

**THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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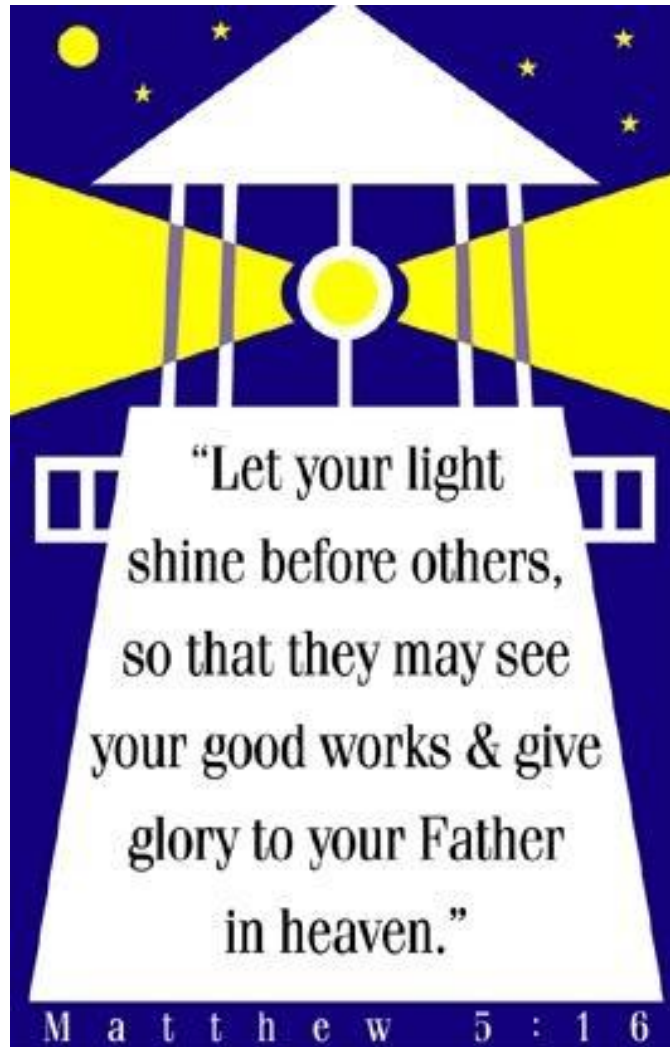
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**THE MISSION OF  
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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 Friends,

I am writing this in mid-December, hoping to get ahead a bit before putting the finishing touches on Christmas services and waiting for the Spirit to help me focus on sermons for the upcoming weeks.

As we prepared for the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve service this year, I asked our youth what they thought we should have for our Birthday Party for Christmas. "Glow sticks!" one said. "We definitely need glow sticks!" The rest agreed, so I went shopping for glow sticks.

Turns out there are many kinds of glow sticks: some for emergencies, some large, some small, some you can bend into shapes and some, I learned, come with connectors so you can link them together to form bracelets and necklaces.

I haven't figured out yet whether there is a limit to how many glow sticks you can link together. I'm sure someone has tried to figure this out and one of our youth will soon let me know. For now I'll wonder: What if we gave every person enough glow sticks so they could make a circle big enough to wrap around them and one other person? Would it be hard to choose who would share the circle? What if everyone in church connected their glow sticks and held onto that circle? Would we feel the warmth and energy of God's Spirit connecting us to one another?

We plan to attach a ribbon and a thought to each glow stick we hand out as a party favor. What if we gave each person plenty of glow sticks so each could pass on a glow stick to folks he or she met? Would you light the stick before presenting it or let the person light it when he or she wanted to? What would you say as you handed one away? Would you give more than one away, so that person could also pass on the thought?

Christians call these weeks after Christmas *Epiphany* and *time after Epiphany*. These weeks in January and early February we think about how Jesus was revealed to others; first to the wise men, then in his baptism, then to the disciples and, finally, in the Transfiguration. We think of this time as the season of light, "light that shines in the darkness", light, as the writer of John continues, "that the darkness did not overcome". In this season we not only celebrate Jesus coming in the flesh long ago and how he was revealed to others, but we also celebrate his continued coming into our lives and our world, his coming to shine in the darkness of our lives. We remember not only the way Jesus shines, but his command, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

This January, let's think of ourselves as glow sticks, glow sticks that need never fade. Let us think of ourselves as individual glow sticks sent out to spread the light of Jesus and to pass that light on to others. Let us also think of ourselves as connected with others who share the light of Christ. Let us be open to the imaginative ways the Spirit will connect and use us to bring the light of God's love to others.

Shine, Jesus, shine! Bring your light into our lives and shine through us to others! Amen!

*Pastor Ruth*



## 2018: YOUR YEAR OF GRATITUDE

Think of the three happiest people you know – people whose lives effervesce with joy and peace. Chances are they also have a profound thankfulness for all that God has blessed them with. They also seem to live with a sense of contentment. Reflect for a minute. Isn't that the case?

By contrast, you may also know folks who are considered wealthy but are profoundly UNhappy. Likely they not only fail to exude thankfulness for their wealth, but they also mistakenly believe they need even MORE possessions to be happy. Isn't that right?

Now, which kind of person do you tend to be?

Thankfulness. Happiness. Contentment. These joyful characteristics work together, reinforcing one another. Human experience proves this simple fact to be true: People who are grateful for all they have and all they are tend to be happy and content. Moreover, don't they also tend to possess spiritual depth and emotional maturity? A coincidence? Hardly.

Thankfulness, happiness and contentment interact, but gratitude holds the key. Develop gratitude, then happiness and contentment follow. It doesn't work the other way around. With prayer, devotion and simple exercises, the Holy Spirit will lead you to deeper spiritual maturity and more happiness. Here are some ideas for you and your family.

- **Pray daily.** Ask God to give you a greater sense of thankfulness. And then thank God for all the day's blessings.
- **Chart thankfulness.** On a big wall calendar mark one thing for which you're thankful to God. Invite other family members to do the same. When you get in the habit of looking for them, you will find blessings everywhere.
- **Keep a "blessing list."** Write down the things you are grateful for. Then as you say your nighttime and morning devotions, pray over the list: "God, I'm thankful for *this*, and I'm thankful for *that*." Revise the list as needed.
- **Start a refrigerator "gratitude board."** Using sticky notes, post on your refrigerator the things for which you are most grateful. Use a different color sticky note for each family member. Keep the board updated.
- **Send out thank-you notes.** Buy a box of inexpensive thank you notes and send one every week. Go deep, thanking not only the folks who have given you a present or done a favor for you, but also those whose love, support, friendship, laughter, energy or presence are important to you.
- **Make a "thank offering."** Express gratitude in a tangible way by making a contribution to your congregation or favorite church cause. Make the donation "just because," or in honor or memory of a loved one, or on the occasion of a special event or blessing in your life.

Adopt one or more of these exercises as a spiritual discipline and, with God's help, you will develop the attitude of gratitude that will bring more satisfaction, greater happiness, spiritual depth and emotional maturity to your life. Blessings for 2018.

—Rob Blezard

# NEWS & EVENTS

## in New Jerusalem and the Synod

### COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at our December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Council voted that 6% of the profit from our fundraisers for 2017 (approximately \$1,100-\$1,200) will be divided equally between Lyons Fire Company, Salvation Army, Lutheran Congregational Services, and the Brandywine Heights Elementary School "Backpack Buddies" Program.
- Two members are needed to represent New Jerusalem at the Synod Assembly. Nominees will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
- The leak from the bell tower into the narthex has been sealed.
- A Yard Share is being planned for spring.
- The Special Projects Committee reported that 720 pies were made at the bake December 5 and 6. Dates planned for the next shoo-fly bakes in 2018 are as follows: March 19-21; April 23-25; May 21-23.
- Justin Moyer from Boy Scout Troop #585 proposed for his Eagle Scout Project to make concrete fixtures that will hold medallions and flags for 25 veteran's graves.

**JANUARY SIGN-UP SHEETS** – We are in need of Altar Flower sponsors for January 21 and 28 and Bulletin sponsors for January 14 and 21. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING

Now that Christmas is over, we need your help to take down the decorations. If you are able to help, please stay after the worship service on **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

### FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**.

### ANNUAL MEETING

New Jerusalem's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the annual reports from the committees and elect new members to council. Please plan to attend.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports from the Council President, Worship & Music, Faith Formation (Christian Ed), Property, Stewardship, Fellowship & Activities, Mutual Ministry, Special Projects, Communion Set-up, and Altar Guild committees are due to the church office by **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!



Our condolences to the family and friends of Catherine (Kocher) Kriebel who passed away on Sunday, November 19. A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 26, at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Beth (Huff) Angstadt who passed away on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at Ludwick Funeral Home in Kutztown.

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Charles and Gabriele Sanders as new members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are working on an update to the church directory. If there are any changes to your address, phone number, or email address, please notify the church office. Thank you!

### 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Hopefully you have received your new offering envelopes for the first half of 2018. If you have not received yours, please contact the church office and a new booklet can be mailed to you.



How blessed I feel to be part of the New Jerusalem family. Sincere thanks for the warm greetings and generous gifts Rick and I have received. May you each feel God's love and blessings throughout this new year. – *Pastor Ruth and Rick Doty*



Thank you everyone for your generous Christmas gifts, cards, and wishes. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are very much appreciated. I thank you all for thinking of me at this wonderful time of the year. I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year! – *Korinne Hotzman*

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## A NEW VISION FOR THE COMING YEARS

Can you see it? Can you envision:

a community where members and friends of New Jerusalem grow together in faith, where folks of all ages join in frequent fellowship and learning opportunities, and where children are well-prepared to pursue training for First Holy Communion and Confirmation programs?

This is the vision of our Faith Formation Committee, a vision caught by council.

What is faith formation? It includes what we have called Christian education, but is so much more than Sunday School and Bible Study. Faith Formation includes the many ways we catch faith and continue to grow, including service, fun, games, crafts, music, meals and varieties of learning; it includes the many means God's Spirit uses to plant and nurture faith. Faith formation is based in Christian hope as well as the knowledge that faith is caught as well as taught.

While at present the committee includes Phyllis Fenstermacher, George DeLong, Cindy Rissmiller, Dawn Wengert, and pastor, part of what it sees is that as others catch and expand the vision, many more members and friends will get involved in a variety of ways.

Watch for more details in the coming months, including programs for this March, April, May and June, as well as plans for 2018-2019 and beyond. Meanwhile, open your imagination and let the Spirit help you dream and envision the future with us.

## THE FREEDOM OF FORGIVENESS

Martin Luther King Jr. called forgiveness “a permanent attitude,” as opposed to “an occasional act.” Maintaining a forgiveness mind-set leads to peace and freedom.

Author and pastor Max Anders experienced that freedom in seminary.

After cheating on a Hebrew final, he was distraught and confessed his sin to God and the professor. “I felt deeply cleaned. Pure. Holy,” Anders writes in *21 Unbreakable Laws of Life*. “I wanted to laugh and cry at the same time. I wanted to run and jump and dance. The burden was lifted. ...I was free!”

By contrast, he writes, “If we don't ask for forgiveness when we wrong someone, we lose our moral authority; the debris of sin begins to accumulate in our hearts, choking our conscience... Others know when we sin against them, and if we don't make it right, it hurts our reputation as well as God's.”

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## A PENGUIN “PARABLE”

During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective “creches” (French for “cribs”); often surrounded by a colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.



In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can't survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster, and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world.

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“Kindness is like snow—it beautifies everything it covers.”

—Kahlil Gibran



# NEWS & EVENTS

## in the Community

### THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

Held at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main Street, Kutztown on **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.**

Rev. Dr. James Jackson will present *You say Chi...I say the Holy Spirit: Religion and the Way of Budo*. Theology with a Twist is free. Food and drink are available for purchase.

### LOAVES AND FISHES

Join us on **Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** for a **FREE** fellowship and community meal at Trinity Lutheran Church, 121 S. Home Avenue, Topton. Everyone is welcome!

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: LEARNING MINISTRIES DAY, January 27, 2018 (Snow Date-February 3<sup>rd</sup>) 9-3. Christ, Hamilton Square

Join with other Lutherans for 8 great workshops, a keynote speaker and fellowship as we explore *“Church as Wonder-land: Transforming Faith Communities from Places to Go for Answers’ to ‘Places to be with the Big Questions’.*”

See the bulletin board for details and to sign up. The congregation can help cover the cost. We can also work out carpooling since Christ Hamilton is near Stroudsburg.

### ADULT RETREAT PLANNED – April 6-8, 2018 – Bear Creek Camp

We’re never too old to learn. We told you confirmation was just the beginning! The same folks who put together our confirmation retreats for the past two years have expanded the experience to include an adult track. The theme this year is: “The Ten Commandments.” There will be Bible study, workshops, music, singing, campfires, outdoor activities and just plain old fun! Housing is in the heated retreat center. Meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch are included.

For more information see the bulletin board or talk with Pastor Ruth. An upfront \$20 deposit holds the space. \$70 will complete the registration and is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Help is available to cover the expense.

### “THINK SUMMER” EVENT – January 21<sup>st</sup>

Come for games, songs, devotions, food, fellowship, and to learn and experience more about summer church camp with Bear Creek Camp staff. Sponsored by East Berks Mission District and Bear Creek Camp, this event is for children in grades 1-12 and their parents. Held on **Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 2:15-5:00 p.m.** at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 201 E. Main Street, Kutztown. The schedule is as follows: 2:15 p.m. – Gathering and Games; 3:10 p.m. – Songs, Camp Promo and a Devotion; 3:40 p.m. – Craft and Snacks; 4:30 p.m. – Game, Closing; 5:00 p.m. – Depart. The cost for this event is sponsored by East Berks Mission District and your offerings for Bear Creek Camp. See Pastor Ruth if you are interested.

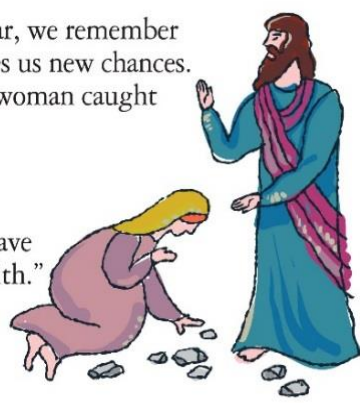
### DATE SAVER – PROJECT HELP – July 27-August 4, 2018

Project Help is a mission trip to help repair houses and assist in community improvements in the very rural area of Starks, Maine, an hour north of Augusta. Youth who have finished ninth grade and any adults who want to help are welcome. No special skills needed. Lots to learn and a good time for all. Watch for more information. Pastor Ruth was involved for many years through the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Emmaus, which sponsors the program. Chris Carter, leader of the project, will be present to explain more about the program after worship on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Bible Quiz**

At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. “Go, and from now on sin no more.”
- B. “Not even in Israel have I found such great faith.”
- C. “Peace be with you.”
- D. “Tell no one what I have done for you.”



Answer: A (See John 8:11.)



# IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers



## PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those Homebound or in Care

**Facilities:** Anna Angstadt, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Helen Fair, Dennis Guinther, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, and Irene Noll.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

**Members:** Family and friends of Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Sarah Bailey, Brendan Beshore, Lori Eck, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Sheila Long, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, Charles Sanders, Dale Schwoyer, and Elaine Seip.

**Friends of the congregation:** Regina B., Sam Borrell, Thelma Bright, Family and friends of Cheryl Carter, Bill Collins, Patrick Collins, Dick Curtin, Mark Derr, Ben and Michelle Eckert, Barbara Feeman, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Jerry Fusner and family, Sonja Hernandez, Tara K., Janis Kershner, Merritt Kershner, Joe Klick, Family and friends of Catherine Kriebel, Cheryl Kuhlman, Ethan Kunkel, Marie Leibensperger, Catherine Lenio, Cassidy McKeever, Franklin and Pearl Meck, Family and friends of Gretchen Minor, George Noll, Kyle Olinger, Jerry Schwambach, Family and friends of William Schwoyer, Ruby Grace Shoff, Sherry Shultz, Jacki Wagner, Tiffany Wagner, Sallie Weil, Beth Winnings, Kenneth Yenser, and Ben Young.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For our nation, especially those hit by disasters and those affected by domestic terrorism, for our president, for peace between citizens and those who serve them, for all our military personnel serving around the world, for areas of 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, Alice Epler, Katie F., Erma Gajewski, Corinne Hersh, Lauren Kinney, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Joshua S., Randy S., Sue S., Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.

- 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, Jr.
- 20 Roy Merkel
- 21 Jonathan Allen
- 29 Darla Stout
- 30 Ted Eshbach
- 30 Lloyd Moyer



- 5 Daniel and Joanne Pauley (27 years)
- 17 Gary and Carrie Paige Lambert (4 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.*

## Did You Know?

### "Ecce Agnus Dei"

Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).



## ANOTHER BURNING BUSH

A church youth group in Arizona went to New Mexico to fix up homes for low-income Native-Americans. When they returned, one of the teenage boys spoke during a worship service. He told the congregation about the good the group had done, but he also told about a unique spiritual experience that he'd had.

The group had held vespers outdoors each day as the sun set. One day as dusk approached, he noticed a dead bush that seemed to demand his attention. He was fascinated because the bush glowed as though it had a large glistening ruby in its branches. For him it was an epiphany, a unique memorable revelation of the presence of God. It was a spiritual event that burned deeply into his spirit.



From a burning bush, God once summoned Moses to do his bidding. Like Moses, this boy experienced something special. His heart and mind were open to the call. Are we prepared to notice burning bushes along life's way?

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## THIS IS THE DAY

On your new calendar, be sure to mark important dates such as National Drinking Straw Day (January 3), National Artichoke Hearts Day (March 16), and National Crouton Day (May 13). Those pseudo-holidays are now catalogued as part of the National Day Calendar, a venture by a North Dakota businessman.



For a fee starting at \$1,500, anyone can register a national day or even give one as a gift. Special-interest groups are discovering that national days are great for marketing.

Throughout the Bible, God instructs people to set aside special days for rest and remembrance. Yet to him, every day is holy – even if it lacks a holiday, pseudo or otherwise. “This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

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## New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts November 30, 2017

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 20,465.26
Thrivent	7,422.79
Checking	6,827.94
Youth	404.47
Fidelity	154,649.64
Cash Reserve	8,732.00
Mission Investment	11,297.30
Local Care	1,168.23

## November 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	\$ 8,121.00 *	\$ (398.17)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2017 Budget  
Passed by Congregation  
Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

*\* Actual Income Includes: \$3,200.00 ESTIMATED  
INCOME from Shoo Fly Pie Sale*

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

\$ 37,140.00 Total Expenses for Project  
\$ 16,487.50 Funds Received to offset expenses





## **THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **January**

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|---|----|----------|---|
| * | 7  | 10:00 AM | Epiphany of Our Lord and Baptism of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W) |
|   | 14 | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday after Epiphany (G)                                  |
| * | 21 | 10:00 AM | Third Sunday after Epiphany (G)                                   |
|   | 28 | 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday after Epiphany (G)                                  |

### **February**

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|---|----|----------|---|
| * | 4  | 10:00 AM | Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Holy Communion (G)            |
|   | 11 | 10:00 AM | Transfiguration of Our Lord – Holy Communion (W)            |
|   | 14 | 7:00 PM  | Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion (P)<br>• Imposition of Ashes |
| * | 18 | 10:00 AM | First Sunday in Lent (P)                                    |
|   | 21 | 7:00 PM  | Midweek Lenten Service (P)                                  |
|   | 25 | 10:00 AM | Second Sunday in Lent (P)                                   |
|   | 28 | 7:00 PM  | Midweek Lenten Service (P)                                  |

### **March**

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| * | 4  | 10:00 AM | Third Sunday in Lent – Holy Communion (P)              |
|   | 7  | 7:00 PM  | Midweek Lenten Service (P)                             |
|   | 11 | 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday in Lent (P)                              |
|   | 14 | 7:00 PM  | Midweek Lenten Service (P)                             |
| * | 18 | 10:00 AM | Fifth Sunday in Lent (P)                               |
|   | 21 | 7:00 PM  | Midweek Lenten Service (P)                             |
| * | 25 | 10:00 AM | Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Holy Communion (P) |
|   | 28 | 7:00 PM  | Midweek Lenten Service (P)                             |
|   | 29 | 7:00 PM  | Maundy Thursday (W)                                    |
|   | 30 | 7:00 PM  | Good Friday  |

### **FELLOWSHIP DATES:**

( \* ) Fellowship after worship





## NEW YEAR'S NOISE-MAKERS


Ring in the New Year with these fun noisemakers!

**What you need:**

- Wooden craft sticks
- Metallic paint (gold and silver)
- Paint brushes
- Jingle bells (gold and silver)
- Hot glue gun
- Metallic ribbon
- Scissors
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. Paint half the sticks gold and half silver. Let dry.
2. Glue three bells to each stick.
3. Cut a six-inch piece of ribbon for each stick. Tie a bow and glue it to the noisemaker. Celebrate!



## A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

*Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*

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Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

## **JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>BULLETINS</b>
1/7	Gladys Kline	Julian Tich	Dan and Joanne Pauley	Dale Schwoyer
1/14	Denny Beshore	Gladys Kline	Dale Schwoyer	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
1/21	TBA	Roy Merkel	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>
1/28	TBA	Kenneth Keck	<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Linda Moyer

**ALTAR GUILD:** Faye Dey

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Sara Jane and Denny Beshore

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Faye and Larry Dey

**COMMUNION BREAD:** 1/7 – Gladys Kline

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 1/7 – Faye Dey

**COUNCILPERSON:** Cheryl Wiltrout

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

# JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2 <b>NO BELL CHOIR OR SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL</b>	3	4	5	6  <b>Epiphany</b>
7 Epiphany and Baptism of Our Lord ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship ▪ Christmas Un-decorating after worship	8 <b>10:00am</b> -Worship & Music Committee Mtg. <b>7:00pm</b> -Finance Committee Meeting <b>7:00pm</b> -Council Meeting	9 <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00pm</b> -Theology with a Twist, Kutztown Tavern <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal	10 <b>4:30pm</b> -Quilting	11	12	13
14 Second Sunday after Epiphany ▪ Committee Reports due to church office	15  <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	16 <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal	17 <b>11:30am</b> -Fellowship Luncheon at Airport Diner <b>6:30pm</b> -Stewardship Meeting	18	19	20
21 Third Sunday after Epiphany ▪ Project Help presentation by Chris Carter after worship ▪ Fellowship <b>2:15-5:00pm</b> -Bear Creek Camp "Think Summer" Event, St. John's Lutheran Church, Kutztown <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	22	23 <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26	27 <b>9:00am-3:00pm</b> - Learning Ministries Day, Christ Hamilton Lutheran Church, Stroudsburg Snow Date: Feb. 3rd
28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	29	30 <b>6:30pm</b> -Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:30pm</b> -Senior Choir Rehearsal	31			