening to, following, loving and serving our Lord.

Our confirmation students recently learned that when 8 year old King Josiah came to the throne in Judah, he saw how messed up the temple had become. There was clutter and debris and cobwebs everywhere! So Josiah called for a major cleaning out and for repair work. During the process workers discovered a scroll of the Laws of Moses which folks had forgotten even existed. What a treasure! Josiah and the people read the scroll and started to follow its commands and God blessed both king and people. They were finally back on the right track.

During Lent we consider what clutters our lives, on what needs to be repaired, on whether and in what ways we have strayed from the path God would have us follow. We seek forgiveness as well as guidance on what God wants from and for us. During this process we, too, may discover unexpected treasure. We may rediscover or deepen our appreciation for the treasure that is a relationship with Jesus and Jesus' followers. We may discover or rediscover how much the Lord treasures us.

I and many others in our congregation can relate to needing to do what I've been told is known in these parts as “reddin up.” Many in our midst know how cleaning and clearing out stuff that has accumulated is a major task when someone has died or has to move into a smaller living space. Often as folks “reddin up” they come across things they have treasured. Then decisions have to be made about what to keep and what to give or throw away. Since we folks often put off housecleaning because we just don't have time for another thing, we end up giving the place “a lick and a promise” and don't get back to really cleaning out. That's how “stuff” accumulates and becomes disorganized until we reach a crisis point, when dealing with the “stuff” seems overwhelming.

Many of us may feel that we don't have time to observe Lent well, so we give that “a lick and a promise”. Cleaning out our lives is not just limited to dealing with “stuff,” as in giving up certain foods, actions or habits. Often people who observe Lent make a change in how they use their time.

Many folks have told me that they and their children can't come to Sunday School or church because they are so busy, what with this and that. In Lent we are challenged to humbly re-examine what we treasure in the way we use our time. Like it or not, in order to say “yes” to something, we often must say “no” to something else. What a valuable challenge it is for family members to work together to determine what is really important in life! There are so many options that are good in themselves as well as so many voices telling us how important it is to have and do certain things, how can we humbly and deliberately determine what we can do or not do so that

we might hear God's voice more clearly? Our children may have very wise input into this discussion. I've heard some of them say that they don't want to be so overly busy.

Organizational experts advise that taking on too much at one time can result in discouragement, feelings of defeat and resorting to old ways. Our Lenten housecleaning doesn't have to be a major overhaul all at once. Small, humble, thoughtful steps may serve us well.

As we take the time this Lent to read and listen, to ponder and talk with God on our own and together, may we discover messages we have never seen or forgotten, messages about the treasure that is Jesus and how much God treasures and wants to journey with us. Perhaps this simple prayer can be our guide:

Day by day, day by day, O dear Lord, three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Godspell

Pastor Ruth



WORSHIP & MUSIC INFORMATION



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY will be observed on Sunday, February 7th with a fellowship breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m., worship, and collection of funds and items

for the food bank. On this day when so many party, join us in care for those who often do not know where their next meal will come from.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP will be held on February 10th, at 11:00 a.m. at Christ-Mertz Lutheran and 7:00 p.m. at New Jerusalem Lutheran. Members of Hope Lutheran and Christ-Mertz Lutheran will be joining us for this communion service with the imposition of ashes at the 7:00 p.m. service. Fellowship will follow.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES will be celebrated at various churches belonging to the Brandywine Ministerium. Meditations will feature thoughts about the various people involved with Jesus' passion and crucifixion, including Barabbas and the mothers of Judas and the thief on the cross. A time for fellowship will follow each service. Please refer to the "Three-Month Worship Schedule" in this newsletter for times and locations of the services.

FEBRUARY SIGN-UP SHEETS - We are in need of the following: Flower sponsors for February 14 and 21; Bulletin sponsors for February 7, 14, 21, and 28, Communion Bread sponsor for February 10 (Ash Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. service. Thank you to everyone who signed up.



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS to the family and friends of Karl K. Fenstermacher who passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2015. A memorial service was held at New Jerusalem on Saturday, January 9th.



WE CELEBRATE AND WELCOME as our new brother in Christ, Caleb Jason Keller, who was baptized on Sunday, January 10th. Caleb's parents are Jason and Elizabeth Keller and his grandparents are Rodney and Diane Keller.

what's new?



LET'S HAVE A REDDIN UP PARTY!

Unlike the temple in Josiah's time, our church building is in really good shape. However, like all homes, clutter and dust do accumulate in areas we don't use frequently. Join us on February 6th from 10-3 as we discover "treasures" we never knew we had and organize ourselves for better ministry. Property Committee already discovered an old directory where most of the guys still had hair! Bring a lunch!

COME TO THE FEAST: PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION

— Please give Pastor names of baptized members who have not yet received instruction preparing them to share in the Lord's Supper. We hope to set instruction for March or April.

UPDATE ON THE PARKING LOT — As of mid-January \$3,213 has been donated to replenish the funds we borrowed from ourselves to repave the parking lot. This represents about 8% of the cost.

WHAT'S NEW IN CONFIRMATION CLASS? Our 8 students have forged through over half of *The Story* and will, by February 21st, have finished the Old Testament! Kudos to them! Be sure to let them know how proud you are! In class we have covered the time through the Babylonian captivity and will soon delve into the prophets, the exile, and the return from exile. They are learning the 10 Commandments and are up to Ezekiel in memorizing the books of the Bible. Excellent! Best of all, they are engaged and challenge us pastors every week with the observations they make and questions they ask.

GOOD GIFTS GIVEN — As a result of our congregation engaging in the ELCA Good Gifts campaign this year, we know that over \$795 was donated to the ELCA World Hunger through our congregation which will equal: 100 chicks, 8 goats, 2 pigs, vaccinations for a child, and a fruit tree seedling which will be distributed to people around the world. We

also know that much more may have been donated by folks who sent their gifts directly to the ELCA. Wow!



BIBLE STUDY will be held at Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers on Thursdays, February 11th and February 25th at 1:30 p.m.

LOAVES AND FISHES free community meal and fellowship will be held on Tuesday, February 16th, 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.



JIGSAW PUZZLE TOURNAMENTS

to be held at the Longswamp Township Municipal Building on February 19th and March 11th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., tournaments begin at 7:00 p.m. Teams of six or less can gather to do a 500-piece puzzle. All ages are welcome. Sign up in advance by calling the township office at 610-682-7388. Enjoy light refreshments and fun! You may even win a cash prize!

PRESENTATIONS AT LUTHER CREST —The public is cordially invited to attend the following free presentations in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104:

- Dr. William Jennings on "A Critical Look at the Ten Commandments": Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 2:30 p.m.
- A panel discussion and responses with Rev. Dr. Manfred Bahmann, Dr. William Jennings, and Rev. Dianne Kareha on "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People": Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 2:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Rev. Dianne Kareha, Diakon Chaplain for Luther Crest at 610-391-8210.



Dear church family,

Please accept our family’s heartfelt thank you. This last year for Karl was difficult, but made easier by your calls, prayers, visits, food and sharing! He often asked on a Tuesday or Wednesday if we were going to church, so I know how he missed you all.

Because of your caring and hard work we had an awesome service and party in his memory. He would have loved it!

Pastor Ruth and Pastor Jeremiah guided us through these last weeks as only people of God can do. We are most grateful.

As a child of God, Karl really lived this passage from Romans 12: “Let love be genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good, love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.”

Thank you all, *Phyllis, Patrick, Gail, Kay, Bill, Peter, Marie, and all the grandkids*

Dear New Jerusalem Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$585.00 to support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

Through your support, your voice is one of many that makes up a chorus of caring and compassion heard throughout the world. Your passion for the good works that the ELCA does through ELCA Good Gifts enables us to share the gospel and continue doing God’s work of restoring and reconciling communities.

Together, as the ELCA, we do more than we ever could along. Because of your partnership and generous support, we are truly transforming lives.

In Christ,

Christina Jackson-Skelton

Executive Director, Mission Advancement

Dear Brothers and Sisters of New Jerusalem,

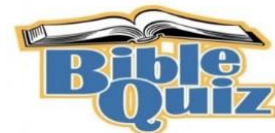
A sincere “Thank You” for the gift certificate and the many other Christmas greetings and gifts you shared with me at Christmas! The greatest gift of all, of course, is love: the love of God which we share with one another and that you reflect through your lives and express to me in so many ways.

Pastor Ruth

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is Sunday, February 21st.

#LUTHERANSTORIES

Our stories connect us to one another and God. Lutherans around the synod are starting to tell their stories as part of the #LutheranStories initiative supported by the synod's Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team. This month the focus is on stories about grace, God's unconditional love for all humankind. #LutheranStories are posted on the synod website (nepasynod.org), Instagram ([@nepsynod.org](https://www.instagram.com/nepsynod.org)) and Twitter ([@nepsynod.org](https://twitter.com/nepsynod.org)) Be inspired and fed by the faith accounts shared by others and consider what story you might have to tell others in your congregation and community.



At a time of deep struggle in Elijah’s life, God made his presence known to him. How?

- A. In a strong and destructive wind
- B. In an earthquake
- C. Through fire
- D. Through silence



Answer: D (see 1 Kings 19:9-12, NRSV)

BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

(as of December 3, 2015)

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

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

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

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

Baking Items: cooking oil, sugar, flour, icing

Condiments: mayonnaise, salt, pepper, ketchup, salad dressing, pickles, spicy brown mustard

Cleaning Supplies: laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, disinfectant wipes

Spaghetti sauce/pizza sauce, ramen noodles

Gluten free items

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.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!

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

The Brandywine Food Pantry is open for all who need it at St. Peter's UCC, 122 West Franklin Street in Tipton.

Appointments to pick up food may be made by calling 610-682-7633 or sending an email to brandywinepantry@gmail.com. Limited surplus food available without appointment Tuesdays 9:15-11:00. Donation drop-offs may be made without appointment Wednesdays from 10-1:30. Donations welcome at other times by appointment using above contact info.

NOTE: Access to pantry is by rear door near parking lot.

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Members: Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Lester Barlet, Goldie Carl, Randy Cleaver, Family and friends of Karl Fenstermacher, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Lucille Jones, Sheila Long, Leon Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, and Joyce Rothermel.

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams-Adams & Associates, Sandy Burkhart, Ruby Burns, Evelyn Collins, Patrick Collins, Greta Davis, Alice Epler, Olivia Fenstermacher, Scott Fox, Jan Garman, Family and friends of Tom Gray, Bev Guistewite, Denise Haage, Douglas Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Carla Kuser, Melissa Martin, Kyle Olinger, Joan Oswald, Luke Paxton, Faith Rothermel, Joshua S., Jerry Shukar, Christine Schwoyer, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, 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, 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, Penny Keller, Linda Moyer, and Theresa S.

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

Asset Accounts Balance

Memorial	\$ 15,801.13
Thrivent	6,083.64
Checking	3,368.03
Youth	966.77
Fidelity	132,646.54
Cash Reserve	20,400.63
Endowment CD *	11,214.31

* Endowment monies now invested in ELCA
Mission Investment Fund

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

	Income		
Income	Required	Actual	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$8,440.38	\$7,330.29	(\$1,110.09)

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

SPECIAL PROJECTS SCHEDULE

The Special Projects Committee has selected the following dates for shoo-fly pie bakes and dinners for the year 2016. Please mark your calendars.

March 28-30	Shoo-fly Pie Bake
April 23	Chicken Pot-Pie Dinner
May 2-4	Shoo-fly Pie Bake
June 6-8	Shoo-fly Pie Bake
September 26-28	Shoo-fly Pie Bake
October 22	Chicken & Waffle Dinner
Oct. 31-Nov. 2	Shoo-fly Pie Bake

AN EARLY START TO SPRING CLEANING

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it’s an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, *Lent* comes from old German and English words for “spring.” So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothers on the line, now is ideal for some *spiritual* spring cleaning.



Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. “Lent cleaning” lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith – and it’s never too early for that.

HEROIC ST. VALENTINE

We probably think of romance when Valentine’s Day comes. That’s fine, but there’s more to the story than that.

St. Valentine was a Christian priest and martyr who lived about A.D. 270. The Roman emperor at the time was Claudius II. Claudius had been a successful general. He would not allow his soldiers to marry, because he wanted to make sure they could go to battle quickly. He thought family ties would make the men reluctant to leave home. Because Valentine promoted marriage and family life, he was jailed and later convicted of going against the orders of the emperor. He was martyred on February 14, the day we remember him and our loved ones.



While he was in jail, the jailer’s daughter befriended him. He wrote her a letter of appreciation and signed it “Your Valentine.” The tradition of exchanging valentines grew out of that heartfelt gesture.

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WHAT ABOUT ASH WEDNESDAY?

Ash Wednesday will be on February 10th this year. Do you know the symbolism of the day?

1. From ancient times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mourning, penitence, grief and humiliation. In his pain and sorrow, Job “sat among the ashes” (Job 2:8). The Old Testament book of Numbers and the New Testament book of Hebrews indicate that ashes were also used for purification (see Numbers 19:17 and Hebrews 9:13).

2. Christians have had an old tradition of using ashes made from the palm branches used on the last Palm Sunday. Priests and ministers have often used ashes to make the sign of the cross on a believer’s forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday ceremony.



3. The ashes symbolize the Christian’s intent to repent of sins, to accept purification from the Lord, and to make a public witness of one’s faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

4. Since Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the ashes symbolize one’s intention to deepen his or her spiritual life. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service. It begins with Ash Wednesday, but ends with Easter. And Easter proclaims that, through Christ, God resurrects us from our dust and ashes, makes us new creatures and brings life out of death!

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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.

Did You Know?

Because in ancient times an anchor represented safety, early Christians adopted it as a symbol of their hope in Christ. “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure” (Hebrews 6:19, NIV). Word play may have been involved: ankura, Greek for “anchor,” sounds similar to en kurio, or “in the Lord.” As Latin became Christians’ primary language, however, the “anchor-Lord” connection would have faded.



THOUGHTS ABOUT THE TRANSFIGURATION

In Matthew 17, we read about Jesus’ taking James and John up to the top of a high mountain. It was there that Jesus suddenly appeared to have a different countenance. He was transfigured, his body taking on a glow. Matthew writes: “His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white” (Matthew 17:2, NRSV).

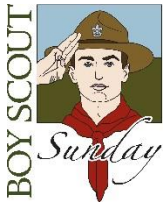


Not only did his friends observe that amazing change but they heard a voice saying, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” (17:5).

What happened then? Those fellows did what many of us would have done. They fell to the ground overcome by fear. But they stayed there until Jesus came and touched them. He told them not to be afraid. Then, after they had settled down a bit, he led them down the mountain.

What does that experience say to us? Certainly it shows that Jesus is the unique Son of God. We might call this event the ordination of Jesus.

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A BOY SCOUT HERO

Many churches will celebrate Boy Scout Sunday this February. It's appropriate that many scout troops meet in a church. Boy and Girl Scouts are taught to develop themselves mentally, physically, spiritually and morally – all Christian virtues. They also learn to serve others.

A Berkeley, California, newspaper told the story of a scout who served others. He was with a group of fellow students when a tree fell on several of them. The students had been sleeping fairly close to each other when a 60 foot oak came crashing down. Fortunately, the trunk of the tree was curved. Many who found themselves under the tree were not hurt and safely wriggled out.

Eighteen-year-old Ale Braga, however, was trapped and injured. When her classmate, William Bekey, a Scout well-trained in first aid, saw her situation, he immediately took charge.

He asked his fellow students to gather around the tree trunk and lift. With some effort they raised the tree enough to free Ale. Someone rushed to get professional help while William valiantly worked to keep Ale from going into shock and unconsciousness.

When an ambulance came, William helped put Ale on a gurney and accompanied her to the hospital. She was there a month. The doctor told Ale's father that without William's help, she most likely would have died.

Williams was honored at St. John's Presbyterian Church where he received his Eagle Scout pin—scouting's highest rank—and a certificate for his heroism.

Adapted from the *The Daily Online Californian*

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ONE MORE DAY 2/29/16

How will you use your extra day this year? You could help a cancer patient have one more day by participating in the One More Day brown bag lunch campaign. All you have to do is pack your lunch on Friday, February 29th, and donate what you would have spent to the American Cancer Society.

We will have a brown bag on the table in the narthex for any donations to this campaign. Final collection will be Sunday, February 28th.

- Cheryl and Sheila, your Relay for Life Team Captains

2016 KUTZTOWN RELAY FOR LIFE 6/3 - 6/4/16

It's time to start planning our team theme and decorations. Our first planning meeting will be after church on Sunday, February 21st.

This year's relay theme is sports. Start thinking about different sports and how we can decorate our campsite. Along with sports, there will be a cheerleading contest and a box car contest, so let's get the creative juices flowing! Any questions or thoughts, see Sheila or Cheryl.





At their January 18th council meeting, council:

- identified gifts each, as a member of the Body of Christ, has been given by God’s Spirit to use for the common good.
- received a report from the Finance Committee.
- continued preparations for the February 6 clean-up
- discussed ways to encourage members and friends to replace the \$37,140 we borrowed from ourselves to repave the parking lot.
- discussed providing giving envelopes for children and youth as a way to help them grow in stewardship by developing a pattern of regular donations.
- finalized the slate of nominees for church council.
- set February 28th as date council will meet to discuss the Congregational Vitality Profile.

WHY LINCOLN STOOD

When it came time for the pastoral prayer at the church Abraham Lincoln attended, the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Washington, D.C., the president stood up. Because most of the worshipers remained seated, someone asked the president why he stood. The president responded, “When my generals come into the Oval Office, they stand for their commander-in-chief. Isn’t it proper then, that I stand for my commander-in-chief?”



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2	Linda Moyer
3	Robert Keller
4	Jean Deysher
4	Courtney Mengel
8	Kevin Stump
11	Beatrice Barlet
15	Steve Fox
18	Caleb Keller
21	Nicholas Eck
22	Katie Ellen Cleaver
25	Jason Beshore
26	Michael Fair
27	Justin Keller
28	Jeannette DeLong



2 John and Pat Keck (58 years)

For God so lo**V**ed the world
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 on**L**y
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 So**N**,
 tha**T** whoever
 bel**I**eves
 i**N** him should not perish
 but hav**E** everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February

- ◆ 7 10:00 AM Transfiguration of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)
▪ Souper Bowl Sunday (breakfast at 8:30 a.m.)
- *10 11:00 AM **Christ-Mertz Lutheran**
& 7:00 PM **New Jerusalem Lutheran**
- 14 10:00 AM First Sunday in Lent (P)
- *17 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek (P) – **New Jerusalem UCC**
- *21 10:00 AM Second Sunday in Lent (P)
- *24 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek (P) – **New Jerusalem Lutheran**
- 28 10:00 AM Third Sunday in Lent (P)

March

- * 2 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek (P) – **Christian Congregation, Mertztown**
- * 6 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion (P)
- * 9 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek (P) – **Christ-Mertz Lutheran Church**
- 13 10:00 AM Fifth Sunday in Lent (P)
- *16 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek (P) – **St. Peter's UCC, Topton**
- *20 10:00 AM Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Holy Communion (P)
- *23 7:00 PM Lenten Midweek (P) – **St. Paul's Lutheran, Mertztown**
- 24 11:00 AM Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion (P)
& 7:00 PM **(both services at Christ-Mertz Lutheran Church)**
- 25 11:00 AM Good Friday
& 7:00PM **(both services at Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers)**
- 27 10:00 AM Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day – Holy Communion (W)

April

- * 3 10:00 AM Second Sunday of Easter – Holy Communion (W)
- 10 10:00 AM Third Sunday of Easter (W)
- *17 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday of Easter (W)
- 24 10:00 AM Fifth Sunday of Easter (W)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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



FRIENDSHIP CARDS

Give someone a hug!

This month, don't just send valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.

Read to someone!

Wash the dishes!

What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!

PUZZLE

True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:
heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV pleasant_____

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_____ 27:9, NIV

Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

FEBRUARY SERVICE ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETERS	READERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
2/7	Julian Tich	Cindy Rissmiller	Don & Erma Gajewski	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
2/10 Ash Wednesday	TBA	TBA	Not needed	Not needed
2/14	Sue Schlenker	Roy Merkel	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
2/21	Denny Beshore	Dawn Wengert	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
2/28	Jeannette DeLong	Ty Rissmiller	George & Jeannette DeLong	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schlenker

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Dale Schwoyer

SANCTUARY CANDLE: George and Jeannette DeLong

COMMUNION BREAD: 2/7 – Jeannette DeLong; 2/10 (Ash Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. – ***(sponsor needed)***

COMMUNION SET-UP: 2/7–Sara Jane Beshore; 2/10 (Ash Wednesday) 7:00 p.m. – Faye Dey

COUNCIL PERSON: Betty Eshbach, 610-987-0358

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

FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30pm-Worship & Music Committee Meeting	2 NO Bell Choir 7:00pm -Senior Choir Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6 10:00am-3:00pm- "Clean-up Day" at New Jerusalem
7 Transfiguration of Our Lord ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Souper Bowl Sunday (breakfast at 8:30 a.m.) ▪ Annual Meeting (snow date) 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class and Sunday School	8 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting	9 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Senior Choir	10 <u>Ash Wednesday Services:</u> Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion 11:00am-Christ-Mertz Lutheran 7:00pm-New Jerusalem Lutheran ▪ Fellowship after worship	11 1:30pm-Bible Study at Christ Delong UCC, Bowers	12	13
14 First Sunday in Lent  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 7:00pm-Council Meeting President's Day	16 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Senior Choir	17 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle's 7:00pm-Community Lenten Service, New Jerusalem UCC ▪ Fellowship after worship	18	19	20
21 Second Sunday in Lent ▪ Fellowship after worship ▪ Relay for Life Planning Meeting after worship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class	22	23 6:30pm-Bells 7:30pm-Senior Choir	24 7:00pm-Community Lenten Service, New Jerusalem Lutheran ▪ Fellowship after worship	25 1:30pm-Bible Study at Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers	26	27
28 Third Sunday in Lent ▪ American Cancer Society: "One More Day" brown bag lunch campaign final collection	29					PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO Bells on Tuesday, February 2 nd , and Senior Choir will begin at 7:00 p.m.