

**THE GOOD NEWSLETTER**

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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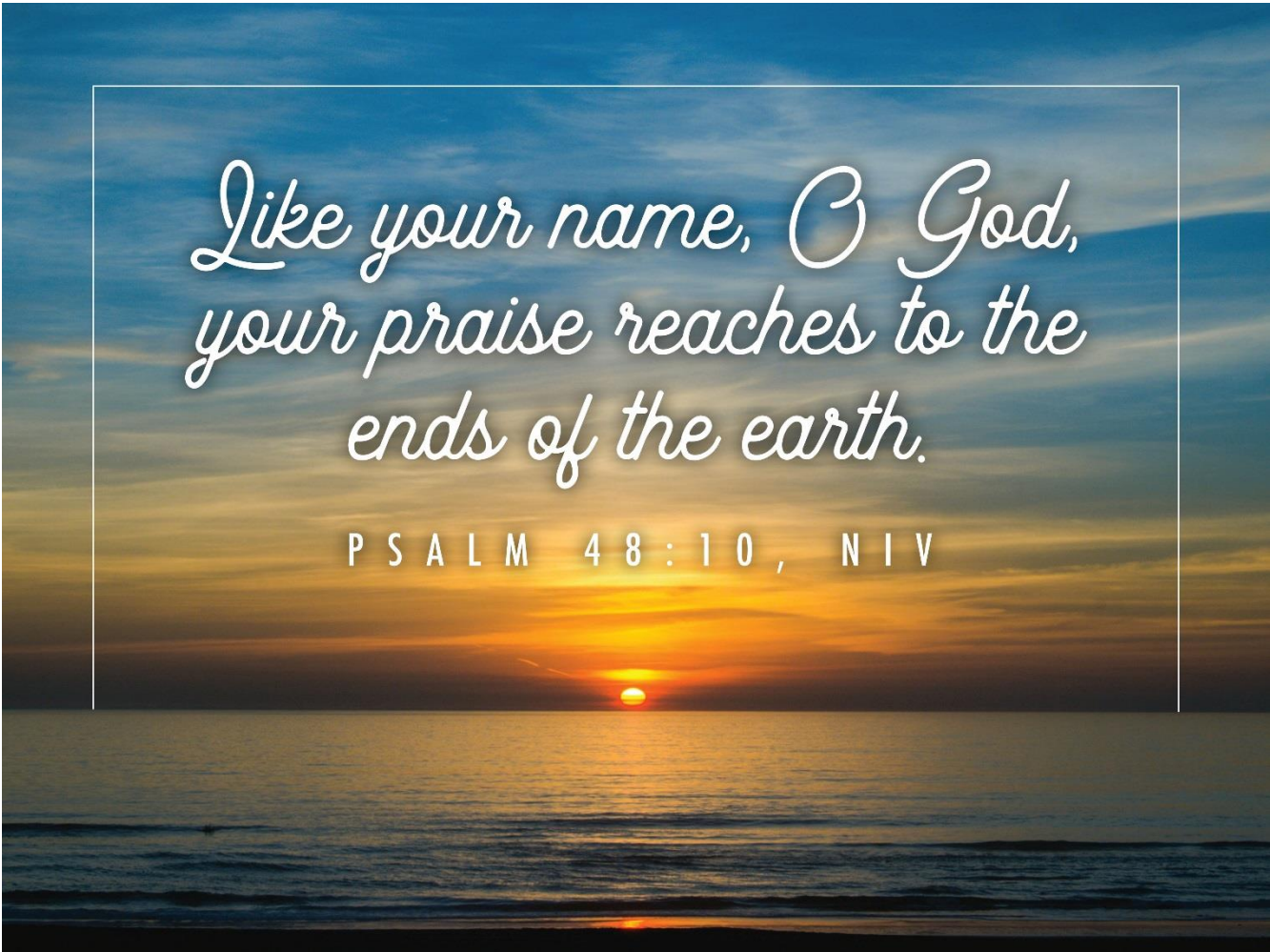
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*Like your name, O God,  
your praise reaches to the  
ends of the earth.*

P S A L M 4 8 : 1 0 , N I V

**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 Sisters and Brothers,

Summer has definitely arrived! As I sit and compose this, I am ever so thankful that our office is air conditioned since the heat index is supposed to reach 101 today.

Summer has arrived and we look forward to picnics and swimming and all kinds of outdoor activities! Our children and grandchildren are delighted that school is finally out. Many are headed off for, or at least dreaming about, vacations.

My grass and flowers and tomatoes are growing like weeds, and the weeds, well, they are growing at the same pace if not faster. I'm sure you know what I'm talking about.

Summer, beautiful summer, filled with so many pleasures! A time to enjoy and give great thanks to our Creator! Let us never get so caught up in summer's pleasures or chores that we fail to see God's face and work all around us.

July: the month we celebrate our nation's independence, the month we remember the words on that declaration: *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.* ("Happiness" here means wholeness, not the fleeting pleasure of entertainment or possessions.) — *That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men (humans), deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,*  
— . . . .

As I write this, the temperatures are soaring on our southern borders and thousands of parents and children sit in detention. Some are in tents, some in large warehouse-type facilities, some in jail. Like us, these brothers and sisters wear God's face. These brothers and sisters have made long, difficult, and perilous journeys hoping to find a place of life and liberty, of security and freedom from violence, a place where they can earn a decent living and raise their families.

Many of us wonder how our nation has come to this point. This nation was populated by immigrants. Even "native Americans" migrated to this land. Yes, there have always been concerns about how to deal with immigrants. Yes, there are concerns all over the world about what to do with the huge masses of people who have taken great risks to find safer places. Yes, the issue is not simple. Yet, God calls us to deal humanely, compassionately, and hospitably with our brothers and sisters. *"Just as you [showed compassion] to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* Matthew 25:40.

This summer, let us, the governed, exercise our responsibility to learn about important issues facing our nation and to critique the policies and laws involved. Let us exercise our responsibility to communicate our thoughts and beliefs to those we have given the power to govern. And, most importantly, let us pray fervently for wisdom, guidance and courage for all in authority so that the good and gracious will of God will be done here, now, among us, as it is in heaven. Let us pray that all of God's children can enjoy God's gift of this beautiful world and season with us.

*In these times may we, who once were strangers here, welcome Christ, the stranger at our door.  
With a love that dares to trust and faith that quenches fear,  
let us make a home of welcome in these times.*

Marty Haugen, "In These Times."  
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*Pastor Ruth*

# NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

- Worship & Music Committee voted to purchase an oil candle to replace the existing wax paschal candle.
- Vocation Sunday will be held October 7 with a focus on first responders.
- 912 pies were baked at the last shoo-fly pie bake sale.
- Russell Bennecoff will be replacing the broken floor tiles in the narthex.
- A motion was made to donate \$50.00 to St. Paul's UCC for the use of their pie dough roller after New Jerusalem's roller broke.

## SEASON OF CREATION SERVICES

Throughout the months of July, August and September we will be having special services for the Season of Creation. These services will be July 8 – Humanity, August 19 – Mountain, and September 9 – Earth.

## AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP IN THE PARK

On **Sunday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m.** we will be joining together with members from Hope Lutheran, Bowers, St. Peter's UCC, Topton, Christ DeLong UCC, Bowers, and Christ Mertz, Dryville for our Community Worship and Picnic in Bowers Park. There are picnic benches, but you are welcome to bring along lawn chairs. Please bring a **salad or side dish** to share.

## New Jerusalem's CHURCH PICNIC – July 29

Join us after the worship service for food, fun and fellowship. Please bring a potluck dish to share.

## BACKPACK SUNDAY – August 19

## HARVEST HOME – September 9

## FALL FESTIVAL – September 15, 2018

Mark your calendars to join us on **Saturday, September 15 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** for our Fall Festival. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, baked goods, and beverages for purchase, a Cake Walk, and music provided by The Mike Hertzog Trio. Start inviting your friends and neighbors and don't forget to bring a lawn chair.

## SUMMER READING BINGO

Enjoy summer reading while playing a fun game of bingo!

Included in this newsletter is a copy of the "bingo card". Let your child choose which of the suggested reading activities they want to do. Adults are also welcome to do it as well. Bring in your "bingo cards" to church and write in what you read.



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## CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Clifford Schlenker who passed away on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

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## THANK YOU NOTES

We want to thank Pastor Ruth for her many visits to our house and also the hospital to pray for Charlie. Also the members of our church for helping out at the luncheon. – *Gabriele Sanders and family*

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## ELCA ADVOCACY

Did you know that the ELCA has an advocacy team to assist us in staying informed about some very important issues and to suggest ways we can engage in our civil responsibilities to speak up for those we have elected? Check out <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/Advocacy>. There you can sign up for Advocacy Alerts which tell you about current issues, suggest actions you can take, and even provide ways, including a link, to help you contact your congress people. The Advocacy link above also includes links to the Advocacy Center, a



Take Action link, and an Action Resource Center. This site as well as its companion, Pray, Fast, Act, *do not dictate* how we ought to think and act, but are offered as ways to *help* us stay informed and, think through issues on levels not necessarily offered through other news media. (See also [www.elca.org/prayfastact](http://www.elca.org/prayfastact)).

*As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. God uses our hands, through our direct service work and our voices, through our advocacy efforts, to restore and reconcile our world. Through faithful advocacy, the ELCA lives out our Lutheran belief that governments can help advance the common good.*

*ELCA advocacy works for change in public policy based on the experience of Lutheran ministries, programs and projects around the world and in communities across the United States. We work through political channels on behalf of the following biblical values: peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease.* From the ELCA Advocacy site.

## NEWS & EVENTS in the Community

### PEACH FESTIVAL – July 15, 2018

Held at Alsace Lutheran Church, 2201 Kutztown Road, Reading, on **Sunday, July 15, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ, baked goods and drinks will be available for purchase. There will also be games for the kids. New for this year will be a Car Show. Entertainment will be provided by the Uptown Band from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### SYNOD MINISTRY FAIR

Visit the Synod's Resource Center, 2354 Grove Road, Allentown, on **Saturday, August 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** to learn about ministries of the Northeastern PA Synod; share resources offered by synod teams; and attend mini-sessions (like Learning Ministry Day). Lunch and a Children's Corner will be provided. Sponsored by the Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team. Visit the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/event/ministry-fair> for more information.

### BRAKE THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

Friend, Inc. is hosting a bike riding event to end poverty on **Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Held rain or shine beginning at Saucony Creek Brewing Company, 15032 Kutztown Road, Kutztown. \$35 pre-registration; \$45 day of event. Children under 12 free with registered adult. For more information call 610.683.7790 or go to [www.friendinc.org](http://www.friendinc.org). See the flyer on the bulletin board for further details. Helmets are required to be worn for this event.



### CAMP NOAH – SUMMER 2018

Volunteers, including those who are bi-lingual, are needed to lead the Camp Noah program being offered to children who have come to the Reading area from Puerto Rico because of Hurricane Maria. This day camp will be offered **August 13-17** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on North 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Reading. New Jerusalem will be providing the snack for Tuesday morning.

Our congregation has enthusiastically supported Camp Noah programs in previous years. Sue Schlenker and Dale Schwoyer can tell you the program not only really helps the children, but also impacts those who volunteer. See Pastor Ruth for more details on how to help this year.

### NEED A RIDE?

Diakon Volunteer Home Care can help! Diakon Volunteer Home Care is an interfaith outreach ministry responding to the needs of the community by offering help to individuals age 60 and above through the support of caring volunteers. We can help with transportation to:

- Doctors appointments and other medical visits
- Grocery stores
- Critical social service appointments

Volunteers from your community can help with providing transportation on a short term or intermittent basis. This service is provided free of charge. Call us at 1.866.844.9091.

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The paradox of faith is that when we conform our lives to Christ, then we gain our true freedom. And its fruit is profound and lasting happiness.

—Vincent Nichols

Folk singer David LaMotte has a song with a chorus, “There’s no time like the present...and there’s no present like time.” In today’s post, Pastor Jeni Grangaard invites us to slow down, take note, and become aware of our gifts beyond money. Our gift of now. It’s a post that, I hope, will cause us to breathe a bit differently, to pray a bit differently, to live a bit differently. Even now.

Yours truly,

Adam J. Copeland  
Center for Stewardship Leaders

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## THE STEWARDSHIP OF NOW

by Jeni Grangaard

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” — Mary Oliver, *The Summer Day*

In Jerusalem, my best days start with a walk in the Wallaja Valley. It’s a place that holds light and darkness with equal beauty as sun and shadowy mist streak through the trees after sunrise. Its fecund ground holds vibrant rock and blooming wildflowers, hedged by rosemary, sage, and wild thyme.

On my walks this spring, I noticed how the light green tufts, thirsty for chlorophyll, poked through their buds, folded against each other, styled like spiky hair. As the weeks stretched along, small fig leaf shapes slowly emerged. Tiny fruit appeared on the branch, cute in miniature form. Slowly, slowly over time the leaves have grown and taken their deeper color. Soon the fruit will add some purple to its green coat and be ripe for eating. And soon after that the fruit that is left will fall and rot, the fruit marking the ground, the trees once again bare and stark.

The time I have spent out of the United States has trained me to slow down and consider the lilies — or wild poppies. The stewardship that comes to mind is the practice of slowing down: the stewardship of time.

Economics is a study in decision making. With the limited resources and in particular settings, what tools will one use to make the right choice? What is the most valuable commodity?

We so often think that it is money. Money can buy just about anything. Health care, a good education, nice clothes, a safe home and car. Money can do a lot, but it is time that is more valuable. With time one can make more money. With time one can do it all -- or as women are often pressured, with more time, one can have it all.

But time is limited, a precious commodity, an un-renewable resource. We can’t buy it. We can hardly save it. We can only spend it, as Annie Dillard suggests.

Nina Simone once quipped to her live audience, “Time is a dictator,” before sliding into “Who Knows Where the Time Goes?” We too will run out of time.

Returning to Mary Oliver: “Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”

This question has inspired us. It has also put a pressure on many in their quarter-life crisis who shout: “I don’t know! There is so much time!” It has also offered a freedom to many in their midlife crisis who whisper: “Something else, I am running out of time.”

But the poem isn’t pushing us into the future. It is rooting us where we are. The poet does not ask us to hitch our wagon to the one blazing star that will plot the course for the rest of our lives.

The poet calls us to attention as if it was prayer. This is prayer, she offers — not oratory, but openness, paying attention, being alive.

What makes our lives wild and precious is the living of them. The wild and precious life isn’t some possibility, waiting to be attained or perfectly curated. It is in the messy and fleeting present. It is here. It is now. The wild and precious is the sideways moving jaws of the grasshopper as it chews the sugar cube.

Or the sticky sweet warmth of a four-year-old who asks to hold hands at bedtime.

It is the unfurling fig tree leaves. The wild flowers. The morning light that reflects my own being.

*Jeni Grangaard is a pastor in the ELCA, sent by Global Mission to serve as a Country Co-Coordinator for the Young Adults in Global Mission Program in Jerusalem and the West Bank.*

# 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, Helen Fair, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Audrey Hoffman, and Irene Noll.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

**Members:** Glenn Allen, Daniel Bailey, Lori Eck, Don Gajewski, Erma Guinther, Amanda Herman, Sheila Long, Forrest Merkel, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Joanne Pauley, Horace Rothermel, Joyce Rothermel, and Dale Schwoyer.

**Friends of the congregation:** Regina B., Dorene Behney, Millie Berger, Thelma Bright, Corina Brown, Bill Collins, Evelyn Collins, Patrick Collins, Dick Curtin, Mark Derr, Barbara Feeman, Olivia Fenstermacher, Eric Fox, Steve Haage, Sonja Hernandez, Corinne Hersh, Tara K., Mary Keck, Janis Kershner, Merritt Kershner, Angie Kistler, Joe Klick, Ethan Kunkel, Anh La, Marie Leibensperger, Catherine Lenio, Michael M., Pat Magala, Nancy Meck, Pearl Meck, George Noll, Kyle Olinger, Family and friends of Harold Oulds, Jackson Radcliffe, Arlene Reider, Ronald Reimert, Jake Rohrbach, Gloria Romig, Jerry Schwambach, Chelsea Schwoyer, Laura Schwoyer, Tiffany W., Jacki Wanger, Leah Wiest, and Ken Zook.

**OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS:** For our nation. For our president, congress and judicial system. For peace in the world and between citizens and those who serve them. For our military personnel serving around the world, for areas enduring drought, storms, flooding and other disasters, for migrants and refugees and the countries to which they flee.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST:** Myles Angstadt, Sandy Burkhart, Alice Epler, Katie F., Erma Gajewski, Denise Haage, Lauren Kinney, Leon Moyer, Andrew S., Joshua S., Ruby Grace Shoff, Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, and Marilyn Timm.

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



- 1 Kathy Bailey
- 1 Randy Bennecoff
- 4 Anthony Kepnach
- 7 Carson Seip
- 8 Logan Seip
- 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 (24 years)
- 15 Dan and Sheila Gehman (12 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.*



EPHESIANS 2:22, ESV

**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church**  
**Statement of Accounts**  
**May 31, 2018**

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 22,256.36
Thrivent	7,700.01
Checking	10,396.67
Youth	404.60
Fidelity	146,391.15
Cash Reserve	11,252.71
Mission Investment	11,313.67
Local Care	1,294.23

**April 2018 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income**

<u>Income</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income	Per Month	Income	
Used For:			
Operating	\$ 8,779.58	\$ 8,973.00 *	\$ 193.42
Expenses			

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2018 Budget  
 Passed by Congregation  
 Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

*\* Actual Income Includes: \$3,600.00 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  
 \$ 19,026.00 Funds Received to offset expenses

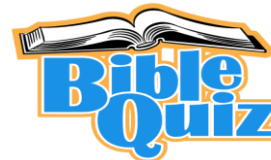


**ENCOURAGING SCRIPTURES FOR REST  
 AND RELAXATION**

If you'd like to explore further what God says about rest, see:

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| <a href="#"><u>Genesis 2: 2-3</u></a>     | <a href="#"><u>Psalms 62:5</u></a>      |
| <a href="#"><u>Exodus 20:8-11</u></a>     | <a href="#"><u>Psalms 116:7</u></a>     |
| <a href="#"><u>Exodus 33:14</u></a>       | <a href="#"><u>Mark 6:31</u></a>        |
| <a href="#"><u>Leviticus 25:4</u></a>     | <a href="#"><u>1 Peter 5:7</u></a>      |
| <a href="#"><u>Psalms 73:26</u></a>       | <a href="#"><u>1 John 3:19</u></a>      |
| <a href="#"><u>Psalms 61:1-4b</u></a>     | <a href="#"><u>Psalms 131:2</u></a>     |
| <a href="#"><u>Psalms 62:1-2</u></a>      | <a href="#"><u>1 Peter 3:4</u></a>      |
| <a href="#"><u>Isaiah 40:28-31</u></a>    | <a href="#"><u>Psalms 127:1-2</u></a>   |
| <a href="#"><u>Hebrews 4: 9-11</u></a>    | <a href="#"><u>Philippians 4:12</u></a> |
| <a href="#"><u>Hebrews 4:15-16</u></a>    | <a href="#"><u>1 Timothy 6:6</u></a>    |
| <a href="#"><u>Matthew 11:28-29</u></a>   | <a href="#"><u>John 14:27</u></a>       |
| <a href="#"><u>Proverbs 19:23</u></a>     | <a href="#"><u>John 16:33</u></a>       |
| <a href="#"><u>Philippians 4: 6-7</u></a> |   |

or go to: [lynndove.com/2012/07/09/25-encouraging-scriptures-for-rest-and-relaxation](http://lynndove.com/2012/07/09/25-encouraging-scriptures-for-rest-and-relaxation).



How did Jesus heal the blind man at the pool of Siloam?

- Put mud on his eyes and told him to go wash in the pool.
- Laid his hands on the man's head and prayed.
- Touched his eyes, but at first the man said people looked like trees walking, so Jesus had to do it again.
- Told him to go to the priests; as the man went, he was healed.



Answer: A (see John 9:6-7)

**Did You Know?**

**LAMP**

A lamp symbolizes the Word of God: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). It also may represent wisdom, based on Jesus' parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13). Additionally, a lamp may symbolize the indwelling of the Holy Spirit – and life itself.



## THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### July

* 1	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
8	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Season of Creation - Humanity
■ 15	<b>10:30 AM</b>	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Community Worship and Picnic at Bowers Park
22	10:00 AM	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
* 29	10:00 AM	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ New Jerusalem Church Picnic after worship

### August

5	10:00 AM	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Communion (G)
* 12	10:00 AM	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
13-17		Camp Noah in Reading
19	10:00 AM	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Season of Creation – Mountain ▪ Backpack Sunday – Blessing of the Backpacks
* 26	10:00 AM	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

### September

2	10:00 AM	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
* 9	10:00 AM	Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Season of Creation – Earth Sunday ▪ Harvest Home Sunday
16	10:00 AM	Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
* 23	10:00 AM	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
30	10:00 AM	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)

### FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- ( \* ) Fellowship after worship  
( ■ ) Worship and Picnic at Bowers Park








# Summer Reading Bingo

Let your child choose which of the suggested reading activities they want to do. Once they have completed it, they get to color in the square. When they have colored in five squares in a row they have a bingo. You can stop there, or encourage your child to continue with the other activities until all squares are colored.

Read for 15 minutes in your backyard	Read a story set in the past	Read a story set in the summertime	Read a story and then re-tell the story in your own words to an adult	Read the same story as a friend and then discuss it with them
Read a Bible story that features a child	Read a story by a lake or a pool. When you are done reading, jump in the water!	Read a story with a female heroine	Read a story and then invent a new title for it	Read a Bible story from the Old Testament
Read a book you chose because of the cover	Read a Bible story with an animal in it		Read a book with a color in the title	Read for 10 minutes at your local park
Read a story by an author from another country	Read to a sibling or a friend	Read a story that is set in the winter	Make a fort in your living room or bedroom and read a story inside it	Read a book with an animal on the cover
Read a non-fiction story	Read a poem	Read a story that someone recommended to you	Read a book from the library	Read a story in the car

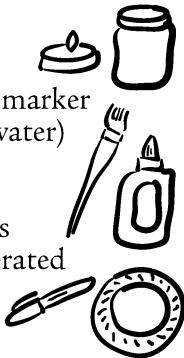
**For Parents:** You can adapt the activities according to the reading level of your child. Early readers can read short, simple books or listen to you read aloud. More confident readers can read picture books or chapter books.



Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

**What you need:**

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



**What you do:**

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.



## Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

*Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)*

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PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV

## **JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>FLOWERS</b>	<b>BULLETINS</b>
7/1	TBA	Dawn Wengert	Larry and Faye Dey	Cheryl Wilttrout
7/8	Josh Keck	Roy Merkel	<i><b>(sponsor needed)</b></i>	Todd Wagaman and family
7/15	Outdoor Worship at Bowers Park	Outdoor Worship at Bowers Park	Outdoor Worship at Bowers Park	Outdoor Worship at Bowers Park
7/22	TBA	Gladys Kline	Dale Schwoyer	Dale Schwoyer
7/29	TBA	Ken Keck	Dale Schwoyer	Dan and Joanne Pauley

**ALTAR GUILD:** *(volunteer needed)*

**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS:** Elaine Seip

**SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Cheryl Wilttrout

**COMMUNION BREAD:** 7/1 – Joanne Pauley

**COMMUNION SET-UP:** 7/1 – Faye Dey

**COUNCILPERSONS:** Gladys Kline and Linda Moyer

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

# JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Fellowship after worship	2 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	3	4 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	5	6 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	7
8 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Season of Creation – Humanity Sunday	9 10:00am-Worship & Music Committee Mtg. 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting	10 6:30pm-Stewardship Meeting	11 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	12	13 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	14
15 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30am-Community Worship & Picnic in Bowers Park	16 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	17	18 11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon at Airport Diner 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	19	20 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	21
22 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	23 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	24	25 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	26	27 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	28
29 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ▪ New Jerusalem Church Picnic after worship	30 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting	31				



# SYNOD NEWS

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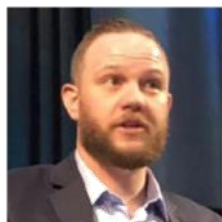
## Assembly 2018

### Sharing Ministries - Building Relationships

#### Churchwide Ministries



**Pastor President Gustavo Gómez Pascua** from our companion church, Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida, in Argentina and Uruguay addressed the Assembly on Friday. He shared some of the topics and concerns trending in his church. Many were similar to the challenges faced by congregations of the ELCA. Pastor President Pascua brought along his guitar; and on several occasions, he led the Assembly in songs used by congregations in his church.



**Nick Kiger**, ELCA Associate Director for Mission Support, brought greetings on behalf of Presiding Bishop

Elizabeth Eaton. He shared two videos: "2017 in Review" and "We Are Lutheran" (available on the synod website: [godsllove.org](http://godsllove.org)).

#### NEPA Synod Ministries



The Assembly was delighted to receive the **Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church** as a congregation of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod. In 1978, Saint Simeon's Lutheran Church in

Philadelphia sponsored the first Hmong family from Laos to the Greater Philadelphia area. In February of 1996, the Hmong Community Evangelical Lutheran Church was established. When all of its members relocated and settled within Berks & Lancaster counties, the church found a new home at Allegheny, Knauers in 2012.

Bishop Zeiser welcomed Pr. ShongChai Hang, congregational president Cheng Lo, vice president Kai Lee, and other congregational representatives to come forward for the official vote by the Assembly.

On Saturday the **Bear Creek Camp Summer Staff** was installed. Under the leadership of director Dan Scharnhorst, the



summer camp program has dramatically increased in numbers; and the Assembly warmly applauded both Dan and the dedicated young people who will staff the camp.

During worship at the Assembly, offerings were collected in support of **Young Adults in Global Ministry** (\$2,859.92) and the **ELCA World Hunger Appeal** (\$2,547).

## Ministry Displays, Workshops, and Service Projects



Delegates were invited to experience the Assembly theme, “Sharing Ministries and Building Relationships,” in four different ways: (1) by visiting Bear Creek Camp, (2) by participating in one of several local service projects, (3) by visiting the ministry display tables, and (4) by attending one of the workshops. Two extended blocks of time were available on Friday for these experiences.



**Bear Creek Camp.** Delegates who chose to visit Bear Creek Camp could help prepare the camp for the upcoming summer program, could participate in a Hunger Walk, or could simply spend time enjoying the beautiful setting.



**Local Service Projects.** There were about a dozen opportunities to engage in a service project to benefit the Wilkes-Barre community. These included packing food for the hungry, filling backpacks for children, materials for disaster relief, a highway cleanup, helping children create a mural, and helping at the SPCA.



**Ministry Display Tables and Workshops.** There was a wide assortment of ministry displays, as well as workshops on “Pastoral Care Providers,” “Faith Facing Racism and Religious Prejudice: Sharing Hopes and Strategies,” and “ELCA Inter-religious Commitments -- Review and Response.”



More information and pictures are available on the synod website at <http://nepasynod.org/highlights-assembly-2018>.

**Assembly 2019 will be a one-day event on June 1 at Genetti’s Ballrooms in Hazleton.** This is being done to keep down costs for congregations in anticipation of a three-day assembly at the Kalahari Resort on June 4-6, 2020 when the synod will elect a new bishop.

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