

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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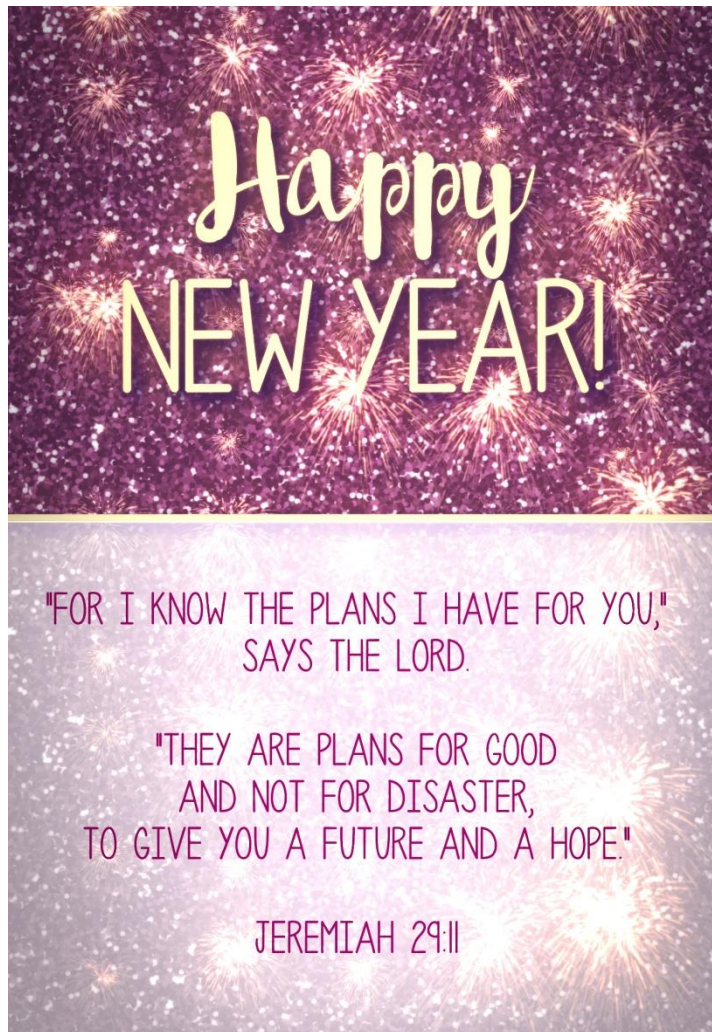
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**THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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.*



Happy New Year!

A new year! No matter when a culture claims it begins, people celebrate the coming of a new year because it represents a chance to kind of start over, to do things better, make things right, put the pain and mistakes of the past behind us or at least attempt to correct the mistakes. We humans continue to hope that we can change, change for the better.

Our Chinese brothers and sisters will celebrate on January 28th when many cities will hold parades featuring dragons and other creatures. Our Jewish friends started their observation, Rosh Hashanah, on October 2nd with the sound of a ram's horn, and a day to reflect on a person's deeds of the past year and set the tone for the year ahead. Christians started their new year with the first Sunday of Advent as we prepared to celebrate Christ's coming in Bethlehem and his promise to come in his fullness. Here in the U.S. we often blow horns and make joy-filled noises as December 31st turns into January 1st, and we also hold parades. No matter the culture, it seems that New Year's Day is a time for reflection, renewed hope and resolve, and celebration.

2017 will mark the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, sometimes called the Protestant Reformation. Said too quickly, we might lose the significance of the word **Protestant**, which means one who protests. The reformers before and after 1517 were protesting what they saw as wrong in the church. They were hoping, not to form a new church, but to help the current body of Christ look and act more like the way God designed it, wanted it to be.

Many of us resolve to do a better job in the new year of helping our bodies look and act more like they were designed and want them to be. We realize this is an ongoing process since time, changing circumstances and our own laziness or poor habits are always having an impact on our bodies. So we resolve to reform our ways, in the hopes of re-forming our bodies.

The church is no different. Re-formation did not start or end in 1517. The church needs to be constantly reforming. Hence the theme for the 500th anniversary: Always Re-forming.

In the next to the last chapter of Revelation, John of Patmos writes:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I was the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne (Jesus) said, “See I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” (Revelation 21: 1-5)

God is always making all things new, and will someday complete this work. Heaven and earth will come together. God's kingdom will come and God's will will be “done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Meanwhile, how will we here at New Jerusalem continue to re-form and be re-formed? That is the challenge and the promise not only of the new year, but every new day.

May hope, love and joy accompany you from each today into each tomorrow!

Pastor Ruth

NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at the December 12th meeting:

- At the end of 2015, council voted that 6% of the profit from our fundraisers will go to different local organizations. Of the approximately \$1,100 profit in 2016, \$100 will go into New Jerusalem's Local Care Fund. The rest of the profit will be divided equally between the Lyons Fire Company, Salvation Army, and Lutheran Congregational Services.
- The Nomination Committee is busy recruiting new members to join congregational council.
- Two members are needed to represent New Jerusalem at the Synod Assembly on June 2-3, 2017. Nominees will be voted on at the annual meeting
- A Council Leadership Program will be held on March 4, 2017. This year's theme is Leadership and Conflict Management. This program is open to members of the congregation.

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

Now that Christmas is over, it's time to take down the decorations. Please plan to stay after the worship service on **Sunday, January 8th**, to help put everything away until next Christmas.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOLY COMMUNION

The congregations of Hope, Bowers, Christ Mertz, Dryville, and New Jerusalem Lutheran are holding a service of Holy Communion and Healing on the third Sunday of every month. The next service will be held on **Sunday, January 15th, at 2:30 p.m. at Christ, Dryville**. All are welcome.

If you know of someone who might like to attend, but would need help with transportation, or if you are able to assist with transportation, please speak with Pastor Ruth.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

An updated church directory is available on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to pick one up. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

In the event that church needs to be cancelled, you can listen to WFMZ, WAEB 790AM, watch Channel 69 news or go on their website at www.wfmz.com. You may also call the church office at 610.682.6064 and there will be a recorded message on the answering machine on Sunday morning if the service or any events are cancelled. We also encourage you to call a member that may not have heard about the cancellation.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 8th**, immediately following worship in order to vote on a new constitution for New Jerusalem. If worship is cancelled, or we lack a quorum, the date will be January 22nd.

Since our current constitution no longer complies with the requirements of the ELCA, we have prepared a new one which will also address some of the issues we have faced with the present one.

Why not do this at the annual meeting? Adoption of a new constitution requires two meetings: one to vote to accept the proposed constitution, the next, an annual meeting, to confirm that vote.

Please come and help us to finish the process that was begun years ago. Please note that a quorum consisting of **35 voting members** is required for this meeting.

A copy of the proposed new constitution is available on our website, in the narthex, or can be mailed upon request.

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

You should have received your new offering envelopes for the first half of 2017. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office and a new one can be mailed to you. Thank you!

LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY

January 28th – Growing in Faith, Always Reforming is the theme for this year's synod Learning Ministries Day. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for details, including the 19 exciting workshops to be offered. Then sign up on the registration form.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February 2017 newsletter is **Sunday, January 22nd**. Please have all your announcements and articles to the church office by this date. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING

New Jerusalem's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 29th**, immediately following the worship service. If there is inclement weather or quorum is not met, the meeting will be held the following Sunday, February 5th. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the annual reports from the committees, elect new members to council, and take a second vote on the proposed new constitution. Again, a quorum of **35 voting members** is needed. Please invite other members and be sure to join us.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements for the year ending 2016 should arrive in your mailbox by the end of January. Please check them over and notify the church office if there are any discrepancies. Thank you!



Thank you, members of New Jerusalem, for your warm wishes and generous gifts for me and my family. Most especially, thank you for the privilege of growing together with you as we seek to be faithful members of the body of Christ and to reflect God's love to all around. – *Pastor Ruth*

Thank you council members, Pastor Ruth, Finance Committee, Faye Day, Cheryl Wiltrout, and all the members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church for your gifts, cards, and Christmas wishes. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. – *Korinne Hotzman*

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

The generosity of members of New Jerusalem manifests itself many times during the year, and this Christmas season has been no exception. Here are a few ways we would highlight:

Gifts to Friend, Inc. – Thank you to everyone who purchased a gift for Christmas Sharing through Friend, Inc. A total of 16 children received gifts.

ELCA Good Gifts – We counted 22 ornaments on our tree and know that other gifts were given as well. We even heard that the neighbor of one of our members heard about the catalogue and thought that was a good way to give gifts for her friends.

According to the ornaments, the gifts members gave will provide:

- One pig
- Two goats
- 40 chicks and one rooster
- Two sets of honey bees
- 3,000 water purification tablets
- Three fruit tree seedlings
- School supplies for one child
- A mosquito net
- Health care for 4 children
- Vaccinations for 3 children

Our prayers go with these gifts.

Hats and Scarves for Seafarers – We received the following thank you letter from Seafarers International for the 30 hats and 12 scarves we sent:

Winter reinforces the vast and overpowering nature of the sea. There is nothing inviting about the North Atlantic in winter. The seafarer's bond with humanity comes from the people ashore.

Thank you for the hand-knitted scarves made by members and friends of New Jerusalem. They will indeed keep bodies and spirits warm. God bless your faithful work in Jesus' name. Peace, *Pastor Marsh Drege*

Hats and Scarves for smaller friends – An additional 49 caps and two scarves were given to Friend, Inc.



**ALWAYS RE-FORMING – 2017
500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
REFORMATION**

“Lutherans are pretty proud of Martin Luther – we’re named for him, after all. Luther’s 95 Theses inspired the Protestant Reformation, a series of changes that swept through Europe and started many of the denominations we know today. But can just one person change the church that much?” So reads the introduction to the lesson on the Reformers our Confirmands will soon study in Collaborate: Lutheran History and Catechism.

Luther was not the first nor necessarily the most important Reformer, though he truly plays a very noteworthy part in reformation not only of the church, but of Western History as well.

From its founding, the church has always been in need of reformation and been reforming. Jesus was always trying to help his disciples better understand and respond to what it means to be his follower. As our confirmands are discovering from the Book of Acts, the Holy Spirit was continually at work in the early church, helping folks to find a better way to be the Body of Christ. Our creeds remind us of times when the church needed to pull together its understandings in order to prevent being misled by misconceptions and heresies. John Wycliffe (1320-1384) translated the Bible into common language (English) and challenged teachings on communion and the pope’s claim to power. John Hus (1369-1415) helped translate and distribute writings of Wycliffe and was burned as a martyr because of his protests about the state of the church of his day. Hus’ name literally meant “goose” in the Bohemian language, and he often referred to himself as “Goose.” Some of his last words were reported to be, “You are now going to burn a goose, but in a century you will have a swan which you can neither roast nor boil.” Many later thought of Martin Luther as the swan Hus had predicted.

Yes, one person can have a big impact, but it is the impact on others that brings about the change. God’s Spirit used and continues to use individuals and groups to inspire and enable the church to always be reforming.

RE•FORMATION
THEN • NOW • ALWAYS

**INAUGURATION DAY
January 20, 2017**

When president-elect Abraham Lincoln headed to Washington, D.C., he called himself a “humble instrument in the hands of the Almighty.” He spoke of America’s citizenry as God’s “almost chosen people.”

Wasn’t that a lovely compliment? One suspects Lincoln was speaking as a good father speaks to children, wanting them to live up to their full potential. He surely wanted the “almost chosen people” to be servants of the living God.

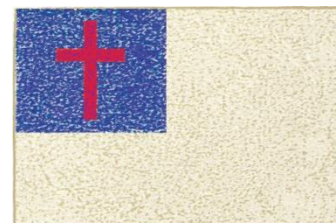
As God’s chosen people, as well as Americans who soon will have a new leader, how can we live up to God’s expectations for us? What can we each do to make our country a better place? And how can we share the good news with others that God has chosen us to live with him forever?

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CHRISTIAN FLAG

Dating to the early 20th century, the Christian flag represents all of Christianity, though it's been used primarily in the Americas and Africa. The red Latin cross symbolizes Jesus' bloodshed on Calvary to grant us eternal life. The blue background represents Christ's faithfulness even unto death, as well as our baptism into Christ. The white field signifies Jesus' purity, nonviolence and surrender to God's will, plus the peace we gain by surrendering ourselves to Christ.



The new year is an opportunity to sort out the useless tasks and plan for the important; to review the failures and resolve to be successful; to take an inventory of causes and pledge life to purpose and service. These being done, the new will truly be new, different and better.

—C. Neil Strait

NEWS & EVENTS

in the community

THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

God and Government – What kind of government aligns with the gospel's values and ethics? How should Christians respond and act in the wake of 2017 presidential transition? Join us on **Tuesday, January 10th, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main Street, Kutztown, for a rigorous conversation that uses the biblical witness to explore our understanding of citizenship and political engagement. Theology with a Twist is free. Food and drink are available for purchase. For more information see Facebook page "Theology with a Twist; email us at theologywithatwist@live.com or call 610.926.3907.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be held on **Thursdays, January 12th and 26th 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, January 17th**, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton. Come out and share a meal and fellowship.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FORUMS

The Lutheran Home at Topton will be running Bereavement Support Forums the third Wednesday of each g – g month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. They will be held in Deibert Hall, first floor of D-wing. On **January 18, 2017** – *New to Grief: Tear Soup*. On **February 15, 2017** – *What's It All About?: The Tasks of Grieving*. Crafts, refreshments and a time for sharing will follow each program or presentation. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Cowardice asks the question: Is it safe?
Expediency asks the question: Is it politic? Vanity asks the question: Is it popular? But conscience asks the question: Is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular — but one must take it simply because it is right.

— Martin Luther King Jr.

A VOW FOR THE NEW YEAR

Making plans for your life in the new year? Could it be that God already has a plan for you and is patiently waiting for you to make that plan a reality?

When one considers how everything seems to have a purpose in nature (atoms, genes, plants, animals, etc.), it makes sense to believe that each of us has a purpose as well. On the other hand, if all of creation seems to have just happened without any reason, then this means our minds and spirits must have no reason or purpose as well. How can we trust them?

But believers trust that there is a great Intelligence that brought everything into existence.

There is a Mind and a Heart at the center of all creation. If that's the case, then life can only make sense when we seek what the Creator has in mind for us.

Jesus, who knew the Mind and Heart of God better than anyone who ever lived on Earth, once said to the erring Peter: "You are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things" (Mark 8:33, NRSV). Setting our minds on human things can get us into trouble. That's why it often seems like we live in a crazy mixed-up world. How can life ever be fulfilling, without the purpose God has for that life?

To set one's mind on divine things leads us to consider the one vow we should take seriously for the new year. Your will, Lord. Your will and nothing else.

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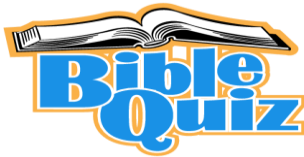
UNDAUNTED

The year just past was wracked with violence, racism and political rancor. We long to fix these problems, but how? We may feel as frustrated as the church board member who spouted, "We've already tried prayer. It didn't work!"

Those words might resonate today, yet things aren't always what they seem. We can't see God behind the scenes crafting a new reality, but Scripture promises it. And though our prayers won't undo earthly death, they surround the grieving with strength and love. We can't "solve" sin, but our prayers can bring communities together and spur us to look out for one another.

The Jewish Talmud states, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now. Love mercy now. Walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." In this new year, may we be undaunted in doing what we can. It might not seem like much, but things aren't always what they seem.

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In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. a farmer sowing seed
- B. a mustard seed
- C. yeast
- D. hidden treasure
- E. a merchant who finds a pearl
- F. a fishing net
- G. all of the above



Answer: G (see Matthew 13:24-51)

SIX NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Forget the past and honor God more.
2. Live for Christ in the world.
3. Trust God with a strong faith.
4. Remain faithful to my church.
5. Witness to the lost.
6. Cultivate the talents God has given me for His glory.

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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, Edna Conrad, Jean Deysher, Helen Fair, 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, Lori Eck, Ted Eshbach, Erma Gajewski, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Diane Keller, Penny Keller, Paige Lambert, Sheila Long, Courtney Mengel, Leon Moyer, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Roethermel, Jeff Wengert, and Doreen Seaman.

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams, Thelma Bright, Evelyn Collins, Richard D., Mark Derr, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Michelle and Jarrett Hertzog, Tara K., Lauren Kinney, Terry and Denise Kiser, Carla Kuser, Chris Masters, Georgene McCool, Lillian Mengel, Robin Naugle, Kyle Olinger, Stacy Price, Family and friends of Michelle Roethermel, Charles Sanders, Olivia Schoenly, Christine Schwoyer, Donna Schwoyer, Tom and Pat Snyder, Jack Stoudt, Marilyn Timm, Jacki Wagner, Sallie Weil, and Denise Wright.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For our nation, 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, especially the Middle East, the Ukraine and Sudan.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Lester Barlet, Sandy Burkhart, Alice Epler, Denise Haage, Corinne Hersh, Luke Paxton, Andrew S., and Theresa S.



**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Statement of Accounts
November 30, 2016**

| <u>Asset Accounts</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Memorial | \$ 15,145.15 |
| Thrivent | 6,217.73 |
| Checking | 11,092.84 |
| Youth | 828.20 |
| Fidelity | 132,898.68 |
| Cash Reserve | 17,236.15 |
| Mission Investment | 11,251.85 |
| Local Care | 892.50 |

November 2016 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’
Income

| | Income | | |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <u>Income</u> | <u>Required</u> | <u>Actual</u> | |
| <u>Used For:</u> | <u>Per Month</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| Operating Expenses | \$ 8,894.75 | \$ 7,215.47 * | \$ (1,679.28) |

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2016 Budget
Passed by Congregation
Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

** Actual Income Includes:
\$2,700.00 ESTIMATED PROFIT from Shoo-Fly Pie Sale*

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

| | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| \$ 37,140.00 | Total Expenses for Project |
| \$ 9,999.50 | Funds Received to offset expenses |



- 3 Dennis Guinther
- 3 David Moyer
- 5 Wilma Herman
- 6 Bertha Bennecoff
- 10 Norma Conrad
- 14 Holly Allen
- 14 Keith Boyer
- 15 Myles Angstadt
- 16 Lester Barlet
- 20 Roy Merkel
- 21 Jonathan Allen
- 29 Darla Stout
- 30 Ted Eshbach
- 30 Lloyd Moyer



- 5 Daniel and Joanne Pauley (26 years)
- 17 Gary and Carrie Paige Lambert (3 years)

O HATRED, ON LOVE

Martin Luther King, Jr., born on January 15, 1929, will be remembered this year on January 16th. Given the rancor rampant in today’s world, it’s fitting to recall King’s words: “Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it.

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

January

- 1 10:00 AM First Sunday of Christmas – Holy Communion (W)
* 8 10:00 AM Baptism of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)
▪ Congregational Meeting after worship
12:00-2:00 PM Confirmation Class
15 10:00 AM Second Sunday after Epiphany (G)
*22 10:00 AM Third Sunday after Epiphany (G)
12:00-2:00 PM Confirmation Class
29 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (G)
▪ Annual Meeting after Worship

February

- ♦ 5 10:00 AM Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Holy Communion (G)
▪ Souper Bowl Sunday Breakfast (served 8:30-9:15 a.m.)
12:00-2:00 PM Confirmation Class
12 10:00 AM Sixth Sunday after Epiphany (G)
*19 10:00 AM Seventh Sunday after Epiphany (G)
12:00-2:00 PM Confirmation Class
26 10:00 AM Transfiguration of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)

March

- 1 11:00 AM Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion (P)
& 7:00 PM ▪ Imposition of Ashes
(Held at Christ (Mertz) Lutheran Church, Dryville)
* 5 10:00 AM First Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion (P)
12:00-2:00 PM Confirmation Class
8 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service (P)
12 10:00 AM Second Sunday in Lent (P)
15 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service (P)
*19 10:00 AM Third Sunday in Lent (P)
12:00-2:00 PM Confirmation Class
22 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service (P)
26 10:00 AM Fourth Sunday in Lent (P)
29 7:00 PM Midweek Lenten Service (P)
31–April 2 Confirmation Retreat – Bear Creek Camp

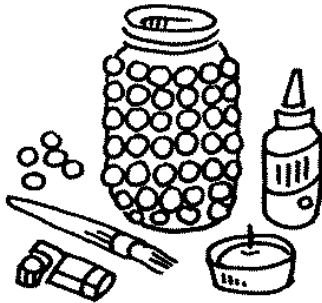
FELLOWSHIP DATES:

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



MASON JAR nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:



" _ _ M TH _ L _ GHT _ F

TH _ W _ RLD. WH _ _ V _ R

F _ LL _ WS M _ W _ LL N _ V _ R

W _ LK _ N D _ RKN _ SS."

J _ H N 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

| DATE | GREETER | READER | ACOLYTE | BID THE PRAYERS | FLOWERS | BULLETINS |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1/1 | Tara Basta | Sara Jane Beshore | -- | -- | Dale Schwoyer | Dale Schwoyer |
| 1/8 | Gladys Kline | Sarah Bailey | -- | -- | <i>(sponsor needed)</i> | <i>(sponsor needed)</i> |
| 1/15 | Joshua Keck | Gladys Kline | -- | -- | Dale Schwoyer | Dale Schwoyer |
| 1/22 | Denny Beshore | Sara Moyer | -- | -- | <i>(sponsor needed)</i> | <i>(sponsor needed)</i> |
| 1/29 | Susan Schlenker | Roy Merkel | -- | -- | <i>(sponsor needed)</i> | Ted Eshbach |

ALTAR GUILD: *(volunteer needed)*

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: *(sponsor needed)*

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Jeannette DeLong

COMMUNION BREAD: 1/1 – Faye Dey; 1/8 – *(sponsor needed)*

COMMUNION SET-UP: 1/1 – Faye Dey; 1/8 – *(volunteer needed)*

COUNCIL PERSON: Cheryl Wiltrout

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

JANUARY 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 First Sunday of Christmas ▪ Holy Communion New Year's Day | 2 | 3 NO CHOIR REHEARSAL | 4 | 5 | 6 Epiphany of Our Lord | 7 |
| 8 Baptism of Our Lord ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Special Congregational Meeting after worship ▪ Fellowship after meeting ▪ Christmas Un-decorating 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class | 9 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting | 10 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm-Theology with a Twist, Kutztown Tavern | 11 | 12 1:30pm-Adult Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Second Sunday after Epiphany | 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (observed) | 17 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal | 18 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle's | 19 9:00am-Worship & Music Committee Meeting | 20 Inauguration Day | 21 |
| 22 Third Sunday after Epiphany ▪ Fellowship after worship 12:00-2:00pm-Confirmation Class | 23 | 24 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal | 25 | 26 1:30pm-Adult Bible Study, Christ DeLong UCC | 27 | 28 8:30am-3:30pm-Learning Ministries Day, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem |
| 29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ▪ Annual Meeting after worship service (snow date: February 5 th) | 30 | 31 7:00pm-Choir Rehearsal | | | | |