

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER
of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
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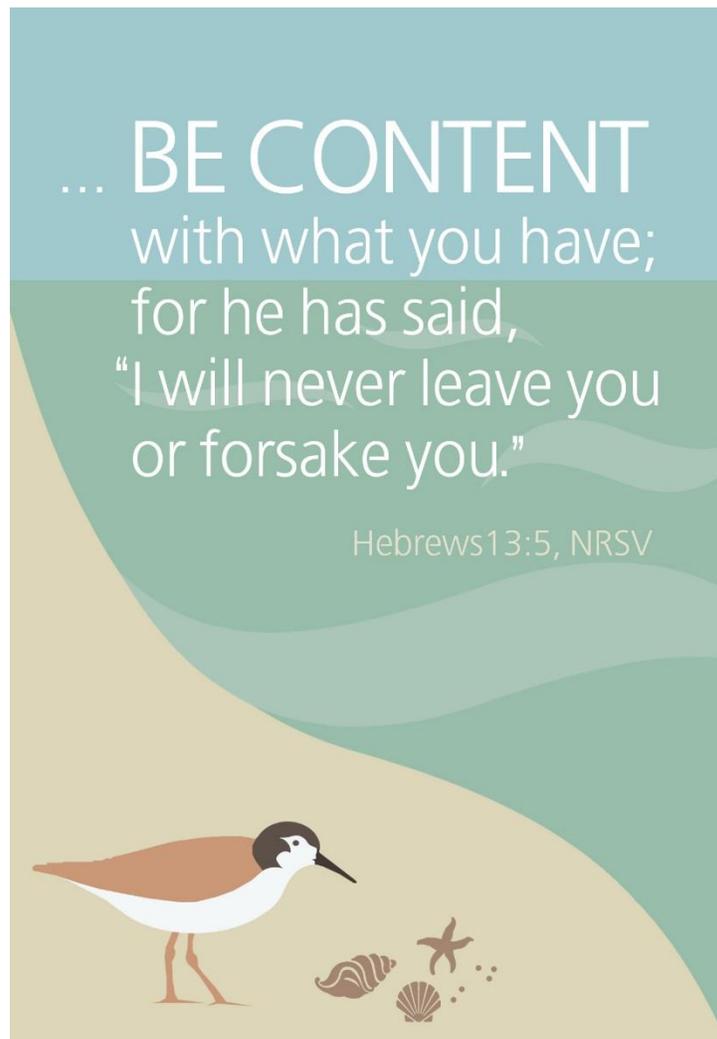
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**THE MISSION OF
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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.*



FREEDOM IS NOT FREE – *OR IS IT?*

As we approach July 4th when we celebrate our nation's independence, her freedom, it is often said, "Freedom is not free."

In early June, Sue and Cliff Schlenker, Rick and I thought about the cost of freedom as we visited the Museum at Checkpoint Charlie in Berlin, Germany. There we saw many ways people risked and many lost their lives trying to escape from communist rule in East Germany. As we hear today about the millions of people fleeing unbearable conditions in their homelands today, a lot of us also think about the price of freedom. Those who have served or have family members serving in the military are very aware of its high cost.

Freedom isn't free, even though our forebears wrote that the truth is "self-evident" that "all [humans] are created equal and have been endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights: life, liberty (freedom) and the pursuit of happiness." Our Creator intended that every human be free, but many of us don't feel free.

Here in the USA we might be relatively free politically, but we are often enslaved by worry, fear and our own selfish desires. Many are held captive by poverty, ill health and addictions. And then there are the "isms," like racism, sexism, and ageism, and the systems that keep us from fully being the creatures God intended us to be.

It isn't just someone else, the terrorist or enemy, who limits our freedom. We *all* get caught up in limiting the freedom of others and of this universe. We all — knowingly or unknowingly — participate in actions that limit the lives and well-being of others. The simple act of buying food may have a negative impact on the environment because of the way it is packaged. The fact that I want strawberries in December may mean a farmer in South America was pressured by a large corporation to grow this luxury on land that could have yielded food for his family. It's all very complicated. For every person and creature to experience the freedom God intended would involve drastic and costly changes.

No, freedom is not free, not free for all. Or is it?

On our last day in Germany, Sue, Cliff, Rick and I participated in a pilgrimage. Together with brothers and sisters in faith from literally all over the world we walked 3 miles thinking about what is and is not for sale, what is and is not free. Our last stop focused on "Salvation is Not for Sale!" Salvation — right relationship with God — *is* free and this free love from God calls us to freedom from all that would enslave us, even the evil we participate in whether we want to or not. There is nothing we have to do or pay to receive this freedom. *However*, this freedom will lead us to do things that might be "expensive" because we are set free to *serve* God, our neighbor and creation.

Given that God's love is free, the challenges that face us are: 1) whether we will open ourselves to the freedom God intends for us, and 2) how we will share this freedom with others. How will we help ourselves and others to be freed from whatever holds us captive? How do we help ourselves and others to give up selfish and destructive behaviors? How do we call upon one another, including our nation's would-be leaders, to act in ways that respect, protect and bring freedom to *all*? How do we help one another see and treat *all* others as God sees them: individuals to be respected, helped, and even loved?

Cherish, celebrate and be thankful for our many kinds of freedom! Then join in sharing that freedom with all.

Pastor Ruth

NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

Council Meeting Update

The following items were among those discussed at the June 20th meeting:

- The Worship and Music Committee has scheduled the following services: Backpack Sunday will be held on Sunday, August 21st, and Harvest Home will be held on Sunday, August 28th.
- A new dehumidifier needs to be purchased for the basement and be hooked up into the sump pump. Council discussed having the sump pump hooked up to a backup generator.
- Approval was given to get an estimate to repair the wall in the office that was damaged by a water leak some time ago.
- A meeting with council members is scheduled for July 6th to go over the Constitution.
- The \$5,000 mark was reached on repaying the parking lot.
- At the Synod Assembly, New Jerusalem's booth at God's Playground represented Relay for Life/ Cruise for a Cure. 126 bags were distributed to attendees to make bracelets.
- At the Synod Assembly, each congregation was given a prayer book to give to any members who are active in the armed services.
- Guidelines will be developed for people wanting to use the church building.
- Fellowship Committee welcomed 20 for breakfast on Father's Day.
- 720 shoofly pies were baked in June.
- A projector has been purchased for use in Christian education, meetings and worship.

Other news:

A projector which can be used for education and worship has been purchased using Memorial Funds.

Worship in the Park

On Sunday, July 17th, instead of worshipping in our building, New Jerusalem will join with Hope Lutheran, New Jerusalem UCC, Christ DeLong UCC, and St. Peter's UCC for an outdoor worship and picnic at Bower's Park. The worship service begins at **10:30 a.m.** New Jerusalem Lutheran members are asked to bring salads, desserts, and paper products/plastic wear.

Church Picnic

Mark your calendars! New Jerusalem will be holding their annual church picnic on Sunday, July 31st, after the worship service. Join us for great food, great fun, and great fellowship.

Offering Envelopes

There was an error with the printing of the offering envelopes for July to December 2016. All of the line items were not printed. One Write, the printing company, has agreed to reprint them at no charge. When you receive your new envelopes, please disregard the old ones. Thank you!

History Matters!

Congratulations, Julian!

Earlier this spring Julian Tich, one of our confirmands, earned a 2 in the Pennsylvania National History Day competitions in Millersville. This made him eligible to go to the National Competition in College Park Maryland. Though he did not place there, he enjoyed meeting many other students from the United States and 7 foreign countries.

Julian's video documentary, called "The Atomic Revolution: The Secret City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, ushers in the Atomic Age" was about the Manhattan Project and the building of the first atomic bomb.

This is Julian's second time to go to the National Competition and he can't wait to compete again next year. This year his mom, Julie, and grandfather, Dan Pauley, joined him to enjoy a tour of DC.

NEWS & EVENTS in New Jerusalem *(continued)*

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the August 2016 newsletter is Sunday, July 24th.

Church Directory

An updated church directory is available for pick up on the table in the narthex. If you are not able to pick one up and would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

Synod Assembly 2016

June 17-18 Pastor Ruth, Erma Gajewski, Sara Jane Beshore, Gladys Kline and Cheryl Wiltrout attended the annual assembly of our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod at the PPL Center in Allentown. Here are a few highlights:

Our congregation hosted a display highlighting our ministries that raise funds for cancer research. Gladys, Cheryl and others had prepared bags of beads and filament to make bracelets. We gave away 126 of these along with a prayer and information about cancer as well as our upcoming cruise.

Tidbits of information we picked up:

- There are 270 congregations in our synod.
- Lutheran social services touch the lives of 1 out of 50 Americans. In Pennsylvania it is 1 out of 40.
- The ELCA World Hunger program is active in 60 countries as well as has 347 programs in the US.
- The Lutheran Theological Seminaries in Philadelphia and Gettysburg are working to join their efforts to prepare leaders for the future. At present there are 600 full-time equivalent vacancies in the US and it is predicted that by 2020 that number will be 1000. All of our seminaries are working to make theological education more sustainable for the church and more affordable for students.

The collection received at the synod assembly was designated for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. An anonymous donor offered to match \$15,000. On Friday, Christ Conyngham, a congregation in a town of 1900 just outside of Hazelton, presented the synod with a check for \$50,000 to go to the appeal. The collection on Saturday brought in another \$35,000 which brings the total to \$100,000! Wow!

Dr. Cheryl Peterson Challenges Us

Dr. Cheryl Peterson, Associate Professor at The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, keynote speaker at our synod assembly, challenged those present to think about the Reformation as unleashing the good news of God's love from the way church structures might hold it captive.

Dr. Peterson first noted that "attractional evangelism" is no longer effective for bringing people into the church and can even sidetrack us from engaging in God's work of spreading the good news. This kind of evangelism thinks that "if we build it, they will come." People pursuing "attractional evangelism" think that *if only* we could design the right programs, have lovely worship spaces and experiences, etc. that will attract folks to our congregations. Subscribing to this approach to evangelism makes it too easy to think that it is about us and not about God's good news.

Sometimes our churches seem to be just another voluntary organization and can become like a "religious club holding a meeting where God is conspicuously absent." Sometimes our walk doesn't match our talk.

Instead, Dr. Peterson called us to become "unleashed" by God's Spirit, and to think as a "missional" church—people hearing and responding to God's mission in the world. She called upon us to be open to the Spirit's leading, the Spirit who comes alongside and accompanies us as we venture forth into uncharted territory. Many of us may be frightened by such thinking. Maybe we need to spend more time reading the Book of Acts.

At the end of her first presentation Dr. Peterson posed several questions for us:

- 1) Is the question of survival on our congregation's mind? What would it mean to be unleashed/set free from that fear?
- 2) What else do you think the Holy Spirit needs to unleash our congregation from and for?
- 3) What does it mean to be church in the 21st century? How do you understand the church's mission in our context today?
- 4) What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the church's mission?

Let's think about these questions and continue to pray: "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love."

Pastor Ruth

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Cruise for a Cure

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 10th, from 1:30-6:00 p.m. at Larry Dey Auto Service. Rain date Sunday, September 11th, from 1:30-6:00 p.m. The Cruise features DJ music, food and drinks, raffle and door prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. Admission donation and proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life Team of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church. If anyone would like to donate raffle prizes, please see Faye Dey or Lisa Landis. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Thank you!

The Saxony Diaries

June 5 to 15 – Cliff and Sue Schlenker, Rick Doty and Pastor Ruth traveled with a group from our Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod to Saxony, an area in the eastern section of Germany bordered by Poland and the Czech Republic to meet with Lutheran brothers and sisters in our sister synod, Saxony.

June 5 to 9 – Met by German hosts and toured much of Berlin, including a visit to the Sanssoucie (without a care) palace in Potsdam.

June 9-15 – Traveled farther south and east to the rural area of our host families where we picnicked with Lutherans from the area, stayed in local homes and visited a fortress in the Czech Republic that dates from the 1200's.

June 12 – Our German hosts drove us to the city of Meissen. There we joined several hundred Lutheran brothers and sisters from all over the world involved in a conference sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation and the Landeskirche (similar to our synod) of Saxony for all their partners. After morning worship we were treated to lunch and short presentations (songs, dances, skits, etc.) by partners from as far away as Papua New Guinea, Tanzania, India, and Cuba.

June 12-14 – Travelled on to Wittenberg, home to Martin Luther for most of his life and where he posted the 95 theses on the Castle Church door. On Monday we planted a tree on behalf of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod and then toured the old town. The next day we again worshipped with the group from Meissen and made a 3 mile pilgrimage thinking and talking together about how we are liberated by God's grace.

June 14-15 – Back to Berlin, then on to Newark. That's the bare bones of our journey. Watch for a variety of other ways we will share what the trip meant to us and could mean for our congregation.

A Tree Grows in Wittenberg

Some of you may have seen an article about this in the Reading Eagle on June 11th.

It's the 323rd of 500 trees. The Brabanter Silver Linden, Sue and Cliff planted in Wittenberg on behalf of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, is just one of many different trees being planted in preparation for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The purpose of this project, initiated in 2008 by

the Lutheran World Federation and the German National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation, is to prepare green monuments donated by ecumenical partners of the Christian Church that will be tangible signs of the optimism so clearly expressed in Luther's quotation, "Even if I knew that the world were to go to pieces tomorrow, I would still plant my little apple tree today."

In 2010 Cardinal Kasper, representing the Vatican, Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity planted the first tree saying, "Now again that which belongs together grows together." Other trees have been planted by Reformed, Anglican, Orthodox, Mennonites, Methodists, 7th Day Adventists, and, of course, Lutherans.

Our tree stands in the area that the Russians used for a barracks and training ground. The plaque in front of our tree reads: "A sign of the growing ecumenical community – Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, USA, Bishop Samuel Zeiser.

Our participation in this project began when Pastor Roger Timm, who sometimes serves as a supply pastor at New Jerusalem, returned last summer from serving as a volunteer English speaking pastor in Wittenberg and told Bishop Zeiser about the



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project. The Bishop, in turn, became interested in this project as complementary to the theme: Unleashed for Reformation. The planting of the tree in Wittenberg this week was the first of two steps in our participation in the Luther Garden. The second step will be to plant one here in our synod.

As we planted—which meant shoveling dirt and pouring water on the tree which had been placed in the ground by professionals—we gathered in prayer and song and meditated on Jesus’ words from Matthew, “The kingdom of God is like what happens when a farmer plants a mustard seed in a field. Although it is the smallest of all seeds, it grows larger than any garden plant and becomes a tree. Birds even come and nest on its branches.” Then we prayed, “God of creation: You placed Adam and Eve, our common parents, in a beautiful garden. Today you call us, their descendants, together in this Luther garden. We ask that your blessing of growth may not only rest upon each tree planted, but that each tree may be a symbol of our own growth in faith. Help us to see ourselves as ‘trees planted by streams of water which yield their fruit in due season.’ May that fruit give testimony to the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. As the trees we are planting here give shade to each other, may all Christian churches and congregations in this world offer encouragement to proclaim your Good News.”



“Wittenberger Gothic”

We continued, “Today we see how our world is vulnerable by social and economic injustice, unemployment, hunger, poverty, sickness and again and again by wars in so many countries. For some, their world could end tomorrow. Help us to keep the faith as Martin Luther stated that even if he knew the world would go to pieces tomorrow, he would still plant a tree today.”

The world as we know it does seem to be going to pieces, but still we continue to not only literally plant trees and trust that God will bless them with what they need to grow, but by word and deed we also continue to plant the word of God and trust that God will provide what is needed for God’s word and church to grow so that generations to come will find a place of comfort and refuge, life and hope in the love of God.

Did You Know?

Eagle

Eagles came to symbolize the Resurrection thanks to ancient legends that they renewed their youth, plumage or eyesight by flying near the sun, then diving into water. The eagle’s upward movement made it a symbol of Jesus’ ascension. John the Evangelist is represented by an eagle, for his “soaring” description of Christ’s divinity. God’s care is likened to an eagle in Bible verses such as Exodus 19:4: “I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you myself” (ESV).



NEWS & EVENTS

in the community

Peach Festival

Alsace Lutheran Church, 2201 Kutztown Road, Reading, will be holding a Peach Festival on Sunday, July 17th, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Entertainment by Uptown Band from 5:00-8:00 p.m. There will be plenty of food, games, fun and fellowship!

Attention Married Couples!

Fall is the perfect time to fall in love with your spouse all over again at one of the beautiful retreat centers where Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are scheduled this fall. NOW is the time to sign up for the one of your choice while there are still openings.

- September 16-18, 2016 at Spruce Lake Retreat Center, Canadensis, PA, a new hotel-style facility on Spruce Lake in the heart of the Pocono Mountains – an hour north of Allentown.
- October 21-23, 2016 at the Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA – a lovely hotel-style retreat center perched on a hillside in the Allegheny National Forest, a couple hours north of Pittsburgh.

Weekends run from Friday at 8 PM to Sunday around 3 PM and are designed to help you make your marriage a more intimate, loving, Christian union. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your registration fee of \$100, plus a contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. Register today at www.GodLovesMarriage.org. For questions, contact Fred and Julie Schamber at fjschamber@comcast.net or 724-325-3166.

Kutztown Community Library Bus Trip

Saturday, October 15, 2016 – New York City – Plan Your Own Day – There is plenty of time to visit museums, see a Broadway show, shop, and enjoy a fabulous restaurant. The cost for the trip is \$43.00 per person, which includes bus fare, snack and tip. Seats are limited so sign up today. For more information, contact the library at 610-683-5820.

Relay for Life 2016

Relay for Life Kutztown was held on June 3rd and 4th at Kutztown University. Thirty-five teams with 549 participants participated in this event. The total amount raised for the American Cancer Society to date is \$158,349.30. Our team had 37 members and we finished 6th place in raising funds with a total of \$11,266.69.

The theme this year was sports. One of the competitions relating to sports was a “Cheerleading Competition,” with the help of our very own Cheerleading Coach, Cindy Rissmiller. NJLC won the Cheerleading Competition. GO NJLC! We all had matching pink T-shirts, pompoms, girls doing cartwheels and backflips, and lots of fun.



New Jerusalem Relay for Life Team Cheerleaders

Saturday September 10th will be the “Cruise for a Cure” held at Larry Dey’s garage. It’s our kickoff for next years’ event. Stop by at Larry’s garage to see some pretty amazing cars, eat some good food, enjoy the DJ and have a great time.

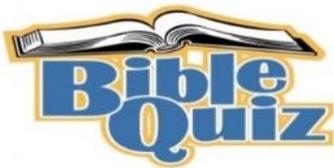


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Relay for Life 2016 Raffle Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following Relay for Life raffle prize winners:

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| 1. Jump Starter w/Compressor | Fern Readinger |
| 2. Scentsy Basket | Brooke Wengert |
| 3. Thirty One Bag | Kevin Stump |
| 4. Snack Basket | Theresa Walton |
| 5. Gift Basket | Kathy Lynch |
| 6. Necklaces (2) | Sue Schlenker |
| 7. Gift Basket | Bup Schlenker |
| 8. Gift Card | Enos Bleiler |
| 9. Gift Card to Mr. Food | Laura Anderko |
| 10. Cross-Stitch Picture | Sheila Gehman |
| 11. Wooden Craft | Arlene Reider |
| 12. Afghan | Jean Von Nieda |
| 13. PA German Dictionary | Steven Gross |
| 14. Cards by Cheryl | Lynn Breiner |
| 15. Wooden Bench | Kim Weller |
| 16. Wreath/Candle Ring | Gladys Kline |
| 17. Bath & Body Works | Julie Krick |
| 18. Dinner Basket | Sara Jane Beshore |
| 19. Kitchen Basket | Bob Beiner |
| 20. Gift Basket | LouAnn DeLong |
| 21. Turned Pen | Bruce Williams |
| 22. Wooden Craft | Bonnie Rissmiller |
| 23. Vera Bradley Organizer | Earl Delp |



Who said to the prophet Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD”?

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother’s birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel’s greatest king



Answer: D (see 2 Samuel 12:13)

Destination Devotions

Planning a summer trip? Take along a Scripture passage befitting your vacation to use for devotions and prayer time (all NIV below):

▪ In the mountains: “The mountains and hills will burst into song before you” (Isaiah 55:12).

▪ At a lake, perhaps on a fishing trip: “They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’” (Matthew 4:18-19).



▪ Near an ocean or river: “Let the sea respond...let the rivers clap their hands” (Psalm 98:7-8).

▪ In the desert: “They looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud” (Exodus 16:10).

▪ In the woods: “Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the LORD.... That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season” (Psalm 1:1-3).

▪ In the flatlands: “‘My food,’ said Jesus, ‘is to do the will of him who sent me... I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest’” (John 4:34-35).

▪ On a “staycation” close to home: “Love the LORD your God... These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ...Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road... Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

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This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in.

—Theodore Roosevelt

**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Statement of Accounts
May 31, 2016**

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 17,898.62
Thrivent	5,954.52
Checking	11,917.18
Youth	966.91
Fidelity	130,104.48
Cash Reserve	13,205.16
Mission Investment	11,229.19
Local Care	677.00

May 2016 — 'Actual' vs. 'Required' Income

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Income</u>	
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,061.42	\$ 8,123.50 *	\$ (937.92)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2016 Budget
Passed by Congregation*

** Actual Income Includes: \$2,700.00 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
\$ 5,972.50	Funds Received to offset expenses (through May 2016)

**BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST
(as of May 11, 2016)**

Hamburger Helper®, flavored noodles, regular and flavored rice, instant potatoes, (instant, scallop, au gratin)

Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, spam, ham

Microwaveable Chef Boyardee®, Chef Boyardee (other than reg. ravioli), Spaghetti-O's

Drinks: instant regular/decaf coffee, instant tea, regular coffee, fruit juices, juice boxes, Kool-Aid/Tang® mix, bottled water

Snack Items: fruit snacks, Goldfish, graham crackers, chips, cookies, snack crackers, popcorn

Baking Items: flour, sugar (white and brown)

Condiments: ketchup, mayonnaise, pickles and relish, spicy brown and regular mustard, marshmallow fluff, jelly, peanut butter

Canned vegetables: diced tomatoes and carrots

Creamed soup / gravy

Canned fruit

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

Personal Hygiene: shampoo, conditioner, shaving items, body lotion, chapstick, baby wipes, hand wipes, feminine products

Sugar free and gluten free items

Cleaning Supplies: dishwashing soap, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant sprays/cleaners

PLEASE NOTE: At the moment we have an abundance of macaroni and cheese, noodles, canned vegetables (especially green beans, corn, and various other beans), chicken/tomato soup, 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 thanks
you for your continued support!**



O greater Maker of this thy great sun,
Give me the strength this one day's race to run,
Fill me with light, fill me with sun-like strength,
Fill me with joy to rob the day its length.
Light from within, light that will outward shine,
Strength to make strong some weaker heart than mine,
Joy to make glad each soul that feels its touch;
Great Father of the sun, I ask this much.

—James Weldon Johnson



- 1 Kathy Bailey
- 4 Anthony Kepnach
- 9 Teresa Miller
- 9 Alyse Musser
- 10 Donald Lutz
- 12 Kenneth Keck
- 14 Phillip Litschke
- 17 Maxwell Beshore
- 18 Daniel Bailey
- 18 Richard Bausher
- 22 Rodney Keller
- 23 Dale Schwoyer
- 26 Brian Hess
- 29 Madison Musser



- 9 Jason and Stacey Beshore (22 years)
- 15 Daniel and Sheila Gehman (10 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.

**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: Holly Allen, Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, Ted Eshbach, Erma Gajewski, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Penny Keller, Sheila Long, Leon Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Joyce Rothermel, Doreen Seaman, and Betty Stump

Friends of the congregation: Kathy Adams, Jolyn Blankenbiller, Ruby Burns, Ronald Casper, Evelyn Collins, Patrick Collins, Family and friends of Kelly Constein, Greta Davis, Mark Derr, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Scott Fox, Tara K., Douglas Kelly, Brian Kennedy, Lauren Kinney, Terry and Denise Kiser, Carla Kuser, Georgene McCool, Robin Naugle, Kyle Olinger, Ron R., Faith Rothermel, Olivia Schoenly, Christine Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, Marilyn Timm, Sallie Weil, Judy Werner, and Lisa Ziegler.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: For our nation as we prepare to elect a new president, 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: Lester Barlet, Sandy Burkhart, George DeLong, Alice Epler, Denise Haage, Ralph Harris, Jesus (pronounced Hay-seuss), Corinne Hersh, Mae Hertzog, Linda Moyer, Luke Paxton, Donna Schwoyer, Andrew S., Joshua S., and Theresa S.



THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July

- * 3 10:00 AM Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
10 10:00 AM Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
●17 **10:30AM** Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
▪ Joint Outdoor Worship and Picnic, Bowers Park
▪ Fauna Sunday
24 10:00 AM Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
*31 10:00 AM Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)
▪ Church Picnic after worship

August

- 7 10:00 AM Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
*14 10:00 AM Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
▪ Ocean Sunday
21 10:00 AM Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
▪ Backpack Sunday
*28 10:00 AM Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
▪ Harvest Home Service

September

- 4 10:00 AM Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
▪ Storm Sunday
11 10:00 AM Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
18 10:00 AM Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
25 10:00 AM Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- (*) Fellowship after worship
(●) Outdoor worship and picnic



SUMMER FRUIT PIZZA



Celebrate summer with this tasty dessert pizza, using your favorite summer fruits as the toppings.

What you need:

- 1 tube slice-and-bake sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Round pizza pan
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups sliced fruit
- Adult help

What you do:

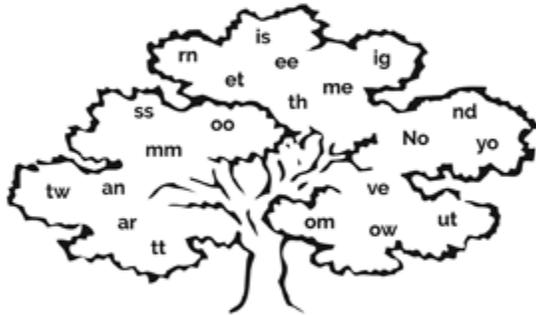
1. Cut the dough into slices 1/8-inch thick. Place slices on the pan, overlapping them slightly.
2. Bake at 375 degrees for 12 minutes. Let cool.
3. Combine softened cream cheese, sugar and vanilla, mixing well. Spread this "frosting" over the baked-cookie "crust."
4. Arrange fruit on top of the pizza.
5. Slice and enjoy!

PUZZLE

Signs of summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.



" ___ w lea ___ th ___ le ___ on
 fr ___ the f ___ tr ___: As s ___ n
 as its ___ igs g ___ te ___ er ___ d
 its lea ___ s co ___ o ___, ___ u
 kn ___ ___ at su ___ er is ne ___."

Ma ___ hew 24:32, NIV

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."
 Matthew 24:32, NIV

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	ACOLYTE	BID THE PRAYERS	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
7/3	Gladys Kline	Cindy Rissmiller	--	--	Don & Erma Gajewski	Cheryl Wiltrout
7/10	Sue Schlenker	Roy Merkel	--	--	Dale Schwoyer	Anna & Dallas Angstadt
7/17	Outdoor Worship Bowers Park	N/A	--	--	N/A	N/A
7/24	Betty Stump	Kathy Bailey	--	--	Dale Schwoyer	Dale Schwoyer
7/31	Sue Schlenker	Ken Keck	--	--	Sarah Bailey	Sarah Bailey

ALTAR GUILD: Faye Dey

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Elaine Seip

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Cheryl Wiltrout

COMMUNION BREAD: 7/3 – Gladys Kline

COMMUNION SET-UP: 7/3 – Gladys Kline

COUNCIL PERSON: Cheryl Wiltrout, 7/3 and 7/10; Sheila Gehman, 7/24 and 7/31

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

JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00-8:00pm-VBS Closing Program	2
3 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 6:00pm-Special Council Meeting to discuss Constitution	7	8	9
10 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	11 7:00pm-Council Meeting	12	13	14	15	16
17 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am -Joint Outdoor Worship and Picnic, Bowers Park	18	19	20 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle's	21	22	23
24 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Church Picnic after worship						