

THE GOOD NEWSLETTER

of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

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Just because. . .



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 Brothers and Sisters,

A well-known song about the month of June, about how it's "bustin' out all over," frequently repeats the phrase "just because." I hope this month you will take time to simply enjoy and offer praise to God as you discover many "just because"s.

I hope:

- ☺ that you will have moments of rejoicing "just because" the sun is shining or you glimpse a sunrise, or sunset, or the marvel of the sky on a clear summer's night;
- ☺ that you will take moments to let warm rain gently wash your face, splash in a puddle, wade in a creek or remember the times you did "just because;"
- ☺ that you will find quiet times to sit on the porch, in a field, or beside quietly flowing water and experience that feeling of being in the present with its many sounds and smells "just because;"
- ☺ that you let yourself be mesmerized by the sights, sounds and moving colors of a campfire "just because;"
- ☺ that you take time to search the grass for a four-leaf clover or gaze at the sky and pick out shapes in the clouds "just because;"
- ☺ that you let your memory call up songs, psalms and music—memories and words of praise that well up inside you "just because;"
- ☺ that you listen for the music of the many voices around you—children, neighbors, birds and insects "just because;"
- ☺ and that you let yourself go to many other moments "just because."

June, when we no longer need to bundle up or huddle indoors, is a wonderful time to become more aware of the beauty of the earth and let these awarenesses remind us not only of God, our Creator, but also that God's Spirit continues to move over and within the earth as well as through us to continue God's wondrous creative work. As we celebrate Christ's Ascension, Pentecost and the Feast of the Holy Trinity, let us continue to offer up our thanks and praise, not just for specific blessings, but also "just because."

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Christ, our God to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, ELW #879

Pastor Ruth

NEWS & EVENTS

in New Jerusalem and the Synod

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The following items were discussed and decisions made at our council meeting on Monday, May 13.

- The purchase and installation of 2 security cameras to be placed on church property.
- Representatives of New Jerusalem will meet with those from other local congregations on June 3 at 6:30 p.m. to continue discussions of how we can better minister together in the community.
- Upcoming projects for Property Committee include: mulching, painting the oil tank, and replacing missing tiles on one section of the roof.
- A handrail will be installed going up the steps to the altar.

JUNE SIGN-UP SHEETS

We are in need of an Altar Guild volunteer, Communion Bread sponsors and Communion Set-up volunteers for June 9 and 16. Thank you!

JUNE GREETERS SIGN-UP SHEET

Greeters are needed for June 2, 9, 23, and 30. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are able to help. Thank you!

DAY OF PENTECOST – Sunday, June 9, 2019

Our sanctuary will be adorned with red geraniums in celebration of the Day of Pentecost. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

Mark your calendars to join us on **Sunday, June 9**, for a fun exploration of our holy history. We will be learning about the story of David and Goliath. While we'll be taking a break for July, be sure to mark August 25th for Backpack Sunday.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Join us on **Sunday, June 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** as we celebrate fathers and other special men in our lives to a delicious breakfast. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex if you would like to donate any food for the breakfast.

Volunteers are also needed to help prepare the food for the Father's Day breakfast. If you are able to help, please contact Gladys Kline.

THE HOLY TRINITY – Sunday, June 16, 2019

Holy Communion will be celebrated.

JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June 2019 newsletter is **Sunday, June 23**. Please have all articles and announcements to the church office by this date.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FRIENDS continues with a study of Luke. Watch for upcoming sessions or call the church office for the next date.

SHOOFLY BAKING

The shoofly bake for June 2, 3, and 4 has been cancelled. We just don't have enough help at present and many who have been helping are dealing with health issues. If we can get enough help, we will resume baking in September. If you can help a couple of hours a day, please contact Cheryl or Gladys.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for the second half of 2019, July-December, should be arriving in your mailboxes by the middle to the end of June. If you don't receive one, please contact the church office and one can be mailed to you.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The annual Northeastern PA Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Genetti Ballrooms Inn and Suites, Hazleton. The theme this year is "Freed in Christ for a New Day." Ty Rissmiller will be attending the assembly as the delegate representing New Jerusalem.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE LITTLE LIBRARY

located just off our worship space. There you will find a small bookshelf with items we received during our Book Fairs. To borrow a book, simply write down its title and your name. If you would like to order one for yourself or someone else, simply fill out the form and put it in the office. You can either pay up front or when it is delivered.



Mark Your CALENDAR



NEWS & EVENTS in the Community

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m.** for our Community Worship & Picnic at Bowers Park. Join together with Hope Lutheran, Christ Mertz Lutheran, St. Peter's UCC, and Christ DeLong UCC for worship and a fellowship picnic. You may bring along lawn chairs if you want.

NEW JERUSALEM PICNIC

New Jerusalem's Church Picnic will be held on **Sunday, July 21**, after the worship service. Be sure to join us for food, fun and fellowship.

BACKPACK SUNDAY – August 25

NEW JERUSALEM FALL FESTIVAL

Join us on **Saturday, September 14, 2019** for our Fall Festival from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Lots of great food, family fun, and fabulous music by The Majestics from 5:00-8:00 p.m. More details to come.

STARTING THIS FALL: HELP IN MAKING DECISIONS FOR LIFE

Our Faith Formation team is planning a series of information and discussion meetings starting this fall through which members and friends can explore and encourage one another to face important decisions for their adult lives. Topics will include:

1. **Legal Issues** – including wills, powers of attorney, etc.
2. **Financial Concerns**
3. **Health and Medical Concerns** – including health directives
4. **Housing Concerns and Options**
5. **Grief** – including that involved in a variety of losses, not just death
6. **End of Life Celebrations/Funerals**

Since we will be looking for outside speakers for each topic, we would welcome suggestions of people who have some expertise in any of those areas but would not be trying to sell their services or a product. Please share your thoughts with a member of the team which includes Cindy Rissmiller, Phyllis Fenstermacher, Dawn Wengert, Elaine Seip, Diane Keller, and Pastor Ruth. We will explore grants to cover a stipend if speakers request one.

THEOLOGY WITH A TWIST

On **Tuesday, June 11, at 7 p.m.** Held at the Kutztown Tavern, 272 W. Main Street, Kutztown. Food and drink are available for purchase.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT FORUMS

The Lutheran Home at Topton will be running Bereavement Support Forums the third Tuesday of each month at **10:00 a.m.** Led by Rev. Dr. Colleen Kristula, Chaplain at the Lutheran Home at Topton, they will be held in Deibert Hall, first floor of D-wing. On **June 18, 2019** – *New to Grief: Tear Soup*. A time for sharing and refreshments will follow each program or presentation. There is no fee to attend, but please register at 610.682.1334.

APPLY TO BE A CENSUS TAKER FOR 2020

Census jobs provide great pay, flexible hours, weekly pay, and paid training. Apply online at www.2020census.gov/jobs. For more information or help applying, please call 1.855.JOB.2020.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year, VBS will be held at Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville, from **June 24-28** with supper at 5:30 p.m. and the program ending at 8:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "Roar – Life is Wild! Life is Good!" Contact Carla Fleming at Carla.flemming64@gmail.com for more information.



ALWAYS WITH US

Forty days after Easter, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. This occurred 10 days before Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, as he had promised.

Jesus' ascension reminds Christians that although his body couldn't remain present everywhere, we can universally experience his spiritual presence. In fact, Jesus' final words to his disciples—and to us—contain this key promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20, ESV).

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The word “paschal” originally referred to Passover, but now also refers to Easter, reminding us that “Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.” The paschal candle refers to the large white candle usually standing next to our baptismal font. The following is adapted from a piece in the ELCA Worship Formation and Liturgical Resources.

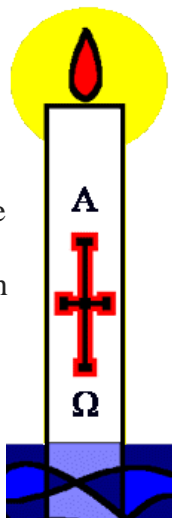
Fire has long been a sign of God’s presence. The Old Testament is full of examples: the burning bush encountered by Moses, the pillar of fire that led God’s people through the desert, the lamps in the tabernacle, and the sacrificial fires on the altar of the temple in Jerusalem. Early Christians viewed the kindling of new fire as a symbol of the presence of their resurrected Lord, the new pillar of fire.

In Jerusalem, the earliest Christians blessed and lit candles every Saturday night. By at least the fifth or sixth century, the custom became associated with the Resurrection, and paschal candles found their way into the Western church.

In the medieval church, allegorical meaning was ascribed to every aspect of the paschal candle. Unlit, it represented Christ’s death and burial; lit, it represented the splendor and glory of Christ’s resurrection. The wick represented Christ’s humanity, and the halo of the flame his divinity. Other candles lit from the paschal candle symbolized Christ giving the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

For us, the symbolism of Christ’s triumph over the darkness of sin and death is preeminent. This symbolism is most apparent when the Easter Vigil is observed the night before Easter. In this ritual the church is completely dark, dark as Christ’s tomb, until a new fire is struck and the paschal candle is lit and carried in, representing the Risen Christ, the Light of the world.

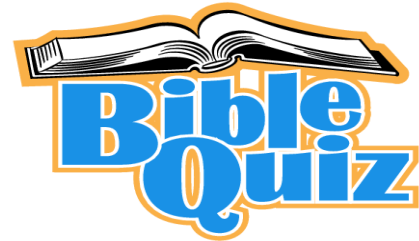
Traditionally, before lighting the candle from the new fire, it is inscribed with a cross, an alpha and omega (first and last letters of the Greek alphabet), and the current year. This



reinforces the point that Christ is present among us now and through eternity. Five grains of incense may be inserted with wax nails representing the five wounds of Christ.

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the paschal candle traditionally stands near the altar as a symbol of the resurrection and is lit for each liturgy. (Easter is not over until Pentecost, the fiftieth day.) In some traditions the paschal candle is extinguished at the reading of the gospel on the Ascension of our Lord.

After the Day of Pentecost, the paschal candle is placed near the baptismal font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. The candle is lit at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lit for presentation to the baptized. For funerals the paschal candle is lit and placed in its stand at the head of the casket. In a visual way, the paschal candle proclaims that in our Baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ.



Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



Answers: B (see Acts 2:14ff)

A VERSE FOR PENTECOST

God is like the wind, something no one sees;
Mighty as the gale, gentle as the breeze;
With a hidden power no one can deny as the days go by.

– From the hymn “God Is Like a Rock”
by Natalie Sleeth

AS A LUTHERAN YOU'RE INVOLVED IN HELPING OUR MIGRANT NEIGHBORS

It is so easy to feel helpless in the face of all the complexities of responding with compassion and wisdom to those who flee their homes and seek refuge in other countries, especially when it comes to those who journey to our borders and seek asylum. While we may think that we as individuals cannot do much, here is good news about what we as Lutherans have been doing in response to God's call to care for our neighbor. The letter below explains some of those ways.

Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AAMPARO) is part of our national church's response. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is a global communion of 148 churches in the Lutheran tradition, representing over 75.5 million Christians in 99 countries. Lutheran Social Services (LSS) organizations are located throughout the country, each offering a variety of programs designed for its particular community. – Pastor Ruth



May 9, 2019

Dear Friends at New Jerusalem Lutheran,

I am writing to thank you for your generous contribution to AAMPARO, helping advance our work accompanying and protecting migrant children and families. As you are likely aware, this work becomes more urgent every day as more immigrant minors flee violence and poverty to come to the United States.

With support such as yours, AAMPARO has been able to grow significantly to date, reaching congregations in 35 ELCA synods, including 23 synods that now have AAMPARO/Immigration task forces and eight Guardian Angel programs, and sending volunteers into the immigration courts to accompany migrant children and their families.

Your generosity also helps fund our advocacy leadership at the national level, where the ELCA continues to be a voice for compassion and care for refugees.

And perhaps most importantly, with congregational and synod support, AAMPARO is able to provide direct assistance to migrants through supporting legal assistance on a pro bono basis at the US/Mexican border and direct assistance to migrants who have been repatriated to their home countries through emergency humanitarian aid, vocational training, seed capital for microenterprises and more.

With your ongoing support, AAMPARO will continue to work on all of these fronts, expanding its reach into more synods and congregations and growing its impact as a voice of advocacy in halls of power and courtrooms and a voice of compassion to this vulnerable population of young people.

We invite you to join the AAMPARO network as a welcoming congregation. Attached you will find a more detailed list of AAMPARO highlights for you to share with your synod/congregation members. Again, we thank you for your support of this crucial work.

Yours in Christ,

Mary B. Campbell, Program Director, ELCA AAMPARO

Here are some of the highlights noted for 2018:

AMMPARO reports that as of the end of 2018 there are 128 welcoming and sanctuary congregations. During the year, 5000 advocacy cards for child protection were delivered to Congress from the ELCA National Youth Gathering; 1875 advocacy messages for Dreamers, 1028 messages on the budget bill, and 1000 Lutheran pledges to stand by asylum-seekers were also sent; and Bishop Elizabeth Eaton engaged in advocacy on DACA, asylum, and joined an ecumenical statement on Family Separation. AAMPARO continues to participate in national advocacy leadership in the Interfaith Immigration Coalition and regular consultation with Congress on conditions in Central America.

The concerns of ELCA Lutherans for migrant people is not limited to within the United States. Through the efforts of the **LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION**:

- 100 returned migrants received initial psychological screening; 12 cases required extended psychological treatment due to the severity of the traumas experienced during the migrant journey;
- 60 microenterprises were started by returned migrants;
- The Savings and loans coop has grown to include 30 microentrepreneurs;
- By the end of 2018, 30 returned migrants were active participants in a network for public communications and advocacy that they organized themselves.

In addition, ELCA Disaster Response also includes work with **LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES NEW YORK** which provided representation of 42 unaccompanied children in immigration and state courts.

These are but a few examples of how we through our national church pursue God's mission of caring for all in need.

To learn more, go to www.ELCA.org and search for Global Mission updates 2018 where you'll find an article on the AMMPARO involvement in literally traveling with caravans moving from Central America to the U.S. border. See also www.livinglutheran.org/2019/02/hope-in-the-courtroom for an article on how Lutheran lawyers have been involved in pro bono services to asylum-seekers.

³⁴Then the king will say . . . , “Come, you that are blessed by my Father. . . , I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. . . . [for] just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,* you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:34-40

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. * ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ²⁶He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ ²⁷He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ ²⁸And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer.’ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’

[After telling the story of the Samaritan who stopped to care for an injured Jew, Jesus asked the lawyer,] “Which of these, do you think, was neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:25-37





- 1 Jessica Musser
- 2 Abigail Keller
- 2 Joseph Kepnach
- 2 Kristi Rahn
- 2 Todd Wagaman
- 9 Glenn Allen
- 11 Grace Miller
- 15 Julian Tich
- 16 Bradley Musser
- 17 Kimberly Kepnach
- 18 Charli Rissmiller
- 18 Brenda Wagaman
- 19 Diane Keller
- 19 Betty Musser
- 20 Jason Keller
- 24 Betty Eshbach
- 26 Amanda Cleaver
- 27 Brendan Beshore
- 30 Verna Guinther (100th!!)
- 30 Nathan Keller



- 3 Glenn and Holly Allen (30 years)
- 26 Ted and Betty Eshbach (25 years)
- 26 Jason and Regina Kohl (15 years)
- 27 Elwood and Katie Ellen Cleaver (55 years)
- 27 Larry and Faye Dey (55 years)
- 27 Benton and Helen Fair (60 years)
- 28 Michael and Katie Hess (16 years)
- 29 Lloyd and Linda Moyer (51 years)

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Statement of Accounts

April 30, 2019

<u>Asset Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Memorial	\$ 25,159.05
Thrivent	7,840.34
Checking	3,697.51
Youth	404.99
Fidelity	120,192.16
Cash Reserve	33,669.43
Mission Investment	11,376.20
Local Care	1,678.75
Total	<u>\$ 204,018.43</u>

Total Balance of Asset Accounts
from **April 30, 2018** \$ 208,557.68

April 2019 – ‘Actual’ vs. ‘Required’ Income

Income	Income	Actual	Difference
<u>Used For:</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Operating Expenses	\$ 9,077.08	\$ 5,530.97	\$ (3,546.11)

*Income Required per Month — Based on 2019
Budget Passed by Congregation
Less Budgeted Benevolence Contribution*

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

\$ 37,140.00 Total Expenses for Project
\$ 26,429.54 Funds Received to offset expenses



“Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, ‘I will try again tomorrow.’”

—Mary Anne Radmacher



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



DEVELOP A HEART OF GENEROSITY

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Acts 20:35b

A friend who regularly volunteers to serve meals to the needy illustrates the truth of Jesus' teaching. "It's so rewarding to help," she says, explaining that the time and hard work is worth it. "I think get more out of it than they do."

It feels good to give, but we are blessed with so much more when we give generously. The act of giving truly blesses us by shaping our personalities and developing our character. That's a truth affirmed by research. (Check out "The Science of Generosity" white paper from the University of California at Berkeley, or "The Science of Generosity Initiative" at Notre Dame University!) Generous people tend to be the kind of good folk we want as friends and neighbors. We often think of generosity only in terms of financial giving, but generous people go way beyond that, embodying generosity with all they have and all they are. They are not merely generous, they are *generous-hearted*. Anyone can develop a generous heart, or a *more* generous heart. Begin by deepening your relationship with God, seeking guidance and wisdom in daily prayer. Then simply begin to pour yourself out for the sake of others, giving generously as a spiritual exercise and discipline. Here are five action steps:

Give smiles. Smile at everyone you see. You may be surprised at how it changes your outlook.

Give nice words. Say something nice to everyone – family and friends, coworkers, parishioners, store clerks, folks in an elevator.

Give courtesy. Hold a door open for the person behind you; stop for pedestrians; let someone go ahead of you in line.

Give your time. Serve people *face-to-face*: tutor schoolchildren, serve meals, visit a shut-in, teach ESL, volunteer at a homeless shelter.

Give your resources. Slowly increase your giving to God's ministry. Make tithing a long-term goal. Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. When we give our time, talents and possessions, God blesses us by developing in us a generous heart.

—Rob Blezard

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

Facilities: Anna Angstadt, Bertha Bennecoff, Helen Fair, Verna Guinther, Shirley Hertzog, Leon Moyer, Irene Noll, and Joyce Rothermel.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Members: Myles Angstadt, Dallas Bennecoff, Erma Guinther, Sharon Guinther, Virginia Guinther, Amanda Herman, Lucille Jones, John Keck, Penny Keller, Phillip Litschke, Sheila Long, Roy Merkel, Grace Miller, Linda Moyer, Betty Musser, Bradley Musser, Joanne Pauley, Dale Schwoyer, and Dawn Wartzluft.

Friends of the congregation: Adam Bell, Thelma Bright, Justina Campbell, Bill Collins, Earl Derr, Mark Derr, Randy Dreibelbis, Jennifer Engle, Eric Fox, Becky Graeff, Mamie Guinther, Shirley Hahn, Corinne Hersh, David Jenkins, Sue Kerny, Janis Kershner, Family and friends of Paul Kershner, Angie Kistler, Richard Kurtz, Anh La, Marie Leibensperger, Catherine Lenio, Ella Loose, Michael M., Michelle Meck, Phillip and Nancy Meck, Mary Merkel, Rodney Muthard, Nicolette Nolte, Family and friends of Kyle Olinger, Duane Petersheim, Jackson Radcliffe, Randy S., Family and friends of Linda Seaman, Leticia Weaver, Leah Wiest, and Pat.

OTHER PRAYER CONCERNS: We pray for our nation, our president, congress and judicial system; an end to the fear that keeps us from getting to know our local and international neighbors; peace in the world and between citizens and those who serve them; our military personnel serving around the world; areas enduring disaster; and migrants and refugees.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Millie Berger, Sandy Burkart, Evelyn Collins Don Gajewski, Erma Gajewski, Lorelai Gold, Tonya Petersheim, Arlene Reider, Leilani Rodriguez, Andrew S., Joshua S., Donna Schwoyer, Jack Stoudt, Jacqi Wagner, and Dennis Wright.

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."
—Martin Luther

BRANDYWINE FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

It's hard to believe that it is about four and one-half years since the food pantry moved into St. Peter's. We are supported by local churches, civic groups, community organizations, businesses, schools and individuals. Because of each and every one of you we have been able to continue this worthwhile ministry.

We would like to take this time to give you an update on what your kindness and generosity from the monetary and food donations that you give us, help to provide for the patrons that we have.

Just this past year of 2018, the food donations were subsidized with purchased groceries and paper supplies, with discounted prices through Radcliffe's Market, totaling \$7,891.30. Additionally, Giant Market supplied an assortment of delicious day-old bakery goods each Tuesday.

In addition, because of the generous monetary donations given this year, we were able to purchase and provide sixty-nine \$50.00 grocery gift cards to our patrons during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

We also were able to give the patrons who wanted one, a turkey, due to the generosity of a local business. Furthermore, we were able to offer chicken corn noodle soup and other variety of soups due to the generosity of our local churches.

The need is real. Although there are patrons who no longer need the pantry, just since the beginning of this year; we have had 9 new patrons join. As of this newsletter, we have 45 households with a total of 127 individuals that use the food pantry.

We are finding it hard to keep up with the need, but we are forever grateful for the volunteers, the donors, and all who have helped us and continue to help us keep this ministry going.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Donated items in need right now: sugar, coffee, fruit juices, Chef Boyardee style canned items, such as; beefaroni, lasagna, and chili, Hamburger Helper, soups - all kinds, snacks (cookies, chips, pretzels, pudding, etc.), breakfast cereal, oatmeal, pancake syrup and mix, ketchup, cooking oil, beef stew, canned meat (tuna, chicken breast or Spam), Manwich or sloppy joe mix, instant rice, pasta or rice sides, ramen noodles, shampoo, bar soap, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

The pantry is always in need of the following items:

Canned Fruits: sliced peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, fruit cup, applesauce

Canned Vegetables: kidney beans, black beans, creamed corn, pork & beans, sweet peas, carrots, yams

Canned Goods: Chef Boyardee style canned foods, tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce

Condiments: yellow and brown mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, salad dressings

Drinks: hot or cold tea, water

Extra: jelly, peanut butter, marshmallow fluff

Dry Goods: stuffing mix, Rice-a-Roni, pasta (rotini, penne, macaroni and cheese)

Baking Items: vinegar, cake or brownie mix, frosting

Breakfast Food: oatmeal, pancake mix, pancake syrup

Paper Products: tissues, toilet paper, paper towels

Personal Care Items: body wash or bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and hairbrushes

Cleaning and Disinfectant Products: dish soap and laundry detergent

Gluten-free and sugar-free food is also greatly appreciated.

Please check dates on donated food products.

The Brandywine Food Pantry is supported by churches, civic groups, individuals, businesses, and schools in and around the Brandywine Heights Area School District. We welcome all donations of food, personal items, or cash. Checks may be made out to "Brandywine Food Pantry," and mailed to Brandywine Food Pantry, c/o St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 122 W. Franklin St., Topton, PA, 19562.

The pantry is open to area residents by appointment on the first three Tuesdays of the month and the third Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m. For appointments, call 610-682-7633. Call either Tuesday or Thursday or leave a message with your contact information.

THREE-MONTH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June

	2	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday of Easter (W) – Holy Communion
	9	10:00 AM	Day of Pentecost (R) – Holy Communion ▪ Faith Formation Event after worship
◆	16	10:00 AM	The Holy Trinity (W) – Holy Communion ▪ Father’s Day Breakfast (served from 8:30-9:15 a.m.)
*	23	10:00 AM	Second Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Fellowship after worship
	30	10:00 AM	Third Sunday after Pentecost (G)

July

	7	10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (G) – Holy Communion
■	14	10:00 AM	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Community Worship & Picnic at Bowers Park
*	21	10:00 AM	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ New Jerusalem Church Picnic after worship
	28	10:00 AM	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (G)

August

*	4	10:00 AM	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (G) – Holy Communion
	11	10:00 AM	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
*	18	10:00 AM	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (G)
	25	10:00 AM	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (G) ▪ Backpack Sunday – Blessing of the Backpacks

FELLOWSHIP DATES:

- (*) Fellowship after worship
- (◆) Breakfast before worship
- (■) Joint Worship and Picnic at Bowers Park



GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

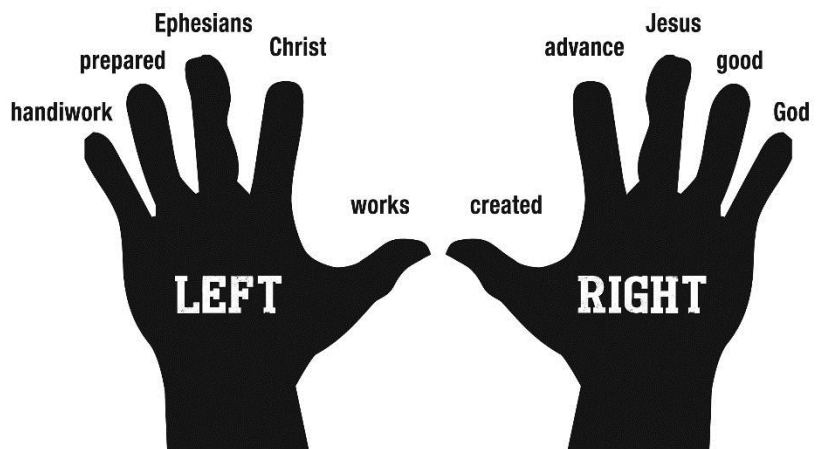
1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!



Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in
L pinky R thumb

_____ to do _____,
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb

which _____ in _____
R pinky L ring R pointer

for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS & SPONSORS

DATE	GREETER	READER	FLOWERS	BULLETINS
6/2	TBA	Cindy Rissmiller	Lisa Landis	Gladys Kline
6/9	TBA	Ken Keck	Dale Schwoyer	George and Jeannette DeLong
6/16	George DeLong	Ty Rissmiller	Ty and Cindy Rissmiller	Sara Jane Beshore
6/23	TBA	Ken Keck	Dan and Joanne Pauley	Gladys Kline
6/30	TBA	Sara Jane Beshore	Larry and Faye Dey	Elwood and Katie Ellen Cleaver

ALTAR GUILD: *(volunteer needed)*

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Dale Schwoyer

SANCTUARY CANDLE: Dale Schwoyer

COMMUNION BREAD: 6/2 – Dale Schwoyer; 6/9 – *(sponsor needed)*; 6/16 – *(sponsor needed)*

COMMUNION SET-UP: 6/2 – Gladys Kline; 6/9 – *(volunteer needed)*; 6/16 – *(volunteer needed)*

COUNCIL PERSON: TBA

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

JUNE 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Synod Assembly Genetti Inns & Suites, Hazleton
Seventh Sunday of Easter ▪ Holy Communion 2	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 6:30pm-Meeting of local churches at Hope Lutheran Church, Bowers 3	4	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 5	6	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 7	8
Day of Pentecost ▪ Holy Communion ▪ Faith Formation Event after worship 9	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 7:00pm-Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm-Council Meeting 10	11	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 12	13	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting Flag Day 14	15
The Holy Trinity ▪ Holy Communion 8:30-9:15am-Father's Day Breakfast before worship Father's Day 16	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 17	10:00am-Bereavement Support Forum, Lutheran Home at Topton 18	11:30am-Fellowship Luncheon (location to be determined) 12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 19	20	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting Summer Begins 21	22
Second Sunday after Pentecost ▪ Fellowship Newsletter Deadline 23	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 5:30-8:30pm-Vacation Bible School Christ Mertz Lutheran Church, Dryville 24	10:00am-Worship & Music Committee Mtg. 5:30-8:30pm-VBS 25	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 5:30-8:30pm-VBS 26	27	12:45-1:45pm-AA Meeting 5:30-8:30pm-VBS 28	29
Third Sunday after Pentecost 30						

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Saturday Evening at Zion, Tamaqua



One size does not fit all, especially when it comes to worship styles. Five years ago Zion, Tamaqua developed a Saturday evening service to

- provide an alternative time of worship for people who cannot get to a Sunday service, and
- provide an alternative style of worship for people who do not relate to the typical traditional high liturgy.

Pr. Cindy White offers blessings to three companions at a Saturday service

The service includes all the parts of a traditional service but in a more relaxed, informal style. Within a short period of time, we installed a digital projector and purchased the ProPresenter program to organize our worship and to allow us to add purchased music and subject matter videos to our service.

Because of its flexibility, the Saturday service has been adapted to include a special service for cancer survivors, our annual blessing of the animals, a vow renewal service around Valentine's Day, and a Christmas in July service complete with a full holiday dinner following the service. All the Saturday services begin with Godsightings, when people are encouraged to share where they have seen God at work in their lives during the past week.

In December 2017 we began live-streaming our Saturday and Sunday services through Boxcast. As of March 30, we have webcast 107 services. On our website we've reached 379 unique viewers who watched 1,491 times. We began posting on Facebook in March 2018. Since then we've had 2,522 viewers of Saturday services and 2,830 viewers of Sunday services. Services are archived for several weeks.

Correction: In the last edition of Synod News Pastor Carl Shankweiler was reported as having retired. Although Pr. Shankweiler has stepped down from synod staff, he is still the called pastor at Zion, Frackville and also working under contract with Trinity (Chapel), Buck Run.



Community Breakfast at St. John, Easton



A member of St. John's Lutheran Church in historic downtown Easton came to the Outreach Committee meeting and said, "Let's have a community breakfast." No agenda, no cost, just something to get people together. The committee mulled it over and said, "Let's do it!"

Breakfast had already become a speciality for Roger Ruggles. On Sunday mornings he cooked pancakes, French toast, and bacon/sausage; and he served them with fruit for any in the Sunday school before the 9:00 start time.



Roger decided to extend what he already knew; so he recruited some others to help cook: Mayor Sal Panto, and Roger's brother-in-law Dennis Greenleaf. And Roger also invited Bishop Zeizer, who was kind enough to attend and help fix the plates.

At the free meal firefighters, police officers, community leaders, Lafayette students, neighbors, some homeless, and parishioners gathered together to eat. Another church even sent volunteers to help serve. The volunteers served over a hundred people, and comments from the diners were very positive.

A simple breakfast became an example of hospitality in downtown Easton at its best!



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