

**THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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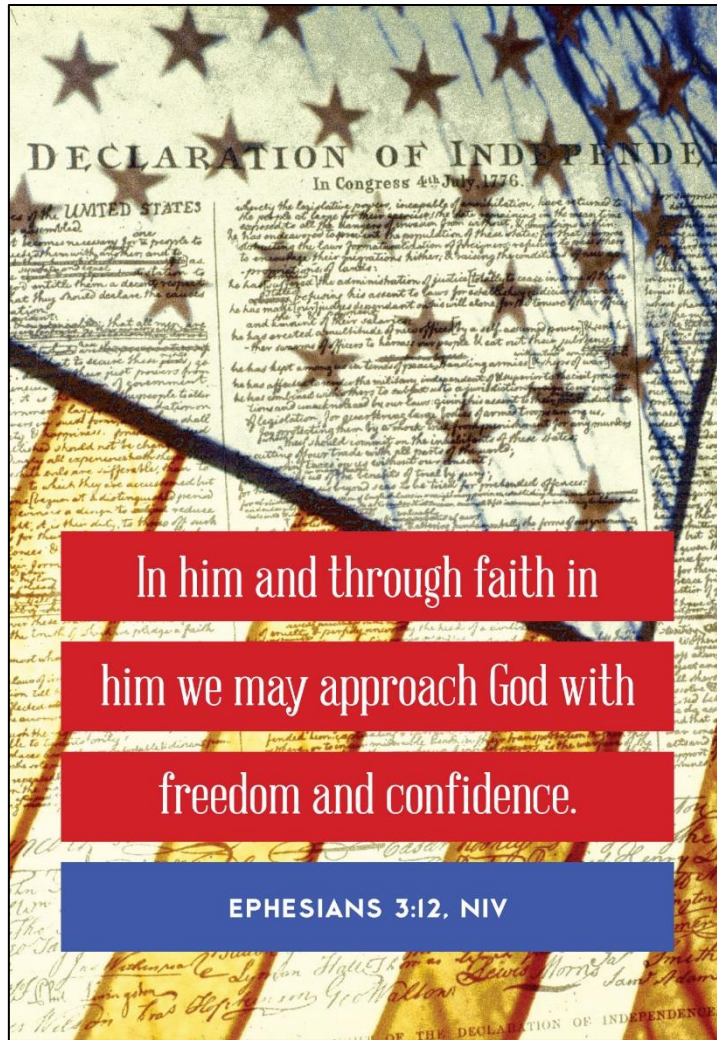
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**THE MISSION OF  
NEW JERUSALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

*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.*



*“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” Galatians 5:1 New International Version*

It is the beginning of July and we in the United States celebrate independence, celebrate freedom from domination by powers that did not care for needs of all those it governed. The Declaration of Independence from British rule was publicly read on July 4, boldly declaring: *We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.*

Today many in our nation feel they are held captive by systems and leaders so focused on maintaining their own power that they are not able to effectively care for the people and resources of this nation and our world. Many among us feel helpless and think that there is little they can do. They say they are disgusted with “politics”. Yet God calls us into “politics”, into the activities needed to govern a country or area. Some among us point out that *partisanship*, not *politics* is the problem; that blatant one-sidedness and unwillingness to truly listen, negotiate or seek compromise for the good of all is what really holds us back. When it comes to politics we often forget that not only does God call us to care and work to secure care for all, we also forget that when we allow God to work through us, “mighty be our powers.”

Mighty be our powers! In his book, *The Powers that Be*, Walter Wink reminds us that the God whom Jesus reveals is a God of power as well as mercy. He reminds us that God is passionate that God’s kingdom of justice is to be brought in, but not by violence or passivity. Instead, Wink explains, Jesus taught his followers to find a *third* way to stand up for themselves and for justice for all by *unmasking* a system’s cruelty and false premises. “The words and deeds of Jesus reveal that he. . .repudiated. . .the right of some to lord it over others by means of power, wealth, shaming, or titles.” (p. 65)

*Mighty Be Our Powers* is the title of a book by Leymah Gbowee. In the late nineties she helped to organize and lead a coalition of Christian and Muslim women who used non-violent means to confront and overthrow Liberia’s ruthless president and warlords. Together these sisters brought an end to the seemingly ceaseless and brutal civil war. They did this in very creative and daring ways: by sitting in public protest, speaking up, praying, persevering, and refusing to have sexual relations with their men until all war ceased. The war ended in 2003. Leymah received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011.

Christ has set us free from the power of sin, from *any* power that would separate us and any part of God’s creation from the way God intended it to be. Paul is clear: “Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by the yoke of slavery,” including the slavery of feeling powerless.

In this season, when we remember our freedoms, let us continue to listen with fresh ears and study what Jesus came to teach. Let us pray that God’s Spirit show us how to creatively and boldly use our powers for good. Let us pray that God would work through us to develop effective ways to stand firm for freedom and justice for all. Then let us praise God that when God works through us, mighty, indeed, be our powers.

May each of you also enjoy this beautiful time of year and take opportunities for rest and renewal in God’s wonderful creation.

*Pastor Ruth*

For more information about issues and ways to bring about change, check out <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy>.



# NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- A correction was made to the minutes from the last council meeting: the motion about repairs to be made only included approval for replacement of the back door.
- On Backpack Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, in addition to blessings backpacks of students and teachers, members of New Jerusalem will collect new or gently used backpacks to assist the Brandywine Heights Area School District develop a program to provide provisions for weekends for students who would otherwise be food insecure.
- 904 pies were baked at the shoo-fly bake sale held on June 5-7.
- Instead of a holding a dinner in October, 3 shoo-fly pies will be held in the fall. Those dates are: September 25-27, October 30-31, November 1, and December 4-6.

## SEASON OF CREATION SERVICES

Throughout the months of July and August we will be having special services for Season of Creation. These services will be July 30 – River and August 27 – Land.

## AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

## PASTORAL COVERAGE JULY 6–16

Pastor Ruth will be out of town July 6-16 with the Camp Noah team. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Roger Ulrich, 610.372.1973 and also let our church office know.

**ALL OF OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MEMORIZING THE 10 COMMANDMENTS.** Congratulate them and help keep them on their toes by asking them what the commandments mean and sharing what they mean to you.

## JULY SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of a Flower sponsor for July 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who signed up.

## CAMP NOAH–KOKOMO – July 8-15, 2017

On July 6<sup>th</sup> the team “sets sail” for central Indiana where 7 tornadoes damaged homes and other buildings August 24, 2016. Imagine the trauma! Using the Camp Noah program, Sue Schlenker and Pastor Ruth will work with 21 other Pennsylvanian “shipmates” to bring hope, healing and resiliency skills to the children of Kokomo. Lois Ondik (Korinne Hotzman’s mother) from Hope, Bowers, and Luci and Morgan Bower from Trinity, Topton, are also part of the crew. Help keep this “boat” afloat with your prayers. Returning voyagers will undoubtedly have many tales to tell.

## VBS – July 17-21, 2017

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they’re lovingly crafted by God. The theme for this year’s VBS is “Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose.” There will be lots of cool crafts, stories and lessons. VBS will be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Bowers. The program begins with dinner from 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to serve one supper and/or to teach or assist in a class or activity. If you are interested in helping please contact Pastor Haines at 610.682.7236 or [hopeelc@dejazzd.com](mailto:hopeelc@dejazzd.com).

## CHURCH PICNIC

Mark this date on your calendars! New Jerusalem will be holding their church picnic on **Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** after the worship service. Join us for food, fun, and fellowship.



**WORSHIP IN THE PARK – August 6, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.**

Mark your calendars now for our Community Service in Bowers Park. Join with Hope Lutheran, New Jerusalem UCC, St. Peter's UCC, Christ DeLong UCC, and Christ Mertz Lutheran for worship and a fellowship picnic. There are picnic benches, but you are welcome to bring along lawn chairs.

**BACKPACK SUNDAY – August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**HARVEST HOME – August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**SERMONS FROM SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2017 ON YOUTUBE**

The three sermons delivered at the Assembly are now posted on YouTube. To view these and other highlights from Assembly 2017, visit the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/synod-assembly-2017>. The links are posted in the sidebar, along with various documents from the assembly.

**IS IT FLEX TIME OR VACATION?**

Just in case you are wondering, not all the time that Pastor Ruth is away is vacation. Since she is employed half-time with our congregation, our pastor is often able to flex her hours that enable her to visit her family, attend Camp Noah, etc. While she makes sure pastoral coverage is available any time she is out of town, she is usually available by phone during flex time.

**NEWS & EVENTS**  
in the community

**VILLAGE VOLLEYBALL**

Huff's Church is sponsoring "Village Volleyball" each Wednesday from **June 21<sup>st</sup> to August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Huff's Church Park. Any age welcome! (Only 2 needed to start a game.) Please note: recreational, friendly play only.

**PEACH FESTIVAL**

Alsace Lutheran Church, 2201 Kutztown Road, Reading, will be holding their annual Peach Festival on **Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 p.m.** Entertainment provided by the Uptown Band from 5-8 p.m. (Bring lawn chairs). We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, turkey BBQ, pork BBQ, French fries, walking tacos, soup, baked goods, drinks, and peaches and ice cream.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FORUMS**

The **Lutheran Home at Topton** runs Bereavement Support Forums the third Wednesday of each month from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** in Deibert Hall, first floor of D-wing. On **July 19<sup>th</sup> – Alzheimer's Disease: Loss Before Loss.** Crafts, refreshments and a time for sharing will follow each program or presentation.

**COMMUNITY INDOOR YARD SALE**

Do you have good stuff to sell? Vendors are wanted for an Indoor Yard Sale at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 1343 Long Lane Road, Krumsville, on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 per table. For information call Helen at 484.641.5253 or Janice at [mimom13@ptd.net](mailto:mimom13@ptd.net). Vendors may set up Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m.

**RAFFLE FOR CRUISE FOR A CURE**

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for you to sign up. Thank you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Cruise for a Cure**

**Saturday**  
**Sept. 9, 2017**  
**1:30-6:00 pm**  
(Rain Date Sept. 10)

at **Larry Dey**  
**Auto Service**  
LLC

12 Pricetown Road  
in the village  
of New Jerusalem



Street Rods, Customs, Muscle Cars, Trucks, Antiques & Classics  
Spectators Welcome!

Admission Donation & Proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society through the Relay For Life team of New Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church



**DJ Music**

**Food & Drinks Available**

**Raffle & Door Prizes**

**50/50 Drawing**

**Bring your own chairs!**

In the event of inclement weather, call Larry Dey Auto Service, LLC at 610-682-7111 for further information.

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**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR BURN-OUTS PERMITTED**

*"May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right."*

—Peter Marshall

## GLAD YOU ASKED – HOLY COMMUNION

Some of you, including our confirmands, have asked why we have Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and festival services. Pastor Dennis Ritter gave us permission to share this article he wrote for a recent newsletter.

*If, like me, you grew up in the Lutheran Church in this region of the country, you can remember a time when the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion occurred 4-6 times per year or very infrequently. Did you ever wonder why? Historically, there are 2 reasons of which I am aware.*

*First, there was a shortage of Lutheran pastors in the colonial and post-colonial periods of our country. Until we began to develop schools to train pastors here in the United States, it was customary to import them from Germany. It was not until Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was sent to the Americas by the church fathers in Halle, Germany that there began to be a concerted effort to identify and train native born clergy for service in Lutheran congregations.*

*Second, Lutherans like many new immigrants to this country had to make numerous adjustments, not the least of which was the adoption of the English language from such native tongues as Danish, German, Norwegian, Swedish, etc. Lutherans were also not in the majority from a denominational perspective and so they sought to fit in with the primary strain of Protestantism which was out of the reformed tradition (German Reformed, Dutch Reformed, Presbyterian and Methodist) which viewed the sacrament more as a memorial meal that was not necessary to celebrate more than a few times a year.*

*Because of these and lesser reasons, Lutherans in our region and other areas of the country fell into the practice of infrequently celebrating Holy Communion/the Eucharist.*

*In the 1970's, as part of a process of liturgical renewal that eventuated in the publishing of the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW or green book) our seminaries and the national church began to advocate for celebrating Holy Communion on a weekly basis. While some congregations moved quickly to this practice, others in our area moved to adding a "few more" times to the "traditional" 4-6 times per year that had been the norm. Often this included celebrating the Sacrament of Holy*

*Communion on the first Sunday of the month and major festivals.*

*Why was this growth in the frequency of celebrating Holy Communion encouraged? For Lutherans, it represented the recovery of at least 2 strands of our Lutheran Christian heritage.*

*Biblically, it was faithful to Paul's teaching regarding the Sacrament in 1 Corinthians 11, where in part we read, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (11:26)."*

*Historically, it was faithful to the teaching of Martin Luther, who was a strong advocate for the daily celebration of the Eucharist because "those who claim to be Christians should prepare themselves to receive this blessed sacrament frequently (The Large Catechism)," and "The Lord's Supper is given as a daily food and sustenance so that our faith may refresh and strengthen itself and not weaken in the struggle [against sin and evil] but grow continually stronger (The Large Catechism)."*

*Luther referred to as "the food of the soul (The Large Catechism)." I pray that you will find it to be so as well!*

Some wonder whether having taking part in the Lord's Supper frequently would take away from it being a special meal. Can we humans ever get too much of hearing and receiving signs that someone loves us and is there for us? It may be true that some times seem more special than others, but there are other times when we may not think we need to hear it and are surprised by love when we least expect it or feel worthy of it. Can we ever get too much assurance that God loves us and is with us as closely as the bread and wine we receive?

## Did You Know?

### SPARROW

Birds in general symbolize God's presence. Sparrows represent God's concern and care even for those thought insignificant. In Jesus' words, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ... So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29, 31, NIV).





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



- 9 Jason and Stacey Beshore (23 years)
- 15 Dan and Sheila Gehman (11 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.*

### WHY GRANDMA GAVE

One Sunday as she was getting ready for church, a grandmother received a call from her daughter. "Can you watch the kids while we're out of town next week? the daughter asked.

Grandma was so thrilled she put an extra \$5 into the offering plate that morning.



The next Sunday, after her three young grandchildren had returned home, she put in an extra \$20.

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### RELAY FOR LIFE 2017 WINNERS

Congratulations to all the winners of the door prizes at the Relay for Life held June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Kutztown University.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Red Lobster Gift Card | Bruce Williams    |
| Battery Booster       | Bruce Williams    |
| Ninja Chopper         | Fern Readinger    |
| Vera Bradley Purse    | Sara Jane Beshore |
| Kitchen Set           | Donna Kline       |
| Gift Card             | Sally Schlegel    |
| Necklace              | Jeff Wengert      |
| Mechanic's Tool Set   | Nancy Esbenshade  |
| Gift Card             | Renee Ackerman    |
| Gift Card – Mr. Food  | Bruce Williams    |
| Table Topper w/Candle | Faye Dey          |
| Nativity Cross        | Yorvania Reynoso  |
| Afghan                | Dawn Purcell      |
| PA German Dictionary  | Dawn Wengert      |
| Wooden Bench          | Brooke Wengert    |
| Handmade Purse        | Bruce Williams    |
| Bath & Body Works     | Bruce Williams    |
| Dinner Basket         | Faye Dey          |
| 31 Bag                | Ron Volanski      |
| Cards by Cheryl       | Sue Schlenker     |
| Casserole Carrier     | Lucille Jones     |



## Bible Quiz

What is Gideon doing when the angel of the Lord appears to him with God's call to lead Israel's fight against the Midianites?

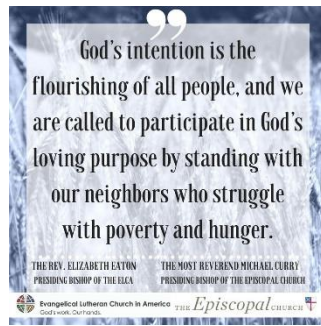
- A. threshing wheat
- B. harvesting grapes
- C. keeping sheep
- D. making a sacrifice to the Lord



Answer: A (See Judges 6:11.)

## “FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS” PRAY, FAST, ACT

Last month, the presiding bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church issued a call to Pray, Fast and Act in support of federal programs that are vital to hungry people struggling with poverty.



We fast on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month to fortify our advocacy in solidarity with families who are struggling with hunger. We fast to be in solidarity with neighbors who suffer famine, who have been displaced, and who are vulnerable to conflict and climate change. We fast with immigrants who are trying to make a better future for their families and now face the risk of deportation. We fast in solidarity with families on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), when 90% of the benefits run out for families, making the remainder of the month a hungry time.

### JOIN ELCA ADVOCACY AND PRESIDING BISHOPS OF THE ELCA AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AS, TOGETHER, WE:

**PRAY** for our nation’s elected leaders and for all who struggle with hunger and poverty.

*God of compassion, whose Son became poor for our sake: Help us to see the face of Christ in those who are poor, and in serving them to serve you. Give us generous hearts so that those living in poverty may have adequate food, clothing, and shelter. By your Spirit move us to affirm the dignity of all people and to work for just laws that protect the most vulnerable in society; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Evangelical Lutheran Worship pg. 79 used with permission.)*

**FAST** to call attention in our own minds and actions the needs and circumstances of the poorest among us; and

**ACT** by urging our elected representatives to continue funding crucial safety net programs.

### CURRENT ACTION: APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMESTIC HUMAN NEEDS

As Lutherans, we are called to protect, support and uplift those who lack access to basic human needs—a roof over their heads, food and decent employment. As a church we can make part of the difference in the lives of our poorest brothers and sisters, but without government assistance programs, millions

of Americans would be unable to feed their children, find employment or locate adequate housing. Some of these important programs include:

- **WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Woman, Infants, and Children)** – WIC helps low-income mothers and their children access nutritional benefits.
- **Federal Unemployment Benefits and Allowances** – These funds support low-income people struggling to find permanent employment.
- **Low-income housing Assistance, community development and homelessness prevention** – These programs assist homeless and low-income people to find viable housing.
- **The Second Chance Act** – This law affords grants to non-profit organizations, state and local government agencies and registered Indian tribes to provide educational, mental health substance abuse and job-training programs for individuals transitioning out of the prison system.

Look out for the July call to prayer, fasting and action on **Friday, July 21**. For more advocacy opportunities, visit [www.Advocacy.ELCA.org](http://www.Advocacy.ELCA.org). Thank you for your dedication and leadership on this important issue!

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## STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

Literature, painting, music – the most basic lesson that all art teaches us is to stop, look and listen to life on this planet, including our own lives, as a vastly richer, deeper, more mysterious business than most of the time it ever occurs to us to suspect as we bumble along from day to day on automatic pilot....

When Jesus [says] that the greatest command of all is to love God and to love our neighbor, he too is asking us to pay attention. If we are to love God, we must first stop, look and listen for him in what is happening around us and inside us. If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces. Here it is love that is the frame we see them in.



– Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*


 IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*


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

**Facilities:** Anna Angstadt, Cliff Barlet, Samuel Behm, Bertha Bennecoff, Edna Conrad, Helen Fair, Dennis Guinther, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Drena Kocher, Irene Noll, Warren Reinhart, and Arlene Yob.

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING:**

**Members:** Beth Angstadt, Myles Angstadt, George DeLong, Lori Eck, Phyllis Fenstermacher, Erma Guinther, Anna Heffner, Amanda Herman, John Keck, Paige Lambert, Sheila Long, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, and Joyce Rothermel.

**Friends of the congregation:** Kathy Adams, Regina B., Robert Berger, Thelma Bright, Evelyn Collins, Dick Curtin, Verna Davis, Mark Derr, Esther Dunkelberger, Alice Epler, Katie F., Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Sonja Hernandez, Tara K., Lauren Kinney, Joe Klick, Ella Kline, Ethan Kunkel, Family and friends of Tia Melcher, Lillian Mengel, Nicki Nolte, Kyle Olinger, Family and friends of Arlene Peiffer, Sandy Reitz, Tim and Carol Romig, Randy S., Sue S., Charles Sanders, Jacki Wagner, Sallie Weil, and Kenneth Yenser.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For our nation, for our president, 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.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Sandy Burkhardt, Erma Gajewski, Denise Haage, Corinne Hersh, Leon Moyer, Alice Reist, Andrew S., Josh S., Olivia Schoenly, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.



**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church**  
**Statement of Accounts**  
May 31, 2017

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 19,612.48
Thrivent	6,816.06
Checking	7,662.69
Youth	828.45
Fidelity	144,086.82
Cash Reserve	11,310.80
Mission Investment	11,277.50
Local Care	1,125.50

**May 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>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 8,519.17	\$ 7,057.10 *	\$ (1,462.07)
<i>Income Required per Month — Based on 2017 Budget                      Passed by Congregation                      Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution</i>			
<i>* Actual Income Includes: \$3,000.00 ESTIMATED                      INCOME from Shoo Fly Pie Sale</i>			
Parking Lot – Funds received to offset expenses for Driveway/Parking Lot Repaving			
	\$ 37,140.00	Total Expenses for Project	
	\$ 14,069.50	Funds Received to offset expenses	

**COMMUNING WITH GOD**

After Apollo 11 landed on the moon on July 20, 1969, pilot Buzz Aldrin requested via radio that people pause to give thanks for the achievement in their own way. When his broadcast ended, Aldrin read a verse from the Gospel of John and took communion, which his church had sent to space with him.



“It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements,” the astronaut said. “At the time, I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God.”



## **THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **July**

- \* 2      10:00 AM      Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 9      10:00 AM      Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 16     10:00 AM      Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 23     10:00 AM      Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)
  - Church Picnic after worship
- 30      10:00 AM      Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
  - Season of Creation: River

### **August**

- 6      10:30 AM      Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
  - Community Worship and Picnic in Bowers Park
- 13      10:00 AM      Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 20     10:00 AM      Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)
  - Backpack Sunday
- 27      10:00 AM      Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
  - Season of Creation: Land
  - Harvest Home Service

### **September**

- \* 3      10:00 AM      Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
- 10      10:00 AM      Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- \* 17     10:00 AM      Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
- 24      10:00 AM      Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

#### **FELLOWSHIP DATES:**

- ( \* ) Fellowship after worship
- ( ■ ) Church Picnic after worship
- ( ● ) Community Worship and Picnic in Bowers Park



## Friendship Snack Mix



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

### What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

### What you do:

1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
4. Share this snack with your friends!



## Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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3-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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4-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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5-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

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Words with 6 or more letters: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Answers include: in, is, hi, he, hip, end, sip, dip, trip, nip, pie, sir, hid, ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, fish, rind, ripe, hide, fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns, friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrine, finish, shiner, insider, hinders, inspired, re/finish, finished

## **JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>BULLETINS</b>
7/2	Sara Jane Beshore	Sara Jane Beshore	--	The Bailey family	Dale Schwoyer
7/9	Gladys Kline	Charli Rissmiller	--	Linda Moyer	Cheryl Wiltrout
7/16	Denny Beshore	Roy Merkel	--	The Bailey family	Dale Schwoyer
7/23	Joshua Keck	Ken Keck	--	Dale Schwoyer	Dale Schwoyer
7/30	Jeannette DeLong	Roy Merkel		<i>(sponsor needed)</i>	Erma Guinther

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sara Jane Beshore

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Elaine Seip

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Cheryl Wiltrout


**COMMUNION BREAD:** 7/2 – Gladys Kline

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 7/2 – Sara Jane Beshore

**COUNCILPERSON:** Cheryl Wiltrout and Gladys Kline

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

# JULY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Holy Communion</li> <li>▪ Fellowship after worship</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <p>Korinne - VACATION</p>	<p>4</p>  <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pastor at Camp Noah July 6-16</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fellowship after worship</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm-Mutual Ministry Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm-Council Meeting</p> <p>5:30-6:00pm →</p> <p>Dinner before VBS program, Hope Lutheran, Bowers</p>	<p>18</p> <p>→</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Janelle's</p> <p>→</p>	<p>20</p> <p>→</p>	<p>21</p> <p>→</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Church Picnic after worship</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00pm-Special Council and Mutual Ministry Meeting to go over committee mission statements</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30pm-Worship &amp; Music Committee Meeting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost / Season of Creation: River</p>	<p>31</p>					