

## THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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*Let go the past;  
loosen the things that bind.*

*Love the present;  
enjoy each shining moment.*

*Look to the future  
with courage and hope.*

Kate McIlhagga from *The Green Heart of the Snowdrop*. Wild Goose Publications.

### 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.*



*“Rise, remember well the future. . . .”*

*-Susan Palo Cherwin*

*“The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated”* is a popular misquote attributed to author Samuel Clemens, better known by his pen name, Mark Twain. The tongue-in-cheek quote is based on a letter he sent to a newspaper reporter who had asked Twain about rumors that he was dying. This quote, however, is often used to humorously comment on a person’s absence from society or to refer to something that appears dead or hopeless but still has a slim chance of success.

The reports of the demise of our church are also “greatly exaggerated.” Since leaders of the congregation have been open about our work to discern the future of New Jerusalem, the rumors are out there that we’re done. We’ve even heard some people say they have slowed or ceased sending in support because they’re not sure we have a future. But *this is Christ’s church* and we know that Christ’s church will endure to the end of the ages when Christ will return and God’s rule will come in its fullness.

As time passes and circumstances change, families take on different configurations. In the same way, the gathering of those who identify as the congregation of New Jerusalem is in the process of adapting to changes within and around us. This is turning out to be a very interesting process to watch. On the one hand, we were experiencing a decrease in the number of people attending worship and able to provide leadership. On the other hand, attendance has recently been increasing at worship, our times together are becoming livelier and more interactive, some who have not come in a long time are joining in, and newer folks are stepping up to help. On the one hand, there were things we said we could no longer do, like large community meals and making shoo-fly pies. On the other hand, members are excited about figuring out other ways to have get-togethers and are planning a soup and something else (to be decided) sale in April. Go figure! God has a way of continuing to surprise us. Nevertheless, we do need to continue to prepare for possibilities the future might hold.

Many among us are personally trying to figure out how to downsize our homes. We know the time will come when we will no longer live in as large a place as we now inhabit, so we look around and wonder, “What will I keep? What served a purpose, but I won’t need any longer?” In the same way, during the coming months, we need help to thoughtfully look at and sort out what we have as a congregation, so that we arrange to preserve what is important and either give away or throw away what is no longer needed. Just as you need to be selective when packing your bags for a trip so that you aren’t slowed down by trying to drag along heavy bags, we need to be ready to travel more lightly into the future.

While we have no crystal ball to see into the future, leaders of our congregation have been actively involved in getting to know the needs and opportunities for ministry in our community as well as joining with other congregations to figure out how we might better meet some of these. (You hear about some of these efforts when we report on Congregational Conversations, Ministries with Youth, and the Brandywine Heights Ministerium.) Through these interactions, we not only get to know our fellow Christians better, but we are discovering innovative ways to minister together. Our council members have met on separate occasions with those of Trinity, Hope, and Christ Mertz in order to get to know them and learn more about their congregations. In January, we will meet with the council from St. Paul's, Mertztown. Council and Cemetery Board members are in the process of clarifying the boundaries and deed restrictions on our property in case God calls us to sell the church building. On my part, I have been working with synodical and national leaders to explore a variety of configurations for ministry in a time when many congregations are facing the same challenges we are, and many are without pastoral leadership. All of this will help us be ready to respond to the opportunities for continued ministry that we have no doubt God will place in front of us.

It's not always easy to adapt to change and not knowing what is coming can give rise to anxiety. There are many days I wish God would hurry up and let me in on where all this is headed. At times like that it helps to recall something Cory Ten Boom recounted. One day when she was greatly distressed her father said this to her, "Do you remember when you were little and we were going to take the train? When did I hand you your ticket?" To which she replied, "Just before we got on the train." In this way her father assured her that God would give her what she needed when she needed it.

God will give us what we need when we need it. That doesn't mean we can just sit back and pretend that nothing will change. It does, however, mean that we can confidently face the future because we know God travels into the future with us.

In the meantime, we'll do our best to keep you informed about what we know and what we are doing, and we ask for your help with rumor control.

God's rich blessings for the New Year and all that it brings.

*Pastor Ruth*

*Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive;  
present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live. . . .  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise, O church, a living faith.*

—*"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"* by Susan Palo Cherwin

# NEWS & EVENTS

at New Jerusalem and in the community

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were covered at our Council Meeting on Monday, December 12:

- New Jerusalem council members will be meeting with the council members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Mertztown on Thursday, January 19.
- The Property Committee will be getting an estimate to repair the steps in the front of the sanctuary.

Our next council meeting will be held on **Monday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.**

**PASTOR RUTH** will be out of town until January 4. If you would need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Jeremiah Sassaman at 610.657.0269.

## WORSHIP NEW YEAR'S DAY

Since the holidays are a time for family and friends to get together, invite yours to join us for worship. We will meet on Sunday, January 1 to continue our celebration of the season and think about what the young Jesus experienced in his early days (a visit to the Temple, the visit of the Wise Men, the flight into Egypt).

Since Pastor Ruth will be out of town January 1, communion will not be celebrated that Sunday. However, we will join in God's feast on January 8 when we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord.

## COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports from the Council President, Worship & Music, Property, Stewardship, Fellowship & Activities, Mutual Ministry, Communion Set-up, and Altar Guild Committees **are due to the church office by Sunday, January 8.**

## COLORING GROUP

The next meeting is **Thursday, January 5, at 10:00 a.m.** Friends are welcome. Contact Phyllis Fenstermacher (610.682.2423) or Diane Keller (610.682.4152) if you would like pages sent to you.

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will be held on **Mondays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 11:00 a.m.** to begin our study of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. New members are welcome.

**KORINNE**, our Office Administrator, will be out of the office the week of January 16.

## THE COMPASSIONATE CRAFTERS

Want to crochet or knit to God's glory and make the world a better place? If so, you are welcome to join to join with other crafters at Trinity Lutheran Church in Topton. Meetings take place on **Thursday, January 12 and Thursday, January 26 this month from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** in the Sunday School room.

## HELPING HARVEST/TOPTON MOBILE MARKET – Tuesday, January 17, 2023

The Helping Harvest food distribution will take place on **Tuesday, January 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Brandywine Heights Intermediate/Middle School.

## GAME NIGHT & POTLUCK DINNER

Join us on **Saturday, January 21, at 5:00 p.m.** for a Game Night.

Bring your favorite game to share and play. We will also be sharing a potluck meal. Bring your favorite dish to share.



## JAMES MEN'S MINISTRY (JMM)

Breakfast gatherings start at 8:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. Their next meeting will be held **Saturday, January 21**, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Topton.

## YOUTH EVENT – MAKING FLEECE BLANKETS FOR THE HACKERMAN-PATZ HOUSE – January 22, 2:00 p.m. at Christ Mertz

Youth and adults from our area churches will join in making cutting and tying fleece blankets for young patients at the Lehigh Valley Hospital as well as family members who stay at the Hackerman-Patz House. This is one way we share the warmth and comfort of God's love. A Thrivent grant is being used to buy some of this material.

## FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the February newsletter is Sunday, January 23. Please have all articles to the church office.

## Upcoming Events

- **Game Night & Potluck Dinner:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (alternate date is Saturday, February 4)
- **January 22 Youth Event – Tie Fleece Blankets** 2 p.m. Christ Mertz
- **Scout Sunday,** Sunday, February 5 at our 10:00 a.m. worship service
- **Souper Bowl Sunday Breakfast & Collection:** Sunday, February 12, 2023. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m.

### CHRISTMAS AT SEA SACHELS

Remembering the essential workers who staff the ships that bring our goods, members of New Jerusalem, the Compassionate Crafters of Trinity, Topton, and folks who live in and around The Lutheran Home knit or crocheted **93** hats, **51** cowls and **18** scarves. Using other donations and a Thrivent grant we were able to send 20 full satchels along with the extras to Seafarer's International in time for distribution before Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who joined in this effort to literally share the warmth of God's love.



*Speaking of handwork that helps others, **bring your clean, used plastic bags to church.** Local folks are crocheting and weaving them into sleeping mats for the homeless.*

*Help us to be, to listen in the waiting for the still small voice which speaks of promises unbroken beneath our doubt and fear and forgetting.*

—Yvonne Morland, from *A Book of Blessings*

### ANNUAL MEETING – January 29, 2023

Plan now to attend the Annual Meeting immediately following worship. We will be reviewing reports of what has been happening in the past year, electing council members and delegates to Synod Assembly, providing an update on what we are doing to prepare for the future, and taking a final vote to amend the Constitution so that only 20 voting members will be needed for a quorum. Remember, right now we still need **25** to conduct official business, so encourage others to attend as well.

### CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

End-of-year contribution statements for 2022 should be arriving in your mailbox by the end of January. Please check them over and notify the church office if there are any discrepancies. Thank you!

### GOOD NEWS!

Linda Moyer has received her second prosthesis and is now learning to walk with two legs. She looks forward to being more mobile in the near future. Thanks be to God for the gift of healing and for the wisdom, skill and patience of those who designed her legs and are helping her rehabilitation!

### WITH OUR SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of Joshua T. Spraut who is Dale Schwoyer's grandson. Joshua passed away on Friday, December 2, 2022. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Sheila A. (Stump) Long. Sheila passed away on December 9, 2022. A graveside service was held at New Jerusalem Cemetery, Fleetwood, on Friday, December 16.

Please also keep the family and friends of Carl Kline (Edna Miller's son) in your thoughts and prayers. Carl passed away on December 14, 2022. A graveside service was held on Monday, December 19, in New Jerusalem Cemetery.



**KEEP SEEKING HIM**



Thank you to everyone who contributed food for the Thanksgiving Boxes for Friend, Inc. Also, thank you to everyone who purchased a gift for a child through Friend's Christmas Sharing Program. I'm sure our purchases will brighten someone's Christmas. – *Cheryl Wiltrout*

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Dear members of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church, thank you very much for your recent food donation to the Brandywine Food Pantry. Sincerely, *The Food Pantry*

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Thank you, friends at New Jerusalem, for your exceedingly generous assembly and shipping of 5 boxes filled with Christmas at Sea Satchels. Your "labor of love" will warm the bodies *and* hearts of the seafarers who are away from home this Christmas. Your "labor of love" will channel the unconditional love of Christ this Christmas to people you don't know. God bless your kindness! Peace, *Pastor Marsh Drege, Seafarer's International House*

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Thank you, members of New Jerusalem, for your cards and words of comfort during the recent passing of my father-in-law, Frederick Hotzman, Jr. It means a lot to me to know that I am surrounded by such good friends. – *Korinne Hotzman*

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Thank you, dear friends, for all the cards and expressions of love and support not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. It is a privilege to serve God with you. – *Pastor Ruth*



- 3 David Moyer, Sr.
- 5 Wilma Herman
- 10 Norma Conrad
- 14 Holly Allen
- 14 Keith Boyer
- 15 Myles Angstadt
- 21 Jonathan Allen
- 29 Darla Stout
- 30 Ted Eshbach
- 30 Lloyd Moyer



17 Gary and Carrie Paige Lambert (9 years)

### A TREE FILLED WITH GOOD GIFTS

This year, the branches of our Good Gifts Tree were proud to display donations to provide:

- food for a refugee family (5)
- a backpack with food (1)
- providing bees to farmers (4)
- pigs (5)
- goats (3)
- mosquito nets (2)
- mosquito nets for a family (1)
- hygiene kit (1)
- supplies to stock a health clinic for a week (1)
- chicks (2 lots of 10)
- backpack with school supplies (1)
- seeds and tools for a farmer (1)
- school supplies and a uniform (1)



For a total contribution of at least \$750.00. These are the ones we know about. Others may have been sent in without placing an ornament.

Thank you to everyone who chose to share God's love in this way.

## CLEAN-UP KITS FOR SURVIVORS OF DISASTER

Natural disasters don't stop during the winter. Once again tornadoes have ripped through the south. It's hard to imagine watching your residence be ripped apart by wind or flooded to the second floor. Those of us who have had others help us in our time of need can imagine how thankful we would be if someone showed up with supplies to help us clean up the mess.



Join us in providing the articles and assembling these badly needed clean-up kits. A Thrivent grant will help us add to our donations. Here's the list of needed. **Please get them to church by January 22nd.**

- ◆ One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (if reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable).
- ◆ One 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener.
- ◆ Five scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging).
- ◆ Seven sponges, including one large.
- ◆ One scrub brush (with or without handle).
- ◆ 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry-cleaning towels (no terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging).
- ◆ One 32-64 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent.
- ◆ One 16-34 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap.
- ◆ One 12-40 oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles).
- ◆ One package of 36-50 clothespins.
- ◆ One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line).
- ◆ Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; no surgical masks).
- ◆ Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical, durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging).
- ◆ One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather).
- ◆ 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (remove from packaging).
- ◆ One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable).

## SO THAT ALL MAY SHARE GOD'S LOVE: WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS

### Rejoicing Spirits

On **Sunday, January 1, 2023**, St. Paul's UCC, 47 South Whiteoak Street, Kutztown will host the third Rejoicing Spirits of Eastern Berks County worship service. The worship service will begin at 3:00 p.m. and last about one hour.

**What is Rejoicing Spirits?** It is an opportunity specifically designed for people with intellectual disabilities, their families, friends, and caregivers to hear God's word, participate in a "shush free" worship service, and socialize with friends both old and new.

**What does a Rejoicing Spirits worship service look like?** Music, singing, brief messages, fellowship and snacks!

For more information, contact Karen Raudenbush at 610.608.8290 or email [raudyk@gmail.com](mailto:raudyk@gmail.com) or [https://webmail.windstream.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en\\_US&id=74692&part=3](https://webmail.windstream.net/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=74692&part=3)



**CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR BERKS)** continues – Friday nights at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church in Topton at the Pioneer Grange Hall, 46 East Keller Street, Topton. This is a Christ-centered

recovery program to help people of the community and beyond find freedom from their hurts, hang-ups, and habits. If you have any questions, please call 484.349.8415. You can also check out their website at [www.crberks.org](http://www.crberks.org) or their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CRBerks>.

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*God, you make each one of us a little different from the others. You make each of us special in some way. Help us learn from each other and with each other this year, so that we discover the gifts you give us in each other. Amen.*

–Nancy Cocks, from *Growing up with God*



**WORSHIP SPONSORS & ASSISTANTS**

**Altar Flower Sponsors:**

January 1 – Dale Schwoyer  
 January 8 – *sponsor needed*  
 January 15 – Dale Schwoyer  
 January 22 – *sponsor needed*  
 January 29 – *sponsor needed*

**Bulletin Sponsors:**

January 1 – *sponsor needed*  
 January 8 – *sponsor needed*  
 January 15 – Dale Schwoyer  
 January 22 – Rodney and Diane Keller  
 January 29 – *sponsor needed*

**Sanctuary Candle Sponsor:**

*sponsor needed*

**Altar Guild Volunteer(s):**

Cheryl Wiltout

**Communion Bread Sponsor:**

January 8 – Sara Jane Beshore

**Communion Set-up Volunteer:**

January 8 – Faye Dey

**Readers for December:**

January 1 – Sara Jane Beshore  
 January 8 – Gladys Kline  
 January 15 – Dale Schwoyer  
 January 22 – Cindy Rissmiller  
 January 29 – Ty Rissmiller

**Councilperson for the Month:**

Ty Rissmiller

“What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven’t even happened yet.”

–Anne Frank

**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church  
 Statement of Accounts**

**November 30, 2022**

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 18,496.82
Thrivent	9,214.95
Checking	10,462.60
Youth	408.66
Fidelity	53,152.61
Cash Reserve	24,421.43
Mission Investment Fund	11,662.85
Local Care	<u>2,395.31</u>
	Total: <u>\$ 130,215.23</u>

Total Balance of Asset Accounts  
 from **November 30, 2021** \$139,040.92

**November 2022 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income**

	Income		
Income	Required	Actual	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating	\$ 9,891.25	\$ 12,280.42	\$ 2,389.17
Expenses			

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2022  
 Budget Passed by Congregation  
 Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*





## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS TO STEWARD YOUR LIFE

Have any resolutions for 2023? (It's not too late to make them!) New Year's resolutions are a great way to boost the stewardship of your life. After all, resolutions are just goals for enriching our lives.

Here are some areas to consider:

**Spirituality:** Grow in faith by engaging spiritual practices. Resolve to pray and read scripture daily, attend worship, give generously, cultivate spiritual relationships, serve church and community.

**Health:** Gain vitality by resolving to lose weight, eat healthfully, exercise regularly, learn about health and nutrition and get checkups at your doctor and dentist.

**Intellect:** Keep your mind active by resolving to read books, check out educational programs and podcasts, take a class to learn a new language or skill.

**Relationships:** Resolve to make new friendships and deepen existing ones. Work on family relationships to strengthen bonds and bring people closer to you and other family members.

**Leisure:** Include resolutions to help you enjoy life! Vacations, hobbies, activities, getaways, day trips.

**Financial:** Get your financial house in order. Resolve to make and keep a budget, reduce debt, increase income, save more and become more learned in money matters.

We are stewards of the life that God has given us. For 2023, pray for God's guidance and make a few resolutions that address your priority issues. And pray for God's help in keeping them. Blessings for 2023!

--Rob Blezard

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## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**PRAYERS FOR AWARENESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE for Those with Limited Mobility or in Care Facilities:** Anna Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Erma Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, and Irene Noll.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND SUPPORT Members:** Holly Allen, Virginia Guinther, Lucille Jones, Rodney Keller, Family and friends of Sheila Long, Forrest Merkel, Grace Miller, Lloyd and Linda Moyer, Horace Rothermel, Gabriele Sanders, and Dale Schwoyer.

**Friends of the congregation:** Charlie Ackerman, John Arndt, Steve Beck (PA), Steve Beck (TX), Adam Bell, Darlene Bogert, Bishop Christopher deForest, Earl Derr, John Drumheller, Jennifer Engle, Shirley Hahn, Nancy Harnish, June Jenkins, DeeDee K., Debra Kenny, Taz Kershner, Angie Kistler, Kelly Kline, Family and friends of Carl Kline, The Koontz Family, Cayden Kresge, Catherine Lenio, Julia Lombardo, Joe M., Rodney Miller, Harry Naugle, Johnathan Naugle, Vivian Reist, Randy Schlegel, Patricia Sigfried, Cleon and Jean Smith, Shawn Spatz, Family and friends of Joshua Spraut, Robert Taylor, Leticia Weaver, Linda Wegman, Richard Weller, Althea Young, Becky, Dawn, Jason, Lynn, Pat, Sam, Tim, and Vivian.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** We pray for: peace in the world, and particularly in the Ukraine and eastern Europe; all seeking to respond responsibly to COVID-19, especially healthcare workers; those recovering from and responding to disasters, especially those in Puerto Rico; migrants and refugees; for our nation, including our president, congress, judicial system, and leaders of our communities; an end to the many ways prejudice and racism maintain inequality between people and injustice; an end to threats between nations; peace in the world; our military personnel serving around the world.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Carrie Bausch, Nancy Bennecoff, Gary DeWees, Katie Didyoung, Don Gajewski, Erma Gajewski, Lorelai Gold, Peg H., Denise Haage, Amanda Herman, Johnson-Agiri Family, Mary Kring, Ella Loose, Michelle Meck, Leilani Rodriguez, Andrew S., Tierney Schmeer, Donna Schwoyer, Lesley Wegman, Leah Wiest, Gabby, and Meaghan.

# JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Name of Jesus / 1st Sunday of Christmas 10:00am-Worship</p> <p>PASTOR – Out of Town</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Dan and Sheila Gehman</p> <p>PASTOR – Out of Town</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Marlowe and Brenda Greis</p> <p>PASTOR – Out of Town</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>Erma Guinther</p> <p>PASTOR – Out of Town</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am-Coloring Group</p> <p>Linda Guinther</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Tipton</p> <p>Sharon Guinther</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Baptism of Our Lord 10:00am-Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00am-Bible Study 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. 6:00pm-Congregational Conversations 7:00pm-Council Mtg.</p> <p>Virginia Guinther</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Jarrett and Amy Hahn</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>Nancy Heffner</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30-11:00am-Compassionate Crafters, Trinity Lutheran, Tipton</p> <p>Mark Zeleznick and Carole Herbert</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Tipton</p> <p>Amanda Herman</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00-12:00pm-Faith Formation Session</p>
<p>15</p> <p>2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am-Worship</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00am-Bible Study 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>Ronald and Wilma Herman</p> <p><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S BIRTHDAY</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00am-Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting 11:00am-1:00pm-Helping Harvest Food Distribution at Brandywine Heights Intermediate/Middle School 5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Shirley Hertzog</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am- East Berks Mission District Rostered Leaders meet at New Jerusalem 12:00pm-Fellowship Luncheon at Airport Diner 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg. KORINNE – Out of Office Brian Hess</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30pm-Meeting with council members of St. Paul's, Mertztown</p> <p>Tina Howell</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Tipton</p> <p>Barbara Johnson</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00am-James Men's Ministry Breakfast, Trinity Lutheran, Tipton</p> <p>5:00pm-Game Night &amp; Potluck (snow date: February 4)</p>
<p>22</p> <p>3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am-Worship</p> <p>2:00 Youth Activity at Christ Mertz</p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00am-Bible Study 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>Emily Jones</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Lillian Jones</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>Lucille Jones</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30-11:00am-Compassionate Crafters, Trinity Lutheran, Tipton</p> <p>Joshua Keck</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>7:00pm-Celebrate Recovery, Redeemer BFC, Tipton</p> <p>Kenneth Keck</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>4th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am-Worship</p> <p>-Annual Meeting after worship (snow date: February 4)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:00am-Bible Study 12:45pm-1:45pm-AA Mtg.</p> <p>Jared Keiser</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30pm-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Brian Keller</p>				